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CLEARINGS FOR JANUARY FOR FOUR YEARS, AND FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 29

Clearings at—	January.					Week ending January 29.				
	1921.	1920.	Inc. or Dec.	1919.	1918.	1921.	1920.	Inc. or Dec.	1919.	1918.
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
New York	18,573,038,325	23,209,720,106	-20.0	17,860,642,834	14,719,067,530	3,790,173,770	4,675,633,855	-18.9	3,697,873,594	3,149,289,161
Philadelphia	1,852,696,905	2,175,741,688	-14.8	1,832,170,234	1,522,827,616	401,890,024	435,656,828	-7.7	377,399,815	314,567,091
Pittsburgh	719,787,628	698,488,639	+3.0	592,517,889	319,679,349	158,503,425	147,146,042	+7.7	130,133,416	61,643,105
Baltimore	363,741,807	414,217,937	-12.2	369,891,008	183,311,122	75,337,811	82,953,570	-9.2	78,655,387	40,829,811
Buffalo	172,964,344	189,505,975	-8.7	108,540,474	90,465,034	36,090,244	39,244,625	-8.0	20,583,895	20,588,571
Washington	72,844,504	75,506,223	-3.5	68,110,056	53,170,285	15,792,117	14,090,344	+12.1	14,791,327	11,042,199
Albany	20,740,458	25,070,754	-17.3	23,131,547	22,285,952	4,000,000	4,668,743	-14.3	3,827,221	4,675,133
Rochester	46,517,897	53,055,431	-12.4	37,823,407	31,486,500	8,389,703	10,139,350	-7.4	7,263,192	6,185,049
Seranton	22,473,455	23,451,314	-4.2	18,358,257	16,884,687	4,324,706	4,458,885	-3.0	3,941,773	3,543,819
Syracuse	19,452,825	23,762,483	-18.1	18,933,804	19,124,183	3,048,831	3,507,530	-13.1	3,600,000	3,697,205
Reading	10,962,490	14,118,195	-22.4	10,421,712	10,739,456	3,174,812	2,543,912	+24.8	1,933,832	2,178,133
Wilmington	12,407,401	17,825,627	-30.4	15,502,267	13,107,451	2,524,730	3,539,326	-28.7	3,472,307	2,730,817
Wilkes-Barre	10,850,317	13,164,106	-17.5	10,590,521	8,777,503	2,210,617	2,681,858	-17.6	2,229,809	1,797,001
Wheeling	21,632,837	23,292,957	-7.1	18,692,757	16,665,350	4,568,667	5,845,359	-21.8	5,119,788	3,829,921
Harrisburg	19,140,024	16,862,198	+13.5	13,318,205	10,414,698	3,029,625	2,815,759	+7.6	2,286,528	2,063,651
Trenton	15,484,887	15,367,840	+0.8	11,087,357	11,226,019	2,035,659	2,529,269	-19.5	1,920,099	2,060,990
Lancaster	11,544,024	12,925,639	-10.7	9,059,905	10,539,430	1,134,310	1,269,750	-10.5	1,028,169	951,064
York	5,687,437	6,737,819	-15.6	5,127,795	5,001,037	1,812,954	2,136,434	-15.2	1,863,588	1,669,498
Eric	9,949,190	10,646,971	-6.5	9,248,272	8,151,140	1,815,832	1,335,734	+35.9	1,107,913	1,131,903
Chester	5,103,835	8,019,523	-36.4	6,849,103	5,858,170	789,600	1,084,000	-27.2	807,800	948,400
Binghamton	4,278,100	5,389,900	-20.6	3,877,600	4,147,500	1,600,000	1,400,000	+7.1	1,164,645	950,000
Greensburg	6,569,538	5,665,467	+16.0	4,657,164	4,682,165	953,758	798,153	+19.4	782,557	700,000
Beaver County, Pa.	3,320,954	4,090,960	-18.8	2,644,343	2,891,693	---	---	---	---	---
Altoona	4,425,237	4,037,196	+9.6	3,663,396	2,855,516	---	---	---	---	---
Frederick	2,747,859	2,806,120	-2.1	2,638,485	2,250,242	---	---	---	---	---
Franklin	1,931,970	2,701,141	-28.7	2,309,833	1,970,102	---	---	---	---	---
Norristown	2,964,418	4,058,003	-27.0	2,849,968	2,766,507	---	---	---	---	---
Montclair	2,092,148	2,201,393	-4.9	2,027,491	2,374,153	436,002	410,083	+6.3	335,881	470,040
Oranges	4,027,834	4,109,933	-2.0	3,360,985	4,287,648	---	---	---	---	---
Hagerstown	2,884,011	2,894,940	-0.3	2,317,487	2,423,066	---	---	---	---	---
Bethlehem	13,731,004	Not included in total	---	---	---	3,086,017	Not included in total	---	---	---
Huntington	8,500,000	8,000,000	+6.2	---	---	2,013,626	1,646,162	+22.3	---	---
Lebanon	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Camden	20,449,250	*14,231,008	+43.7	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Niagara Falls	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total Middle	22,051,211,912	27,065,436,478	-18.6	21,070,364,156	17,109,431,104	4,525,550,823	5,447,535,771	-16.9	4,362,122,536	3,637,543,157
Chicago	2,413,821,712	2,856,731,829	-15.5	2,344,990,527	2,024,542,219	517,767,038	571,850,945	-9.5	498,024,614	422,585,600
Cincinnati	265,036,992	308,049,269	-14.0	277,855,362	189,713,002	58,064,370	65,845,428	-11.8	64,271,519	44,473,948
Cleveland	531,098,811	581,961,420	-8.7	439,549,464	340,100,301	106,733,614	115,609,963	-7.7	93,229,040	70,023,996
Detroit	375,000,000	467,221,870	-19.7	321,111,255	225,611,757	81,081,326	100,000,000	-18.9	62,341,784	44,230,824
Milwaukee	127,307,460	137,568,902	-7.5	137,169,290	112,109,431	27,115,125	26,381,894	+2.8	30,678,553	23,289,578
Indianapolis	66,243,000	81,863,000	-19.1	67,409,000	59,558,000	13,074,000	16,941,000	-22.8	11,736,000	12,051,000
Columbus	61,274,700	64,903,100	-5.6	48,695,800	41,948,900	13,473,200	13,065,200	+3.1	10,276,300	8,170,500
Toledo	57,203,181	66,822,794	-14.5	49,259,676	40,561,078	11,418,368	12,839,619	-11.1	10,209,692	8,248,028
Peoria	19,143,506	24,833,345	-22.9	25,559,163	19,709,248	3,850,451	5,045,123	-23.7	5,354,200	4,470,000
Grand Rapids	23,460,712	31,330,731	-25.1	23,666,130	21,000,050	4,423,274	6,228,996	-29.0	4,540,058	4,208,117
Dayton	18,248,205	23,227,793	-21.4	19,219,979	16,174,803	3,387,241	4,361,885	-22.3	3,522,068	3,102,494
Evansville	18,100,203	25,065,568	-27.8	18,353,574	14,402,673	3,617,978	4,749,800	-23.8	3,754,903	3,275,150
Springfield, Ill.	10,888,344	11,734,338	-7.2	9,102,909	7,887,861	2,036,721	2,223,987	-8.4	1,941,941	1,523,208
Youngstown	22,259,813	25,260,104	-11.9	20,952,733	15,439,203	4,397,481	4,597,724	-4.3	3,522,397	2,830,887
Fort Wayne	8,246,520	8,679,104	-5.0	5,749,563	5,232,242	1,612,291	1,649,017	-2.2	1,116,747	1,123,973
Lexington	7,309,032	21,251,831	-65.6	15,938,183	6,200,791	1,800,000	4,100,000	-56.1	3,000,000	1,400,000
Akron	31,074,000	51,116,000	-39.2	25,184,000	23,253,000	6,005,000	11,142,000	-46.1	5,792,000	4,949,000
Rockford	8,700,000	10,603,467	-17.9	80,081,856	6,924,155	1,730,991	1,894,159	-8.7	1,620,000	1,459,120
South Bend	7,463,166	7,338,156	+1.7	5,164,244	4,534,034	1,500,000	1,346,357	+11.4	1,278,960	866,881
Canton	17,124,611	20,771,308	-17.5	11,965,966	16,339,025	3,916,349	4,119,914	-4.7	1,861,306	3,557,020
Quincy	7,070,857	9,285,000	-23.9	6,390,531	5,124,905	1,070,573	1,635,961	-34.5	1,350,000	1,100,000
Springfield, Ohio	7,512,649	8,894,894	-15.5	6,358,426	5,937,681	1,575,990	1,555,551	+1.3	1,379,744	1,208,529
Bloomington	6,171,298	7,785,766	-20.7	7,435,373	4,190,800	1,287,054	1,759,201	-26.8	1,396,950	970,336
Mansfield	6,073,887	7,100,916	-14.5	4,809,269	4,237,205	1,242,018	1,740,507	-28.6	964,955	824,884
Decatur	4,969,105	6,822,897	-27.2	5,120,789	3,750,528	1,013,377	1,317,639	-23.1	951,354	763,611
Jackson	6,677,020	8,036,702	-16.9	5,413,271	4,020,067	---	---	---	---	---
Jacksonville, Ill.	1,430,967	2,668,657	-46.4	3,095,506	1,906,800	283,033	467,419	-39.4	548,499	352,249
Danville	3,074,728	3,179,188	-3.3	2,742,727	2,417,138	601,122	627,130	-4.1	728,594	569,233
Uma	4,290,298	5,375,702	-20.2	3,929,421	3,895,376	760,630	1,055,151	-28.0	844,689	665,000
Lansing	7,099,000	8,315,260	-14.6	4,246,364	3,531,900	1,415,958	1,988,163	-28.8	731,183	650,000
Owensboro	2,542,297	6,857,973	-62.9	7,849,149	3,577,336	447,970	1,290,043	-65.3	1,813,555	750,924
Ann Arbor	2,685,817	2,343,245	+14.6	1,660,682	1,693,646	494,307	400,000	+23.6	273,262	375,000
Gary	6,349,910	4,295,483	+47.8	3,730,465	3,351,367	---	---	---	---	---
Flint	6,180,304	12,319,804	-49.8	5,936,113	5,576,863	---	---	---	---	---
Lorain	1,661,840	2,104,219	-21.1	1,111,540	1,016,299	---	---	---	---	---
Adrian	1,028,960	1,763,259	-41.7	367,330	373,050	169,112	200,000	-15.5	46,068	67,000
New Albany	570,202	702,268	-18.8	744,565	586,789	---	---	---	---	---
Paducah	7,884,064	9,883,578	-20.2	8,513,509	4,049,870	---	---	---	---	---
Hamilton	3,371,957	2,574,676	+31.0	2,407,687	2,010,129	---	---	---	---	---
Aurora	3,559,429	3,403,859	+4.3	2,982,583	2,483,284	---	---	---	---	---
Total Middle Western	4,179,138,557	4,940,046,475	-15.4	3,959,813,974	3,254,972,806	877,365,962	988,029,776	-11.2	828,960,950	674,124,175
San Francisco	606,000,000	721,476,045	-14.6	573,448,587	433,852,611	117,300,000	149,756,578	-21.7	123,821,061	99,947,668
Los Angeles	365,468,000	316,283,000	+15.6	157,382,036	132,187,000	78,822,000	71,341,000	+10.5	34,449,000	27,191,000
Seattle	123,787,660	175,299,774	-27.4	163,984,992	120,631,562	25,850,093	36,127,070	-28.4	33,003,094	24,630,212
Portland	112,493,099	144,8								

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

The renewed firmness of the money market the present week serves as a reminder that the credit situation, though much better than a short time ago, has not yet by any means been restored to the normal. In more recent weeks there has been considerable progress in the right direction. For instance, borrowing by the member banks at the Reserve Banks, as measured by the volume of bills held by the latter, has been heavily reduced. On Friday of last week the twelve Reserve Banks had an aggregate of only \$2,621,533,000 bills in their portfolios, while four weeks before, on Dec. 30, the amount was no less than \$2,974,836,000, there having thus been a decrease of over \$353,000,000. The outstanding amount of the Federal Reserve notes in circulation has been reduced in an equally noteworthy manner. There are now only \$3,090,748,000 of these notes, as against \$3,404,931,000 on Dec. 23. But it is yet too early to know whether the contraction is to continue—whether even it is to be maintained. The Reserve Banking System cannot be deemed a success, or considered as working properly until the greater part of both the bills held and the Reserve notes outstanding have been retired. On this point only future returns can give the true answer.

There are many things to indicate that the demands on the money and the investment markets in the immediate future are going to be exceptionally heavy. New loan flotations in recent weeks, as every one in the financial market has had occasion to notice, have been very numerous. They have also been of unusual magnitude. The Pennsylvania RR. new bond issue, it will be recalled, was for no less than \$60,000,000. The railroads, too, it may be expected, will be in the market for funds for a long while to come. Up to the present time applications from that source have been held in check by the failure of current returns of earnings to come up to expectations. Railroad credit must remain more or less unstable until more satisfactory net results can be obtained from the operation of the roads. This can only be accomplished through greater labor efficiency and a lowering of wages from their present unduly high level. Railway executives are on the right path in seeking to bring about both. This may take some time, but meanwhile the demand for funds from that source will merely remain in abeyance.

The industrial companies likewise are certain to be applicants for large sums. A falling demand for their products means the carrying of large stocks of goods and big inventories. An idea of what that involves is gained from the recent report of Sears, Roebuck & Company. This company in October floated \$50,000,000 7% serial gold notes, and yet its annual report shows that on December 31, after the issue of these notes, the company was still indebted on notes payable to an aggregate of \$44,560,165, besides owing \$10,623,905 on accounts payable. The explanation is found in the circumstance that on the date mentioned it was carrying inventories aggregating no less than \$105,071,243, besides holding \$47,797,135 of accounts receivable.

Many foreign loans are also being placed here. Not a week elapses but brings two or three of these, some for quite large amounts. Such loans must, of course, be encouraged, for our export trade to

stricken Europe cannot be carried on except with some form of long-term credit. Then also municipalities are in the market as large borrowers. Municipal bonds are in eager demand, too, their tax exemption quality making them highly desirable. State soldier bonus payments have created a necessity for putting out many large issues. But entirely apart from this, new civic bond issues are appearing in great profusion. Here, though, the movement is in danger of being overdone, and a halt should be called. In no other direction, however, does it seem possible to curtail prospective demands upon the money and the investment markets.

The compilation of bank clearings for January 1921, as presented in this issue of the "Chronicle," clearly and fully reflects the changed mercantile and industrial situation in the United States, of which the exhibits for several preceding months had furnished only partial evidence. In other words, the lessened activity in trade and concurrent decline in prices of commodities have at last made a most decided impression upon the totals of bank exchanges. The aggregate of clearings for January is in fact not only decidedly under the record total for the month established a year ago, but falls below that of every month since May 1919. Moreover, of the 188 cities contributing returns, only 28 show gains over 1920. The gains, too, are unimportant, as a rule, and quite generally, if not in every case, due to the including within the year of Federal Reserve banks or their branches, or to the adoption of new methods of compiling the figures which have served to swell the totals. In the former category may be named Minneapolis, St. Paul, Kansas City (Kansas), Louisville and Oklahoma City, while at Camden, New Jersey, the gain is due to the fact that the 1920 figures cover an incomplete month. On the other hand, the declines are in many cases notably heavy. This is true of Kansas City, Omaha, New Orleans, Richmond, Atlanta, Memphis, Dallas, Savannah, Norfolk, Akron, Flint, Sioux City, Sioux Falls, Macon, Fall River and New Bedford, most of which cities had either in the month of 1920 established new high records or closely approached thereto. A partial explanation at least for the almost universal and quite conspicuous falling off at Southern points is to be found in the decidedly lower price for cotton the current year and the less free movement of the staple to market. The aggregate for New York is less than for January a year ago by a quite wide margin and the same is to be said of such other leading centres as Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia and St. Louis. The total for the 190 cities included in our compilation (some 10 cities having been added this month) at \$33,537,326,998 is smaller by over 8 billion dollars, or 19.5%, than that for 1920, but exhibits an increase of 3.4% over 1919 and an improvement of 26.3% over 1918. At New York the loss from January of 1920 is 20%, but contrasted with the two preceding years there are gains of 4% and 26.2% respectively. Outside of this city the month's aggregate at \$14,964,288,673 is 18.9% under that of last year, but 2.7% above 1919 and 26.5% in excess of 1918.

Transactions in stocks on the New York Stock Exchange during January were considerably smaller than for December and also less than those for the corresponding period of 1920. Operations in the early days of the month were upon an advancing

scale of values, but later there was somewhat of a recession. The dealings reached 16,144,876 shares, against 19,880,166 in 1920 and 11,858,465 shares in 1919. Railroad and industrial bonds were much more in demand than a year ago, but less activity was noticeable in transactions in foreign Government securities. United States bonds (the various Liberty Loan issues), moreover, were much less freely dealt in, the sales reaching only 179 million dollars par value, against nearly 300 millions a year earlier. Altogether, therefore, operations in all classes of bonds aggregated but 300 million dollars par value, which contrasts with 371 millions in 1920 and 267 $\frac{3}{4}$ millions in 1919. Boston transactions totaled 482,427 shares, against 566,149 shares in 1920 and \$1,353,000 bonds against \$1,992,400. Chicago's sales were 419,128 shares of stock in 1921, against 617,180 shares in 1920 and \$297,000 bonds, against \$302,000.

A moderate decrease from a year ago, shared in by all but 5 of the 27 cities furnishing comparative figures, is indicated by the compilation of clearings for the Dominion of Canada. The most noteworthy losses are to be found at Montreal, Halifax, Ottawa, St. John and Kitchener, but appreciable gains appear at Winnipeg and Windsor. The total for all of the cities for the month this year reaches \$1,483,077,585, or 9.5% less than for the preceding year, but runs 23.8% heavier than for 1919 and 45.2% above 1918. Speculation was less active on the Montreal Stock Exchange in January than for quite an extended period past; in fact, operations were the smallest of any month since August 1919. The dealings were 216,849 shares, against 520,576 shares in January 1920.

The single big and outstanding event in Europe was, of course, the agreement reached by the Allied experts and Premiers on the German reparations terms. The former occurred in Paris a week ago last evening, and the latter at the same place the next forenoon. The Paris advices received here as last Saturday's issue of the "Chronicle" went to press, telling what had taken place Friday afternoon and early evening, indicated that a break had occurred between the French and British Premiers. According to the more detailed dispatches Saturday morning they did come near the breaking point. The critical moment appears to have been reached Thursday noon, when, the New York "Times" correspondent declared, Premier Lloyd George said that "he would attend no more Supreme Council meetings until the experts had brought forward a definite proposal." The dispatches stated that early Friday evening the French representatives accepted Lloyd George's revision of their latest plan, which, it was asserted, he sent to them with the ultimatum that "they could take it or leave it." It was observed that "they took it." As already indicated, the Allied Premiers met a week ago this morning and formally ratified the terms.

As summarized by the Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" they are as follows: First—In forty-two years Germany shall pay to the Allies the sum of 226,000,000,000 marks in gold, or its equivalent, on this scale—2,000,000,000 marks annually in 1921 and 1922, 3,000,000,000 marks annually in 1923, 1924 and 1925, 4,000,000,000 marks annually in 1926, 1927 and 1928, 5,000,000,000 marks

annually in 1929, 1930 and 1931, and 6,000,000,000 marks annually from 1932 to 1962. Second—Germany shall pay to the Allies for forty-two years an annual tax of 12% upon the total of her exports. Third—Germany shall revise her interior fiscal system, balancing her budget and curtailing the issue of paper money, increase her taxes generally, raise the imposts upon alcohol and tobacco, and increase railroad fares and postal rates. Fourth—In case Germany does not fulfill these conditions the Allies have the right to seize the German customs, impose direct taxes in the Rhineland and otherwise exercise financial control upon Germany. In addition military penalties will be provided."

It was also noted in the Paris advices that, at their session a week ago this morning, the Allied Premiers decided that "the conversations at Brussels between the Allied and German experts would be resumed February 27, the discussion to proceed on the basis of to-day's [last Saturday's] agreement." It was added that "following that, the German Ministers will be invited to come to London to meet the Allied Ministers on February 28." Official announcement was made in Paris Thursday that the conference had been postponed indefinitely. In nearly all the Paris cablegrams special emphasis was laid on the fact that the plan "requires the consent of the Germans before it is valid." The New York "Times" representative at Paris suggested that "this is because the Treaty of Versailles provides that Germany shall pay her indemnity in thirty years, whereas the latest scheme lays down the basis of forty-two years." Regarding the probability of Germany giving her consent, he said: "Because Germany's consent is required to-day's plan represented a note which is not worth its face value. Who expects Germany to agree passively and placidly? The Allies went to Spa to exact that Germany deliver 2,000,000 tons of coal monthly, and the negotiations ended by the Allies handing over the current price for this coal in the form of a loan. Naturally when the Germans are asked to agree to pay 12% on exports, which evidently represents a heavy tax, they will want good reasons why they should pay for forty-two years instead of thirty." Continuing his analysis of the plan the correspondent observed that "in regard to the new plan it is worth while to note that it means that all German goods purchased by the United States or any other country will cost 12% more, since naturally this tax will be added to the selling price. It was pointed out by the English experts, when the French suggested a higher tax, that it might produce difficulties with America. This tax, the Allied experts argued, would also mean a protective tariff for Allied industries. But that appears to be arguing in a circle, for if the tax cuts down German exports it will in the same measure cut down the indemnity receipts." In an interview in Paris last Saturday evening with the French newspaper representatives, Premier Lloyd George was quoted as having said that "he expected no difficulty in collecting the export tax," provided for in the agreement under discussion. The London correspondent of the New York "Times" said that "the decision of the Supreme Council on the reparations question is welcomed here, if only because it puts an end to the long period of indecision which threatened more than once to result in an impasse."

At a session of the Allied Supreme Council in Paris late Saturday afternoon Austria's plight was taken up. According to one dispatch, "the proposal of the French for an advance of \$250,000,000 to Austria was abandoned on the initiative of Lloyd George, who said the Governments were burdened enough now, and that a better way to help Austria would be to make her advances by private bankers and industrials more attractive." The British Premier then offered a proposal that was adopted, namely that "the Allies surrender certain financial claims against Austria under the Treaty of St. Germain—for instance, the cost of the armies of occupation and part of the reparations claims." The Premiers also voted to "establish an Allied Commission to act as an advisory commission to the Austrian Government in bettering its financial situation and to call in the near future at a place near Trieste, a conference of the nations made out of the old Austro-Hungarian monarchy, for the purpose of improving the economic, political and financial relations of those States." It was also made known that "a commission will be appointed to inquire into the conduct of the Austrian administration, with a view to suggesting economies and improving the various services." Commenting upon these plans for Austria the Vienna correspondent of the New York "Evening Post" made the following statements: "The failure of the Paris conference to meet Austria's appeals for help has resulted in a great boom in the movement for union with Germany, which already is favored by the vast majority of the Austrian population and political parties. The Paris proposal to abandon direct credits and form an international syndicate with a capital of 200,000,000 francs to finance the economic and industrial regeneration of the country is not regarded seriously, particularly as the capital apparently is supposed to come largely from neighboring States, which are built upon fragments of the old Hapsburg empire, and which hitherto have pursued a consistent policy of cutting off all the ties of transportation and commerce which formerly bound them to Vienna and developing their own self-ordained existences."

In a Paris cablegram Monday morning special attention was called to a provision of the reparations plan relative to foreign loans that Germany might wish to obtain. The provision appears in Article 4 and reads as follows: "Germany will proceed directly or indirectly to no operation of credit outside her territory without approval of the Commission on Reparations. This provision applies to the Government of the German Empire, to the Governments of the German States, to provincial authorities or German municipalities, as well as to corporations or enterprises controlled by said Governments and authorities." It was pointed out also by the same correspondent that "despite statements published in the French press the text of the note to the Germans shows that the official draft of the reparations plan makes no mention of military penalties."

Last Sunday the German Ambassador to Paris forwarded the reparations plan to Berlin, together with the ideas of the Allied Premiers regarding disarmament. The Berlin representative of the New York "Times," in commenting upon the German opinion of the Paris agreement, declared that "the effect of the news from the Paris Conference mani-

fest itself here in a dangerous spirit of pessimism and despair, fed by the newspapers of all political shades, which seek to convince the people that a lot of maniacs who call themselves statesmen have decided on Germany's perdition, even at the risk of their own nation sharing more or less her death agony." It was stated also that the German press urged resistance to the plan. The plan and accompanying Allied notes were discussed at two sessions of the German Cabinet in Berlin on Monday. There was said to have been great excitement, particularly on the part of the most radical members. Feeling apparently ran extremely high. The Cabinet and all political parties were said to have been "stunned" by the note. According to Berlin advices, at the first session of the Cabinet on Monday flat rejection of the indemnity terms was urged. It was recorded that a "calmer view" was taken later. At the second session it was said that a decision was reached "to try to convince the Allies that their demands are impossible." At a meeting of the Reichstag Tuesday evening Foreign Minister Simons announced that "the Cabinet had empowered him to answer the Entente that its Paris program could not be considered, but that Germany would send delegates to London bearing new German proposals, assuming, of course, that the Entente note was not an ultimatum, as he was led to believe, inasmuch as the punishment threatened referred only to disarmament and not to the reparations note." The Minister made a speech in which he said in part: "In all, we shall have to pay in forty-two years a total of 226,000,000,000 gold marks, or over 3,000,000,000,000 paper. The Allies' second demand is that for forty-two years Germany pay 12% ad valorem on German exports. Obviously it has been estimated that in this way one or two trillions can be obtained from Germany. That could not have been done in the most flourishing of pre-war times. The whole settlement is obscure. What about the securities we already have handed to the Allies? Apart from these obscurities the new program undoubtedly contains a contradiction of the Peace Treaty. It is impossible for German economic life to continue in an unending state of uncertainty. We can only assume that the sum now placed before us is more or less arbitrary. The fixed sum of 226,000,000,000 gold marks, if calculated in paper, is more than the whole fortune of the German people. It would be against common sense to burden the German people with such financial obligations at a moment when we believe we have shown our opponents in what a bad condition our finances are. But then comes the demand for 226,000,000,000 of marks in installments of forty-two years and the complete economic enslavement of the German people, and particularly of the workers. The 12% ad valorem tax is unconditionally heavy and injurious both at home and abroad. With a rise in the exchange rate of the mark these conditions must result in the throttling of the German export industry."

In his account of Tuesday's session of the Reichstag the Berlin correspondent of the New York "Herald" declared that "for the first time since the war the German Parliament is united and speaks with one voice. Even the Communists and the Socialists, while eager to have the disarmament clauses of the Paris terms carried out, concur with the bourgeois parties that the reparations conditions cannot be carried out." Regarding the political situation in

Germany caused by the receipt of the reparations and disarmament terms, he said: "Opinion here varies regarding the seriousness of the Cabinet crisis. Dr. Simons, after deciding yesterday to resign the portfolio of foreign affairs as a protest against what is considered here an inexplicable and bewildering shift of policy by the Entente Allies, has been induced to remain in office. Both the Conservatives and the Majority Socialists decline to enter into a new Ministry, which makes a new coalition with a strong majority in the Reichstag out of the question." The correspondent in the German capital of the New York "Evening Post" said in a cablegram Wednesday evening that he was in a position to state "what are the German ideas as to suitable reparations payments. One billion gold marks, according to the official view here, represents the maximum annual payment which Germany can and should be required to make, the payments presumably continuing for the thirty years mentioned in the reparations clauses of the Versailles Treaty."

London and Paris cablegrams have contained reports that already ways are being considered of France raising money by discounting German securities. The Paris correspondent of the New York "Herald" said that "conversations have already begun between the French and British Governments to ascertain if the British would be willing, as a part of the reparations plan, to indorse the German securities for France's benefit, in order that she might discount them in the financial markets, preferably in the United States. It is understood that while there was some informal talk on this subject just before the conference of the Allied Premiers in Paris, which adjourned last Saturday, the French were left very much in doubt regarding what the British answer would be, and that since last Saturday they have been informed from London that the British Government would not settle anything at this juncture until Germany had definitely accepted the reparations scheme. This question, however, is commanding chief attention here now. Friends and foes of the arrangement alike admit that the whole question for France turns on whether she can discount the German debt, and her ability to do so without British aid is seriously doubted."

The Paris and London cablegrams Thursday morning contained suggestions that the Allies might make modifications of the reparations terms ultimately. The Paris representative of the New York "Times" said that "the declaration of the German Government that it would not accept the reparations plan of the Allies, the abandonment of the Brussels experts' conference and reports from New York saying American opinion does not approve the 12% tax on German exports, caused considerable dismay in Paris to-day" [Wednesday]. He added that "while of course the Allies have coercive powers under the treaty, the reparations plan of Jan. 29 is not feasible unless the Germans co-operate. The least the German attitude can mean is that the Allies will face the probable necessity of making concessions to obtain their assent, and concessions mean but one thing, and that is the reduction of the amount to be paid." The New York "Tribune" correspondent in London cabled that "although the leaders of the Allied Governments have not the slightest intention now of altering their Paris decisions, it is possible that some changes may be worked out at the meet-

ing the last of this month, after the German proposals have been considered."

Practically all the Washington advices have indicated that the reparations terms were regarded there as too severe to be practical. The proposed export tax of 12% appeared to meet with greater opposition than the amount of the indemnity.

In view of the fact that the present French Cabinet was formed only recently there has been special interest in the attitude that would be manifested toward it by the French Parliament, particularly the Chamber of Deputies. Premier Briand, on Thursday formally presented the reparations plan to both the Senate and that body. The cabled accounts that appeared in yesterday morning's papers differed considerably regarding the reception given the document by the Chamber. The Associated Press correspondent said: "The French Parliament, Chamber and Senate, gave its seal of approval today to the Government's declaration on the decisions taken by the Supreme Council at Paris respecting reparations, disarmament and other questions. It received Premier Briand's declaration with all outward and visible signs that promise a large majority in the vote of confidence which the Briand Cabinet will seek to-morrow. In making his declaration, M. Briand informed the Deputies that the French Government 'has in no wise renounced the purpose of collecting the entire debt due from Germany, if she recovers her economic prosperity.' Germany would have to pay to the limit of her economic capacity, he asserted." The New York "Times" correspondent gave a different impression when he said that "Premier Briand reported to the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon on the results of the reparations negotiations last week. In place of the cheers which two weeks ago greeted the new Premier's statement of what he intended to do, his account of what he had done was received in silence and at its conclusion the applause was weak. Later M. Briand read his statement to the Senate." He added, however, that "the Government to-night appears certain of a big vote of confidence, as the byword of the Deputies is 'sit still and await the declaration of the new American Government.'"

Regarding the attitude of Germany toward the reparations agreement, the Associated Press correspondent cabled yesterday morning that Dr. Ernest Scholz, Minister of Economics, had made the following assertions: "Germany does not, of course, withdraw from further negotiations, but she must decline to accept the present Paris proposals as constituting a basis, or even a starting point, for renewed deliberations. Germany will not affix her signature to a pact that could not be fulfilled. The Versailles Treaty prescribed an entirely different procedure for arriving at the amount of indemnity Germany was to pay than that adopted by the Supreme Council at Paris."

According to a delayed cablegram from Athens, under date of Jan. 30, "the Council of Ministers has appointed a delegation to attend the coming conference in London, at which the Turkish and Greek situation and the Treaty of Sevres will be discussed. Premier Rhallis, who will head the delegation, will be accompanied by M. Kalogeropoulos, Minister of Finance. He will leave Athens Feb. 7, stop over in

Paris for two or three days, and purposes to arrive in London several days before the conference is to begin, in order to confer with persons high in English political circles." In a Washington dispatch at the same time it was claimed that the State Department had intimated that "there will be no immediate recognition of King Constantine of Greece on the part of the American Government." Constantine is said to have issued a statement in Athens on Tuesday that "direct negotiations for the settlement of Near Eastern problems between the Greek and the Turkish Nationalists are impossible." He was said to have indicated, however, that "he was not averse to conversations between Greek representatives and delegates chosen by the Sultan's Government, if such procedure was dictated by the interests of Greece."

A London news agency received a dispatch on Monday stating that "the Russian Soviet Government is expected to ratify the Krassin agreement without change." The dispatch also stated that "it approves M. Krassin's wish and appoints him representative at London." The Associated Press announced in a dispatch from Paris on Tuesday that "formal application is about to be made to the Governments of Great Britain, France and the United States to recognize the Russian Constituent Assembly as the present de jure or rightful existing Government of Russia. The Russian Constituent Assembly has just been created at a meeting here [Paris] of all the Russian elements opposed to Bolshevism, to the end of sinking all differences of opinion and presenting a united front against Bolshevism."

In an address in Birmingham Thursday night, Austen Chamberlain, Chancellor of the British Exchequer, announced that "the excess profits tax will be discontinued this year." He declared, however, that "there was no chance of a general reduction of taxation." Regarding the financial position of the country, he said: "The war left us a debtor nation, but we have made some progress since. We have transformed a deficit in our national expenses into a balance on the right side. Instead of increasing our indebtedness we have begun to repay and we have begun to redeem those obligations incurred toward foreign Powers, which were the most difficult of all obligations that the war had left."

Washington advices state that a rumor is in circulation there that Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador, will not return to his post, and that if he does he will not remain long. According to one dispatch, "recent activities of the British Government in its relations with the United States have been out of harmony with advice given by the Ambassador to the British Foreign Office, it is believed."

British Treasury returns for the week ended Jan. 29 indicated that outgoes had exceeded income, bringing about a loss in the Exchequer balance of £288,000, to £3,573,000, as against £3,861,000 last week. The week's expenses totaled £16,722,000, in comparison with £23,220,000 in the previous statement, with the total outflow, including Treasury bills, advances, Exchequer bonds and other items repaid, £116,485,000 (against £196,963,000 for the week ending Jan. 22). Receipts from all sources amounted to £116,197,000,

as contrasted with £197,321,000 the week preceding. Of this sum, revenue yielded £27,851,000, against £40,553,000; savings certificates £900,000, against £1,250,000, and sundries £100,000, against £102,000. Nothing was received from foreign credits this week, against £1,311,000 the week before. Treasury bonds were sold to the amount of £505,000, in comparison to £408,000 in the week of Jan. 22. New issues of Treasury bills were much smaller, totaling only £64,591,000, against £136,447,000 last week. As this was well below the amount repaid, there was a contraction for the first time in a number of weeks in the volume of Treasury bills outstanding. The total is now £1,145,049,000, which compares with £1,161,894,000 a week ago. Temporary advances, however, are higher, being £241,822,000, against £233,122,000 the week previous. Total floating debt has accordingly been brought down to £1,386,871,000. A week ago it stood at £1,395,016,000.

No change has been noted in official discount rates at leading European centres from 5% in Berlin, Vienna and Switzerland; 5½% in Belgium, 6% in Paris, Rome and Madrid, 7% in London, Sweden and Norway, and 4½% in Holland. In London the private bank rate continues at 6¼@6¾% for sixty and ninety day bills. Call money in London remains as heretofore at 5½%. No reports have been received so far as we have been able to ascertain, by cable of open market discounts at other leading centres.

A small increase in gold holdings was shown by this week's Bank of England statement, aggregating £8,790, but total reserve registered a decline of £1,106,000, the result of an increase in note circulation of £1,115,000. Furthermore, the proportion of reserve to liabilities was reduced to 11.54%, as against 14.18% last week. This is coincident with another increase in deposits and reflects in some degree renewed strain upon the Bank's resources. In the corresponding week of 1920 the reserve ratio stood at 22½% and in 1914 53⅜%. Public deposits were expanded £2,523,000 and other deposits £17,324,000. In Government securities there was also a heavy increase, viz. £17,410,000, while loans (other securities) were augmented £3,590,000. Threadneedle Street's gold stocks stand at £128,292,398, which compares with £103,108,139 a year ago and £81,443,667 in 1919. Reserves total £17,143,000, against £32,235,094 in 1920 and £29,906,972 a year earlier. Circulation has reached a total of £129,598,000, in contrast with £89,323,045 last year and £69,986,695 in 1919, while loans aggregate £78,696,000, as against £82,451,421 and £83,469,813 one and two years ago, respectively. There has been no change in the Bank's minimum discount rate, which remains at 7% as heretofore. Clearings through the London banks for the week were £830,973,000, against £678,830,000 a week ago and £858,160,000 last year. 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.
	Feb. 2.	Feb. 4.	Feb. 5.	Feb. 6.	Feb. 7.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	129,598,000	89,323,045	69,986,695	46,131,315	39,535,325
Public deposits.....	18,604,000	18,689,896	30,721,201	41,043,292	42,262,099
Other deposits.....	129,852,000	124,560,686	115,481,209	125,504,321	226,469,910
Govt. securities.....	70,620,000	46,548,714	50,838,744	56,889,951	212,396,597
Other securities.....	78,696,000	82,451,421	83,469,813	96,893,646	38,579,538
Reserve notes & coin.....	17,143,000	32,235,094	29,906,972	30,928,186	35,839,089
Coin and bullion.....	128,292,398	103,108,139	81,443,667	58,609,501	56,954,414
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	11.54%	22½%	20.50%	18.56%	13.33%
Bank rate.....	7%	6%	5%	5%	5½%

The Bank of France in its weekly statement reports a further gain of 184,025 francs in its gold item this week. The Bank's gold holdings now aggregate 5,501,941,175 francs, comparing with 5,580,594,953 francs at this time last year and with 5,508,221,126 francs the year before; of these amounts 1,948,367,056 francs were held abroad in 1921, 1,978,278,416 francs in 1920 and 2,037,108,484 francs in 1919. During the week increases were registered in all the other items, viz.: silver, 179,000 francs; bills discounted, 249,043,000 francs; advances, 5,709,000 francs; Treasury deposits, 11,317,000 francs; and general deposits, 230,052,000 francs. Note circulation was expanded to the extent of 292,382,000 francs, bringing the total outstanding up to 38,205,487,370 francs. This contrasts with 38,041,889,730 francs in 1920 and with 32,366,992,800 francs in 1919. On July 30 1914 just prior to the outbreak of war, the amount was only 6,683,184,785 francs. Comparisons of the various items in this week's return with the statement of last week and corresponding dates in 1920 and 1919 are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Status as of		
		Feb. 3 1921.	Feb. 5 1920.	Feb. 6 1919.
Gold Holdings—	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
In France.....Inc.	184,025	3,553,574,119	3,602,316,537	3,471,112,641
Abroad.....No Change		1,948,367,056	1,978,278,416	2,037,108,484
Total.....Inc.	184,025	5,501,941,175	5,580,594,953	5,508,221,126
Silver.....Inc.	179,000	268,646,495	254,139,883	315,487,843
Bills discounted.....Inc.	249,043,000	3,317,704,298	2,119,358,159	1,202,935,747
Advances.....Inc.	5,709,000	2,213,086,000	1,529,711,710	1,231,236,626
Note circulation.....Inc.	292,382,000	38,205,487,370	38,041,889,730	32,366,992,800
Treasury deposits.....Inc.	11,317,000	50,928,000	41,452,237	53,792,292
General deposits.....Inc.	230,052,000	3,443,273,894	3,160,836,408	2,584,711,593

The Imperial Bank of Germany in its statement, issued as of Jan. 22, shows that total coin and bullion increased 366,000 marks, but that gold was reduced 1,000 marks. Bills discounted sustained a huge reduction, 5,294,970,000 marks, which contrasts sharply with the even more drastic increase of the preceding week. Deposits fell 4,110,584,000 marks, while advances were reduced 8,313,000 marks. There were also a decline in securities of 75,986,000 marks and in liabilities of 112,259,000 marks. Circulation was again brought down, this time 528,252,000 marks. Treasury certificates expanded 623,640,000 marks. In notes in circulation a gain of 258,000 marks was shown, and in investments 3,916,000 marks. The Bank's gold stocks aggregate 1,091,637,000 marks, which compares with 1,089,820,000 marks last year and 2,255,400,000 marks in 1919. Note circulation now stands at 65,958,442,000 marks. In the corresponding week of 1920 the total was 35,984,620,000 marks and the year before that 23,393,220,000 marks.

Saturday's bank statement of New York Clearing House members reflected heavy Government withdrawals and was otherwise about in line with expectations. Among the more favorable features was a further reduction in the loan item of \$62,840,000, while net demand deposits fell \$80,118,000. This brought the total of demand deposits down to \$3,847,342,000, or the lowest in nearly a year, and is exclusive of \$70,310,000 of Government deposits. Last week Government deposits stood at \$103,618,000, thus showing a contraction for the week of \$33,308,000. Net time deposits were also reduced, from \$254,987,000 to \$242,558,000. Among the other changes was a decline of \$13,611,000 in reserves of member banks with the Federal Reserve Bank, to \$500,427,000. Cash in own vaults of members of the

Federal Reserve Bank fell \$927,000, to \$80,445,000 (not counted as reserves), while reserves in own vaults of State banks and trust companies were cut \$75,000 to \$9,018,000. Reserves of State institutions and trust companies in other depositories were reduced \$696,000, to \$9,342,000. In aggregate reserves there was a reduction of \$14,382,000, bringing the total to \$518,787,000. Surplus was also cut, though not so severely, owing to the contraction in deposits, and the loss totaled \$3,552,490, which carried excess reserves down to \$8,875,150, in comparison with \$12,427,640 a week earlier. The above figures for surplus are on the basis of 13% reserves above legal requirements, but not including cash in vault to the amount of \$80,445,000 held by these banks on Saturday last. In the Federal Reserve Bank statement a small increase in the bank's reserve ratio was shown, from 38.1 to 38.3%, but gold holdings decreased \$2,840,000. Bills held under discount, notwithstanding a reduction in the acceptance holdings of nearly 37 million dollars, decreased less than 7 millions.

The firmness of the local money market this week, particularly for call loans, came as somewhat of a surprise to many observers in the financial district. A little flurry over the end of the month would have been taken as not being out of the ordinary. The continued high rates throughout the week led those who had been expecting fairly low rates to prevail for some time to cast about for the causes of the change. Even in banking circles opinion was somewhat divided as to whether the market would continue for some little time to display the tendency so clearly discernible this week. One of the principal reasons given for the scarcity of loanable funds and the higher rates for call money, was the withdrawal by interior institutions of a considerable part of their funds two months or more earlier than they are accustomed to do. Under ordinary conditions the movement toward the West and the South is not expected to set in until near the opening of the planting season in those sections. At that time it is well known that the requirements of the farmers for funds with which to buy seed and fertilizer become large in the aggregate. A contributing cause to the tightness of the money market this week probably has been the further large offerings of domestic and foreign bonds. These offerings have continued at about the same scale as during the last two or three weeks. The requirements for purely Stock Exchange purposes have not been large. It was reported, however, that at the beginning of the month loans were called quite generally. This necessitated brokers making new arrangements, but did not change the volume of available funds. Something more than \$20,000,000 of Government money has been withdrawn from the local banks this week. The amount was scarcely large enough in itself to have an important influence. On the other hand it is true that it is the sum total of all the requirements and changes that has to be taken into account in finally determining the amount of money available for loaning and this also goes a long way toward fixing the rates. There are important interests in the financial district who do not look for tight money for any length of time.

With regard to money rates in detail, call loans this week stiffened and the range was 7@9%, as compared

with a single rate of 7% last week. On Monday and Tuesday the high was 8%, with 7% the low and ruling figure. Wednesday there was a further advance to 8% for renewals, with 9% the high. The same rates prevailed on Thursday, that is, 9% maximum, 8% minimum and 8% the renewal basis. Only one rate was quoted on Friday, 8%, which was the high and low for the day as well as the basis at which renewals were negotiated. The figures here given apply to mixed collateral and all-industrial collateral without differentiation. The firmness was attributed to the recent unusually extensive new financing, heavy Government withdrawals from the banks, also the drawing in of loans by interior institutions. For fixed maturities there is very little doing. Only a few small trades were reported and here also quotations were firmer at 7% for sixty and ninety days and four months' money, with five and six months at 6¾%, as against 6½% for all periods last week. Funds were scarcer than ever, and quotations largely nominal in character. All-industrial money, whenever dealt in, remains at about ¼ of 1% above the figures just given.

Commercial paper rates have been marked up to 7¾@8% for sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character, with the bulk of the business done at the outside figure. This contrasts with a range of 7½@8% the previous week. Names less well known now require 8%, against 7¾@8% a week earlier. Trading was quiet and the volume of transactions showed a falling off. Out-of-town banks were the principal buyers.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances reflected the stiffening in money by a sharp falling off in the volume of business transacted. In keeping with this quotations were advanced on both eligible and ineligible bills from ½ to 1%. Brokers characterized the market as dull and affording a striking contrast with the activity witnessed in earlier weeks. Practically no large transactions were recorded. Demand loans against bankers' acceptances continue to be quoted by the American Acceptance Council at 6%. The Acceptance Council reports the rates for eligible bills of member banks at 6⅛@6 for ninety days, 6@5⅛ for 60 days, and 6@5¾ for thirty days, while the rates for eligible bills of non-member banks are given as 6½@6¼ for ninety days, 6⅜@6⅛ for sixty days and 6¼@6 for thirty days. 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.....	6⅛ @ 6	6 @ 5⅛	5⅛ @ 5¼	6 bld
Eligible bills of non-member banks.....	6½ @ 6¼	6⅜ @ 6⅛	6¼ @ 6	6½ bld
Ineligible bills.....	7½ @ 7¼	7⅜ @ 7¼	7¼ @ 7	7 bld

Following the action taken last week by the Federal Reserve banks of St. Louis and San Francisco in advancing to 6% the rediscount rates on paper secured by Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness bearing interest rates under 6%, the Federal Reserve banks of Richmond and Chicago have since taken similar action; in all these cases the rate for advances against Treasury Certificates had ranged from 5½ to 6%. The New York Federal Reserve Bank announced yesterday that it had increased from 5½ to 6% the rate on paper secured by Treasury Certificates, and a statement which it issued with regard to the discontinuance of the preferential rate for this class of paper is given to-day in another part of our paper. It was also announced yesterday that the

directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia had increased the minimum discount rate on Certificates of Indebtedness from 5 to 5½%. On certificates bearing interest higher than 5½% the discount rate is the same as the interest rate carried by the certificates. The rates of the other Federal Reserve banks are unchanged. 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 FEBRUARY 4 1921.

Federal Reserve Bank of—	Discounted bills maturing within 90 days (including member banks' 15-day collateral notes) secured by—			Bankers' acceptances discounted for member banks	Trade acceptances maturing within 90 days	Agricultural and like stock paper maturing 91 to 180 days
	Treasury certificates of indebtedness	Liberty bonds and Victory notes	Otherwise secured and unsecured			
Boston.....	5½	6	7	--	7	7
New York.....	6	6	7	6	7	7
Philadelphia.....	†6	5½	6	5½	6	6
Cleveland.....	†6	5¾	6	5¾	5¾	6
Richmond.....	6	6	6	6	6	6
Atlanta.....	†6	5½	7	6	7	7
Chicago.....	6	6	7	6	7	7
St. Louis.....	6	5½	6	5½	6	6
Minneapolis.....	5½	6	7	6	6½	7
Kansas City.....	†6	6	6	5½	6	6
Dallas.....	†6	5½	6	5½	6	6
San Francisco.....	†6	6	6	6	6	6

† Discount rate corresponds with interest rate borne by certificates pledged as collateral with minimum of 5% in the case of Atlanta, Kansas City and Dallas and 5½% in the case of Cleveland, and Philadelphia.

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.

Sterling exchange reacted unfavorably to formal announcement of the terms of the reparations settlement (on Saturday last) and a decline of about 10 cents from the recent high point took place early in the week following reports that Germany would in all probability refuse to pay the proposed indemnity. While, generally speaking, the reparations plan is along the lines previously forecast, in some respects it comes as a good deal of a surprise and is a genuine disappointment to those who had been anticipating more moderate terms. The contemplated export tax is regarded as particularly objectionable in both financial and business circles, and the immediate effect of the Allied demands as presented was a distinct slump in quotations on the London market. This as usual exercised a depressing influence here and was the signal for the inauguration of a heavy selling movement, presumably on the ground that there was likely to be further delay in bringing about actual settlement of the troublesome question of German indemnity payments and at all events another more or less protracted period of uncertainty. The result was a decline to 3 79¼ for demand bills. Later in the week several large international bankers re-entered the market as buyers of sterling bills and prices rallied to 3 85¼, leading to rumors that some sort of compromise agreement had been reached. No confirmation of this could be obtained, and so far as can be learned the reparations dispute remains unsettled. After a temporary spurt of activity and firmness, the market sagged again and rates ran off slightly.

Banking opinion as to the probable course of sterling in the immediate future is somewhat mixed. Some characterize the present international embroglio as discouraging in the extreme, but others point to the fact that another conference on reparations between Allied and German representatives has already been scheduled to take place toward the end of the month and predict with some show of confidence that modifications of the more drastic pro-

visions will undoubtedly be made which will go far toward clarifying the atmosphere and permit once more a resumption of normal business relationships. It is quite generally conceded that, all things considered, sterling values have held up remarkably well; a factor which would seem further proof of the underlying soundness of the improvement lately noted in the foreign exchange situation. One phase of the recent strength in sterling and other exchanges which has perhaps partly been overlooked is not only the falling off in United States exports and consequent diminution of commercial offerings, but the fact that owing to the improved monetary conditions here and abroad, there has been less disposition to insist on dollar payments in New York against documents and much larger proportion of the business passing is being transacted on a part time basis as formerly. News that the War Finance Corporation had arranged \$10,000,000 advances for the promotion of trade, made a good impression, but failed to affect price levels one way or the other.

Referring to the day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last displayed a sagging tendency and demand declined to $3\ 85\frac{3}{4}@3\ 86\frac{1}{2}$, cable transfers to $3\ 86\frac{1}{2}@3\ 87\frac{1}{4}$ and sixty days to $3\ 81@3\ 81\frac{3}{4}$. On Monday the market turned weak, following announcement of the Allied reparation terms and intimations that Germany intended to refuse the proposed payments, and there was a sharp lowering to $3\ 83\frac{1}{4}@3\ 85\frac{3}{4}$ for demand, $3\ 84@3\ 86\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers and $3\ 78\frac{1}{2}@3\ 81$ for sixty days. Further substantial recessions took place on Tuesday, which carried demand bills down to $3\ 79\frac{1}{4}@3\ 83\frac{1}{2}$, cable transfers to $3\ 80@3\ 84\frac{1}{4}$ and sixty days to $3\ 74\frac{1}{2}@3\ 78\frac{3}{4}$; heavy selling together with lower cable quotations from London were chiefly responsible for the decline. Wednesday's trading showed evidences of recovery, and under a resumption of good buying prices moved up about $3\frac{1}{2}\%$, with the range $3\ 82\frac{3}{4}@3\ 85\frac{1}{4}$ for demand, $3\ 83\frac{1}{2}@3\ 86$ for cable transfers and $3\ 78@3\ 80\frac{1}{2}$ for sixty days. Irregularity marked transactions on Thursday and prices lost ground slightly, with demand fractionally down to $3\ 83\frac{1}{2}@3\ 84\frac{3}{4}$, cable transfers to $3\ 84\frac{1}{4}@3\ 85\frac{1}{2}$, and sixty days to $3\ 79\frac{3}{8}@3\ 80$. On Friday the market ruled dull and slightly lower, with the range $3\ 82\frac{7}{8}@3\ 84\frac{1}{4}$ for demand, $3\ 83\frac{5}{8}@3\ 85$ for cable transfers and $3\ 78\frac{1}{8}@3\ 79\frac{1}{2}$ for sixty days. Closing quotations were $3\ 78\frac{1}{4}$ for sixty days, $3\ 83$ for demand and $3\ 83\frac{3}{4}$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at $3\ 81\frac{7}{8}$, sixty days at $3\ 77\frac{3}{8}$, ninety days at $3\ 68\frac{3}{8}$, documents for payment (sixty days) at $3\ 77\frac{7}{8}$ and seven-day grain bills at $3\ 81\frac{3}{8}$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at $3\ 81\frac{7}{8}$. The week's gold arrivals included \$4,379,850 on the Cunard Liner Aquitania from London, \$1,400,000 on the Grottingholm from Sweden, and \$1,250,000 from Paris, for Lazard Freres. A small shipment of the precious metal arrived this week from Turkey, the first from that quarter since before the war. It came by the S. S. Angeles and amounted to 50,000 Turkish pounds, which is about \$219,500, consigned to the Guaranty Trust Co. The shipment was made in a key-opening safe made in Birmingham, England, and was entirely in gold coins of Turkey. Additional shipments from London to the amount of \$2,100,000 on the Finland and \$750,000 on the Adriatic are due to arrive in a few days.

Movements in Continental exchange also reflected the disappointment felt over the German indemnity terms and sharp losses were registered which in some instances carried prices down from 12 to more than 30 points. French francs lost 33 points, to 6.82 early in the week. German marks, under heavy selling pressure, broke to 1.43, a decline of 27 points, while lire also lost ground, touching $3.57\frac{1}{2}$, or 12 points off. Austrian kronen ran off in sympathy, losing $5\frac{1}{2}$ points, to 00.26. Belgian francs figured prominently in the weakness, and a drop of 31 points, to 7.17 was recorded in this currency. Later in the week with the improvement in sterling some of the losses were regained and under the stimulus of a fairly active buying movement prices rallied to a considerable extent. The improvement, however, proved short-lived. London sent lower cable quotations while speculative selling also served to depress quotations. Considerable irregularity was shown with fluctuations rapid and frequently widespread. Light offerings and covering of shorts figured from time to time in the week's operations. Trading in the early part of the week was dull and inactive. Subsequently improvement in the demand was noted and for a while transactions attained fairly large proportions. Before the close, however, dullness again set in and the close was irregular with a tendency to still lower levels.

The official London check rate on Paris finished at 54.40 as against 53.90 a week ago. In New York sight bills on the French centre closed at 6.97, against 6.86; cable transfers 6.98, against 6.87; commercial sight 6.95, against 6.85, and commercial sixty days 6.89, against 6.79 last week. Closing quotations for Antwerp francs were 7.34 for checks and 7.35 for cable transfers. Last week the close was 7.25 and 7.26. Reichsmarks finished the week at 1.58 for checks and 1.59 for cable transfers, which compares with 1.70 and 1.71 the previous week. Austrian kronen closed at $00.26\frac{1}{2}$ for checks and $00.27\frac{1}{2}$ for cable remittances, as against $00.31\frac{1}{2}$ and $00.32\frac{1}{2}$ a week ago. Exchange on Czecho-Slovakia turned weak and ran off to 1.22, but subsequently rallied and finished at 1.27, against 1.40; on Bucharest at $1.38\frac{1}{2}$, against 1.51; on Poland at 13, against 14, and on Finland at 3.65, against 3.45 last week. For lire the final range was 3.61 for bankers' sight bills and 3.62 for cable transfers. This compares with 3.62 and 3.63 the week previous. Greek exchange, after ruling early in the week at around 7.40, broke to 7.05 for checks, and closed at 7.10, with cable transfers 7.15, against 7.55 and 7.60 a week ago.

In the neutral exchanges there has been less doing than of late and price movements for the most part followed the course of sterling and the other Continental exchanges. Guilders and Swiss francs were fairly well maintained, but Copenhagen currency sustained a decline at one time of about 40 points, receding to 18.90. Stockholm and Christiania remittances ruled at or near the closing figures of last week. Spanish pesetas, on the other hand, continued firm and finished at a net advance.

Bankers' sight bills on Amsterdam finished at $33\frac{7}{8}$, against 33.85; cable transfers at 34, against 33.95; commercial sight at 33 15-16, against 33.79, and commercial sixty days at 33 7-16, against 33.43 on Friday of last week. Swiss francs closed at 16.03 for bankers' sight bills and 16.04 for cable transfers. A week earlier the close was 15.94 and 15.96. Copen-

hagen checks finished at 19.10 and cable remittances 19.20, against 19.38 and 19.48. Checks on Sweden closed at 21.85 and cable transfers at 21.95, in comparison with 19.95 and 20.05, while checks on Norway finished at 18.30 and cable transfers 18.40, against 18.55 and 18.65 the week before. The final figure for Spanish pesetas was 14.02 for checks and 14.04 for cable transfers, as contrasted with 13.59 and 13.61 a week ago.

With regard to South American quotations there has been a set-back and the check rate on Argentina receded to 34.75, with the close 34.97 and cable remittances 35.14, against 35.87½ and 36.00 last week. Brazil, however, was somewhat firmer, finishing at 14.64 for checks and 14.71 for cable transfers, as compared with 14.37½ and 14.50 the week preceding. Chilian exchange, despite rumors of the possible placing of a loan in this market, ruled weak and closed at 13.50, against 14.01 last week. Peru was fractionally better at 4.09, against 4.06.

Far Eastern exchange, so far as China is concerned, depreciated sharply and there was a recession to 48½ for Hong Kong currency, with Shanghai at 64. Later on prices rallied and the close was at 49½@49¾ for Hong Kong and 68@68¼ for Shanghai; Yokohama finished at 48½@49 (unchanged); Manila at 46@46½ (unchanged); Singapore, 45@45½ against 44@44¼; Bombay at 28½@29 (unchanged), and Calcutta at 28¾@29¼ (unchanged).

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$5,880,613 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending Feb. 3. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$7,293,863, while the shipments have reached \$1,413,250, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week ending February 3.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$7,293,863	\$1,413,250	Gain \$5,880,613

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. 29.	Monday, Jan. 31.	Tuesday, Feb. 1.	Wednesday, Feb. 2.	Thursday, Feb. 3.	Friday, Feb. 4.	Aggregate for Week.
\$42,848,370	\$67,987,819	\$43,778,395	\$62,774,052	\$51,889,653	\$55,431,298	Cr. 324,709,587

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—	February 3 1921.			February 5 1920.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£128,292,398	£	£128,292,398	£103,108,139	£	£103,108,139
France a	142,142,965	10,720,000	152,862,965	144,092,661	10,160,000	154,252,661
Germany	54,577,700	337,600	54,915,300	54,507,150	1,015,800	55,522,950
Aus-Hun	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000
Spain	98,452,000	23,202,000	121,654,000	97,931,000	25,258,000	123,189,000
Italy	32,768,000	2,999,000	35,767,000	32,198,000	3,004,000	35,202,000
Neth-Fds	53,012,000	1,845,000	54,857,000	52,654,000	686,000	53,340,000
Nat. Belg.	10,661,000	1,120,000	11,781,000	10,657,000	1,098,000	11,755,000
Switzerland	21,718,000	4,160,000	25,878,000	20,678,000	3,261,000	23,939,000
Sweden	15,670,000		15,670,000	15,601,000		15,601,000
Denmark	12,643,000	145,000	12,788,000	12,605,000	184,000	12,789,000
Norway	8,115,000		8,115,000	8,137,000		8,137,000
Total week	588,996,063	46,897,600	635,893,663	563,112,950	47,035,800	610,148,750
rev week	588,980,769	47,400,000	636,380,769	559,925,622	46,871,100	606,796,722

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

THE TRIBUTE TO CAESAR—THE GERMAN REPARATIONS SETTLEMENT.

It is a long, long way from a "peace without victory" to a peace without vengeance! The tribute to Caesar is not the tribute to God. The Allied Supreme Council has fixed the total of the money reparation to be paid by Germany at 226 billion marks in gold, payment to be made in annual installments extending over a period of 42 years, and has decided that in addition Germany must turn over the proceeds of a tax of 12% on her exports. The consensus of the best opinion of the world (in which we do not include the Germans themselves, who naturally would whine whatever the amount, nor those of our own people who have been and are pro-German in their sympathies and leanings) is that this tribute is far in excess of the ability of the German nation to pay, and, what is even more important, far in excess of the demands of enlightened self-interest on the part of the Allies in the present critical stage of the world's history. In that view the decision is obviously a grave error.

Is it not time, therefore, for the voice of the United States to speak out, from the very aloofness, isolation and disinterestedness we hold, from the high place of the service we rendered? We have not signed the Treaty, we have not joined the League of Nations. What we have done, is done. What we have given, is given; and without recall, without the wish or the will to profit. But we did not enter the world war to kill or to enslave a people; our purpose was to scotch forever an "autocracy" in addition to defending our own rights. We have the right to speak and speak now; the right to express an opinion; that a "decent respect for the opinions of mankind" may come to those in power.

For ourselves we do not know what Germany is "able to pay"—226,000,000,000 gold marks in annuities over a period of forty-two years may be the amount or it may not. We are informed by our own experts that it is more than she can pay. Does it necessarily follow in the light of harmony and peace that she ought to pay all she is "able to pay," able to pay through virtual enslavement, say, for nearly half a century? But we do know this—that the added 12% tax ad valorem on exports for a like period is inhumane, irrational and indefensible on any ground. If it is put out as a trading proposition—ask more and take less—it is mere schoolboy trifling over a question so grave that it now holds the whole world in its grip.

France, France the Magnificent, can not longer afford to maintain this position of inveterate extremist. France possesses the admiration of mankind. From one viewpoint she possesses the gratitude of mankind. Her bravery is past naming, her injuries can never be compensated, her vitality is tremendous, and from the dark shadow whatever comes she will emerge great and glorious. She can afford to be generous, even though this be bitter through the greatness of the provocation. The time has come to begin to forget. The time has come to give good for evil. More—the time has come to look forward, not backward—to a time when two peoples who do not war with each other must live together, side by side, either in concord or covert hate.

Given equal strength and opportunity, no people on earth can live and prosper when compelled to pay 12% ad valorem on all foreign exports. Much less

can Germany—the Empire gone, Alsace and Lorraine returned, Austria-Hungary severed and stricken, the colonies under mandates of indefinite duration if not utterly and irrevocably lost, nearly all present carrying power delivered over, a treasury empty and a currency debased. If Credit is the “lifeblood” of trade Germany has none now—is to have none save by alien consent. If all nations are now seeking a “foreign trade,” Germany is to be put 12% behind in the race—though foreign trade is her only salvation. The impossible is not always preposterous, but in this case it is. Yet bound up in this reparations question is the poise, peace and prosperity of a waiting world.

In the days of Rome, when the victorious Legions returned there was enacted a triumphant spectacle, captives being dragged through streets in clanking chains and the spoils of conquest heaped high for the gaze of the multitude. Then—Governors were sent out to the new provinces, annexed by war, and the levy of annual tribute began. But the laws of greed are against the laws of God. It could not be. The seeds of the Decline were sown—the Empire fell. In the twentieth century—a world-war for democracy—the most exhaustive in history, the most engulfing of time—can profit the world little, when followed by the tribute of the Caesars. Trade hesitates, industry languishes, men are idle, exchange is broken, credit is disordered, *everywhere*, waiting on this “settlement.” Let it be made at once, definite and forever, not in the spirit of vengeful reprisal—but, condoning nothing, in the admonition of that sublime courage and sacrifice which suffered and WON!

A CORPORATE BOND OF UNION—THE
\$100,000,000 FOREIGN FINANCING
CORPORATION.

Recurring to the formation of a hundred-million-dollar foreign trade financing corporation, may we not find in it an enduring bond of union between capital and labor? Many men say, “labor needs capital and capital needs labor.” But the thought is a vague one. There is in it recognition of a mutual interest without much specific insight into how this need is to become fulfilled. Let us ask how labor would go about the formation of such a corporation were there no such thing in existence as capital? In what way could labor create capital stock if there was not already capital—and capital being a broad term to denominate created things and raw materials? Labor preserved alone constitutes capital upon which may rest dependence of and for labor to be. Labor could not suddenly bring into being a cultivated farm or a going factory simply by pledging its future and circulating these printed shares. And so it is that when we destroy by waste, or by abandonment, or by breaking up, the saved capital, the saved labor of a country, we reduce the people to barbarism.

Now it is theoretically true that we may separate capital from private ownership without destroying it. But it is actually true that when we invest this ownership in the socialistic state or the commune, we release it from interested and responsible control into hazardous political and popular control in which the directive power of operation is so remote and diffuse that it immediately becomes the prey of waste, exploitation, misuse, and careless operation, so that it in fact is soon destroyed by the lax care

bestowed upon it, and the greedy self-interest of the current labor that lives out of it and upon it. The primal need which labor has upon created capital depends upon a private ownership that is interested not only in preserving it and making it fruitful but of paying to it through reinvestment and restoration a profit which assumes the relation of a sort of leasehold rental for its use. It is therefore contrary to the nature of things to say that labor must be paid before profits. If it really needs capital, and has it not, and cannot concretely create it out of its future activity, it must come to capital as a willing suppliant for the opportunity to work, to use, and not to exploit or destroy.

Now this hundred millions of capital takes temporarily the form of cash, is so paid in immediately to be paid out in the conduct of its proposed business, and being supplanted by instruments of credit that are to be multiplied ten-fold in debentures which may be owned by any and everyone. Labor cannot convert itself into cash until it is performed. If future labor could pledge itself it could not take the place of the commodities in which the finance corporation will deal and on the credit representatives of which it will base its own debentures. In the equation of mutual interest, therefore, labor current must guaranty to capital not only the right to exist, but to function and preserve its vitality. If it does this it must assume secondary place.

But this is just what labor refuses to do in this period of its history. It comes into the world naked and dependent within itself and demands the first voice in so-called mutual operation. It must ask of this capital pre-created by generations of toil, thrift and saving for opportunity. It must barter itself for its own life, or proceed to work in some grotesque way without the tools of trade, the objects of inventive thought, the instruments and institutions of civilized society. Therefore it is a commodity, a priceless one, and one on which capital must lean—unless it is to become valueless and mere junk through inaction. But stored-up labor is something in being, while the current labor is something in process of being, and therefore capital takes precedence in power over labor because it already has life, and in a way can live within and upon itself.

It proceeds under its own power to emit credit to the formation of vast corporations that *can* employ labor. Current labor cannot so organize to employ capital for it has nothing to stand on. It may refuse to the existent capital its labor, and send both into ruin, and to a degree it does this in every strike. Or, as we have seen, it may without having title, without power to effectually pledge a future activity, without a basis of right (current labor, labor of to-day, did not *create* the stored-up labor of other generations and therefore has no right of ownership) can seize upon capital, and by its utter lack of responsibility soon destroy it as the Commune has done in Russia, but it cannot come into this circle of mutual need and command the primal right in direction and operation. Every man owns his own labor by divine right, to dispose of as he will; but he does *not* own the labor, in person, or by class-communal assumption, or collective union, the labor stored up of generations that have preceded him and which of right and justice has been bequeathed by ties of blood to those who now have it. It may be unfortunate that every man is not born with an equal share of this stored-up labor, but if he has

none of it he has no right to suddenly by organism and propaganda seize upon it and convert it into his own possession.

What he can do, and what he ought to do, is to come into the presence of capital, consolidated into the artificial form of the corporation, and acknowledge that his need, in the mutual equation, is greater than that of the more fortunate ones who own. He can of right sell his labor to the highest bidder. But he cannot assume the role of persecuted one, of one despoiled, and of one exploited unjustly for the sins and failures of his immediate ancestors who bequeathed him nothing but a sound body and a sane mind. Happily, the corporation is a link that binds. Happily by shareholding he can become capitalist as well as toiler. Happily, in this particular form of corporation, which differs from the ordinary bank, he can by buying debentures increase his personal power and pay his own wages.

U. S. STEEL EMPLOYEES AS INVESTORS IN STOCK OF CORPORATION.

Since 1901 the influence of the United States Steel Corporation upon other companies has been very marked, and in many ways its influence for good has been so manifest that its methods have met with no objection even from the most skeptical of critics. One of its plans which has grown in popularity and potency is the policy of encouraging employees to subscribe for shares of stock of the Corporation. This was adopted in 1903, two years after the formation of the organization, and because the value of the common shares as an investment had not at that time been well established the offering was at first confined to shares of the preferred stock. But by 1909 the common stock had grown so in public favor and commanded such a price in the open market that the management offered the common as well as the preferred shares to the employees, and since 1916 it has been thought advisable to confine such offerings to the common issue alone.

Starting in 1909 with an offer of the common stock at \$50 per share the employees subscribed for 15,318 shares, making a total investment at that time of \$765,900. With the exception of the years 1910 and 1915 yearly offerings have been made, the price per share increasing to \$107 in 1917, in which year 67,410 shares were taken at a total cost of \$7,212,870, the largest in number and of course the greatest in amount up to that time. Three years later, in 1920, the subscriptions were nearly 100,000 shares greater, being 167,407 shares at the price of \$106, amounting to the surprising sum of \$17,745,142. For 1921 the privilege has now been extended of subscribing for the common stock at \$81 per share. Of course, nothing can yet be definitely known as to the aggregate of the subscriptions for 1921, but as the offering is limited to 60,000 shares, it is certain to be all subscribed for.

Leaving out of the calculation the subscriptions for 1921, the result of the ten previous offerings of the common stock has been a total subscription of 685,231 shares, at an aggregate cost of \$57,401,249. During the twelve years that the preferred stock was offered, the employees took 351,115 shares at a total cost of \$34,090,593, making the aggregate investment of the employees of the Corporation in the two issues \$91,491,842. While the preferred stock has fluctuated in a moderate degree from year to year the issue has very generally been regarded as being

in the investment class. But the common stock has been highly speculative, often being the most active of the industrial issues at the New York Stock Exchange, the market value fluctuating with the general market movement and changing according to the earnings of the issuing corporation and the declaration of extra dividends.

In three years of the period of five years, when offerings were made simultaneously of both common and preferred, it occurred that subscriptions for the common outnumbered in shares the amount of subscriptions to the preferred. Apparently, therefore, the employees were influenced in their subscriptions to the common stock, not only by its value to them as an investment, but also as a speculation, the prospect of extra dividends giving promise not only of a greater income, but of adding also to the market value.

As a special inducement to employees to retain the stock they subscribe for, the Corporation offers them a cash bonus of \$5 a year per share, for five years from the date of their subscription; this sum is credited on their subscription accounts so long as the subscription is not fully paid. And that the bulk of the employees are holding on to their investment with great persistency is evident from the fact that according to information derived by us from official sources there are at present no less than 61,000 employees who have subscribed for shares since 1916 under the offerings made by the Corporation and who still retain their holdings—this being entirely independent of the subscriptions prior to 1916 by employees who are persisting in their investment.

Except for the year 1914, when 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ % was paid, and the year 1915, when the dividend was omitted, not less than 5% per annum has been paid upon the common stock since it was first offered to the employees, and in two years of great prosperity, 1916 and 1917, on account of the war, the extra disbursements brought the total of yearly dividends to 16% or more, while the market value soared in 1917 to 136 $\frac{5}{8}$.

Common stock bought by the employees at \$50 per share in 1909 did not go below the cost price until June, 1913, when it sold at 49 $\frac{7}{8}$, and in 1915, when the dividend was omitted it sold down to 38, but the high market value in every year after 1909 was well above \$50 per share, the top yearly price ranging from 91 in 1910 to 67 $\frac{1}{4}$ in 1914, and being around 89 late in 1915, the year the dividend was omitted.

Thus the high market value at some time in each year and the extra disbursements in years of great prosperity may be assumed to have played its part in increasing the subscriptions of the employees from 15,318 shares in 1909, at a cost of \$765,900, to 167,407 shares in 1920, at a cost of \$17,745,142. Investors generally have been wondering just how the employees of the U. S. Steel Corporation have fared with their purchases of Steel common since 1909. The above facts disclose that they have fared well if they have stood by their commitments and retained their shares which they acquired under exceptional opportunities not enjoyed by the ordinary purchaser, and it is this record which has encouraged the managers of other corporations to make offers to their own employees based upon the plan adopted by the U. S. Steel Corporation.

Away back in 1903, when the movement to enlist the interest of the employees was in its infancy,

and when the preferred stock then offered for subscription had suffered severe decline, it was deemed best to give some assurance of protection against possible loss to subscribing employees. Accordingly the Finance Committee of the Corporation, on Sept. 30, 1903, issued to subscribers a letter as follows:

"The Finance Committee sees no reason to change its opinion as to the intrinsic value of the preferred stock subscribed for pursuant to the said circular, but of course it recognizes that the decline in the market or selling price naturally may occasion anxiety in the minds of the subscribers under the circular. Accordingly, it deems it proper now to dispel apprehension of loss by the following additional offer or guaranty:

"The Corporation will at any time during January or February, 1908, pay to every subscribing officer and employee, who shall have retained his stock for the full period of five years, and otherwise complied with the terms of the circular, \$2.50 per share for the stock, less the rebates and benefits he shall have been entitled to under the circular (not including benefits received on account of difference between interest and dividends, which he will in any event retain) provided he wishes to sell the stock for that price at that time."

But no assurances have ever been given to employees that the market value of the common stock would not fall below the price at which the shares were offered, and, like every other buyer, the employees have taken what is often spoken of as a "business man's risk," though this risk was reduced, as already stated, by the payment of a cash bonus of \$5 per annum for five years from the date of subscription on each share of stock (making altogether \$25 per share) to employees who remained in the employ of the company and retained their shares.

We add tables to show the records of the yearly purchases by the employees:

SUBSCRIPTIONS OF EMPLOYEES OF UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION TO PREFERRED SHARES.

Year.	No. Shares Subscribed.	Offering Price.	Cost.	Number of Subscribers.
1914	42,926	\$105	\$4,507,230	x46,498
1913	34,551	109	3,766,059	x36,119
1912	30,619	110	3,368,090	x36,946
1911	19,229	114	2,192,106	x26,363
1910	w24,672	124	3,049,428	24,672
1909	w18,000	110	1,980,000	x19,192
1908	30,621	87½	2,679,237	24,884
1907	27,032	102	2,757,264	14,169
1906	23,989	100	2,398,900	12,256
1905	17,973	87½	1,562,637	8,429
1904	32,519	55	1,788,545	10,248
1903	48,983	82½	4,041,097	27,379
Total pref., 12 years.	351,115		\$34,090,593	

w This is the amount allotted; the issue was oversubscribed.

x Includes the total number of subscriptions received whether for Common or Preferred or both.

Note.—The report for the year 1909 states that on Dec. 31 1909 there were 21,458 employees who had purchased Preferred or Common stock under the offers made by the corporation and who, on that date, either held the certificates of stock or were making monthly payments on account of the purchase price thereof.

The report for the year 1914 states that on Dec. 31 1914 there were 40,719 employees who had subscribed during the preceding five years and who then either held the stock certificates in their own names or were paying for subscriptions in installments.

SUBSCRIPTIONS OF EMPLOYEES OF UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION TO COMMON SHARES.

Year.	No. Shares Subscribed.	Offering Price.	Cost.	Number of Subscribers.
1920	167,407	\$106	\$17,745,142	66,477
1919	156,680	92	10,413,860	60,741
1918	95,437	92	8,780,204	43,258
1917	67,410	107	7,212,870	39,072
1916	49,742	85	4,028,070	24,940
1915	None offered, conditions so		unsettled	
1914	41,680	57	2,717,760	zz
1913	25,793	66	1,702,338	zz
1912	30,735	65	1,996,775	zz
1911	29,119	70	2,038,330	zz
1910	None offered			
1909	15,318	50	765,900	zz
Total Common	685,231		\$57,401,249	
Preferred	351,115		34,090,593	
Total both classes	1,036,346		\$91,491,842	

zz Not stated separately; for the common and Preferred together there were subscribers as stated under Preferred stock table above.

Note.—There are now about 61,000 of the company's employees who own stock in the corporation purchased by them since 1916 under the company's stock allotment plan.

THE CALDER COAL REGULATION AND THE MEAT PACKING CONTROL BILLS.

One of the morning dailies published on Monday a paragraph from its Washington representative which, as printed, bore the head "coal-regulation bill in race with Harding." The headline was presumably written here, but the correspondent had justified it by what he reported, for he began by saying that "Federal regulation of the coal industry must be approved at this session of Congress or the opportunity presented will be lost for years to come," according to the view of Senators who are "working strenuously, almost feverishly," to get the Calder bill on the calendar, doing this because "alarmed over the more or less authentic reports that have reached here that President-elect Harding looks with disfavor on this measure." The reporter added that the meat-packing control bill has passed the Senate after agitation lasting ten years; that the two bills represent about the same division of view in both Houses, and that the opponents of all Governmental regulation are opposing its extension to these industries.

The "Chronicle" reaffirms without seeing need of repeating in detail the insurmountable objections against both these bills, objections which lie against some of their details as well as against the control and unnatural intervention which they propose. Other considerations, however, bear upon this matter, and should be urged once more.

The place originally allotted to the President in the Government of the country was unmistakably defined in the Constitution. He is the Executive, and his function as such is to execute. The familiar word "agent" means, etymologically, a doer, and it has come to be understood as meaning one who does, with more or less discretion granted, what his principal and superior sets and requires him to do. Equally, the Executive of the United States is to "do"—to carry out the policies which the great and the sole originator, to-wit, the people through their agent, Congress, shall have determined. The Executive is under a mandate to give to Congress, from time to time, "information concerning the state of the Union," this being a world-wide generality and meaning whatever, in this or any other land, may interest or concern the United States. It is to be presumed (especially in remembering the means of communication in 1787) that the framers supposed the Executive might always have information not possessed or readily obtainable by members of Congress; so they required information from him, and bade him also "recommend" measures which seemed to him expedient. He can insist that any measure which he disapproves shall have a two-thirds' vote; further, he is without power, and must "execute" the laws, though he may deeply disapprove them.

Therefore, when it becomes well understood, as has doubtless been the fact many times in the country's history, that the President is firmly opposed to some measure, or even that he will send it back if it comes to him, there is no wrong done to propriety; on the other hand, his suspected or known feeling in advance does not operate, on any ground other than that of party expediency, to require a halt in Congress in respect to the disapproved measure. It is for Congress to follow its own convictions of right and expediency, and leave the President to follow his.

And yet, while this is a sound statement of the respective positions of the directing and the executive departments under our scheme, there is something different and peculiar in the present situation. These two bills are not mere normal or routine bills for moving on old and established lines; they are abnormal, and attempt to set up a distinct policy outside of regular Government. That policy, we must admit, is not without precedents; but those precedents are unhappy parts of an emergency period when the first necessity was to extinguish the conflagration and take up all else afterwards. The attempt now is to commit the country to a continuance and even an enlargement of that emergency plea and to monstrous action which was then, rightly or not, deemed not open to either argument or hesitation. In a not very remote sense, this resembles entering upon a new outbreak of war while the world is crying for peace.

While the President might be called, under the constitutional allotment of powers, "the arm" of Congress, he has become something more; the "Administration" stands, before the popular view, as a sort of distinct entity and as the object of criticism when things do not please; the President is held responsible, in considerable measure, for the doings of Congress as well, and this has become more the habit in the abnormal concentration of the last eight years. Therefore Mr. Harding has a right to be heard before any specific policy is sprung upon him and the country. Moreover, he was overwhelmingly elected upon the policy of returning Government to normal governmental duties—a policy as distinct as that of the tariff or of slavery extension in some campaigns now long past. That some in Congress do not perceive this is possible, but it is more likely that they choose to persist notwithstanding they see.

As already said, it is morally wrong and positively unfair to try to deprive the new President of his right of hearing, and the attempt is made because his position is clearly known. It is now reported that Senator Calder will try to jam the coal bill through under "cloture," lest it fail in the final rush.

Suppose, for argument, that the merits of these twin schemes are open to debate, they can afford to wait a little. If the good in them is more than the bad, or if the people want them, wisely or unwisely, there is no emergency which cannot endure a month or two more. Those who are pushing the bills, or either of them, condemn themselves by their furious haste, which proves intrinsic badness as in case of "riders"; the "rider" cannot stand by itself, and the bad measure is always the one most in a hurry. There is something petty, ignoble, and almost cowardly in attempts to keep the new Administration from being heard and the new Congress from passing on a course for which both will be held responsible.

It would be well for the substantial business men of the country to interpose and demand a halt.

**VALIDITY OF N. Y. SOLDIER BONUS BONDS
SHOULD BE PASSED ON IN ADVANCE
OF SALE.**

Introduction in the New York Legislature of a bill to create the "distributing" commission provided for in the soldiers' bonus law was of course inevitable, and such a bill was presented, on Jan. 17, by a woman Assembly member of this city; the

"sex" of this measure has no significance except as possibly recalling the sentimental feeling for the soldier which helped swell the affirmative vote in November. Busy with other weighty and perplexing matters, Gov. Miller has not yet referred to the bonus; one Albany press correspondent, however, has reported that "the State is almost ready" to proceed with the bond issue, but might be halted because a prominent attorney of Jamestown has filed with the Attorney-General a protest against the legality of the issue. That officer has since replied that while the objector may be right, he feels bound to give the measure the benefit of the doubt and that he will not attack it himself, but will feel under obligation to defend it if attacked in the courts. This is a correct official position, yet there is no substance whatever in his added remark that the ordinary presumption of constitutionality gains double strength because the bill was heavily ratified at the polls.

The article of the constitution relating to the incurring of debt begins by providing that "the credit of the State shall not in any manner be given or loaned to or in aid of any individual, association or corporation." To raise funds for giving to individuals by the sale of the State's bonds is to give or loan the State credit in aid of individuals, or there is no meaning in language; no pettifoggery or hair-splitting can make this otherwise. The bonus bill says that something shall be done which the constitution says shall not be; to deny this or to try to go around it is mere stultification. The constitution must be either respected or disregarded.

The Albany correspondent added that "representatives of the Comptroller's office have conferred with bankers and received assurance that the financial interests stand ready to take the bonds; the fact that the issue was approved by the people in a referendum is sufficient guaranty that the bond issue will be sustained, the bankers have stated." This means that if the bonds are offered and are taken by the public and then the question of their validity is subsequently raised the high courts of the State will silently feel that obligations once in the hands of innocent holders must be protected for public reasons, and therefore will find some excuse for holding them not under the ban of the constitution. This is all mere opinion, and ascribed to persons not named. It would be premature to conjecture what the Court of Appeals would do, in the emergency situation suggested; but it would be clearly better for the comfort of that tribunal, and better for the comfort and welfare of every citizen, to have this question of validity passed upon in advance of any bond issue and not afterwards. In respect to validity investors require that securities shall be, as was required of Caesar's wife, "above suspicion." Nor can this issue be put out on its chances in market, unchristened and unwarranted, for the Comptroller must get par for the bonds; for his own peace, he may well move slowly.

The intrinsic merits of the bonus were somewhat discussed and considered in October and are aliunde to their constitutional validity. Yet borrowing to give away is more generous than thrifty or safe. Some weeks ago we were told that Gov. Miller was "deluged with indorsements" of his economy and retrenchment program and was particularly pleased thereby. Those indorsements are still coming, and such head-lines as "legislature to rush bills for

economy" appeared directly after his first message and before the placeholders had begun to realize the menace. But what sense is there in even mentioning economy and retrenchment, unless borrowing to give away is estopped before it begins? Leave unuttered all the pleasant talk of retrenchment and of tax reduction, unless there is enough practical firmness to take a stand and hold it.

The step reported from Jamestown is well and timely, and should be sustained by others as well as by protests in more concrete form if necessary. And is it not in order for financial and business men to be heard from, in terms which will need no interpreting?

ALFRED T. WHITE.

Perhaps Alfred T. White of Brooklyn, who was accidentally drowned on last Saturday afternoon while skating, would not be included among merchant princes or captains of industry, in the sense in which those words are applied to Andrew Carnegie, or A. T. Stewart, or Marshall Field, or F. W. Woolworth. In magnitude of business dealings he was not notable by comparison, and it is not likely that he was known far and wide. Probable he was in the millionaire class, though not eminent by that scale of judging; yet he was a merchant on at least an important scale; he was a "prince" in the sense which suggests nobility of mind and conduct as a part of nobility, and he was a captain of industry in wisely helping industrial workers.

In the latter was Mr. White's most distinctive claim for honorable memory. Perhaps because he was trained as engineer, he saw with especial clearness that the best help is not in giving outright, but in helping people to help themselves. Nearly fifty years ago, he began studying the housing problem, and about 1876 he built what is believed to have been the first successful tenement in the country. The Riverside buildings at State and Furman Streets in Brooklyn are a visible monument to him, and his effort was successful by proving—what he had convinced himself was quite attainable—that housing at once ample, comfortable, safe, sanitary and even pleasant could be erected and maintained, and without extortionate rents could be made to pay a reasonable rate on the investment. This was practical philanthropy, of the kind which believes (and proves) that really good business transactions benefit all concerned. The older inhabitants remember the evolution of the murderous New York tenement, beginning with buildings in rear yards, proceeding to the "dumb-bell" type, and culminating in such horrors as clustered around the "Five Points" and the dark stables where unhappy cows were made to yield deadly milk from distillery swills. If there is an abode of evil spirits they must have gloated over the greed that built and kept and the public neglect that permitted those nests of fever and tuberculosis and wasted young children's lives in almost uncounted numbers. The worst of that era is past; the "Five Points" and the "Bend" are gone; progress has been made, in public opinion at least, although the twin curses of rising mortality and lowering morality are threatening our cities now (and nowhere more so than here in the metropolis) from the congestion and the packing now proceeding, whereby Nature's demand for good air and light is denied. Nature persists, and when denied she exacts her revenges.

Mr. White built more than one improved tenement; he was on the Tenement Commission several years, and in every way he impressed the duty of personal service. We speak of him as "of Brooklyn," for he was a resident of the old "Heights" section and that borough knew him best. He organized and long headed its chief charitable association on a basis of helpful help, and he was member and director of a number of welfare enterprises. Every good work appealed to him, and he responded liberally with money and with his own counsel. There was no good cause anywhere which did not find him an earnest friend and a liberal contributor. Losing him is a public loss; but much of the good he did will stand indefinitely, and his example is added to that of the long line of men who have regarded wealth and influence as in trust for mankind.

OUR FOREIGN TRADE IN 1920.

Contrary to expectations entertained from time to time during the early part of the year, the foreign trade of the United States for 1920 on both export and import sides of the account, established new high annual records, and in the latter case by a phenomenally large amount. In counting upon a contraction rather than a further expansion in the totals, it was believed that there would be not only a decrease in the quantitative movement of commodities, through slackened demand, but a more or less noticeable deflation in prices. The former supposition was verified, at least in the outflow, but conclusions as to deflation proved sadly astray. In fact, instead of falling, the general trend of prices continued upward during the first half of the year, carrying the level of value well above the already very high plane of 1919, the advances being little less than remarkable in a number of instances—cotton, coal, cotton manufactures, hops, spirits turpentine, sugar and timber, among the exports, and cotton and manufactures, hides and skins, silk, sugar and wood and its products in the import schedules.

As regards the exports, analysis of the data at hand proves conclusively that the quantitative outflow in 1920 was less than in 1919, and that upon the same price bases the latest totals of value would show a decrease of several hundred million dollars. On the other hand, like analysis of the import figures, while it does not account in full for the increase in 1920, does very materially reduce the gain over 1919. Thus is clearly demonstrated the importance of price as a factor in our foreign trade. At the opening of the year—in January—the value of the merchandise exported was noticeably ahead of that for the corresponding period of 1919, or any earlier year, and the same was true of February and March, the total in the latter month standing second to, although much below, the enormous aggregate of the preceding June. In April there was a considerable drop from that of March, and furthermore, the outward movement, as represented by value, was moderately under the period in 1919, an outcome explainable by the difficulties attendant upon the handling of goods in this port due to the various strikes. May showed a very large gain in the value of the outflow, but June a marked drop, and consequently a very poor comparison with the extraordinary record aggregate of 928 million dollars in 1919. Later monthly totals were with two exceptions in excess of the previous year and the sum of the exports for the twelve months of 1920, at approxi-

mately 8,229 million dollars, is 309 millions greater than for 1919.

The special feature of the year, however, was the tremendous gain in the imports. Every month down to and including August furnished a total very much above the high records of the previous year—the gains very often exceeding 200 million dollars a month—and the year's aggregate at 5,279 million dollars, ran ahead by 1,375 millions. Here, then, there is a total of foreign trade (exports and imports combined), as represented by value, of over 13½ billion dollars, or over 15⅘ billions more than in 1919, nearly 4 1/3 billions greater than in 1918, and 9¼ billions in excess of the heaviest pre-war aggregate—that of 1913.

Passing to consideration of the influence of prices as a factor in the swelling of export values, we find that from the level of December 1919 there was a more or less important advance in almost all commodities embraced in our outward trade in 1920, with the peak reached at varying times between March and September. Then came a quite general decline in prices, but leaving the average for the year in most cases higher than in 1919. Significant illustrations are to be found in cotton, tobacco, boots and shoes, spirits turpentine, illuminating oil, and some classes of wood products which, though shipped less freely, covered greater value than in the preceding year, due to the appreciably higher prices. As a matter of fact, it would appear that much of the augmentation in the value of exports in 1920, as compared with 1919, is accounted for by the advanced prices for these few articles. Specifically the average export price of cotton in the late year was 35.7c. per lb. against 33.8c. in 1919; wheat, per bu., \$2.73 against \$2.41. And for the eleven months the prices of other articles were, per lb.: Leaf tobacco, 53c. against 33.3c.; rice, 10.2c. against 9c.; cotton yarn, 84.8c. against 69.6c.; prunes, 15.6c. against 14.5c.; raisins, 17.4c. against 11.4c.; hops, 70.7c. against 41.1c.; sole leather, 53.3c. against 44.3c.; calf uppers, 77.2c. against 63.3c.; kid uppers, 65.5c. against 54.7c.; newsprint paper, 6.5c. against 4.5c.; sugar, 10.2c. against 7.8c.; barley, \$1.53 against \$1.43; rye, \$2.14 against \$1.88; cement, per bbl., \$3.28 against \$3.05; coal, anthracite, per ton, \$9.35 against \$8.21; bituminous, \$8.88 against \$4.66; cotton cloth, per yard, 29c. against 22.2c.; men's boots and shoes, per pair, \$5.10 against \$4.22; women's, \$4.03 against \$3.07; illuminating oil, 15.3c. per gallon against 12.1c.; fuel oil, 6.5c. against 5.3c.; lubricating oil, 38.1c. against 31c.; gasoline, 26.3c. against 23.7c.; pine wood, \$58.33 per M feet against \$40.24; fir, \$39.50 against \$31.84, and spirits turpentine, \$1.61 per gallon against 94.7c. These are the results it should be noted notwithstanding the general decline in prices towards the close of 1920. As against this formidable list of articles showing higher average export prices, as officially reported by the Department of Commerce, and which could be considerably extended, were it deemed essential to do so, the only important commodities exhibiting lower average are embraced in the provisions schedules and some of the items of iron and steel manufactures.

The items specifically mentioned above made up in 1920 approximately 33% of the exports from the United States and should, therefore, furnish a fair basis from which to judge the general outcome. Consequently, in order to obtain some idea of the extent to which higher prices were effective in enhancing

the aggregate value of the outflow in the late year, we have applied to their quantitative totals for the eleven months ended Nov. 30 (December figures will not be available for some weeks yet) the 1919 averages and reach a combined value of \$2,148,673,327, instead of the \$2,724,821,712 officially reported. In other words, fully 576 million dollars, or 26.8%, of the aggregate value of this 33% of the total exports for the eleven months was due to appreciation in prices. It is thus clearly shown that the combined quantitative shipments of these articles was moderately less, instead of greater than in 1919, as comparison is with a value of \$2,167,803,363 in that year. Going still further, and assuming that 25% can be adopted as a fairly true measure of the inflation in prices in 1920 over 1919 in the entire merchandise outflow in the twelve months, it would appear that the latest year's total would be reduced from \$8,228,400,499 to about \$6,582,000,000. Contrasting this with \$7,920,425,990, the actually reported export value for 1919, we have for 1920 a decline of 1,338 millions, instead of a gain of 308 millions. Moreover, the same basis of comparison would reduce very materially the gain in 1920 over years prior to 1919 and particularly the periods antedating the European war. Much of the expansion in prices in recent years is to be ascribed, of course, to the greatly increased cost of production, whether in the field or factory, but it is just as evident that margins of profit have noticeably widened.

It should also be noted that with the urgent need of large supplies of various commodities very measurably relieved in 1919, there was a noticeable decrease in the aggregate outflow of goods to Europe in the late year. Our exports to the United Kingdom, in fact, fell from a value of 2,279 million dollars in 1919 to about 1,810 millions in 1920; the French aggregate dropped from 893 millions to 690 millions; the Italian from 442 millions to 365 millions, the Belgian from 378 millions to 275 millions, and there were smaller but mentionable declines in totals relating to Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Switzerland. On the other hand, and partly offsetting the contraction noted above, shipments to Germany and the countries formerly a part of Austria-Hungary (Austria, Poland, etc.), as well as Spain and Turkey, exhibit more or less important increases. Collectively, however, and as intimated above, the result for Europe as a whole is a decline of 700 million dollars, or 13.3%, a percentage that would be increased noticeably were allowance to be made for the higher prices secured for most of the articles shipped.

To other destinations expansion was quite the rule, and especially to Canada and Cuba, the aggregate of exports to the former having risen from 734 millions to 970 millions, and the latter from 278 millions to 520 millions. The other West Indies total, moreover, rose from 55 millions to 125 millions; British East Indies, from 81 millions to 100 millions; Japan, from 366 millions to 375 millions; China, from 105 millions to 145 millions, and Asia, as a whole, from 703 millions to 760 millions.

To Oceania, too, the outflow increased appreciably, the aggregate for the British possessions rising from 124 millions to 165 millions, and for the Philippines from 70 millions to 101 millions. Much the same is true of South America, the aggregate exports to which reached 610 millions against 442 millions in 1919, with Argentina and Brazil exhibiting

the greatest measure of gain, and Bolivia and Chile the only countries that failed to increase their takings from us. Finally, important gains are also to be noted in the movement to Mexico and Central America. In all the augmentation in the merchandise exports from the United States in 1920 over 1919 was 308 million dollars. It is gratifying to note that to the countries to which we now look for steady extension of our outward trade (South and Central America, the West Indies, Asia and Oceania) the gain is no less than 650 million dollars, an increase sufficiently large to leave a good margin after allowing for difference in prices. This is the really encouraging feature of our foreign export trade of 1920.

As regards the details of the commodities sent out, breadstuffs exports covered an appreciably greater value in 1920 than in 1919—159 million dollars—quantitative decreases in flour, barley and oats having been much more than offset by increased exports of wheat at decidedly higher prices. Cotton exports were much less in quantity, but the higher prices obtained during most of the year were effective in very appreciable swelling value. Specifically, the 6,159,132 bales sent out in 1920 represented a value of no less than \$1,136,408,916, whereas the 6,557,187 bales shipped in 1919 brought \$1,137,371,252. Therefore, although quantity decreased 6%, value of no less than \$1,136,408,916, whereas the shipments were heavier than in 1919, and with prices higher, the increase in values was in greater ratio. Notable expansion in the value of shipments is observable in cattle, automobiles and tires, coal, copper, chemicals, cotton manufactures, fertilizers, furs, hops, tobacco and manufactures, wood and manufactures, paraffin and distilled spirits.

A notable feature of the year was a contraction of 616 million dollars in the total export value of meat and dairy products and this was acribable in greatest measure to the decided decrease in the quantitative outflow, although lower prices were somewhat of a factor. It is perhaps well to explain that this decided falling off in the shipments of provisions furnishes quite conclusive evidence of lessened needs of Europe for these commodities and consequent quite important progress toward a normal situation there. Some other articles also show declines of mentionable proportions, and among them, cocoa, fish, fruits, leather and manufactures, lead, oil cake, paper vegetables and vegetable oils.

Considering the year's exports by groups of commodities, we find that the expansion of outstanding proportions was in crude materials for use in manufacturing and in manufactures ready for consumption. In the first group the most conspicuous growth was, as in 1919 and 1918, in cotton and tobacco and in the second in cotton manufactures and iron, steel and rubber products. Foodstuffs in crude condition and food animals also made a satisfactory gain, due mainly to the augmented outflow of wheat and rye. On the other hand, a decided decrease in foodstuffs, wholly or partly manufactured, reflects the great change in conditions abroad. That the value of the exports of manufactures for further use in manufacturing was only a little greater than in 1919, and well below 1918 or 1917, is evidence tending in the same direction. In some sections, in fact, and in Belgium in particular, so much progress has been made in getting back to normal that demand, as in pre-war times, is mainly for crude materials.

The merchandise imports, as we have already stated, set a new high record in 1920 by a phenomenally large amount, an outcome due largely to the decided increase in the influx of merchandise from Europe, and particularly from the United Kingdom, France, Holland, Belgium and Germany. The imports from Cuba also were prodigious—nearly double those of 1919—with sugar the principal item contributing to the result. Our takings of commodities from Canada, likewise, showed an important gain, in which wheat was the leading factor. Increases in the value of imports from Brazil and Colombia follow the greater shipments of coffee hitherward and a like outcome as regards Mexico, Argentina, Chile and Peru finds explanation in the freer shipments of copper and wool to this country. One item, raw silk, is largely accountable for the gain in the value of our imports from Japan and China, although other commodities of oriental origin, such as hat materials and silk manufactures, were no mean contributors. The large increase in the Egyptian total merely indicates that its cotton shipments to us increased and our enlarged receipts from the British East Indies and the Straits Settlements reflect heavier forwarding of India rubber and tin respectively. With fibres more in demand here, the Philippine Islands have benefited noticeably. Decreased forwardings of coffee, hides and wool account for a drop in the Venezuelan and Uruguayan totals, as do the smaller shipments of wool explain the contraction in the imports from British Africa.

The various main groups into which the imports are segregated all furnish increases for 1920, but most noticeably so in foodstuffs wholly or partly manufactured and in manufactures either ready for consumption or for further use in manufacture. Passing any extended analysis of the articles involved, we note as among those showing the greatest relative augmentation, coffee, cotton and manufactures, rubber, paper, silk and manufactures, sugar, tobacco, seeds, fur and fur skins, gums, nitrate of soda, fertilizers, fibers and manufactures, fruits and nuts, mineral oils, tin, wood and manufactures and wool manufactures. Losses of importance, on the other hand, are confined to a very few articles, such as cattle, diamonds, etc., and wool. The total of merchandise imports for the year 1920 were \$5,279,398,211, exceeding by the large amount of 1,375 million dollars the already very high mark set in 1919, and contrasting with \$3,031,212,710 in 1918 and \$2,952,467,955 in 1917.

With both the exports and imports exceeding any similar totals in our history the aggregate foreign trade of the United States for the year reached the simply marvelous amount of 13,508 million dollars. This compares with 11,825 million dollars in 1919 and 9,180 millions in 1918. Before the outbreak of the war in Europe an annual gain of 100 or 200 million dollars in our aggregate international trade was considered a healthy development, more particularly if, as was usually the case, the export totals continued to expand. But, comparing 1919 and 1918, an increase of over 2 billion dollars is shown, and this is followed by a further increase of 1,683 billions in 1920 over 1919.

The excess of exports of merchandise (values) over imports in 1920 while extremely heavy was less than in 1919, owing to the much greater gain in imports during the year. The favorable balance, however,

was \$2,949,316,537, comparing with \$4,016,061,058 a year earlier, \$3,117,874,835 in 1918, \$324,348,049 in 1914, a little under 650 millions in 1900, and 35 millions in 1890.

To show the changes from year to year in a number of the leading staples of export and the relation those principal items bear to the full outward movement of merchandise, we append a compilation covering the last six years:

EXPORTS OF LEADING PRODUCTS FOR SIX CALENDAR YEARS.

Exports.	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.	1915.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cotton	1136408916	1137371252	674,122,790	575,303,782	545,228,684	417,013,008
Breadstuffs	1079085838	920,301,977	801,497,716	631,988,510	471,918,100	527,882,389
Prov., &c.	544,074,050	1160643133	941,218,524	437,449,572	315,568,172	279,660,232
Cot's'd oil	34,874,790	40,890,268	23,184,329	17,303,256	19,390,435	25,233,350
Petrol., &c.	549,348,840	343,673,432	344,265,500	252,977,476	201,721,291	142,972,322
Total	3343792434	3602880062	2784288859	1915022596	1553826682	1392761301
All other articles	4884967314	4317545928	3364798686	4318490001	3928814419	2161909546
Total	8228759748	7920425990	6149087545	6233512597	5482641101	3554679847

The year 1920 furnished a sharp contrast with the twelve-month period preceding it in the movement of gold. Exports exceeded imports during the first few months, but beginning with May the current was reversed, and thereafter, with the exception of July and August, there was a steady gain, and as a rule, of large amount, month by month, with the inflow from Great Britain and France in repayment of the Anglo-French loan the feature. The result for the full year was an import balance of \$106,612,298, against an export balance of \$291,610,499 in 1919, and a net inward flow of \$20,972,930 in 1918. In detail, the imports of gold for the twelve months were \$428,703,506, of which the greater part, or 275 million dollars, was from Great Britain direct and 34 millions from Canada for the account of the mother country. Arrivals from France were 48¾ millions and from the remainder of Continental Europe 7 millions. The Far East sent us 38½ millions, of which 30 millions was from Hong Kong, 3 millions from the Dutch East Indies and 5½ millions from Oceania, &c. From Mexico there came 4⅞ millions, the West Indies 1½ millions, Central America 4 millions, and South America 14½ millions. In 1919 the inward movement was only \$76,534,046, in 1918 a little over 62 millions, but in 1917 no less than \$552,454,374. The gross shipments of gold for the year were only \$322,091,208, against \$368,144,545 a year earlier. The efflux was made up of 101¼ millions to Japan, 28¼ millions to China, 14¼ millions to the East Indies, 6⅝ millions to the Straits Settlements, 31½ millions to Hong Kong, 18 millions to Mexico, 108 1-3 millions to South America, of which 90 millions to Argentina and 13 millions to Uruguay, 5½ millions to Canada and 8½ millions to all other countries. Explanation for the outflow to Japan, China, India, South America, &c., is quickly found in the state of the trade balance with those countries. To illuminate this point we subjoin without further remarks the following compilation:

Merchandise.	Imports from—		Exports to—		Import Balances—	
	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.
Japan	414,654,623	409,853,213	377,961,896	366,364,403	36,692,727	43,488,810
China	192,705,982	154,684,974	145,736,732	105,539,583	46,969,250	49,145,391
Br.E.Indl's	400,000,000	322,147,773	121,000,000	81,514,358	279,000,000	240,633,415
All Asia	1283800699	1041444129	771,954,431	701,164,787	511,846,268	340,279,342
Argentina	207,776,868	199,158,401	213,725,984	155,899,390	*5,949,076	43,259,011
All S. A.	761,053,871	687,525,388	623,910,163	441,747,728	137,143,708	245,777,660

* Excess of exports.

Contrariwise, the trade results for Europe, as presented below, though showing (with the exception of Germany) smaller balances in our favor than was the case in 1919, furnish all needed explanation for the weakness of the exchange rates on all the leading countries.

Merchandise.	Imports from—		Exports to—		Export Balances—	
	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.
Unit.King.	513,840,804	309,189,265	1825029,947	2278557,524	1311183,143	1969308,259
France	165,654,703	123,819,225	676,193,257	893,359,999	510,538,554	769,540,771
Holland	95,226,976	75,506,503	248,451,507	255,098,740	151,224,621	179,592,237
Italy	75,357,579	59,060,065	371,767,274	442,676,842	296,409,695	353,616,777
Belgium	47,443,156	7,700,100	282,479,776	377,883,308	235,036,620	370,183,208
Germany	88,836,280	10,608,141	311,437,377	92,761,314	222,601,097	82,153,173
All Europe	1227842145	750,528,359	4466655197	5187666363	3238813052	4437137974

The imports of silver in 1920, although somewhat under those for 1919, exceeded any earlier year in our history, much the greater part of the supply, as in all recent years, coming from Mexico—in fact some 53 millions out of an aggregate from all countries of \$88,060,041. The outflow was considerably less than in 1919, with much over half of the total going to China and Hong Kong. To India, the chief absorber of the white metal in 1919, the efflux was merely nominal in the late year. The net exports for the twelve months were \$25,556,183, against \$149,611,033 in 1919. Bringing together the various balances, we have the appended summary for a series of years:

YEARLY TRADE BALANCE.

Excess of—	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.	1915.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Misc. exp.	2949361537	4016061058	3117874835	3281044642	3091005766	1776074152
Silver exp.	25,556,183	149,611,033	181,470,765	30,790,399	38,331,748	19,114,930
Total	2974917720	4165672091	3299345600	3311835041	3129337514	1795189082
Gold imp.	106,612,298	*291651202	20,972,930	180,570,490	530,197,307	420,528,672
Net export	2868305422	4457323293	3278372670	3131264551	2599140207	1374660410

* Net exports.

With all the items included, the net export balance for 1920, it will be observed, reached \$2,868,305,422, against the record total of \$4,457,323,293 in 1919 and \$3,278,372,670 in 1918.

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 31.

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 bills offered are dated February 4.

OFFERING BY NATIONAL CITY CO. OF \$15,000,000 DANISH MUNICIPAL LOAN.

An offering was made on Jan. 31 by the National City Company of New York of \$15,000,000 Danish Consolidated Municipal Loan, 25-year, 8%, sinking fund external gold bonds. The bonds, which were offered at 98 and interest, to yield about 8.29% to maturity, met with a ready response, the subscription books being closed on the day of the offering. Prior to this week's offering, cablegrams from Copenhagen on Jan. 22 to the daily papers had reported the acceptance by Danish provincial municipalities of a loan by the National City Company amounting to \$15,000,000. The issue offered by the company is to be in two series, viz.:

Series "A" \$7,000,000, principal amount, will be the joint and several obligations of twenty-seven Danish municipalities embracing nearly all the chief municipalities in Denmark outside of Copenhagen and the adjoining municipality, Frederiksberg.

Series "B" \$8,000,000 principal amount, will be the joint and several obligations of Copenhagen (the capital of Denmark) and the adjoining municipality of Frederiksberg.

The bonds, it is stated, are unconditionally guaranteed by the Kingdom of Denmark as to principal, interest and sinking fund by endorsement on each bond. The bonds are dated Feb. 1 1921 and will be due Feb. 1 1946. Interest is payable Feb. 1 and Aug. 1. The bonds are in coupon form, in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, and are registerable as to principal only. Principal, premium and interest is payable in New York City, in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, at the National City Bank of New York, without deduction for any Danish

taxes, present or future, and are payable as well in time of war as in time of peace, irrespective of the nationality of the holder. The circular of the National City Company announcing the offering also said:

As a sinking fund for the retirement of the bonds, the contract for the loan provides for the payment of \$100,000 annually during the first five years, and \$650,000 annually during the remaining twenty years, except that the last sinking fund payment shall be sufficient to retire at maturity all of the bonds then outstanding at 107½%. Sinking fund payments shall be applied by The National City Bank of New York, as Fiscal Agent of the loan, to the purchase of bonds in the open market, if obtainable at not exceeding 107½%, but if on Nov. 15 1925, or on May 15 or Nov. 15 in any subsequent year, any sinking fund moneys remain not so applied, the same shall be applied, so far as practicable, on the next succeeding interest date, to the redemption of bonds by lot at 107½% on sixty days' published notice. On Feb. 1 1931, and on any interest date thereafter, the bonds may be called for redemption, in whole or in part, at the option of the municipalities, at the said redemption price and on like notice. No bonds can be called prior to Feb. 1 1926.

The population of the above twenty-nine municipalities comprises about 80% of the aggregate urban population of Denmark and about one-third of the total population of the Kingdom. The City of Copenhagen has a population of about 569,000, and with its extensive Free Port, is one of the most important trade centres of northern Continental Europe.

It also gives the following information regarding Denmark:

Credit.

The Danish Government, the guarantor of these bonds, is one of the oldest and one of the most democratic in Europe. Its credit ranks very high even in comparison with the largest and most important nations of the world. During the twenty years preceding the war Denmark borrowed abroad at from 3% to 4%. Five issues listed on the Paris Bourse sold from 1904 to 1913 at annual average prices to yield 3.59%, and two issues listed in London sold at annual average prices from 1906 to 1913 to yield 3.65%. The average yield of three Government issues listed in Copenhagen was 6.28%, Dec. 30 1920. As far as records show, Denmark has never defaulted on a Government loan.

Wealth and Debt.

The wealth of Denmark, including both public and private property, was officially estimated at \$2,680,000,000 in 1913, or more than nine times the present national debt. The restoration of the larger part of the Province of Schleswig, a rich farming and dairying district, and the advance in values during the last six years, have greatly increased both the wealth and the taxable resources of the country. The total debt Dec. 31 1920 was \$285,827,000, a per capita debt of \$90, based on the present population of 3,200,000, one of the lowest per capita debts of European nations. As an offset, the Government owns property valued at \$309,139,000. The debt has been incurred largely for the construction of revenue-producing properties, such as railways, telegraphs and telephones, and harbors. Of the total railway mileage in the country, the Government owns over 48%.

Revenues and Expenditures.

In normal times ordinary revenues of the Government, derived principally from taxes, customs receipts and State-owned properties, regularly exceeded ordinary expenditures. During certain years since the outbreak of the war, deficits occurred in the ordinary budget because of the decrease in customs receipts and the increase in governmental expenditures necessitated by rising prices. However, a surplus was reported in 1918, and the surplus for the fiscal year ended March 31 1920 was \$16,438,000. The total debt service, including interest and amortization, was 11.26% of total Government revenues for the fiscal year ended March 31 1914, averaged 12.92% for the seven-year period ended March 31 1920 and was only 7.93% for the year ended March 31 1920, an unusually low ratio of debt service to revenues.

It was announced on Feb. 2 that the National City Bank of New York had been appointed fiscal agent for the \$15,000,000 Danish loan. Delivery of the bonds in temporary form is expected about Feb. 14.

MANAGERS' RECEIPTS ISSUED IN EXCHANGE FOR TEMPORARY ZURICH BONDS.

It was announced on Jan. 31 that managers' receipts for the City of Zurich 8% 25-year external bonds are being exchanged for temporary bonds of this issue at the office of Hallgarten & Co., 5 Nassau St., New York City.

SIGNING OF CUBAN FINANCIAL MEASURES— DECREE TERMINATING MORATORIUM.

The signing on Jan. 28 by President Menocal of the new Cuban finance measure providing for a sliding scale of liquidation of banking and commercial obligations covered by the moratorium was announced in press cablegrams from Havana received under that date. Regarding the new legislation, a copyright cablegram to the New York "Times" from Havana Jan. 31 said:

The moratorium which became effective last October by Presidential decree ended to-night, and to-morrow Cuba enters upon the legislative program for solving the financial difficulties with a sliding scale of payment.

Late to-day President Menocal, after issuing an explanatory statement about the new legislation, summoned to the palace the leading bankers, the directors of the newspapers and the foreign correspondents. This followed a prolonged conference with Major General Crowder, attended also by Dr. Desverine, Secretary of State, and Senator Torriente, author of the legislation effective to-morrow. Later the President conferred with Dr. Zayas and General Crowder received the American Minister.

The new moratorium law, effective to-morrow morning, provides for gradual payments of obligations starting with 15%. Mercantile establishments have 105 days, if they request it, to liquidate obligations, and banking institutions 135 days, if they also ask for it. However, any concern availing itself of the privileges of this law and then failing to meet a single one of the payments upon the specified dates will fall forfeit to the application of the law. Suits would follow.

The second law, effective to-day, and regarded by Americans as of the greatest importance, provides the machinery for the liquidation of such banks or commercial houses as may become obliged to suspend payment and

also for their reorganization in every way. This law has been founded upon the fundamentals of the law governing Federal receiverships in the United States.

President Menocal's statement to the Cuban people follows:

"It is important to the truth of events and to the dignity and respectability of the National Congress and of the Government to make known, in just homage to the strict propriety and undenied cordiality of Major-General Enoch H. Crowder, special envoy of the President of the United States, that the statements circulated with notorious partiality by the enemies of public repose and by those who have thoughtlessly repeated them are without any foundation.

"The laws passed by the Congress, with the greatest zeal and purest patriotism and now sanctioned by me, to solve the financial crisis and to assure the efficient enforcement of the electoral code, have been the result of the initiative and free deliberation of the collective bodies profoundly impressed by the exigencies of a situation each day becoming more difficult in both aspects, with the noble and properly given advice of General Crowder, not alone in his character of representative and from the point of view of the interests of his Government, but as an old and proved friend of Cuba and co-author of said code and of various of our most important political laws.

"It is my duty to do plain justice to the delicacy, tact and high respect for our sovereignty and institutions of which he is continually giving proof, and to the worth of his frank and circumspect collaboration in the legislative labors of which it has been considered opportune to take advantage.

"(Signed) M. G. MENOCAI.

"Presidential Palace, Jan. 31 1921. "

"Jan. 31 1921."

From "Financial America" of Feb. 3 we take the following:

The new plan which now goes into effect, as amended and accepted by the Cuban Senate and House provides for the gradual liquidation of obligations incurred since Oct. 10, the beginning of the moratorium, or falling due during the 105 days of the new law, on the basis of 15% in 15 days, 25% in 40 days, 25% in 60 days, and 35% in 105 days, or before May 15. All liabilities for sugar cane, molasses and the contracts of farmers who supply the mills with sugar cane are not subject to this regulation and must be fulfilled according to the original contract.

Bank deposits since the moratorium have, of course, not been subject to the moratorium provisions, but those made before Oct. 10 are to be payable on the basis of 15% in 15 days, 15% in 45 days, 20% in 75 days, 25% in 105 days and 25% in 135 days, or by June 14. All banks intending to take advantage of this provision must notify the Government, and their transactions are to be placed under the supervision of a commissioner appointed by Congress. Debtors of banks must pay part of their obligations in cash but they may use certified checks of banks with whom they have deposits for liquidating part of their obligations.

Claims on mortgages, hypothecations and simple deeds cannot be pressed before June 10 provided it can be proven that inability to pay is due to the circumstances of the moratorium. This does not apply to accrued interest, which must be paid in full.

An extension has been granted the Banco Nacional of 60 days, at the end of which time Government deposits are payable. The Banco Nacional of Cuba is the legal depository of all Government funds, and has so far taken advantage of the moratorium provisions.

DEPOSITS MADE SINCE OCTOBER 10 EXEMPT FROM CUBAN MORATORIUM.

Consul-General Hurst, in a cablegram from Havana, received at Washington Jan. 26, stated that bank deposits which have been made since Oct. 10 1920 are generally considered by the Cuban public to be exempt from the moratorium, and that prospective depositors have been assured of that fact by the banks. He added:

However, a Presidential decree might be passed to subject such deposits to a moratorium or bank directors might pass a resolution to hold the depositors. No judicial decision has been handed down on this question, although bankers feel that the Supreme Court would hold that the decree of Oct. 10 applied only to obligations already existing on that date.

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA MEETING COTTON EXPORT CREDIT AT MATURITY.

Albert Breton, Vice-President of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, on Feb. 1 issued the following statement:

Inasmuch as unwarranted rumors were recently published in European papers and cabled here to the effect that the cotton spinners of Czecho-Slovakia were expected to default on the Jan. 31 maturity of the cotton export credit arranged by a syndicate of American banks, it is only fair to state that this maturity, amounting to \$2,000,000, was met promptly on its due date.

GERMAN BANKER COMING TO UNITED STATES.

Special radio advices to the "Journal of Commerce" from Frankfurt-Am-Main on Feb. 1 state that "Paul von Schwabach, well known banker and a partner in the banking house of S. Bleichroder, of Berlin, has started for New York. His trip is made in connection with business purposes."

MONEY BANNED IN PETROGRAD AND LABOR BECOMES CURRENCY.

The New York "Herald" of Jan. 23 published the following copyright cablegram from Paris Jan. 19:

Travelers arriving in Paris who left Petrograd a week ago declare that the former Russian capital is now without money; gold and silver as well as bank notes having been officially discarded since the new year began. Instead of money hours of work actually performed is taken as the basis for all economic negotiations among the population. Every one carries around a small notebook, wherein especially appointed commissioners stamp the amount of work done.

If the worker wants a meal in a restaurant or a pair of boots he merely visits one of the Government stores and has so many hours checked off his list. As a result every one must work or stop eating, while foreigners

are forced to make special arrangements with the Soviets, as long prison terms face any merchant who tries to lay up material riches.

CAMPAIGN FOR SALE OF STOCK OF FOREIGN TRADE FINANCING CORPORATION.

The country-wide campaign for the sale of the \$100,000,000 capital stock of the Foreign Trade Financing Corporation was brought under way on Jan. 31. The new corporation, charter of which was approved by the Federal Reserve Board on Jan. 28, and the Presidency of which has been tendered to W. P. G. Harding, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, is the first big step backed by the business men, bankers and producers of the country to extend long-term credits to foreign buyers of American goods, with a view to terminating the threatened paralysis of our international trade. The funds available for the extension of such credits will be derived from the sale of debentures to the investing public. The corporation will be permitted under the law to issue such debentures to the amount of \$1,000,000,000. The Federal Reserve Board made known the approval of the articles of association of the new corporation in the following statement issued on Jan. 28:

On Friday, January 28 1921 the Federal Reserve Board approved the articles of association and organization certificate of the Foreign Trade Financing Corporation, a corporation organized under the provisions of Section 25 (a) of the Federal Reserve Act, commonly known as the "Edge Act." The capital of this corporation is \$100,000,000 and its home office is in New York City, New York. It is incorporated for the purpose of engaging in the business of international or foreign banking or other international or foreign financial operations. Pending the issue of a final permit to commence business the corporation has authority to exercise only those powers which are incidental and preliminary to its organization.

As we have on several occasions noted in these columns, the corporation is being formed in accordance with the resolution adopted at a conference held at Chicago on Dec. 10 and 11 and attended by some 500 representatives of the banking, commercial, agricultural and producing interests of every section of the country. John McHugh, Vice-President of the Mechanics' & Metals National Bank of this city, is Chairman of the Committee on Organization of the corporation; the full membership of the Committee on Organization was printed in our issue of Jan. 22, page 318. The prospectus giving the definite plans of the Committee on Organization has been sent to the 30,000 banks in the country, and has been distributed this week to thousands of manufacturers and producers. It outlines in detail the organization purposes and the methods of operation of the new corporation. In issuing the call for stock the Committee on Organization said:

"The men, who for two years have devoted their time and energies to the study and development of this plan, the associations and individuals that united with them at the Chicago Conference, and the Committee on Organization, which has been charged by that Conference with the launching of the plan, have devoted their best effort to the task for no other reason than that they are profoundly convinced that they are rendering a national service. They feel that the creation of an organization as here proposed will furnish a machinery of vast importance for the protection and further development of American commerce and trade, and for safeguarding the position of the United States as a world power in commerce and finance."

Subscriptions for the stock of the corporation will be received at the rate of \$105 a share. There will be no promotion underwriting commissions, nor will any commission be for the sale of stock. A payment of \$25 on each share of stock subscribed for will be called in accordance with the provisions of the Edge Act when the corporation is ready to commence business. In regard to the functions of the corporation, the prospectus states:

"An Edge Act corporation may, under the law, extend long and short-term credits, invest in securities, purchase bills of exchange, engage in foreign banking, and in every lawful way aid in financing foreign trade. It may likewise, with the approval of the Federal Reserve Board, issue and sell to the investing public its own notes and debentures to an aggregate amount of ten times its paid-up capital and surplus. It may not engage in the general business of buying or selling goods or commodities in the United States, nor engage in domestic banking, except such as in the judgment of the Federal Reserve Board may be incidental to its international or foreign business.

"The Edge Act corporation will furnish a much-needed machinery for financing our long-term foreign trade. In investing its own funds, the corporation will be free to purchase acceptances and short-term paper, domestic or foreign. But it will be the policy of the management of the corporation not to enter the field as traders in foreign exchange in competition with the foreign departments of our commercial banks, nor in any way to supplant them. On the contrary, the aim will be to supplement and aid them in financing foreign trade.

"The activities of the corporation are not to be confined to loans or investments in any single country or continent, but may be universal in so far as the board of directors shall feel assured of the stability and integrity of purpose of the Governments of the countries wherein the accommodations are granted. The corporation will seek to keep its loans and investments highly diversified, among many countries, and in a large variety of enterprises."

The board of directors of the corporation will consist of not less than thirty-six nor more than sixty members and will be representative of all sections of the country, as repre-

ented by the twelve Federal Reserve districts. The various interests of the country as represented by agriculture, commerce, manufacturing and banking will have places on the board.

In regard to the debenture-issuing power of the corporation, which will be its chief means of securing funds to advance trade, the prospectus states:

"It is planned to distribute the debentures of the corporation among investors of all classes throughout the United States and elsewhere, if deemed desirable. The issues will be designed to promote thrift and to appeal to small as well as large investors, so as to enable all our people to share in the benefit of a nation-wide institution for furthering our foreign trade.

"The selling and distributing ability of the banks and institutions which become stockholders of the corporation will be utilized, on a basis of adequate remuneration, in the sale of the debentures. In like manner agricultural, industrial and commercial interests which invest in the stock of the corporation may be availed of to promote the sale of its debentures.

"While the object of the organization of the corporation is to satisfy a pressing need in our commercial and financial equipment and to serve the interests of the country as a whole, it will be a private institution, whose first duty must be to preserve the safety of the investment of its stockholders and return a fair profit on that investment. Its ultimate and larger success will be measured by the character of the service which it renders in maintaining and further building up our foreign trade.

"Debenture-issuing corporations, or investment trusts, have operated successfully abroad, and have yielded satisfactory returns to their stockholders.

"The operations of the corporation will be safeguarded by

"First, the provisions of the Edge Act, which form an amendment to the Federal Reserve Act and provide for supervision by the Federal Board as provided by the Act;

"Second, its ability, owing to its large capital and resources, to maintain an efficient and thorough organization for investigation of the foreign securities which it purchases or upon which it makes loans;

"Third, its nationally distributed ownership and thoroughly representative control which will assure a policy in accord with the interests of the nation as a whole, and not subject to undue influence by any one section or interest of the country."

For the purpose of obtaining information on the foreign securities which the corporation proposes to buy or accept as collateral, and for the general transaction of its business, the corporation will probably, according to the prospectus, establish agencies in foreign countries. The corporation is expected to establish branches in different parts of the United States. In regard to the need which has led to the formation of this corporation, the committee states:

"The proposal to organize the corporation arises out of the existing needs of agriculture, industry, commerce and trade for greater facilities for financing the purchase of our goods by foreign customers. Many foreign buyers, even the strongest, suffering from the effects of an exhausting war, are unable to pay for adequate quantities of our goods on other than long-time credit. They, accordingly, find it impossible to buy American goods in the volume they need, and as a result, the surplus output of our farms, mills, factories and mines, is backing up in our home markets, placing a tremendous burden upon our financial and commercial structure. This seriously hampers our domestic as well as our foreign business.

"The fundamental causes of the difficulties which we are experiencing at this time are not to be found in America, but mainly in Europe. The world is not suffering from over-production, but from under-consumption on the part of many nations, which, at present, are unable to arrange sufficient long-time foreign credits to meet their requirements. It is this condition that is creating the present deadlock. And this deadlock cannot be effectively broken unless credit in these foreign lands is restored and unless we create the machinery by which we may acquire, or make advances against, foreign assets and obligations which our banks and investors are not organized to absorb directly. Our domestic and foreign trade will continue to suffer unless we create an instrument which, by facilitating foreign trade recovery, will assist our debtor countries in their effort to settle their balances with us."

RETURN OF AMERICAN DOLLAR SECURITIES BY BRITISH TREASURY.

Additional lists of American dollar securities which are to be returned by the British Treasury have been issued. The following list of securities to be returned in April was published in the London Stock Exchange "Weekly Official Intelligence" of Jan. 10:

Plan of Securities to the Treasury (Scheme B).

The National Debt Commissioners gave notice in the "London Gazette" of Dec. 31 1920 that the Treasury have decided to exercise the option, under Clause 3 of Scheme B, of returning the under-mentioned securities on the dates mentioned, from which dates the additional allowance will cease:

April 1 1921.	Am. Beet. Sugar Co. 6% Non-Cum. Pref.	April 10 1921.	Reading 2nd Pref. 4% Non-Cumulative.
Amer. Car & Foundry 7% Non-Cum. Pref.	American Can 7% Cumul. Preference.	Shawinigan Water & Power Common.	
American Tobacco Co. 6% Cumul. Pref.	Central Leather Co. 7% Cumul. Pref.	April 15 1921.	Amer. Agric. Chem. Co. 6% Cum. Pref.
Eastman Kodak Co. 6% Cumul. Pref.	Illinois Traction Co. 6% Cumul. Pref.	Bell Telephone Co. of Canada Common.	General Electric Co. Common.
Mackay Companies Common.	Mackay Companies 4% Cumul. Pref.	International Harvester Co. Common.	Minn., St. P. & S. S. Marie Ry. Common.
Manhattan Ry. Co. 7% Guar. cap. stock.	Montana Power Co. 7% Cumul. Pref.	Minn., St. Paul & S. S. Marie Ry. 7% Non-Cumulative Pref.	National Biscuit Co. Common.
Montgomery War Co. Inc. 7% Cum. Pref.	Pierce Oil Corp. 8% Cum. Conv. Pref.	United Fruit Co. Common.	United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Co. Common
Southern Ry. Mobile & Ohio 4% Stock Trust Certificates.	Twin City Rapid Transit Co. Common.	United States Smelting, Refining and Mining Co. 7% Cumul. Pref.	Vir. Car. Chem. Co. 8% Cumul. Pref.
Twin City Rapid Transit Co. 7% Cumul. Preference.	Union Pacific RR. 4% Non-Cum. Pref.	Western Union Telegraph Co. Cap. Stock.	
April 5 1921.	Joliet & Chicago RR. 7% Guar. Stock.	April 20 1921.	Cuban Telephone Co. 6% Cumul. Pref.
United Shoe Machinery Corp. Common.	United Shoe Mach. Corp. 6% Cum. Pref.	Cleve., Cinn., Chic. & St. L. Ry 5% Pref.	
April 6 1921.	Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Pref.	April 30 1921.	Ingersoll Rand Co. Common.
			Ingersoll Rand Co. Preference.
			U. S. Rubber Co. 1st 8% Preference.

The Treasury Register in each case will close one calendar month before the date specified, and no further transfers can then be accepted.

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April 1 1921
 Am. Smelt & Ref. 1st 5s, 1947, Ser. "A"
 Argentine 4% bonds, 1898, Law 3655
 Argentine 4% bonds, 1899, Law 3378
 Atch. Top. & S. Fe. Gen. M. 4s, 1995
 Baltimore & Ohio RR. 1st 4s, 1948
 Beech Creek RR. 1st Mtge 4s, 1936
 B. R. T. Tr. Co. 3-yr. 7% notes, 1921, Certificates of Deposit
 Can. So. Ry. Cons. Guar. 5s, 1962, Ser. A.
 Cent. of Ga. Ry., Macon & Nor. Div. 1st Mtge. 5s, 1946
 Chatt. Home & So. RR. 1st M. 5s, 1947
 C. B. & Q. RR., Ill. Div. 1st 3 3/8s, 1949
 Chic. City & Conn. Rys. Coll. Trust 5% Sinking Fund, 1927.
 C. R. I. & P. Ry. Ref. Mtge 4s, 1934
 Cuba Co. 6% Debentures, 1955
 Cuban Telephone Co. 1st Conv. 5s, 1921
 Des Moines & Fort Dodge 1st 4s, 1935
 E. Penn. Rys. 5% 1st M., 1936, etf. dep.
 Erie RR. 50-Year Conv. 4% Coupon Bonds, 1953, Series "A" and "B."
 Fort St. Union Depot Co. 1st 4 1/2s, 1941
 Gulf Terminal Co. Mobile 1st 4s, 1957
 Havana (City of) 1st 6s, 1939
 Ill. Cent. RR. 1st Gold 4s, 1951, Sterling
 Ill. Cent. RR. Coll. Trust 4s, 1952
 Ill. Cent. RR., Louisv. Div. & Term. 1st 3 3/8s, 1953
 Illinois North. Util. 1st & Ref. 5s, 1957
 Interborough-Metropolitan Co. Collateral Trust 4 1/8s, 1956, certifs. of deposit.
 I. M. C. 6% 1st M. & Coll. Tr. S. F. 1941
 K. C. Ft. Scott & Stearns Ry. Ref. 4s, 1936
 K. C. & Mem. Ry. & Bdr. 1st 5s, 1929
 L. E. & Western RR. 2d Mtge. 5s, 1941
 Long Island RR. 5% 1st Cons. Mtge. 1931
 Long Isl. RR. (No. Shore) 1st Cons. 5s, '32
 Macon Dublin & Savannah RR. 1st Mtge. 5% Gold Bonds, 1947
 Manhattan Ry. Consol. Mtge. 4s, 1990.
 Mich. Cent. RR. Gold Deb. 4s, 1929
 Minnesota & Ont. Pow. Co. 1st Serial 6s

Miss. Riv. Pow. Co. 1st M. S. F. 5s, 1951
 Montreal L., H. & P. Co., Leaside Div., Sinking Fund 5s, 1937
 Mtge. Bond Co. of N. Y. 10-60 yr. 4s (Series 2), 1967
 Mtge. Bond Co. of N. Y. M 5s (Series 3), 1932.
 New Amst'm Gas & Light Co. Cons. M 5s '48.
 New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co. 1st 4s, 1932.
 New Or. Term. Co. 1st A. 4s, 1953, Ser. A.
 N. Y. & Westch. Lt. Co. Gen. M 4s, 2004.
 N. Y. Cen. & Hud. Riv. RR. 4 1/2s Boston & Albany Equip. Tr. Certificates.
 N. Y., Chicago & St. L. RR. 1st M 4s '37.
 N. Y. N. H. & H. Conv. Deb. 3 3/8s, 1956.
 N. Y. & Putnam RR. 1st Cons. 4s, 1993.
 N. Y. Susq. & West. RR. 1st Ref. 5s, '37.
 Norfolk & West. Ry. 1st Cons. 4s, 1996.
 No. West. Teleg. Co. 1st M. 4 1/2s, 1934.
 Pa. Co. 15-25-yr. g. etfs. 4s, Coll. Tr. 1931.
 Philadelphia & Reading RR. M 5s 1923
 Phil. & Read. RR. Imperial M 4s, 1947
 Pltts. Cln. Chic. & St. L. cons 4 1/2s A & B 1940-42.
 P. S. Corp. of N. J. Gen. Sk. Fd M 5s, 1959
 Rio Grande Western RR. 1st Cons. M 4s, 1949, Sub-series A
 St. L. & S. F. 6s Cum. Adj. M. '55, Ser. A
 St. L. & S. F. 4s, Prior Lien, 19 9, Ser. A
 St. L. & S. F. 5s, Prior Lien, 19 9, Ser. B
 St. Louis Bridge Co. 1st M. 4s, 1929
 Seaboard Air Line Ry. 1st 4s, 1950
 Sou. Pac. Co. S. F. Term. 1st 4s, 1950
 Sou. Ry. 4s Dev. & C. & M. 4s, 1939
 Term. Rlt. Assn. of St. L. (M. 4s) 1939
 Third Ave. Ry. 5s Adj. e. C. 4s, 1960
 United Utilities 6s 1st 4s, 1943
 Wabash RR., Des Moines Div. 1st 4s, 1939
 Western Maryland RR. 1st M 4s, 1952
 West. Un. Teleg. Co. Col. 4s, 1938
 W. Va. & Pittsburg RR. 4s, 1990
 Wisconsin Cent. 4s 1st & 2d, 1959
 April 15 1921
 Va. Caro. Chem. Co. s. f. C. Ry. Co. 5s, '24

The National Debt Commissioners gave notice in the London "Gazette" of Dec. 31 1920 that the Treasury have decided to exercise the option, under Clause 3 of Scheme B, of returning a part of the Dominion of Canada 4% Registered Stock, 1940-60, as on April 1 1921, from which date the additional allowance will cease.

The stock to be returned is that represented by Treasury Certificates bearing numbers 87,228 and under, and notice will be sent to each individual concerned.

The same paper on Jan. 17 contained the following list to be returned in May:

Loan of Securities to the Treasury.

The National Debt Office announces that the Treasury is making arrangements subject to unforeseen circumstances, for the return of the following securities to holders in May, 1921. The three months' notice required by the Deposit Scheme will be issued at the proper time, and it will then, in view of the arrangements for packing, shipment, and reception here, no longer be possible to accept instructions for release of these securities in New York.

BONDS.

May 1.
 A. T. & S. Fe Ry. Adj. M. 4s, 1995.
 Atl. & N. W. Ry. Guar. 1st 5s, 1937.
 Atl. Coast L., L. & N. 4s Coll. Tr., 1952.
 B. & O. RR., Pitts. L. E. & W. Va. System Ref. 4s, 1941.
 Bell Telep. of Canada 5% debs., 1925.
 Beth. Steel Corp. 1st Ext. M. s. f. 5s, '26.
 Bklyn. Queen's Co. & Sub. RR. 1st Cons. M. 5s, 1941. Cifs. of deposit.
 Calif. Gas & El. Corp. Unfiled & Ref. M. 5s, 1937.
 Can. Pac. Ry. (Algoma Branch) 1st 5s, 1937.
 Cedar Rapids Mfg. Pow. Co. 1st s. f. 5s, '53
 Cent. of Ga. Ry. Consol. 5s, 1945.
 Central RR. & Bkg. Co. of Ga. Coll. Trust 5s, 1937.
 C. & O. Ry. 1st Consol. 5s, 1939.
 C. & N. W. Ry. 5% Slnk. Fd. Debs., '33.
 C. & N. W. Ry. Gen. M. 3 3/8s, 1987.
 C. & N. W. Ry. Gen. 4s, 1987.
 Chic. Copper Co. Coll. Tr. Conv. 7s, '23.
 Cine. Ind. St. L. & Ch. Ry. Gen. 1st 4s, 1936.
 Col. & Sou. Ry. Ref. & Ext. 4 1/2s, 1935.
 Cuba RR. Co. 5s, 1960.
 Del. & Hud. Co. 1st & Ref. 4s, 1943.
 Detroit Term. & Tunnel RR. 1st 4 1/2s, '61
 Dom. of Canada 3% Bearer Stock Cifs., 1938.
 Dominion Coal Co. 1st S. F. 5s, 1940.
 Dominion Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., 1st 5s, 1929.
 Duluth Street Ry. 1st 5s, 1930.
 East Tenn. Va. & Ga. Ry. Cons. Mtge. 5s, 1956.
 Galv. Elec. Co. 1st 5s, 1940.
 Galv. Har. & San Ant. Ry. Mexlean and Pacifie Extension 1st 5s, 1931.
 Gla Valley Globe & Nor. RR. 1st 5s, '24.
 Ill. Cent. RR. Coll. Tr. 4% Gold Bonds, 1953.
 Ill. Cent. RR. Ref. 4s, 1955.
 Indiana Natural Gas & Oil Co. Ref. M. 5s, 1936.
 Indiana Steel Co. 1st 5s, 1952.
 Internat. & Gt. Nor. RR. 1st 7s, 1922.
 L. S. & M. S. Ry. 4% Debs., 1931.
 Lehigh Valley RR. Gen. Cons. 4s, 2003.
 Quebec (Town of Longue Pointe) 4 1/2s, 1950.
 L. & N. RR. 1st & Coll. Tr. 5s, 1931.
 Lou. & Nash. RR., Atlanta Knoxv. & Cin. Div. M. 4s, 1955.
 Michigan United Rys. 1st Ref. M. 5s, '36.
 Minn. & St. L. RR. 1st Cons. M. 5s, '34.
 Montreal (City of) 4s, 1925.
 Montreal Light, Heat & Power Co. 1st M. & Collateral Trust 4 1/2s, 1932.
 N. Y. Central RR. 6% New Convertible Debentures, 1935.
 N. Y. Central & Hudson River RR. 4% 30-Year Debentures, 1934.
 N. Y. Chic. & St. L. RR. 4% Debs., 1931.

New York (City of) Corp. stock 2 1/2s, '29.
 New York (City of) Corp. stock 3 1/2s, '28.
 New York (City of) Corp. stock 3 1/2s, '54.
 New York (City of) Corp. stock 4s, 1958.
 New York (City of) Corp. stock 4s, 1959.
 New York (City of) Corp. stock 4 1/2s, '57.
 New York (City of) Corp. stock 4s, 1957.
 N. Y. N. H. & Hartford RR. 4% Non-Convertible Debentures, 1956.
 N. Y. State Rys. 4 1/2% 1st Consol. Mtge., 1962, Series "A."
 N. Y. Susq. & Western RR. Terminal Mtge. 5s, 1943.
 N. Y. Telephone Co. 1st & Gen. Sinking Fund 4 1/2s, 1939.
 N. Y. Telephone Co. 1st & Gen. Sinking Fund 4 1/2s, 1939 (sterling).
 Norfolk & Western Ry. General (now First Mtge.) 6s, 1931.
 Northern Pacifie RR. Gen. Lien & Land Grant Mtge. 5s, 2003.
 Penna. Rlt. 4% Cons. M. 20th bonds, '43.
 Penna. RR. 4% Consol. Mtge., 1948.
 Penna. RR. 4% Cons. M., '48 (sterling).
 Peoria & Pekin Union Ry. First 6s, 1921.
 Phila. Balt. & Wash. RR. 1st Consol. Mtge. 4s, 1943.
 Philadelphia Co. 5% Conv. gold debs., '22
 Pittsb. Cin. Chicago & St. Louis Ry. Consol. Mtge. 4 1/2s, 1942, Series "C."
 Portland Ry. 5% 1st & Refunding Mtge. Sinking Fund, 1930.
 Protestant Board of School Commissioners of the City of Montreal Debentures 4s, 1939.
 Providence Securities Co. 4% Guar. Debentures, 1957.
 Public Service Corp. of N. J. 6% Perpetual Interest Bearing Certificates.
 Province of Quebec (Town of Notre Dame de Graces) 4 1/2s, 1949.
 Quebec Central Ry. Co. 3d M. 5s, 1963.
 Seloto Valley & New England RR. 1st Mortgage 4s, 1989.
 St. Louis S. W. RR. 1st M. etfs. 4s, 1939.
 Salt Lake City Union Depot & RR. 5% First Mortgage, 1938.
 So. Caro. & Ga. RR. 1st Ext. 5 1/2s, 1929.
 Tennessee Power Co. 1st M. 5s, 1962.
 Toledo Terminal RR. 1st M. 4 1/2s, 1957.
 Toronto (City of) General Consolidated 4 1/2% Debentures, 1948.
 U. S. Steel Corp. 5% Sinking Fund Collateral Trust 2d Mtge., 1963.
 Vandalla RR. Cons. M. 4s, '57, ser. "B."
 Virginia Midland Ry. Gen. M. 5s, 1936.
 Virginian Ry. Co. 1st M. 5s, '62, ser. "A"
 Wabash RR. 1st Mtge. 5s, 1939.
 Western Union Telegraph Co. Fund & Real Estate 4 1/2s, 1950.
 Wheeling Electric Co. 1st M. 5s, 1941.
 Winnobeg Electric Ry. 5% First Refunding Mtge. gold bonds, 1935.
 Wisconsin Central Ry., Superior & Dul. Div., and Term. 1st M. 4s, 1936.

SHARES.

It is also expected that the following shares will be returned to holders on the dates mentioned in May, viz.

May 1.	May 15
Burns Bros. 7% Preference	Montreal Light Heat & Power Common
Central RR. of New Jersey Common	Montreal Light, Heat & Power Consol
Cities Service Co. Common	Pacifie Gas & Elec. Co. 1st Mtge. 6% Pref
Dominion Coal Co. Preferred	Pullman Co. Common
Dominion Steel Corp., Ltd., Preferred	May 19
New York Central RR. Common	Norfolk & Western Ry. Adjust. Pref.
Pacifie Coast Co. 5% 1st Non-Cum. Pref	May 27
Philadelphia Co. 6% Cum. Pref.	Anaconda Copper Mining Co. Common
Steel Co. of Can. 7% Cum. Pref.	May 30
May 12.	Pressed Steel Car Co. Pref.
Reading Co. Common.	May 31
	National Biscuit Co. 7% Cumul. Pref.
	Quaker Oats Co. 6% Cumul. Pref.

Our last reference to the return of American dollar securities appeared in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 18, page 2372.

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.		
	Dec 31 1920.	Nov. 30 1920.	June 30 1914.
Gold and subsidiary coin—	\$	\$	\$
In Canada.....	62,581,989	63,983,436	28,948,841
Elsewhere.....	20,105,561	22,737,583	17,160,111
Total.....	82,687,553	86,721,019	46,108,952
Dominion notes.....	177,489,280	190,640,878	92,114,482
Depos. with Minister of Finance for security of note circulation.....	6,301,983	6,293,933	6,667,568
Deposit of central gold reserves.....	113,352,533	114,902,533	3,050,000
Due from banks.....	316,570,037	298,710,123	123,608,936
Loans and discounts.....	1,554,859,608	603,709,761	925,681,966
Bonds, securities, &c.....	358,156,935	1,973,006	102,344,120
Call and short loans in Canada.....	114,703,246	471,340	67,401,484
Call and short loans elsewhere than in Canada.....	211,442,652	21,119,191	137,120,167
Other assets.....	121,415,504	124,110,410	71,209,738
Total.....	3,056,979,431	3,116,897,97	1,575,307,413

	LIABILITIES.		
	\$	\$	\$
Capital authorized.....	197,075,000	197,075,000	192,866,666
Capital subscribed.....	128,742,093	128,719,600	115,434,666
Capital paid up.....	128,066,769	127,913,611	114,811,775
Reserve fund.....	133,048,505	132,782,190	113,368,898
Circulation.....	228,758,578	234,339,923	99,138,029
Government deposits.....	137,988,860	154,726,806	44,453,738
Demand deposits.....	1,014,267,751	1,038,535,018	495,067,832
Time deposits.....	1,293,007,488	1,292,609,008	663,650,230
Due to banks.....	46,689,045	52,702,787	32,426,404
Bills payable.....	10,414,778	9,786,509	20,096,365
Other liabilities.....	47,181,962	53,468,668	12,656,085

Total, not including capital or reserve fund..... 2,778,308,682 2,855 8,720 1,330
 Note.—Owing to the omission of the cents in the official report footings in the above do not exactly agree with the original give.

APPOINTMENTS TO WAR FINANCE CORPORATION.

President Wilson on Jan. 31 sent to the Senate the nominations of Walter W. Warwick of Ohio and E. A. Hayes, as directors of the War Finance Corporation to fill vacancies. Mr. Warwick is Comptroller of the Treasury and Mr. Hayes was a former Republican member of the House of Representatives.

APPROVAL OF LOAN OF \$10,000,000 BY WAR FINANCE CORPORATION—APPLICATIONS ALREADY MADE.

The Managing Director of the War Finance Corporation announced the approval on Feb. 2 by the Directors of the War Finance Corporation of a preliminary application of a group of American banks for an advance of not exceeding \$10,000,000 for a period of one year, for the purpose of financing the exportation of condensed milk and other mill products to England and to other European points. The raw materials are produced principally in the Eastern and middle Western States. It is reported that announcement of a bond issue will soon be made by the corporation. With regard to inquiries and applications thus far made to the Corporation since the passage by Congress of the resolution for the revival of the Corporation, a press statement issued by the Corporation on Feb. 1 says:

- Since the passage of the joint resolution of Congress reviving the War Finance Corporation the Corporation has received inquiries and applications in connection with proposed exportations of domestic products as follows:
- To England: Cotton, lumber, condensed milk and tobacco.
- To France: Cotton, provisions, locomotives, lumber, and general merchandise.
- To Germany: Cotton, cotton waste, logs, flour, grain, and foodstuffs.
- To Bulgaria: Automobiles.
- To Roumania: Foodstuffs, manufactured products, cotton and farm tractors.
- To Italy: Foodstuffs and wheat.
- To Czechoslovakia: Wheat, cotton, flour and grain, acid phosphate, and farm tractors.
- To Jugoslavia: Acid phosphate, flour, cotton and farm tractors.

To Poland: Acid phosphate, flour, cotton, farm tractors, oats and cotton manufactured goods.
 To Agentine: General merchandise and paper.
 To Chile: General merchandise.
 To Australia: General merchandise.
 To China: Tobacco and locomotives.
 To Belgium: Cotton.
 To Finland: Cotton.
 To Brazil: Flour and automobile trucks.
 To Cuba: Grain, railroad equipment, underwear and electric apparatus.
 To Mexico: Planting seed.
 To Porto Rico: General merchandise.
 To Europe: Oil.
 To South America: General merchandise.
 To the Mediterranean countries: Foodstuffs.

The Managing Director states that while many of the inquiries thus far received indicate a lack of knowledge as to the restrictions of the Act under which advances may be made, necessary information is being promptly conveyed to all inquirers. As the Corporation cannot make advances except in transactions involving the actual exportation of domestic products to foreign countries, obviously some time will be required for American exporters to complete their negotiations for the sale of such products before a definite application can be made to the Corporation for aid in financing same.

SENATOR GLASS ON INADVISABILITY OF FUNCTIONING OF WAR FINANCE CORPORATION.

Senator Carter Glass, formerly Secretary of the Treasury, in defense of his action in opposing the bill for the revival of the War Finance Corporation, contends in a letter to a Virginia farmer that "it is a market that the tobacco growers and exporters need, and not credits with which to move the crops." "As far as credits are concerned," says Senator Glass, "there has been a lot of designing and wicked misrepresentation, calculated to foment discontent. The Federal Reserve banks located in the agricultural regions of the United States have, nearly all of them, extended their lines more than 50%, some of them more than 100%, as compared with the same period in 1919." Senator Glass furthermore points out that "there is not a single penny in the treasury of the War Finance Corporation," and that "if it makes any loans it must sell bonds in the open market, thus absorbing credits that farmers might otherwise directly obtain." The letter of Senator Glass, addressed to B. F. Moomaw, connected with the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, was published in part as follows in the Baltimore "Sun" of Jan. 30:

If you or any one of the many farmers and horticulturists in Virginia who are dissatisfied with my attitude with respect to the bill reviving the War Finance Corporation and implying a sharp rebuke of the Federal Reserve Board will be kind enough to indicate to me just how and in what respect any farmer or horticulturist in the United States, unless directly engaged in the export business, will get one dollar from the War Finance Corporation, I shall be greatly obliged. In this connection I am sending you a copy of the provision of the statute defining and determining loans by the War Finance Corporation.

I assume you know there is not a single penny in the treasury of the War Finance Corporation. If it makes any loans it must sell bonds in the open market, thus absorbing credits that farmers might otherwise directly obtain; else the United States Treasury would have to borrow the money in the open market for the Corporation, likewise absorbing funds that farmers might directly obtain. The funds of the Corporation are not to be loaned to farmers for the purpose of holding crops for a higher market or making new crops, but only to tradesmen to sell and ship at prevailing prices; in other words, the avowed purpose of the Act is to stimulate an export trade which for the year just ended was the greatest of all history, exceeding by \$391,000,000 that of the preceding year.

How many farmers or horticulturists in Virginia are engaged in the business of directly exporting their own products? And how many of these are willing to pay the War Finance Corporation at least 1%, and maybe more, above the commercial rate of interest, after furnishing good endorsements and adequate security? It is my considered judgment that there are few farmers in Virginia engaged in export trade, if fortified with "good endorsements and adequate security," who could not borrow money from their own banks at less than the excessive rate which the War Finance Corporation is compelled by law to charge.

The War Finance Corporation announced about ten days ago that it was "open for business." As I have indicated, the Corporation will have no funds which it may loan to a farmer or a horticulturist unless that farmer or horticulturist is engaged in the export business. But the fact is that not a single export house in the United States dealing in farm products has made application for or inquiry about a loan. The only application made, as I am informed, is by a lumber concern, and this concern was not willing to underwrite its own proposed export transaction, nor would it furnish "ample security by endorsement or guaranty." It wanted to use public funds and have the War Finance Corporation assume all the risk of collecting the debt from a customer in bankrupt Europe.

What some farmers need is a market for their products and not merely credit at a high rate of interest. What good will credit on this side the Atlantic do a Virginia tobacco exporter—remember, the mere grower of crops is not permitted to borrow at all under this law—when the warehouses of foreign tobacco monopolies on the other side of the ocean are crowded with tobacco and their agents are not buying except in small quantities and at very low prices? It is a market that the tobacco growers and exporters need, and not credits with which to move the crops. My neighbors and I have several hundred barrels of apples in storage. We have credit at the banks; but no market for our apples.

As far as credits are concerned, there has been a lot of designing and wicked misrepresentation, calculated to foment discontent. The Federal Reserve banks located in the agricultural regions of the United States have, nearly all of them, extended their lines more than 50%, some of them more than 100%, as compared with the same period of 1919.

In the face of these indisputable facts and figures, politicians who tell the farmers that the fall in the prices of farm products is due to inadequate credits for commercial purposes lack either understanding or truthfulness; and I am sure you would not have me join one class or the other by voting for improvised quack remedies or by practicing deception.

RULINGS RELATIVE TO REVENUE STAMPS ON TIME DRAFTS.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York on Jan. 18 issued the following circular (No. 338) regarding the rulings of the Commission of Internal Revenue relative to the use of revenue stamps on time drafts:

To All Banks, Trust Companies and Acceptance Dealers in the Second Federal Reserve District:

In view of the misunderstanding which appears to exist with regard to the rulings of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue at Washington concerning the necessity for affixing revenue stamps to bankers' acceptances drawn in the many kinds of transactions involving the exportation of goods from this country, we quote below for your information pertinent provisions of the Revenue Act of 1918, and also certain articles of Internal Revenue Regulations 55, which bear particularly on the subject in question.

The Revenue Act of 1918, Title XI, provides in Schedule A-6 for a tax as follows:

Drafts or checks (payable otherwise than at sight or on demand) upon their acceptance or delivery within the United States, whichever is prior, * * * and for each renewal of the same, for a sum not exceeding \$100, 2 cents, and for each additional \$100, or fractional part thereof, 2 cents."

The following are pertinent articles of the Regulations 55:

Article 33. *Drafts and checks payable otherwise than at sight or on demand.*—Drafts and checks payable otherwise than at sight or on demand become subject to stamp tax if delivered or accepted within the United States.

Article 41. *Time draft covering exports to foreign country.*—A time draft directly covering exports to a foreign country and which constitutes an inherent, necessary and bona fide part of the actual process of exportation is exempt from stamp tax. This exemption does not depend on whether or not the time which the draft has to run will expire before or after the ocean shipment. *Time drafts drawn against the proceeds of the foregoing draft are subject to stamp tax.*

Article 42. *Time draft to secure purchase money.*—A time draft drawn on a domestic bank for the purpose of securing money to purchase goods to be exported is subject to tax regardless of the fact that a contract for the sale of the goods existed at the time the draft is drawn.

Article 43 (As superseded and amended by T. D. 3100, approved Dec. 11 1920). *Time drafts on domestic banks covering exports.*—A time draft directly covering a sale for export to a foreign buyer and drawn on a domestic bank as the authorized acceptor of the foreign buyer is exempt from stamp tax. A time draft drawn by or on an exporter or on his bank in payment for export shipments made by the manufacturer on the exporter's order is subject to stamp tax.

Article 45. *Time drafts covering shipments to Canal Zone.*—Stamp tax attaches to time drafts covering articles shipped from the United States, Hawaii and Alaska to Canal Zone, if the drafts are delivered within the United States, Hawaii or Alaska.

Article 46. *Time drafts covering shipments to Virgin Islands, Philippines and Porto Rico.*—Stamp tax does not attach to time drafts covering shipments to the Virgin Islands, Philippines and Porto Rico, because of express legislation exempting shipments to these dependencies.

For your information we quote below further rulings in this connection which we have received from the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. With particular reference to Article 41, quoted above, the Commissioner has similarly ruled under date of Sept. 9 1920 that

"a time draft drawn against the proceeds of a sight draft directly covering exports to a foreign country is subject to stamp tax. The exemption extended by Article 41 of Regulations 55 applies only to time drafts directly covering exports to a foreign country and which constitute an inherent, necessary and bona fide part of the actual process of exportation. This exemption does not apply to time drafts drawn against the proceeds of other drafts which are exempted."

We submitted the following question to the Commissioner:

"An American exporter makes a shipment of goods to a buyer in a foreign country. Upon obtaining the ocean bills of lading covering the goods, the American exporter lodges them with a bank in this country with instructions that they be forwarded to its agent abroad to be delivered, against payment or otherwise, to the American exporter's nominee. The exporter does not draw a draft on the foreign buyer. He does, however, obtain a credit from and draws his draft upon the bank in this country, with which he has lodged his bills of lading, for the purpose of financing himself during the period intervening between the time the shipment is made and such time as he receives payment from abroad for the goods sold. This is the only draft which is drawn in connection with the transaction.

"May a draft drawn under these circumstances and for the above mentioned purpose be properly considered as 'directly covering exports to a foreign country and which constitutes an inherent, necessary, bona fide part of the actual process of exportation,' and consequently exempt from stamp tax?"

to which the Commissioner replied under date of Sept. 8 1920:

"Such a draft is merely a domestic means of utilizing domestic credit allowed on account of the collections to be made by the bank, when foreign bills of lading are delivered to it, for payment by the foreign buyer. As a draft under these circumstances cannot be considered as strictly covering exports to a foreign country and does not constitute an inherent, necessary, bona fide part of the actual process of exportation, this office holds that the draft is subject to the stamp tax."

The Commission further ruled under date of Oct. 12 1920 as follows:

"The typical draft which is exempt from tax as a part of the process of exportation is the one attached to the bill of lading and drawn upon the foreign buyer, which may be discounted and negotiated in this country. The exemption from tax has been held to extend to equivalent drafts drawn upon funds or agencies established in this country by foreign Governments or buyers to facilitate exchange.

"This exemption does not extend to drafts which represent processes of domestic financing or to drafts which represent the preliminary or subsequent adjustments or use of accounts or funds involved in exportation, and does not apply to drafts given by the domestic buyer to the domestic seller or drawn on the former as a means of payment for goods purchased to be exported."

We will, of course, be guided by the above mentioned rulings in connection with all acceptances which we may rediscount or purchase.

Very truly yours,

BENJ. STRONG, Governor.

REPORT OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK FOR 1920.

Figures of the year's operations of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, made public on Monday of this week, show gross earnings for the twelve months ending Dec. 31 1920 of \$60,525,322, or approximately 230% on the capital of \$26,372,650. The late year's figures compare with gross earnings of \$35,278,006 for the year ending Dec. 31 1919 and \$25,314,736 for the year 1918. The net earnings in 1920 amounted to \$53,526,067, or over 200% on the capital of \$26,372,650. The net earnings of the previous year were \$29,723,589. The balance carried by the Bank to the credit of profit and loss, after dividend payments, deduc-

tions on depreciation reserve account, &c., was \$51,651,034, of which \$39,318,511 was paid to the United States Government as a franchise tax and \$12,332,523 was transferred to surplus account. The following is the comparative profit and loss account for the past two years in detail.

COMPARATIVE PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Earnings—	Year ended Dec. 31 1920.	Year ended Dec. 31 1919.
Discount earned on bills discounted	\$49,839,182 52	\$29,935,910 97
Discount earned on acceptances	8,323,050 27	3,334,604 82
Interest earned on U. S. securities	1,975,648 96	1,888,497 28
All other earnings.....	387,439 92	118,992 97
Gross earnings.....	\$60,525,321 77	\$35,278,006 04
Expenses—		
Operating expenses including cost of Federal Reserve notes and Federal Reserve bank notes.....	6,999,255 04	5,564,830 50
Net earnings.....	\$53,526,066 73	\$29,713,175 54
Excess of sundry credits to profit and loss over debits.....	31,419 14	10,413 16
Total.....	\$53,557,485 87	\$29,723,588 70
Deduct—		
Reserve for tax on Federal Reserve bank note circulation.. *.....		\$169,514 40
Depreciation reserve account	\$231,464 29	325,741 35
General reserve account..	50,000 00	365,681 70
Appraised value of old buildings, &c., charged off	147,890 94	429,355 23
	\$53,128,130 64	\$27,959,619 53
Deduct dividends paid.....	1,477,096 58	1,291,047 84
Balance to credit of profit and loss..	\$51,651,034 06	\$26,668,571 69
Applied as follows:		
Transferred to surplus account.....	12,332,523 41	23,964,678 06
Paid to U. S. Government as franchise tax.....	39,318,510 65	2,703,893 63
	\$51,651,034 06	\$26,668,571 69

* The tax on Federal Reserve bank note circulation for 1920, amounting to \$207,401 48, has been included in expenses.

The report of the bank, presented to the stockholders under date of Jan. 28, also submits a comparative statement of resources and liabilities for the years ending Dec. 31 1920 and Dec. 31 1919, which, however, we omit as similar comparisons are contained in the returns issued from week to week which we always give in full.

NEW YORK FEDERAL RESERVE BANK GETS NOTICE OF ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBER TO NORTHERN N. J. CLEARING HOUSE.

In a circular addressed to the banking institutions in the focal Federal Reserve District, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York states that it has been notified by the Northern New Jersey Clearing House Association that the Savings Investment & Trust Company of East Orange, N. J. has been admitted to membership in the Association. The announcement of the New York Federal Reserve Bank issued by Governor Strong adds:

Checks drawn on that company, including checks on its South Orange Branch, will be received by us on and after Monday, Jan. 31 1921 for immediate credit in the same manner as checks drawn on certain other New Jersey banking institutions listed in our time schedule supplement effective since May 19 1920, to which some additional names were added with the issuance of our circulars Nos. 286 and 331. It will not be necessary to sor-checks drawn on the South Orange Branch of the Savings Investment and Trust Company as they may be included with the checks drawn on its main office.

Such checks will of course be received and handled under the terms and conditions, as modified, of our general circular entitled "Collection of Checks" dated March 1 1920.

† If received by the Buffalo Branch credit is given one day after such receipt.

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. 28 1921:

District No. 5—	Capital.	Surplus.	Total Resources.
Bank of Washington, Washington, No. Caro..	\$150,000	\$37,500	\$1,365,457
District No. 6—			
The Citizens Bank & Tr. Co., Bainbridge, Ga..	100,000	20,000	693,672
The Bartow Bank, Bartow, Georgia.....	25,000	5,000	270,163
The Bank of Portal, Portal, Georgia.....	25,000	-----	145,199
Citizens Bank, Hohenwald, Tennessee.....	35,000	-----	153,578
District No. 7—			
Lake View State Bank, Lake View, Iowa....	25,000	25,000	396,290
District No. 10—			
The Bank of Van Tassell, Van Tassell, Wyo..	25,000	7,000	107,580

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 Greenfield, Greenfield, Mass.
- The Bath National Bank, Bath, N. Y.
- The First National Bank of Chester, Chester, Penna.
- The First National Bank of Gettysburg, Gettysburg, Penna.
- The National Bank of Alamance, Graham, No. Caro.
- The Farmers & Merchants National Bank, Winchester, Va.
- The First National Bank of Marengo, Marengo, Ill.
- The First National Bank of Ruthven, Ruthven, Iowa
- The First National Bank of Cuba, Cuba, N. Y.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK ON DISCONTINUANCE OF PREFERENTIAL RATE IN CASE OF LOANS ON TREASURY CERTIFICATES.

As indicated in the front part of our paper to-day, in the introduction to the table of discount rates of the Federal Reserve banks, the rediscount rates on bills secured by Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness bearing interest under 6% has been advanced to 6% by the Federal Reserve Banks of Richmond, Chicago, St. Louis and San Francisco. The rates heretofore in force by these banks for paper backed by Treasury certificates had ranged from 5½ to 6%. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York yesterday (Feb. 4) increased from 5½% to 6% its rate for advances against Treasury certificates and in a statement which it issued in the matter said:

The abandonment of the preferential in the rate for advances against Treasury certificates over that which prevails for advances against Liberty bonds and Victory notes, is a reflection of the excellent and increasing demand for these certificates during the past eight months, culminating in the heavy over-subscription for the Jan. 15 issue. At present all outstanding certificates are selling at a premium except the small portion of the March 1 maturities which bear the rate of 4¾%.

Preferential rates for advances by the Federal Reserve banks secured by the various classes of Government securities were originally established to facilitate their purchase and distribution. But the broad open market which has developed for certificates of indebtedness, and their ready absorption by investors, make a special discount rate on loans secured by certificates, as distinguished from other Government securities, no longer necessary. There has been an almost complete distribution of the certificates, which were formerly so largely used as collateral for loans at the Federal Reserve banks. At the end of January there were \$2,351,000,000 certificates outstanding, and of these only 6½%, or \$157,000,000, were held by the twelve Federal Reserve banks as security for loans. The rest were presumably held by investors or non-borrowing banks.

DISCONTINUANCE OF PHILADELPHIA SUB-TREASURY.

The closing of the Sub-Treasury at Philadelphia on Feb. 3 is announced. It had been in existence since 1840. Two hundred and forty-eight tons of gold and silver coin, it is stated, have already been delivered to the United States Mint and \$18,299,621 in paper currency and about \$100,000 in bonds and other securities transferred to the Federal Reserve Bank. The "Federal Reserve Bulletin" for January made public on Jan. 27, in referring to the Sub-Treasuries which had already been discontinued, said:

In each of the Sub-Treasury cities there is either a Federal Reserve bank or a Federal Reserve branch bank, and to these many functions of the respective Sub-Treasuries have been transferred. The following Sub-Treasuries have thus far been discontinued, on the dates named: Boston, Oct. 25 1920; Chicago, Nov. 3 1920; New York, Dec. 6 1920; San Francisco, Dec. 20 1920; New Orleans, Jan. 5 1921; St. Louis, Jan. 8 1921.

Branches of Federal Reserve banks in Minneapolis, Minn., Kansas City, Mo., Buffalo, N. Y., Detroit, Mich., Philadelphia, Pa., Memphis, Tenn., Louisville, Ky., and Little Rock, Ark., have also been authorized to perform Sub-Treasury functions in part, including particularly exchanges of currency or coin. The Sub-Treasury at Baltimore will be discontinued on or about Jan. 15, and those at Cincinnati and Philadelphia shortly thereafter.

SPECIAL SESSION OF SENATE MARCH 4.

On Feb. 3 President Wilson, acting on the request of President-elect Harding, issued a proclamation calling a special session of the Senate to convene March 4 for the purpose, it is said, of confirming the Cabinet appointments of President-elect Harding as well as any other necessary business. The President in his proclamation said:

"Whereas public interests require that the Senate of the United States be convened at 12 o'clock on the fourth day of March next to receive such communications, as may be made by the executive;

"Now therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim and declare that an extraordinary occasion requires the Senate of the United States to convene at the Capitol, in the District of Columbia, on the fourth day of March next at 12 o'clock noon, of which all persons who shall at that time be entitled to act as members of that body are hereby required to take notice."

R. C. LEFFINGWELL ON PROBLEMS OF FUTURE GOVERNMENT FINANCE.

Of more than ordinary import and interest were the remarks addressed by R. C. Leffingwell, former Assistant Treasurer of the United States to the Bond Club of New York on Jan. 28 under the caption, "Some Problems of Future Government Finance." The most important problem of Government finance, barring none, said Mr. Leffingwell, is the international financial problem. This problem, so far as this country is concerned, he observed, involves

closely related matters: (1) The war debts of the Governments of Europe to our Government; and (2) the tariff. The immediate domestic financial problem he finds to be the total gross debt of the Government, which, on Dec. 31 1920, was nearly \$24,000,000,000, and of which nearly one-third matures on or before May 20 1923, or two years hence. In criticising the proposed refunding plan—consolidating the whole public debt into one issue bearing one rate of interest and having one maturity—Mr. Leffingwell declared that, so far from being an advantage, as its advocates claim, it would be a great disadvantage. "If," he said, "the Government should fund the whole debt with one issue of one maturity, it would deprive itself of the advantage of appealing to the man who has funds to invest for thirty days, and the man who has funds to invest for thirty years, and to those who have funds which they wish to invest for any intermediate period." He asserted that "not only is the consolidation of the public debt into one issue, undesirable from the point of view of attracting the money of the investor, but it would be a calamity from the point of view of the Treasury's financial operations." "The maturity of \$24,000,000,000 of bonds at one time is unthinkable," he said, and he added: "The consolidation of even the interest on such an amount so as to make it payable twice a year would involve financial operations of unnecessary magnitude and difficulty." Mr. Leffingwell also had something to say in criticism of the plan suggested for the stabilizing of the dollar at home in order to prevent price fluctuations. As to the experiences resulting from stabilizing measures, he said, "the Treasury itself fell for the proposal to stabilize Liberty Bonds by means of a bond purchase fund, and with what success you know. Government agencies have tried to stabilize prices and wages and rates of transportation on land and sea and failed lamentably. . . . A bond perfectly stable in market price would be nothing but interest-bearing currency. Secretary Chase gave us our fill of interest-bearing currency during the Civil War. If such a bond does not come down in price, commodity prices will go up, so that its true value, as distinguished from its nominal value, will be correspondingly impaired." According to Mr. Leffingwell, the trouble with the world to-day, the trouble in the United States, the trouble with the Treasury, is waste, war waste and waste after fighting stopped. Mr. Leffingwell stated he was not one of those who criticise the extent and character of the expenditures made by this country during the war. Every cent, he acknowledged, was well spent, because it was spent in the effort to win the war. He referred, however, to the fact that after the war was won we did not stop the waste. We continued, he said, to make arms and munitions, probably from fear of unemployment. Our Government continued to build ships at war costs of labor and materials under the pitiful delusion that that was the way to build up a merchant marine. The Treasury, he further said, has received nothing or next to nothing from the proceeds of sale or operation of ships and shipyards, in which billions were invested, the whole proceeds being turned back into new construction. He added:

Under the impression that an increase in railroad rates would increase the cost of living, our Government operated the railroads of the country at a loss until last September. For a period of years the Government has been lending money to the railroads at less than the market rate. That loss and these loans are reflected in our Government enormous floating debt, and in fact contributed directly and indirectly to increase the cost of living. Every consideration of business prudence demanded the prompt establishment and maintenance at all times of rates which would enable the railroads to operate not only without loss but with such a margin of profit as would make it possible for them to obtain new capital or to refund old debt by selling securities to the public. Instead of that we furnished transportation at less than cost and the American people are paying the bill.

We quote in full herewith the address of Mr. Leffingwell:

I.

International Financial Problems.

I have been asked to talk about some future problems of government finance. The most important problem of government finance, bar none, is the international financial problem. The international financial problem, so far as action on the part of this country is concerned, involves two closely related matters, (1) the war debts of the governments of Europe to our Government and, (2) the tariff. The first is a question of foreign affairs which, as a recent officer of our Government, I do not feel free to discuss at this place and this time, though I have very definite views about it. The second involves, unhappily, a controversial political question at home and I do not wish to make a political speech before such a company as this. Nevertheless, I beg you to give your thoughtful consideration to these two closely related questions. It is impossible to over-estimate the gravity of the problem presented to this country by the fact that the international balance of trade and finance were distorted by the war. Europe cannot be rehabilitated until that problem is solved. Our own prosperity, our own ability to pay interest, dividends and overhead charges on the plant and equipment built up to meet export demands, depends upon rehabilitation of Europe, our customer, so that she may continue to buy the goods which sorely needs from us, and may have means to pay for them.

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The Immediate Domestic Financial Problem.

The domestic financial problem is this: The total gross debt of the Government on Dec. 31 1920, was nearly \$24,000,000,000. Of this nearly one-third matures on or before May 20, 1923, or two years from next May. This short dated debt on Dec. 31 1920, was as follows:

Treasury Certificates.....	\$2,592,000,000
War Savings Securities (net cash receipts plus accrued dis- count) about.....	840,000,000
Victory Notes.....	4,225,000,000
Total.....	\$7,657,000,000

The Treasury, with the aid of the Federal Reserve banks, has had remarkable success, in "rolling" Treasury Certificates to carry the floating debt. Of the total Certificates now outstanding about a quarter of a billion dollars are Certificates issued under the Pittman Act and not offered to the public but held by the Federal Reserve banks to secure Federal Reserve bank notes. They should and probably must be retired and refunded by public issues as silver is repurchased under the Pittman Act. Of the remainder of the Treasury Certificates practically all are loan and tax certificates. These are well distributed among investors, including banks which are not borrowers, only \$131,000,000, or less than 6% being held by the Federal Reserve banks. As the Victory Notes approach maturity they will come into direct competition in the market with Treasury Certificates of indebtedness, and therefore during the last year of the life of the Victory Notes, the Treasury must anticipate far greater difficulty in keeping Treasury Certificates afloat.

The bulk of the War Savings Certificates mature on Jan. 1 1923. Current redemptions largely exceed current sales and there is no reason to suppose that in peace times any considerable portion of the maturing War Savings Certificates can be refunded by the issue of other War Savings Certificates. They will, therefore, to the extent that they are not paid out of taxes have to be refunded by the issue of additional Treasury Certificates.

The bulk of the Victory Loan will have to be refunded. Everybody knows that all the Liberty Loans including, of course, the Victory Loan, were sold by the aid of two instruments, (1) the Liberty Loan Organization and (2) an artificial money market. I do not think anyone who had anything to do with the Liberty Loan Organization believes that it will be possible to re-create it in peace times for the purpose of the necessary refunding operations. Without the Liberty Loan Organization the Government's refunding operations must appeal mostly to the few hundred thousand people who are normally investors in bonds (and whose capacity for investment is unhappily greatly restricted by the high rates of surtax) instead of the 20 million who joined the bondholding class from motives of patriotism rather than prudence.

I do not think any one in his senses would wish to recreate in peace times an artificial money market. It would be impossible in peace times to re-create the instruments which the Government of the United States employed during the war to prevent inflation from running riot in lieu of the normal peace time expedient of dear money. In war time we fixed prices and to some extent wages. We had a Capital Issues Committee which restrained the activities of other borrowers. The sub-committee on money rates of the New York Liberty Loan Committee not only maintained an artificial rate for money but rationed credit to the stock market and prevented undue expansion of the Stock Exchange loan account. The export of gold was embargoed, the export of capital and export and import of commodities were controlled. Mr. Hoover restricted our eating; Mr. Garfield restricted our motoring. Mr. Baruch told the business man what to purchase and where, whom to sell it to and what to sell it for. Mr. McAdoo told him whether he could have railroad transportation or not and what to pay for it. Mr. Hurley did the same for shipping. Above all, and perhaps more important than all, the Liberty Loan Organization and War Savings Organization appealed to the American people to save their money and invest it in government securities. It is true the people were asked to borrow and buy, to buy till it hurt; but they were asked also to save and pay. A good many of us felt, in those days when the Germans were advancing on Paris, that every penny spent for personal gratification was picked out of Uncle Sam's pocket. If you are willing to contemplate the possibility of the recreation of these restraints then you may possibly contemplate also the recreation of an artificial money market. An artificially easy money market without such restraints would mean going ahead with the throttle wide open to complete catastrophe.

The Treasury is confronted by a certain loss of revenue from taxes in consequence of the present business depression. It is impossible to estimate the extent of this loss with any degree of accuracy. The shrinkage of incomes and profits as deflation materializes will be permanent and some very considerable loss of revenue from taxes on income and profits will also be permanent. In the first instance, in the actual period of depression, there will be a larger reduction in the loss of revenue because capital loss will be deducted from income under our system and companies which normally show some profit may show an actual loss on account of depreciation of inventory, etc., during the readjustment period.

Furthermore, the productivity of the income tax is being rapidly impaired on the one hand by the unwillingness of Congress to tax adequately the smaller incomes and on the other, by shifting of the investments of rich men subject to the higher rates of surtax into tax exempt securities which are being manufactured in great quantity by states and municipalities. The Secretary of the Treasury, in his annual report for 1920, at page 36 says:

"For the year 1916 net income amounting to \$992,972,985 was included in the returns of taxpayers having net income over \$300,000 a year. This aggregate fell to \$731,372,153 for the year 1917 and to \$392,247,329 for the year 1918. There is little reason to believe that the actual income of the richer taxpayers of the country had fallen in that interval. It is the taxable income which has been reduced and almost certainly through investment by the richer taxpayers in tax-exempt properties."

111.

The Funded or Long Dated Debt.

The Treasury is thus confronted with nearly eight billion dollars of maturities in a little more than two years and a certain loss of revenue from existing taxes. It is idle to pretend that these facts do not constitute a problem of the utmost gravity and requiring for their solution the best thought and promptest action of our statesmen. Unhappily two years of political controversy culminating in a presidential campaign have diverted attention from these exigent problems and the thought of politicians, and, I am sorry to say, also of bankers and financiers, is being given, not to providing for the Government's early maturities and replacing non-productive taxes, but to devising means of reducing taxes and valorizing the funded debt of later maturity.

Of the total gross debt of the Government, over sixteen billion dollars is in the form of Liberty Bonds of various maturities from 1928 to 1947. They are now well distributed among investors, only \$615,000,000, or about 3.8% being held by the Federal Reserve banks notwithstanding the preferential rates still being maintained by some of them for loans on such security. How far the present holders were original subscribers it is impossible to

determine, but it is safe to say that, broadly speaking, the poorer and more ignorant holders have sold their bonds long since and are beyond the reach of any practicable scheme of public charity. The bonds were issued at rates fairly high by comparison with the Government's pre-war borrowings and which will look high again long before the earliest of the bonds mature unless we engage in another war or embark on a policy of outright inflation. There has been an absolutely normal and unprotected market for these bonds since April 1920, when the Treasury discontinued purchases for the Bond Purchase Fund. Compare the low prices established in May and again in December 1920, with the present market quotations, established on the mere expectation of easier money conditions, and you will have some notion of the extent and rapidity of the recovery which will occur in the market prices of Liberty Bonds when the deflation now in progress has been effected and the buying power of the dollar has been measurably restored. Bond prices will inevitably rise when commodity prices have fallen. During the period when deflation is in progress the tendency of bond prices to rise is retarded, however, by the pressure on the market of holdings of business men and companies. They are unable to liquidate inventory and other supposedly current assets, because of the depression and the reduced buying power of the people, and are, therefore, obliged to realize on their reserves of capital of which, of course, Government bonds are the most liquid. On account of the waste of capital during and since the war there will be stupendous demand in this country for investment at home and abroad and I expect to see very high rates paid by foreign States, municipalities and companies for the capital of those who are speculatively inclined. On the other hand, the disintegration of Europe is making it steadily more difficult for her to convert her appetite for our products into an effective demand. Curtailment of Europe's effective buying power may reflect in a more or less protracted period of depression here during which demands of American companies for capital would be relatively small. The fact that America is the only country in the world which maintains an absolutely free gold market, that our institutions are more stable than those of any other country, that we still have vast unexploited resources and are underpopulated so that our labor problem is more sympathetic than it is real, will lead the more conservative of American investors to prefer investment at home. There will consequently be a tendency towards a greater differentiation between the rate of interest on foreign investments and that on domestic investments, particularly United States Government bonds. If and when the American investors present apprehensions of further reckless expenditures by their Government, and of unsound financial and banking policies, is removed, I look for a pretty steady and rapid appreciation in the market price of Liberty Bonds.

It is, however, proposed to refund the Government's war debt. The principal object is to put Liberty Bonds immediately to par. Of course, you know that can not be done. An increase in the interest rate on the longer Liberties would tend to raise the market price of them, but that tendency would not become an actuality unless and except as a preponderance of buyers over sellers was developed. As the market price rose, at each fractional increase in price, additional selling would be encountered, from those who bought their bonds lower down and who wished to realize their profits, or who for other reasons had refrained from selling at the present depreciated prices. The increase in interest rate would not add any real wealth to the saving fund of the Nation. The increased interest rate might attract to the market for Liberties money now on deposit in bank, and to that extent the economic effect would be wholly good. It may be questioned, however, whether any very considerable sums are now deposited in banks to the credit of investors awaiting capital investment, for the Government's Treasury Certificates have long afforded the investor who still hesitates to make a permanent investment, an opportunity to employ his funds temporarily and without risk at rates of interest running from $5\frac{1}{2}$ to 6% with valuable exemptions from taxation added. The buying power for the rise in Liberties in consequence of an increase in the interest rate would, therefore, have to be supplied in large measure by sales of other securities, of bonds and shares of railroads, public utilities and industrials. This selling would tend to depreciate the market prices of miscellaneous securities, increase the interest level and, in turn, depress Liberties in sympathy. Thus we should travel around the circle and find ourselves back about where we started.

Should we have gained anything in the process? I think not. Liberties would be selling a little higher in the market but on approximately the same interest basis as they are selling to-day. Miscellaneous securities would be selling somewhat lower in market value and on a somewhat higher interest basis than to-day. The cost of capital and the general interest level would be raised throughout the country, although it is high enough now in all conscience.

The really needy and ignorant bondholders who, if any, are entitled to the Government's charity would, as we have seen, be excluded from the benefits of this bondholders' bonus. The beneficiaries would be, first, those speculators and capitalists, large and small, who had the sagacity and prudence to buy Liberties at depreciated market prices from those subscribers whose poverty or folly drove them to sell, and, second, these original subscribers whose foresight and means enabled them to hold their bonds. The original subscribers who still own their bonds do not need, and—I am sure I speak for the great bulk of them—do not want, the Government's charity. We bought our bonds to help win the war. We would not have driven a hard bargain with our Government in its need if we could. We scorn to feed now at the public trough. We knew we were making an investment the market value of which was unascertainable on account of abnormal economic and financial conditions. We knew that the future market value of Liberties would be subject to the vicissitudes of war and readjustment. It is true that we did not foresee the extent of the financial burden which would be thrown on the Government by the war nor the extent of the demoralization of financial and economic conditions which would follow the war. Nevertheless, we are on the whole better off for our investment in Government bonds than if we had not made it. Almost any other investment we might have made with the same funds would show us to-day greater depreciation in market value, if not actual loss of principal. We are comfortable in the receipt of an income which, judged by normal standards, is ample, and we are content to set off, against the loss of an opportunity for speculative profit growing out of the war, the certain safety of our principal.

Some of those who advocate a refunding plan propose to issue a bond with an adjustable rate of interest modeled no doubt after the British Government's five-fifteen year Treasury bonds. These bear interest at a minimum rate of 5% per annum, but the rate is increased to 6% if the average rate on Treasury bills exceeds $5\frac{1}{2}$ % and to 7% if the average rate on Treasury bills exceeds $6\frac{1}{2}$ %. As Treasury bills have been on offer throughout the year since April 14 1920, at $6\frac{1}{2}$ %, these bonds bear current interest at the rate of 7%. The bonds mature on May 1 1935, but the holders have a put and the Treasury has a call for the redemption of the bonds at par and interest on and after May 1 1925. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, in announcing the issue of these bonds to the House of Commons, said:

"The House will see that the arrangement in regard to interest is designed to protect the holder of the bond against capital depreciation when rates or short money are high, while at the same time the taxpayer is protected

against the burden of paying a higher rate of interest than 5% over a long period. This arrangement will also, it is hoped, prevent the new issue from causing further capital depreciation upon existing Government issues.

Notwithstanding the very high rate of current interest, the issue is meeting with very limited success.*

You will observe that the British Treasury showed great ingenuity in devising a bond, primarily intended to be sold by continuous sale over the counter as bonds were sold by the British Government so successfully during the war. The condition of success in such an undertaking is to devise a bond which will have a stabilized market price. The object was to find a bond which would sell at or about par during the present period of high interest rates and yet would not be inordinately costly to the Government during the long future when, of course, interest rates will come down. Much may be said for the adoption of this ingenious device by the British Government to meet the exigencies of its own peculiarly difficult problem. At the end of the war Great Britain's floating debt approximated ten billion dollars and all efforts to fund it had been abortive. The adoption of a dear money policy by the British Treasury and the Bank of England in the autumn of 1919 removed the last hope of a successful funding operation on a large scale. In this situation the British Treasury is to be complimented on its ingenuity in devising an expedient which could under those conditions do no considerable harm and, it was hoped, might do some good.

Our own Treasury, however, is in no such straits. The adoption of a dear money policy here was deferred until the floating debt had been reduced to manageable amounts and maturities. There can be no possible excuse for the adoption here of such a bond. It can find its only justification in necessity.

The stabilized bond is unsound in economics and it will not work in practice. Investors now may be divided into two classes. First, those who wish to put their money out for the time being at high rates, with a view to reinvesting it, when they have made up their minds that the propitious moment has come, for as long a period of time and at as high a rate of interest as they can get. Second, those who now are ready to put their money out for a long period of time; they, of course, wish to put it out at the highest possible rate and for the longest possible time. The device of a bond which is neither a bond nor a note appeals to neither. By trying to sit on both stools we fall between them. Now we are getting the money of the first class by the issue of Treasury Certificates, and the money of the second class is going into Liberty Bonds in the expectation of a great enhancement in value. A long time bond, which is intended to protect the investor, against loss but gives him no guaranty against it, and which on the other hand, is carefully devised to make sure that he shall not make a profit, would make a very limited appeal in these days of great opportunity for the man who has funds to invest. Any such issue would be a failure and a silly one.

And it ought to fail. During the war the most overworked word was the word "coordinate." The man who wanted to "coordinate" was often trying to camouflage his unwillingness to co-operate. Toward the end of the war the Allies stopped coordinating their activities and began to cooperate under Foch, their supreme commander. That was the end of the Germans.

After we had stopped trying to coordinate we began to "stabilize." That horrid word took the place of coordinate and became a fetish. There were those in Europe who in the summer of 1918 talked about the economic stabilization of the war. Assuming that the war would continue indefinitely they proposed that fighting men should be withdrawn from the armies of England, France and Italy, as the American army grew, in order that the industrial life of those allied countries should be stabilized. Fortunately the wisdom and courage of allied statesmen were proof against the seduction of stabilization and the war was won in short order.

There were those who wanted to stabilize the dollar in foreign exchange during the war. They besieged the Treasury with demands that the dollar be maintained at par in neutral countries, where it was at a discount. After the war was won and the dollar went to a premium everywhere, some of them were equally vociferous in demanding that these and other foreign currencies be stabilized at par in terms of the dollar, notwithstanding their depreciation at home. There are those who advocate a plan for stabilizing the dollar at home in order to prevent price fluctuations. The Treasury itself fell for the proposal to stabilize Liberty Bonds by means of a bond purchase fund, and with what success you know. Government agencies have tried to stabilize prices and wages and rates of transportation on land and sea and failed lamentably. The fact is that fluctuations in these things result from the operation of economic laws. They are symptomatic of disorder or of the return to order, as the case may be. The man who wants to stabilize wants to conceal from us the effects of the operation of those laws. He cannot do so forever. He may for a time.

Rising prices and falling bond values are symptoms of disorder. If the patient has a fever, we cannot cure it by plugging the thermometer so the mercury will not rise. We may keep ourselves and him in ignorance of his true condition until it is too late. A bond perfectly stable in market price would be nothing but interest-bearing currency. Secretary Chase gave us our fill of interest-bearing currency during the Civil War. If such a bond does not come down in price, commodity prices will go up, so that its true value, as distinguished from its nominal value, will be correspondingly impaired. Liberty Bonds were not meant to be treated as spending money. When the people treated them as spending money they went down and the very depreciation of the bonds acted as a check on the desire to spend them. Liberty Bonds will go up again when the people's savings exceed the waste of war and after the war. Appreciation in value will be the reward of public and private thrift as depreciation was the punishment of public and private waste. A stabilized bond is not only impracticable but thoroughly vicious and harmful in economic effect. It is an attempt to deprive thrift and foresight of their reward and save folly and waste from their punishment. You cannot make a silk purse out of a sow's ear, nor make a spendthrift people rich without changing their ways.

It is urged by those who advocate the refunding plan that we should refund not only the long-time bonds but the Treasury Certificates, War Savings Certificates and Victory Notes. The chances are, however, a thousand to one that if any such offer be made, it will prove unattractive to the holders of the Government's short paper, who enjoy the present high rates of interest and are free to make some other profitable long-time investment whenever they choose. The plan, therefore, involves the strange anomaly of a government, confronted by the necessity of financing early maturities, increasing the interest rate on its longer maturities without any reasonable expectation of relieving itself of the shorter maturities.

Those who advocate the refunding plan seem to think that there is some advantage to be gained by consolidating the whole public debt into one issue bearing one rate of interest and having one maturity. Of course, so far from being an advantage, it would be a great disadvantage. One difficulty with the public debt is that there is so much of it and the loans were issued in such rapid succession that the investor could not have adequate diversification of his investments. Investors have been taught to seek diversification. At present the various issues offer the greatest possible diversification of maturity, tax exemption, etc. This is about all

the diversification of public issues that is possible. If the Government should fund the whole debt into one issue of one maturity, it would deprive itself of the advantage of appealing to the man who has funds to invest for thirty days and the man who has funds to invest for thirty years and to those who have funds which they wish to invest for any intermediate period.

Of course, that is not actually what would happen, because the Government has no means of calling the various issues of Treasury Certificates, notes and bonds for redemption at present, and the effect of offering a new refunding issue would not be to retire all securities of outstanding issues. The effect would be simply to add one more to the total number of outstanding public debt issues.

Not only is the consolidation of the public debt into one issue undesirable from the point of view of attracting the money of the investor, but it would be a calamity from the point of view of the Treasury's financial operations. The maturity of \$24,000,000,000 of bonds at one time is unthinkable. The consolidation of even the interest on such an amount so as to make it payable twice a year would involve financial operations of unnecessary magnitude and difficulty. It was the study of the Treasury throughout the war, not only to divide the maturities of the public debt so as to reduce the amount of the refunding operation to be performed at any one time to a minimum, but also to reserve the right of redemption before maturity and to letter the bonds so that any one maturity could be subdivided and the refunding of it handled in modest amounts at reasonable intervals. A consolidated public debt of any great magnitude is without possible excuse, except in the case of annuities such as French rentes and British consols, which have no maturity at all and are a perpetual charge subject to redemption at the pleasure of the Government only.

IV.

Cause and Cure.

The trouble with the world to-day, the trouble in the United States, the trouble with the Treasury, is waste, war waste and waste after fighting stopped.

Do not misunderstand me. I am not one of those who criticise the extent and character of the expenditures made by this Government during the war. Every cent spent was well spent, because it was spent in the effort to win the war and win it speedily. Every moment's delay meant a loss of lives, meant the possibility of defeat. America's supreme duty from April 6 1917, to Nov. 11 1918, was to make our effort as great and as prompt as was humanly possible. Caution in expenditure, cheese-paring, might have reduced the bills in the first instance, but against every penny saved in that way we should have had the lives of good Americans, good Britishers and good Frenchmen to account for. There was no time to haggle and no time to count the cost. The war had to be won and had to be won quickly. It was. The men who spent money like water and produced that result are entitled to our undying gratitude. They saved hundreds of thousands or millions of lives and billions of dollars. The most costly thing imaginable would have been delay. To be penny wise was to be pound foolish.

But war is economic waste. We consumed more than we produced, and we set millions of men about the business of destruction.

After the war was won we did not stop the waste. Fighting went on in Europe sporadically. Men remained under arms and out of productive employment. At home we were quicker to restore the fighting men to peace and peace pursuits. But we continued to make arms and munitions, probably from fear of unemployment. We did not promptly dispose of our surplus war supplies, probably from fear of bringing on depression through reduced prices.

Our Government continued to build ships at war costs of labor and materials under the pitiful delusion that that was the way to build up a merchant marine. The Treasury has received nothing, or next to nothing, from the proceeds of sale or operation of ships and shipyards, in which billions were invested, the whole proceeds being turned back into new construction, &c.

Under the impression that an increase in railroad rates would increase the cost of living, our Government operated the railroads of the country at a loss until last September. For a period of years the Government has been lending money to the railroads at less than the market rate. That loss and these loans are reflected in our Government's enormous floating debt and in fact contributed directly and indirectly to increase the cost of living.

Every consideration of business prudence demanded the prompt establishment and maintenance at all times of rates which would enable the railroads to operate not only without loss but with such a margin of profit as would make it possible for them to obtain new capital or to refund old debt by selling securities to the public. Instead of that we furnished transportation at less than cost and the American people are paying the bill.

Since armistice day our Government has been pursuing a militaristic policy, involving the maintenance of a great army and the building and maintenance of a navy second to none. The War Department and the Navy Department alone spent about as much in the last six months as before the war it cost to run our Government for a year.

The actual cash outgo from the Treasury was twenty billion dollars in two years after armistice day—as great as in 19 months of active warfare. The Government of the United States expended during the last six months of the calendar year 1920, more than two billions and a half or at the rate of five billions a year.

The militaristic policy of our Government with respect to the Army and Navy, and its policy with respect to railroads and ships, which if persisted in can lead only in the end to socialization of these means of transportation, are responsible more than anything else for the post-armistice inflation of the public debt, and of currency and credit, and for our inability to respond to the needs of Europe growing out of the war. When we consider that the total public debt is but \$24,000,000,000 and that more than \$20,000,000,000 has been paid out since armistice day, it becomes clear that other policies would have made it possible to retire the whole floating debt and a good part of the Victory Loan before this out of current taxes and salvage.

The outstanding lesson of the war was that ultimate victory would rest with the country having the greatest resources in men and things. For a country like the United States, protected by the deep sea from every formidable foe, the only kind of a preparedness which is worth anything is economic preparedness. The great incentive to war is military preparedness. Germany was finally forced to war by the necessity of realizing something on her investment in soldiers and shells and battleships. The economic burden of her military and naval expenditures became too great to be endured longer unless it could be made productive, so she set out for a short war in confident expectation of a speedy dividend in colonies and indemnities. But France was able to draw on the resources of England first and later of the United States. The short war became a long war, and Germany's economic exhaustion brought about her collapse while her armies remained intact.

We ought not to wait for an agreement on disarmament. We ought to set an example. By our strength, by our wealth, by our relative immunity from attack, we are in a position to do it. We should not only set an example by disarming ourselves, but we should insist on seeing that example

followed, by refusing credits to those countries which persist in undermining their financial strength by wasteful expenditures on arms and armies. We are in a position to lead the people of the world out of the bondage of militarism. If we take the step, cut military and naval expenditures to the bone, and abjure subsidies and doles, neither the floating debt nor the funded debt will bother us again. If we do not, make no mistake, the future of America, of that western civilization of which we are a part, is in gravest peril.

ALLIES' INDEMNITY DEMANDS ON GERMANY.

The payment by Germany of an indemnity totaling 226,000,000,000 gold marks, in annuities covering a period of 42 years, is called for in an agreement on reparations and disarmament reached by a committee of experts of the Allied Supreme Council at Paris on Jan. 28 and approved on Jan. 29 by the Supreme Council of the Allies. The reparations conference was opened at Paris on Jan. 24 and was attended by representatives of Great Britain, Italy, Belgium and France, and was regarded as one of the most important of the sessions of the Allies since the Paris conference from which developed the Treaty of Versailles. The conference just ended was begun in the cloak room of the Foreign Office; the cabled accounts to the daily papers said:

The horseshoe shaped table was set exactly as for the former meeting, only that instead of Georges Clemenceau in the chair of the presiding officers, Aristide Briand, the French Premier, occupied the place, with Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain at his right, the place formerly held by President Wilson.

The deliberations, which at the outset dealt solely with the question of German disarmament but later were to include the highly important issue of German reparations, the sum and the manner of their payments, were conducted in the strictest secrecy, the officials of the French Foreign Office receiving instructions to have nothing whatever to say to the newspaper men.

The varying views which developed at the conference as to the amount of the war indemnity which should be exacted from Germany made necessary the reference of the matter to a committee of experts of the Council in order that some unanimous conclusion might be reached. In referring to the differing views, the Associated Press in Paris cablegrams Jan. 26 said:

The members of the Allied Supreme Council spent most of the day in private conversations discussing reparations. The two meetings of the council were devoted to hearing the statement of the French Minister of Finance, M. Doumer, on reparations and in considering the status of former Russian States.

Reparations will again come before the council to-morrow, along with the military experts' report on disarmament. The French attitude, as outlined in M. Doumer's exposition on the subject before the council, is that the Allies should stand upon the Treaty of Versailles so far as reparations are concerned.

It was decided this afternoon that Latvia and Estonia shall be recognized as sovereign States. Action regarding Lithuania and Georgia was deferred pending further information. It is expected that Georgia's representative will be heard during the present conference of the council, but the decision with regard to Lithuania may be delayed until the result of the League of Nations plebiscite in the Vilna region is known.

Premier Lloyd George and President Millerand had occasion at lunch to discuss at some length the report on reparations made by M. Doumer. Immediately after adjournment of the afternoon session Lloyd George and M. Jaspard and Colonel Theunys, respectively Foreign Minister and Finance Minister of Belgium, went into conference in Lloyd George's apartment, presumably regarding the same subject.

M. Doumer in his report held that Germany could easily pay 12,000,000,000 gold marks on her exports. Premier Lloyd George remarked that M. Doumer's statement contained indications of very different estimates than those given so far. He recalled that the Brussels Financial Conference only recommended that the Supreme Council claim 3,000,000,000 gold marks in money and goods from Germany for a period of five years.

Accordingly M. Doumer was asked for further elucidation, and he will furnish supplementary documents. Mr. Lloyd George, it is understood, although showing the greatest sympathy for the sacrifices and needs of France, maintained that the problem had to be considered as a whole. It was a question not merely of setting France on her feet, but re-establishing the economic system of the whole of Europe.

The British delegation will for the moment stand by the figures of the Boulogne agreement, whereby Germany is to pay an average of over six billion gold marks per annum, a viewpoint which is fully supported by the Belgian delegation. The French delegation, however, appears averse to accepting the figures unless certain supplementary concessions are accorded, including priority for France in special cases and remission of the inter-Allied debts.

There the matter stands, but it is felt in conference circles that there is ground for hoping that private conversations and open debates in the next few days will lead to bringing about an agreement among all the Allies on this capital problem.

In addition to fixing time limits in the disarmament clauses, Marshal Foch's report demands as indispensable the adoption of penalties for non-compliance, notably the occupation of further German territory, such as the Ruhr, and the extension of the period of occupation of the Rhineland.

The committee of experts to which the question of reparations was referred on Jan. 27 was composed of MM. Loucheur and Doumer for France, Baron d'Abernon and Sir Laming Worthington-Evans for Great Britain, Colonel Thennys for Belgium, Signor Giannini for Italy, and Kengo Mori for Japan.

On Jan. 28, in reporting continued differences at the conference on the question of reparations, the Associated Press accounts from Paris said:

The divergence of views of the members of the Allied Supreme Council regarding German reparations caused an interruption of the conference to-day, and in some quarters it is regarded as in danger of breaking up.

The Council reached the most critical stage of its deliberations this afternoon. The crisis came over the question of fixing the total amount of

reparations due from Germany and the methods of payment. The session which was to have begun at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon was abandoned.

The special Committee on Reparations is continuing its efforts to reconcile the different viewpoints, while M. Briand and Mr. Lloyd George will try to find a solution in private conversations.

The optimistic feeling of this forenoon, when the members of the special reparations committee appointed yesterday expressed pleasure with their progress, was soon dissipated when the British Prime Minister found the projects under discussion by the committee were entirely unsatisfactory to him. He sent at once for M. Briand, President of the French Council, and conferred with him for an hour and a half. The Belgian representatives were to meet Lloyd George later regarding their proposals.

Progress toward reaching a solution of the problem of German reparations was reported by the expert committee on the subject, appointed yesterday by the Supreme Council, when the committee adjourned this noon after a two-hour discussion.

The basis of the discussion was the Belgian proposal, presented by M. Jaspar, Belgian Foreign Minister, that Germany be compelled to make annual reparation payments of 6,000,000,000 gold marks as a maximum, and 3,000,000,000 marks as a minimum. As outlined by M. Jaspar in a statement last night his plan would not fix the number of annual payments, but would leave this to be determined at some later time.

A cablegram (copyright) bearing the same date (Jan. 28) to the New York "Times" from Paris, gave the following information relative to the difficulties in the way of reaching an agreement:

Mr. Lloyd George was smoking his long, mild after dinner cigar and toying with a liquor glass he did not empty. It was at the end of a strenuous day in which he had driven home at the Allied Conference his theme that the time had come "to write the balance sheet of Europe." The doughty Welshman was weary, and what man would not be who bore upon his shoulders not only the troubles of the British Empire but a goodly share of those of all Europe?

As one of his guests at dinner, I was listening to him soliloquize on the after war trials of the world, as he is wont to do at times.

"What is the hardest problem of the reparations situation?" I asked.

"It is this," the Premier replied. "All the allied nations are agreed that Germany must pay her indemnity by exports. All the allied nations are agreed they do not want German exports.

France thinks England should take German exports and enable Germany to pay the reparations with what we would owe. We think France stands much more in need of German exports than we do. And your own Mr. Harding said he was determined on one thing—that Europe should not pay her debts to America by sending goods.

"Every nation wants to protect its own industries. Every nation wants to collect its debts. Germany has not gold enough to pay the Allies. The Allies have not gold enough to pay America. And everybody wants to be paid in gold.

"To find the answer to this situation is not only the hardest reparation problem, it is the hardest problem of the whole world today."

And it may be added that of 1,500,000,000 marks' worth of goods Germany offered France in 1920, France accepted 20,000,000 marks' worth.

The plan finally agreed to by the committee of experts on Jan. 28, and approved on Jan. 29 by the Allied Supreme Council, was summarized as follows in copyrighted advices to the New York "Times" from Paris, Jan. 29:

First—In forty-two years Germany shall pay to the Allies the sum of 226,000,000,000 marks in gold, or its equivalent, on this scale—2,000,000,000 marks annually in 1921 and 1922, 3,000,000,000 marks annually in 1923, 1924 and 1925, 4,000,000,000 marks annually in 1926, 1927 and 1928, 5,000,000,000 marks annually in 1929, 1930 and 1931, and 6,000,000,000 marks annually from 1932 to 1962.

Second—Germany shall pay to the Allies for forty-two years an annual tax of 12% upon the total of her exports.

Third—Germany shall revise her interior fiscal system, balancing her budget and curtailing the issue of paper money, increase her taxes generally, raise the imposts upon alcohol and tobacco, and increase railroad fares and postal rates.

Fourth—In case Germany does not fulfill these conditions the Allies have the right to seize the German customs, impose direct taxes in the Rhineland and otherwise exercise financial control upon Germany. In addition military penalties will be provided.

The Associated Press cablegrams of Jan. 29, in referring to the export duty of 12% which will go to the Allies, stated:

On the basis of last year's exports, this would give the Allies 1,250,000,000 gold marks, or 12% of whatever money in which the exports are paid for. Thus, it is estimated the first payment made by Germany will be 3,250,000,000 gold marks, the export tax being paid entirely in cash.

It is pointed out that, besides being a sure method of collection of the reparations, it will act as a protective tariff in countries that are neighbors of Germany, which are likely to be flooded with goods made in Germany at a very low cost of production, because of the relatively low value of the mark, and which consequently can be offered in foreign markets at low prices in foreign money.

The proposal to apply penalties to the reparations and other agreements was presented by Premier Lloyd George.

According to the terms of the arrangement the annuities and export taxes are payable semi-annually. Discount for advance payments will be 8% for the first two years, 6% the third and fourth years and 5% thereafter. Germany is forbidden to establish foreign credits without the approval of the Reparations Commission.

The Council agreed to adopt the Reparations Commission's proposal that Germany should deliver 2,200,000 tons of coal monthly, beginning in February, and any balance remaining under the Spa agreement, terminating Jan. 31. There will be no further premiums of five marks gold a ton, but two marks gold will be allowed for a special quality of coal.

The Supreme Council's decisions were communicated to Germany to-night.

In the attempt to aid Austria it was agreed that the Allies should forego reparations, the cost of the army of occupation and certain other Austrian debts to the Allies in order to enable Austria the more easily to obtain outside aid. It also was decided to convene in the neighborhood of Trieste a conference of Austria and adjoining countries for the purpose of endeavoring to improve economic, commercial, financial and political relations among the Central European States.

Approval was given to M. Loucheur's proposal for a 200,000,000 franc corporation to assist Austrian industries, in which the different Governments may participate. A commission will be appointed to inquire into the conduct of the Austrian Administration with a view to suggesting economies and improving the various services.

The British Prime Minister expressed lively satisfaction over the fact that the Allies had maintained their solid front. In taking leave of his colleagues he said:

"We shall be glad to try to give you in London as cordial a reception as we received here, and we hope that you will be able to confront the London fog all the more courageously since the fog of the conference has been dissipated."

The Council adopted the following resolution:

"The Allies, convinced that close union is as necessary in the present peace as it was in the war, are resolved to allow nothing to impair it. They consider union as the surest guarantee of the peace of the world, the execution of the treaties and fidelity to international engagements and penalties agreed to."

One of the provisions in the agreement reached will prevent any borrowing by Germany from the United States without the sanction of the Reparations Commission, this provision stipulating that "Germany shall not directly embark on any credit operation outside her own territory without the approval of the Reparations Commission." The details of the Allies' note to Germany in the matter are furnished as follows in the Associated Press advices from Paris Jan. 30:

The document signed by the Supreme Council of the Allies last night by which the reparations and disarmament decisions of the Allies will be conveyed to Germany was delivered to-day to Charles Bergmann, German Under Secretary of State for the Treasury and head of the German delegation in Paris, with a letter of transmittal marked "confidential."

The letter with two notes on reparations and disarmament totals 2,500 words.

The letter of transmittal, which is dated Jan. 29, reads:

"Sir—The Allied conference which met in Paris from the 24th to the 29th of January 1921 has taken the following decisions:

"1. As regards the disarmament of Germany the Allied Governments have approved the conclusions formulated in the note attached hereto.

"2. As regards the question of reparations the Allied Governments have unanimously approved the proposals formulated in that document, also attached hereto.

"The Allied Governments have on former occasions and again to-day, in consenting to fresh delays in the matter of disarmament, had due regard to the difficulties that surround the German Government in the execution of the obligations which have resulted from the Treaty of Versailles. They have formed the hope that the German Government will not place the Allies, who confirm their previous decisions, under the necessity of envisaging the grave situation which will be created if Germany persists in failing to meet her obligations.

"Qualified delegates of the German Government will be invited to a meeting in London at the end of February with delegates of the Allied Governments."

The reparations note bears the title "An agreement between the Allied Powers for the settlement of certain questions relating to execution of the Treaty of Versailles."

The note reads:

"Article 1—For the purpose of satisfying the obligations imposed upon her by Articles 231 and 232 of the Treaty of Versailles, Germany shall, irrespective of the restitution she is to make under Article 238 and of any other obligation under the Treaty, pay—

"1—Fixed annuities payable half-yearly in equal parts as follows: (a) Two annuities of 2,000,000,000 gold marks from May 1 1921 to May 1 1923; (b) three annuities of 3,000,000,000 gold marks from May 1 1923 to May 1 1926; (c) three annuities of 4,000,000,000 gold marks from May 1 1926 to May 1 1929; (d) three annuities of 5,000,000,000 gold marks from May 1 1929 to May 1 1932; (e) thirty-one annuities of 6,000,000,000 gold marks from May 1 1932 to May 1 1963.

"2—Forty-one annuities running from May 1 1921, equal in amount to 12% ad valorem of German exports, payable in gold two months after the close of each half year.

"In order to insure complete fulfillment of paragraph 2 above, Germany will give to the Reparations Commission every facility for verifying the amount of the German exports and for the establishment of the supervision necessary for this purpose.

"Article 2—The German Government will transmit forthwith to the Reparations Commission notes to bearer payable at the dates specified in Article 1, paragraph 1, of the present arrangement. The amount of these notes shall be equivalent to each of the half-yearly sums payable under said paragraph.

"Instructions shall be given to the Reparations Commission with a view to facilitating realization by the Powers which so demand the share to be attributed to them in accordance with the agreements in force between them.

"Article 3—Germany shall be at liberty at any time to make payments in advance on account of the fixed portion of the sum owing.

"Advance payments shall be applied in the reduction of the fixed annuities provided for in the first paragraph of Article 1. For this purpose annuities shall be discounted at the rate of 8% until May 1 1923, 6% from May 1 1923 to May 1 1925, 5% from May 1 1925.

"Article 4—Germany shall not directly embark on any credit operation outside her own territory without the approval of the Reparations Commission. This provision applies to the Government of the German Empire, to the Governments of the German States, to the German provincial and municipal authorities and to any companies or undertakings under control of said Governments or authorities.

"Article 5—In pursuance of Article 218 of the Treaty of Versailles all the assets and revenues of the Empire and of the German States shall be applicable to insure complete execution by Germany of the provisions of the present arrangement.

"The proceeds of the German maritime and land customs, including in particular the proceeds of all import and export duties and of any tax subsidiary thereto, shall constitute special security for the execution of the present agreement.

"No modification which might diminish the proceeds of the customs shall be made in the German customs laws or regulations without approval of the Reparations Commission. All German customs receipts shall be encashed on behalf of the German Government by a Receiver-General of German customs appointed by the German Government with the approval of the Reparations Commission.

In case Germany shall make default in any payment provided for in the present arrangement:

"(1) All or part of the proceeds of the German customs in the hands of the Receiver General of German customs may be attached by the Reparation Commission and applied in meeting the obligations in respect of which Germany has defaulted. In such case the the Reparation Commission may, if it thinks necessary, itself undertake the administration and receipt of the customs duties.

"(2) The Reparation Commission also may formally invite the German Government to proceed to such increases of duties or to take such steps for

the purpose of increasing its resources as the commission may think necessary."

Paris cablegrams of Jan. 30 said that formal proposals of the reparations plan would be presented to the German experts at Brussels, Feb. 27, and that the German ministers would be invited to discuss the proposals at a meeting to be held in London on Feb. 28. It was stated in cablegrams from Paris on Jan. 31 that the Allies have formulated a definite and elaborate program as a basis for the discussion of the conference of experts which is to be resumed at Brussels the current month. The cablegram also says:

Satisfaction of the general public of France over the plan for the collection of German reparations decided upon by the Allies arises in great part from the expectation that the first effective payments by Germany will make available for negotiations or for use as security the French share of the 60,000,000,000 gold marks in bonds already delivered by the Germans to the Reparations Commission.

The British agreement not to utilize Great Britain's claim upon Germany as a basis for loans during the next five years leaves the financial market open to France for that period. She intends to make use not only of her share of the bonds, but also her part of the 12% tax on Germany's exportations to raise money to continue the work of reconstruction in Northern France.

We also quote the following Associated Press advices from London, Feb. 2:

The conference called by the Supreme Council for London Feb. 28, to which the Germans will be invited, will not be to pronounce an irrevocable sentence regarding reparations, from which the Germans will not be able to appeal, it was authoritatively stated here to-day. The conference, rather, will be designed to produce a declaration of the principles of Germany's indebtedness.

It is even probable, it is stated, that the 12% tax on Germany's exports, provided for in the Paris terms, may be altered, although the principle of the right to impose such a tax will be retained. The export tax measure, it is asserted here, was strictly a French proposal, advanced for the purpose of guaranteeing the fullest protection from future German aggression.

Invitations to Germany to attend the conference will be despatched in a few days, and the British officials do not even consider the possibility of Germany refusing to attend. They declare it will be only worse for Germany if she declines.

The Supreme Council fully expected German protests on the reparations announcement, but, as a matter of fact, the protests are not so great as anticipated, in view of the objections taken by Germany at the time of the Peace Conference.

The intention of Germany to reject the proposals is referred to in another article in to-day's issue of our paper.

GERMANY'S REJECTION OF ALLIES' INDEMNITY TERMS.

Germany's answer to the reparation demands of the Allies was given on Feb. 1 by Dr. Walter Simons, German Minister of Foreign Affairs, who in a statement before the Reichstag declared that Germany "cannot accept as a basis for further negotiations the arrangements suggested by the Allies," and that she would "now seek to draw up new proposals to present to the Allied Governments." Dr. Simons declared that "it would be against common sense to burden the German people with such financial obligations at a moment when we believe we have shown our opponents in what a bad condition our finances are." The Associated Press accounts from Berlin Feb. 1 in reporting his pronouncements said in part:

The early part of Dr. Simons's declaration was chiefly a criticism of the Entente proposition. This probably was heard by the members sitting on the level with the speaker, but his words did not reach clearly to the galleries until he had come to the concluding portion of his address, in which he announced that the German Government refused to negotiate on the basis of the Entente demands, but would formulate counter proposals.

In a brief allusion to disarmament the Minister promised that the German Government would loyally carry out its obligations and would put itself into communication with the various States of the empire on this subject.

The Foreign Minister expressed surprise at the abrupt abandonment of the Seydoux scheme of the Brussels financial conference, which was approved, he said, by both France and Great Britain.

On the question of reparations, Dr. Simons said:

In all, we shall have to pay in forty-two years a total of 226,000,000,000 gold marks or 3,000,000,000,000 paper. The Allies' second demand is that for forty-two years Germany pay 12% ad valorem on German exports. (Here there were murmurs throughout the house).

Obviously it has been estimated that in this way one or two trillions can be obtained from Germany. [Laughter.] That could not have been done in the most flourishing of pre-war times. The whole settlement is obscure. What about the securities we already have handed the Allies? Apart from these obscurities the new program undoubtedly contains a contradiction of the Peace Treaty.

It is impossible for German economic life to continue in an unending state of uncertainty. We can only assume that the sum now placed before us is more or less arbitrary. The fixed sum of 226,000,000,000 gold marks if calculated in paper is more than the whole fortune of the German people.

It would be against common sense to burden the German people with such financial obligations at a moment when we believe we have shown our opponents in what a bad condition our finances are. But then comes the demand for 226,000,000,000 of marks in installments of forty-two years and the complete economic enslavement of the German people, and particularly of the workers.

The 12% ad valorem tax is unconscionably heavy and injurious both at home and abroad. With a rise in the exchange rate of the mark these conditions must result in the throttling of the German export industry. [Cries of "very true."]

Regarding penalties—they have not been communicated to us. We cannot be threatened with punishment if we do not accept a proposal. Otherwise it is no longer a proposal, but an order. I therefore could assume that the penalties will apply only to disarmament.

The Entente will permit me to say that I regard their threat to refuse our entry into the League of Nations as premature, as we have not yet asked for admission. [Shouts of "Hear, Hear."]

On the contrary, as far as the League is concerned, the inducement to enter it is not at present so great as to counteract the terrors of non-entry.

We have been informed that German plenipotentiaries would be invited to meet Allied delegates in London at the end of February. I would point out that the invitation has not yet been received, but that the German Government must now say, and I have the authority to say it, that the arrangement as set forth in the Entente's second note is not regarded by us as a possible ground for further negotiations. [Loud cheers.]

It will naturally be our duty to do our utmost, despite formidable difficulties, to draw up clear counter-proposals. It should not be assumed that, even if these demands have been imposed upon Germany, so much can be gotten out of her as is expected. An appeal must be made to German free will. The German will not labor as a slave in the same manner he does when he is a free man.

For us a valuable concession lies in the fact that the arrangement has departed in so many ways from the Peace Treaty, and we shall take advantage of this.

Summing up, I reiterate that we cannot accept as a basis for further negotiations the arrangements suggested by the Allies. We shall now seek to draw up new proposals to present to the Allied Governments.

The declaration of Dr. Simons apparently was less emphatic than had been expected by many of the listeners, who were looking more for a defiant position than a suggestion which might pave the way for an exchange of notes between now and Feb. 28, the date of the London conference.

From a special copyright cablegram from Berlin to the New York "Times" Feb. 1 we take the following:

I have good reason to believe that the following represents the German Government's proposed policy in regard to the Allies' Paris reparations. As will be seen, it is at any rate of an ingenious character.

At the outset, they are going to assume that the Seydoux project is not withdrawn, and on this assumption, or pretended assumption, will in the next few days send an important member of the Cabinet to Paris ostensibly to resume the negotiations begun on their behalf by Bergmann, the same statesman subsequently to accompany the French plenipotentiaries to Brussels for the postponed conference of experts.

In effect, therefore, the intention of the German Government now is to ignore Saturday's event. At the same time an artful alternative is arranged. In the meantime the French Government officially notifies Berlin that the Seydoux project is withdrawn in favor of Saturday's decision, of the Supreme Council, the German Government will reply in effect:

"The decision was merely an inter-Allied one and does not interest or concern us. We reserve our attitude and proposals quite irrespective of that decision until we meet the Allies on an equal footing at the London conference."

To which I may add an expression used to me by a well-informed person to-day:

"The Government does not intend to take the demand lying down, but in any event wants to continue negotiations."

The conservative newspapers are backing up the refusal propaganda by raising the whole question of the origin of the war and are conducting a regular campaign trying to prove that Germany was innocent. This new move is endorsed by Stresemann, leader of the so-called People's Party, who after describing the reparations demands as unexampled since the peace of Carthage, said:

"Germany must use every means at its disposal in a great offensive against the world deception that it was responsible for the war. In regard to its origin, the last German Kaiser will stand in as good a light before the judgment throne of God as Wilson or Lloyd George."

The scheme proposed by M. Seydoux, Attache of the French Ministry of Finance, at the Brussels Conference on Jan. 10, is based on the issue of certificates for material received to be paid to German banks, thus throwing the responsibility on the Berlin Government to see the deal through.

For example, French firms would order goods from German manufacturers, but instead of paying directly compensation would be made in the form of certificates issued by the French Reparations Services and paid into German banks authorized by the Berlin Government to receive such payment.

In reporting the situation in Germany growing out of the demands of the Allies as tense, the Associated Press cablegrams from Berlin Feb. 1 added: "Dr. Simons last evening wrote his letter of resignation, but was pacified by President Ebert. Preceding this a Cabinet crisis was narrowly averted." The support accorded the Government by the Reichstag in the former's stand respecting the indemnity terms was indicated in the following Berlin cablegram to the daily papers under date of Feb. 2:

The Reichstag parties through their leaders to-day seconded the Government's attitude on the Paris agreement. The debate, which lasted three hours, was dispassionate, barring interruptions during the Communist leader's speech, the sole dissenting note in the parliamentary chorus of approval.

Dr. Paul Levy, for the ultra-radicals, told the Reichstag that the present situation was mirth-provoking, inasmuch as it recalled the outbreaks of official and bourgeois anger after the armistice terms, the Versailles Treaty and the Spa agreements were published. He added that despite excessive protestations, the Government invariably subsequently discovered that there was no choice but to sign.

President Loebe, at the conclusion of the debate, commended the parties and their speakers on the unanimity of their sentiments. He hoped the Entente would listen to the warning voices and spare the German people and itself the inevitable consequences unless the reparation terms were radically revised.

Dr. Schiffer, former Minister of Justice, and Herr Mueller, former Chancellor, both approved the declaration by Dr. Simons and trusted that the counter-proposals would lead to an agreement with the Entente.

Herr Mueller declared that the workers of all countries were endangered by the reparations proposals, which would convert the present economic crisis into an European catastrophe. He appealed to the workers to bring about negotiations for a practical solution. He admitted that the disarmament obligations could no longer be avoided if the German people were to be spared fresh and grievous visitations.

Dr. Hergt, for the National Party, said he would have liked a more decisive tone in Dr. Simons's observations on disarmament.

"East Prussia," he went on, "expects of the Fatherland that she will not be abandoned in the face of the Bolshevik danger. No German ought to assist the Entente in imposing unprecedentedly hard disarmament conditions."

Expressing approval of the Foreign Minister's views on reparations Dr. Hergt concluded:

"May the German people in the hour of decision find itself equal to the occasion."

Georg Ledebour, Independent Socialist, denounced Dr. Hergt for having, as he put it, learned nothing from the war and forgotten how his party had sinned. He said the attitude of the Independent Socialists was that, however justifiably angry they might feel at the Entente demands, they must not risk the possibility of warding off by negotiations the dangers threatening Germany. Herr Ledebour said he regretted that Dr. Simons's speech might create the impression that the Government would refuse to negotiate except on the basis of its own counter-proposals, and urged the Government not to refuse if the Entente submitted new proposals.

The speaker said the regarded the disarmament demands justified, but that he objected to the industrial clauses of the treaty on the ground that they would hamper Germany's economic development. He derided the conservatives' "eloquent protests" in view of the fact that had they won the war they intended to exact even a larger tribute.

Prior to the conclusions of the conference in Paris of the Allied Supreme Council, press advices from Berlin Jan. 26 had the following to say regarding Germany's proposals relative to the indemnity:

Official announcement was made to-day after a conference between Dr. Walter Simons, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Dr. Wirth, Minister of Finance, with Chancellor Fehrenbach, held yesterday, that Germany had agreed to the plan of five yearly installments for the payment of reparations as the basis of further negotiations with the Allies.

Germany, however, desires that the negotiations fixing the amount of the installments shall be temporarily postponed for discussion of the methods of assessing the reparations and appraising Germany's capacity to pay.

The official communication on the subject says that Germany is aware of the difficulties of fixing the total indemnity by May 1, as stipulated in the Peace Treaty, and is therefore willing to waive insistence and to accept the five-installment plan, but that she expects discussion of the total amount of the indemnity to take place during and not after the five years. This view, says the communication, has been admitted to be justified by the French Ambassador in conference with Dr. Simons.

The communication concludes by saying that unless Allied concessions, as specified by the German delegation to the Brussels conference, are granted, the German Government will be unable to assume responsibility for acceptance of the five-year plan, which means a great concession on its part.

[The German requests for concessions were: (1) To obtain 3,000,000,000 gold marks abroad for food purposes in addition to the allowance made at Spa; (2) no further German shipping to be surrendered and some of that already given up to be returned; (3) the liquidation of German property abroad to cease and the remaining property, as well as the returns from that already sold, to be made available to Germany in some way; (4) Germany to be authorized to make favorable commercial treaties.]

On the same date a London cablegram stated:

The German Government, says a dispatch to the London "Times" from Berlin, refuses to consider that the conference of the Supreme Council in Paris has any relation to the negotiations in progress with regard to reparations. The conference concerning reparations, it holds, cannot take the place of the pending discussion by experts or of the conference of the Governments at Geneva which was promised at the meeting. Before all, there must be a discussion by industrial experts regarding deliveries.

This, says the dispatch, is given as the official attitude.

As to Germany's views regarding the indemnity payments which it is prepared to meet, a copyright cablegram to the New York "Evening Post" and Philadelphia "Public Ledger" from Berlin on Feb. 2 said:

Your correspondent is now in a position to state what are the German ideas as to suitable reparations payments. One billion gold marks, according to the official view here, represents the maximum annual payment which Germany can and should be required to make, the payments presumably continuing for the thirty years mentioned in the reparations clauses of the Versailles Treaty.

This is the closest Germany has come to a treaty proposal since an offer of 100,000,000,000 marks without interest was submitted to the Peace Conference. This 30,000,000,000 offer, according to the present information, was tentatively broached at Spa, but the reception of the suggestion did not encourage the German delegates to follow up the proposals.

The gap between it and the 226,000,000,000 marks proposed from Paris or the even larger sums on which French hearts are set is so immense that the Germans now hesitate to put it forward again, even in the sketchiest form, yet they realize that the world for months has been looking for them to suggest a basis of negotiations and that their position would be vastly improved if they proposed something positive and gave some indication as to what they consider within their ability to pay.

In conversation with a personage of high position familiar with the inside workings of the official financial world, the correspondent put the flat question as to what if any counter offer Germany was prepared to make in place of the Paris arrangement. When it was pointed out to the official that total payments of 30,000,000,000 marks, allowing for interest, represented a present worth of perhaps half that amount and that the Germans could scarcely expect their former enemies to let them off with a bare 15,000,000,000 marks, he replied:

"But you forget the 24,000,000,000 gold marks we have already contributed in ships, coal, &c. Add this in and compare the total of, say, 40,000,000,000, with the 5,000,000,000 which France contributed in 1871. It seems to me this is quite enough."

The German press was a unit in uttering its protest against the indemnity proposals; the comment in one instance is annexed herewith:

The "Vossische Zeitung" sees in the proposals a victory for Mr. Lloyd George over M. Seydoux, who has represented France in reparations discussions. It says "the proposal of forty-two yearly installments, with a total of 226,000,000,000 gold marks, is just as insane as M. Doumer's suggestion for installments of 12,000,000,000 gold marks. They cannot be paid. They constitute, however, an effective means for placing Germany's financial and economic life for forty-two years in England's hands.

This disaster, perhaps, is still avoidable, but only if Germany succeeds, with France's help, in returning to the path marked out by M. Seydoux's program.

The "Berliner Tageblatt" described the conference as more like "a madhouse than an assembly of reasonable men."

As a further indication of the reception in Germany of the Allies' demands, we quote the following press cablegram from Berlin Feb. 2:

"The reparation demands are, above all, a blow at the German working man," Dr. Eduard David, Majority Socialist leader and former member of the Ministry, declared in talking with the Associated Press to-day. "The agrarian classes might be able to survive such economic impositions, as they are able to feed themselves. The wealthy also would probably not suffer under such a burden, but the German laboring people would have to shoulder the burden of such terms.

"No German Government is possibly conceivable which would dare to assume such responsibility toward German posterity as acceptance would produce internal chaos and lure Bolshevism to the eastern frontier of Germany.

"We are quite willing to have an Entente coalition Government comprised of English, French, Belgian, Italian and Japanese take over the Government of Germany and demonstrate the feasibility of the terms now imposed upon us."

BERNARD M. BARUCH AND OTHER WASHINGTON VIEWS ON INDEMNITY DEMANDS.

While the daily papers have in Washington advices indicated in a general way the views entertained in the Capitol regarding the indemnity which Germany has been asked to pay, there has been no statement in the matter from any particular source except from Bernard M. Baruch, who was one of President Wilson's economic advisers at the Paris Peace Conference and a member of the Reparations Commission; Mr. Baruch states that "whether this is a wise settlement or not will depend upon the spirit in which it is entered into by all the parties to the contract and whether Germany can make the payments." His statement, issued Jan. 30, says:

The 226,000,000,000 of gold marks—roughly \$55,000,000,000—is equal to a present or cash payment of about \$21,000,000,000, which, with interest at 5%, would amount to about \$55,000,000,000 in forty-two years. This, plus the amount of money already paid under the treaty, amounting to something over \$3,500,000,000, plus the 12% export tax, will be the amount of Germany's payment under the treaty.

Whether this is a wise settlement or not will depend upon the spirit in which it is entered into by all the parties to the contract and whether Germany can make the payments. If this will end the war, and each and every one will earnestly strive to make it so, more than the money settlement will be gained.

America, by failing to ratify the treaty, removed it self from a participation in this decision, although necessarily it must be of vital effect to American business.

The gross sum of 226,000,000,000 gold marks, if accepted by Germany, will be very close to the maximum amount judged by some of the American delegation that she could pay, but higher than some of the opinions arrived at among the American delegates who participated in the discussions of reparational matters. But this was based upon conditions as they then existed, and with the hope that Germany might be allowed to retain a reasonable amount of shipping and with the thought that possibly Silesia would be retained as German, and took into consideration the \$3,500,000,000 already paid. There was no consideration of an additional export tax.

In addition, the tax of 12% affords a tariff protection in all countries on goods exported to them from Germany. This is a tax on the American consumer of goods for that portion bought here, but it goes into the treasury of the Allies, after Germany collects it, and not into the Treasury of the United States, as would a similar tax imposed by our own tariff. This tax would have the effect of increasing prices and lessening exports. The wisdom of this action may be open to criticism because of the tendency it would have to lessen the volume of German business and to make the amount somewhat indeterminate.

If Germany accepts this arrangement in good faith, and not because she has to, and if it meets the approval of business men and financiers, there is sure to be an improvement in worldwide economic conditions. There has already been a rise in exchange in anticipation that the settlement would be reasonable. There would be a further rise, with a tendency over a period of time to slowly approach normal. It would increase the credit facilities of all nations involved, improve their buying capacity and their ability to exchange commodities with one another. It would tend to increase the wealth of the world, and, therefore, increase the ability to lessen the percentage of taxation because of the increased taxable volume.

If Germany accepts voluntarily and proceeds in good faith and if she can carry out the obligation, there should be a gradual stabilization of economic conditions in all Central Europe, which will spread after a time even to Russia, which will mean a slow but sure widening of the markets, and after a while an improvement in the position of the unemployed. It will make it the easier to form some adequate idea as to a system of taxation and give a better judgment as to any tariffs that the party now in power may have in mind. It will also give a better understanding to the Allied nations of their ability to meet their indebtedness to us. If acceptable to Germany it is a great step forward—the greatest perhaps with the exception of the adoption by us of the Treaty of Versailles—toward a return to normal conditions.

As to the other views expressed in Washington, the New York "Times" in a Washington dispatch Jan. 30 said in part:

It is not the conviction of officials who have given close study to the financial and economic consequences of the Paris peace conference that the allied powers have yet reached a financial settlement such as Germany and the rest of the world can regard as possible of being accepted as a permanent plan.

The latest reparations plan of the allied Premiers calls for payment by Germany of 226,000,000,000 gold marks, on an annuity basis, spread over a period of forty-two years, plus an annual tax of 12% on German exports for a similar period. Payment of an indemnity of 226,000,000,000 gold marks represents something of a reduction from the sum of 400,000,000,000 gold marks originally urged at Paris. It is also a reduction from the sum of 269,000,000,000 gold marks fixed in the Boulogne conference, on the basis of payment of 100,000,000,000 gold marks principal plus 169,000,000,000 gold marks interest.

The sum of 226,000,000,000 gold marks represents the equivalent of about \$56,000,000,000 in American gold.

Exclusive of the proposed plan for a tax on German exports, it is seriously doubted by the best informed authorities in Washington that Germany will be able to pay such a sum. One expert asserted to-day that Germany might possibly have been able to pay that amount if certain things had been achieved a year or a year and a half ago. If this amount had been fixed at the time of the peace conference, and Germany had retained her merchant ships with which to trade with the rest of the world, and had also

received several years' leeway before beginning to make real payments on the reparations account, she might have been able to pay, experts believe, an indemnity of \$20,000,000,000, on which the rate of interest at 5% would have represented interest payments of a billion dollars a year, or \$30,000,000,000 interest in thirty years, and \$50,000,000,000 in payment of both interest and principal in that period.

American official expert opinion, however, has been that if this had been done, Germany would not have been able to pay more than a maximum of \$15,000,000,000 principal plus interest. It is even doubted in quarters where the status of Germany's ability to pay has been carefully canvassed that Germany can be surely counted upon to pay more than a principal of \$10,000,000,000 which, at 5% interest for thirty years, would represent payment of \$25,000,000,000 principal and interest within thirty years.

It was pointed out by one Federal expert to-day that the greatest difficulty in the situation will be that of finding a market for Germany's bonds until the investors of the world are confident that the settlement has been made on a fair, lasting basis. Whatever the final sum agreed upon between Germany and the Allies, there must be a flotation of bonds based on the German reparations settlement, and effort, of course, will be made to dispose of them through the world, and especially among American investors.

It is felt in authoritative circles here that it will be exceedingly difficult to sell these bonds so long as the investors of the world feel that the reparations sum fixed is more than Germany can absolutely pay.

The American official view has been that the sum should be so fixed that, while meeting the just claims of the allied powers under the treaty, it would still leave Germany the incentive to go ahead with plans for rehabilitation and for meeting her obligations of the treaty.

The best opinion here is that if the sum were definitely fixed around \$10,000,000,000 in principal, plus interest at 5% for a period of about 30 years, such a settlement would not only more correctly represent Germany's ability to meet the reparations terms of the treaty, but it would provide a sound basis for the issuance of bonds, based on the settlement, which the rest of the world would be willing to buy.

High authorities here emphasize the fact that the situation is greatly changed for Germany as a result of the war; that her mercantile marine had been taken away by the Allies; that her foreign investments, &c., have been cut out, and that Germany is also suffering the results of a disastrous war. These experts point out that stripping Germany of her mercantile marine and her foreign investments has cut out an income of from \$500,000,000 to \$800,000,000, and that the allied Premiers now seem to expect that Germany in this crippled situation, is able to pay more on account of reparations than she could have paid in her palmiest years before the war, when she had her fleet and her foreign investments.

Another point made here to-day is that England, France and Italy, which owe the United States Government about \$10,000,000,000 for war loans and credits, seem to think that Germany is able to pay more than twice that sum, plus interest, on indemnity account. The question was asked in one informed quarter how the Allies expect Germany, a defeated nation, to pay \$20,000,000,000, plus interest, when the three leading victorious nations, England, France and Italy, have found it difficult to pay \$10,000,000,000 to the United States or even the interest.

Export Tax Condemned.

The second feature of the reparations settlement plan under which Germany would be asked to pay to the Allies for forty-two years an annual tax of 12% upon her total exports is regarded in very well informed quarters here as being perhaps the worst feature of the whole settlement. It is regarded as ridiculous because the plan of settlement after first demanding that Germany pay the equivalent of \$56,000,000,000 in forty-two years, or what is here believed to be twice the sum Germany can reasonably be regarded as able to pay, the Premiers then call upon Germany to set up a tax of 12% upon German exports that certainly could not be paid if the \$56,000,000,000 indemnity sum is beyond German ability to meet.

Such a tax, it was suggested by an expert, would not only make the cost of German exports more costly to the rest of the world and to that extent cripple Germany's ability to enter into wide national markets, but it would also render it incumbent upon the German Government to collect this tax from the exporters or manufacturers and make the necessary guarantees to the Allies for its collection.

Another condition proposed in the allied plan of settlement is that Germany shall revise her interior fiscal system and balance or "match" her budget. In an informed quarter to-night it was pointed out that France is not now matching her budget, that England was just about doing it and the United States was coming nearer doing it than any other power. It was suggested that the 12% export tax, if put into effect, must add to the cost of the operation of the German Government, which would probably have to issue notes in an effort to meet payments which experts here think impossible to pay.

The vital need of the situation, in the opinion of American Government officials, is that as soon as possible the Allies sanely determine in exact figures the sum that Germany can reasonably be regarded as able to pay, as a maximum. It is felt that the sum so fixed should be one which the investors of the world can be convinced Germany is able to pay, because unless such investors, especially those in the United States, are so satisfied they will not buy bonds. The next consideration, it is insisted, involves the question as to how much the Allies can afford to require Germany to pay out of money that would be obtained through competition of German goods in world markets.

VIEWS OF A. BARTON HEPBURN ON ALLIES' REPARATION TERMS.

A. Barton Hepburn, Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Chase National Bank of this city in expressing his views respecting the indemnity terms fixed by the Allies said:

Germany could probably pay the gross amount required by the Allies but she could not and ought not to pay the 12½% tax on her foreign exports for 42 years. That is building what in effect is a tariff wall around her for a period of what is more than a generation, placing her at a 12½% disadvantage in her contentions for the trade of the world as compared with other nations. This is unfair and unjust. The Allies seem disposed to keep Germany down; to prevent her realizing the prosperity which she might reasonably hope to realize in competition with other nations. That, of course, would keep Allied troops in possession of her territory during these 42 years.

Germany ought to be given a fair chance in order that she may pay the much needed indemnity to the Allies. She ought to be able to see the light and to look forward hopefully to the working out of her difficulties and to freeing her soil from the presence of the Allied troops. If France and other allied nations seek to make a loan in this country predicated upon the German indemnity, that indemnity must be fair and reasonable. It must be such an indemnity as they can hope to secure from Germany or else no one in the United States would consider it as a basis for a loan. The action of the Allies is very shortsighted from the standpoint of their own interests.

ELBERT H. GARY ON REPARATION DEMANDS ON GERMANY.

Elbert H. Gary, Chairman of the Board of the United States Steel Corporation, in stating on Jan. 31 that while the amount levied against the German Government, by way of reparation for damage during the war, represents a very large sum, added:

I am of the opinion that it ought to be paid and that it will be paid without causing distress or insurmountable difficulties. The Germans are thrifty and progressive and are possessed of extraordinary commercial, financial and industrial ability. Germany has a great future, although she will be obliged to carry a very heavy load, which at first may appear to be unbearable.

This solution will be of great benefit to the world's commercial situation.

WHO WILL PAY THE GERMAN INDEMNITY IN THE LONG RUN.

[Arthur Brisbane in the New York "American" Feb. 2.]

The German indemnity is fixed. Some changes may come when Lloyd George, ruler of all Europe outside of Russia, discusses the matter with Germany's representatives. But subject to change of details, Germany is to pay the Allies, France chiefly, fifty thousand million dollars during the next forty-two years.

Who will pay that indemnity? Will Germany pay it, or will France pay it?

Fifty years ago France and Germany settled the war of 1870. Then Germany did what France does now. She took what she wanted, Alsace and Lorraine, that had formerly been German territory, and one thousand million dollars.

Bismarck thought, and France thought, that France was to pay the bill. But France and Germany know now that it was only a question of waiting a few years.

Germany is to give back the one billion that Bismarck took multiplied by fifty-five, and Germany is returning Alsace and Lorraine and a great strip of German territory, including most valuable mines. Bismarck thought he was taking something from France. He was really piling up a debt to be repaid with five thousand per cent interest a little later.

In the great Place de la Concorde stands a statue representing Strassburg, the fine cathedral city that Germany took from France fifty years ago.

After 1870 that statue was kept draped heavily in black. Every Frenchman that fought in this war had seen or all his life had heard of that statue with its heavy black drapery. Every statesman as he rose to power knew that the one idea of the French people was revenge.

The time came and revenge came. Now Germany gives back Alsace and Lorraine. The Strassburg statue in the Place de la Concorde is draped in gay colors. And the French, if they choose, can hang around the neck of that statue a necklace of fifty-five beads, each representing a billion dollars—fifty-five times the amount that Bismarck took from France.

But who will pay the indemnity of \$55,000,000,000 in the long run? Germany has given back the land, and money taken by Bismarck, and all her colonies, her ships, the right to have an army, her locomotives, her cows, her mines and fifty-five thousand millions, in payment of the one billion taken.

There the score stands now. How will it stand fifty years from now, after the sixty-five million Germans that raise big families shall have gone on breeding and brooding on revenge, developing a population three or four times as great as that of France? Will France then perhaps pay with her life when England is no longer strong enough to protect her, for the fifty-five billions?

And what will happen if Germany, unable to pay this amount, or unwilling to enter into industrial and financial slavery for forty-two years, decides to throw herself into the arms of Russian Bolshevism?

What should happen to all western Europe, France, Italy and England if the Russian population, Russian resources and German efficiency, manufacturing and fighting power should combine to make Bolshevism the ruling force in Europe and to enable Germany to push on toward the Atlantic once and for all?

You may say that Germany has no army and navy. But it isn't guns or ships alone that count. What counts is the feeling of a people and the power of individuals to direct.

France didn't have much of an army when the scow-faced boy Napoleon was sent down to deal with the armies of Italy and Austria. That didn't keep him from ruling Europe.

Revenge planted in the heart of an individual or nation is dangerous. It injures the person that harbors revenge undoubtedly, it injures more the enemy at whom the hatred is aimed.

The world now looks on, speculating: "Will Germany be able to pay the fifty-five billions after having had her gold, her best lands and mines taken from her?"

That is not the important question. "Who will really pay the indemnity in the long run?" That is the question.

There are one hundred and eighty million powerful men in Russia—men waiting for direction.

More things are happening in Europe than the mere passing of resolutions condemning Germany to pay a fine never before dreamed of.]

This country is interested in getting ready, and keeping ready for whatever may happen.

What happened in Europe before was not our fault. What will happen again will not be our fault. But it will be our fault if this nation does not keep ready to take care of anything that may come.

Once we said, "Your fight is our fight."

The Kaiser had made anything else impossible. Once we opened the vaults of the Treasury and poured out billions, only to be told a little later that we were selfish dollar hunters because we hadn't given every dollar we had.

Next time we shall say, "You insist on cutting each other's throat. Go ahead, they are your throats." And it is your business, not ours. Stay over there, fight over there, murder each other over there, take billions and lands from each other if you don't know better. But don't come here bothering us; one was enough.

VALUE OF PROPERTY ALREADY DELIVERED TO ALLIES BY GERMANY REPORTED AS 250,000,000,000 MARKS.

Figures purporting to show that Germany has during the past two years surrendered to the Allies property to the value of 250,000,000,000 gold marks, have been given out in official circles in Germany, the New York "Times" in a copyright cablegram from Berlin Feb. 2, being authority for this, in the following:

Privy Councillor Dr. Hickmann, President of the Federal Reparations Commission, figures out that Germany has already made reparations to the Entente amounting to at least 250,000,000,000 gold marks (approximately \$62,500,000,000). Dr. Hickmann, who is regarded as a high authority on financial law and financial matters generally, supports this statement with the following detailed items:

The harsh conditions of the armistice compelled Germany to leave in the enemy's country huge quantities of war material, foodstuffs, goods, machines of all kinds, railway material and hundreds of thousands of horses and cattle, most of which property, according to prevailing international law, could not be considered spoils belonging to the victor. Besides, the enemy compelled the return of any goods which the German authorities sold to private persons before or during the speedy evacuation. The enemy also confiscated all raw materials and products of factories working for the German army. The value of all these goods has been carefully estimated at over 15,000,000,000 gold marks.

Germany delivered to the enemy 5,000 enemy guns, 2,500 machine guns, 3,000 mine throwers, 1,700 flying machines, 4,000 motor lorries, 5,000 locomotives, 150,000 freight cars, many airships, nearly the whole navy, nearly the whole mercantile marine and the Grand Fleet floating docks, dredges, tugboats, the German cables and the Russian gold obtained by the Brest-Litovsk Peace Treaty, the value of which items must be figured, he said, 140,000,000,000 gold marks.

Territory Given Up.

Without compensation of any kind for expenses of investment Germany was compelled to give up all her colonies, Alsace-Lorraine, the Sarre district, Eupen, Malmedy, Posen and West Prussia, besides enormous quantities of railway and building material stored in those countries, especially in Posen, West Prussia and Alsace-Lorraine, for which neither Poland nor France paid one penny, while Germany deducted 500,000,000 francs from the French war indemnity in 1870. Moreover, since 1870 the value of the much extended railway system in Alsace-Lorraine has increased enormously.

France extorted from Germany the sole right of exploiting the water power of the Rhine River and the prepared plans for same, with the buildings and tunnels on the right shore of the Rhine. The enterprise, which will cost France very little, will furnish her hundreds of thousands of horsepower, and is of more value even than the Sarre district mines.

For two years Germany has been paying a small army of Entente agents who search the country from end to end for goods, machines, vehicles and material of all kinds which during the war were conveyed from the enemy's territory to Germany. The great value of these "restored" goods remains unchanged against the restitution account, although they naturally minimize the damage done.

In addition to all this, Belgium and France demand a total of two billions for machinery, &c., as yet not given up, which sum is not taken into account in Paris. Dr. Hickmann figures the value of all these items at the great sum mentioned above, leaving out of consideration the cost of occupation.

Last month (Jan. 22) the Associated Press in Paris advices gave the following details regarding deliveries made by Germany under the Treaty:

A detailed list of the various deliveries made by Germany to the Allies in execution of the Treaty of Versailles during the first year it was in force has just been issued by the Reparations Commission. The deliveries were made on the reparations account up to Dec. 31. The chief item is coal, amounting in all to 17,818,840 tons. Next in importance on the list are dyestuffs, of which 10,787,827 kilos were delivered.

Other deliveries were: Steamers, sailing vessels and fishing boats, 2,054,729 tons; inland navigation materials, 38,730 tons; livestock, 360,176 head; seed, 6,802,588 kilos; ammonium sulphate, 19,000 tons; pharmaceutical products, 57,823 kilos; rolling stock, 4,571; trucks, 129,555; motor lorries, 5,000; fixed railway materials, 140,000 tons; agricultural machinery, 131,505.

In addition to the deliveries placed to her credit, Article 238 of the treaty provides that Germany shall effect restitution of objects of every nature and securities and cash taken away, seized or sequestered.

The records for the year show the following deliveries under this article: To France, agricultural machinery, 13,546 machines, industrial machinery, 134,161 tons; locomotives, 13; trucks, 6,031.

To Belgium: Agricultural machinery, 11 machines; industrial machinery, 87,046 tons; locomotives, 391; trucks, 12,897.

There has also been restoration in other things, including certain securities and a quantity of furniture and objects of art, but no figures are given.

The list contains various cables which have been delivered and which have not yet been allocated by the expert conference at Washington, to which the work was intrusted. In all there are seventeen cables in various parts of the world.

The commission points out that while valuations have been reached on most of these, certain questions of principle remain undetermined. It is also explained that the figures recently published of German payments against the 20,000,000,000 gold marks under Article 235 of the treaty are much greater than the real figures.

The allocation by the reparations commission of Germany's deliveries shows that France received the largest share, with Belgium second and Italy third. The United States appears on the list with two items—dyestuffs, of which she received 1,300,143 kilos, and lorries, numbering 1,314.

Great Britain received 1,477,839 gross tons of shipping and 3,113,802 kilos of dyestuffs and 1,243 lorries. England did not share in any of the other deliveries.

France received 14,210,582 tons of coal; Italy, 1,618,534 tons; Belgium, 1,401,626, and Luxembourg, 588,098 tons.

France received 3,172,632 kilos of dyestuffs; Italy, 1,760,810; Belgium, 1,190,375; Japan, 250,062.

The only other allocations to Japan were 5,855 kilos of pharmaceutical products and 28,678 gross tons of shipping.

France received 166,924 gross tons of ships; Italy, 124,901; Belgium, 15,831 tons. France and Belgium shared all live stock deliveries, the former receiving 207,943 head and the latter 152,233.

With the exception of 200 kilos to Italy, France and Belgium also received all the seed, France getting 6,501,310 kilos and Belgium 301,078 kilos. France also obtained 109,932 agricultural machines and tools and Belgium 21,573, constituting the total delivered. France received 2,653 locomotives and Belgium 1,918. The 19,000 tons of ammonium sulphate went to France.

PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE OF ENGLAND ON GERMANY'S ACCEPTANCE OF INDEMNITY TERMS.

The views which David Lloyd George, British Prime Minister, has expressed regarding the acceptance of the indemnity which Germany has been called upon to pay, were contained in an Associated Press cablegram from Paris Jan. 29, which we print herewith:

The British Prime Minister received the French newspapermen this evening. They asked him about the interallied debts. Mr. Lloyd George assured them that Great Britain would show the utmost good-will in the settlement, as evidenced by the engagement made at the Hythe conference not to capitalize its share of the German indemnities for five years, in order not to compete with loans France might make based on her share.

"But it is impossible to consider a special agreement between two countries with regard to the question," he continued. "There must be a general arrangement. We owe to America; France owes us; other nations owe France. No solution is possible while America remains outside the discussion.

"Meanwhile let us act as if debts did not exist. If the creditor does not worry me, I do not worry the debtor."

When the interview began Mr. Lloyd George smilingly expressed his belief that the Germans would not like the terms greatly, but he expected no difficulty in collecting the export tax. Control would be made by a German official, he said, but the Reparations Commission would have to accept the nominee and would have power to demand his supersession. German exports could be checked by returns from the importing countries.

Such control, said the Prime Minister, must not be confounded with seizure of the customs, which might be resorted to as a penalty. "The word 'seizure' has been avoided, as has generally anything which might wound the Germans' feelings," he added.

Mr. Lloyd George concluded:

"The Reparations Commission will continue to function because France wishes that Germany's total debt to the Allies shall be calculated in accordance with the Treaty. Furthermore, the possibility of Germany's refusing our arrangement must be foreseen, in which case there is nothing for us to do but to apply the Treaty literally."

REPORT TO BRUSSELS CONFERENCE QUESTIONS GERMANY'S BUDGET FIGURES.

A report made to the Allies at the recent financial conference in Brussels, in which it is said that items not justified or greatly multiplied over previous appropriations, appear in its 1920 budget, was made public at Paris on Feb. 2, according to Associated Press advices, which we give herewith:

Germany is told exactly how to eliminate the 76,000,000,000 marks deficit in her 1920 budget in the report to the Allies of the conference of financial experts held in Brussels, made public here to-day.

Certain German expenses are declared to have been multiplied seventy-five times over those of 1919, and certain German taxes are shown to be far below those the Allied populations are paying. The report says:

"Many figures in the ordinary budget seem to have been established by an administration and Parliament equally desirous of showing the world the precarious financial condition of Germany and her difficult situation."

If the various recommendations made are followed, the budget should be speedily balanced, says the report. Thus, with a continuation of Germany's economic recovery, the experts declare that Germany "in a relatively short period can meet her treaty obligations through taxation, without continuing to increase her floating debt or inflate her currency."

The report says the 1919 and 1920 budgets of Germany carried a number of credits which were only partially disbursed, such as 16,500,000,000 marks for the Allied armies of occupation expenses, of which only 4,500,000,-

000 marks was spent. The budget for 1920 carried 42,000,000,000 marks for execution of the peace treaty, while only 17,000,000,000 marks had been paid out up to Dec. 1 last.

Items not justified or greatly multiplied over previous appropriations are said to appear in the 1920 budget. The Ministry of the Interior appropriation was raised from 19,000,000 marks to 1,433,000,000 marks, an increase of 7,300%. The Foreign Affairs allowance was increased from 24,000,000 marks to 295,000,000 marks. The postal and telegraph employees' expenses multiplied seven times over those of 1919. Thirty-two billion marks were listed for economic subsidies, said to largely unnecessary, and all or the greater part of these and similar expenses, the report declares, should disappear from future budgets. The deficit of 19,000,000,000 marks in railways and other governmental operations should be eliminated through disappearance of the items charged and increasing of rates, which, the report asserts, have been inadequately raised. The German answer to a questionnaire is cited, showing there are 360,000 more government employees than before the war.

German direct taxes are deemed adequate, but the indirect taxes, including those on alcohol, tobacco, sugar and other articles, are declared to be greatly insufficient, the report saying the Allied taxes on the same commodities are vastly heavier, based on the purchasing power of money per capita. The tax on such commodities is seventy times heavier in England and eleven times heavier in France than in Germany.

Coal is calculated to cost the French population four and one-half times what the Germans pay, according to the purchasing power of the mark. Increased customs have been urged as the low value of the mark and the failure of salaries in Germany to increase proportionately are said to give the Germans an advantage that might result in protective tariffs, so that it would be to the interest of Germany to anticipate such action. This recommendation was made Jan. 11, and therefore prior to the Allied Supreme Council's plan for a 12% tax on German exports.

The report expresses the willingness of the Allies to aid Germany to improve conditions and says they are anxious to avoid exercising their treaty rights under Paragraph 12, Annex 2, Part 8, to take "all the revenues of Germany, including revenues destined to be applied for internal loans."

LONDON COMMENT ON REPARATIONS DEMANDS.

The comment occasioned in London by the reparations terms imposed on Germany has been both in the nature of approval and disapproval. The most striking criticism has come from the Manchester "Guardian," which is reported to have described the terms as "folly" and to have declared that "we may be thankful the terms can never be executed." Prof. John Maynard Keynes, author of "The Economic Aspects of the Peace," is reported as writing in the Manchester "Guardian" (according to copyright advices to the New York "Times") as follows:

"The Paris proposals cannot be meant seriously, any more than the original treaty was. They are simply another move in a game by which the players, at any rate, are no longer taken in. Lloyd George feels he is making progress. Perhaps he is, when he succeeds in persuading Briand that 2 plus 2 does not make 12, but only 8. Briand hopes that by being eloquent he may, after all, be able in the French Chamber to make a good enough song about 8 to defeat any argument from Poincare as to how much better it would be for France if 2 plus 2 made 12. I doubt if there has ever been anything in history quite like it."

This conclusion he justifies thus:

"The indeterminate item is a very formidable one. With total exports worth £700,000,000 against imports of £500,000,000, leaving a surplus of exports worth £200,000,000, she could just pay a fixed sum of £116,000,000, plus the export proportion of £800,000,000, making up £200,000,000 in all. That is to say, trade on this scale is nearly required even to meet the minimum payment of £100,000,000 prescribed for the first two years, plus the export proportion.

"It is difficult to imagine figures which would permit the proposed normal payment of £300,000,000, plus the export proportion, but it is safe to say that on total exports capable of yielding a surplus of £300,000,000 the 12% proportion would certainly exceed £100,000,000. The proposals of the Paris conference for the normal period amount, therefore, to a demand for more than £400,000,000 per annum, which is double the highest figure that (to my knowledge) any competent person here or in the United States has ever attempted to justify."

The Westminster "Gazette" is quoted as saying:

We have no sentimental weakness for the Germans. If eleven thousand millions could be recovered from them we should still think it incommensurate to the death, misery and destruction wrought by the crime of 1914, but if material penalties are to be enforced it must be according to the laws of the material world.

"If we are to understand the position we must understand what our demands mean in terms of German money. The first payment required is £100,000,000. It sounds moderate, but the mark of currency is about 220 to the pound sterling, therefore in German money the amount is 22,000,000,000 marks. Now, last May the total ordinary revenue of Germany was estimated at something less than 28,000,000,000 marks.

"No doubt the Allies have every right to demand that the German people shall be more heavily taxed than their own peoples before they begin to plead payment is impossible, but when the first demand, and the lightest, bears this relation to total revenue we may form some idea of what the problem is in the present state of the exchanges and what are the possibilities of recovering the enormous sums which the Allies allot to the future.

In taking an opposite view, the London "Daily Telegraph," it is learned from advices to the New York "Times," declares the total indemnity is fixed at a sum which is well within the capacity of Germany to find. It says:

In banking and commercial circles it is held that Germany can provide annuities for the first five years without seriously retarding the industrial revival which is making such rapid progress. She must, of course, alter her fiscal methods, cease from inflating her paper currency and derive a more substantial revenue from direct and indirect taxation. This will call for no excessive sacrifices from the great majority of the population.

Evidently there is money to spend or to burn in Berlin, which city is rapidly returning to the extravagant pursuit of expensive amusement current in the later Hohenzollern era. We have no objection. Let the Germans dance and drink and give sumptuous feasts and deck themselves with diamonds and glittering orders and gorgeous Prussian uniforms if they please. It does not seem very democratic or republican, but that is their affair. Only if they can afford all this indulgence they can also afford to pay out

an annuity which will amount to no more than from 30 shillings to £2 per head of the population for the next two years. A wealthy country which has suffered less from war than any other need not complain of such a burden.

We are not greatly disturbed by hints of chaos and disorganization in Germany which will follow insistence upon the Allies' terms. There is a familiar ring about these menaces. We do not want Germany to go Bolshevik or to deliver herself over to militarist reactionaries, but if she takes either of these disastrous courses she will herself be the chief sufferer.

Some German newspapers assure their readers that Germany will simply ignore the Paris agreement. "If England and France want their booty they must come and fetch it." That may have to be done. We have defined what Germany owes us. It now remains to make it clear not only in Germany but to the world at large that the debt will infallibly be collected

CONTROVERSY BETWEEN RAILROADS AND EMPLOYEES OVER NATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND WAGE REDUCTIONS.

An appeal for the immediate abrogation of the National agreements between the railroads and their employees was made on Jan. 31 before the U. S. Railroad Labor Board in Chicago, by W. W. Atterbury, Vice-President of the Pennsylvania Lines. In declaring that the National agreements "forced on the railroads as a war measure cause gross waste and inefficiency," Mr. Atterbury estimated that the elimination of this waste would reduce railway operating expenses at least \$300,000,000 a year. Mr. Atterbury stated that "we believe that as the wages of railroad employees were the last to go up, they should be the last to come down, but we do insist that for ample wage an honest day's work shall be given." Mr. Atterbury also told the Board that it rested entirely with it "to determine within the next few days whether this whole situation shall drift into chaos and orderly procedure become impossible except at the price of railroad bankruptcy, financial shock and still wider unemployment." Mr. Atterbury's declarations led to a request by representatives of seven labor unions that President Wilson take immediate steps to have the Interstate Commerce Commission examine into the evidence as to the alleged imminent bankruptcy of the roads, and in the event that the situation was considered acute, to have the matter referred to Congress for such legislation as may be deemed necessary. Among other things the unions charged in their petition to President Wilson that the "transportation system is absolutely controlled by the New York banking groups centring around the house of Morgan." T. De Witt Cuyler, Chairman of the Association of Railway Executives addressed a telegram to President Wilson on Feb. 1 declaring that "the charge that the railroads of the country are controlled by a single banking group in New York is untrue and is known to be untrue by every one familiar with railroad affairs." He further asserted that the propaganda of the unions was "intended to discredit private management of railroads in the interest of the Plumb plan, and to defeat efforts to abolish rules and working conditions which were adopted as war measures." A further telegraphic communication was sent to President Wilson by the union leaders on the 2nd inst. denying the allegations of the Association of Railway Executives and declaring that the union leaders would show "that there is no economic justification for wage reductions and that the reduction in the general cost of living is not dependent upon a reduction of our wages and those of other wage workers." On the 3rd inst. the controversy over the abrogation of National agreements was held in abeyance with the adjournment until Monday next of the hearing before the Labor Board. It was stated on the 3rd inst. that President Wilson had referred to John Barton Payne, Director of the Railroad Administration the request for the investigation asked for by the railroad unions, as well as the statements of the railroad executives regarding wage reductions. It is also reported that the President is disinclined to interfere in the controversy, holding to the view that the Railroad Labor Board is a regularly constituted body with all the powers of a court. A walk-out of 370,000 members of the United Brotherhood of maintenance of Way employees was predicted at Detroit on Feb. 3 by S. J. Pegg, International Grand Secretary and Treasurer of that organization in the event of the abrogation of the National agreements. Mr. Atterbury, when urging, before the Railroad Labor Board on Jan. 31, that the national agreements be abrogated was met with a suggestion from Judge E. M. Barton, Chairman of the U. S. Railroad Labor Board, and Henry T. Hunt, public representative of the Board, that the railroads and their employees confer. Mr. Atterbury is quoted as saying in answer:

So far as the railroads are concerned, we feel that we cannot get together. The views of the two sides are so radically opposed that no good could possibly come from such a conference.

The further statements which developed at the hearing on the 31st instant are detailed as follows in a Chicago dispatch to the New York "Times:"

"Do you mean, then, that the board should adjourn its present hearing and take up your proposals immediately?" asked Judge Barton.

"The situation is so urgent that I think that would be the only proper course," answered Mr. Atterbury.

Mr. Hunt remarked that B. M. Jewell of the Railroad Employees' Department of the American Federation of Labor had told him recently that the brotherhoods "would be glad to go into conference with railroad representatives." Mr. Hunt added: "He said they had no intention of demanding a continuation of the national agreement in toto."

"The immediate solution suggested by Mr. Atterbury would in any event require several hearings," said Judge Barton. "There is a very difficult situation before the whole country. Representatives of the railroads and of the employees ought to unite, not work in a spirit of antagonism. Personally I feel that the roads and the men ought to see if something can be done first."

"The board has had representations from various industries that the present high rates are destroying their business. Fruit and vegetable shippers have made especially strong protests. General Atterbury, by a few days' conference, cannot the railroad men get together with the employees?"

"The situation is so critical that even a few days' delay may result in flooding your board with petitions for reductions of wages," rejoined Mr. Atterbury. "The board has before it a mass of information on this subject. The board can act if it will act."

"The board considers that there must be some basis on which railroad operation can proceed," rejoined Judge Barton. "Suppose the board should wipe out the present rules? Where would the railroads be?"

"Just where they should be left," retorted Atterbury. "The conditions of Dec. 31 1917, would apply."

Mr. Jewell asked and received from the board permission to present the employees' side of the propositions submitted by Mr. Atterbury. He was assured that the board would not act on the railroads' proposals until the employees had been heard in rebuttal.

In his statement to the Board Mr. Atterbury said that the solvency of the railroads must be assured by a reduction in operating expenses. Failure to act promptly, he urged, might force some lines into bankruptcy.

"The labor board can prevent this catastrophe," Mr. Atterbury said, "by declaring that the national agreements, rules and working conditions coming over from the war period are terminated at once; that the question of reasonable and economical rules and working conditions shall be remanded to negotiations between each carrier and its own employees; and that as the basis for such negotiations, the agreements, rules and working conditions in effect on each railroad as of Dec. 31 1917, shall be reestablished."

Touching upon the question of wage reductions in connection with the requested action, Mr. Atterbury said:

"If the board will do this, the Labor Committee of the Association of Railway Executives will urge upon every railroad company a party to Decision No. 2 that no proposals for the reduction of basic wages shall be made within the next succeeding ninety days. This will afford an opportunity to gauge the economies which can be accomplished through more efficient rules and working conditions. It will also afford additional time in which to realize the benefits of a further decline in the cost of living."

"The national agreements, rules and working conditions forced on the railroads as war measures cause gross waste and inefficiency. I estimate that elimination of this waste would reduce railway operating expenses at least \$300,000,000 per annum. It would be far better to save this sum by restoring conditions of efficient and economical operation than to reduce wages."

"We believe that as the wages of railroad employees were the last to go up, they should be the last to come down, but we do insist that for an ample wage an honest day's work shall be given."

"The public has a right to insist that this must be obtained. The public has also the right to expect that the railway executives, with the co-operation of the regulatory bodies and the employees, will as rapidly as possible reduce the cost of railway operation so as to eventually insure a reduction in rates. Ultimately a readjustment of basic wages will be required. Meantime it is to the interest of all concerned, including labor, that the rules and working conditions shall be made conducive to the highest efficiency in output per man."

"The railroad committee presenting evidence for the abrogation of the national agreements have far from exhausted their evidence on this subject. But it will be dangerous to continue the consideration of these agreements rule by rule. If the Board follows its present procedure months will elapse before it can render its decision."

"The urgent financial necessities of the railroads will not permit them to wait any such length of time for relief. Long before the present detailed hearings are concluded the Board would be flooded by appeals from individual railroads from all parts of the country for reductions in basic wages. It will be impossible for the Board to hear and dispose of these separate cases upon their merits in time to avoid numerous receiverships and the possibility of a national panic. Losses of railway net operating income are irreparable. You cannot make retroactive tomorrow the savings that should have been made to-day."

"Your Board cannot possibly write the rules and working conditions of every railroad in this country and adjust them equitably to varying geographical, operating and social conditions."

"It rests entirely with your Board to determine within the next few days whether this whole situation shall drift into chaos and orderly procedure become impossible except at the price of railroad bankruptcy, financial shock and still wider unemployment. The course which we are recommending is not only imperative, but equitable."

Perpetuation of the extraordinary provisions of the war period as the normal rules and working conditions would be a distinct violation of the promises of President Wilson to investors in railway securities, when the carriers were taken over by the Federal Railroad Administration, in December 1917, Mr. Atterbury declared. Investors were guaranteed, he said, that their rights and interests would be as scrupulously guarded by the Government as they had been by the directors of the rail systems, and that Federal control would be carried on with as little disturbance as possible of the personnel of the roads.

Conditional upon the abrogation of the national agreements the roads ask in addition that the basic rates for unskilled labor, fixed at 39 to 48½ cents per hour in the award of July 1920, be immediately rescinded. The plea is made that inasmuch as rates for unskilled labor in other industries have been greatly reduced since the award became effective, the higher scale on the railroads works to the disadvantage of other employers, and "bears with grave injustice upon the great body of our farmers."

In reply to Mr. Atterbury, J. G. Luhrsens, President of the American Dispatchers' Association, said:

"I want to enter formal protest because the carriers have already presented arguments, which without proper rebuttal by the employees cannot help but leave an impression upon this board detrimental to the case of the

employees. The statement made by the carriers that unless immediate action is taken in line with their request the railroads will be forced into national bankruptcy is deceptive and fictitious."

Mr. Luhrsens declared that close analysis of operating records disclosed operating inefficiency which, if rectified, would produce a saving greatly exceeding the \$300,000,000 waste alleged by Mr. Atterbury as the result of the national agreements.

Mr. Luhrsens further asserted that if the board was flooded with individual requests for wage reductions by the railroads, "such action will be concerted propaganda tending to interfere with the orderly procedure of this board in consideration of the matter now properly before it, and the individual railroads will be acting under instructions to bring into existence a chaotic condition."

Protest against Mr. Luhrsens's statement was made by F. T. Whiter, Chairman of the Railroad Committee, now before the board, on the ground that the train dispatchers whom he represented had no national agreement and were therefore not entitled to speak on that subject, but the Chair decided that it could not rule on the matter.

Incidentally, it may be noted that Judge Barton ruled, in response to Mr. Atterbury's petition, that the Board would have to consider in executive session the proposal for immediate abrogation of the national agreements, the procedure of the hearings be continued meanwhile. The telegram sent to President Wilson by the railroad union leaders on Jan. 31, following Mr. Atterbury's representations, reads:

"Chicago, Jan. 31.

"To the President, the White House, Washington, D. C.

"Dear Mr. President—We have been shocked beyond expression and feel it our duty to bring to your attention an occurrence which transpired this morning before the United States Labor Board. The regular procedure of the Board, which involved judicial and orderly consideration of rules and working conditions, was interrupted by a statement from Mr. Atterbury, Vice-President of the Pennsylvania road, who represented a sub-committee of the National Committee of Railway Executives.

"He declared to the Board that a national emergency in transportation system existed and unless the wages of certain classes of railway employees were reduced and existing rules as to working conditions were abrogated immediately and without enabling employees to present their case, that the railroads of the country were threatened with a financial collapse."

"Mr. Atterbury not only violated all decency by his ultimatum, but he disregarded the transportation laws and flouted existing agencies, such as the Interstate Commerce Commission, which have been expressly created by the Congress to deal with the financial requirements and proper operation of the railroads, and even Congress itself."

"The Railroad Board, as is well known, has no jurisdiction over railroad finances and is not in a position to pass upon such matters. Its jurisdiction is restricted to the fixing of adequate wages and reasonable working conditions to railway employees. We realize this fact and would not address you on the subject nor would we question the impropriety of Mr. Atterbury's conduct were we not apprehensive as to the vital import of certain statements made by him."

"Mr. Atterbury occupies a pre-eminent place in the transportation industry and is in close touch with the financiers and bankers who are responsible for the financial solvency of the railroads. We had not considered the financial straits of the railroads so acute as he states, but when Mr. Atterbury declares that a financial collapse of the entire industry is impending we believe that his statement should be given due weight, and if he does not propose to bring it to the attention of the proper authorities and agencies under existing law, that we should place it before you for such action as you may deem proper."

"The breakdown of the roads would not only be a catastrophe to the employees whom we represent, but it would be a disaster of incalculable effect upon our people in general, and would add acutely to the existing business and industrial distress of the country. No stone should be left unturned to prevent it."

"We, therefore, wish respectfully to request that you immediately take steps to have the Committee of Railway Executives, whom Mr. Atterbury represents, to present their evidence as to general railroad bankruptcy to the Interstate Commerce Commission, and, after you have had an opportunity to examine this evidence as to their inability to operate the railroads, as stated by Mr. Atterbury, that, if you consider the situation acute, you refer the matter to the Congress for such legislation as may be necessary."

"We make this recommendation because we consider it our duty. As a matter of fact, we believe that Mr. Atterbury's further statement as to what should be done is insincere and unwarranted. We are convinced he acted arbitrarily in this way in order to deceive the public as to the real cause of the financial plight of the railways and in the attempt to turn public opinion against railway employees."

"Our earnings are now inadequate. We are suffering from unemployment. We shall not consent to a reduction in our wage rates or to a change in our working rules until all the facts are placed before the Railroad Labor Board and judiciously analyzed and weighed. We intend to obey the law and to work out our rights under the law in the manner prescribed by the law."

"Mr. Atterbury's obvious policy is to take advantage of a temporary business depression to reduce rates of pay and working agreements, established by the Railroad Administration during the war and sanctioned and guaranteed by the Transportation Act, returning the railroads to private control. He also desires to disrupt the unions of employees by taking advantage of the existing depression."

"Similar policies have already been adopted in other industries. Rates of pay have been reduced without justification because of the business depression. Attempts have been made to destroy labor organizations under an alleged open-shop movement."

"Mr. Atterbury is the representative of the same sinister activities among railroad executives. His object is not so much immediate financial relief to the railroads as it is the breakdown of union labor organizations so that railway profits may be enhanced when prosperity returns. The shipper is to be charged excessive freight rates and the railway workers are to be exploited."

"In view of the fact that we have a twofold interest in the successful functioning of the transportation system, first as citizens of the country which it serves, second as workers whose livelihood depends upon its proper operation, we have prepared and at various times brought to the attention of the Governmental agencies results of investigations tending to show the underlying intent of the lamentable failure to live up to their promises."

"These investigations have disclosed the following facts:

"1. That the transportation system is absolutely controlled by the New York banking group centering around the house of Morgan.

"2. That this group has been and is treating economical service to the public and the welfare of their employees as a consideration secondary to the selfish purpose of squeezing shippers and farmers and of destroying the legitimate organization of their employees."

"3. That this purpose was first demonstrated in their deliberate and continued attempts to discredit the Federal Administration of the railroads, which formed such a creditable page in the history of your Administration.

"4. That investigations, made by Governmental agencies, will show that railroads have encouraged inefficiency and inflated costs.

"5. That the railroads have deliberately attempted to prevent their employees from showing records of efficiency under the national agreement and have in many cases undermined morale.

"6. That despite all their public claims as to the restoration of efficiency under private management the railroads have found it to their interest temporarily to operate inefficiently and economically.

"7. That they are now attempting to discredit organized labor by publicly charging this lack of economy to the legitimate organizations of their employees.

"8. That in pursuit of this policy they have revived the only financial practices which prevailed before the development of the remedial legislation of your first Administration. We refer to the Clayton Act of 1914.

"9. That in violation of the spirit of this legislation they have contracted with concerns controlled by them for the repair of hundreds of locomotives and tens of thousands of freight cars at excessive prices, and that they have used this practice as a means of depriving tens of thousands of their faithful employees of their legitimate opportunity to perform useful work and to earn a subsistence for their family.

"10. That in the above outlined practices they have conspired to inflate the cost of railroad operation to destroy the morale of railway employees, to disrupt legitimate organization of their employees and especially to charge all the consequent disorganization and lack of economy to governmental policies, inaugurated under your Administration, thereby aiming to secure opportunity for further exploitation of the control, implicit in the transportation situation, by discrediting the Government.

(Signed)

"J. F. Anderson, Vice-President, International Association of Machinists,
"J. A. Franklin, International President, International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Shipbuilders and Helpers of America.

"James P. Noonan, International President, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers,

"Martin F. Ryan, General President, Brotherhood Railway Carmen of America,

"J. W. Kline, International President, International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths, Drop Forgers and Helpers of America.

"J. J. Hynes, International President, American Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers' International Alliance.

"B. M. Jewell, President, Railway Employees, Department American Federation of Labor.

B. M. Jewell, President of the Railway Employees' Department of the American Federation of Labor in a statement issued on Feb. 1 answering Mr. Atterbury, said:

A solemn responsibility rests upon Mr. Atterbury as the result of his statement to the Labor Board yesterday. He told the board that the transportation industry was facing the possibility of an early financial breakdown. In explicit terms he pointed out that our present temporary business and industrial depression was threatened with the further danger of a panic which would result from the collapse of a railroad credit. He said that the railroads were now bankrupt and that they would no longer be operated by their present executives unless relief was forthcoming.

"I do not agree with Mr. Atterbury's view as to the near approach of the railroad breakdown, and especially as to the causes of financial weakness which he set forth. But I do not claim to be the expert on railroad finances which Mr. Atterbury is. Moreover, he is in close and constant touch with the banking groups who are or should be responsible for railroad finances.

"My criticism of Mr. Atterbury's action, however, and I believe it is a criticism to which the public will immediately subscribe, is that if the transportation industry is in the deplorable condition stated by Mr. Atterbury no time should have been wasted in applying to the Labor Board, which is powerless to act, but a plea should at once have been made to those public agencies which could prevent the catastrophe which Mr. Atterbury predicts.

"Why isn't application made to the Interstate Commerce Commission? Why don't the bankers and bond houses appear before the committees of the House and Senate? Why are not the railroad Presidents who are now compelled by the bankers to appear before the country as beggars seeking public charity put to work on this problem so that it may be adequately treated by the proper public agencies?

"If Mr. Atterbury and the bankers know that a financial breakdown is threatened in the transportation industry they should not shirk the responsibility of trying to prevent it because they are consumed with an obsession which is absurd, costly to the public and doomed to failure—to crush labor organizations. The railway employees will not pardon it if they are thus deprived of the means of livelihood, but what is of equal importance, the public will not fail to condemn Mr. Atterbury and the bankers, for if their statements are true they are jeopardizing the stability of our security values and our basic business conditions, exposing our people to the loss of their savings, and playing with the trust funds of widows and fatherless children.

"As a matter of fact, my own opinion is, and I have many concrete facts to demonstrate this, that if a general and searching review of the entire transportation question is ordered by the President or the Congress it will reveal inefficiency and deliberate wastefulness by the present railroad management and control which would account for funds far in excess of those which Mr. Atterbury hoped to save by his misguided raid on the Railroad Labor Board. In other words, the net result of such an investigation would undoubtedly lead to better service to the public and lower costs to the shipper and the farmer. The public should require Mr. Atterbury to face the results of his own folly."

The telegram of T. De Witt Cuyler, which, as indicated above, was sent to President Wilson on Feb. 1, besides declaring that the charges made against the railroads by the union representatives were "deliberate and gross misrepresentations and propaganda intended to discredit private management of the railroads in the interests of the Plumb plan and to defeat efforts being made in good faith to abolish rules and working conditions which were war measures, the continuance of which is causing inefficiency and waste in railway operation that is costing hundreds of millions of dollars," also said:

The charge that the railroads of the country are controlled by a single banking group in New York is untrue and is known to be untrue by every one familiar with railroad affairs.

The charge that since the resumption of private operation inefficiency and lack of economy have been deliberately encouraged is conclusively

disproved by the record since March 1 to the end of 1920. In its annual report Dec. 9 1920 the Inter-State Commerce Commission said:

"During this period the railroads increased the average movement per freight car per day 6.3 miles, from 22.3 to 28.6 miles. They increased the load per car 1.7 tons, from 28.3 to 30 tons. They reduced the accumulation of loaded but unremoved cars from 103,237 on March 1 to practically zero on Dec. 31."

The truth is, as every shipper and traveler knows, that the railways were never more efficiently operated than in the last ten months of 1920. Never before was so much service rendered with each car, each locomotive, each mile of track, each ton of coal.

The charge that the railroads sent cars and locomotives to outside shops for repairs because of any dual financial interest is entirely untrue.

The major field of imperative economy now is in the labor cost of railroad operations. In 1917 this was \$1,700,000,000. During the greater part of 1920 it ran at the rate of about \$3,700,000,000. The fact is that the labor cost of railway operation grew during the war to a point where it absorbed the entire increase in railway operating revenues, and is at this moment, despite the increase in rates granted Aug. 26 1920, leaving many railroads in the face of declining traffic practically stripped of earning power.

When General Atterbury went before the Labor Board and asked for immediate abrogation of these agreements, rules and working conditions he was proceeding in strict conformity with the Transportation Act. The fact that this hearing tends to be protracted at a time when the necessity for economy grows with every hour produced a situation requiring, in our judgment, drastic and immediate action. The action requested by General Atterbury, of the Pennsylvania Lines (abrogation of the national agreement), is the only action which, with Government sanction, can free the hands of the railway executives and enable them by orderly procedure with their men to develop appropriate rules and working conditions.

The suggestion that we should hold a conference with leaders of the labor organizations offers no solution. Each railroad company is prepared to negotiate with its employees on proper rules and working conditions adapted to different conditions in various parts of the country. It is utterly impossible for the Labor Board to make uniform rules and working conditions for all the roads without causing a buzz like the present, when by a mere change in title four employees of the Pere Marquette Ry. had to be paid over \$9,300 in back pay, without any change in character or volume of work. It would be equally impossible for any joint conference between all railroads and all organizations of employees to draft a uniform set of rules not subject to the same abuses.

The only rules that stand the tests of practical operation, and do not involve endless controversy, are rules negotiated between each management and its own men, and which have behind them a common understanding, and the opportunity of procuring this is requested by the railroads in the interest of that efficiency and economical operation required by the Transportation Act. It is not only for the purpose of enabling the railroads to achieve the earning power contemplated under that Act, but also in the interests of an ultimate reduction in transportation rates to the public.

Last, but not least, it is in the interests of the men who work upon these railroads. As General Atterbury stated, we recognize that as the wages of railroad employees were the last to go up, they should be the last to come down, and if, by restoring the conditions necessary to efficient and economical operation, the railroads can postpone for a reasonable period the reduction of basic wages which will ultimately be required, they will be only too glad to do so in the interests of the great body of their employees.

The pressing financial necessities of the railroads are such that if denied the opportunity of initial economy through proper rules and working conditions, their only other recourse must be in a reduction of basic wages.

The railway executives feel that in moving in this matter they are representing not only their own interests but the interests of the farmer, the consumer, labor, manufacturers, other industries and the railway employees themselves. They have every confidence that at a time when the industries and workers of the country are making their respective contributions to a decline in the cost of living and a return to normal conditions, the great body of railroad employees will certainly not refuse to make their similar contribution.

On the 1st inst., seven independent employees' organizations, despite the opposition of the railroad brotherhoods, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, were admitted as parties to the hearing before the Railroad Labor Board. The organizations admitted to the hearing, in addition to the recognized brotherhoods, are: Railroad Yardmasters of America, Order of Railway Station Agents, Brotherhood of Railway Employees, International Order of Locomotive Firemen and Railwaymen's International Industrial Association. The action of the Board in deciding to admit to the hearings on these independent employees' organizations was characterized by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, as the beginning of the disintegration of the board's influence and usefulness. The second telegram addressed to President Wilson on the 2nd inst. by Mr. Jewell, and signed by the heads of six brotherhoods, said in part:

We have read in the press a copy of a telegram which the railway executives are reported to have addressed to you in reply to our recent message. The charge is made in this telegram that our original object in calling to your attention the astounding action of Mr. Atterbury last Monday, before the Railroad Labor Board was conceived as 'Plumb plan league propaganda.' The statement is false and is put forward to deceive the public.

"The claim is made that the railway worker, who is already the chief sufferer from the depression in the transportation industry and whom Mr. Atterbury considers least able to defend himself, is to have his distresses further exploited in order that railroad reserves may be conserved and railway finances maintained unimpaired. Such an attitude is not only repugnant to the most elementary considerations of human welfare, but is directly at variance with the actual decisions of all courts and arbitration tribunals. Without an exception they have all held, as you know, that the financial condition of a corporation should not have any bearing upon the determination of reasonable wages or working conditions.

In addition to thus violating all precedents and striking at the very existence of the Labor Board itself, Mr. Atterbury's action, we believe, has a deeper significance. We are convinced that he wished to take advantage of the temporary unemployment and the unfortunate economic condition of the railroad workers, which the railroads have intensified, to crush our labor organizations and to deprive us of our fundamental right and guarantees, all of which are reasonable.

The further telegram further stated that the workers would show:

"That there is no economic justification for wage reduction or the abrogation of fundamental rights embodied in working rules.

That statements that the interest of farmers and shippers are dependent upon a reduction in wages are unsound and that a reduction in the general cost of living is not dependent upon a reduction in railway wages.

That the railroads are controlled by an inner group of New York banking houses and that the so-called open shop movement, or the attempt to destroy our union, seems to be directly connected with the railroads of which the banking house of Morgan & Co. are the fiscal agents.

The telegram also stated:

If the public expects us to maintain the spirit and the letter of the law and to rely upon the judicial settlement of differences in an orderly way, we must be protected from the ill-advised and misguided efforts of Mr. Atterbury and his associates, who are violating the procedure established by law, and because of an absurd and impossible obsession for destroying railway labor organizations are resorting to methods which are indefensible and opposed to the public welfare.

E. F. Grable, President of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railway Shop Laborers, representing about 400,000 workers, likewise addressed a telegram to President Wilson on the 2d inst., protesting against the efforts of the carriers to "coerce" the Board. "We appeal to you as President of the whole people," said Mr. Grable's message, "to use your good offices to the end that the rights of the railroad employees of this country shall not be arbitrarily and unjustly dealt with."

Mr. Atterbury, in a statement issued on the 2d inst., said in part:

The total number of employees of the railways increased under Government control by 261,000.

It is a fact of the highest significance in its bearing upon the matter of agreements, rules and working conditions, whose nullification we have asked the Railroad Labor Board to approve, that of this increase 232,563 occurred in shop employees, clerks and maintenance of way employees with whom the Railroad Administration made the three national agreements.

The Transportation Act requires efficient and economical operation of the railways. Efficient and economical operation cannot, however, be secured without a removal of the great restrictions and obstacles in the way of efficient management which are set up by rules and working conditions which were adopted as war measures.

The railways desire to treat their employees with entire fairness. All charges to the contrary are baseless. They cannot, however, assume the responsibility for consenting any longer to a continuance of conditions which make efficient and economical operation impossible.

A statement by Mr. Atterbury on Feb. 3 enlarging upon his earlier one of the week, was read into the records of the Railroad Board on Feb. 3, this statement saying:

"When I went before the United States Railroad Labor Board on Monday morning, Jan. 31, there was an emergency requiring prompt and energetic action by the board. I said: 'Many railroads are not now earning, and with present operating costs and traffic have no prospect of earning, even their bare operating expenses, leaving them without any net return and unable to meet their fixed charges.'

"Since I made the above statement I have been advised by Thomas De Witt Cuyler, Chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, of the result of a canvass of the operating results of most of the railways of the country for the month of January. It is understood, of course, that it is impossible to close the actual accounts so soon after the end of the month, and that the results of the latter part, therefore, have to be estimated.

"This canvass shows that thirty-six railroads estimate that they have failed to earn even their operating expenses for the month of January. Among the roads are the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Railway, Buffalo & Susquehanna Railroad, Central of Georgia Railway, Detroit, Toledo & Ironton Railroad, Erie Railroad, Great Northern Railway, Gulf & Ship Island Railroad, Hocking Valley Railway, Long Island Railroad, Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway, Maine Central Railroad, New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, Northern Pacific Railway, Philadelphia & Reading Railway.

"While earning their operating expenses, twenty-eight additional roads estimate that they did not earn their taxes and fixed charges during the month of January. Among them are: The Arizona Eastern Railroad, Atlantic Coast Line, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Boston and Maine Railroad, Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville Railway, Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway, Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway, Lehigh Valley Railroad, Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad, Missouri Pacific Railroad, Norfolk Southern Railroad, Pennsylvania Railroad, Pere Marquette Railway, Western Maryland Railway and the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway.

"Under present traffic and operating conditions these were the results despite the fact that the sixty-four companies referred to—of which only a partial list is given above—have in the aggregate decreased their labor cost operation by laying off approximately 200,000 employees since Sept. 1 1920.

These companies have a total main line mileage of more than 100,000 miles and constitute approximately 40% of the railroad mileage of the country.

In addition, there are other companies of well established earning power under normal conditions which expect their earnings for January to exceed their fixed charges by only a narrow margin. The railroads cannot believe that the United States Railroad Labor Board, which by its wage decision of July 20 1920 has kept these national agreements, rules, and working conditions in existence since Sept. 1, can or will deny to the railroads and to the public the relief requested.

Included in the above figures of lay-offs and mileage are a number of companies which I have not specifically mentioned, which in previous years have also had difficulty in approximating a fair earning power. In a developing country like the United States there always have been a number of such railways. Their economic and traffic conditions have not justified the payment of trunk line wages or the observance of trunk line conditions of work, even when these have been far more reasonable and less costly than at present. Nevertheless the augmentation of their difficulties only goes to illustrate that it is economically unsound and can only be fraught with disaster to attempt to compel all of the railroads of the country, regardless of their differing conditions, to meet precisely the same wages and the same working conditions.

Our application to terminate immediately the war-time working arrangements which do apply alike, regardless of these differing conditions, is simply the attempt to secure Government sanction for the necessary process whereby these railroads can again fit their expenses and operating rules to the conditions of the territories whose public servants they are.

All the suggestions for laying this matter before Congress or some other public body, with the implication that the condition is not really serious, will, I am sure, mislead no one. Congress has passed the Transportation Act. The Inter-State Commerce Commission, pursuant to that Act, has fixed rates. Nevertheless the railroads cannot achieve their earning power under continuing abnormal and inflated operating expenses, of which the labor cost is the principal item. Hence, in accordance with the letter and spirit of the Transportation Act, the railroads are before the one body which ought to grant them relief—namely, the United States Railroad Labor Board.

For, as I said on Monday, at a time when wages and prices are falling in the field of agriculture and in the other industries of the country, the public has a right to demand that the solvency of the railroads shall be assured by economy in operation, and not by any further general increase in rates.

The fight which the railroads are now making is not only their own fight, but the fight of the farmer, the consumer and of the working man and employer in every industry of the country.

According to the New York "Commercial" of the 4th inst., E. F. Grable, head of the maintenance of way and shop laborers, went before the board on the 3d to answer the petition filed by the railroads, asking abrogation of the national agreements and reduction of wages of unskilled workers. The "Commercial" says:

Grable charged that the railroads were attempting to "trample under foot and disregard the rights of laborers who have submitted their interests to the board."

Grable cited figures to substantiate his assertion that the men were not overpaid. He said 286,300 maintenance of way employees received an annual wage in 1919 of \$933.60, while 65,000 others received only \$698.88.

The Association of Railway Executives in a statement issued on Jan. 31 had the following to say regarding the national agreements in controversy:

Five "national agreements" and eleven other sets of "rules and working conditions" are now in debate before the Railroad Labor Board in Chicago. The first of these agreements was not made until Oct. 20 1919, and the last only six days before the roads were returned to the operating companies. If allowed to remain in force, they would perpetrate working conditions and rules obstructive to the needs of the country's industry in normal times.

Just as emergency measures, almost regardless of expense, were made by nearly all Government agencies during the war, so were these agreements made by the Railroad Administration. But their continued existence perpetuates the expense, when the war emergency has disappeared.

The rules make wages and working conditions identical throughout the United States, regardless of innumerable differences in local conditions, and their operation puts upon the railroads hundreds of millions of dollars of operating expense, much of it for labor never performed. They decide not what is substantial justice under actual conditions on the road affected but whether the cause of difference is in accordance with or opposed to a rigid national rule affecting all localities alike.

The proposition of the roads that the Labor Board permit an immediate return to the conditions obtaining on Dec. 31 1917, does not abrogate the Adamson Act, and preserves to labor all the peacetime advantages gained through years of study, conference negotiations with labor unions and arbitrations.

The abolition of the national agreements would simply remand questions of issue for settlement between the parties locally. Such local settlement would take as a starting point the agreements and working conditions which had been established by the companies with their own employees up to the time the Government took possession of the railroads.

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF ASSOCIATION OF RESERVE CITY BANKERS.

The Association of Reserve City Bankers will hold its annual convention at the Lafayette Hotel, Buffalo, on Thursday and Friday, June 2 and 3. F. W. Ellsworth, of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co., of New Orleans, is President of the Association.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

The public sales of bank stocks this week aggregate 270 shares and were all made at auction. No trust company stocks were sold. Twenty shares of Hanover National Bank stock were sold at 795, an advance of 145 points over the price paid at the last previous public sale, which was made in December 1917. A sale of 26 shares of Atlantic National Bank stock—the first sale since February 1917, when the price paid was 181 1/2—was made at 220, an advance of \$38 1/2 per share. Extensive tables reporting bid and asked quotations, deposits, surplus, &c., of banks and trust companies in all important cities in the United States are published monthly in the "Bank and Quotation" Section, the February issue of which accompanies to-day's "Chronicle." Bid and asked quotations for all New York City bank and trust company stocks are also published weekly in another department of this paper, and will be found to-day on page 553.

Shares.	BANKS—New York.	Low.	High.	Close.	Last previous sale.
72	America, Bank of.....	198	198	198	Nov. 1920— 201
152	Amer. Exchange Nat. Bank.	250	250	250	July 1916— 219
26	Atlantic National Bank.....	220	220	220	Feb. 1917— 181 1/2
20	Hanover National Bank....	795	795	795	Dec. 1917— 650

At a meeting of the directors of the New York Life Insurance & Trust Company of this city on Feb. 2, Ernest H. Cook was elected Vice-President of the institution. Mr. Cook was associated with the old Plaza Bank of this city for twenty years serving for ten years as Assistant Cashier. With the merger of the bank in 1911 with the Union Trust Company also of this city he continued as Asst. Secretary.

When the Union Trust Company consolidated with the Central Trust in 1918 and became known as the Central Union Trust Company he was made Asst. Treasurer and Asst. Manager of the Plaza branch; he resigned that position in December 1920.

A. Barton Hepburn, Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Chase National Bank of this city, left on the 1st inst. for a trip to Japan, accompanied by his daughter. They will go by way of San Francisco and Honolulu, remaining in Japan for a month.

A statement by Mortimer N. Buckner, President of the New York Trust Co., announcing the approval of the plans for the merger of that company and the Liberty National Bank, was issued as follows on Feb. 1:

The Board of Trustees of the New York Trust Co. and the Board of Directors of the Liberty National Bank of New York to-day unanimously approved and recommended to their respective stockholders definite plans for the merging of these two institutions. The combined organization will be known as the New York Trust Co., which will have capital of \$10,000,000 and surplus and undivided profits of approximately \$16,000,000.

The Liberty National Bank has a capital stock of \$5,000,000 par value. The capital stock of the New York Trust Co. will be increased from its present amount, \$3,000,000 par value to \$10,000,000 par value. The trust company stockholders will receive a stock dividend of \$2,000,000. The holders of receipts representing jointly the \$5,000,000 capital stock of the Liberty National Bank and the common shares of the Liberty Securities Corporation will receive \$5,000,000 par value of the increased stock of the trust company.

The proposal to merge these two institutions was announced in December.

To arrange the terms of the merger, committees representing, respectively, the two institutions were appointed. The New York Trust Co. committee consisted of Darwin P. Kingsley, F. N. Hoffstot and Dean Sage. The Liberty National Bank committee consisted of Grayson M-P. Murphy, William H. Porter and Thomas Cochran.

After the adjustment of the assets of the two institutions as provided in the plan, including the payment of an extra cash dividend of approximately 8% to the stockholders of the New York Trust Co., the combined balance sheet of the institutions as of Dec. 31 1920 is as follows:

<i>Resources.</i>	
Cash in office and banks.....	\$26,112,343 43
Loans and discounts.....	150,786,336 69
United States bonds.....	4,285,690 37
Other bonds, securities, &c.....	23,132,058 41
Exchanges for Clearing House and cash items.....	28,574,652 13
Real estate.....	313,940 99
Accrued interest and commissions.....	1,926,479 78
Loans of credit by acceptance.....	6,807,995 44
Commercial credits issued confirmed.....	1,168,204 35
	\$243,107,701 59
<i>Liabilities.</i>	
Capital stock.....	\$8,000,000 00
Surplus fund.....	15,000,000 00
Undivided profits.....	3,281,295 66
Deposits.....	176,169,586 24
Reserved for taxes.....	682,568 68
Due Federal Reserve Bank of New York.....	28,595,115 11
Circulation.....	2,614,250 00
Interest and discount payable.....	816,870 06
Acceptances.....	6,799,811 49
Commercial credits per contra.....	1,168,204 35
	\$343,107,701 59

The asset value of the common stock of the Liberty Securities Corporation has been included as part of the assets vested in the merged institution, and the amalgamation plan includes provision for the organization of a new securities company, the entire common stock of which will be owned by the New York Trust Co.

The new Securities company will issue \$1,000,000 8% cumulative preferred stock, having the same rights and preferences as the preferred stock of the present Liberty Securities Corporation in exchange for the present outstanding preferred shares thereof amounting to \$1,000,000 par value.

The Board of Trustees of the new institution will comprise thirty members who will be selected from the present boards of the Trust company and the bank, fifteen from each institution. The executive officers of the new institution will be Mortimer N. Buckner, Chairman of the Board; Harvey D. Gibson, President. The new company will also have an advisory committee of which Otto T. Bannard will be Chairman, and an executive committee, of which Thomas Cochran, of J. P. Morgan & Co., will be Chairman.

When the quarters at 100 Broadway which had been designed for the Liberty National Bank, are completed, they will become the main office of the combined institution. Until then the new institution will retain the dual offices now occupied by the New York Trust Co. at 26 Broad St. and the Liberty National Bank at 130 Broadway.

The New York Trust Co. was formed in 1889 under the name of the New York Security & Trust Co. In 1904 it combined with the Continental Trust Co. and a year later the name of the consolidated institution was changed to the New York Trust Co. Otto T. Bannard, who had been President of the Continental Trust Co., became President, and later Chairman of the Board of the New York Trust Co. He was succeeded as President by Mortimer N. Buckner. Since 1904 the company has occupied offices at 26 Broad St.

The Liberty National Bank was established in 1891. In 1919 it absorbed the Scandinavian Trust Co. Among its presidents have been E. C. Converse, who has been actively identified with the institution ever since it was established. Others who have been at the head of the institution are Seward Prosser, now President of the Bankers Trust Co.; Henry P. Davison and Thomas Cochran, now members of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., and Harvey D. Gibson, who has occupied the office of President since 1916.

The plans have already been referred to in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 25, Jan. 22 and Jan. 29.

The Liberty National Bank, of this city, published on Jan. 31 the February number of "Present-Day Scandinavia,"

dealing with financial and economic conditions in Sweden. This number contains articles on Swedish Views on the Money Market, Wage Reductions in Sweden, Proposed Import Restrictions and Quotations on Swedish Securities.

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Seaboard National Bank of this city, it was proposed to increase the capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000. A meeting of the stockholders has been called for March 3 to vote on the proposed increase. The stockholders will be given the pro rata right to subscribe for the new \$2,000,000 stock at par. With this increase the bank will have a capital, surplus and undivided profits amounting to over \$8,200,000.

Last week the Chemical National Bank of this city, through its First Vice-President, Edwin S. Schenck, signed contracts for the purchase from the Metropolitan Bank of the 13-story building on the southwest corner of Broadway and Chambers St., at present occupied by the Shoe and Leather branch of the latter institution. As the Chemical National Bank's own handsome building adjoins the acquired property on the west and south—in fact practically surrounds it—this purchase will give an additional frontage of 50.2 feet on Broadway and of 192.8 feet on Chambers St. Since the amalgamation of the Citizens' National Bank in May of last year with the Chemical National Bank, the latter has been cramped for room, and this is one of the reasons for the purchase of the additional property. As yet no plans have been made for its improvement. The Metropolitan Bank has leased for a long term of years the building at 320 Broadway, formerly the home of the Citizens National Bank, prior to its merger with the Chemical National Bank, and the Shoe and Leather Branch of the Metropolitan Bank will occupy these quarters upon its removal from Chambers St.

The Equitable Trust Company of New York has announced the opening of an office in Chicago. The office will be located in the National Life Building, 29 South La-Salle Street. D. L. DeGolyer has been appointed manager of this office. Mr. DeGolyer has been associated with Chicago banking organizations since 1908. He resigns from John Burnham & Company to accept his present position. W. E. Hart has been appointed assistant manager. Mr. Hart has been for a number of years the Middle Western new business representative of the Trust Company. The company has installed a private wire to its main office in New York. This office has been established in accordance with the company's policy of co-operating with the local banks and investment dealers of the Middle West.

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Bank of the Americas, Albert Strauss was elected a member to succeed Frederick Strauss, resigned, and Phanor J. Eder, Secretary, was elected a Vice-President.

"Trusts—How They Function," is the title of a new booklet just issued by the Columbia Trust Company of this city for free distribution.

Announcement was made on Jan. 31 that Redmond & Co., of New York and Pittsburgh, and Frazier & Co., of Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, had combined, and that the business of both firms would be continued by the following under the name of Redmond & Co.: Franklin Q. Brown; Benjamin West Frazier (member Philadelphia Stock Exchange); Howard F. Hansell, Jr.; A. Perry Osborn; J. F. B. Mitchell; and Warren S. Jarvis, member New York and Pittsburgh Stock Exchanges.

Redmond & Co. was originally formed some thirty years ago as Redmond, Kerr & Co., and in 1904 became Redmond & Co. The firm of Frazier & Co. was organized in 1915. W. R. Cross has retired from the firm of Redmond & Co.

The Mechanics & Metals National Bank of New York has prepared an 80-page book, which will be sent out upon request, on how to compute the excess profits tax. The book considers 40 special cases, which have come up, or might come up under the law, and shows the means of meeting each of them.

Morris Plan statistics just compiled from reports to the Industrial Finance Corporation, the parent company of 100 Morris Plan banks and companies operating the Morris Plan of industrial loans and investments throughout the United States, show that the needs of 328,987 borrowers were met in the year 1920 by loans aggregating \$69,168,384. This figure should be compared with the loans made by the Morris Plan during the first year of its existence (1910) which amounted in the aggregate to \$45,000. Since that year the Morris Plan has made 1,219,987 loans amounting to \$212,168,384. The gross earnings of the Morris Plan banks increased 60% in 1920 over the previous year. In addition to this record of growth in volume of loan, a corresponding increase in the number of patrons practising thrift on the Morris Plan has been accomplished. More than \$15,000,000 is now held for patrons who have saved this sum in small amounts. The Morris Plan Co. of New York alone is obtaining new savers at the rate of more than 5,000 a month. During the month of December alone residents of New York saved more than \$500,000 in this way, while in January the amount increased to \$700,000. These savings are in small amounts from \$1 up. The Morris Plan Co. of New York, founded Jan. 1 1915, has lent \$27,881,617 to 168,000 persons, and during the past years made loans aggregating more than \$9,000,000. It has in its files credit investigations covering over 700,000 names. And there are 99 other Morris Plan banks and companies in the United States.

"The Curb Market's New Home" is the title of an attractive booklet just issued by the New Business Department of the American Trust Company. This pamphlet describes the history and functions of one of New York's most interesting institutions and contains pictures of the new building which is to house the Curb Market in Trinity Place.

At the annual meeting on Jan. 11 the Farmers' Trust Company, of Mount Holly, New Jersey, all of the former members of the board were elected excepting John V. Bishop and Henry M. Black. The former declined re-election.

The Buffalo Trust Co. of Buffalo, N. Y., has been authorized by the State Banking Department to increase its capital from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. Plans to enlarge the capital were approved by the stockholders of the company on Jan. 14. The new stock is to be disposed of at \$275 per share (par \$100) to existing stockholders and \$300 to new stockholders. The increased capital is to become effective Feb. 15.

At the recent annual meeting of the stockholders of the Equitable Trust Co. of Boston C. F. Adams was elected a Vice-President to succeed Joseph M. Herman, deceased.

The Peoples' National Bank of Roxbury, at Boston, Mass., has changed its name to the Peoples' National Bank of Boston; the new name was adopted Jan. 24 1921.

The First National Bank of Attleboro, Mass., has issued \$100,000 of new stock, increasing its capital from \$300,000 to \$400,000. The new capital was made effective Jan. 26. It was authorized on July 14 of last year, the additional stock being sold at \$150 per share, par \$100.

Interests connected with the Merchants National Bank of Worcester, Mass., purchased a controlling interest in the Park Trust Co. of Worcester on Jan. 18. The Park Trust has a capital of \$300,000 and a surplus of \$130,000. It is the present intention to operate the Park Trust Co. as a separate institution. Ralph H. Mann, President, and J. Lewis Ellsworth, Vice-President and Treasurer, have resigned, and also from the board of directors. Frank A. Drury, President of the Merchants National Bank, has become head of the Park Trust Co. H. M. Abbott, has been elected Treasurer of the Park Trust Co. The new directors are Frank A. Drury and H. L. Riddle of Boston; Aldus C. Higgins, George E. Duffy, George N. Jeppson and E. H. Vaughan, all of Worcester, and Harding Allen of Barre, Mass.

The United States Trust Company of Portland, Maine, will increase its capital from \$100,000 to \$150,000. Plans to

enlarge the capital were approved by the stockholders at their annual meeting on Jan. 18. It is proposed to issue the new stock at \$150 per \$100 share—\$100 going to capital account and \$50 to surplus. The increased capital will become operative March 1 1921.

Anthony G. Felix, Cashier of the Peoples' Bank of Philadelphia, has been made Vice-President, retaining his office of Cashier.

H. C. Potter, Jr., Treasurer of the United Security Life Insurance & Trust Company of Pennsylvania, died on Jan. 16 of pneumonia after an illness of a week. Mr. Potter was forty-two years old. He was a graduate of Princeton University, and besides being Treasurer of the United Security Life Insurance & Trust Company was President of the Tredyffrin Country Club and also member Menore Cricket Club and Princeton Club.

The capital of the First National Bank of Wilkesburg, Pa., has been increased from \$100,000 to \$150,000. The new stock was authorized by the stockholders on Dec. 14, and the increased capital became operative on Jan. 18. The additional stock was disposed of at \$200 per \$100 share.

W. Harry Ewalt, heretofore Paying Teller of the Merchants' National Bank of Baltimore, was recently elected Assistant Cashier of the Baltimore Commercial Bank and assumed his new duties on Jan. 17 as Manager of the Park Avenue branch of that institution. Mr. Ewalt was with the Merchants' National Bank for thirty years, having started as a runner. The bank recently adopted the shorter title of Merchants' National Bank in lieu of its former longer designation—the Merchants-Mechanics First National Bank. The proposal to change the name was noted in our issue of Oct. 9 last.

Announcement was made at the recent annual meeting of the Citizens Trust & Savings Bank of Columbus, Ohio, that all details had been completed looking to the taking over of the Produce Exchange Bank of that city by the institution. The two branches of the Produce Exchange Bank are being operated as branches of the enlarged bank. The Citizens Trust & Savings Bank has a capital of \$700,000; on Dec. 31 1920 it reported surplus and profits of \$173,211; deposits of \$7,545,082 and resources of \$8,526,599.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ohio Savings & Trust Company of Akron, Ohio, held Jan. 15 1921, W. O'Neil was elected President, succeeding F. A. Seiberling, resigned. All other officers were re-elected as follows: A. F. Ayers, Vice-President and Secretary; Joseph Dangel and C. W. McLaughlin, Vice-Presidents; C. J. Arnold, Treasurer and Asst. Secretary; W. P. Welker, Trust Officer and Asst. Secretary; R. S. Powley and J. D. Clear, Assistant Treasurers, and Hugo Schimek, Manager Foreign Department.

The Directors of Noel State Bank of Chicago have recommended that the stockholders authorize the increase of the capital of that bank to \$1,000,000, as of April 2 1921, to be issued to the present stockholders at par.

The Hamilton State Bank opened for business last Saturday at 3845 Broadway, Chicago. The bank has \$200,000 capital and \$30,000 surplus, and more than three hundred stockholders. The directors are Edward H. Bagley, member of the Chicago Board of Trade; C. J. Guderyahn, retired merchant; Byron V. Kanaley and Frederick W. Cooper of the investment firm of Cooper, Kanaley & Co.; Emil W. Carlson, retired manufacturer; Donald R. Wegg, capitalist; Roy P. Roberts, Vice-President and Cashier, formerly Cashier of the Halsted Street State Bank and Charles E. Kanaley, President.

William O. Conrad, Cashier of the Home Bank and Trust Company, Chicago, has been chosen as the President of the new Keystone Trust & Savings Bank which is erecting a building at 2715-17 West North Avenue, Chicago. The building is to be completed in April. Among the other principal owners are Albert H. Severinghaus, Vice-President

of the Board of Education; Henry W. Roos, Robert L. Hurlburt and Charles A. Koepke.

The directors of the Noel State Bank, Chicago, have voted to recommend to the stockholders the doubling of the capital stock of the bank. A special meeting of the shareholders has been called for Feb. 28 to act on the proposition. The present capital of the bank is \$500,000 and the additional \$500,000 is to be sold to stockholders at par. The old stock is quoted at 190 bid and there have been transfers at 200. Surplus and undivided profits amount to \$171,500. The bank has deposits of about \$6,000,000. The increase for the last year was \$1,375,000 and the present gains are at about that rate. The Noel Bank is building for itself at Milwaukee and North Avenues, a new home, which it expects to be the finest banking house outside the loop. It will cost about \$500,000 and has been under construction for about a year and will be ready for occupancy within a few months. Joseph R. Noel, President of the Bank, is President of the Chicago Association of Commerce.

Oliver B. Cottle has been elected Cashier of the Stony Island Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago, to succeed A. Lincoln Long, resigned. The other new officers are: President, G. M. Benedict; Vice-Presidents, M. D. Harding and E. L. Bloom; Assistant Cashier, Carl Newgreen.

The close of a campaign for new savings accounts which netted 3,500 new customers in six weeks was celebrated by the employees of the Sheridan Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago at a banquet and dance at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, tendered them by the officers of the bank last Monday night. A silver loving cup was awarded the captain of the winning team by W. J. Klingenberg, President of the Bank, and substantial prizes were presented to holders of individual records. The details of the contest were arranged by R. F. McCambridge, Assistant Cashier, Percy W. Baddeley, Manager of the Savings Department, and an advisory committee consisting of the senior officers, W. J. Klingenberg, President, and Vice-Presidents Read and Crowder. The banking force was divided into five teams, captained by junior officers, and points were awarded on the basis of new accounts opened. Some of the individual records were surprising. Fred J. Stratmann was credited with 437 new accounts, and Albert Tilton, Jr., with 267. The Sheridan Trust & Savings Bank, in its beautiful and unique banking structure at Lawrence and Broadway, in the heart of the Wilson Ave. District, has enjoyed marked prosperity and its resources to-day are in excess of seven and a half million dollars.

At the annual meeting of the directors of the Central Trust Co. of Illinois of Chicago on Jan. 25 1921 Charles G. Dawes was elected Chairman of the board; Joseph E. Otis was elected President and Geo. F. Rettig and Melvin C. Smeck were elected Assistant Cashiers. All other officers were re-elected.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Merchants & Manufacturers Bank of Milwaukee on Jan. 22 the following officers were re-elected: L. M. Alexander, Chairman of the board; W. F. Myers, President; H. P. Andrae, Vice-President; B. V. Dela Hunt, Cashier; Frank Brand and James K. Edsall, Assistant Cashiers.

The forty-sixth annual report of the Banque d'Hochelaga (Montreal), covering the twelve months ended Nov. 30 1920, was presented to the stockholders at their annual meeting on Jan. 15. The report shows net profits after the usual deductions, of \$649,740. When to this amount the sum of \$76,065 is added, representing the balance to credit of profit and loss brought forward from the preceding twelve months, \$725,804 is obtained as available for distribution. From this sum, the report shows, the following appropriations were made: \$400,000 to cover four quarterly dividends; \$20,000 contributed to officers' pension fund; \$50,000 reserved for Dominion Government tax; \$60,000 written off bank premises; \$12,000 donated to charitable and patriotic funds, and \$100,000 placed to credit of reserve fund, leaving a balance at credit of profit and loss of \$83,804, to be carried forward to next year. Total assets of the bank are shown as \$75,693,921, or more than double what they were in 1915, of which amount \$29,315,275 are liquid assets, exclusive of \$2,403,228 in short-term loans to municipalities and school

corporations; total deposits now stand at \$56,276,331, or an increase of \$5,801,034 over those of last year. In the course of the year the bank opened eleven new branches in the Dominion and converted a number of sub-agencies into regular branches. J. A. Vaillancourt is President and Beaudry Leman the General Manager.

That the Bank of Nova Scotia (head office Halifax) enjoyed a very prosperous year is evidenced by its annual report, which we print elsewhere in our columns to-day, and which is the 89th annual report put out by the institution. Net profits, after providing for estimated losses by bad debts are given in the statement as \$2,327,422, or an increase of \$401,944 over those of the preceding year. After adding the balance from the previous year of \$704,173, the sum of \$3,031,595 was available for distribution. Appropriations, the report shows, from this amount were as follows: To cover dividends for the year at 16%, \$1,552,000; to pay war tax on circulation, \$97,000; contribution to officers' pension fund, \$100,000; written off bank premises, \$300,000, leaving a balance to profit and loss account to be carried forward to 1921 of \$982,595. Total assets of the bank are given as \$239,704,383, as compared with \$238,278,722 a year ago; total deposits stand at \$184,745,845, made up of non-interest-bearing deposits of \$39,264,930 and deposits bearing interest, including accrued interest, of \$145,480,914, and commercial loans are given at \$87,045,772.

At the annual meetings of the First Wisconsin institutions of Milwaukee, which include the First Wisconsin National Bank, the First Wisconsin Trust Company and the First Wisconsin Company, investment securities, officers and directors were reelected. Charles M. Morris and Douglas McKey were added to the Trust Company directors and E. R. Ormsby was appointed an Assistant-Cashier of the Bank. Oliver C. Fuller is President of all three institutions.

The National Bank of Commerce in St. Louis announces that it has assumed direct management and control of its safe deposit vaults and boxes, which have heretofore been under lease to the Mortgage Trust Co. These vaults are located in the bank's building, called the Federal Reserve Building, at the corner of Broadway and Pine. The main vault, it is claimed, is the largest single vault in the United States. The vault contains 8,700 steel boxes. It is planned eventually to increase this number to 30,000. The vault measures 63 by 28 feet inside and the ceiling and walls are lined with 3-inch drill-proof chrome steel plates. It rests on a concrete foundation 10 feet deep and is surrounded by walls and a top of 24 inches of steel re-enforced concrete. The outside doors of this vault are 15 inches thick and each weighs 20 tons.

G. A. Miller, formerly a Vice-President of the Southern Illinois National Bank of East St. Louis, at the recent annual meeting of the institution was elected President to take the place of Conrad Reeb, who was made General Chairman of the Joint Board of Directors of the Bank and its affiliated institution, the Southern Illinois Trust Co. Paul S. Abt, heretofore Secretary and Treasurer of the trust company, was elected President of that institution. Other promotions were H. H. Jost, formerly Cashier of the bank, to Vice-President, and J. A. Harszy, heretofore Assistant Cashier, to take the place of Mr. Jost as Cashier.

The Citizens National Bank of Bowling Green, Ky., has increased its capital from \$120,000 to \$250,000 each share of stock in this bank carries with it one share of stock in the Bowling Green Trust Co. par value \$40. The Bowling Green Trust Co. increased its capital from \$60,000 to \$100,000. The new stock was issued at par—\$100 per share Citizens National Bank stock and \$40 per share in the Bowling Green Trust Co.—to the stockholders of the two institutions and \$240 to others for the combined stock. The increase in capital became effective Jan. 15.

The South Texas Commercial National Bank of Houston, Tex., announces with regret the resignation of J. A. Pondrom to assume his duties as President of the City National Bank of Dallas, with which institution he formerly served as Assistant Cashier. The Houston bank in announcing the withdrawal of Mr. Pondrom says "he has their sincere good wishes for continued success in his new work." S. M. Me-

Ashan, for six years a Vice-President of the South Texas Commercial National, has been elected First-Vice-President, succeeding Mr. Pondrom. E. P. Stallings, formerly Chief Clerk, is appointed an additional Assistant Cashier of the South Texas Commercial National.

Judge S. A. Lindsey, until recently Secretary of the Federal Land Bank of Houston, and one of the founders of that institution, has been elected President of the National Bank of Commerce of the same city and has already assumed his new duties. He succeeds Roy M. Farrar, who resigned in order that he might devote more time to the Farrar Lumber Co. of Houston, of which he is head. Judge Lindsey is well known in Houston banking circles. A short time ago he took a trip abroad, where he carefully studied the details of foreign banking and finances.

J. A. Pondrom, heretofore First Vice-President of the South Texas Commercial National Bank of Houston, was elected President of the City National Bank of Dallas at its recent annual meeting to succeed R. H. Stewart who retires from the Presidency but will continue to take an active part in the affairs of the institution. The new President is not new to the City National Bank, as from 1905 to 1907 he was an Assistant Cashier of the institution. Mr. Pondrom is well known in Texas banking circles as well as those of the country at large having from May 1914 to May 1915 been President of the Texas State Bankers Association and for the past three years a member of the Executive Council of the American Bankers Association. Mr. Stewart is one of the most popular bankers in Dallas and much of the success of the City National Bank is due to his efforts.

At the annual meeting of the People's State Bank of Houston, Louie Cohn, active Vice-President and Cashier of the institution, was elected President to succeed Robert L. Young, resigned. Mr. Cohn was the organizer of the People's State Bank of Houston in 1919 and is well known in Texas banking circles. From 1911 to 1919 he was a State bank examiner, and prior to that was connected with various banking institutions, such as the First National Bank of Hallettsville, the Yoakum National Bank of Yoakum, and the Laredo National Bank of Laredo. Mr. Young will devote his time to the development of the Monarch Oil & Refining Co., of which he is President and General Manager. The personnel of the People's State Bank is now as follows: Louie Cohn, President; Samuel Levy, Active Vice-President; Ike L. Freed, Vice-President; J. A. Herring, Vice-President; I. H. Blume, Cashier; E. E. Draeger, Assistant Cashier.

At the annual meeting of the Citizens' Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles, the only change in the personnel of the bank was the promotion of J. E. Faucett from Assistant Cashier to Vice-President.

At a meeting of the directors of the Portuguese-American Bank of San Francisco on Jan. 8, the proposal to increase the capital from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 was approved. A portion of the new stock (\$25,000) will be sold at present at par to the present shareholders, and the balance will be held in the treasury to be sold as the expansion of the bank business may warrant. The capital now to be issued will become effective March 30. On Dec. 31 last the bank reported a surplus of \$50,000, deposits of \$3,745,620, and total resources of \$4,359,912.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Italy, San Francisco, on Jan. 19, President A. P. Giannini called attention to the large increase of more than \$13,000,000 in the deposits of the institution and of approximately \$20,000,000 in its total resources during the year 1920, which he characterized as the "most profitable in the history of the Bank of Italy." During the twelve months the bank added \$625,000 to its surplus and \$788,240 to undivided profits, making total 1920 additions to these funds of more than \$1,400,000. Total capital, surplus and undivided profits at the end of the year was \$12,913,240. The paid-in capital of the bank was increased from \$7,000,000 to \$9,000,000 during the period, and the remaining \$1,000,000 of authorized capital, consisting of 10,000 shares of new stock, it is expected will be paid in by July 2 1921, the issuance of the same

having been authorized in September last. Commenting on the growth in deposits and resources, President Giannini said: "A comparison of the total deposits during this period shows \$127,258,625 92 on Dec. 30 1919 and \$140,993,545 37 Dec. 30 1920, while an increase in resources was from \$137,900,700 30 as of Dec. 30 1919 to \$157,464,685 08 at the end of 1920." These figures show a normal, healthy growth and do not represent increase from consolidation or purchase of other institutions. During the last six months the dividend rate was increased from 10% to 12% per annum, the dividends paid during the year calling for \$890,000. In addition, a special dividend of \$900,000 was voted in July for the account of stockholders of the Bank of Italy to the Stockholders' Auxiliary Corporation. The directors made no changes in the personnel of the bank.

At the annual meeting of the Stockholders' Auxiliary Corporation it was stated by the President, who is also Mr. A. P. Giannini, that during the year 1920 increases in the capital, surplus and undivided profits of the corporation made the aggregate of these amounts more than \$2,000,000. The officials of the corporation were re-elected.

The directors of the National Bank of Commerce of Seattle made the following changes in the personnel of the institution at the annual meeting. Robert S. Walker who heretofore held the dual position of Vice-President and Cashier, was relieved of the Cashiership by the promotion of I. W. Bedle from Assistant Cashier to Cashier; E. W. Brownell was made Assistant Vice-President and J. L. Platt was advanced to Assistant Cashier.

In our bank items of Jan. 22—page 341—we referred to the election of John Clausen as a director and Vice-President of the Mexico City Banking Corporation, S. A. of Mexico City. From a statement furnished us of Mr. Clausen's business career we take the following:

Born in 1876, he received his early education in Copenhagen, Denmark, and at the age of 16 came to America. He became a citizen of the United States, the requisite papers being executed by the Southern District of New York, May 6 1898, and subsequently served in the United States Army during the Spanish-American War, 1898 to 1899, being mustered in as a private, with gradual promotion to the rank of First Sergeant, Company L, Twelfth Regiment of New York Volunteers. After rendering service from May 2 1898 to July 21 1898, as an enlisted man, he was discharged to accept a commission in the United States Army as Second Lieutenant of Company F, Twelfth Regiment New York Infantry Volunteers, the commission being signed by the Governor of the State of New York and Adjutant-General at Albany, N. Y., with rank from July 21 1898. He was enrolled in the United States Army by virtue of the President's call, on July 29 1898, for service in this country and Cuba until the regiment was mustered out on April 20 1899. After his discharge from the army he traveled in Europe, returning to the United States in December 1899, when he accepted a position with the North American Trust Co. of New York in their branch at Matanzas, Cuba. This institution was later absorbed by the Banco Nacional de Cuba, and he remained with them until April 1905.

In June 1906 he accepted a position as Assistant Manager of the International Banking Corporation at their branch in Mexico City, remaining with that institution until May 1 1907, when he resigned to accept a position as Manager of the Mexico City Banking Co., S. A., Mexico City (now the Mexico City Banking Corporation, S. A.), leaving them on Jan. 1 1910, and on June 30 1920 he took over the management of the Foreign Department of the Crocker National Bank of San Francisco. On March 13 1917 he was elected a Vice-President by the board of directors of the Crocker National Bank, continuing with that institution until Dec. 10 1918, when he was invited to join the Chemical National Bank of New York as Vice-President in charge of their international affairs, which position he occupied until he joined the staff of the Union National Bank of Seattle, in which institution he has served since January 1920 as a director and Vice-President, and now leaves to assume like duties in his new affiliation with the Mexico City Banking Corporation, S. A., Mexico City.

As an outcome of the First Pan-American Financial Conference held in Washington, D. C., in 1915, Mr. Clausen received an appointment from the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States to membership on the Committee having in charge the arrangements for return visits of bankers and merchants of the United States to Central and South America, which had for its purpose the strengthening and improving of financial, commercial and political relationships with those countries. He later served as a member of the committee visiting the Central American republics, February to April 1916.

Appointment to the Chairmanship of the Permanent Group Committee especially assigned to Guatemala—succeeding David R. Francis, former Ambassador of the United States to Russia—for the purpose of fostering closer financial and commercial ties with that republic, was also conferred upon him by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States. He presided over the group meetings of that committee at the Second Pan-American Financial Conference held in Washington, D. C., Jan. 19 to 24 1920, and this appointment has since been re-confirmed by D. F. Houston, present Secretary of the Treasury.

As a member of the Committee of Fifteen appointed by the Commissioner of Education—Department of the Interior—to study the question of Educational Preparation for Foreign Service in secondary schools, colleges and universities of the United States and other nations, he has been afforded an opportunity to co-operate in the activities for which the Committee was formed. On Oct. 4 1918, an appointment was conferred upon him by the Department of the Interior to serve as special collaborator in the Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C., to assist in the survey of business needs and school opportunities for training for foreign service.

To lend effective co-operation in the movement for "greater prosperity through greater foreign trade," he has contributed numerous articles for publication in financial and commercial magazines.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Jan. 20 1921:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue is £126,500,015, an increase of £1,170 as compared with last week.

A fair quantity of gold came into the market and was taken for the United States of America.

It is reported from New York that consignments of gold to the value of \$2,500,000 and \$800,000 have been received in that city from Paris and London respectively.

The movements of the previous metals to and from India were of special importance during the Great War. They are still more significant now that currency throughout the world has been inflated to such an extremely large extent, and all embargo upon Indian bullion movements has ceased. The past attitude of India toward gold and silver has been, with little exception, one-sided. Returns generally have shown a net gain of imports. We append official figures:

(In thousands £ sterling)		Net Imports			
Quinquennial average—		Treasure	Gold		
1864-65—1868-69	15,518	5,724		1907-08	24,557 11,578
1869-70—1873-74	6,285	2,928		1908-09	10,950 2,904
1874-75—1878-79	6,175	594		1909-10	20,749 14,453
1879-80—1883-84	8,500	3,394		1910-11	21,740 15,986
1884-85—1888-89	8,845	2,298		1911-12	28,731 25,173
1889-90—1893-94	9,556	1,562		1912-13	34,133 22,667
1894-95—1898-99	5,257	1,510		1913-14	24,239 15,550
1899-00—1903-04	9,574	4,122		1914-15	11,014 5,099
In the Year—				1915-16	2,480 x-740
1904-05	15,313	6,467		1916-17	21,357 8,824
1905-06	10,787	307		1917-18	29,480 16,787
1906-07	25,907	9,900		1918-19	41,573 x-3,707
					x Net exports.

The total net imports of treasure during these 55 years reached the formidable total of £671,560,000.

Against only two years—1915-16 and 1918-19—is there reported a net export, and that of gold only, not of gold and silver combined. Even this amount in one case is under, in the other not much more than, India's own production. In both instances the movement was owing to absolutely abnormal conditions created by the Great War.

The recent exports of gold and silver from India—which, like some vast lake, has been perennially supplied by tributary streams of gold and silver—should not, in our opinion, be considered an indication that the timeworn practice of assimilation of the precious metals is to be abandoned. Rather should the sporadic reverse movement be likened to the natural overflow which ensues when the surface of a lake temporarily overleaps its banks.

The amount of silver taken by India during the latter years of the war and immediately after was, owing to natural and special circumstances of remarkable size. When in Sept. 1919, the acquisition of gold was again allowed, the suppressed appetite of the people led to an astonishing demand for this metal also. Hence, it was not surprising that last year, India having to face an unsatisfactory monsoon, consignments of both metal should have been sent out of the country. The high prices obtained for Indian commodities, raw and manufactured, during the war have been very beneficial to India, and it is quite probable that the Indian reservoir will before long resume the function, indicated by the official statistics to which we have drawn attention, namely, of receiving and absorbing substantial yearly accretions of previous metal.

SILVER.

Assisted by a firmer American exchange the price showed a heavy tendency until today, when a considerable demand concentrated upon this market. Indian has figured as buyer and seller. So also has China, the latter upon a considerable scale owing to the large position taken up by Chinese speculators. The Continent has sold in moderation; American sales on the other hand have been good. It will be interesting to find whether there is sufficient absorption of the metal to maintain prices. Speculative purchases for forward delivery are usually set off to some extent by actual silver due to arrive and therefore resales of speculative holdings may at a later date weigh upon the market.

The undertaking of the Mexican Government to remit the duty on silver should the price in New York fall below 60 cents, suggests that, when the value is under that figure, there is some considerable risk that the Mexican output will be affected. This view is confirmed by private advices from that country.

We have been informed from India that the high prices of silver during the last few years have caused the Indian people to part with their hoarded silver to such an extent that India "is quite destitute" of this metal. We think that this statement must chiefly apply to the larger description of holdings, for it is difficult to understand what material for hoarding more suitable than silver could be substituted by the mass of the Indian people at a time when gold was difficult to obtain.

United Kingdom imports and exports of silver are appended:

	Imports		Exports	
	Month ended Dec. 31 '20	Year ended Dec. 31 '20	Month ended Dec. 31 '20	Year ended Dec. 31 '20
Netherlands	£258,130	£866,236		£3,890
Belgium	15,158	709,414		6,250
France	784,233	3,875,699		137,727
West Africa	265	114,015	2,001	1,066,067
China (incl. Hongkong)	10	10	681,200	5,081,095
U. S. of America	8,590	1,252,757	25,000	232,726
South America	5,811	202,871		130
Cape Colony		6,186	55,800	306,000
Natal			44,200	203,400
British India			39,403	310,750
Australia			150,742	205
Canada	93,214	705,397		3,812
Other countries	88,024	2,000,304	72,860	617,305
Total	£1,253,435	£9,923,034	£1,192,016	£11,493,266

The stock in Shanghai on the 15th inst. consisted of about 39,570,000 ounces in sycee, 28,500,000 dollars, and 2,550 bars of silver, as compared with about 38,600,000 ounces in sycee, 29,600,000 dollars, and 880 bars of silver on the 8th inst.

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—	Sat. Jan. 29.	Mon. Jan. 31.	Tues. Feb. 1.	Wed. Feb. 2.	Thurs. Feb. 3.	Fri. Feb. 4.
Silver, per oz.	36 1/4	35 1/8	34 1/2	36 1/4	37 3/4	36 1/4
Gold, per fine ounce	105s. 7d.	106s. 1d.	107s. 2d.	107s. 2d.	106s. 9d.	106s. 9d.
Consols, 2 1/2 per cents	49	48	48 1/2	48	48	48
British, 5 per cents	84 1/8	84 3/8	84 3/8	84 3/8	84 3/8	85
British, 4 1/2 per cents	77 1/2	77 3/8	77 1/2	77 3/8	77 3/8	77 1/2
French Rentee (in Paris) fr.	85.90	85.97	85.72	85.60	85.55	85.80
French War Loan (in Paris) fr.	85.20	85.20	83.95	83.95	83.95	83.95

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

Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.):	Jan. 29.	Jan. 31.	Feb. 1.	Feb. 2.	Feb. 3.	Feb. 4.
Domestic	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2
Foreign	62 3/4	59 3/4	57 3/4	61 1/2	63 1/2	60

Clearings by Telegraph—Sales of Stocks, Bonds, &c.

—The subjoined table, covering clearings for the current week, usually appears on the first page of each issue, but on account of the length of the other tables is crowded out

once a month. The figures are received by telegraph from other leading cities.

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph Week ending February 5	1921	1920	Per Cent
New York	\$3,893,685,933	\$4,525,153,971	-14.0
Chicago	453,605,660	533,348,873	-15.0
Philadelphia	381,937,386	418,738,847	-8.8
Boston	258,885,418	307,040,113	-15.7
Kansas City	608,272	204,392,342	-34.1
St. Louis	193	147,869,359	-28.6
San Francisco	112,500,000	132,76,208	-14.8
Pittsburgh	125,026,675	126,51,324	-1.2
Detroit	75,164,241	90,0,000	-16.4
Mempho	70,569,742	75,986	-6.4
New Orleans	40,215,486	74,493	-46.2
Eleven cities, 5 days	\$5,651,822,006	\$6,635,166	16
Other cities, 5 days	950,407,215	1,160,18	-18.1
Total all cities, 5 days	\$6,602,229,224	\$7,795,384	214
All cities, 1 day	1,157,271,817	52,8,2,279	-14.4
Total all cities for week	\$7,759,504,011	\$9,148,476,493	-15.2

Our usual monthly detailed statement of transactions on the New York Stock Exchange is appended. The results for the month of January 1921 and 1920 are given below:

Description	January 1921.			January 1920.		
	Par Value or Quantity	Actual Value.	Aver. Price.	Par Value or Quantity	Actual Value.	Aver. Price.
Stock (Shs.)	16,144,876			19,880,166		
(Val.)	\$1,327,513,750	\$1,054,127,645	79.4	\$1,781,069,200	\$1,611,927,486	90.5
RR. bonds	97,626,500	79,389,947	81.3	52,930,000	46,425,928	87.7
U. S. Gov't bonds	179,714,600	154,796,423	86.1	292,435,600	273,528,461	
State, &c., bonds	22,282,500	19,109,734	85.8	25,759,000		
Bank stocks						
Total	\$1,627,137,350	\$1,308,423,749	80.4	\$2,152,184,800	\$1,956,351,984	90.9

The volume of transactions in share properties on the New York Stock Exchange each month since July 1 in 1920-21 and 1919-20 is indicated in the following:

SALES OF STOCKS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

M'th.	1920.			1919.		
	Number of Shares.	Values.		Number of Shares.	Values.	
		Par.	Actual.		Par.	Actual.
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
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
Jan.	16,144,876	1,327,513,750	1,054,127,645	19,880,166	1,781,069,200	1,611,927,486

The following compilation covers the clearings by months since July 1 in 1920-21 and 1919-20:

MONTHLY CLEARINGS.

Month.	Clearings, Total All.			Clearings Outside New York.		
	1920.	1919.	%	1920.	1919.	%
	\$	\$		\$	\$	
July	37,484,647,153	37,513,314,549	-0.01	17,652,345,947	15,638,694,709	+12.9
Aug	34,360,792,789	34,708,905,706	-1.6	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 qr.	107,836,484,001	107,829,519,151	+0.0	51,510,694,181	46,817,922,257	+10.0
Oct.	38,767,734,004	41,829,995,356	-7.3	18,106,647,415	18,116,242,557	-0.50
Nov	36,004,619,968	39,350,218,392	-8.5	16,570,503,540	16,764,465,897	-1.1
Dec	37,723,295,277	42,384,095,765	-11.0	16,742,361,201	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
Jan.	33,537,326,998	41,665,648,028	-19.5	14,964,288,673	18,455,927,322	-18.9

The course of bank clearings at leading cities of the country for the month of January in each of the last eight years is shown in the subjoined statement:

BANK CLEARINGS AT LEADING CITIES IN JANUARY.

(000,000s omitted.)	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.	1915.	1914.
New York	18,573	23,210	17,861	14,719	15,127	12,327	7,288	9,372
Chicago	2,414	2,857	2,345	2,025	2,084	1,528	1,312	1,436
Boston	1,339	1,809	1,478	1,159	1,031	869	645	777
Philadelphia	1,853	2,176	1,832	1,523	1,398	1,015	662	762
St. Louis	593	778	717	648	590	429	355	397
Pittsburgh	720	698	593	320	334	260	205	234
San Francisco	606	721	573	434	376	241	216	218
Baltimore	364	414	370	183	188	151	151	170
Cincinnati	265	308	278	190	182	191	113	137
Kansas City	724	1,123	846	847	584	350	326	252
Cleveland	531	582	440	340	286	172	108	123
Minneapolis	296	208	184	141	127	121	127	108
New Orleans	216	353	278	246	152	106	90	112
Detroit	375	490	321	226	233	153	98	121
Louisville	109	80	117	90	106	83	56	74
Omaha	173	305	249	200	142	93	79	79
Providence	50	71	51	53	51	45	34	40
Milwaukee	127	138	137	112	103	78	74	74
Los Angeles	365	316	157	132	134	98	87	108
Buffalo	173	190	109	90	87	72	53	54
St. Paul	150	87	74	63	58	74	49	46
Denver	91	160	123	84	63	47	39	37
Indianapolis	66	82	67	60	61	44	36	37
Richmond	204	331	234	165	102	68	38	39
Memphis	74	162	93	62	54	40	36	45
Seattle	124	175	1					

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Clearings at—	January.					Week ending January 29.				
	1921.	1920	Inc. or Dec.	1919	1918	1921.	1920	Inc. or Dec.	1919	1918.
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Boston	1,339,257,711	1,809,484,715	-26.0	1,477,585,294	1,158,899,360	261,339,586	342,921,584	-22.9	298,505,461	233,245,253
Providence	50,136,100	70,707,100	-29.1	50,548,000	52,880,600	9,358,000	12,716,800	-26.4	9,705,800	9,322,000
Hartford	44,131,288	46,086,459	-4.2	35,201,806	35,402,206	8,520,658	8,348,156	+2.1	7,812,638	7,340,392
New Haven	26,107,367	30,423,350	-14.2	24,101,440	20,235,243	5,638,133	5,585,736	+1.0	5,037,196	3,916,151
Springfield	20,932,804	24,332,093	-14.0	17,305,292	16,939,823	4,177,796	4,728,260	-11.6	3,089,744	3,779,407
Portland	13,242,548	13,619,619	-2.8	11,818,532	10,765,193	2,300,000	2,496,871	-7.9	2,311,671	2,100,000
Worcester	17,660,940	22,004,092	-19.7	16,911,388	15,983,880	3,319,201	3,330,576	-15.5	3,047,474	3,098,420
Fall River	6,651,729	13,072,142	-49.1	8,268,161	8,493,719	1,575,647	2,754,510	-42.8	1,732,143	1,598,004
New Bedford	6,155,108	10,554,049	-41.7	9,097,979	7,437,985	1,240,890	2,594,019	-52.2	1,949,843	1,222,606
Holyoke	4,743,277	4,310,144	+10.0	3,550,342	3,295,587	850,000	825,000	+3.0	639,474	676,772
Lowell	5,251,581	5,771,240	-9.0	4,822,075	5,207,140	1,098,927	1,240,018	-18.6	1,000,000	1,076,989
Bangor	3,856,027	3,932,562	-1.9	2,888,287	3,298,193	724,824	823,492	-12.0	513,180	654,199
Waterbury	8,013,800	9,379,300	-14.6	8,769,900	8,789,000	2,062,225	Not included	In total	---	---
Stamford	9,600,000	2,328,211	+316.7	2,293,175	2,110,889	---	---	---	---	---
Total New England	1,555,840,383	2,066,005,176	-24.7	1,673,161,671	1,349,744,824	303,053,662	388,965,022	-22.1	335,344,564	268,030,193
Kansas City	724,389,243	1,123,302,272	-35.5	845,629,958	846,772,063	151,378,429	233,612,358	-34.8	179,949,833	182,869,011
Minneapolis	295,723,881	207,825,750	+42.3	184,334,679	141,466,804	61,242,728	36,213,751	+69.1	35,538,415	26,655,665
Omaha	173,039,391	305,377,690	-43.3	249,313,677	199,966,642	36,490,989	57,373,833	-36.4	53,284,373	42,526,209
St. Paul	150,148,121	87,467,335	+71.7	73,951,705	62,583,169	29,672,921	16,621,643	+78.5	14,987,366	12,309,283
Denver	90,866,439	159,926,114	-43.2	122,668,462	84,296,959	18,865,469	21,324,915	-11.5	20,078,285	20,873,777
St. Joseph	55,141,383	92,929,356	-40.7	90,525,258	77,438,559	11,811,645	19,688,125	-40.0	19,299,713	17,593,775
Des Moines	40,101,302	55,173,080	-27.3	42,351,783	35,987,144	7,437,376	10,299,987	-27.8	8,487,254	7,064,721
Wichita	47,559,177	69,545,582	-31.6	37,142,267	34,533,863	10,578,273	13,604,104	-22.7	8,611,041	7,447,937
Duluth	29,751,392	29,835,161	-0.03	51,054,636	20,226,139	6,148,213	5,947,341	+3.4	10,630,627	3,559,321
Sioux City	27,119,751	53,578,000	-49.4	46,511,515	35,417,354	5,744,695	10,685,468	-46.2	9,761,729	6,841,268
Lincoln	15,831,551	24,551,910	-35.5	18,044,097	18,337,198	3,038,082	4,954,585	-38.5	3,733,459	3,968,421
Topeka	12,740,306	18,212,166	-30.0	13,021,058	15,411,599	2,607,759	2,987,258	-12.7	2,162,397	3,471,580
Cedar Rapids	9,732,051	11,929,569	-18.4	9,695,598	8,504,060	1,925,705	2,539,871	-24.2	1,805,481	1,700,307
Waterloo	6,215,765	8,222,916	-24.4	6,793,595	8,977,279	1,187,718	1,450,984	-18.1	1,470,477	1,904,096
Helena	7,530,519	9,516,963	-20.9	10,727,503	8,659,911	1,235,320	1,821,737	-32.2	2,223,530	1,528,473
Sioux Falls	10,119,778	18,043,077	-43.9	13,256,391	8,515,698	---	---	---	---	---
Colorado Springs	4,230,250	5,391,614	-21.5	3,407,673	3,830,926	728,416	1,152,781	-36.8	400,000	450,000
Pueblo	4,380,862	4,012,762	+8.4	3,206,979	3,136,378	778,113	836,884	-6.9	634,043	638,350
Fargo	10,000,000	12,544,884	-20.3	12,314,796	8,104,682	2,000,000	2,500,000	-20.0	2,498,131	1,321,816
Joplin	5,369,000	8,620,840	-37.7	7,702,000	7,626,028	---	---	---	---	---
Aberdeen	6,042,089	7,360,278	-17.9	5,639,896	4,685,902	1,057,711	1,386,953	-23.7	1,258,864	820,704
Fremont	2,279,814	3,680,798	-38.1	3,287,310	3,492,663	385,031	714,272	-46.1	686,862	759,828
Billings	4,126,910	5,116,510	-19.3	5,181,922	4,810,510	750,616	1,099,076	-31.8	1,022,600	814,950
Hastings	2,200,000	3,545,459	-37.9	2,384,295	2,265,135	428,721	698,653	-30.1	422,207	524,998
Grand Forks	5,273,000	7,204,000	-26.8	6,497,000	5,204,000	---	---	---	---	---
Lawrence	1,401,662	2,065,296	-32.2	1,743,943	1,505,770	---	---	---	---	---
Iowa City	2,190,136	2,716,223	-19.4	2,045,762	1,439,819	---	---	---	---	---
Oshkosh	2,861,927	3,192,429	-10.4	2,461,942	2,199,532	---	---	---	---	---
Kansas City, Kan.	21,846,047	4,483,751	+387.2	4,367,121	2,422,826	---	---	---	---	---
Lewistown	2,813,160	1,968,045	+43.0	2,949,236	2,145,906	---	---	---	---	---
Great Falls	6,438,815	8,055,900	-20.0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Rochester	1,689,809	2,080,588	-18.8	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Minot	1,132,914	1,687,116	-32.9	1,651,690	---	---	---	---	---	---
Springfield, Mo.	7,800,120	10,841,524	-28.0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mason City	2,596,217	4,116,878	-36.9	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total Other West	1,760,683,082	2,359,193,440	-25.9	1,879,866,657	1,659,964,618	355,493,930	447,514,579	-20.6	378,946,687	345,371,200
St. Louis	593,075,403	778,437,951	-23.8	717,051,627	647,804,972	118,128,171	157,551,181	-25.0	147,277,047	129,175,907
New Orleans	216,420,402	352,695,949	-38.6	278,319,190	245,938,751	46,018,706	69,010,510	-33.3	63,148,650	53,798,380
Louisville	108,504,315	79,770,762	+36.0	117,332,473	89,788,402	23,810,421	15,605,193	+52.5	27,455,544	18,495,176
Houston	110,264,402	134,783,830	-18.2	75,095,229	76,728,607	23,251,039	28,451,187	-18.3	14,693,525	14,732,023
Galveston	38,289,243	35,327,600	+8.4	27,252,666	27,949,634	7,888,768	6,555,400	+20.3	6,050,500	4,900,000
Richmond	203,975,401	330,775,086	-38.4	234,237,113	164,650,000	45,144,799	74,236,835	-39.3	193,393	34,400,105
Atlanta	804,822,875	363,868,492	-43.7	269,276,033	215,140,437	43,758,435	71,719,754	-39.0	58,613	42,010,453
Memphis	74,319,867	162,138,245	-54.1	92,881,747	62,354,992	16,038,558	31,519,219	-49.1	925,327	12,841,306
Fort Worth	59,000,000	97,724,682	-39.6	65,625,074	71,336,212	14,000,000	21,436,437	-34.7	873,552	10,090,003
Savannah	23,408,389	57,541,827	-59.2	29,839,057	33,497,667	4,858,270	10,669,960	-54.5	8,614,446	5,463,549
Nashville	81,760,273	118,053,522	-30.7	72,754,366	59,056,526	17,000,000	23,027,788	-26.2	13,661,132	12,456,075
Norfolk	34,945,376	57,555,773	-39.3	47,389,789	30,912,135	8,232,836	11,302,432	-27.7	8,315,556	6,329,170
Birmingham	76,291,525	88,176,781	-13.5	54,752,282	20,610,997	17,133,411	18,867,101	-9.1	13,153,649	3,663,580
Augusta	9,468,012	28,074,121	-66.3	14,512,263	16,895,932	1,691,435	5,515,918	-69.1	3,056,123	2,903,970
Jacksonville	50,442,380	51,529,152	-7.5	36,100,258	20,880,533	11,545,584	12,094,127	-4.5	8,587,335	4,334,808
Macon	19,500,000	38,450,291	-49.3	8,552,224	11,851,572	4,000,000	8,000,000	-50.0	1,200,000	2,100,000
Charleston	15,000,000	25,498,838	-41.2	16,584,220	16,776,171	2,500,000	4,500,000	-44.4	3,000,000	2,938,575
Oklahoma	109,656,604	58,752,299	+86.6	41,325,293	42,068,264	23,193,188	11,858,104	+100.6	9,663,572	9,231,178
Little Rock	39,373,445	58,829,448	-33.1	23,916,908	20,889,505	8,679,359	11,630,470	-25.4	4,629,444	4,000,000
Knoxville	13,198,285	16,152,173	-18.3	11,427,825	11,620,182	2,437,864	3,118,592	-23.3	2,190,033	2,397,977
Mobile	8,960,468	11,634,182	-23.0	7,865,890	6,632,778	1,673,772	2,223,486	-24.7	1,484,219	1,200,437
Chattanooga	25,808,871	36,938,617	-30.1	25,996,918	20,280,540	6,406,583	8,172,037	-21.6	5,249,016	4,295,647
Austin	6,058,807	8,871,135	-31.9	21,231,642	25,136,587	1,325,201	1,621,438	-18.3	4,200,000	5,000,000
Columbia	9,509,841	20,390,164	-53.4	9,574,813	8,795,516	---	---	---	---	---
Wilmington, N. C.	2,708,967	5,118,616	-47.1	4,497,980	3,961,220	---	---	---	---	---
Beaumont	5,911,867	7,930,121	-25.5	6,443,060	5,803,764	---	---	---	---	---
Columbus, Ga.	3,241,418	4,311,340	-24.8	3,618,692	3,618,679	---	---	---	---	---
Wicksburg	1,740,000	2,694,617	-35.4	2,288,932	2,533,299	324,354	454,688	-28.7	455,205	383,280
Jackson	3,442,054	3,812,985	-9.7	2,945,192	3,105,964	781,596	557,671	+40.2	626,177	619,404

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.
Railroads (Steam).			
Buffalo Rochester & Pitts., com. & pref.	3	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Cleveland & Pitts., reg. guar. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Special guaranteed (quar.)	*1	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Street and Electric Railways.			
Detroit United Ry. (quar.)	2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 12
Fairmont Park & Maddington Pass. Ry.	*\$1.50	Feb. 5	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Philadelphia Co., preferred	*\$1.25	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Tampa Electric Co. (quar.)	*2 1/2	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 5
Miscellaneous.			
American Felt, preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 14
Amer. Smelting & Refining, com. (quar.)	*1	Mar. 15	*Feb. 19 to Feb. 27
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Feb. 12 to Feb. 20
American Tobacco, com. (in div. certif.)	13	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Common B (in dividend certificates)	13	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Border City Mfg. (quar.)	*3	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 2
Boston Duck	5	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21 1/2
Boston Manufacturing, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5
British Colum. Fish. & Pack. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 21	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Brunswick-Balke-Collender, com. A (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Feb. 5 to Feb. 15
Butler Mill (quar.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
By-Products Coke (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 21	*Holders of rec. Jan. 24
Canada Cement, Ltd., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 31 1/2
Caseln Co. (quar.)	*1	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 7
Cities Service, Bankers' share (monthly)	*30 1/2	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Connecticut Mills Co., first preferred	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 26
Consumers Co., preferred	*3 1/2	Feb. 20	*Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Continental Paper Bag, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 8
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 8
Deere Co., preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Firestone Tire & Rubber, 7% pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1 1/2
Franklin Co.	*6	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 28
Gilliland Oil, preferred (quar.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31 1/2
Great Atlantic & Pac. Tea, prof. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 16
Great Northern Paper	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 27
Hamilton Manufacturing (quar.)	4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31 1/2
Harblson-Walk, Refract., common (qu.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 19
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Apr. 19	*Holders of rec. Apr. 9
Hartman Corporation (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 16
Hoosier Cotton Mills, pref. (quar.)	12	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5
Illuminating & Power Secur., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Intornat. Harvester, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Jefferson & Clearfield Coal & Iron, pref.	2 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Lanston Monotype Machine (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 28	Holders of rec. Feb. 18
Lee Tire & Rubber (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Liggett & Myers Tobacco, com. (quar.)	3	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Common B (quar.)	3	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Motor Wheel Corp., pref. (quar.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31 1/2
Pittsburgh Steel, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Porto Rico-Amer. Tob. (quar.)	0	Mar. 3	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Quissett Mill, common (quar.)	\$2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5
Raritan Refining Corp.	14	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Rardon Pulp & Paper, com. (quar.)	2 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 9
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 22
Sharp Manufacturing, common (quar.)	4	Feb. 21	Holders of rec. Feb. 11
Shaw Stocking Co. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 26 1/2
Smith (A. O.) Corp., preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Southern California Edison, com. (qu.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Southern Pipe Line (quar.)	*3	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 14
Standard Oil of N. Y. (quar.)	4	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 25
Standard Sanitary Mfg., common (qu.)	1 1/4	Feb. 10	Holders of rec. Feb. 4
Common (extra)	2	Feb. 10	Holders of rec. Feb. 4
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 10	Holders of rec. Feb. 4
Studebaker Corp., com. & pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Suncook Mills, com. (quar.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 2
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 2
Union Oil of Wichita, Kan., pref. (qu.)	2	Feb. 1	Jan. 25 to Jan. 31
Weber & Heilbronner, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 23 1/2

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.
Railroads (Steam).			
Alabama Great Southern, preferred	3 1/2	Feb. 18	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Ach. Topeka & Santa Fe, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 28 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio, preferred	2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15 1/2
Bellefonte Central	50c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Chic. St. Paul Minn. & Omaha, com.	2 1/2	Feb. 21	Holders of rec. Feb. 1 1/2
Preferred	3 1/2	Feb. 21	Holders of rec. Feb. 1 1/2
Delaware & Hudson Co. (quar.)	2 1/2	Mar. 21	Holders of rec. Feb. 26 1/2
Huntingdon & Bd. Top Mt. RR. Coal pf.	75	Feb. 15	Feb. 2 to Feb. 6
Illinois Central (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 4 1/2
Louisville & Nashville	3 1/2	Feb. 10	Holders of rec. Jan. 18 1/2
New Orleans Texas & Mexico (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 18 1/2
Norfolk & Western, common (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 19	Holders of rec. Feb. 28 1/2
Preferred (quar.)	1	Feb. 19	Holders of rec. Jan. 31 1/2
Pennsylvania (quar.)	75c.	Feb. 28	Holders of rec. Feb. 1 1/2
Pittsburgh & West Va., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 28	Holders of rec. Feb. 1 1/2
Reading Company, common (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 10	Holders of rec. Jan. 18 1/2
Reading Co., 1st pref. (quar.)	1	Mar. 10	Holders of rec. Feb. 18 1/2
Street and Electric Railways.			
Montreal L., H. & Pow. Cons. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
West Penn Tr. & W. P., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 17
Miscellaneous.			
Alaska Packers Association (quar.)	2	Feb. 10	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Extra (insurance fund int. income div)	2	Feb. 10	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Allis-Chalmers Mfg., com. (quar.)	1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 24 1/2
Amer. Bank Note, com. (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1 1/2
Amer. Brake Shoe & Fdy com (quar.)	\$1	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 18 1/2
Preferred	1 1/2	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 18 1/2
American Brass (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31 1/2
Extra	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31 1/2
Am. La France Fire Eng. Inc., com. (qu.)	2 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1 1/2
Amer. Radiator, com (quar.)	\$1	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 15 1/2
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1 1/2
Amer. Soda Fountain (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31 1/2
American Sumatra Tobacco, preferred	3 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15 1/2
Amer. Water Works & Elec., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Amparo Mining (quar.)	3	Feb. 10	Feb. 1 to Feb. 10
Art Metal Construction (extra)	10c.	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Associated Dry Goods, first pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 11 1/2
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 11 1/2
Bethlehem Steel Corp., com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15 1/2
Common Class B (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15 1/2
Eight per cent cum. conv. pref. (quar.)	2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15 1/2
Seven per cent non cum. pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15 1/2
Bond & Mortgage Guarantee (quar.)	4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 8 1/2
Borden Co., common	4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Brompton Pulp & Paper (quar.)	\$1.75	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Buckeye Pipe Line (quar.)	\$2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 21
Burns Bros. com (quar.)	2 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1 1/2
Canada Cement, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Canadian Converters (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Cedar Rapids Mfg. & Power (quar.)	1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31 1/2
Cities Service—			
Common and preferred (monthly)	1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Common (payable in common stock)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Preferred B (monthly)	1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Continued)			
Clinchfield Coal Corp., com. (quar.)	1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 10 1/2
Colorado Fuel & Iron, com. (quar.)	1/4	Feb. 20	Holders of rec. Feb. 5 1/2
Preferred (quar.)	2	Feb. 20	Holders of rec. Feb. 5 1/2
Columbia Gas & Electric (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Consolidated Cigar Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 14 1/2
Consolidated Gas (New York) (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 9 1/2
Crystal Chemical Co.	4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Davol Mills (quar.)	*2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 25
Diamond Match (quar.)	2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 25 1/2
Dominion Bridge (quar.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31 1/2
Dow Chemical, common (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5 1/2
Common (extra)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5 1/2
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5 1/2
du Pont Chemical com & pref	*20c.	Feb. 5	*Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Eastern Potash Corp., preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 24	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 24	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Eastern Steel, 1st & 2d pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
Eisenlohr (Otto) & Bros., com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1 1/2
General Asphalt, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 14 1/2
Gillette Safety Razor (quar.)	\$3	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Goodrich (R. F.) Co., com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 4 1/2
Goodrich (R. F.) Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 22
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 21
Great Lakes Dredge & Dock (quar.)	*2	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 9
Griffith (D. W.), Inc., Class A (No 1)	\$1	Mar. 4	Holders of rec. Feb. 26
Hamilton Bank Note Engraving & Ptg.	1c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Hart, Schaffner & Marx (quar.)	*\$1	Feb. 28	*Holders of rec. Feb. 19
Imperial Oil (monthly)	*1	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Indiana Pipe Line	\$2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 24
Inland Steel Co. (quar.)	*25c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Iron Products Corp., preferred (quar.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1 1/2
Kaministiquia Power, Ltd. (quar.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Kellogg Switchboard & Supply (quar.)	2	Feb. 9	Holders of rec. Feb. 3
Kelly-Springfield Tire, preferred (quar.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1 1/2
Lancaster Mills, common	2 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 18
Lee Rubber & Tire Corporation (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Lehigh Coal & Navigation (quar.)	2	Feb. 28	Holders of rec. Jan. 31 1/2
Liggett & Myers Tob., com. A & B (qu.)	*3	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Lit Brothers Corporation	50c.	Feb. 21	Jan. 28 to Feb. 20
Extra	25c.	Feb. 21	Jan. 28 to Feb. 20
Loft, Inc. (quar.)	25c.	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 15 1/2
Ludlow Mfg. Associates (quar.)	\$1.50	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Special	\$1	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Madison Safe Deposit	3	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 10 1/2
Extra	1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 10 1/2
Manat Sugar, common (quar.)	2 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15 1/2
Martin-Parry Corporation (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15 1/2
Massachusetts Cotton Mills (quar.)	4	Feb. 10	Holders of rec. Jan. 25 1/2
May Department Stores, com. (quar.)	2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15 1/2
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15 1/2
Merritt Oil (quar.)	25c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31 1/2
Miami Copper (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1 1/2
Montreal Light, Heat & Power (quar.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
National Biscuit, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 31 1/2
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 28	Holders of rec. Feb. 14 1/2
National Lead pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 18 1/2
Nat. Refining, com. (in com. stock)	1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1 1/2
New Jersey Zinc (quar.)	2	Feb. 10	Holders of rec. Jan. 31 1/2
New York Dock, common	2 1/2	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Feb. 5 1/2
N. Y. Shipbuilding (quar.)	*\$1	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 9
Ontario Steel Products, com. (quar.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31 1/2
Common (quar.)	2	May 16	Holders of rec. Apr. 30 1/2
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 10	Holders of rec. Jan. 31 1/2
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30 1/2
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 30 1/2
Owens Bottle, common (quar.)	75c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 16 1/2
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 16 1/2
Pacific Gas & Elec. 1st pf. & orig. pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31 1/2
Pacific Power & Light, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 21	Holders of rec. Jan. 22
Penmans, Ltd., common (quar.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5 1/2
Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Corp. (qu.)	\$1	Feb. 10	Holders of rec. Feb. 5 1/2
Pressed Steel Car com (quar.)	2	Mar. 9	Holders of rec. Feb. 16 1/2
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 8 1/2
Proctor & Gamble, common (quar.)	*5	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Producers & Refiners, common (quar.)	12 1/2	Feb. 7	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Preferred (quar.)	17 1/2	Feb. 7	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Pullman Company (quar.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Pure Oil, com. (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 22	Holders of rec. Feb. 15 1/2
Com. (payable in com. stock)	1/2	Mar. 22	Holders of rec. Feb. 15 1/2
Quaker Oats, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 28	Holders of rec. Feb. 1 1/2
Ritz-Carlton Hotel, preferred	3 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 19
Rockhill Coal & Iron, pref. (quar.)	2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 19
Royal Dutch Co.	\$1.65	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan

Transactions at the New York Stock Exchange daily, weekly and yearly.—Brought forward from page 542.

Week ending Feb 4 1921.	Stocks.		Railroad, &c., Bonds.	Stat., Mun. & Foreign Bonds.	U. S. Bonds.
	Shares.	Par Value.			
Saturday	215,850	\$17,740,000	\$2,318,000	\$410,000	\$1,012,000
Monday	480,850	36,807,500	4,081,000	1,183,000	8,530,000
Tuesday	398,950	31,339,000	3,061,000	899,500	8,996,000
Wednesday	496,810	41,742,500	2,896,000	1,372,000	9,211,000
Thursday	545,970	45,614,000	3,196,000	990,000	8,693,000
Friday	527,800	45,853,500	2,798,000	785,500	6,804,100
Total	2,696,230	\$219,096,500	\$18,350,000	\$5,640,000	\$46,246,100

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week ending Feb. 4		Jan. 1 to Feb. 4.	
	1921.	1920.	1921.	1920.
Stocks—No. shares	2,696,230	6,498,590	18,114,406	26,029,056
Par value	\$219,096,500	\$579,891,000	\$1,492,062,750	\$2,328,593,700
Bank shares, par				
Bonds.				
Government bonds	\$46,246,100	\$83,564,000	\$213,418,700	\$367,854,600
State, mun., &c., bonds	5,640,000	7,669,000	26,329,500	33,024,000
R.R. and misc. bonds	18,350,000	12,601,500	109,577,500	64,070,500
Total bonds	\$70,236,100	\$103,834,500	\$349,325,700	\$464,959,100

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week ending Feb. 4 1921	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	8,094	\$31,300	4,542	\$26,000	696	\$10,000
Monday	17,935	40,100	6,422	139,650	1,528	18,800
Tuesday	12,340	38,800	4,959	135,700	493	10,300
Wednesday	8,626	50,750	5,401	96,100	568	31,500
Thursday	8,714	37,100	3,625	105,500	352	27,000
Friday	9,634	10,000	1,856	3,000	484	11,000
Total	65,343	\$208,050	26,805	\$505,950	4,121	\$108,600

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	Capital.	Net Profits.	Loans, Dis- counts, Invest- ments, &c.	Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Depos- itories.	Net Demand De- posits.	Net Time De- posits.	Nat'l Bank Circu- lation.
Members of Fed'l Res. Bank	\$	\$	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average
Battery Park Nat.	1,500	1,696	14,819	276	1,507	9,581	22	190
Mutual Bank	200	738	11,326	329	1,068	11,860	202	---
W. R. Grace & Co.	500	1,162	4,007	31	466	2,503	440	---
Yorkville Bank	200	863	15,314	513	1,339	8,096	7,956	---
Total	2,400	4,461	45,466	1,149	4,980	32,040	8,620	190
State Banks Not Members of the Federal Reserve Bank								
Bank of Wash Hts	100	450	3,311	470	202	3,354	53	---
Colonial Bank	600	1,568	15,832	2,105	1,308	16,941	---	---
Total	700	2,019	19,143	2,575	1,510	20,295	53	---
Trust Companies Not Members of the Federal Reserve Bank								
Hamilton Tr, Bkin	500	1,012	8,776	714	374	7,484	692	---
Mechanics Tr, Bay	200	516	9,130	474	118	3,918	5,642	---
Total	700	1,528	17,906	1,188	492	11,402	6,334	---
Grand aggregate	3,800	8,008	82,515	4,912	6,982	63,737	15,007	190
Comparison previous week			+3,492	+109	-125	+138	+56	+1
Gr'd aggr., Jan. 22	3,800	8,008	79,023	4,803	7,107	63,599	14,951	189
Gr'd aggr., Jan. 15	3,800	8,012	76,614	5,065	7,863	64,350	14,844	194
Gr'd aggr., Jan. 8	4,800	10,119	78,450	5,442	7,888	64,383	14,648	195

a U. S. deposits deducted, \$683,000.
 Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$538,000.
 Excess reserve, \$105,460 decrease.

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House statement for the week ending Jan. 29 with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding is as follows. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve system are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank. "Cash in vaults" is not a part of legal reserve. For trust companies not members of the Federal Reserve system the reserve required is 15% on demand deposits and includes "Reserve with legal depositaries" and "Cash in vaults."

Two ciphers (00) omitted.	Week ending Jan. 29 1921.			Jan. 22 1921.	Jan. 15 1921.
	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	90,894.0	12,997.0	103,891.0	103,891.0	103,832.0
Loans, disc'ts & investm'ts	682,721.0	33,828.0	716,549.0	719,491.0	720,876.0
Exchanges for Clear. House	21,440.0	229.0	21,669.0	24,579.0	24,988.0
Due from banks	90,449.0	16.0	90,465.0	97,704.0	98,605.0
Bank deposits	124,079.0	276.0	124,355.0	125,505.0	127,486.0
Individual deposits	477,764.0	18,085.0	495,849.0	508,873.0	513,607.0
Time deposits	10,912.0	346.0	11,258.0	10,756.0	9,426.0
Total deposits	612,755.0	18,707.0	631,462.0	645,134.0	650,519.0
U. S. deposits (not incl.)			10,259.0	14,905.0	15,298.0
Res'v with legal deposit's		2,274.0	2,274.0	2,336.0	2,316.0
Reserve with F. R. Bank	50,585.0		50,585.0	51,251.0	51,368.0
Cash in vault*	12,813.0	827.0	13,640.0	14,294.0	14,494.0
Total reserve and cash held	63,398.0	3,101.0	66,499.0	67,881.0	68,178.0
Reserve required	49,322.0	2,734.0	52,056.0	52,495.0	52,947.0
Excess rec. & cash in vault	14,076.0	367.0	14,443.0	15,386.0	15,231.0

* 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. 29 1921.	Changes from previous week.	Jan. 22 1921.	Jan. 15 1921.
Circulation	\$ 2,518,000	Inc. 69,000	2,479,000	2,451,000
Loans, disc'ts & Investments	587,693,000	Dec. 13,795,000	601,488,000	588,772,000
Individual deposits, incl. U. S.	107,411,000	Dec. 9,816,000	417,230,000	415,762,000
Due to banks	95,541,000	Dec. 5,511,000	101,085,000	107,633,000
Time deposits	26,846,000	Inc. 439,000	26,407,000	25,568,000
United States Deposits	16,317,000	Dec. 6,023,000	22,345,000	10,669,000
Exchanges for Clearing House	13,794,000	Dec. 2,912,000	16,706,000	17,451,000
Due from other banks	51,698,000	Dec. 6,227,000	57,925,000	58,896,000
Cash in bank & F. R. Bank	50,064,000	Dec. 1,000,000	51,064,000	51,909,000
Reserve excess in bank and Federal Reserve Bank	5,512,000	Dec. 391,000	5,903,000	6,437,000

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. 29. 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.) Week ending Jan. 29 1921.	Capital.	Net Profits.	Loans, Discount, Invest- ments, &c.	Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Depos- itories.	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	7,179	42,859	719	4,184	30,174	2,092	754
Manhattan Co.	5,000	16,672	126,628	2,858	13,448	100,709	12,234	---
Mech & Metals	10,000	16,568	196,409	8,688	19,299	146,374	2,981	1,000
Bank of America	5,500	6,118	58,657	1,871	6,740	51,467	1,179	---
National City	40,000	66,116	565,277	9,033	52,213	*502,667	36,447	1,405
Chemical Nat'l	4,500	15,460	130,092	1,475	13,989	105,440	1,689	350
Atlantic Nat'l	1,000	1,163	16,823	438	2,006	14,899	538	229
Nat Butch & Dr	300	165	4,710	121	621	4,339	72	287
Amer Exch Nat	5,000	7,416	123,798	1,387	11,638	86,273	3,930	4,769
Nat Bk of Comm	25,000	33,519	381,934	2,661	33,304	247,277	4,082	---
Pacific Bank	1,000	1,710	21,495	1,327	3,316	23,716	219	---
Chath & Phenl	7,000	8,424	123,662	4,833	15,110	107,867	14,459	4,496
Hanover Nat'l	3,000	20,464	121,197	1,012	15,403	110,423	---	100
Metropolitan	2,000	3,379	33,510	2,187	5,787	36,573	4	---
Corn Exchange	6,000	9,471	154,755	6,361	20,140	148,443	13,477	---
Imp & Trad Nat	1,500	8,883	41,830	798	3,819	29,105	25	51
National Park	7,500	23,368	192,155	1,232	18,487	141,568	1,820	5,301
East River Nat.	1,000	800	11,236	351	1,780	10,711	1,040	40
Second Nat'l	1,000	4,698	24,723	964	3,006	21,027	90	609
First National	10,000	37,770	308,749	896	21,957	167,929	4,066	7,131
Irving National	12,500	10,695	184,504	6,853	24,691	186,624	2,125	2,412
N Y County Nat	1,000	366	13,493	750	1,844	13,155	888	193
Continental Bk	1,000	798	7,340	120	859	5,694	100	---
Chase National	15,000	24,990	342,926	5,711	34,404	252,571	11,380	1,072
Fifth Avenue	500	2,319	19,686	864	2,836	20,133	---	---
Comm'cl Exch	200	1,054	8,786	536	1,370	8,874	---	---
Commonwealth	400	804	8,971	586	1,375	9,338	---	---
Garfield Nat'l	1,000	1,622	16,082	510	2,056	15,413	31	383
Fifth National	1,000	816	12,941	327	1,813	13,493	563	243
Seaboard Nat'l	1,000	4,791	47,581	1,074	6,006	44,561	893	68
Liberty Nat'l	5,000	8,054	91,080	513	8,591	65,264	2,252	2,555
Coal & Iron Nat	1,500	1,564	18,242	696	1,660	12,577	257	397
Union Exch Nat	1,000	1,612	18,735	402	2,583	19,528	323	385
Brooklyn Tr Co	1,500	2,741	36,181	724	3,866	28,453	4,708	---
Bankers Tr Co	20,000	19,612	271,805	1,045	28,895	*219,937	10,943	---
U S Mtge & Tr	2,000	5,143	59,398	724	6,429	48,204	8,517	---
Guaranty Tr Co	25,000	36,114	510,261	2,539	42,482	*435,777	30,579	---
Fidel-Int Tr Co	1,500	1,593	17,921	466	2,402	17,743	655	---
Columbia Tr Co	5,000	8,010	79,427	1,181	9,631	74,173	3,805	---
Peoples Trust Co	1,500	1,958	34,154	1,181	3,434	33,047	1,211	---
New York Tr Co	3,000	11,719	87,685	579	8			

STATEMENTS OF RESERVE POSITION OF CLEARING HOUSE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES.

	Averages.				
	Cash Reserve in Vault.	Reserve in Depositories	Total Reserve.	a Reserve Required.	Surplus Reserve.
Members Federal Reserve banks.....	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
State banks*.....	6,882,000	4,182,000	11,064,000	10,188,180	875,820
Trust companies.....	2,135,000	5,015,000	7,150,000	7,118,400	31,600
Total Jan. 29.....	9,017,000	514,413,000	523,430,000	512,398,460	11,031,540
Total Jan. 22.....	9,103,000	526,618,000	535,721,000	521,942,860	13,778,140
Total Jan. 15.....	9,273,000	549,640,000	558,913,000	536,569,950	22,343,050
Total Jan. 8.....	9,253,000	558,181,000	567,434,000	544,434,690	22,999,310

	Actual Figures.				
	Cash Reserve in Vault.	Reserve in Depositories	Total Reserve.	b Reserve Required.	Surplus Reserve.
Members Federal Reserve banks.....	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
State banks*.....	6,905,000	4,335,000	11,240,000	10,249,920	990,080
Trust companies.....	2,113,000	5,007,000	7,120,000	7,127,250	-7,250
Total Jan. 29.....	9,018,000	509,769,000	518,787,000	509,911,850	8,875,150
Total Jan. 22.....	9,093,000	524,076,000	533,169,000	520,741,360	12,427,640
Total Jan. 15.....	9,104,000	521,516,000	530,620,000	532,992,390	-2,372,390
Total Jan. 8.....	9,387,000	538,640,000	548,027,000	538,895,470	9,131,530

* 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. 29, \$6,285,120; Jan. 22, \$6,588,900; Jan. 15, \$6,925,680; Jan. 8, \$6,601,170.
 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. 29, \$5,959,890; Jan. 22, \$6,334,620; Jan. 15, \$6,926,640; Jan. 8, \$6,705,480.

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. 29.	Dec. 30, 1920.	Differences from previous week.
Loans and Investments.....	\$586,480,700	\$9,765,100	7,621,300
Gold.....	17,928,900	6,900	17,922,000
Currency and bank notes.....	48,896,000	2,261,500	46,634,500
Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York.....	622,066,400	16,081,900	605,984,500
Total deposits.....	583,297,300	2,512,700	580,784,600
Deposits, eliminating amounts due from reserve depositories, and from other banks and trust companies in N. Y. City, exchanges and U. S. deposits Reserve on deposits.....	104,269,500	5,987,400	98,282,100
Percentage of reserve, 20.0%.			

RESERVE.		Differences from previous week.		
State Banks	Trust Companies	Jan. 29.	Dec. 30, 1920.	
Cash in vaults.....	\$24,995,600	15.76%	\$49,450,600	13.69%
Deposits in banks & trust companies.....	7,971,000	5.04%	21,852,300	6.04%
Total.....	\$32,966,600	20.80%	\$71,302,900	19.73%

* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on Jan. 29 were \$48,896,000.
 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:

The Federal Reserve Banks.—Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board on Jan. 28. 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:

Aggregate reductions of 29.5 millions in bill holdings, accompanied by a decrease of 29.8 millions in Federal Reserve note and Federal Reserve Bank note circulation, are indicated in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly bank statement issued as at close of business on Jan. 28 1921. Gold reserves show an increase for the week of 10.4 millions and total cash reserves—an increase of 18.7 millions, while net deposits increased by 14.7 millions. As a consequence of these changes, the banks' reserve ratio rose from 48.5 to 49%.
 All classes of earning assets show reductions for the week; paper secured by Government obligations—by 7.4 millions, other discounts—by 19.2 millions, acceptances—by 2.9 millions, and Treasury certificates—by 3.2 millions. Total earning assets accordingly were 32.7 millions smaller than the week before.
 Of the total holdings of 1,048.8 millions of paper secured by U. S. Government obligations, 607.1 millions, or 57.9%, were secured by Liberty and other U. S. bonds; 284 millions, or 27.1%, by Victory notes, and 157.7 millions, or 15%, by Treasury certificates, compared with 615.7, 282 and 158.3 millions reported the week before. Discounted bills held by the Boston, Philadelphia and Cleveland banks are inclusive of 41 millions of paper discounted for the Atlanta, Dallas and Minneapolis Reserve banks. Since the preceding Friday the Richmond and Kansas City banks redeemed all paper rediscounted by them with other Reserve banks, with the conse-

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. 27.....	\$4,300	\$4,612,716,600	\$134,093,100	\$623,231,100
Dec. 4.....	5,813,000	4,601,927,100	134,874,400	621,490,100
Dec. 11.....	5,787,304,000	4,566,593,800	134,495,100	619,341,200
Dec. 18.....	5,837,829,100	4,649,862,500	132,930,800	644,313,900
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	133,845,500	653,345,900
Jan. 15.....	5,770,053,400	4,638,642,400	131,802,100	641,707,000
Jan. 22.....	5,752,205,800	4,521,194,000	119,687,600	611,051,300
Jan. 29.....	5,708,133,700	4,447,406,300	117,026,200	593,132,300

* 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. 28 1921, in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

	Jan. 28 1921.	Jan. 21 1921.	Jan. 30 1920.
Resources—			
Gold and gold certificates.....	\$96,353,402	\$108,696,848	\$136,008,000
Gold settlement fund—F. R. Board.....	45,024,898	20,077,091	77,954,000
Gold with foreign agencies.....	1,211,100	1,211,100	41,956,000
Total gold held by bank.....	142,589,400	129,985,039	255,918,000
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent.....	208,045,931	223,489,531	281,778,000
Gold redemption fund.....	41,000,490	41,000,490	25,088,000
Total gold reserves.....	391,635,821	394,475,060	562,784,000
Legal tender notes, silver, &c.....	153,303,345	151,022,955	46,171,000
Total reserves.....	544,939,166	546,098,015	608,955,000
Bills discounted:			
Secured by Government war oblig'ns:			
For members.....	414,012,677	409,162,687	595,495,000
All Other:			
For members.....	414,012,677	409,162,687	595,495,000
Less rediscounts for other Fed. Res. Bks.....	494,912,760	469,590,919	216,632,000
Total bills on hand.....	937,361,837	944,120,113	953,342,000
U. S. Government bonds.....	1,256,800	1,256,800	1,457,000
U. S. Victory notes.....			50,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.....	59,421,596	62,118,381	69,241,000
Total earning assets.....	998,040,233	1,007,495,294	1,024,090,000
Bank premises.....	4,237,250	4,231,505	3,094,000
5% redemption fund against F. R. Bank notes.....	2,707,960	2,722,760	2,729,000
Uncollected items and other deductions from gross deposits.....	134,244,776	151,581,478	211,926,000
All other resources.....	2,141,521	2,120,850	1,102,000
Total resources.....	1,686,310,908	1,714,249,904	1,851,896,000
Liabilities—			
Capital paid in.....	26,345,250	26,345,250	22,399,000
Surplus.....	56,414,456	56,414,456	45,082,000
Government deposits.....	19,931,862	12,342,629	31,510,000
Due to members—reserve account.....	662,083,047	681,541,688	729,545,000
Deferred availability items.....	75,630,965	86,685,065	150,124,000
Other deposits, incl. foreign govt. credits.....	12,029,451	12,160,311	42,394,000
Total gross deposits.....	769,675,326	792,729,695	953,573,000
F. R. notes in actual circulation.....	787,745,715	793,026,170	769,170,000
F. R. Bank notes in circulation—net liability.....	36,630,200	36,965,200	50,853,000
All other liabilities.....	9,499,961	8,769,132	10,819,000
Total liabilities.....	1,686,310,908	1,714,249,904	1,851,896,000
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined.....	38.3%	38.1%	40.3%
Ratio of gold reserves to F. R. notes in circulation after deducting 35% against deposit liabilities.....			45.4%
Ratio of reserves to net deposits after deducting 40% gold reserves against F. R. notes in circulation.....	36.2%	35.7%	
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.....	8,100,074	8,100,030	

quence that the total inter-reserve-bank discounts have gone down to slightly over 41 millions, as compared with a high of 247.1 millions on Oct. 29 and with 115.3 millions at the close of the past year. Acceptance holdings of the Boston, Cleveland, and San Francisco banks are given inclusive of 51.8 millions of bank acceptances acquired from the New York Bank, compared with 11.7 millions of such paper held by the Boston and San Francisco banks on the previous Friday.
 Government deposits are shown 19.5 millions larger than the week before, while reserve deposits show a reduction of 33.4 millions, and other deposits—a reduction of 1.1 millions. The "float" carried by the Reserve banks and treated as a deduction from immediately available deposits is shown 29.7 millions less than the week before. As a consequence, calculated net deposits show an increase for the week of 14.7 millions. Federal Reserve note circulation shows a further reduction for the week of 24.6 millions, as against an increase of 6.7 millions during the corresponding week in 1920. Since Dec. 23 of the past year the decrease in Federal Reserve note circulation totaled 314.2 millions, in addition to a decrease during the five weeks of 16.7 millions in Federal Reserve Bank note circulation.
 In consequence of increases in capitalization of member banks largely in the Cleveland, Minneapolis, Dallas and San Francisco districts, the Reserve banks' paid-in capital shows an increase of \$185,000 for the week, the total for the first time being in excess of 100 million dollars.

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JAN. 28 1921.

	Jan. 28 1921.	Jan. 21 1921.	Jan. 14 1921.	Jan. 7 1921.	Dec. 30 1920.	Dec. 23 1920.	Dec. 17 1920.	Dec. 10 1920.	Jan. 30 1920.
RESOURCES.									
Gold and gold certificates.....	\$199,869,000	\$220,239,000	\$247,365,000	\$250,135,000	\$263,952,000	\$273,749,000	*200,494,000	\$194,569,000	\$225,156,000
Gold settlement fund, F. R. Board.....	461,523,000	421,325,000	393,173,000	405,644,000	356,244,000	363,723,000	353,866,000	410,947,000	439,524,000
Gold with foreign agencies.....	3,300,000	3,300,000	3,300,000	3,300,000	3,300,000	3,300,000	67,745,000	67,745,000	114,321,000
Total gold held by banks.....	664,692,000	644,864,000	643,838,000	659,079,000	623,496,000	640,772,000	*622,105,000	673,531,000	779,001,000
Gold with Federal Reserve agents.....	1,288,450,000	1,286,304,000	1,265,558,000	1,264,762,000	1,276,214,000	1,253,492,000	1,269,725,000	1,210,563,000	1,119,426,000
Gold redemption fund.....	152,995,000	164,601,000	176,058,000	156,441,000	159,623,000	161,538,000	151,535,000	151,177,000	114,229,000
Total gold reserve.....	2,106,137,000	2,095,769,000	2,085,454,000	2,080,282,000	2,059,333,000	2,055,802,000	*2042,368,000	2,035,271,000	2,012,656,000

	Jan. 28 1921.	Jan. 21 1921.	Jan. 14 1921.	Jan. 7 1921.	Dec. 30 1920.	Dec. 23 1920.	Dec. 17 1920.	Dec. 10 1920.	Jan. 30 1920.
Legal tender notes, silver, &c	\$ 213,837,000	\$ 205,482,000	\$ 203,084,000	\$ 196,566,000	\$ 189,830,000	\$ 180,952,000	\$ 180,100,000	\$ 177,136,000	\$ 61,277,000
Total reserves	2,310,974,000	2,301,251,000	2,288,538,000	2,270,848,000	2,249,163,000	2,236,754,000	*2,222,468,000	2,212,407,000	2,073,933,000
Bills discounted	1,048,768,000	1,056,117,000	1,024,607,000	1,104,536,000	1,141,036,000	1,177,263,000	1,158,974,000	1,169,244,000	1,457,892,000
Secured by Govt. obligations	1,407,707,000	1,426,912,000	1,424,933,000	1,502,813,000	1,578,098,000	1,554,428,000	1,477,775,000	1,547,595,000	716,465,000
All other	165,058,000	107,950,000	203,412,000	234,759,000	255,702,000	241,167,000	234,609,000	244,690,000	561,313,000
Bills bought in open market	2,021,533,000	2,050,979,000	2,052,952,000	2,842,108,000	2,974,830,000	2,972,858,000	2,831,258,000	2,961,529,000	2,735,670,000
Total bills on hand	25,849,000	25,899,000	25,888,000	26,102,000	26,859,000	26,859,000	26,859,000	26,857,000	27,036,000
U. S. Government bonds	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	69,000	60,000	69,000	69,000	64,000
U. S. Victory notes	261,452,000	264,631,000	289,685,000	201,785,000	201,243,000	281,253,000	365,555,000	328,294,000	276,421,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness	2,908,853,000	2,941,528,000	2,968,544,000	3,130,014,000	3,263,027,000	3,281,039,000	3,223,841,000	3,316,749,000	3,039,191,000
Total earning assets	18,228,000	18,215,000	17,955,000	17,359,000	18,450,000	18,168,000	17,952,000	17,658,000	10,559,000
Bank premises	595,096,000	607,141,000	706,705,000	744,111,000	717,227,000	761,005,000	*002,042,000	666,505,000	933,128,000
Uncollected items and other deductions from gross deposits	12,746,000	12,680,000	12,799,000	12,389,000	12,752,000	12,652,000	12,530,000	11,387,000	12,260,000
5% redemp. fund agst. F. R. bank notes	6,830,000	6,184,000	6,112,000	4,998,000	8,808,000	8,417,000	8,430,000	8,332,000	5,311,000
All other resources	5,861,727,000	5,946,999,000	6,000,713,000	6,185,719,000	6,269,517,000	6,318,035,000	6,387,263,000	6,233,038,000	6,074,412,000
Total resources									
LIABILITIES.									
Capital paid in	100,147,000	99,962,000	99,815,000	99,808,000	99,770,000	99,458,000	99,275,000	99,174,000	87,892,000
Surplus	202,036,000	202,036,000	202,036,000	202,036,000	164,745,000	164,745,000	164,745,000	164,745,000	129,120,000
Government deposits	52,138,000	32,603,000	8,970,000	25,592,000	27,639,000	26,049,000	53,173,000	28,394,000	72,974,000
Due to members, reserve account	1,731,823,000	1,765,225,000	1,750,325,000	1,795,343,000	1,748,979,000	1,721,391,000	1,738,826,000	1,758,967,000	1,850,712,000
Deferred availability items	430,302,000	472,616,000	503,452,000	532,556,000	522,638,000	539,261,000	614,166,000	516,934,000	720,520,000
Other deposits, incl. for'n gov't credits	24,054,000	25,204,000	27,464,000	25,158,000	22,161,000	23,652,000	38,471,000	24,511,000	95,418,000
Total gross deposits	2,238,317,000	2,295,648,000	2,302,211,000	2,378,049,000	2,321,417,000	2,310,353,000	2,444,636,000	2,328,806,000	2,739,624,000
F. R. notes in actual circulation	3,090,748,000	3,115,310,000	3,159,491,000	3,270,023,000	3,344,686,000	3,404,931,000	3,344,332,000	3,311,842,000	2,850,944,000
F. R. bank notes in circulation—net liab.	202,169,000	207,365,000	213,177,000	213,552,000	216,960,000	218,832,000	217,434,000	214,523,000	250,530,000
All other liabilities	28,310,000	26,678,000	23,983,000	21,651,000	121,939,000	119,716,000	116,841,000	113,948,000	25,302,000
Total liabilities	5,861,727,000	5,946,999,000	6,000,713,000	6,185,719,000	6,269,517,000	6,318,035,000	6,387,263,000	6,233,038,000	6,074,412,000
Ratio of gold reserves to net deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	44.5%	44.2%	43.8%	42.4%	44.0%	45.4%	46.4%	44.1%	43.2%
Ratio of total reserves to net deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	49.0%	48.5%	48.1%	46.4%	45.4%	45.1%	*45.5%	44.5%	44.5%
Ratio of gold reserves to F. R. notes in circulation after setting aside 35% against net deposit liabilities	56.5%	55.6%	54.8%	52.1%	50.5%	49.8%	50.5%	49.2%	50.5%
Distribution by Maturities—									
1-15 days bills bought in open market	\$ 66,424,000	\$ 58,954	\$ 68,742,000	\$ 79,109,000	\$ 87,030,000	\$ 80,304,000	\$ 70,370,000	\$ 82,072,000	\$ 115,267,000
1-15 days bills discounted	1,453,331,000	1,443,330	1,409,471,000	1,532,488,000	1,632,885,000	1,608,042,000	1,540,172,000	1,644,746,000	1,385,117,000
1-15 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	4,468,000	4,802	30,305,000	6,219,000	10,924,000	30,910,000	117,908,000	60,382,000	13,061,000
16-30 days bills bought in open market	41,456,000	47,008	46,649,000	54,075,000	64,745,000	63,995,000	61,770,000	60,706,000	127,669,000
16-30 days bills discounted	235,415,000	251,587	232,971,000	238,822,000	280,406,000	320,421,000	291,146,000	264,308,000	206,267,000
16-30 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	1,999,000	2,500	1,500,000	4,000,000	3,446,000	3,120,000	3,133,000	10,216,000	4,586,000
31-60 days bills bought in open market	48,117,000	53,030	72,236,000	76,509,000	76,805,000	75,119,000	85,226,000	80,765,000	249,208,000
31-60 days bills discounted	419,912,000	434,432	458,936,000	449,929,000	430,676,000	405,606,000	401,968,000	483,727,000	309,576,000
31-60 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	10,682,000	12,296	8,839,000	7,013,000	4,499,000	41,950,000	4,500,000	14,398,000	28,524,000
61-90 days bills bought in open market	9,051,000	8,958	15,785,000	25,066,000	27,122,000	21,749,000	17,243,000	15,147,000	69,169,000
61-90 days bills discounted	293,538,000	297,735	288,159,000	320,198,000	311,619,000	328,397,000	278,583,000	268,111,000	255,093,000
61-90 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	8,020,000	8,138	8,920,000	30,177,000	9,492,000	8,953,000	8,886,000	11,499,000	46,152,000
Over 90 days bills discounted	54,279,000	55,945	60,003,000	65,912,000	63,548,000	69,225,000	60,882,000	55,947,000	18,304,000
Over 90 days certif. of indebtedness	236,283,000	236,895	240,121,000	214,376,000	232,902,000	196,320,000	231,128,000	231,799,000	184,098,000
Federal Reserve Notes—									
Outstanding	3,511,301,000	3,563,197	3,599,708,000	3,678,024,000	3,738,880,000	3,755,246,000	3,682,755,000	3,677,562,000	3,130,783,000
Held by banks	420,553,000	447,887	440,217,000	408,001,000	394,194,000	350,315,000	338,423,000	365,720,000	279,839,000
In actual circulation	3,090,748,000	3,115,310	3,159,491,000	3,270,023,000	3,344,686,000	3,404,931,000	3,344,332,000	3,311,842,000	2,850,944,000
Fed. Res. Notes (Agents Accounts)—									
Received from the Comptroller					8,360,200,000	8,295,941,000	8,220,880,000	8,160,540,000	6,187,120,000
Returned to the Comptroller					3,982,941,000	3,950,790,000	3,927,571,000	3,876,734,000	2,689,869,000
Amount chargeable to Fed. Res. agent in hands of Federal Reserve Agent	4,255,835,000	4,297,880	4,324,642,000	4,364,698,000	4,377,259,000	4,345,151,000	4,293,309,000	4,283,806,000	3,497,251,000
Issued to Federal Reserve banks	744,534,000	734,683	724,934,000	686,674,000	638,379,000	589,905,000	610,554,000	608,244,000	366,463,000
How Secured—									
By gold and gold certificates	227,387,000	266,386	266,485,000	266,926,000	264,926,000	266,426,000	266,426,000	267,426,000	240,148,000
By eligible paper	2,222,851,000	2,276,893	2,334,150,000	2,413,262,000	2,462,666,000	2,501,754,000	2,413,030,000	2,466,999,000	2,011,357,000
Gold redemption fund	114,182,000	109,247	112,396,000	106,477,000	118,596,000	109,356,000	118,075,000	116,821,000	93,167,000
With Federal Reserve Board	946,881,000	910,671	886,677,000	891,359,000	892,692,000	877,710,000	885,224,000	826,316,000	786,111,000
Total	3,511,301,000	3,563,197	3,599,708,000	3,678,024,000	3,738,880,000	3,755,246,000	3,682,755,000	3,677,562,000	3,130,783,000
Eligible paper delivered to F. R. Agent	2,547,440,000	2,598,204	2,566,566,000	2,773,450,000	2,893,005,000	2,892,008,000	2,746,666,000	2,898,604,000	2,647,947,000

*Revised figures.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JAN. 28 1921

Two others (00) omitted. Federal Reserve Bank of—	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneap.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
RESOURCES.													
Gold and gold certificates	\$ 10,714.0	\$ 96,353.0	\$ 4,706.0	\$ 8,145.0	\$ 5,083.0	\$ 7,363.0	\$ 27,150.0	\$ 4,514.0	\$ 8,766.0	\$ 3,259.0	\$ 6,114.0	\$ 17,702.0	\$ 199,869.0
Gold Settlement Fund, F. R. B'd	39,627.0	45,025.0	47,523.0	106,918.0	26,713.0	6,751.0	88,644.0	25,232.0	8,579.0	22,301.0	6,759.0	37,451.0	461,523.0
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	50,582.0	142,589.0	52,493.0	115,333.0	31,958.0	14,233.0	116,187.0	29,901.0	17,434.0	25,718.0	12,959.0	55,305.0	664,692.0
Gold with Federal Reserve agents	161,009.0	208,046.0	150,502.0	182,504.0	48,791.0	60,877.0	211,192.0	53,617.0	25,441.0	37,834.0	19,703.0	128,934.0	1,288,450.0
Gold redemption fund	20,034.0	41,000.0	8,696.0	11,097.0	7,830.0	6,699.0	24,418.0	5,307.0	3,330.0	4,354.0	8,620.0	11,710.0	152,995.0
Total gold reserves	231,625.0	391,635.0	211,691.0	308,934.0	88,579.0	81,809.0	351,797.0	88,825.0	46,205.0	67,806.0	41,282.0	195,949.0	2,106,137.0
Legal tender notes, silver, &c	12,738.0	153,304.0	1,125.0	2,593.0	6,882.0	4,171.0	15,790.0	6,226.0	975.0	2,643.0	5,567.0	1,823.0	213,337.0
Total reserves	244,363.0	544,939.0	212,816.0	311,527.0	95,461.0	85,980.0	367,587.0	95,051.0	47,180.0	70,449.0	46,849.0	197,772.0	2,319,974.0
Bills discounted: Secured by Government obligations (a)	56,135.0	414,012.0	109,674.0	70,319.0	50,282.0	58,011.0	138,589.0	40,315.0	20,684.0	35,830.0	13,531.0	41,386.0	1,048,768.0
All other	68,803.0	494,913.0	39,666.0	72,672.0	61,891.0	67,816.0							

Two ciphers (00) omitted.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total
LIABILITIES (Concluded) —	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Ratio of total reserves to net deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined, per cent.	65.3	38.3	59.5	66.1	47.4	42.0	50.0	49.6	39.9	40.0	41.4	53.9	49.0
Memoranda—Contingent liability as endorser on:													
Discounted paper rediscounted with other F. R. banks.						17,188.0			2,075.0		21,485.0		41,048.0
Bankers' acceptances sold to other F. R. banks without endorsement.		51,828.0											51,828.0
Contingent liab. on bills purch. for foreign correspondents.	1,168.0	8,100.0	1,280.0	1,312.0	784.0	576.0	1,904.0	752.0	432.0	768.0	416.0	736.0	18,228.0
(a) Includes bills discounted for other F. R. banks, viz.	4,275.0		4,856.0	31,917.0									41,048.0
(b) Includes bankers' acceptances bought from other F. R. banks.	10,872.0			25,093.0								16,063.0	51,828.0

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS' ACCOUNTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JAN. 28 1921

Federal Reserve Agent of—	Boston	New York	Phila.	Cleve.	Richm'd	Atlanta	Chicago	St. L.	Minn.	K. City	Dallas	San Fr	Total
Resources— (In Thousands of Dollars)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Federal Reserve notes on hand.	126,080	179,000	25,040	50,440	25,659	77,085	147,180	25,680	11,855	5,510	16,825	54,180	744,534
Federal Reserve notes outstanding.	278,916	1,011,966	273,550	341,201	158,126	171,672	568,247	145,571	75,457	111,500	76,717	298,378	3,511,301
Collateral security for Federal Reserve notes outstanding:													
Gold and gold certificates.	5,600	169,608		23,775		3,500		5,960	13,052		5,892		227,387
Gold redemption fund.	20,409	12,438	14,113	18,729	2,791	3,377	13,047	2,826	2,159	2,474	4,577	17,212	114,182
Gold settlement fund—Federal Reserve Board.	135,000	26,000	136,389	140,000	46,000	54,000	198,145	41,831	10,200	33,360	9,234	111,722	940,881
Eligible paper (Amount required.)	117,907	503,920	123,048	158,697	109,333	110,795	357,055	91,954	50,016	73,666	57,014	169,444	2,222,851
(Excess amount held.)	28,912	106,623	6,066	26,970	5,321	17,258	43,594	7,829	27,721	36,118	11,721	6,456	324,589
Total.	712,824	2,309,555	578,206	759,812	347,232	437,687	1,327,268	324,651	190,490	264,628	181,980	657,397	8,091,725
Liabilities—													
Net amount of Federal Reserve notes received from Comptroller of the Currency.	404,996	1,190,966	298,590	391,611	183,785	248,757	715,427	171,251	87,312	117,010	93,542	352,558	4,255,835
Collateral received from (Gold.)	161,009	208,046	150,502	182,504	48,791	60,877	211,199	53,617	25,441	37,834	19,703	128,934	1,288,450
Federal Reserve Bank (Eligible paper.)	146,819	910,543	129,114	185,667	114,656	128,053	400,649	99,783	77,737	109,784	68,735	175,900	2,547,440
Total.	712,824	2,309,555	578,206	759,812	347,232	437,687	1,327,268	324,651	190,490	264,628	181,980	657,397	8,091,725
Federal Reserve notes outstanding.	278,916	1,011,966	273,550	341,201	158,126	171,672	568,247	145,571	75,457	111,500	76,717	298,378	3,511,301
Federal Reserve notes held by banks.	13,639	224,220	11,028	18,639	6,755	5,102	62,194	20,123	1,740	8,212	4,354	44,547	420,553
Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation.	265,277	787,746	262,522	322,562	151,371	166,570	506,053	125,448	73,717	103,288	72,363	253,831	3,090,748

Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System.—Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board giving the principal items of the resources and liabilities of the Member Banks. Definitions of the different items in the statement were given in the statement of Dec. 14 1917, published in the "Chronicle" Dec. 24 1917, page 2523.

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 JANUARY 21 1921

Allotment on Jan. 15 of over 310 millions of Treasury certificates and further liquidation of commercial loans are mainly responsible for the principal changes in the condition on Jan. 21 of the 829 reporting member banks as shown in the Federal Reserve Board's consolidated statement. Purchases of the newly issued certificates by ultimate investors were unusually large, and there were also the customary withdrawals of balances by country correspondents to pay for allotted certificates. As a result, reductions of 165 millions in net demand deposits and of 15 millions in time deposits are shown, offset in part, however, by 132 millions in the total of Government balances carried. Reports of member banks in New York City show a similar development for the week, viz., reductions of 99 millions in demand deposits, and of 21 millions in time deposits, as against an increase of 67 millions in Government deposits.

The banks report also an increase of about 55 millions in their holdings of Treasury certificates, as against moderate additions to United States bond and Victory note holdings, while their loans secured by United States Government obligations indicate a reduction of 6 millions for the week. At the New York City banks an increase of 20 millions in certificate holdings is accompanied by a nominal increase in Victory notes, a 3 million decrease in United States bonds and an 11 million reduction in loans on Government securities. Investments in corporate securities show a decrease of about 10 millions for all reporting banks and an increase of 3 millions for the New York City banks.

Loans supported by corporate securities show an increase of about 15 millions, largely in New York City, while other (chiefly commercial) loans and discounts show a further liquidation for the week of 59 millions, of which the New York banks show 10 millions. Since Jan. 7, when the item was shown for the first time, "Other loans and discounts" of all reporting banks have fallen off 152 millions and those of the New York City banks about 23 millions. Total loans and investments of all reporting institutions show practically no change as compared with Jan. 14, while the New York banks show an increase under this head of nearly 15 millions.

Total accommodation of the reporting banks at the Federal Reserve banks increased during the week from 1,895 to 1,934 millions, or from 11.5 to 11.8% of the banks' aggregate loans and investments. For the New York City banks increases in accommodation at the local Reserve Bank from 719 to 794 millions and in the ratio of accommodation from 13.2 to 14.6% are shown.

In keeping with the considerable increase in the borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks, reserve balances of the reporting banks show a growth for the week of 17 millions (10 millions in New York City). Cash in vault, reflecting the continuing return flow of Federal Reserve currency, shows a further decline of 24 millions for all reporting banks and of 8 millions for the member banks in New York City.

1. Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business January 21 1921. Three ciphers (000) omitted.

Federal Reserve District	Boston.	New York	Phladel.	Cleveland.	Richm'd.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
Number of reporting banks.	40	114	59	89	84	44	115	37	35	82	52	69	829
Loans and discounts, including bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank:													
Loans sec. by U. S. Govt. obligations.	46,803	381,465	74,811	66,405	28,390	26,338	94,997	26,942	14,782	25,053	9,843	32,534	828,364
Loans secured by stocks and bonds.	189,878	1,311,082	196,059	343,036	111,270	60,000	440,671	122,086	39,002	79,190	38,250	152,196	3,082,720
All other loans and discounts.	672,281	3,224,234	405,287	717,770	337,385	355,285	1,403,672	337,927	244,286	414,089	233,162	809,267	9,174,648
Total loans and discounts.	908,965	4,916,781	676,157	1,127,211	477,045	441,623	1,939,340	506,956	298,070	518,332	281,255	993,997	13,085,732
U. S. bonds.	32,434	297,032	44,947	97,796	65,595	40,288	80,075	27,966	16,237	35,279	36,774	96,681	871,104
U. S. Victory notes.	6,006	91,618	11,288	20,443	7,677	4,292	33,981	2,908	1,331	4,922	2,942	17,025	204,433
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.	19,860	148,072	18,477	17,949	7,096	2,481	33,992	4,295	3,017	6,240	2,049	13,564	277,091
Other bonds, stocks and securities.	128,948	733,015	155,257	280,282	46,651	36,632	298,740	65,468	19,557	54,640	10,804	171,020	2,001,014
Total loans, disc'ts & investments, incl. bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank.	1,096,213	6,186,518	906,126	1,543,681	604,064	525,316	2,386,127	607,593	333,212	619,413	333,824	1,292,287	16,439,374
Reserve balance with F. R. Bank.	51,085	626,600	66,335	103,379	34,196	29,280	182,930	43,718	19,397	46,040	22,620	78,346	1,333,926
Cash in vault.	23,241	107,809	18,209	36,602	17,466	12,120	58,845	10,138	8,205	14,620	11,008	27,030	345,293
Net demand deposits.	777,235	4,803,478	659,871	906,050	330,654	237,029	1,299,983	3,295,579	185,825	400,341	209,467	614,668	10,754,180
Time deposits.	171,884	456,944	38,206	429,193	114,199	144,727	660,611	141,261	70,053	99,393	58,748	532,963	2,918,182
Government deposits.	20,653	108,840	19,628	15,176	3,186	2,057	19,666	5,760	4,605	4,093	1,572	5,083	210,319
Bills payable with F. R. Bank:													
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.	31,142	276,924	44,238	27,089	26,699	28,743	71,309	19,311	6,307	17,651	11,361	17,720	578,494
All other.				36		105			1,224		10		1,375
Bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank:													
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.	16,907	105,300	34,799	11,657	2,642	8,968	20,286	5,802	1,288	4,930	1,629	6,965	221,173
All other.	54,561	450,496	24,573	61,178	39,103	52,005	209,321	50,091	37,141	51,000	23,186	71,014	1,132,669

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.		
	Jan. 21.	Jan. 14.	Jan. 21.	Jan. 14.	Jan. 21.	Jan. 14.	Jan. 21.	Jan. 14.	Jan. 21.	Jan. 14.	Jan. 21 '21	Jan. 14 '21	Jan. 23 '20
Number of reporting banks.	72	72	52	51	28	285	211	212	332	332	829	829	804
Loans and discounts, incl. bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank:													
Loans sec. by U. S. Govt. oblig'ns.	354,463	365,225	67,080	60,845	612,058	617,823	124,950	125,037	91,356	91,953	828,364	834,813	1,267,850
Loans secured by stocks & bonds.	1,146,545	1,131,969	318,081	326,190	2,160,324	2,149,250	492,089	494,051	430,307	424,330	3,082,720	3,067,631	3,352,829
All other loans and discounts.	2,910,890	2,920,770	879,064	884,148	6,045,543	6,072,849	1,650,905	1,667,128	1,478,200	1,493,833	9,174,648	9,233,810	(a)
Total loans and discounts.	4,411,898	4,417,964	1,264,225	1,271,183	8,817,925	8,839,922	2,267,944	2,286,216	1,999,863	2,010,116	13,085,732	13,136,254	(a)
U. S. bonds.	254,914	258,107	17,766	15,881	431,152	432,094	222,023	222,935	217,929	214,754	871,104	869,783	882,150
U. S. Victory notes.	82,085	81,113	13,091	12,894	118,761	115,228	49,651	50,164	36,021	35,844	204,433	201,236	222,167
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.	137,513	117,383	10,774	8,255	196,000	155,191	49,872	37,986	31,219	28,923	277,091	222,100	247,487
Other bonds, stocks & securities.	562,324	559,283	133,643	133,399	1,115,311	1,112,467	542,969	552,869	342,734	345,373	2,001,014	2,010,709	(a)
Total loans & disc'ts & invest's, incl. bills redisct'd with F.R.Bk.	5,448,737	5,433,848	1,439,499	1,441,612	10,679,147	10,654,902	3,132,459	3,150,170	2,627,766	2,635,010	16,439,374	16,440,082	16,674,404
Reserve balance with F. R. Bank.	581,935	571,559	131,761	134,722	977,168	952,496	202,603	200,536	154,155	164,018	1,333,926	1,317,050	1,424,790
Cash in vault.	95,076	102,765	34,310	35,991	195,615	206,657	68,368	70,262	81,310	92,198	345,293	369,117	372,811
Net demand deposits.	4,307,429	4,406,118	911,070	935,739	7,504,663	7,651,009	1,701,867	1,722,658	1,547,650	1,545,246	10,754,180	10,918,913	1

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Wall Street, Friday Night, Feb. 4 1921.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The fact that business in Wall Street has been greatly restricted and the security markets correspondingly depressed throughout the week may be attributed chiefly to two well-known causes. First, the money market, where the early rates of 7 to 8% have been followed by an 8 to 9% rate, the latter the highest since about the middle of November; and second, the possible effect of the reparation terms and program as set forth by the Supreme Council at Paris. To these influences should be added some very interesting and significant remarks by a prominent railway official relating to present conditions and problems of the railroads of the country.

As the limited volume of business has been almost wholly in the hands of professional traders, the rather mild fluctuation of prices is without importance. Notwithstanding some recovery from the lowest quotations of the week, especially to-day, the entire list of 25 best-known active issues closes lower than last week—the decline averaging about 2 points.

Among the exceptional features is Houston Oil, down 7 1/2 points, Atlantic Gulf 6 3/4, Baldwin Locomotive and Cruc. Steel 3 to 3 1/2. No exceptions among the railway shares on the list referred to.

The following sales have occurred this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week ending Feb. 4, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range for Year 1920 (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like Air Reduction, Am Brake S & F, American Cluete, etc.

For transactions on New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and Boston exchanges, see page 538.

State and Railroad Bonds.—No sales of State bonds have been reported at the Board this week.

The market for railway and industrial bonds was relatively active during the early part of the week owing to unusual interest in a few issues. Among the latter are N. W. Bell Tel. 7s. Penn. 6s, when issued. Westinghouse and some of the local tractions. The latter have been strong on the hope

of legislative action in their favor and are 2 to 3 points higher. The market as a whole, however, has been on the downward trend. Steel 5s are one of the 3 or 4 issues which close a small minor fraction higher than a week ago.

United States Bonds.—Sales of Government bonds at the Board are limited to \$1,000 4s coup. at 103 1/4 and the various Liberty Loan issues.

Table titled 'Daily Record of Liberty Loan Prices' with columns for dates (Jan. 29, Jan. 31, Feb. 1, Feb. 2, Feb. 3, Feb. 4) and rows for various Liberty Loan issues (First, Second, Third, Fourth, Victory) showing high/low/close prices and total sales.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Table showing registered bond transactions: 6 1st 3 1/2s at 91.60, 46 4th 4 1/2s at 86.60 to 87.00, etc.

Foreign Exchange.—Sterling exchange displayed a reactionary trend and as a result of persistent selling declined more than 10 cents during the week. The Continental exchanges fluctuated irregularly, with francs, lire and marks showing marked weakness at times.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 3 78 1/2 @ 3 79 1/2 for sixty days, 3 82 1/2 @ 3 84 1/2 for checks and 3 83 1/2 @ 3 85 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight 3 81 1/2 @ 3 83 1/2, sixty days 3 77 1/2 @ 3 78 1/2, ninety days 3 68 1/2 @ 3 69 1/2, and documents for payment (sixty days) 3 77 1/2 @ 3 79 1/2. Cotton for payment 3 81 1/2 @ 3 83 1/2 and grain for payment 3 81 1/2 @ 3 83 1/2.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 6.95 @ 6.87 for long and 7.01 @ 6.93 for short. German bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 33 7-16 @ 33.33 for long and 33 15-16 @ 33.79 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London 54.40; week's range, 54.40 high and 55.40 low.

Table showing exchange rates for the week: Sterling Actual, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders. Columns include High/Low for the week and specific rates.

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par. St. Louis, 15 @ 25c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. San Francisco, par. Montreal, \$127 50 per \$1,000 premium. Cincinnati, par.

Outside Market.—"Curb" trading this week was very quiet. Price movements were uncertain though there was a tendency at times for values to seek lower levels. Transactions in oil shares were unusually small. Standard Oil (Indiana) dropped from 71 to 66 3/4 and ends the week at 67. Standard Oil of N. Y. sold down from 356 to 339 and recovered finally to 341. Carib Syndicate weakened from 10 5/8 to 9 3/8 and finished to-day at 9 3/4. Internat. Petrol. after an early advance from 16 3/8 to 16 1/2 eased off to 15 3/4 and closed to-day at 15 7/8. Maracaibo Oil advanced from 18 1/2 to 19 7/8, reacted to 18 1/2 and ends the week at 18 3/4. Ryan Consol. rose from 12 to 12 3/4, then fell to 10 1/2. Simms Petroleum lost a point to 7 3/8 and closed to-day at 7 5/8. Most industrial issues were quiet. Automatic Fuel S. broke from 67 3/4 to 64. Durant Motors improved from 16 1/2 to 18 3/4. Hercules Paper advanced from 7 to 9 and eased off to 8 1/2. Intercontinental Rubber dropped from 12 1/4 to 10 3/8 and recovered to 12 5/8, the final figure to-day being 12 1/2. Meteor Motors declined from 22 3/8 to 21 and recovered to 23 1/2, the close to-day being at 23 1/4. Attention was directed to the mining department by reason of the sharp break in Eureka Croesus from 1 5-32 to 78c., the close to-day being at 92c. Bonds were slightly lower. Trading was begun in the new Tide Water Oil 6 1/2s, with transactions from 98 3/4 up to 98 7/8 and back to 98 3/4.

A complete record of "curb" market transactions for the week will be found on page 552.

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For record of sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see preceding page.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						Sales for the Week	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		PER SHARE Range for year 1920. On basis of 100-share lots		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1919	
Saturday Jan. 29.	Monday Jan. 31.	Tuesday Feb. 1.	Wednesday Feb. 2.	Thursday Feb. 3.	Friday Feb. 4.		Shares	Par	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
\$ 82 3/4	\$ 83 3/8	\$ 82 1/2	\$ 81 1/2	\$ 81 1/2	\$ 81 1/2	6,700	Ach Topeka & Santa Fe	\$ 7 1/2	\$ 9 1/2	\$ 8 1/2	\$ 10 1/2	
*70 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	78 7/8	1,000	Do pref.	7 1/2	8 1/2	7 1/2	8 1/2	
*53 1/2	6 1/2	*5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	490	Atlanta Birm & Atlantic	4 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	
8 3/4	8 5/8	*8 1/2	8 1/2	*8 1/2	8 1/2	500	Atlantic Coast Line RR	8 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	
3 3/4	3 5/8	3 3/4	3 3/4	3 3/4	3 3/4	15,800	Baltimore & Ohio	2 7/8	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	
*50 1/2	51 1/4	51 1/4	50 5/8	50 5/8	49 1/2	1,300	Do pref.	40 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	
12 1/2	12 7/8	13 1/2	12 3/4	12 3/4	12 3/4	5,400	Brooklyn Rapid Transit	9 1/4	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	
8 1/4	8 1/4	*8 1/4	8 1/4	8 1/4	8 3/8	1,000	Certificates of deposit	5 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	
117 3/4	118 1/4	117 1/2	115 5/8	116 1/2	114 3/4	12,700	Canadian Pacific	109 3/8	134 1/2	134 1/2	134 1/2	
*59 1/4	60 1/2	59 1/2	58 3/8	58 1/2	57 5/8	3,100	Chesapeake & Ohio	47 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	
6 3/4	6 3/4	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	489	Chic & East Illinois trust recs	4 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	
*6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	1,200	Do pref trust recs	3 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	
*8 3/4	8 3/8	*8 3/4	8 3/4	8 1/2	8 1/2	900	Chicago Great Western	6 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	
19 1/2	19 1/2	18 3/4	17 3/4	18 1/2	18 1/2	2,400	Do pref.	15 1/4	33 3/4	33 3/4	33 3/4	
23 3/8	23 3/8	23 3/8	23 3/8	23 3/8	23 3/8	7,200	Chicago Milw & St Paul	21 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	
44 1/2	44 3/4	43 3/4	42 3/4	42 3/4	41 3/4	10,400	Do pref.	36 3/4	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	
68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	2,900	Chicago & Northwestern	60 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	
*105 1/2	110 1/2	*105 1/2	110 1/2	109 1/2	108 1/2	250	Do pref.	98 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	
27 1/2	27 1/2	26 3/4	26 1/2	26 1/2	25 3/4	8,900	Chic Rock Isl & Pac	21 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	
*73 3/8	74 1/4	74 1/4	73 1/2	73 1/2	72 3/4	1,000	7% preferred	64 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	
*62 3/4	63 1/2	62 3/4	62 1/2	62 1/2	61 1/2	1,400	6% preferred	54 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2	
							Chic St P M & Omaha	58 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	
							Do pref.	89 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	
							Clev Cin Chic & St Louis	31 3/8	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	
							Do pref.	60 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	
							Colorado & Southern	20 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	
							Do 1st pref.	46 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	
							Do 2d pref.	35 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	
101 1/2	101 1/2	*101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	700	Delaware & Hudson	83 1/4	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	
							Delaware Lack & Western	165 1/2	230 1/2	230 1/2	230 1/2	
							Denver & Rio Grande	1 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	
							Do pref.	1 1/2	16 3/4	16 3/4	16 3/4	
							Duluth S S & Atlantic	3 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	
							Do pref.	5 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	
							Erie	9 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	
							Do 1st pref.	16 1/4	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	
							Do 2d pref.	12 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	
							Great Northern pref.	65 3/4	91 3/8	91 3/8	91 3/8	
							Iron Ore properties. No par	24 7/8	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	
							Gulf Mob & Nor tr ctfs	7 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	
							Do pref.	18 1/8	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	
							Illinois Central	80 7/8	97 1/4	97 1/4	97 1/4	
							Interboro Cons Corp. No par	3 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	
							Do pref.	8 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	
							Kansas City Southern	13 3/8	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	
							Do pref.	40 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	
							Lake Erie & Western	8 3/8	24 1/4	24 1/4	24 1/4	
							Do pref.	16 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	
							Lehigh Valley	39 3/4	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	
							Louisville & Nashville	9 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	
							Manhattan Ry equ	38 1/4	65 1/4	65 1/4	65 1/4	
							Minneapolis & St L. (new)	8 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	
							Minn St P & S S Mar	63 1/2	90 3/4	90 3/4	90 3/4	
							Do pref.	80 1/4	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	
							Missouri Kansas & Texas	2 1/4	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	
							Do pref.	3 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	
							Missouri Pacific tr ctfs	11 1/2	31 3/8	31 3/8	31 3/8	
							Do pref trust ctfs	33 3/8	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	
							Nat Rys of Mex 1st pref	3 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	
							New Or Tex & Mex v t c	31 1/2	65 7/8	65 7/8	65 7/8	
							New York Central	64 1/4	84 1/4	84 1/4	84 1/4	
							N Y Chicgo & St Louis	23 1/4	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	
							First preferred	50 1/2	73 1/4	73 1/4	73 1/4	
							Second preferred	41 1/4	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	
							N Y N H & Hartford	15 1/2	37 1/4	37 1/4	37 1/4	
							N Y Ontar & Western	16 1/2	27 3/4	27 3/4	27 3/4	
							Norfolk & Western	84 1/4	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	
							Northern Pacific	66 3/4	95 7/8	95 7/8	95 7/8	
							Pennsylvania	37 3/8	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	
							Pere Marquette v t c	14 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	
							Do prior pref v t c	50 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	
							Do pref v t c	37 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	
							Pittsburgh & West Va.	21 1/2	39 1/4	39 1/4	39 1/4	
							Do pref.	66 7/8	84 1/4	84 1/4	84 1/4	
							Reading	61 3/4	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	
							Do 1st pref.	32 3/8	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	
							Do 2d pref.	33 1/4	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	
							St Louis-San Fran tr ctfs	15 1/4	33 3/4	33 3/4	33 3/4	
							Preferred A trust ctfs	23 1/2	48 1/4	48 1/4	48 1/4	
							St Louis Southwestern	21 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	
							Do pref.	20 1/8	49 3/4	49 3/4	49 3/4	
							Seaboard Air Line	5 3/8	11 7/8	11 7/8	11 7/8	
							Do pref.	8 1/4	20 3/8	20 3/8	20 3/8	
							Southern Pacific Co.	88 1/8	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	
							Southern Railway	18 1/2	33 1/4	33 1/4	33 1/4	
							Do pref.	1 2/5	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	
							Texas & Pacific	14 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	
							Twin City Rapid Transit	27 1/4	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	
							Union Pacific	110 1/2	129 1/2	129 1/2	129 1/2	
							Do pref.	61 1/4	60 1/4	60 1/4	60 1/4	
							United Railways Invest.	7 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	
							Do pref.	14 1/2	32 3/4	32 3/4	32 3/4	
							Wabash	7 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	
							Do pref A	17 1/2	34 3/4	34 3/4	34 3/4	
							Do pref B	12 1/2	23 3/4	23 3/4	23 3/4	
							Western Maryland (new)	8 3/8	15 3/8	15 3/8	15 3/8	
							Do 2d pref.	11 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	
							Western Pacific	20 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	
							Do pref.	54 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	
							Wheellng & Lake Erie Ry	8 1/4	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	
							Do pref.	15 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	
							Wisconsin Central	25 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	
							Industrial & Miscellaneous					
							Adams Express	22 1/2	42 3/4	42 3/4	42 3/4	
							Advance Rumely	14 1/2	46 3/4	46 3/4	46 3/4	
							Do pref.	40 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	
							Ajax Rubber Inc	24 1/2	88 1/4	88 1/4	88 1/4	
							Alaska Gold Mines	5 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	
							Alaska Juneau Gold Min'g	3 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2</	

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Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE NOT PER CENT., Stocks NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range for year 1920, and Range for Preceding Year 1919. Rows list various stocks like Indus & Miscell. (Con.) Pa, Am Ship & Comm Corp, etc., with their respective prices and shares.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-rights. a Ex-div. and rights. n Par value \$100. o Old stock. z 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; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range for year 1920; PER SHARE Range for previous Year 1919. Rows list various stocks like Indus. & Miscell. (Con.), Par, and include price data for Saturday through Friday.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-rights. α Ex-div. and rights. z Ex-div. c Reduced to basis of \$ 5 par. n 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, 50%; Jan. 30.

Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now—"and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds.

Main table containing bond listings for U.S. Government, Foreign Government, State and City Securities, and Railroad. Columns include Bond Name, Interest Period, Price (Bid/Ask), Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, and Range Year 1920.

*No price Friday; latest bid and asked. aDue Jan. dDue April. lDue May. oDue June. sDue July. tDue Aug. oDue Oct. pDue Nov. eDue Dec. sOption sale.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for issuer, price, week's range, and date. Includes sections for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE'.

*No price Friday; latest bid and asked this week. a Due Jan. b Due Feb. c Due June. d Due July. e Due Sept. f Due Oct. g Option sale.

N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE										N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE									
Week ending Feb. 4										Week ending Feb. 4									
Bonds	Interest	Price	Week's	Bonds	Range	Price	Week's	Bonds	Range	Price	Week's	Bonds	Range	Price	Week's	Bonds	Range	Price	Week's
	Period	Friday	Range or		Year	Friday	Range or		Year		Friday	Range or		Year		Friday	Range or		Year
		Feb. 4	Last Sale		1920	Feb. 4	Last Sale		1920		Feb. 4	Last Sale		1920		Feb. 4	Last Sale		1920
N Y Cent & H R RR (Com)	J D	68 69	68 1/2	3	65	67 1/2	68 1/2			Pennsylvania Co (Concl.)	A O	80	80	80		80	80		
Lake Shore gold 3 1/2	J D	67 69 7/8	65	Aug '20	65	69				O St L & P 1st cons g 5s	A O	80	80	80		80	80		
Registered	M S	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	74	87 1/2				Phila Balt & W 1st g 4s	M N	88	88	88		88	88		
Debenture gold 4s	M N	83	83	81 1/4	74 1/8	84 1/2				Sodus Bay & Bou 1st g 5s	J J	75	75	75		75	75		
25-year gold 4s	M N	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	69	75 1/2				Sunbury & Lewis 1st g 4s	J J	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2		80 1/2	80 1/2		
Registered	M N	72 1/2	69	Dec '20	69	75 1/2				U N J RR & Cau gen 4s	M S	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2		85 1/2	85 1/2		
Mob & Mal 1st gu g 4s	M S	85 1/2	83 1/4	May '20	93 1/4	93 1/4				Peoria & Pekin Un 1st g 5s	M N	83	83	83		83	83		
Mabon C I RR 1st 5s	J J	85 1/2	99 1/2	Aug '17	93 1/4	93 1/4				2d gold 4 1/2s	M N	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2		87 1/2	87 1/2		
Michigan Central 5s	M S	75 1/8	82	Nov '19	69	77				Pere Marquette 1st Ser A 5s	J J	81	81	81		81	81		
Registered	M N	70	66 1/8	Mar '20	66 1/8	66 1/8				1st Ser B 4s	J J	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2		81 1/2	81 1/2		
Registered	M N	70	71	71	63 3/8	72 1/4				Philippino Ry 1st 30-yr s 4s	J J	40	40	40		40	40		
J L & S 1st gold 3 1/2s	M S	76 3/4	70	Jan '21	67 1/4	81 1/4				Pitts Sh & L E 1st g 5s	A O	82	82	82		82	82		
1st gold 3 1/2s	M N	79 1/8	79 1/8	79 1/8	85	Nov '17				1st consol gold 5s	J J	81 1/4	81 1/4	81 1/4		81 1/4	81 1/4		
20-year debenture 4s	A O	79 1/8	73 1/2	73 1/2	64	75				Reading Co gen gold 4s	J J	81 1/4	81 1/4	81 1/4		81 1/4	81 1/4		
N Y Chic & St L 1st g 4s	A O	73 1/2	89 1/2	Feb '16	64	69 1/2				Registered	J J	87	87	87		87	87		
Registered	M N	70	69 1/2	Dec '20	64	69 1/2				Jersey Central coal g 4s	A O	81	85 1/8	87		87	87		
Debenture 4s	M N	70	69 1/2	Dec '20	64	69 1/2				Atlantic City guar 4s	J J	63	65	64		64	64		
N Y June RR guar 1st 4s	F A	94 1/8	94	94	71	71 1/2				St Jos & Grand 1st 1st g 4s	J J	63	65	64		64	64		
N Y & Harlem g 3 1/2s	M N	71 1/8	69	Jan '21	71	71 1/2				St Louis & San Fran (reorg Co)	J J	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2		61 1/2	61 1/2		
N Y & Northern 1st g 5s	A O	98 1/8	94	Nov '20	92 3/8	91				Prior lien Ser A 4s	J J	73 1/8	73	74 1/4		73 1/8	73 1/8		
N Y & Pu 1st cons g 4s	A O	71 1/8	69	Jan '21	71	71 1/2				Prior lien Ser B 5s	J J	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2		87 1/2	87 1/2		
Pine Creek reg guar 6s	J D	97 1/4	97 1/2	Jan '21	95	99				Prior lien Ser C 6s	J J	64 3/4	64 3/4	64 3/4		64 3/4	64 3/4		
R W & O con 1st ext 5s	A O	60 1/2	60	Dec '20	52	60				Cum adjust Ser A 6s	A O	48	48	48		48	48		
Rntland 1st con g 4 1/2s	J J	55	50	50	53	60 1/4				Income Series A 6s	A O	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2		97 1/2	97 1/2		
Og & L Cham 1st gu g 4s	J J	50	50	50	52	60				St Louis & San Fran gen 6s	J J	88 1/8	88	88		88	88		
Rut-Canada 1st gu g 4s	J J	70	101	Nov '16	53	60 1/4				General gold 5s	J J	65	65	65		65	65		
St Lawr & Adir 1st g 5s	J J	70	103	Nov '16	64 1/4	76				St L & S F RR cons g 4s	J J	77 1/8	77	77		77	77		
2d gold 6s	A O	95	93	Jan '21	92 1/2	93 1/2				South Div 1st g 5s	A O	96	100	96		96	100		
Utica & Blk Riv gu g 4s	J J	82	82	Oct '20	32	82				K C Ft S & M cons g 6s	M N	65 3/4	65	66 1/4		65 3/4	65 3/4		
Pitts & L Erie 2d g 5s	A O	98	130 1/8	Jan '21	95 1/4	95 1/4				K C Ft S & M Ry ref g 4s	A O	82 3/4	82 3/4	82 3/4		82 3/4	82 3/4		
Pitts McK & Y 1st gu 6s	J J	74 1/2	73	74 1/2	64 3/4	76				K C & M R & B 1st g 5s	A O	66	66 3/8	67 1/8		66	66 3/8		
2d guaranteed 6s	J J	70 3/4	72	72	64 3/4	73				St L S W 1st g 4s bond etfs	J J	52 1/2	59	58		52 1/2	59		
West Shore 1st 4s guar	J J	70 3/4	72	72	64 3/4	73				2d g 4s income bond etfs	J D	63 1/2	63	64		63 1/2	63		
Registered	J J	77 1/2	78 1/4	Jan '21	65 3/4	79				Consol gold 4s	J J	60	60	60		60	60		
N Y O Lines eq tr 5s	M N	91 1/4	91 1/2	91 1/2	94 1/2	97 1/2				1st terminal & unifying 5s	J J	62 1/8	63	62 1/2		62 1/8	63		
Equl trust 4 1/2s	J J	77 1/2	78 1/4	Jan '21	62 3/4	69				Gray's Pt Ter 1st gu g 5s	J O	67 1/8	63	62 1/2		67 1/8	63		
N Y Connect 1st gu 4 1/2s	F A	46	46	46	40 1/2	48 1/2				S A & A Pass 1st gu g 4s	A O	87 1/8	83	84		87 1/8	83		
N Y N H & Hartford	M S	43	43	43	39 1/2	56				Seaboard Air Line g 4s	A O	53 1/8	54 1/2	55		53 1/8	54 1/2		
Non-conv debent 4s	M S	44 1/2	44	44	39 1/2	56				Gold 4s stamped	F A	35 1/2	35	39 1/2		35 1/2	35		
Non-conv debent 3 1/2s	A O	45	45	45	39 1/2	56				Adjustment 5s	A O	40	40	40		40	40		
Non-conv debent 4s	J J	40	40	40	39 1/2	56				Refunding 4s	A O	49 1/2	49	52		49 1/2	49		
Non-conv debent 4s	J J	67 1/4	67 1/4	67 1/4	55 7/8	87 1/8				1st & cons 6s Series A	M S	59 1/8	67 1/2	65		59 1/8	67 1/2		
Conv debenture 3 1/2s	J J	50	50	50	45 1/2	46				Atl & Birm 30-yr 1st g 4s	M S	60 1/4	64	64		60 1/4	64		
Conv debenture 6s	F A	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	62 3/4	69				Care Cent 1st con g 4s	J J	90 1/4	104	90		90 1/4	104		
Cons Ry non-conv 4s	J J	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	44	60				Fia Cent & Pen 1st ext 6s	J J	86	88	101		86	88		
Non-conv debent 4s	J J	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	45 1/2	46				1st land grant ext g 5s	J J	81	81 1/2	81 1/2		81	81 1/2		
Non-conv debent 4s	J J	52	52	52	40 1/2	48 1/2				Consol gold 5s	J J	78	81 1/2	80		78	81 1/2		
Non-conv debent 4s	J J	70	70	70	40 1/2	42 1/2				Ga & Ala Ry 1st con 5s	J J	84 1/4	86 3/4	89		84 1/4	86 3/4		
Harlem R-Pt Ches 1st 4s	M N	52	52	52	44	60				Ga Car & No 1st gu g 5s	J J	85	92	92		85	92		
B & N Y Air Line 1st 4s	F A	70	70	70	62 3/4	69				Seaboard & Roan 1st 5s	J J	70 3/4	70 3/4	71 1/2		70 3/4	71 1/2		
Cent New Eng 1st g 4s	J J	90	90	90	44	60				Gold 4s (Cent Pac coll)	J O	70 3/4	70 3/4	71 1/2		70 3/4	71 1/2		
Housatonic Ry cons g 5s	M N	62	62	62	44	60				Registered	J O	78	78	78		78	78		
Naugatuck RR 1st 4s	M N	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	31	51				20-year conv 4s	M S	90 7/8	99	90 7/8		90 7/8	99		
N Y Prov & Boston 4s	A O	66	66	66	31	51				20-year conv 5s	J D	72 1/2	73 7/8	73 7/8		72 1/2	73 7/8		
N Y W Ches & B 1st Ser 1 1/4s	J J	45	45	45	32	46				Cent Pac 1st ref gu g 4s	F A	76 3/8	77 1/4	76		76 3/8	77 1/4		
Boston Terminal 1st 4s	A O	40	40	40	32	46				Registered	F A	71	72	71		71	72		
New England cons 5s	J J	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	31	51				Mort guar gold 3 1/2s	J O	89 1/4	89 1/4	100		89 1/4	89 1/4		
Consol 4s	J J	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	31	51				Through St L 1st g 4s	A O	90 7/8	90 7/8	91		90 7/8	91		
Providence Secur deb 4s	M N	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	31	51				G H & S A M & P 1st 5s	M N	89 1/4	89 1/4	90		89 1/4	89 1/4		
Prov & Springfield 1st 5s	J J	78 3/4	78 3/4	78 3/4	31	51				2d exten 5s guar	J J	76 3/8	77 1/4	76		76 3/8	77 1/4		
Providence Term 1st 4s	M S	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	31	51				Ola V G & N 1st gu g 5s	M N	81 1/4	81 1/4	81 1/4		81 1/4	81 1/4		
W & Con East 1st 4 1/2s	J J	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	31	51				Hous E & W T 1st g 5s	M N	83 1/2	82 1/4	82 1/4		83 1/2	82 1/4		
N Y N O & W ref 1st g 4s	M S	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	31	51				1st guar 5s red	M N	86	87	87		86	87		
Registered 55,000 only	M S	48	48	48	31	51				H & T C 1st g 5s int gu	J J	96 1/8	96 1/8	96 1/8		96 1/8	96 1/8		
General 4s	J D	53 1/8	53 1/8	53 1/8	31	51				G									

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Price, Week's Range, Bonds Sold, and Range Year. Includes sections for N.Y. Stock Exchange, Street Railway, Gas and Electric Light, Coal, Iron & Steel, and Telegraph & Telephone.

*No price Friday; latest bid and asked. a Due Jan. b Due April. c Due May. d Due June. e Due July. f Due Aug. g Due Oct. h Due Nov. i Due Dec. j Option sale.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Jan. 29 to Feb. 4, 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 US Lib Loan 3 1/2s, 1st Lib Loan 4s, etc.

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

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1 (Low, High). Includes entries like Amer Rolling Mill, com, 25; Am Vitrified Prod, com, 50.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Jan. 29 to Feb. 4, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range for Year 1920 (Low, High). Includes entries like American Radiator, 100; American Shipbuilding, 100.

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 Armour & Co 4 1/2s, Debenture 7s.

* No par value.

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

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range for Year 1920 (Low, High). Includes entries like Alliance Insurance, 10; American Gas, 100.

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

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range for Year 1920 (Low, High). Includes entries like Celestine Oil, 1; Cent Teresa Sugar, 10.

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

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

On the New York Stock Exchange, for instance, only members of the Exchange can engage in business, and they are permitted to deal only in securities regularly listed—that is, securities where the companies responsible for them have complied with certain stringent requirements before being admitted to dealings. 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 Feb. 4, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High). Includes sections for Industrial & Miscell., Mining Stocks, and Bonds.

Table with columns: Mining (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range for Year 1920 (Low, High). Includes sections for Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries, Other Oil Stocks, and Bonds.

Table of Bonds (Concluded) with columns for Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range for year 1920.

* Odd lots. † No par value. ‡ Listed as a prospect. † Listed on the Stock Exchange this week, where additional transactions will be found.

CURRENT NOTICES

—Stone, Prosser & Doty in the January number of their house organ, known as "The Little Trader," say:

"Signs for business betterments are evidencing themselves. Deflation of labor is proceeding in orderly fashion. Merchandise is thinning on shelves. Buyers are slowly multiplying. Manufacturers are adjusting their output and wheels of production are gradually turning to meet the healthy improvement now taking place.

"Underlying all these signs of this readjustment are: "The largest crops in the country's history, supplemented by ample raw metal reserves.

"The real values in the securities markets must reflect these signs of progress. Many bargains in stocks and bonds are still to be had for good income and certain appreciation in value."

—The firm of Lage Brothers & Co. has been organized, with offices at 160 Broadway, this city, to conduct a general investment and commission business. The firm will be represented on the New York Stock Exchange by Bert V. Smith, the other partners being Frederiek Lage and Basil S. Courtney of New York, and Renaud Lage and Henrique Lage of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

Table of All prices dollars per share. Columns include Bid, Ask, and company names like Alliance City, Amer Surety, Bond & M.G., City Investing, etc.

Quotations for Sundry Securities

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

Table of Standard Oil Stocks Per share and RR. Equipments—Per Ct. Basis. Lists various oil and railway stocks with bid and ask prices.

Table of Other Oil Stocks. Lists Imperial Oil, Magnolia Petroleum, Mexican Eagle Oil, etc.

Table of Tobacco Stocks—Per Share. Lists American Cigar common, Amer Machine & Dry, etc.

Table of Rubber Stocks (Cleveland prices). Lists Firestone Tire & Rub, Gen'l Tire & Rub, etc.

Table of Short Term Securities—Per Cent. Lists Am Cot Oil 6s 1924, Amer Tel & Tel 6s 1924, etc.

Table of Public Utilities. Lists Amer Gas & Elec com, Amer Lt & Trac com, etc.

Table of Industrial and Miscellaneous—Per share. Lists American Brass, American Chiclet pref, etc.

Table of Banks—N Y. Lists Ameria, Amer Exch, Atlantic, Battery Park, etc.

Table of Trust Co's New York. Lists American, Bankers Trust, Columbia, etc.

Table of Banks—Brooklyn. Lists Coney Island, First, Greenpoint, etc.

Table of Banks—Other. Lists East River, Fifth Avenue, First, etc.

Table of Banks—Other. Lists Manhattan, Mech & Met, Mutual, etc.

* Per share. † Sale at auction or at Stock Exchange this week. ‡ Ex-dividend. § Ex-rights.

RAILROAD GROSS EARNINGS

The following table shows the gross earnings of various STEAM roads from which regular weekly or monthly returns can be obtained. The first two columns of figures give the gross earnings for the latest week or month, and the last two columns the earnings for the period from Jan. 1 to and including the latest week or month. *The returns of the electric railways are brought together separately on a subsequent page.*

ROADS.	Latest Gross Earnings.			Jan. 1 to Latest Date.		ROADS.	Latest Gross Earnings.			Jan. 1 to Latest Date.	
	Week or Month.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.		Week or Month.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Alabama & Vicksb.	November	\$ 330,005	\$ 243,222	\$ 3,199,821	\$ 2,530,799	Missouri Kan & Tex	December	\$ 3,439,476	\$ 3,011,374	\$ 39,925,436	\$ 34,272,092
Ann Arbor	3d wk Jan	95,793	102,232	322,502	321,815	Mo K & T Ry of Tex	November	3,155,403	2,432,996	27,043,884	23,083,750
Ath Topoka & S Fe	December	18,550,944	17,517,187	215,444,414	179,904,198	Mo & North Arkan.	December	205,070	148,558	2,115,210	1,587,826
Gulf Colo & S Fo.	December	2,689,282	2,499,847	27,548,039	22,181,340	Missouri Pacific	December	10,694,637	8,656,302	118,132,429	93,577,081
Panhandle 8 Fe.	December	814,502	822,929	9,355,874	6,708,470	Monongahela	December	691,799	303,689	4,674,852	3,652,667
Atlanta Hirm & Atl.	December	448,733	430,413	5,750,591	4,961,072	Monongahela Conn.	November	204,033	245,807	2,801,650	1,761,332
Atlanta & West Pt.	November	248,202	278,037	2,772,046	2,534,502	Montour	December	163,331	41,101	1,677,352	1,199,497
Atlantic City	December	243,814	252,714	4,667,231	4,452,161	Nashv Chatt & St L	December	2,001,819	1,808,581	24,481,590	20,044,134
Atlantic Coast Line	December	7,938,361	6,400,234	73,633,762	63,558,452	Nevada-Calif-Ore	3d wk Jan	5,232	5,279	14,168	15,838
Baltimore & Ohio	December	21,074,825	15,745,813	231,944,442	182,620,016	Nevada Northern	December	76,742	157,234	1,588,638	1,579,440
B & O Ch Term	December	254,263	194,723	2,356,795	2,058,917	Newburgh & Sou Sh	December	234,420	176,151	1,920,237	1,328,299
Bangor & Aroostook	December	596,158	521,012	6,740,098	5,287,299	New Ori Great Nor.	December	206,980	195,725	2,684,965	2,294,549
Bellefonte Central	November	12,616	8,076	112,737	93,331	N O Texas & Mox.	December	407,379	220,671	3,212,715	2,063,689
Belt Ry of Chicago	December	485,686	346,346	4,730,854	3,780,322	Beaum S L & W	December	280,326	137,705	2,354,223	1,364,168
Bessemer & L Erie	December	1,261,516	499,572	15,790,560	12,508,700	St L Brownsv & M	December	607,093	511,293	7,589,742	5,540,631
Bingham & Garfield	November	33,306	148,154	1,367,072	1,159,120	New York Central	November	35,103,674	25,612,731	337,319,022	283,859,373
Birmingham South	December	72,649	44,557	660,336	567,350	Ind Harbor Belt	November	965,287	550,014	8,445,945	5,997,295
Boston & Maine	December	7,256,550	6,441,185	86,715,564	72,583,880	Lake Erie & West	November	1,083,822	804,936	10,696,679	8,915,210
Bklyn E D Term	November	118,772	85,025	1,088,432	939,184	Michigan Central	November	7,732,922	7,000,358	80,124,149	71,738,232
Buff Roch & Pittsb.	4th wk Jan	499,139	487,319	4,448,390	4,510,689	Clev C & St L	November	8,062,170	6,061,072	81,502,956	66,622,179
Buffalo & Susq	December	304,497	145,254	3,114,960	2,157,831	Cincinnati North	November	299,269	227,737	3,343,719	2,653,227
Canadian Nat Rys.	3d wk Jan	1,996,701	1,599,643	5,979,727	5,105,071	Pitts & Lake Erie	November	4,391,259	1,979,770	32,022,095	25,574,280
Canadian Pacific	4th wk Jan	4,433,000	4,330,600	14,658,000	14,119,000	Tol & Ohio Cent.	November	1,501,684	592,701	12,093,176	8,462,234
Can Pac Lines in Mo	December	390,330	369,738	2,890,171	2,754,953	Kanawha & Mich	November	626,613	275,226	4,951,729	3,957,192
Caro Clinch & Ohio	December	734,992	579,416	7,634,328	6,277,826	N Y Chic & St Louis	December	2,530,158	2,125,633	28,225,188	23,475,552
Central RR of N J	November	5,190,922	3,953,430	17,027,614	40,926,536	N Y N H & Harf	November	11,555,229	9,527,218	114,522,969	95,602,392
Cent New England	November	853,904	561,219	6,879,088	6,178,555	N Y Ont & Western	December	1,140,017	841,992	12,924,934	10,909,515
Central Vermont	November	639,740	511,083	6,553,212	5,338,421	N Y Susq & West	December	288,946	351,034	4,450,111	3,915,640
Charleston & W Car	December	301,610	323,620	3,471,736	3,121,636	Norfolk Southern	November	635,076	523,511	7,179,433	5,877,075
Ches & Ohio Lines	December	8,645,801	5,675,977	90,190,745	71,475,016	Norfolk & Western	December	8,451,199	6,570,897	86,559,174	76,925,599
Chicago & Alton	December	2,733,143	2,382,108	30,374,933	25,272,334	Northern Pacific	December	9,159,871	8,082,601	111,166,286	100,739,353
Chicago Burl & Quincy	December	15,271,910	12,729,301	134,610,936	150,111,438	Minn & Internat.	December	125,511	102,424	1,303,979	1,073,849
Chicago & East Ill.	November	2,909,410	1,680,566	27,803,307	22,623,057	Northwestern Pac.	December	528,865	596,045	7,867,940	6,682,459
Chicago Great West	December	2,087,567	1,859,494	23,889,976	22,128,189	Oh R Ry & Land Co	November	157,850	88,743	1,950,695	1,490,699
Chicago Ind & Louisv.	November	1,464,456	1,003,316	11,614,603	11,277,925	Pacific Coast	December	446,558	330,219	---	---
Chicago Junction	December	395,725	321,062	3,600,429	3,712,478	Pennsvly RR & Co.	November	581,088	357,170	5,142,199	4,478,599
Chic Milw & St Paul	December	13,199,828	12,586,422	167,771,947	150,370,394	Balt Ches & Atl.	December	133,623	116,823	1,675,099	1,603,332
Chic & North West	December	13,161,607	11,094,113	165,029,625	139,589,915	Chic Leb & Nor.	November	142,031	125,913	1,136,058	1,078,691
Chic Peoria & St L.	December	237,915	161,302	2,801,193	1,736,078	Grand Rap & Inl	November	1,046,585	744,378	8,927,592	7,578,496
Chic R I & Pac.	December	1,117,108	1,015,118	13,525,495	11,157,655	Long Island	December	1,934,835	1,732,058	25,843,749	24,381,973
Chic R I & Guilf.	December	702,383	509,594	6,767,656	5,046,028	Mary Del & Va.	December	108,018	104,368	1,338,996	1,356,187
Chic St P M & Om.	December	2,665,317	2,412,131	31,911,606	27,732,018	N Y Port & Norf	November	732,937	754,195	7,123,875	7,589,567
Chic Terre H & S E	November	696,197	135,169	5,543,733	3,735,700	Tol Peor & West.	December	160,073	132,809	2,014,007	1,645,768
Chic Ind & Western	December	388,283	343,338	4,481,147	3,201,570	W Jersey & Seab	November	1,959,582	769,399	13,335,205	11,166,879
Colo & Southern	3d wk Jan	630,355	613,069	8,081,861	1,696,871	Pitts C C & St L.	November	1,385,173	1,780,878	93,197,602	85,100,764
Ft W & DenCity	December	1,293,164	1,052,636	13,143,676	11,162,332	Peoria & Pekin Un.	December	182,298	123,993	1,679,044	1,243,748
Trln & Brazos Val	November	273,206	161,053	1,963,354	1,266,668	Pere Marquette	December	3,101,663	3,072,670	40,772,368	35,443,137
Wichita Valley	December	181,884	159,479	1,825,943	1,227,501	Perkiomen	December	124,324	107,036	1,269,616	1,121,837
Colo & Wyoming	December	128,710	25,311	1,084,795	915,650	Phila Beth & N E	December	80,273	76,491	1,295,245	839,122
Columbus & Greenv	December	198,812	213,801	1,881,559	1,864,983	Phila & Reading	December	9,670,579	6,101,599	94,321,557	72,871,823
Copper Range	November	95,301	83,047	909,919	928,907	Pittsb & Shawmut	December	223,565	83,383	1,853,382	1,118,725
Cuba Railroad	November	1,087,457	1,022,351	11,338,382	10,480,771	Pitts Shaw & North	November	150,883	68,711	1,435,648	1,041,922
Camaguey & Nuev	November	156,916	87,859	2,584,839	2,318,963	Pittsb & West Va.	November	282,279	165,501	2,292,544	1,310,668
Delaware & Hudson	December	4,761,775	2,876,042	44,648,193	34,687,023	Port Reading	December	271,299	62,943	1,949,198	2,377,412
Del Lack & Western	December	8,461,254	6,307,146	81,907,747	71,824,047	Quincy Om & K C	December	125,874	95,741	1,365,998	1,117,415
Deuv & Rio Grande	November	4,080,803	2,829,991	36,171,133	29,850,621	Rich Fred & Potom.	December	1,036,047	956,819	11,049,883	12,276,017
Denver & Salt Lake	December	265,680	252,835	2,938,479	2,911,041	Rutland	December	534,122	414,719	5,966,142	4,838,534
Detroit & Mackinac	December	146,543	149,056	2,078,601	1,687,341	St Jos & Grand Isl'd	December	274,922	233,556	3,433,706	2,932,822
Detroit Tol & Iront.	December	598,665	293,959	5,220,601	3,766,755	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	2,088,837	2,255,356	Ft W & Rio Gran	November	195,840	166,292	1,799,392	1,487,845
Dul & Iron Range	December	157,725	128,418	11,052,316	7,961,606	St L-S F of Texas	November	192,011	141,124	1,635,940	1,406,477
Dul Missabe & Nor.	December	259,312	260,051	19,614,069	19,991,713	St Louis Southwest.	December	1,835,675	1,487,071	21,311,705	13,750,285
Dul Sou Shore & Atl	3d wk Jan	90,068	70,682	269,169	219,347	St L S W of Texas	November	836,409	683,371	8,427,227	6,140,556
Duluth Winn & Pac	November	251,586	164,123	2,284,598	1,752,753	Total system.	3d wk Jan	503,365	531,798	1,490,844	1,522,539
East St Louis Conn.	December	156,098	130,393	1,512,770	1,229,439	St Louis Transfer	December	132,561	119,697	1,395,505	1,144,253
East N Steamsh Lines	November	240,419	262,400	4,479,323	4,281,769	San Ant & Arau Pass	December	562,605	448,305	6,041,297	4,516,590
Elgin Joliet & East.	December	2,651,501	1,995,302	25,630,441	19,310,380	San Ant Uvalde & G	November	98,478	91,729	1,379,833	1,001,666
El Paso & Sou West	December	1,269,896	1,051,049	14,490,557	12,761,391	Seaboard Air Line	December	4,557,859	3,687,554	49,263,645	41,183,532
Erie Railroad	December	1,011,194	8,120,383	109,060,950	91,797,507	South Buffalo	November	171,644	51,111	1,151,195	882,267
Chicago & Erie	December	1,116,512	896,546	12,837,811	10,401,398	Southern Pacific Co	December	25,005,245	22,225,490	282,269,504	239,657,273
N J & N Y RR	December	121,615	106,747	1,348,224	1,144,688	Atlantic S S Lines	November	1,062,174	639,141	6,365,941	9,159,867
Florida East Coast	November	1,074,277	864,562	12,033,646	9,124,702	Arizona Eastern	November	425,617	288,144	3,795,271	3,366,098
Fonda Johns & Glov	November	115,846	97,213	1,308,505	1,139,587	Galv Harris & S A	November	2,730,731	2,083,433	23,982,824	19,624,293
Ft Smith & Western	December	213,008	155,821	2,045,504	1,616,460	Hous & Tex Cent.	November	1,256,130	1,075,362	10,876,359	8,660,112
Galveston Wharf	December	247,098	133,933								

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the third week of January. The table covers 20 roads and shows 8.21% increase in the aggregate over the same week last year.

Third week of January.	1921.	1920.	Increase.	Decrease.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Reported previous week	13,353,486	12,456,801	896,682	-----
Ann Arbor	95,793	102,332	-----	6,539
Duluth South Shore & Atlantic	90,068	70,682	19,386	-----
Mineral Range	9,898	14,293	-----	4,395
Nevada-California-Oregon	5,232	5,279	-----	47
Tennessee Alabama & Georgia	2,242	3,200	-----	958
Western Maryland	400,429	245,576	154,853	-----
Total (20 roads)	13,957,148	12,898,166	1,070,921	11,939
Net increase (8.21%)	-----	-----	1,058,982	-----

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.—The table following shows the gross and net earnings with charges and surplus of STEAM railroad and industrial companies reported this week:

		Gross from Railway.	Net from Railway.	Net after Taxes.	Net after Equip.Rents.
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Ann Arbor	Dec '20	571,368	119,448	101,948	88,922
	'19	483,706	84,147	67,421	42,603
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	5,528,579	715,415	504,976	234,739
	'19	4,533,990	809,650	615,950	570,529
Atch Top & S Fe	Dec '20	18,550,944	1,945,606	1,011,092	1,017,162
	'19	17,517,187	6,007,294	4,849,543	4,774,356
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	215,444,414	37,474,824	26,704,007	27,108,499
	'19	179,904,498	49,102,254	41,557,139	40,035,269
Gulf Colo & S Fe	Dec '20	2,689,282	322,149	266,336	198,486
	'19	2,499,842	673,056	506,021	422,255
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	27,518,089	551,060	def362,509	df1,065,926
	'19	22,184,340	3,883,881	2,835,589	2,433,861
Panhandle S Fe	Dec '20	814,502	def111,468	def31,503	def63,475
	'19	822,929	193,649	159,578	114,613
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	9,355,871	def577,061	def748,977	df1,170,251
	'19	6,708,470	361,742	125,843	def213,476
Atlanta Birm & Atl	Dec '20	448,733	def61,305	def105,661	def93,903
	'19	430,413	def42,979	def58,671	def49,774
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	5,750,591	df1,060,400	df1,294,040	df1,296,060
	'19	4,961,072	def780,050	def973,779	def953,175
Atlantic City	Dec '20	243,814	def132,059	def147,809	def172,670
	'19	252,714	def15,347	def37,459	def52,289
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	4,667,231	505,838	325,669	27,859
	'19	4,452,164	1,023,714	849,419	745,651
Atlantic Coast Line	Dec '20	7,938,361	2,152,634	1,919,214	1,597,106
	'19	6,400,234	1,578,385	1,377,577	1,515,497
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	73,633,762	7,329,044	4,052,059	3,908,650
	'19	63,558,452	10,058,540	7,528,992	7,144,330
Baltimore & Ohio	Dec '20	21,074,825	712,507	22,999	def436,880
	'19	15,745,813	775,674	77,893	def140,514
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	231,944,443	5,660,396	df1,162,437	df4,224,883
	'19	182,620,016	12,750,890	7,857,725	5,082,426
B & O Chicago Terminal	Dec '20	254,263	def32,677	def64,249	6,581
	'19	194,723	def50,803	def77,345	3,632
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	2,356,795	def958,581	df1,324,680	def417,870
	'19	2,058,947	def610,631	def940,535	217,902
Bangor & Aroostook	Dec '20	596,158	14,781	def32,870	def3,162
	'19	521,042	8,994	def13,819	10,124
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	6,740,098	757,660	428,860	822,738
	'19	5,287,299	293,926	34,314	104,544
Belt Ry of Chicago	Dec '20	485,686	95,713	70,946	127,754
	'19	346,346	24,410	8,875	149,813
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	4,730,854	243,017	def37,358	1,631,070
	'19	3,780,322	398,451	212,126	1,620,459
Bessemer & L Erie	Dec '20	1,261,516	126,668	df1,036,295	def802,877
	'19	499,572	def794,363	def838,533	def663,797
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	15,790,560	3,589,475	2,256,454	4,787,988
	'19	12,508,700	2,056,579	1,845,748	1,933,559
Boston & Maine	Dec '20	7,256,550	203	139,601	def94,965
	'19	6,441,181	846	def851,253	df1,102,135
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	86,715,554	2,276	df5,338,490	df9,836,167
	'19	72,583,880	3,0212	4,166,051	3,168,717
Buff Roch & Pitts	Dec '20	2,098,829	334,334	282,321	437,486
	'19	1,005,819	def303,400	def303,405	def183,663
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	21,712,290	1,049,820	632,120	2,413,858
	'19	13,955,591	df1,073,135	df1,353,707	df1,048,976
Buffalo & Susq	Dec '20	304,479	29,679	15,304	63,441
	'19	145,253	def79,335	def84,736	def59,066
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	3,114,960	def100,994	def202,645	270,748
	'19	2,157,830	def416,586	def457,740	def413,001
Canadian Pacific	Dec '20	20,604,167	2,222,072	-----	-----
	'19	17,025,583	1,682,176	-----	-----
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	216,641,349	33,153,044	-----	-----
	'19	176,929,060	32,933,036	-----	-----
Can Pac Lines in Maine	Dec '20	390,330	28,654	6,494	def21,868
	'19	369,738	def11,870	def30,304	def117,943
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	2,890,171	def552,520	def718,780	def888,752
	'19	2,754,953	def279,855	def426,588	def600,473
Caro Clinch & Ohio Dec	'20	734,992	150,549	140,393	252,517
	'19	579,416	121,928	86,751	185,350
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	7,634,328	1,899,704	1,526,364	2,807,330
	'19	6,277,826	1,575,255	1,348,497	1,487,937
Charleston & West Carolina	Dec '20	301,610	14,288	def814	def9,075
	'19	323,620	48,960	37,277	21,006
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	3,471,736	def247,924	def384,786	def557,097
	'19	3,121,636	298,883	198,768	162,774
Ches & Ohio Lines	Dec '20	8,645,801	1,469,937	1,239,755	1,155,963
	'19	5,675,677	def328,034	def674,545	def663,473
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	90,190,745	12,485,865	9,645,906	11,357,968
	'19	71,475,016	10,798,542	8,627,893	7,463,955
Chicago & Alton	Dec '20	2,733,143	141,713	68,484	def1,719
	'19	2,382,108	175,930	113,524	34,901
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	30,374,933	1,707,285	919,056	def268,746
	'19	25,272,334	1,718,623	977,162	def230,246
Chic Burl & Quincy	Dec '20	15,271,910	def473,626	df1,476,154	df1,892,244
	'19	12,729,301	1,684,476	896,112	474,138
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	184,610,986	20,899,634	12,295,164	8,012,046
	'19	154,011,438	33,518,475	27,112,341	25,156,532
Chic Great West	Dec '20	2,087,567	55,539	def114,329	def560,926
	'19	1,859,494	def17,554	def77,073	def182,362
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	23,889,976	def881,183	df1,735,088	df2,652,370
	'19	22,128,189	2,823,026	2,139,587	1,093,679
Chicago Junction	Dec '20	395,725	def10,032	def14,242	30,008
	'19	321,062	def23,257	def34,028	1,976
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	3,600,429	df1,543,994	df1,583,851	df1,275,475
	'19	3,712,478	def511,732	def551,303	def82,179
Chic Milw & St P	Dec '20	13,199,828	1,462,122	989,265	755,667
	'19	12,586,422	def458,027	def905,691	df1,320,657
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	167,771,947	7,335,430	def84,620	df5,819,216
	'19	150,370,394	11,808,689	5,362,271	3,134,849
Chic & North West Dec	'20	13,161,607	706,996	def222,277	def290,209
	'19	11,094,114	def447,365	def975,848	df1,217,643
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	165,029,625	11,820,150	3,234,232	969,876
	'19	139,589,915	20,010,528	14,245,620	12,678,750
Chic Peoria & St L	Dec '20	237,915	def57,377	def64,548	def66,704
	'19	161,302	def119,397	def122,613	def116,768
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	2,801,193	def357,320	def440,701	def474,604
	'19	1,736,078	def759,101	def837,198	def868,505

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		\$	\$	\$	\$
Chic R I & Pacific	Dec '20	11,177,108	1,173,430	695,487	535,476
	'19	10,151,118	180,880	def351,347	def471,035
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	135,258,495	9,453,697	4,028,571	1,590,488
	'19	111,578,655	14,555,889	10,001,632	8,218,751
Chic R I & Gulf	Dec '20	702,383	172,962	150,296	146,733
	'19	509,594	121,596	121,551	121,408
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	6,767,656	1,138,210	960,777	948,141
	'19	5,046,028	946,312	787,726	729,991
Chic St P M & Om	Dec '20	2,665,317	366,558	230,958	205,284
	'19	2,412,131	205,049	92,837	49,135
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	31,911,606	3,951,267	2,376,598	2,120,322
	'19	27,732,018	4,415,653	3,101,078	2,677,245
Cinc Ind & West	Dec '20	388,283	5,426	def8,244	def5,884
	'19	343,338	def48,295	def62,864	def72,181
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	4,481,147	def305,250	def498,637	def532,853
	'19	3,204,570	def385,083	def525,353	def597,618
Colo & Southern	Dec '20	1,799,452	698,060	483,690	493,974
	'19	1,105,987	218,900	167,554	193,009
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	16,232,536	3,389,572	2,532,472	2,600,813
	'19	12,976,644	2,315,378	1,743,158	1,638,725
Ft W & Den City	Dec '20	1,293,164	401,340	264,774	269,585
	'19	1,052,636	237,507	202,851	24,130
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	13,143,676	1,862,747	1,480,053	1,102,731
	'19	11,162,302	3,413,068	3,151,020	2,844,586
Wichita Valley	Dec '20	181,884	41,740	34,758	20,116
	'19	159,479	8,425	2,526	def31,208
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	1,825,943	397,055	330,237	145,308
	'19	1,227,501	317,081	256,350	187,554
Colo & Wyoming	Dec '20	128,710	14,807	8,807	1,168
	'19	25,311	def4,920	def22,895	def24,478
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		\$	\$	\$	\$			\$	\$	\$	\$	
Lohigh & New Eng	Dec '20	516,992	184,862	128,284	155,099	Pere Marquette	Dec '20	3,101,662	365,565	268,713	263,927	
	'19	367,375	80,176	69,316	70,219		'19	3,072,670	378,814	318,576	83,323	
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	4,808,055	973,094	758,319	985,494		Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	40,722,368	4,879,830	4,010,563	1,746,876
	'19	3,981,318	1,025,201	923,530	911,975		'19	35,443,137	8,719,311	8,046,078	6,680,357	
Lohigh Valley	Dec '20	7,312,152	112,191	def106,191	52,996	Perklomen	Dec '20	124,324	65,973	61,509	54,868	
	'19	5,443,231	80,967	12,517	98,946		'19	107,006	60,955	59,528	56,087	
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	75,097,761	def3,597,244	def6,077,686	def5,456,880		Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	1,269,616	588,544	557,891	491,392
	'19	64,528,890	5,326,589	3,501,539	3,679,100		'19	1,121,837	559,426	538,945	523,419	
Los Ang & Salt L	Dec '20	2,150,264	515,870	421,425	371,556	Phila & Reading	Dec '20	9,670,579	920,344	652,165	176,759	
	'19	1,505,331	399,921	340,819	337,906		'19	6,104,259	552,044	467,150	264,277	
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	20,898,126	4,509,565	3,811,370	3,584,868		Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	91,321,557	6,534,484	4,121,758	673,703
	'19	17,209,932	4,524,617	3,723,521	1,376,562		'19	72,871,823	8,263,549	6,602,723	3,083,280	
Louisiana & Arkan	Dec '20	404,951	95,717	60,603	47,938	Pittsburgh & Shawmut	Dec '20	223,565	97,025	94,335	121,617	
	'19	282,578	61,233	51,065	53,637		'19	83,383	def3,739	def3,840	11,769	
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	4,305,521	1,007,666	786,483	688,083		Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	1,858,382	309,324	288,948	728,078
	'19	2,220,760	30,588	def122,268	def151,065		'19	1,115,125	def186,506	def188,873	def179,228	
Louisiana Ry & Navigation	Dec '20	357,702	def54,193	def66,803	def136,894	Port Reading	Dec '20	271,299	111,297	129,200	52,556	
	'19	321,837	71,400	67,637	35,595		'19	62,913	def45,985	def64,214	def97,276	
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	4,275,834	263,522	62,791	def219,215		Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	1,919,198	529,774	421,580	def248,319
	'19	3,542,034	249,857	79,892	def67,242		'19	2,377,412	805,642	669,953	536,298	
Louisville & Nashv	Dec '20	11,254,141	873,230	497,369	423,219	Quincy Omaha & Kansas City	Dec '20	125,874	def63,136	def67,389	def72,952	
	'19	9,645,628	2,117,627	1,935,597	2,099,931		'19	95,741	def14,221	def28,907	def35,112	
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	126,371,693	4,975,882	1,324,556	3,321,221		Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	1,366,998	def350,423	def399,204	def456,962
	'19	107,514,965	14,970,827	11,954,200	11,791,845		'19	1,117,415	def116,338	def164,603	def208,676	
Louisv Hen & St L	Dec '20	282,428	def56,594	def76,301	def105,585	Richmond Fred & Potomac	Dec '20	1,036,047	142,516	21,658	def34,568	
	'19	253,218	60,859	42,859	39,052		'19	956,819	300,288	253,800	218,187	
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	3,163,648	455,579	383,953	231,809		Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	11,019,883	2,625,589	2,174,290	1,789,349
	'19	2,914,103	661,209	598,393	491,862		'19	12,276,017	5,100,261	4,815,982	4,625,914	
Maine Central	Dec '20	1,925,933	def239,489	def342,492	def343,782	Rutland	Dec '20	534,122	45,584	5,247	34,086	
	'19	1,583,313	73,537	def8,656	def20,073		'19	414,749	13,100	def6,178	4,874	
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	21,366,537	def1027,363	def2165,594	def2340,030		Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	5,966,142	def65,785	def319,815	def91,727
	'19	17,252,178	5,114	def919,521	def1231,427		'19	4,838,534	363,327	131,598	216,003	
Minneap & St Louis	Dec '20	1,568,057	153,857	89,386	89,230	St Joseph & Grand Island	Dec '20	274,922	def44,609	def62,737	def76,184	
	'19	1,101,724	def348,262	def399,260	def428,968		'19	233,556	def5,521	def24,117	def15,159	
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	17,004,329	def258,501	def984,319	def919,339		Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	3,433,706	def237,807	def397,385	def466,668
	'19	13,384,871	380,350	def228,773	def327,012		'19	2,932,822	88,389	def42,430	def51,655	
Mississippi Central	Dec '20	74,987	def31,413	def51,521	def41,668	St Louis Southwest	Dec '20	1,835,675	792,293	636,920	616,849	
	'19	77,374	def58,959	def58,112	def54,921		'19	1,487,071	376,767	319,523	461,579	
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	1,069,815	def397,483	def468,033	def332,288		Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	21,311,705	7,798,388	6,896,465	7,056,457
	'19	1,011,409	def207,418	def241,350	def187,562		'19	13,750,285	3,606,528	3,090,930	3,077,808	
Mo Kan & Texas	Dec '20	3,439,476	641,488	556,651	717,381	St Louis Transfer	Dec '20	132,561	46,452	47,926	41,526	
	'19	3,011,374	396,735	266,049	418,132		'19	119,697	37,812	36,988	24,868	
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	39,925,436	5,333,243	3,969,250	5,872,527		Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	1,395,505	372,681	369,449	286,834
	'19	34,272,092	5,081,929	3,921,747	4,531,147		'19	1,144,253	304,455	302,415	234,897	
Mo & North Arkan	Dec '20	205,070	12,617	8,235	9,088	San Antonio & Aransas Pass	Dec '20	562,605	def49,072	def61,794	def43,313	
	'19	148,558	def42,660	def48,921	def52,256		'19	448,305	def89,444	def170,031	def155,259	
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	2,115,210	def137,526	def193,705	def256,059		Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	6,041,297	32,203	def128,224	def54,406
	'19	1,587,826	def511,733	def588,897	def665,178		'19	4,516,590	def908,964	def1,156,156	def1,170,629	
Missouri Pacific	Dec '20	10,694,687	1,732,883	1,670,738	1,354,844	Seaboard Air Line	Dec '20	4,557,859	971,496	843,733	714,191	
	'19	8,656,301	728,852	def25,944	def321,036		'19	3,687,554	55,182	def80,665	def180,422	
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	118,132,429	7,445,064	3,352,740	def1,090,486		Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	49,263,645	762,872	def932,263	def2,639,545
	'19	93,577,081	10,219,457	6,488,016	4,402,473		'19	41,183,532	3,717,715	2,091,409	1,852,298	
Monongahela	Dec '20	694,799	367,525	345,920	198,339	Southern Pacific Sys	Dec '20	492,079	43,279	34,427	24,282	
	'19	303,689	88,986	77,143	def1,023		'19	467,796	226,803	132,096	123,127	
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	4,674,851	911,295	825,346	def33,542		Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	5,380,826	1,207,625	817,072	720,520
	'19	3,652,667	1,259,397	1,202,528	1,029,050		'19	4,234,597	1,551,292	1,356,371	1,285,476	
Nashv Chatt & St L	Dec '20	2,001,849	16,355	def58,651	14,671	Morgan's Louisiana & Texas	Dec '20	1,004,693	def112,756	def210,902	def274,693	
	'19	1,808,581	112,022	6,301	78,015		'19	980,104	426,237	328,809	312,106	
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	24,481,590	31,062	def570,520	19,255		Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	10,429,501	1,209,295	541,584	208,373
	'19	20,044,134	1,560,506	866,439	1,060,043		'19	8,065,807	1,707,746	1,274,207	1,112,124	
Nevada Northern	Dec '20	76,742	17,636	7,759	10,282	Southern Pac Co	Dec '20	25,005,245	4,651,630	3,820,082	3,463,561	
	'19	157,284	31,341	16,305	14,287		'19	22,225,490	5,261,738	3,127,062	2,894,636	
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	1,588,638	506,688	385,370	367,759		Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	282,269,504	40,155,714	25,250,705	21,312,344
	'19	1,579,440	483,883	269,232	244,101		'19	239,657,272	51,272,100	39,308,410	39,677,067	
New Or Great Nor	Dec '20	206,960	def93,986	def106,356	def102,373	Southern Railway	Dec '20	12,579,430	868,510	763,385	723,089	
	'19	195,725	9,446	def5,582	def12,979		'19	12,858,789	2,326,146	1,906,210	1,698,496	
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	2,684,965	18,033	def126,666	def14,092		Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	151,864,389	22,998,940	18,282,014	15,325,801
	'19	2,294,550	178,213	50,293	14,164		'19	129,787,811	16,042,999	11,926,598	10,611,611	
N O Texas & Mex	Dec '20	407,379	158,325	123,817	86,136	Alabama Great Southern	Dec '20	1,045,012	241,191	226,032	209,028	
	'19	220,671	32,599	13,533	13,004		'19	970,249	285,140	248,180	192,254	
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	3,212,715	782,289	616,102	345,080		Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	11,588,804	2,522,646	2,049,581	2,196,256
	'19	2,063,689	284,957	155,634	198,006		'19	10,529,739	2,065,962	1,799,530	1,489,778	
Beaum S L & W	Dec '20	280,326	71,792	70,268	56,824	Cinc New Or & Texas Pacific	Dec '20	1,741,727	124,656	108,235	204,593	
	'19	137,705	11,415	15,933	1,542		'19	1,383,521	def56,748	def294,950	def143,448	
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	2,364,223	530,906	498,807	338,286		Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	20,858,559	4,297,537	3,533,635	4,126,082
	'19	1,364,168	130,341	104,911	def16,793		'19	16,313,686	814,590	155,596	519,244	
St Louis Browns-ville & Mexico	Dec '20	607,093	78,747	59,890	53,812	Georgia South-ern & Florida	Dec '20	463,159	24,997	48,489	31,847	
	'19	541,293	119,837	124,071	91,707		'19	440,668	35,364	13,826	23,297	
Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	7,589,742	1,503,449	1,352,291	898,249		Jan 1 to Dec 31	'20	5,330,810</			

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Ulster & Delaware	Dec '20	103,713	def36,420	def50,519	def52,472
	'19	90,237	def27,647	def32,448	def31,263
	Jan 1 to Dec 31	1,489,096	def260,189	def329,713	def373,419
	'19	1,215,809	def188,515	def143,193	def153,299
Utah	Dec '20	191,164	82,456	71,215	55,670
	'19	169,187	94,508	80,810	73,112
	Jan 1 to Dec 31	2,009,519	878,814	796,245	717,020
	'19	1,309,865	589,329	498,096	440,141
Virginian RR	Dec '20	1,720,093	448,688	235,691	297,361
	'19	1,082,469	173,226	103,220	115,480
	Jan 1 to Dec 31	18,160,051	5,382,636	4,294,822	4,944,24
	'19	12,075,305	2,900,304	2,466,868	2,541,112
Wabash RR	Dec '20	5,705,328	709,341	569,309	378,455
	'19	4,622,171	324,691	218,171	81,079
	Jan 1 to Dec 31	59,982,282	1,160,238	def397,463	def3,759,770
	'19	48,847,085	4,455,348	3,143,049	831,238
Western Pacific	Dec '20	1,167,223	199,536	120,430	163,559
	'19	1,291,017	500,578	437,469	490,616
	Jan 1 to Dec 31	15,981,502	3,956,699	3,178,068	3,401,726
	'19	13,657,296	4,112,911	3,515,397	3,516,456
Wheel & Lake Erie	Dec '20	1,538,320	104,182	21,707	def88,379
	'19	957,643	71,653	def13,382	def64,101
	Jan 1 to Dec 31	17,916,679	2,919,407	1,998,155	def187,312
	'19	12,600,839	1,731,301	1,009,752	933,859
Wichita Falls & Northwestern	Dec '20	189,414	29,410	19,494	def12
	'19	202,370	def95,700	def106,937	def135,824
	Jan 1 to Dec 31	2,609,813	42,876	def88,005	def390,343
	'19	2,308,744	def116,817	def235,186	def402,164

* Corrected figures.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PUBLIC UTILITY COS.

Name of Road or Company.	Latest Gross Earnings.		Jan. 1 to Latest Date.			
	Month.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	
		\$	\$	\$	\$	
Adirondack El Pow Co	December	446,699	401,597	4,714,526	3,865,264	
Alabama Power Co.	December	394,373	302,370	4,190,495	2,955,582	
Atlantic Shore Ry Co	December	18,148	15,748	220,703	181,683	
Bangor Ry & Elec Co	November	120,190	102,292	1,133,812	981,900	
Barcelona Trac. L & P	November	3163,105	2406,094	24,507,404	18,499,063	
Baton Rouge Elec Co	December	47,650	37,141	471,187	371,269	
Beaver Valley Tr Co	November	61,755	50,878	652,414	547,293	
Binghamton Lt, H & P	December	77,315	51,607	762,336	627,336	
Blackstone Vall G & E	December	290,909	262,280	3,266,907	2,647,059	
Brazilian Trac. L & I	November	1219,000	979,000	1223,060,000	1033,335,000	
Cape Breton El. Ltd	December	68,748	54,327	652,007	583,023	
Cent Miss Vall Elec.	December	44,915	41,923	490,984	424,475	
Chattanooga Ry & Lt	November	118,487	103,400	1,212,070	925,745	
Cities Service Co.	December	1826,493	1757,622	24,698,039	19,977,551	
Citizens Traction Co.	November	90,730	78,747	735,344	633,060	
Cleve Patnesv & East	November	61,464	55,068	735,344	633,060	
Colorado Power Co.	November	104,429	98,425	1,461,362	1,222,596	
Columbia Gas & Elec	December	1458,145	1313,119	14,614,362	12,122,596	
Columbus Elec Co.	December	122,085	105,264	1,547,353	1,309,281	
Com'w'th P, Ry & Lt	December	2982,951	2589,017	31,285,981	25,964,899	
Connecticut Power.	December	134,371	117,938	1,473,151	1,260,022	
Consum Pow (Mich)	December	1301,316	1155,829	14,157,453	11,439,094	
Cumb Co (Me) P & L	November	261,046	238,794	2,827,918	2,595,941	
Dayton Pow & Light.	December	400,660	332,820	3,734,487	2,932,868	
d Detroit Edison.	November	2176,859	1615,615	19,660,624	14,746,417	
Duluth-Superior Trac	November	154,760	163,031	1,753,745	1,761,802	
Duquesne Lt Cosubslc	light & power cos.	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	467,799	418,114	
Eastern Texas Elec.	December	145,204	126,821	1,619,242	1,390,350	
Edison Elec Ill of Broc	December	109,654	112,658	1,302,700	1,096,981	
Elc Lt & Pr of Ab&R	December	30,125	29,172	356,978	294,396	
El Paso Elec Co	December	196,319	155,460	1,931,629	1,574,676	
Fall River Gas Works	December	84,647	69,398	909,699	760,712	
Federal Light & Trac.	November	424,531	348,559	4,150,931	3,500,571	
Fort Worth Pow & Lt	November	281,536	160,130	2,806,699	2,162,512	
Galveston-Hous El Co	December	342,134	277,168	3,808,953	3,095,151	
General Gas & E Co.	December	1081,393	885,622	11,363,760	9,134,919	
e Great West Pow Sys	November	766,428	581,781	5,874,325	4,873,160	
Harrisburg Ry Co.	December	161,048	153,169	1,829,449	1,628,207	
Havana El Ry, L & P	November	1037,352	879,741	10,366,708	8,476,209	
Haverhill Gas & Lt.	December	39,704	39,571	450,642	386,632	
Honolulu R T & Land	December	76,386	67,157	840,624	754,620	
Houghton Co El Lt.	December	68,058	48,385	572,156	453,162	
Houghton Co Trac.	December	31,345	29,001	320,421	297,151	
Huntington Dev&Gas	November	102,579	102,686	1,753,745	1,761,802	
d Illinois Traction.	November	1914,274	1623,452	18,823,429	15,718,920	
Interboro Rap Tran-	Total system	December	4980,072	4668,268	54,247,579	47,454,472
Keokuk Elec Co.	December	31,803	30,097	356,842	317,237	
Keystone Telep Co.	December	169,631	165,935	1,758,231	1,656,450	
Key West Elec Co.	December	26,008	20,648	260,003	227,260	
Lake Shore Elec Ry.	October	255,911	221,749	2,806,699	2,162,512	
Mwell Elec Lt Corp.	December	107,377	102,907	1,235,876	995,953	
Metropol'n Edlson Co	December	258,769	215,746	2,919,806	2,492,806	
e Millw El Ry & Lt Co	November	1667,814	1413,277	17,152,255	13,350,925	
Miss River Power Co.	December	249,131	206,384	2,735,371	2,321,954	
Nashville Ry & Light	November	319,044	287,241	3,808,953	3,095,151	
Nebraska Power Co.	November	276,711	240,168	2,848,493	2,361,211	
Nevada-Calif El Corp	November	205,052	181,203	2,848,493	2,361,211	
New England Power.	November	499,050	395,994	5,438,496	3,720,026	
New Jersey Pow & Lt	December	48,133	32,756	484,222	424,475	
Newp N&H Ry, G&E	November	239,151	205,670	2,534,758	2,510,793	
New York Dock Co.	November	518,971	478,328	5,836,931	5,211,053	
No Caro Pub Serv Co	December	95,804	84,253	1,025,705	856,756	
Northern Ohio Elec.	December	853,662	922,441	11,014,845	9,298,549	
Nor Texas Elec Co.	December	343,770	329,540	3,951,650	3,387,854	
Northw Ohio Ry&PCo	December	35,070	27,038	467,713	424,475	
Pacific Gas & Elec Co	November	3048,941	2291,106	31,242,705	23,466,448	
Pacific Power & Light	November	256,116	205,810	2,848,493	2,361,211	
Paduach Electric Co.	December	48,791	40,098	483,570	424,475	
PennCent Lt&P&Sub	November	215,006	168,413	2,296,102	1,998,155	
Pennsylv Util System	December	254,202	173,133	2,296,102	1,998,155	
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	December	67,959	58,865	801,162	732,301	
Phila Rap Transit Co	December	3889,911	3141,534	38,807,354	35,358,471	
Portland Gas & Coke	November	247,186	190,146	2,806,699	2,162,512	
Porto Rico Railways.	November	122,221	94,888	1,273,461	1,030,365	
Port (Ore) Ry, L&PCo	November	856,586	739,971	8,650,658	7,841,700	
Puget Sd Tr, Lt & P.	December	939,901	890,474	10,000,430	8,476,209	
ReadingTrans&Lt Sys	December	264,336	249,682	3,040,725	2,492,806	
Republic Ry & Lt Co.	November	743,762	577,313	7,841,700	6,270,000	
Rutland Lt & Power.	December	52,013	46,987	589,641	511,000	
St L Rocky Mt & Pac	October	490,671	392,888	4,275,522	3,406,342	
Sandusky Gas & Elec	December	80,360	65,449	745,743	627,336	
Schenectady Ry Co.	November	165,481	142,793	1,727,780	1,505,699	
17th St Incl Plane Co	November	4,049	3,350	41,319	37,608	
Sierra Pacific Electric	December	68,579	70,342	779,244	681,891	
Southern Cal Edison.	August	1528,108	972,974	9,147,564	6,856,625	
Tampa Electric Co.	December	144,934	125,656	1,473,630	1,269,248	
Tennessee Ry, L & P.	November	565,934	503,710	5,558,593	5,065,497	
Tennessee Power.	November	221,419	192,825	2,251,949	1,980,353	
Third Avenue System.	December	1108,225	994,996	12,445,452	11,407,976	
Twin City Rap Tran.	November	1182,517	1005,154	11,732,212	10,236,620	
United Gas & El Corp	December	1165,429	1041,470	12,144,107	10,276,247	
Utah Power & Light.	November	690,992	519,577	6,856,625	5,065,497	
UtahSecCorp&Subs	November	843,500	661,621	8,650,658	7,841,700	
Virginia Ry & Power.	December	1045,536	862,549	10,895,158	10,895,158	

Name of Road or Company.	Latest Gross Earnings.			Jan. 1 to Latest Date.	
	Month.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Wash Balt & Annap	December	186,569	135,870	2,092,334	2,168,119
West Pow Co of Can.	October	47,462	42,301	476,916	3,839,757
Winnipeg Elec Ry.	November	483,099	461,450	576,016	-----
Youngst & Ohio River	November	57,898	-----	-----	-----

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

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

Companies.	Gross Earnings.		Net Earnings.		
	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Alabama Power Co.	Dec	394,373	302,370	181,433	151,727
Jan 1 to Dec 31	4,190,495	2,955,582	2,118,832	1,586,945	
Arkansas Val Ry L & P.	Nov	1,846,274	1,557,260	603,194	553,446
Dec '19 to Nov 30 '20	77,315	51,607	25,924	18,397	
Bing'n Lt, Ht & P Co.	Dec	762,336	-----	182,237	-----
Jan 1 to Dec 31	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Ft Smith Lt & Trac Co.	Nov	1,057,133	822,513	301,071	267,467
Dec '19 to Nov 30 '20	-----	-----	-----	-----	
General Gas & Elec Co.	Dec	1,081,393	885,623	221,482	204,102
Jan 1 to Dec 31	11,363,76				

United States Rubber Co., New York.

(Preliminary Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1920.)

Chairman Samuel P. Colt, New York, Feb. 3 1921, wrote in substance:

Preliminary Report.—Owing to unusual conditions that have prevailed, it is desirable in advance of the annual report to advise the stockholders of the general results of the company's operations during the past year and of its position at the close thereof.

Results.—The net sales for the year 1920 were \$255,744,685, being an increase of \$30,155,220 over 1919.

The net income before interest, but after making provision for depreciation of plants and adequate reserves for Federal, Canadian and British taxes on income and profits, amounted to \$26,925,173

The net interest charges amounted to \$5,649,649, and the preferred dividends, including dividend payable Jan. 31 1921, amounted to \$5,200,000, the dividends on minority stock of subsidiary cos. to \$18,718, and dividends on Common stock (8%), including dividend payable Jan. 31 1921, amounted to \$6,480,000. Deducting these charges and dividends, leaves a balance, surplus, for the year of \$9,576,806

The total surplus Jan. 1 1920 was \$52,310,163, from which there was distributed a Common stock dividend of 12½% Feb. 19 1920, \$9,000,000, balance, \$43,310,163. Adding the surplus for the year, \$9,576,806, and adjustments made during the year, \$460,258, makes the total accumulated surplus as of Dec. 31 1920 \$53,347,227

Inventories.—These have been written down \$11,020,605 out of reserves created in previous years; it was not necessary to use any part of the income for 1920 for this purpose. A substantial part of the amount written off applies to cotton fabrics, of which there are many varieties made according to our own specifications and which, therefore, must be ordered well in advance. The company has some outstanding contracts for cotton fabrics subject to future delivery, all of which will be needed, and on the basis of fairly normal operations will be consumed in a short space of time. Arrangements have been made to take quantities when and as needed.

Obviously, operations for the year 1921 will get the benefit of the reduced prices as the result of writing down inventories, which prices are considered fair on the basis of prevailing market.

Crude Rubber.—The company at no time during the year had any so-called forward contracts for crude rubber, and, therefore, was in a position to take advantage of the low market prices, with the result that on Dec. 31 1920 the company had on hand and subject to delivery about seven months' supply of crude rubber at an average cost of .2679c. per pound. Therefore, it was not necessary to write off anything on account of crude rubber.

Other Supplies.—As to all other materials and supplies, the company had a short inventory position during the latter part of the year, and therefore was able to take advantage of the decline in prices, with the result that our inventories Dec. 31 fairly represented prevailing market prices in the case of many commodities, and in the case of other commodities there was only slight depreciation.

Reserves.—As in the past, your directors will in due time consider appropriating some part (not exceeding \$6,000,000) of the net surplus for the year 1920 as a reserve to take care of any future contingencies in connection with inventory valuations, contracts or other matters.

No Additions Required.—The larger part of the new construction which was laid out prior to 1920 has been completed and paid for, and the directors feel there will be no necessity for additional expansion of fixed properties for some time to come.

Current Liabilities.—With the fall in prices of materials and supplies, inventories should come down and current borrowing be proportionately reduced. During 1920 we took advantage of all discounts for prompt payment, with the result that the income from discounts substantially exceeded the interest paid on current borrowing.

Outlook.—While, owing to general business conditions, the outlook is not what it was a year ago, there are nevertheless signs of improvement in trade, and with the large and diversified product of rubber goods which our company manufactures, the Chairman feels encouraged to believe that the company's earnings the coming year will be satisfactory.

[The offering during the year of \$20,000,000 10-year 7½% Secured Gold Notes due Aug. 1 1930 was fully described in "Chronicle" V. 111, p. 396.]

INCOME ACC'T FOR CAL. YEARS—Preliminary Figures for 1920.

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Net sales	\$255,744,685	\$225,589,465	\$215,398,425	\$176,159,694
Net income before int.	\$26,925,173	\$21,396,099	\$20,191,097	\$18,459,434
Net interest charges	5,649,649	3,665,862	4,119,055	3,118,856
Net profits	\$21,275,524	\$17,730,237	\$16,072,042	\$15,340,578
Preferred dividends	5,218,718	5,061,043	4,961,992	4,961,370
Surp. for Com. divs.	\$16,056,806	\$12,669,194	\$11,110,050	\$10,379,208
Common dividends	6,480,000			
Divs. to minority stockholders of subd. cos.			19,508	20,692
Surplus	\$9,576,806	\$12,669,194	\$11,090,541	\$10,358,516
Deductions		2,098,576	1,133,695	6,946,441
Surplus	\$9,576,806	\$10,570,618	\$9,956,846	\$3,412,075
Adjustment credit	460,258			
Surplus	\$10,037,064	\$10,570,618	\$9,956,846	\$3,412,075
Previous surplus	52,310,163	41,739,545	31,891,207	28,479,134
Stk. div. Feb. '20 12½%	9,000,000			
Balance	\$43,310,163	\$41,739,545	\$41,848,053	\$31,891,209
Total surplus	\$53,347,227	\$52,310,163	\$41,848,053	\$31,891,209

CONSOLIDATED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

(1920 Data Preliminary.)

	1920.	1919.
Assets—		
Cash	\$13,753,560	\$20,037,646
Accounts receivable	48,734,715	40,770,428
Notes and loans receivable (incl. notes of employees given for purchase of capital stock and secured by such stock)	x10,143,737	9,953,382
Finished goods	76,902,244	87,633,699
Material and supplies, including goods in process	45,970,987	
Total current assets	\$195,505,243	\$158,395,155
Securities owned and held in insurance fund	\$2,499,962	\$2,331,779
Securities owned, including stock of U. S. R. Co. held by subsidiary company	9,379,358	5,522,317
Government bonds		3,479,902
Plants, properties and investments, including rubber plantations	176,328,595	148,610,520
Prepaid and deferred assets	5,539,822	1,194,530
Total assets	\$389,245,980	\$319,534,203
Liabilities, Reserves and Capital—		
Accounts payable, including acceptances payable for importation of crude rubber	\$13,629,586	
Accrued liabilities	3,391,040	\$24,332,718
Notes and loans payable	49,405,000	
Total current liabilities	\$66,425,626	\$24,332,718
First & Refd. Mtge. 5% Gold Bonds, due 1947	x\$58,426,800	\$59,207,000
5-year 7% Secured Gold Notes, due Dec. 1 1923	6,000,000	6,000,000
10-yr. 7½% Secured Gold Notes, due Aug. 1 '30	20,000,000	
Canadian Consol. Rubber Co., Ltd., 6% bonds, due 1946	2,600,000	2,600,000
General reserves, incl. provision for Federal income taxes	7,093,875	13,021,666
Insurance and accident fund reserves	2,799,485	2,601,508
Reserve for depreciation of property and plant	16,646,492	14,812,254
Reserve for divs. on Pref. and Common stocks, payable Jan. 31 1921	2,930,000	2,639,018
Capital stock—Preferred	65,000,000	63,022,100
Capital stock—Common	81,000,000	72,000,000
Minority—Can. Consol. Rub. Co., Ltd., stock	277,200	278,500
Fixed surpluses—subsidiary companies	6,709,275	6,709,275
Surplus	53,347,227	52,310,163
Total	\$389,255,980	\$319,534,201

x There are also deposited as security for the 5-year 7% Secured Gold Notes, 5% bonds and to secure 10-year 7½% Secured Gold Notes \$25,000,000 6% bonds of this issue.—V. 112, p. 267.

United Fruit Company, Boston.

(21st Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1920.)

President Andrew W. Preston, Boston, Jan. 25, wrote in substance:

Profits.—Net profits from operations were \$43,661,238, and from other sources \$954,036; total, \$44,615,274. Deducting interest charges, \$25,187, estimated taxes, \$15,581,780, and cash dividends [13%], \$6,518,990, leaves a balance for year of \$22,489,317. Adding the balance of reserve for tropical losses credited back to profit and loss, \$4,380,971, makes the total increase in profit and loss during the 12 months \$26,870,288.

Stock Dividend.—The authorized capital stock was increased within the year to \$150,000,000. The directors voted to transfer \$50,000,000 from surplus to capital account and to issue to the stockholders share for share 500,000 shares (including 3,165 shares bought in during 1920), to represent the increase of the capital account. This brings the total capital stock issued and outstanding up to \$100,000,000.

Debentures.—Through the fund set aside in 1919 for this purpose, there were redeemed \$718,000 4½% debentures, leaving a balance of \$327,000 outstanding, for retirement of which there is sufficient cash in the fund.

Fruit Business.—On account of severe drought and windstorms at some of the tropical divisions, there has been a scarcity of fruit.

The cacao (chocolate bean) cultivations are in very satisfactory condition and an increased output is expected during 1921.

Sugar Business.—The output of the company's sugar mills in Cuba for the crop season of 1920 was 270,961,275 lbs. of sugar and 7,635,218 gallons of molasses, as compared with 252,645,900 lbs. of sugar and 6,496,921 gallons of molasses for the previous season. A portion of this sugar was disposed of locally in Cuba and a few cargoes were sold in Northern markets.

The Revere Sugar Refinery produced 237,948,806 lbs. of refined sugar and 1,112,037 gallons of syrup for the 12 months, as compared with 198,980,396 lbs. of refined sugar and 1,023,212 gallons of syrup for the previous 15 months' period.

The entire output of raw sugar has now been refined.

Steamships.—The company's steamships were reconditioned during the year for the transport of fruit and special freight and passengers as before the war.

Of the eight new steamships ordered in 1919 for the U. S. trade, three of the banana carriers are now in service and another (electrically driven) is nearing completion. Early delivery is expected of the four ships specially constructed for carrying sugar from Cuba to the refinery in Boston.

Of the six steamships ordered for the European trade, two are now in service and the remaining four are nearing completion. One additional steamship has been purchased for this trade and contract has been made for another now under charter.

In order to insure delivery of fuel oil for the tropical railways, sugar mills and other plants (as well as for the oil-burning steamships), the company purchased a tanker under construction. This tanker has a carrying capacity of 63,000 bbls. of oil and is now in service.

INCOME & PROFIT & LOSS ACC'TS, FISCAL YEAR END, DEC. 31.

	1920. 12 Mos.	1919. 15 Mos.	1918. 12 Mos.	1917. 12 Mos.
Net income from oper.	\$43,661,238	\$37,351,729	\$24,046,050	\$16,787,448
Interest, divs., &c.	954,036	1,034,579	783,956	804,943
Total net income	\$44,615,274	\$38,386,308	\$24,830,006	\$17,592,391
Less: Interest charges	25,187	206,685	839,509	867,567
Estimated taxes	15,581,780	18,016,106	9,896,450	3,686,869
Dividends (see note)	6,518,990	6,289,562	4,025,320	3,903,392
Rate per annum	(13%)	(12½%)	(8%)	(8%)
Balance profit for year	\$22,489,317	\$13,873,955	\$10,068,726	\$9,134,563
Accum. profit Jan. 1	49,109,723	35,040,154	25,198,060	21,567,370
Total	\$71,599,040	\$48,914,109	\$35,266,786	\$30,701,933
Less: Stock divs. (100%)	a 51,000,000		5,000,000	5,593,874
Balance profit	\$21,599,040	\$48,914,109	\$30,266,786	\$25,198,059
Credits to profit and loss	b 4,380,970	195,613	4,773,363	
Profit and loss balance	\$25,980,010	\$49,109,722	\$35,040,154	\$25,198,059

a Capital stock distribution, 100%, paid Jan. 15 1921.

b Balance of reserve for tropical losses credited back to profit and loss.

The following quarterly dividends were declared and charged against income of 1920, viz.: Dividend paid April 15, July 15 and Oct. 15 1920, each 3%, or \$4,518,990; and Jan. 15 1921, 4%, \$2,000,000; total, \$6,518,990.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Trop. lands & eq't	78,197,713	70,233,807	Capital stock	50,000,000
Domestic & Euro-pean property	8,729,118	8,017,684	do Stock distrib.	250,000,000
Steamships (tonnage 209,800)	19,203,834	11,052,226	4½% debts. (1923)	x195,500
SS. under constr'n	6,729,766	1,909,626	4½% debts. (1925)	x131,500
U. S. & Brit. Govt. securities	13,742,184	19,808,022	Drafts payable	1,998,932
Other investments	5,982,593	4,565,922	Acc'ts payable	5,514,749
Fund to pay debts.	382,316	1,186,563	Dividend payable	2,000,000
Cash	20,392,302	19,510,523	Costa Rica Ry.—Material account	243,125
Notes receivable	213,044	187,455	Replace. reserve	331,739
Acc'ts receivable	7,349,067	7,513,369	Rentals accrued	262,024
Sugar & mol. stock	3,105,064	683,167	Other def'd liab'l.	246,375
Loans to planters	842,438	378,343	Deferred credits	815,380
Other def'd items	972,547	867,564	Surplus—	
Deferred debits	503,796	1,391,070	SS. constr. res'v'e	9,102,237
Transit items	1,338,344	379,061	Tax reserve	20,862,555
Total	167,684,127	147,684,401	Res. for tropical losses	11,326,727
Total	167,684,127	147,684,401	Profit and loss	25,980,011

Total 167,684,127 147,684,401

v At market. x Cash deposited to pay these.

y After deducting \$316,590 acquired during year and held in treasury Dec. 31. z Issued Jan. 15 1921 to stockholders of record Dec. 20 1920.

Items Included in Tropical Lands and Equipment Account.

	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.
Lands	x14,624,275	20,537,284	Telephones	347,669
Houses and bldgs.	9,207,183	6,555,239	Wharves, lighters, &c.	678,587
Cultivations	13,622,199	11,426,998	Mdse. (stores)	5,418,720
Live stock	2,178,924	1,802,947	Material on hand	7,181,995
Tools and mach'y.	1,710,782	1,104,921	Sugar mills	5,344,767
Railways	17,232,375	16,028,944	Total	78,197,713
Tramways	650,233	415,824		70,233,807
x Lands \$14,624,275 include: Lands in Colombia, \$537,447; Costa Rica, \$1,118,796, as against \$6,768,313 in 1919; Cuba, \$8,415,488; Guatemala, \$307,058; Honduras, \$1,886,372, and Jamaica, \$1,156,252.—V. 112, p. 477, 267, 253.				

Pennsylvania Water & Power Company.

(11th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1920.)

The report of President C. E. F. Clarke with profit and loss account and bal. sheet will be found on a subsequent page.

COMPARATIVE INCOME PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENTS.

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Gross inc. (all sources)	\$1,867,869	\$1,823,066	\$1,700,900	\$1,610,818
Exp., maint., taxes, &c.	523,910	523,810	445,064	394,550
Net earnings	\$1,343,959	\$1,299,256	\$1,255,836	\$1,216,268
Interest on bonds	\$528,550	\$532,850	\$518,340	\$518,550
Dividends	x(6½%) 552,175	(6) 509,700	(5½) 467,225	(5) 424,750
Balance, surplus	\$263,234	\$256,706	\$270,271	\$272,968
Total adding prev. surplus	\$266,551	\$263,317	\$277,111	\$282,340
Deduct—				
Contingent fund	\$95,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Depreciation fund	170,000			
Sinking fund		75,000	75,000	75,000
Red Cross & United WW		35,000	45,500	50,500
Surplus Dec. 31	\$1,551	\$3,317	\$6,611	\$6,840

x See text.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—			
1920	1919.	1920	1919.		
\$	\$	\$	\$		
Property account.	17,085,184	17,538,227	Capital stock	8,495,000	8,495,000
Secs. of other cos.	3,177,196	3,175,934	1st mtg. bonds	10,479,000	10,657,000
Loose plant and equipment	91,826	86,890	Bills payable	50,000	50,000
Bills receivable	8,000	8,000	Accounts payable	288,657	162,774
Accounts receivable	453,986	337,953	Contingent fund	1,101,739	1,112,000
Cash	85,278	78,959	Depreciation fund	669,038	100,000
Cash for redemp.	76,897	76,897	Res. for slnk. fund	25,000	—
Prepaid charges	5,696	2,229	Slaking fund	400,000	425,000
			Profit and loss	1,552	3,317
Total	21,507,166	21,305,091	Total	21,507,166	21,305,091

a After deducting \$215,000 held in treasury and \$461,000 bonds redeemed by trustees or canceled for slaking fund investment.—V. 112, p. 4756.

Pierce Arrow Motor Car Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

(4th Annual Report—Year Ended December 31 1920.)

Pres. George W. Mixter, Buffalo, Feb. 1, wrote in sub.:

General.—Business during the first half of the year was active, and operating conditions were difficult. The last half of the year showed a marked reduction in demand for both cars and trucks. During this period a substantial rearrangement of the plant was accomplished. Where needed machine tool equipment was modernized, and processes revised. This revision is now practically complete. No new buildings were constructed.

Income Account.—Net profits amounted to \$1,769,915, after setting aside \$567,677 for current depreciation. At the same time, \$693,914, being about 80% of the value of tools applicable to models of cars and trucks no longer in active production, has been charged against the reserves for depreciation, thus leaving said reserve \$126,237 less than in 1919.

There have been declared and paid during the year four quarterly dividends of \$2 each per share of Preferred stock.

There was added to the Surplus Account \$969,915, equal to \$3.88 per share of Common stock. The book value of the Common stock by the balance sheet is \$39.19 per share.

Capital Account.—Charges to property and equipment accounts during the year amounted to \$1,938,517, made up of the cost of tools for new models and a limited amount of new machinery. As stated above \$693,914 was charged to reserve for depreciation and credited to capital account, leaving the net increase \$1,244,603.

Product.—During the year your company has presented to the public the new Pierce-Arrow Car, and a line of three new trucks with dual valve engines. Our trucks consist of 2-ton, 3½-ton, and 5-ton models. The Pierce Arrow Car offered to the public for 1921 follows the well-known Pierce-Arrow engineering principles, combined with modernized body lines. This product has met with a total of orders remarkable considering the times.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31.

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Gross sales	Not stated.	Not stated.	\$41,354,440	\$32,565,908
Net mfg. profit, after dep.	\$1,987,688	\$3,161,122	4,273,172	4,791,274
Deduct—Excess war prof. and inc. taxes	250,000	600,000	1,200,000	1,161,802
Balance	\$1,737,688	\$2,561,122	\$3,073,172	\$3,629,472
Other Income: Div. from affiliated cos.	216,886	10,200	10,200	10,200
Miscellaneous		15,944	5,401	1,658
Total	\$1,954,574	\$2,587,267	\$3,088,773	\$3,641,330
Deduct—Interest (net)	184,659	96,197	323,032	42,582
Preferred div. paid (8%)	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000
Common div. paid	—	(\$1½)312,500	(\$5)1562,500	(\$2½)625,000
Bal., surp. for year	\$969,915	\$1,378,570	\$403,241	\$2,173,748

* The depreciation allowance amounted to \$567,677.

BALANCE SHEET, DEC. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—			
1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.		
\$	\$	\$	\$		
Plant site, bldgs., mach., &c.	6,750,581	5,379,742	8% cum. convert. pref. stock	10,000,000	10,000,000
Land not for bus'ns	150,336	144,065	Com. stock (250,000 shares of no par value, but of the declared val. of \$5 per share)	1,250,000	1,250,000
Patents, trademarks, &c.	2	2	Capital surplus	4,081,411	4,081,412
Invest in affiliated selling company	251,821	40,000	Bank loans	5,750,000	2,000,000
Finished vehicles, &c.	4,756,403	4,996,294	Accounts payable	1,201,538	2,123,159
Work in process	3,116,596	3,473,720	Customers' depos.	131,600	139,000
Raw mat'l & supp.	8,597,663	5,075,407	Accrued excess war prof. & inc. tax.	250,000	600,000
Notes & accts. rec.	1,798,858	2,857,517	Res. for contingen.	150,000	—
Misc. Inv. & depos.	146,914	161,593	Surplus	4,541,547	3,571,632
Cash	1,338,100	1,424,168			
Deferred charges	448,822	212,690			
Total	27,356,096	23,765,203	Total	27,356,096	23,765,203

—V. 111, p. 1757.

Inland Steel Company, Chicago.

(Report for Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31 1920.)

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Calendar Years—	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Net income*	\$6,066,560	\$6,830,146	\$14,473,512	\$21,240,783
Depreciation, &c.	1,634,388	1,424,052	1,953,713	1,769,166
Bond interest	325,110	340,981	353,250	436,549
Federal tax	—	—	7,000,000	8,500,000
Dividends	2,763,905	2,001,560	2,001,060	1,999,820
Balance, surplus	\$1,343,156	\$3,063,553	\$3,165,489	\$8,535,248

* The net income for the four years is given after deducting all charges for repair and maintenance. In 1919 and 1920 Federal and other taxes were deducted, and in 1920 an inventory adjustment. The net income in 1920 includes "miscellaneous income."

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—			
1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.		
\$	\$	\$	\$		
Property	42,489,028	37,563,699	Capital stock	25,175,175	25,019,500
Lib. bds. & other investments	3,981,516	6,799,481	Bonded debt	5,291,000	5,621,000
Inventories	7,777,202	8,289,117	Accounts payable	1,258,549	1,543,400
Bills receivable	154,664	64,880	Pay-roll	386,490	545,335
Accts receivable	4,601,124	4,044,275	Taxes accrued	455,362	344,701
Cash	1,868,813	2,464,686	Interest accrued	18,000	20,250
Insur. unexplred.	27,767	12,994	Reserves	10,032,026	8,910,991
Deferred charges	425,170	131,621	Surplus	18,708,682	17,365,526
Total	61,325,284	59,370,753	Total	61,325,284	59,370,753

—V. 112, p. 475.

Morris & Company.

(Report for Fiscal Year Ending Oct. 31 1920.)

An official statement issued to the newspapers for release Jan. 31 says:

Morris & Co., packers, in their financial report for the year ending Oct. 30 1920, confirm what is already known regarding the poor results of the packing house industries for the past year in that their surplus has decreased during the period \$2,955,709. Their volume of sales is quite satisfactory compared with previous years; inventories have been priced at market; cash in the bank is over \$4,000,000 and their quick liabilities, incl. their acceptance drafts against export shipments, are about \$2,000,000. As their quick assets amount to over \$6,000,000, the ratio is about 3 to 1,

which under present day conditions is very satisfactory indeed. During the year they transferred \$37,000,000 from surplus to capital, increasing same from \$3,000,000 to \$40,000,000 [See news item on subsequent page.]

Statement by Chairman Nelson Morris as of Jan. 1921.

The year just ending has been a very unprofitable one in both the live stock and packing business. During the year, in accordance with our usual custom of carrying all our products on the market, we cut our inventory values nearly in half and this, coupled with the demoralization of foreign exchange, has made it impossible for us to show a profit for the year.

The increase in packing house and branch market investments represents actual expenditures made during the year. It was also considered advisable to place permanently in the fixed capital of the business a large part of the earnings which have accumulated during the many years of our very conservative dividend policy, and \$37,000,000 was therefore transferred from the surplus to the capital account. No cash dividends have been paid.

Our finances are in their usual conservative shape, our current assets being over 2 75 times our current liabilities. While I do not look for any decided boom this coming year, there is no doubt the "corner has been turned" and that our business should improve from now on.

Our organization is very complete, and I know that we will have the hearty co-operation of all of our employees in making the coming year a prosperous one.

[The offering in August 1920 of \$15,000,000 7½% 10-year sinking fund gold notes is described in V. 111, p. 901.]

INCOME ACCT YEARS END. OCT. 31 '20 & NOV. 1 '17 TO '19, INCL.

Years Ending—	Oct. 30 '20.	Nov. 1 '19	Nov. 1 '18	Nov. 1 '17.
Net profits	\$4,270,598	\$6,845,472	\$10,658,078	\$11,169,077
Interest on bonds	762,250	575,750	487,500	496,500
Administrative expenses	2,783,392	2,047,627	1,662,633	1,494,406
Int on borrowed money, taxes, insurance, &c.	3,680,665	3,518,453	4,290,086	3,877,099
Dividends	—	(10)300,000	(10)300,000	(5)150,000

Balance def \$2,955,709 sur \$403,642Sr \$3,917,858Sr \$5,151,071

Add previous surplus 53,227,506 52,823,864 37,293,555 32,142,484

Total surplus \$50,271,797 \$53,227,506 \$41,211,413 \$37,293,555

Revaluation of property 11,612,451

Deduct for stock divs x37,000,000

Balance, prof. & loss \$13,271,797 \$53,227,506 \$52,823,864 \$37,293,555

x 900% in Common stock, \$27,000,000, and 333 1-3% in Pref. stock, \$10,000,000.

BALANCE SHEET YEARS ENDED OCT. 30 1920 AND NOV. 1 1919.

Assets—		Liabilities—			
Oct. 30 '20.	Nov. 1 '19.	Oct. 30 '20.	Nov. 1 '19		
\$	\$	\$	\$		
Packing house, real estate, &c.	33,474,287	30,240,619	Common stock	30,000,000	3,000,000
Branch markets, real estate, &c.	4,840,526	4,399,602	Preferred stock	10,000,000	—
Car equipment	5,768,554	5,786,384	10-year gold notes	15,000,000	—
Cash	4,571,927	7,485,308	Bonds	17,950,000	16,750,000
Inventories, mat'l & supplies, &c.	30,624,016	35,988,999	Bills payable	12,264,254	26,971,619
Investments (st'ks and bonds)	1,673,838	8,679,953	Acceptances, drafts against exports	6,500,000	—
Accts receivable	25,881,463	21,417,597	Accts payable and reserve for taxes	1,924,323	2,608,893
Bills receivable	8,410	12,113	Bond int. accrued	464,100	260,750
			Res. for depr., &c.	9,468,543	11,182,807
Total	116,843,021	140,015,575	Surplus	13,271,796	53,227,506

—V. 112, p. 167; V. 111, p. 2331.

The American Brass Company, Waterbury, Conn.

(Report for Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31 1920.)

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING DEC. 31.

Calendar Years—	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Net earnings	\$3,354,564	\$2,856,140	\$3,992,219	\$7,109,177
Dividends paid	1,800,000	1,800,000	3,000,000	6,675,000
Rate per cent	(12%)	(12%)	(20%)	(44½%)
Balance, surplus	\$1,554,564	\$1,056,140	\$992,219	\$434,177

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—			
1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.		
\$	\$	\$	\$		
Real estate, machinery, &c.	19,420,729	18,512,175	Capital stock	15,000,000	15,000,000
Cash	1,588,696	3,469,509	Accounts payable	632,812	2,698,587
Bills receivable	908,285	815,593	Reserve for contingencies, taxes, &c.	9,374,524	9,374,524
Accts receivable	6,008,009	8,458,135	Surplus	24,056,776	22,502,213
Wood lands	224,530	252,141			
Stks. & bds. owned	1,243,367	1,232,766			
Govt. bds. owned	3,386,828	4,583,361			
Patents	1,000	1,000			
Merchandise	16,282,668	12,250,638			
Total	49,064,112	49,575,324	Total	49,064,112	49,575,324

The property account was increased in 1920 by \$3,408,554 and in 1919 by \$2,812,816, expenditures for permanent improvements. This was offset, in part, by depreciation allowances of \$2,500,000 for each year.—V. 112, p. 472.

Middle States Oil Corporation.

(Report for Year ending Dec. 31 1920.)

The consolidated income account and balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1920 will be found among advertisements on preceding pages. See comparative income account published in last week's "Chronicle," page 476.

Wells Fargo & Company, New York.

(Official Statement Dated Jan. 20 1921—Status Dec. 31 1920.)

Pres. B. D. Caldwell, Jan. 20, wrote in substance:

Value Depends on American Railway Express Co.—From the accompanying statement it will be observed that the value of the company's stock depends in a large degree upon the valuation to be placed upon the \$10,466,700 stock of the American Railway Express Co.

This stock represents the express plant and equipment, real estate used exclusively for express purposes and cash for working capital which this company contributed to the American Railway Express Co. at the time of its organization following the taking over of the operation of the railroads by the U. S. Government. During Government control and up to Aug. 31 1920, the operations of that company were conducted at a large loss which under the contract with the Government was assumed by the latter [compare V. 110, p. 2289; V. 111, p. 1338, 1085, 754, 755, 694, 296].

Prior to Aug. 31 application was made to the Inter-State Commerce Commission by the express companies for authority to continue the unit operation of the express business by the American Railway Express Co., and by the railroads for the approval of a proposed standard contract with that company to become effective Sept. 1 1920. Recently the Inter-State Commerce Commission has, in substance, granted both applications, and a contract has been made between the railroads and the American Railway Express Co. for a period of five years, with the privilege of termination by individual railroads at the end of a period of 2½ years and for extension beyond the term of five years. While it is not yet possible to state what the results of operation under this contract will be it is believed that during its continuance a reasonable return will be earned by the American Railway Express Co. [See also "contract" below and V. 111, p. 2532; V. 112, p. 64.]

Your company and the other old express companies have also been relieved from the obligation to maintain their corporate existence previously entered into by them with the Director-General of Railroads.

Adjustment of Accounts.—Since the last annual report to the stockholders under date of May 13 1920, the adjustment of the company's outstanding accounts from operations prior to June 30 1918 has been vigorously pressed.

Some are, however, of a nature which will require additional time to dispose of, such as a comparatively small amount of outstanding financial paper which is presented for payment monthly in decreasing amounts, a limited number of loss and damage claims and a considerable number of loss, damage and personal injury suits. These are all included in the item of \$615,000 contingent liabilities.

Liquidation.—Under no circumstances, we believe, would it be wise for this company to resume the conduct of the express business and the stockholders will best profit by eventual liquidation.

CONDITION OF COMPANY AS OF DEC. 31 1920 AND 1919.

Assets—	Dec. 31 '20.	Dec. 31 '19.
Bonds at market value	\$8,358,087	\$10,035,332
Stocks, other than those listed below, at market val.	705,596	4,171,661
Notes, &c., market value	967,671	875,454
Real estate and other property at estimated value	798,354	845,399
*Stock of Wells Fargo Nevada Bank at our book value	3,000,000	—
Cash	72,223	257,354
Unmatured interest, rents and dividends receivable	157,697	163,182
Bills and accounts receivable	41,635	—
Stock of Am. Ry. Exp. Co., par value, \$10,466,700	Value not estimated	—
Liabilities—		
Capital stock outstanding	\$23,967,400	\$23,967,400
Bills and accounts payable	50,264	—
Contingent liabilities	615,000	—

* Under the last statement issued by the bank, it appears that the value is substantially greater.

There are also a number of claims in favor of and against the company pending, some of which are in litigation. It is not possible at the present time to state with accuracy what the outcome of these will be.

Contract of 1920 Between Amer. Ry. Express Co. and Rail Carriers.
[Salient Data Condensed and Inserted by Editor]

The Interstate Commerce Commission on Dec. 7 1920 gave its approval to a proposed standard contract to be entered into by the several rail carriers and the American Railway Express Co. The last named company, as successor to the express business of seven separate companies and Wells Fargo & Co. at that time operated over approximately 92% of the railroad mileage of the country and conducted more than 90% of the express business of the United States. [The Southern Ry. Co. and the Mobile & Ohio RR. have since organized under laws of Alabama their own express company, under title of Southeastern Express Co. with \$1,000,000 auth. cap. stock and office in Atlanta. John B. Hockaday formerly Gen. Mgr., of Southern Express Co. is President.]

The new contract which is to continue in force for a period of five years, with provisions for termination at the end of a period of 2½ years and for extension beyond the term of five years, had in Dec. 1920 received the assent of a large majority of carriers. The consummation of the contract was made contingent upon a continued consolidation of the express companies approved by the Commission on Dec. 7 1920, as well as upon its authorization under section 5, paragraph (1), of the Inter State Commerce Act, of the grouping or pooling arrangements detailed in Article V of the proposed agreement.

Railroads Grouped for Express Purposes.—The contract for express purposes divides the railway and other lines on which the Express Co. may operate into three groups which generally speaking will include such of the aforesaid lines as are included in the following districts respectively and such other lines as may now or hereafter be assigned by the Commission to any of said groups, viz: (a) Eastern Group carriers in the territory east of Chicago and Cairo and north of the Ohio and Potomac Rivers. (b) Southern Group carriers in territory east of the Mississippi River and south of the Ohio and Potomac Rivers. (c) Western Group carriers in territory west of Chicago, Cairo and the Mississippi River.

Express Revenue.—The gross express revenue it is provided shall be determined for each group monthly by ascertaining and combining (a) the total express transportation revenue arising from express transportation over the lines of the several carriers. (b) rents of buildings, etc., (c) joint rents of real property and equip. (d) miscellaneous rents, (e) car mileage or per diem earned upon cars owned or controlled by the Express Co. (f) net income from miscellaneous physical property.

It is especially stipulated that there shall not be included with the foregoing any revenue accruing to the Express Company from operations other than transportation, such as customs brokerage fees, C. O. D. charges, money order and other financial revenue, interest, etc.

From the total of items (a) to (f), inclusive shall be deducted the following items for the group: (g) All operating expenses of the Express Co. as defined by the Commission including the stipulated depreciation, indemnities, etc., (h) compensation to carriers operated by the Express Co., but not parties to this form of contract, (i) uncollectible revenue, (j) express taxes, (k) rent for property and equip. used jointly, (l) rents for rolling stock not otherwise provided for herein, (m) interest and discount on funds borrowed for additional express property and equipment not exceeding 8% p. a. but this borrowed money as long as it remains unpaid shall not be considered as a part of the average value of the property employed in the express business.

Income for Division.—The balance remaining after this deduction shall be designated as "Income for Division" and from it shall first be set aside (a) for the Express Co. an amount equaling 2½% thereof. The remainder designated as "Net Income for Division" shall be distributed (b) among the railroads in the group executing this form of contract in the proportion that the gross express transportation revenue for the month earned on the line of each such railroad bears to the gross express transportation revenue earned on the lines of all such railroads in that group for that month.

Sec. 4. As a further consideration, the Express Co. agrees that for each year in which the sum of the amounts set aside for it at 2½% of the "Income for Division" in the several groups shall exceed 6% of the average value of the entire real property and equipment and other capital of the Express Company employed in the express business such excess "profit" shall be divided in the following manner: (a) one-half to the Express Company, (b) the other half to the railroads, parties to this form of contract, to be apportioned among them.

Moreover the one-half portion of the profit thus accruing to the express company shall be accumulated by it until a sum equal to 10% of the value of the entire real property and equipment and other capital of the express company then employed in the express transportation business and any increases thereof, with specified exceptions shall have been reached, after which any such profit shall be divided in the ratio of one-fourth to the express company and three-fourths to the other carriers.

Valuation of Express Property.—It is agreed that the value of the entire real property and equipment and other capital hereinabove referred to was on July 1 1918 \$34,642,109.64, as fixed by the Director-General of Railroads. To such sum shall be added subsequent additions and betterments and deducted depreciation and retirements.—V. 111, p. 2532.

Commonwealth Power, Railway & Light Company.
(Report for Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31 1920.)

President George E. Hardy, Feb. 1, wrote in substance:

Dividend.—The directors on Jan. 17 1921 declared the usual dividend of 1½% on the Pref. stock, payable Feb. 1 1921 in scrip dated Feb. 1 1921, due on or before Feb. 1 1927, with interest at 6% p. a. to stockholders of record Jan. 19 1921.

Gross Results.—The gross earnings of all subsidiary companies for 1920 as compared with 1919 show increases in gross earnings as follows: Gas, 30.38%; gas residuals and miscellaneous, 27.59%; electric (sales to subsidiary companies eliminated), 23.07%; heating and water, 17.53%; railway: city lines, 15.59%; interurban, 1.69%; freight and miscellaneous, 14.11%. Electricity in 1920 afforded 42.05% of the gross earnings, city railways 20.27%, interurban lines 10¼%, and gas 14.11%. Coal sales, a new item, aggregated \$294,748.

Decline in Prices.—The readjustment of costs, except to a comparatively small extent, cannot be availed of until the expiration of outstanding contracts. The item of coal is one of the largest, and most of these contracts expire in April, May and June, after which time we confidently expect a very material saving in operating costs.

Coal.—Notwithstanding these contracts, and the company's ownership of three coal mines with normal output sufficient for about 40% of its requirements, the company was obliged during a portion of the year to purchase "spot" coal for its gas and certain electric plants at prices ranging from \$1 to \$7 per ton in excess of contract prices. At one time [railroad] conditions became so acute that no coal could be secured on any basis, and it was necessary for a few days to suspend operation of gas plants in both Saginaw and Kalamazoo, Mich.

In August 1920 the additional freight rate allowed by the Inter-State Commerce Commission to the steam railroads became effective, and this item alone increases the operating costs of the company over \$1,000,000 per year.

Wages.—Early in 1920 it was necessary to make material increases in the wage scales, but as conditions which required this action at that time are gradually disappearing, we confidently expect that more satisfactory agreements can be entered into as the existing contracts expire.

Maintenance, &c.—Expenditures for maintenance and renewals during the year amounted to \$4,321,021, as compared with \$3,039,563 in 1919, an increase of \$1,281,457, or 42.16%. Other large increases, aggregating \$3,863,820, or 41.34% over 1919, are shown below:

Increased cost of coal	\$2,060,110	50.72%
Increased cost of oil	394,955	180.58%
Increased cost of labor	1,408,755	27.81%

Rates—Earnings.—During the year, to offset the increased costs, very material increases in rates were secured, of which, however, only approximately \$1,000,000 is reflected in the earnings, as many of the increases did not become effective until the latter part of the year. With these increased rates and the tendency to lower operating costs, a pronounced improvement in earnings for the year 1921 should be shown.

Additions, Etc.—The total expenditures for capital account during the year 1920 aggregated approximately \$7,000,000, chiefly for increasing production and transmission facilities, including a 10,000 k. w. turbine in the Battle Creek steam plant, steel tower high tension transmission lines from Battle Creek through Jackson to Owosso, Mich., and a 10,000 k. w. frequency changer at Battle Creek, which made available for distribution in the southern section of Michigan electric energy from the western section. Likewise, there was installed at Peoria, Ill., a 12,500 k. w. turbine, and at Springfield, O., an 8,000 k. w. turbine with additional boilers.

The company also acquired a gas coal mine in Harlan County, Ky., which produces a high-grade gas coal of sufficient amount to provide approximately 30% of the requirements of the subsidiary gas companies.

Preferred Stock.—A stock selling campaign throughout the territory of the Consumers Power Co. in Michigan resulted in the sale of about \$800,000 Pref. stock to about 2,000 individual customers.

Outlook.—We feel that during 1921 a policy of strict economy should be followed that the floating debt may be reduced as rapidly as possible.

ANNUAL OPERATIONS, METERS IN USE, &c.

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Sale of gas, cu. ft.	3,845,282,500	3,372,341,600	3,147,560,800	2,965,455,900
Av. price recd. per 1,000 c.f.	\$1.1479	\$1.0039	\$0.9047	\$0.8447
Gas meters in use Dec. 31	104,757	99,413	93,299	91,365
Miles gas mains	1,018	982	950	950
Sales elec. k. w. h.	513,048,858	465,332,748	424,138,677	381,720,612
Av. price recd. per k. w. h.	\$0.292	\$0.267	\$0.243	\$0.248
Electric meters in use Dec. 31	173,664	149,289	132,456	126,467
Tons coal mined	395,048	327,611	—	—
Rev. pass. carr.: City (transfers excluded)	101,177,351	99,532,044	87,844,206	91,905,651
Interur. (transfers excl.)	10,333,208	12,128,852	11,887,941	12,152,248

Note.—Electric sales to subsidiary companies are eliminated.

EARNINGS OF PRESENT PROPERTIES, EXCLUDING ELECTRIC SALES TO SUBSIDIARY RAILWAYS.

Calendar Years—	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Gas and miscellaneous	\$5,908,816	\$4,557,029	\$4,400,425	\$3,691,564
Electric	13,155,066	10,688,763	8,753,543	7,594,242
Railway: City	6,340,993	5,485,635	4,308,524	4,243,042
do Interurban	3,362,544	3,306,544	2,934,069	2,838,034
do Freight & misc.	1,365,558	1,196,705	930,128	820,924
Coal sales	294,749	—	—	—
Heating and water	858,255	730,223	591,371	555,929
Total gross receipts	\$31,285,981	\$25,964,899	\$21,918,061	\$19,723,736
Operating expenses	20,623,389	15,336,653	13,418,028	11,078,632
Net earnings	\$10,662,592	\$10,628,246	\$8,500,033	\$8,645,105
Fixed chgs., taxes, divs. on preferred shares of underlying companies	8,787,674	8,209,240	7,549,130	6,495,479
Pref. divs. (C. P. R. & L. stock) (6%)	1,077,180	1,077,180	1,077,180	1,077,010
Com. divs. (do) 4%	—	—	—	743,334
Balance, surplus	\$797,738	\$1,341,826 def.	\$126,277	\$329,281

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Assets—	1920.	1919.	Liabilities—	1920.	1919.
Sec. & prop. owned	49,593,556	49,130,451	Pref. capital stock	17,953,000	17,953,000
Cars & equipment	294,860	—	Com. capital stock	18,585,900	18,585,900
Coal prop. & equip.	1,259,477	—	Com. stock deliv'le	2,414,100	2,414,100
Debt discount	135,477	177,025	5-yr. 7% conv. bds.	7,608,400	7,828,250
Cash	468,952	492,697	1-yr. 7% gold notes	3,570,000	5,950,000
Adv. to sub. cos.	6,509,726	9,180,113	Scrip due Feb. 1 '24	1,001,661	1,047,750
Accts rec. (do)	215,344	116,672	Scrip due Feb. 1 '25	1,107,202	1,101,643
Int. rec. (do)	68,358	61,066	Scrip due Feb. 1 '26	1,113,088	—
Divs. rec. (do)	109,776	149,594	Sec. ser. 7% notes	1,722,500	1,884,500
			Sec. ser. 6% notes	650,000	620,000
			Coal bonds, &c.	669,000	1
			Car trusts	207,624	—
			Accrued accounts	218,267	297,259
Total (each side)	58,655,526	59,307,618	Surplus	\$1,834,784	1,625,215

x Of amounts standing to credit of surplus account of subsidiary companies there are accruing to the Commonwealth Power, Railway & Light Co. to Dec. 31 1920 undistributed earnings amounting to the sum of \$86,683.—V. 112, p. 372.

American Wholesale Corporation, Baltimore, Md.

(Annual Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1920.)

Calendar Years—	1918.	1919.	1920.
Gross sales	\$25,577,846	\$35,345,711	\$25,577,845
Total earnings	—	4,270,566	694,773
Federal taxes 7% p. a. (estimated)	—	1,341,954	69,000
Preferred dividends	—	(3½%) 297,500	575,235
Federal taxes for year 1918	—	1,953,079	—
Balance, surplus	—	\$678,033	\$50,538

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Assets—	1920.	1919.	Liabilities—	1920.	1919.
Rl. est., plants, &c.	\$2,881,312	\$3,024,428	Pref. 7% cum. stk.	8,131,900	8,500,000
Inventories	4,817,952	6,723,250	Com. stk (no par)	4,218,213	3,928,392
Notes & accts. rec.	8,151,351	8,372,116	Notes payable	3,935,000	2,300,000
U. S. obligations	1,022,140	23,900	Accts. payable	328,011	1,316,493
Investments	282,211	270,473	Deposit accounts	430,174	510,111
Cash	1,337,884	1,181,648	Accrued inter.	31,417	32,888
Cash dep. for div.	143,377	—	Foreign accept.	—	16,736
Sundry loans	325,960	227,441	Emp. prof. shar. fd.	1,481	—
Empl. sub. stk.	124,677	—	Fed. taxes '20 (est)	69,000	1,341,954
Deferred charges	209,218	101,852	Pref. div. p. Jan. 1 1921	(1¼%) 143,376	—
			Pur. m. mortgages	1,295,500	1,300,500
			Surplus	712,011	678,033
Total	\$19,296,082	\$19,925,108	Total	\$19,296,082	\$19,925,108

a The authorized preferred stock amounts to \$9,000,000; of this there is \$500,000 unissued, \$338,100 retired, \$30,000 in the treasury and \$8,131,900 outstanding. b The authorized common stock consists of 150,000 shares, no par value, including 54,296 unissued shares and 95,704 outstanding.—V. 112, p. 164.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS.

RAILROADS, INCLUDING ELECTRIC ROADS.

General Railroad and Electric Railway News.—The following table summarizes recent railroad and electric railway news of a more or less general character, full details concerning which are commonly published on preceding pages under the heading "Current Events and Discussions" (if not in the "Editorial Department"), either in the week the matter becomes public or shortly thereafter.

Intra-State Rates.—(a) The U. S. Supreme Court has consented to hear arguments Feb. 25 on the appeal in the test case of the Wisconsin RR. Comm. which contests the right of the I.-S. C. Comm. to raise Intra-State rates under the Esch-Cummins law. (b) Right of Commission to increase fares of New York Westchester & Boston affirmed by Court of Appeals. See that company below and "Times" Feb. 2, p. 3. (c) Ohio RRs. on Feb. 3 increased their passenger rates from 3 to 3.5 cts. p. m., as permitted by temporary injunction granted last week by U. S. Dist. Court.

New England Roads' Divisions Case.—The conference of RR. officials seeking to settle this matter closed Feb. 1, the companies affected agreeing to submit their decision by letter. "Times" Feb. 2, p. 18. Proposition to form pool to give the New England lines \$15,600,000 yearly. "Times" Jan. 31, p. 23; "Ry. Age" Jan. 28, p. 296; "Fin. Am." Feb. 1, p. 1. Of the \$25,000,000 demanded, the N. Y. N. H. & H. RR. has sought about \$15,000,000.

Abolition of National RR. Wage Agreements—Wages.—V.-Pres. Atterbury of Penn. RR. urges that to avoid RR. calamity national labor agreements must be abandoned; wage reductions may then wait 90 days. See "Current Events" above and compare "Times" Jan. 29, p. 1; Feb. 1, p. 1 & 2; Feb. 2, p. 1. Union chiefs threaten strike if said agreements are discarded. Idem Feb. 4, p. 1.

Further Appeal to Labor Board.—Since Sept. 1 200,000 employees have been laid off by 61 roads, yet in Jan. 1921 36 roads failed to earn operating expenses and 28 more fell short of fixed charges. "Sun" Feb. 3, p. 2.

Pending road's appeal, Atlanta Birmingham & Atlantic called off its wage cut.

Ferry Lines, &c., Curtail.—No West Shore RR. boats to Weehawken from 10:10 a. m. to 3:40 p. m.; 50% of port's lighters idle. "Times" Feb. 2, p. 20.

Other Retrenchment, &c.—(a) Mississippi Central RR. Feb. 1 reduced all wages 10 to 30%. (b) South Georgia Ry. Feb. 1 made similar cut. "Ry. Review" Jan. 29. (c) West Va. & North. RR. suspended operations when men quit following wage cut. "Times" Feb. 2, p. 1. Chesapeake & Western also decided to stop operating. (d) L. & N. RR., N. Y. Ont. & West., Southern Pacific R. R. &c., reduce shop forces. (e) Illinois Central shop employees reject proposal for 5-day week. (f) Erie RR. said to have reduced section hands from 48½c. an hour to 35 and 38 cts.

A reduction of from \$400,000,000 to \$500,000,000 in the cost of labor RR in the U. S. may be necessary. "Times" Jan. 29, p. 1.

Is RR. Problem Being Solved?—Wage Reduction Necessary.—Paper by Editor "Ry. Age" Jan. 28, p. 275.

Valuation for 1920 Rate Advance—Valuation, How Arrived at.—Statement by Chairman Clark of I.-S. C. Comm., "Ry. Age" Jan. 28, p. 299. Compare previous official statement in "Ry. & Industrial Section" for Nov. 1920, p. 6, and "Chronicle" V. 111, p. 551, and statement for Class I roads in "Ry. Review" Jan. 29, p. 180.

Questionnaires as Basis for Settlement with U. S. Govt.—Outline of form presented. "Ry. Review" Jan. 29, p. 180.

Railway Mail Pay.—Request for \$35,000,000 deficiency appropriation. "Ry. Age" Jan. 28, p. 274.

Electrical Terminal Subway for N. Y. Waterfront.—(a) Joint N. Y.-N. J. Harbor Comm. proposes construction at an estimated cost of \$200,000,000 of an "automatic electric" freight subway loop system connecting all the railways entering N. Y. City with all roads reaching the waterfront on N. Y. harbor, in N. Y., N. J., and Long Island, and also to run direct to waterfronts and piers. Estimated capacity 14,000,000 tons annually (agst. 8,000,000 tons at present), with annual saving of \$14,000,000 in total terminal cost. "Ry. Age" Jan. 28, p. 269 to 274; "Eng. News Record" Jan. 27, p. 182. (b) Special terminal plan of City Comm. for Jersey City. "Eng. News Record" Jan. 27, p. 177.

Mexican Roads.—(a) Mexican Govt. reported to have authorized the directors to arrange expert examination of the several properties and negotiations with the creditors, preparatory to return of roads to private management. "Ry. Review" Jan. 29, p. 193. (b) President Obregon said to have offered William G. McAdoo, now in Mexico, \$50,000 a year to take charge of the State RRs. and rehabilitate them. "Sun" Feb. 1, p. 2.

Chilean State RRs.—Articles II and III. "Ry. Age" Jan. 21, p. 2413; Jan. 28, p. 283.

Chinese Roads.—(a) Chinese banks agree to put up \$6,000,000 (Mexican) to enable the Govt. to acquire rolling stock for Peking-Hankow and other lines (Commercial Attache Julian Arnold, Peking). "Ry. Review" Jan. 29, p. 193.

Bolivian Ry. Developments.—"Ry. Review" Jan. 29, p. 193.

Miscellaneous.—(a) Idle freight cars Jan. 23, 300,669, agst. 253,000 Jan. 16. "Times" Feb. 1, p. 20. (b) Car loadings for week end, Jan. 15, 709,888, agst. 840,524 in 1920. (c) So. Ry. Co. denies any intent to sue U. S. (d) Higher Cuban freight rates effective Dec. 12 1920. "Wall St. Jour." Jan. 22, p. 7.

Switching Case.—Chicago coal men attack report made to Commission. "Coal Trade Jour." Feb. 2, p. 122.

Canadian RR. Problems.—(a) Statement by Sir John Willison. "Montreal Gazette" Feb. 1. (b) Speech by F. B. Carvell, Chairman of Dom. Ry. Commission. Idem Jan. 21. (c) Suit to revoke charter of Ry. Brotherhood. Idem Jan. 31.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of Jan. 29.—(a) N. Y. Traction.—Gov. Miller's message and comments thereon, p. 432 to 435; compare "Times" Jan. 29, p. 1, and subsequent issues. (b) RR. Wages.—Board ruling, p. 435. (c) RR. Expenses.—Expenses, why so enormous, p. 436. (d) U. S. Guaranty.—Legislation urged, p. 436; compare "Times" Jan. 31, p. 23. (e) Outside Repairs.—(T. De Witt Cuyler), p. 436.

Adrian (Mich.) Street Ry.—Operation.

The stockholders have divorced the control of the property from the Toledo & Western RR., which recently went into receivership. Frank R. Coates was elected President; Morton Seeley, V.-Pres.; A. C. Van Driesen, Treas., and Henry Ledbetter, Sec. The system is the terminal for the Toledo & Western line and has been operated by the Doherty interests for a number of years. It is barely paying its way and is for sale. Recently the city was considering buying the lines. ("El Ry. Journal.")—V. 111, p. 1660

Alabama & Vicksburg Ry.—To Create Mortgage.

The stockholders will vote March 4 on authorizing the placing of a bond mortgage of \$4,000,000 on the property.—V. 111, p. 1948.

Ardmore (Okla.) Street Ry.—Fare Increase.

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission has authorized the company to raise its cash fare within Ardmore City limits to 10 cents.—V. 103, p. 144.

Atlanta Birm. & Atlantic RR.—Wage Cut Canceled.

The orders calling for a wage reduction scheduled which were to take effect Feb. 1 and affecting all employees, have been canceled by the company. The U. S. Railroad Labor Board ordered the road to hold up the scheduled wage cut and get together with its employees. It is stated that a reduction in wages will be made later in a manner satisfactory to all concerned.—V. 112, p. 371.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—Bonds Authorized.

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to nominally issue and hold in its treasury \$2,744,000 of its Ref. & Gen. Mtge. bonds, series "B." The Commission has also granted authority to the following subsidiaries to issue and deliver their bonds to the B. & O. RR. in payment for additions, improvements and betterments, viz.: Schuylkill River East Side RR., \$678,500; Baltimore & Philadelphia RR., \$2,500; Balt. & Ohio RR. in Pa., \$83,500; Wheeling Pittsburgh & Balt. RR., \$63,500; Fairmont Morgantown & Pittsburgh RR., \$8,000; Pittsburgh & Western RR., \$51,000; Pittsburgh Junction RR., \$562,000; Baltimore & Ohio & Chicago RR., \$51,000; Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern RR., \$360,000.—V. 112, p. 468.

Boston & Maine RR.—Urges Suit to Recover \$100,000,000.—A Boston dispatch of Feb. 3 says:

The Boston & Maine stockholders' protective association, through Conrad W. Crooker, counsel, has requested the directors of the B. & M. RR. to bring suit against all directors of N. Y. N. H. & Hartford RR., the Boston RR. Holding Co. and Boston & Maine RR. who served during the period from 1906 to 1914 for losses suffered by the B. & M., amounting to what the stockholders' protective association estimates at \$100,000,000.

Mr. Crooker states that if the B. & M. directors do not institute suit the stockholders' protective association will push the matter.—V. 112, p. 160, 61.

Brooklyn City RR.—Fare Charge Upheld.

The Court of Appeals at Albany on Feb. 4 handed down a decision upholding the decision of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, which held that the company has the right to charge two fares on the Flatbush Ave. line. See V. 112, p. 371.

Buffalo Rochester & Pitts. Ry.—Div. Increased.

Semi-annual dividends of 3% each on the Common and Pref. stocks have been declared, both payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 10. Semi-annual dividends of 2% each have been paid on the Common stock from Feb. 1919 to Aug. 1920, incl.—V. 112, p. 161.

Carolina Power & Light Co.—Fare Increase Denied.

The North Carolina Corporation Commission has denied the company permission to increase its fare from 7 cents cash with 4 tickets for 25c to 8 cents cash with 4 tickets for 30c.—V. 111, p. 192

Central of Georgia Ry.—Equipment Trust Certificates.—Kuhn, Loeb & Co., it is announced, have placed privately \$650,000 6½% Equip. Trust Certificates, Series "M":

Although the offering price is not made public the company in its application to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue the certificates stated that the bankers had agreed to take them at 96.

Dated Feb. 1 1921, due \$60,000 Feb. 1 1926 and \$59,000 each Feb. 1 thereafter to 1936. Denom. \$1,000. Int. payable P. & A. Guaranteed p. & i. by Central of Georgia Ry. Commercial Trust Co., Phila., trustee.

The equipment trusts will be secured on 7 locomotives, 13 passenger cars and 4 express cars, estimated to cost \$1,088,835. A Government loan of \$237,900 has been secured to pay for part of the cost.—V. 112, p. 469, 371.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.—Authorization.

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to issue from time to time not to exceed \$50,225,000 Common stock for the purpose of effecting the conversion and cancellation of its \$40,180,000 5% Conv. 30-year secured gold bonds now outstanding at rates specified in the trust indenture. See description in V. 102, p. 1162.—V. 112, p. 161.

Chesapeake & Western Ry.—Would End Pass'r Service.

The company has petitioned the Virginia Corporation Commission for permission to abandon passenger service on its road. It is pointed out that motor travel on highly improved paralleling lines has seriously affected passenger traffic.—V. 108, p. 2240.

Chicago & Eastern Illinois RR.—Reorganization.

The following announcement is made on behalf of the several committees representing security holders of the company: "The approval by the I.-S. C. Commission of the capitalization of a new company which it is contemplated will succeed the present Chicago & Eastern Illinois RR. in reorganization enables the representatives of the several classes of security holders to proceed with the formation of a plan of reorganization, the particulars of which have already been agreed upon."—V. 112, p. 256.

Chicago & North Western Ry.—Files Government Claim.

The company has filed a claim for \$59,000,000 against the Government. This amount includes all that the company claims during the entire time of Federal control. Of the amount \$4,000,000, it is said, is due for deficiency in operating returns in the six months of guarantee.—V. 112, p. 256.

Chicago Terre Haute & Southeastern Ry.—Lease.

It is stated that the lease of the property to the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. for 999 years has been approved by 68% of the stock and 79% of the income bondholders. See V. 111, p. 2519.

City & Suburban Ry. of Wash.—Pays Feb. 1 Interest.

Funds to meet the semi-annual interest due Feb. 1 on the \$1,750,000 First Mortgage 5% bonds, has been deposited with the Baltimore Trust Co., trustee. At the past two interest-paying periods on these bonds the company took advantage of its 90-day clause in the mortgage before meeting payment.—V. 111, p. 588.

Cleveland Railway.—Would Permit Sale of Stock.

An ordinance has been introduced in the Cleveland City Council amending the Taylor service-at-cost franchise so as to permit the sale at not less than 80 of not more than \$3,000,000 Capital stock. See text of ordinance in "Electric Railway Journal" Jan. 29.—V. 112, p. 469.

Cleveland Cinc. Chicago & St. Louis Ry.—Guaranty.

The I.-S. C. Commission has granted authority to guarantee \$108,000 10-year 6% promissory note of Louisville & Jeffersonville Bridge & RR., as part security for a loan of \$162,000, from the United States to the latter company. This Government loan is also secured by a note for \$54,000, similarly guaranteed by Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. The proceeds of the loan are to be used for additions and betterments to way and structures of the Louisville & Jeffersonville Bridge & RR., made and to be made during 1920 and subsequently.—V. 112, p. 161.

Columbus Newark & Zanesville El. Ry.—Extension.

The protective committee for Columbus Buckeye Lake & Newark Traction Co. 1st Mtge. 5% bonds due 1921, of which George K. Johnson is Chairman (V. 111, p. 2040), announces that the time for deposit of bonds under the protective agreement of Nov. 10 1920 has been extended to April 1 1921.—V. 111, p. 2139, 2040.

Concord Maynard & Hudson St. Ry.—Operation.

It is reported that the towns of Concord, Acton, Hudson, Maynard and Stow may have to take over the trolley line, as company is unable to meet its expenses. The five towns would have to provide for the maintenance of the road at an annual cost of about \$23,000.

Detroit United Ry.—New Directors.

C. R. Nutt, of Cleveland, and Chas. Laurondau, of Montreal, have been elected directors, succeeding C. M. Swift and Alonzo Potter.—V. 112, p. 469, 372.

Eastern Massachusetts Street Ry.—Earnings.

	Six Mos. to Nov. 30 1920.	Twelve Mos. to May 31 1920.
Total income.....	\$6,863,861	\$13,471,220
Operating expenses.....	6,008,721	12,386,439
Taxes.....	103,394	323,333
Gross income.....	\$751,745	\$761,447
Interest and rentals.....	796,904	1,484,518
Deficit.....	\$45,158	\$723,070
Add—Amount required to meet cost of service..	499,489	1,164,747
Total deficit.....	\$544,647	\$1,887,817

—V. 112, p. 257.

East St. Louis & Suburban Co.—Bond Ext.—Earnings.

To provide for the (\$2,116,000) 7% Convertible bonds, due Jan. 1 1921, the holders thereof were offered the right to exchange their bonds, par for par, for new 8% convertible bonds dated Jan. 1 1921 and due Jan. 1 1926. The new bonds are similar in all respects to the maturing bonds and are callable, all or part, at any time at prices named below. A semi-annual sinking fund of \$50,000, beginning Aug. 1 1921, will be used by the trustee to purchase bonds at not exceeding 102½ in 1921, 102 in 1922, 101½ in 1923, 101 in 1924, 100½ in 1925.

Data from Letter of President C. M. Clark to the Bondholders.

The outlook for 1921 is favorable in so far as expense accounts are concerned. The constantly mounting expenses in the past few years have been met to a considerable extent by increases in rates and fares. The street railway fare in East St. Louis is now 8 cents, and while in many Eastern communities a 10-cent fare is required, it is hoped that it may not be necessary to increase the fare above 8 cents in East St. Louis. Substantial increases have been obtained upon the interurban lines in passenger and coal freight rates. Business in all departments has been large, but there has been some falling off due to industrial depression, particularly in freight earnings. The increases in earnings in recent months, while substantial, have not continued long enough to enable the company to do any new financing, nor are the financial markets as yet ready to purchase new securities of public utility companies, a large part of whose earnings come from electric railway business.

Combined Statement of Earnings of E. St. L. Cos. with Inter-Co. Items Eliminated

Nov. 30 Years—	1919-20.	1918-19.	1917-18.
Gross earnings.....	\$4,255,042	\$3,186,788	\$3,170,438
Operating expenses and rentals.....	2,642,537	2,111,915	2,100,662
Taxes.....	172,900	153,400	162,500
Depreciation accruals.....	464,271	245,692	93,715
Int. on bonds & floating debt, amort. of disct. on bonds & misc. debits.....	494,439	501,105	493,854
Int. & amort. of disct. on conv. bonds.....	158,848	156,291	128,162

Surplus.....\$322,047 \$18,386 \$191,546

There was a balance to credit deprec. res. Nov. 30 1920 of \$798,086.

The earnings of the Alton street railway, interurban railway, gas and electric properties controlled by the company are not included in the above table, because, following default in interest on the bonds of the Alton Granite & St. Louis Traction Co. Aug. 1 1918, receivers were appointed in Aug. 1920 and the Alton properties are being operated separately.—V. 112, p. 372.

Federal Light & Traction Co.—Fare Increase.—

The New Mexico Corporation Commission recently authorized the Las Vegas Transit Co., a subsidiary, to increase its fares from 6 to 8 cents.—V. 110, p. 1088.

Fort Smith & Western R.R.—Sale Ordered—New Co.—

Federal Judge F. A. Youmans has ordered the sale of this road to the highest bidder on March 31 at Fort Smith, Ark. The road has been in the hands of a receiver for several years. Physical valuation is placed unofficially at \$14,000,000.

A new company, the Fort Smith & Western Ry., was incorporated in Delaware Jan. 10 1921 with an authorized capital of \$7,000,000. Incorporators Alton S. Dustin, Homer H. McKeehan and W. E. Stewart, Cleveland. The Corporation Trust Co. is the company's Delaware representative.—V. 111, p. 2324.

Hocking Valley Ry.—Government Loan.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has approved a Government loan of \$1,665,000 to enable the company to provide new additions and betterments to equipment, way and structures.—V. 111, p. 2324.

Illinois Southern Ry.—Sale of Road.—

This road, running from Salem, Ill., to Bismarck, Mo., about 140 miles has been sold to a group of business men located in the territory covered by the road at a price said to be under \$1,000,000. A new company will be formed by the purchasers and the road will be rehabilitated and put into operation. The road has ceased operations since Dec. 1919. Negotiations leading up to the sale have been carried on by Frank O. Wetmore, Pres. of the First National Bank, Chicago, representing the road, and Clinton H. Crane, Pres. of the St. Joseph Lead Co.

The road was sold under foreclosure proceedings in Sept. 1920, and bought in by W. T. Abbott on behalf of the bondholders.

A majority of the \$1,936,000 1st mtge. 5% bonds are held by the Chicago Clearing House banks, being taken over at the time of the Walsh failure about three years ago.

When the road's claim against the Government is settled it is expected to pay these bondholders approximately 20 cents on the dollar. The holders of the income 5s, totaling \$1,380,000, and the \$4,000,000 of common and \$1,000,000 6% preferred will realize nothing from the sale, at is stated.—V. 112, p. 61.

Illinois Traction Co.—Fare Increase, &c.—

The Illinois P. U. Commission has authorized: (a) Decatur Railway & Light Co. to increase its fare from 5 to 6 cents on its Decatur lines; (b) the Bloomington & Normal Ry. & Light Co. to issue \$72,000 5% 1st & Gen. Mtge. bonds, \$108,000 capital stock and \$93,000 bond-secured notes.—V. 112, p. 469.

Indiana Harbor Belt R.R.—Authorization.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has ordered that the time within which the company was authorized to issue \$2,200,000 7% promissory notes, payable on demand (V. 111, p. 1949), be extended from 60 days to 6 months after Nov. 6 1920. See V. 111, p. 1949, 2423.

Interstate Public Service Co.—Acquisitions.—

The following companies have applied to the Indiana P. S. Commission for permission to merge with the Interstate Public Service Co.: (1) Louisville & Northern Ry. & Lighting Co., which operates the line between Louisville and New Albany; (2) Louisville & Southern Indiana Traction Co. which operates the electric line between Louisville and New Albany by way of Jeffersonville; (3) United Gas & Electric Co., which operates the electric light and gas systems of New Albany and Jeffersonville; (4) the New Albany Water Works and (5) Central Indiana Lighting Co.

In the merger it is said \$10,056,000 of Preferred and Common stock will be canceled and will be replaced by \$3,120,000 Preferred and Common stock. In addition \$765,431 debts of the merged companies will be canceled, it was said.

President Harry Reid states: "We are wiping out \$7,000,000 of stock and several hundred thousand dollars of debts. We do this because we realize that we must get down to bed rock."—V. 112, p. 469.

Kansas City Northwestern R.R.—U. P. Seeks Acquisition.

See Union Pacific R.R. below.—V. 110, p. 1089.

Little Miami R.R.—Earnings—New Director.—

The total surplus as of Dec. 30 1920, amounted to \$955,840, as against \$948,229 in 1919.

Robert L. Black has been elected a director succeeding A. L. Frazier of Xenia, Ohio.—V. 106, p. 1797.

Long Island R.R.—Equipment Trusts Sold.—Plympton, Gardiner & Co., Cassatt & Co., Paine, Webber & Co., New York and Strother, Brogden & Co., Baltimore, announce the sale at prices ranging from 99.51 to 92.18 to yield 6¾% according to maturity of \$1,656,000 6% Equipment Trusts Series "C" (See adv. pages).

Dated Aug. 1 1920. Due \$138,000 each year from Aug. 1 1921 up to Aug. 1 1932. Int. payable F. & A. Issued under Phila. plan. Trustee, Fidelity Trust Co., Phila.

Security.—Secured on 100 standard steel passenger cars (delivered) costing \$2,070,960 of which \$414,960 paid in cash.

Company.—The company has outstanding \$34,110,250 of stock of which \$33,823,500 is owned by the Pennsylvania Railroad, which guarantees over \$25,000,000 of the refunding bonds. Owns 322 miles of road and leases 70 miles of road. Company also controls all of the electric railways on Long Island, excepting those of the B. R. T. system.

Injunction Against Increased Fares Vacated.—The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn on Jan. 28 vacated the injunction granted the city and State authorities by Justice Benedict restraining the company from increasing fares 20%, which was allowed by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The injunction was granted on the ground that the company operated an intra-State railroad and was therefore out of the jurisdiction of the Federal Commission.

The increased fares became effective at 12:01 a. m. January 29. The new rates apply to all passenger fares except the 60-trip commutation, the 46-trip school and the 50-trip family tickets. The company has announced that a petition would probably be made to the P. S. Commission to increase these rates. The increase also applies to all one-way and round-trip tickets and to local fares on the electric line on Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn.

Alfred A. Gardner, counsel for the company, in his argument for the annulment of the Injunction, said that the I.-S. C. Commission, not being open to direct attack by State courts, could not be attacked collaterally by them, and that the determination of the Commission that the intra-State rates were discriminatory because they were lower than those of Interstate companies was free of attacks by State courts.

Public Service Commissioner Alfred M. Barrett announced that an appeal to the Court of Appeals would be taken immediately.

The decision of the Appellate Division similarly affects the Staten Island Rapid Transit Ry. Co., where the new rates were also to be put into effect at once.—V. 112, p. 469.

Louisville & Jeffersonville Bridge & R.R.—U. S. Loan.

See Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis Ry. above.—V. 111, p. 2324.

Louisville & Northern Ry. & Lighting Co.—Merger.—

See Interstate Public Service Co. above.—V. 112, p. 469.

Louisville & Southern Indiana Tr. Co.—Merger.—

See Interstate Public Service Co. above.—V. 112, p. 469.

Manchester Traction Light & Power Co.—Bonds Offered.—Tucker, Anthony & Co. New York are offering at 96¼ and interest to yield about 7.30% \$914,000 7% 1st Ref Mtge. Sinking Fund Gold Bonds. A circular shows:

Dated Aug. 1 1917. Due Aug. 1 1952. Int. payable F. & A. American Trust Co., Boston, trustee. Callable at 105 and int. all or part for sinking fund. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c* & r) \$5,000. Normal Federal Income tax up to 2% assumed by company.

Company.—Owns and operates hydro-electric power plants and transmission systems and does the entire commercial electric light and power business in Manchester and Nashua, N. H., and in 17 surrounding towns. Also operates street railway in Manchester and vicinity and supplies gas for lighting and heating in Nashua. Population about 140,000.

Purpose.—To refund a like amount of Consol Mtge. 5s due April 1 1921.

Security.—After April 1 1921 the bonds will be a first lien on the property.

	Earnings Calendar Years (incl Subsidiaries)		
	1920.	1919.	1915.
Gross.....	\$2,372,587	\$2,020,619	\$1,573,381
Net.....	729,532	680,397	627,703
Int. charges.....	295,176	283,514	188,266
			139,545

Note.—Over 85% of present net earn. are from electric light, power and gas.

Capitalization Outstanding Upon Completion of the Present Financing.

First Ref. Mtge. 5% bonds \$1,642,000; 7% bonds \$914,000.....	x\$2,556,000
Collateral trust 6% notes due Nov. 1 1922.....	1,750,000
Goff's Falls, Litchfield & Hudson St. Ry. 1st 5s 1926.....	200,000
Manchester & Derry St. Ry. 1st 5s, Dec. 1 1927.....	125,000
Capital stock (\$100 par).....	4,250,000

x Does not include \$2,059,000 5s held by trustee as collateral for the Coll. Trust Notes but includes \$36,000 held in sinking fund.—V. 112, p. 470

Marcellus (N. Y.) & Otisco Lake R.R.—Sale.—

According to deeds filed at the office of the County Clerk at Syracuse, N. Y., Fred B. Snyder, who bought the road at auction some time ago, has sold it to financiers and business men living in and near Marcellus, N. Y., for \$65,000. About \$50,000 of the purchase price was raised by business men in Marcellus, Skaneateles, Otisco and other places, and the remainder was subscribed by farmers living in the district served by the road. A new company, the Marcellus & Otisco Co., Inc., has been formed.—V. 111, p. 2520, 692.

Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry.—Equipment Notes Sold.—Dillon, Read & Co. this week sold \$2,500,000 6½% Equip. Trust Gold notes, Series "J." Price, par and int. for 1926 to 1931 maturities, and increasing ¼% for each maturity thereafter to 101 for 1935 maturity.

Maturing \$250,000 annually March 1 1926 to 1935 incl. Int. payable in New York M. & S. Denom. \$1,000 (c). Central Union Trust Co. of N. Y., trustee. Co. agrees to pay Federal normal income tax up to 2%.

Security.—Secured on the following new equipment: 500 box cars, 400 stock cars, 250 refrigerator cars, 3 dining cars. Equipment cost 33 1-3% in excess of the amount of notes offered.—V. 112, p. 470.

National Railways of Mexico.—Preparations Reported Looking to Surrender of Government Control.—

The Mexican Government is reported to be making preliminary arrangements for a report on the physical condition of the properties and a possible settlement of some kind with the creditors with a view to returning the property to private management. See "Railway Review" of Jan. 29, p. 193.

Present Railway Condition in Mexico.—W. M. Whinton, Assistant Chief Operating Officer, Missouri Kansas & Texas, in an article published in "Railway Age" of Jan. 8, p. 113, says in brief:

Track, &c.—The writer recently returned from a two weeks' trip covering approximately 3,000 miles of railroad in the Republic of Mexico, entering through the Laredo gateway and returning through the Eagle Pass gateway, visiting the cities of Monterey, San Luis Potosi, Mexico, Guadalajara, Aguascalientes, Durango, Torreon and Monclova. I was in the Republic of Mexico in the Spring of 1908 and naturally, I was interested in the changes since that time.

My greatest surprise was in finding the roadbed of the lines over which I traveled in such a good physical condition. Most of the line from Laredo to Mexico City is laid with 85 lb. rail, in good condition, with good joints, ample ballast and ties. Considerable work has evidently been done on this track during the past five or six months, as the line, surface and drainage is excellent. Our train jogged along at a speed of 40 to 55 miles per hour with comfort.

Between Mexico City and Guadalajara, Aguascalientes and Durango, and Durango and Torreon, there is a mixture of 75 and 85 lb. rail, all in very good condition, but the track does not show the excellent condition which prevailed so noticeably between Laredo and Mexico City, although there is no "real bad track." Some of it has good ballast, while there are stretches where there is no ballast. The line between Torreon and Monclova is in good ordinary condition—75 lb. rail and fairly good line and surface—but it shows evidence of insufficient tie renewals. Between Monclova and Eagle Pass the line is light 56 lb. rail which is in need of ties, and the banks are narrow. This is the poorest piece of track I saw on the entire trip.

Bridges, &c.—Bridges in the Durango-Torreon district suffered a great deal from the revolution. All the wooden structures were destroyed; they have been rebuilt, but in many instances only temporarily. A good many of the steel structures were dynamited or otherwise damaged. Most of these have been replaced and repaired.

The track conditions on an average compare favorably with much of the track in the United States, and is capable of sustaining a considerable traffic, if given a reasonable maintenance allowance.

Station and shop buildings, roundhouses, etc., in the territories where the revolution dominated, show considerable damage; in many instances they were entirely destroyed. It will require a considerable expenditure to replace these facilities. There has been no real progress made the past ten years in the way of additional tracks, yards, station buildings, etc.

Rolling Stock.—The Aguascalientes shop, ten years ago, would have been considered a modern shop, capable of turning out 25 locomotives per month in classified repairs; the car shops capable of taking care of several hundred cars in heavy repairs. At the present time they are working approximately 2,200 men in both the locomotive and car departments, averaging about 20 locomotives per month and repairing several hundred cars.

The greatest need of the railways of Mexico is equipment and rolling stock. The lines suffered a loss of about 10,000 freight cars and about 400 locomotives during the revolutionary period. They now have about 350 locomotives awaiting shop, and have a shop capacity of about 75 locomotives per month provided they could get material with which to carry on the work. Labor is plentiful.

There are many hundred remnants of destroyed freight cars. These have all been gathered and assembled at certain convenient points and will be repaired as rapidly as funds can be provided for this class of work. The passenger equipment is in rather deplorable condition, due to lack of repairs during the past ten years, and a large amount of the passenger traffic is being handled in box cars.

Rates.—Passenger fares in Mexico have not been changed for more than 25 years; however, it is the opinion that the rates will be increased about Jan. 1. Freight rates, like ours, have increased the past ten years, and they are on a fairly remunerative basis.

Employees.—Labor organizations in Mexico are well organized. Train service employees receive good remuneration. Station and yard employees are also on a good basis. The shop crafts and track laborers, however, have not been so well taken care of, but are on a fair living wage.

The present railroad administration is up-to-date and composed of practical men. The Director-General is a man of about 22 years' experience, trained in the early days under the leadership of American railroad men, and for the past few years superintendent and General Superintendent of part of the National Lines. The employees are made up entirely of Mexicans, there being only two or three Americans in railroad service on the entire National Lines system.

Political Situation.—I found a most friendly feeling expressed everywhere for the United States and for the Americans. Peace and quiet prevailed everywhere during the entire trip and the only evidence of revolution to be seen were the scars which have been left behind. I am of the opinion that the present government is the strongest that has been in power since the abdication of the old Diaz regime and with proper support I am confident it will be friendly to the United States. [The gateway into the United States for free interchange of traffic was reopened on Jan. 1 after an interval of several years.—Ed.] See V. 112, p. 62; V. 111, p. 2140, 189; V. 110, p. 1409.

New York Railways.—Operating Loss of \$240,215 in Five Months—Fare Increase Essential to Continued Operations.—Receiver Job E. Hedges on Wednesday gave out a verbal statement showing for the company for the five months ended Dec. 31 an operating deficit of \$240,215 due to monthly deficits as follows: August \$35,982, September \$19,942, October \$24,203, November \$76,550, December \$83,538.

These figures Mr. Hedges says prove that the lines still left to the company cannot long be operated without an increased income, and he knew no way of acquiring this without an increase in fare. He intimated that the foreclosure decree sought by the 4% bondholders would he believes be granted by the Federal Court within a few weeks unless there is marked improvement in the situation. N. Y. "Times" Feb. 3 said in brief:

A statement prepared by direction of Mr. Hedges shows the financial condition of the company, the lines it owns, the lines it leases and the lines that have been separated from the system because of default in rentals. The statement shows the deficit for the five month period, including interest on bonds, aggregated \$571,406. These figures do not however, include (a) charges for the use of leased lines, (b) charges on some underlying mortgages on which principal or interest was in default, nor is charges for interest on \$18,061,200 the First Real Estate & Refunding 4% Mortgage bonds of 1912 and the \$30,609,487 adjustment mortgage 5% bonds.

"It should, therefore, be noted," says the statement, "that the figures include only those charges which of necessity must be paid to the end that further disintegration of the service may be avoided, viz.: Broadway Surface Lexington Ave. & Pavonia Ferry, Central Crosstown, Bleeker St. and Fulton Ferry, Broadway & Seventh Ave. and 34th Street Crosstown RR. Companies and the 23rd St. Ry. Company."

Lines formerly leased by the New York Railways Co. and returned to their owners or discontinued, eliminated from operation by the company 77.3 miles of single track, and that the elimination of free transfers, because of the separation of several important lines from the system, had actually increased the fare to a point above 5 cents.

In March 1919, when Mr. Hedges was appointed receiver there were 287 free transfer points. In January 1921, there were 76, and at 56 points a transfer of 2 cents was charged.—V. 111, p. 2325.

New York State Rvs.—Refunded.

The \$750,000 Peoples' RR. 5% bonds due Jan. 1 1921 were paid off at maturity at office of Treas. 466 Lexington Ave., N. Y. City. In connection with this payment the company will issue \$750,000 4½% Cons. Mtge. bonds, dated Nov. 1 1912 and due Nov. 1 1962.—V. 112, p. 63.

New York Westchester & Boston RR.—Hold P. S. Commission Can Increase Fares.

The Court of Appeals on Feb. 1 handed down a decision holding that the P. S. Commission had the right to increase above the 5-cent maximum the rate of fare prescribed in the agreement between the City of New York and the company. See V. 110, p. 562; V. 111, p. 190.

North Alabama Traction Co.—Fare Increase.

The Alabama P. S. Commission has authorized the company to charge a permanent 8-cent fare in Albany and Decatur. The Commission allowed the company a temporary increase from 7 to 8 cents last Nov.—V. 111, p. 1950

Northern Pacific Ry.—Branch Line Abandoned.

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to abandon a branch line between Barndt and Bayne, No. Dak., being 1.87 miles in length, with 0.175 miles of spur track at the terminus.—V. 112, p. 470, 372

Ohio Electric Ry.—Fare.

The Newark (Ohio) City Council has passed an ordinance authorizing the company to increase its fare from 5 to 6 cents on its Newark lines, and to continue to Jan. 1 1922.—V. 112, p. 470, 373.

Oklahoma Railway.—Notes Offered.—Mississippi Valley Trust Co., St. Louis, are offering at 98 and int. to yield 8.35% \$450,000 Bond-Secured 8% Gold Notes.

Dated Jan. 1 1921. Due Jan. 1 1928. Int. payable J. & J. at office of Mississippi Valley Trust Co., St. Louis, trustee. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Callable or part at 103 and int. on any int. date. Convertible into 1st & Ref. bonds at rate of 80, or \$5,000 of bonds for \$4,000 of notes.

Earnings Years Ended Dec. 31.

	Gross Earnings	Operating Expense	Net Earnings	Int on 1st Mt. Bonds
1915	\$793,261	\$442,915	\$350,346	\$197,250
1917	1,125,985	669,220	456,765	200,000
1919	1,746,200	1,119,059	627,141	200,000
1920 Dec. est.	2,002,230	1,434,660	567,570	200,000

Data From Letter of V-Pres. J. W. Shartel, December 31 1920.
The company has been granted a 30% increase in both city and interurban fares, which should be reflected in 1921, accompanied by a very substantial reduction in expenses. The net earnings for 1921 should show earnings equivalent to over 3 times interest charges on the first mortgage debt and these notes, which are secured by first mortgage bonds.

Capitalization—Authorized. Outstanding.

Preferred stock	\$5,000,000	\$1,795,000
Common stock	10,000,000	3,800,000
1st & ref. mtgo. 5% bonds	12,000,000	a3,653,000
Underlying (closed mortgage) bonds	2,500,000	x347,000
Bond secured 8% notes (this issue)	825,000	x450,000
a Not including \$264,000 held in treasury and \$680,000 deposited as security for the Bond secured notes.		

x There are \$2,500,000 underlying bonds issued, \$2,153,000 of which are deposited under the 1st & ref. mtgo. leaving \$347,000 outstanding. A like amount of 1st & ref. 5s are reserved to retire the underlying bonds and until the entire underlying issue has been obtained the bonds acquired will be held uncancelled, as security for the 1st and ref. 5s.

y The company has outstanding \$375,000 8% coll. trust notes due March 1 1921 which we understand will be refunded through the issuance of the balance of this issue.—Ed.]

Security.—Secured by (a) \$680,000 1st & Ref. Mtgo. 5s, (b) by \$120,000 Guthrie Railway 1st Mtgo. 5% bonds, dated Feb. 1 1905, due Jan. 1 1935, (c) \$500,000 Guthrie-Edmond Electric Ry. 1st Mtgo. 5% bonds.

Company.—Owns and operates a street and interurban electric railway, serving Oklahoma City and extending to El Reno, Moore, Norman, Edmond and Guthrie, including a total of about 139 miles of single track equivalent. Of this total mileage over 100 miles are located on private right of way the remaining mileage being operated under favorable franchises. Company also owns valuable terminal property in the central district of Oklahoma City. Population served over 160,000.—V. 112, p. 373.

Oregon-Washington RR. & Nav. Co.—Sterling Bonds.

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to issue 1st & Ref. Mtgo. bonds, payable in dollars in exchange, for not exceeding £3,782,400 of similar bonds now outstanding which may be surrendered by the holders thereof. The £3,782,400 sterling bonds have been entered upon the records of the company in terms of dollars at the rate of \$4 85 per £. If all of the outstanding sterling bonds are surrendered the issue of \$18,912,000 dollar bonds will be required, and the payments of money made in connection therewith will amount to \$587,360, exclusive of money paid for interest. (See also Union Pacific Co. below.)—V. 111, p. 1950.

Paris-Orleans RR. (Compagnie du Chemin de Fer de Paris a Orleans), France.—Bonds Offered.

A. Iselin & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co. and Hemphill, Noyes & Co., are offering Frs.50,000,000 6% bonds (Foreign Series). Redeemable at par, by drawings, not later than 1956. The bonds are offered at 92, which at present rate of exchange is equivalent to \$65 50 per fr.1,000 bond.

* Denom. Frs.1,000. Int. (from Dec. 1 1920) payable J. & D. at office of A. Iselin & Co., N. Y., without deduction for any French taxes, present or future, if held by non-residents of France. The payment of principal and interest is secured to the company by the guaranty of the French Govt.

These bonds are redeemable at par by annual drawings in amounts sufficient to retire the entire issue by 1956, the company reserving the right to increase the amount to be redeemed in any year. Company agrees to exchange these bonds at its office in Paris without expense, for an equal principal amount of the company's 6% bonds (French Series) listed on the Paris Bourse, but subject to French taxes.

The company was organized in 1838. The system covers about 7,800 kilometers, or about 4,818 miles, and serves the central part of France and provides a direct route between Paris and the important seaports of Bordeaux, Nantes and St. Nazaire.

The French Government guaranty is somewhat similar to that governing the Midi RR., which see in V. 111, p. 1472, except that the agreement continues in effect until Dec. 31 1956.

Peoria & Pekin Union Ry.—Government Loan Approved.

The I.-S. C. Commission has approved a loan of \$1,799,000 for the purpose of aiding the company in meeting the maturity, Feb. 1 1921, of its bonded debt aggregating \$2,991,000. The carrier itself is required to finance \$1,195,000 to meet the loan.

The I.-S. C. Commission has granted authority to extend the time of maturity of \$1,459,000 1st and \$1,499,000 Income Mortgage bonds for 5 years from Feb. 1 1921 to Feb. 1 1926, incl., and (2) to increase the rate of int. on the First Mtgo. bonds from 6% to 7% and on its Income bonds from 4½% to 7%, and (3) to pledge the whole or any part of the bonds with the United States as security for the payment of any loan or loans that may be made to it.

A large number of the bonds have been deposited by the owners thereof, for indorsement of the extension of maturity, &c.—V. 112, p. 163.

Pittsburgh & Lake Erie RR.—New Director.

James B. Yohe has been elected a director, succeeding R. B. Mellon.—V. 111, p. 1473.

Sacramento Northern RR.—New Offer by West. Pac.

See Western Pacific RR. Corp. below.—V. 112, p. 258.

Staten Island Rapid Transit Ry.—Proposed Electrification—Injunction Against Increased Fare Vacated.

The "Electric Railway Journal" Jan. 29 has an abstract of a report compiled by Randolph H. Nexsen, electrical engineer of the New York State Public Service Commission, on Staten Island transportation conditions and the proposed electrification of the rapid transit system in the island.

See Long Island RR. above.—V. 108, p. 1391.

Texas Electric Railway.—Earnings for Calendar Years.

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Gross earnings	\$3,454,615	\$2,951,511	\$2,381,475	\$2,138,268
Operating exp. & taxes	2,013,072	1,738,278	1,436,258	1,147,632
Net earns. from oper.	\$1,441,543	\$1,213,233	\$945,217	\$990,636
Balance, surplus	356,915	446,455	218,820	261,476

—V. 109, p. 1893.

Troy (N. Y.) & New England Ry.—Fare Increase.

The New York P. S. Commission on Jan. 18 authorized the company to raise the fare in each of the three zones from 6 to 8 cents. The company operated at a deficit of about \$4,600 in 1920, bringing the total deficit up to about \$32,000.—V. 85, p. 100.

Tulsa (Okla.) Street Ry.—Fare Increase.

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission recently authorized the company to increase its fare from 5 to 7 cents cash, with four tickets for 25 cents.

Union Pacific RR.—Conversion of Sterling Bonds.

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to issue 1st Lien & Refunding Mtgo. bonds payable in dollars in exchange for not exceeding £771,600 of similar bonds now outstanding which may be surrendered by the holders thereof.

The £771,600 of sterling bonds have been entered upon the records of the company in terms of dollars at the rate of \$4 85 per £—the equivalent in dollars being \$3,742,260. If all of the outstanding sterling bonds are surrendered, the issue of \$3,858,000 dollar bonds will be required. The difference, \$115,740, will be representative of the cash payments made by the holders of surrendered bonds. (See also Ore.-Wash. RR. & Nav.)

The Commission also holds that the delivery of dollar bonds in exchange for sterling bonds involves an issue of securities within the meaning of section 20a of the Inter-State Commerce Act. See V. 111, p. 1950.

Seeks Terminal at Kansas City.

It was reported this week that the company is planning to buy in the Kansas City Northwestern RR. for the purpose of acquiring terminal facilities at Kansas City. This report, however, could not be confirmed.

The Kansas City Northwestern ceased operating Nov. 1 1919. G. M. Lee is receiver.—V. 112, p. 63.

United Power & Transportation Co.—Earnings.

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Income from stock, bds., &c.	\$509,527	\$564,019	\$523,962	\$742,242
General expenses and taxes	26,682	29,342	33,288	45,831
Interest payments	252,140	252,140	257,332	329,612
Balance, surplus	\$230,705	\$282,536	\$233,342	\$366,798
Previous surplus	1,008,311	1,006,977	1,023,151	1,385,117
Profit & loss adjustm't (debit)		889	5,141	362,202
Dividends	230,000	280,312	244,375	366,562

Total profit & loss surplus \$1,009,016 \$1,008,311 \$1,006,977 \$1,023,151 —V. 112, p. 471.

United Traction Co., (Albany, N. Y.)—Strike.

About 1,200 employees of the company operating in Albany, Troy, Cohoes, Rensselaer, Waterford, Watervliet and Green Land went on strike on Jan. 29 in protest against a cut in wages from 60 cents to 45 cents an hour.

The company has just been granted an 8-cent fare in Albany, and had the fare decreased from 7 to 6 cents in Troy and 7 to 5 cents in Rensselaer. The men had been promised an increase in wages if the company were granted a 10-cent fare. See V. 112, p. 471.

United Traction System (Rhode Island).—Reorganization Plan.—The Joint Reorganization Committee, consisting of Michael F. Dooly, Stephen O. Metcalf and Samuel P. Colt, has presented a plan of reorganization which has been approved by the committees representing the several participating issues. This plan will be binding on the holders of deposited securities who do not withdraw within the time limit. Further deposits will be received on or before Mar. 20.

A syndicate headed by Messrs. Colt and Metcalf and Frederick S. Peck, has agreed, without compensation, to underwrite at par the \$1,000,000 Prior Lien 7% bonds.

Introductory Statement by Committee.

Properties—The charter of the United Electric Railways Co., granted by the Rhode Island Assembly in 1919 and amended in 1920, authorizes that company to acquire the lines and property of the Union RR. Co., Providence Cable Tramway Co., Pawtucket Street Ry. Co. and Rhode Island Suburban Ry. Co. (formerly leased to the Rhode Island Co., but under stock control by United Traction & Electric Co., and hence known as the United Traction System), the lines, &c., owned by the Rhode Island Co., and those formerly leased to it by the Sea View RR. Co. and Providence & Danielson Ry. Co. The consent of the Attorney-General of the State of Rhode Island is required if less than the whole of the foregoing properties are acquired.

It is proposed in this plan to acquire at the time of reorganization the lines and properties included in the Union Traction System. The committee is also authorized in its discretion to acquire in such manner as the said committee may deem expedient such of the Rhode Island Company Properties as said committee may determine. The property of the Sea View RR. Co. is no longer available for acquisition, as it is now being demolished.

Authorized Capitalization, &c.—The charter limits to \$22,000,000 the par value of the stocks, bonds or other evidences of indebtedness of the New Company which may be issued in payment for the lines and properties hereinbefore mentioned, and limits to 6% the dividends which may be paid upon the capital stock of the New Company, except that a deficiency in any year may be made good in a subsequent year or subsequent years.

The board of directors is to consist of nine members—five elected by the stockholders, one appointed by the trustee under any General and Refunding Mtge., two appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and one appointed by the Mayor of Providence.

Tax Exemption, &c. The General Assembly at its 1920 session passed Acts exempting the New Company from all taxes except taxes imposed by cities or towns upon its land, buildings or other tangible property, freeing it from certain paving and street improvement obligations imposed upon street railway companies by the Rhode Island laws, and making all town and city ordinances affecting it subject to review by the Public Utilities Commission.

The City of Providence has also recently passed an ordinance regulating jitneys (so-called) and motor-buses, which it is believed will prevent in large measure the unfair competition to which the street railways have heretofore been subject.

Advantages of Plan.—The plan possesses the following advantages;

1. It provides at least \$1,000,000 cash for rehabilitation.
2. It reduces the fixed charges upon the United Traction System to \$654,928. The amount which the Rhode Island Co. was required by its leases to pay upon the same properties as fixed charges was \$1,050,000.
3. It reduces the aggregate capitalization to an amount which, although much less than the estimated cost of reproduction of the property, should be representative of just expectations of income return under ordinary future conditions.
4. It obtains the benefit of the yearly exemption from taxation and limitation of paving and other obligations hereinbefore mentioned, which will result, it is estimated, in an annual saving of over \$500,000.
5. It substitutes the direct ownership of the entire properties for the former involved system of holding companies and leases.
6. It secures the control of the P. U. Commission over the issue of securities, the limitation of capitalization and dividends, and the representation of the State and the City upon its board—all of which it is believed, will be conducive to the interests of the security holders as well as of the public.

Securities Which May Participate in Plan if Deposited with Depositaries Names.

(1) Depositaries: National Exchange Bank of Providence; And as agent, Bankers Trust Co., New York City.	
Cumberland St. Ry. Co. 1st M. 6% bonds, due Oct. 1 1918.....	\$43,000
Pawtucket Valley Elec. St. Ry. Co. 1st M. 5% bonds, due July 1 1933, with coupons maturing on and after July 1 1919.....	247,000
Rhode Island Suburban Ry. Co. 1st M. 4% bonds, due Jan. 1 1950, with coupons maturing on and after July 1 1919.....	4,708,000
(2) Depositaries: R. I. Hospital Trust Co., Providence, and First Nat. Bank, Boston; agent, Cen. Union Tr. Co., N. Y.	
United Traction & Elec. Co. 1st M. 5% bonds, due March 1 1933, with interest warrants maturing on and after March 1 1919.....	9,000,000
(3) Depositary, Industrial Trust Co., Providence, R. I.	
United Traction & Electric Co. Capital stock.....	8,000,000

Reorganization Plan.

New Securities to be Created by United Electric Railways Co.

(1) **Prior Lien Mtge. 25-Year Gold Bonds.** Industrial Tr. Co., trustee. Total authorized issue, \$5,000,000 (all equally secured), of which there are to be presently issued:

- (a) Series A, 7% bds. dated April 1 1921 (callable all or part at 105 and int.). To be sold for cash to rehabilitate the properties... \$1,000,000
- (b) Series B 4% bds. dated Jan. 1 1921 (callable all or part at 101 and int. Denom. \$1,000, \$500, \$200 and \$100). To be applied in partial exchange for existing bonds... 1,999,200

The remainder of the \$5,000,000 Prior Lien bonds (\$2,000,800, bearing not over 7% interest) may be issued from time to time, with the approval of the P. U. Commission, to an amount not exceeding at face value 70% of the cost of future extensions, additions, improvements and betterments.

(2) **General and Refunding Mortgage 30-Year Gold Bonds.**

Total authorized issue, \$11,100,000, all equally secured, payable in not over 30 years from date of mortgage. There are to be presently issued:

- (a) Series A 5% bonds, dated Jan. 1 1921. Denom. \$1,000, \$500, \$200 and \$100... \$8,100,000
- Issuable in partial exchange for United Trac. & Elec. 1st M. 5s. Note.—Additional Series A, not exceeding \$500,000, may be issued in the acquisition of such of the Rhode Island Co. Properties as the committee may determine.
- (b) Series B 4%, dated Jan. 1 1921. Denom. \$1,000, \$500, \$200 and \$100... 2,499,000

To be applied in partial exchange for divisional bonds.

(3) **Capital Stock,** present issue, in exchange for existing, to be \$7,999,800. The committee shall have full authority in its discretion to settle upon the amount of capital stock to be issued in addition to the foregoing.

Terms of Exchange for Existing Securities.

Holders of \$1,000 of—	Amount Outstanding.	Prior Lien —Gen. & Ref. Mort.—			Capital Stock.
		Ser. B 4%.	Ser. A 5%.	Ser. B 4%.	
Rhode Island Sub. Ry. }	\$4,708,000	\$400	-----	\$500	\$100
1st M. 4%.....		\$1,883,200	-----	\$2,354,000	\$470,800
Pawtucket Val. El. Ry. }	247,000	400	-----	500	100
1st M. 5%.....		98,800	-----	123,500	24,700
Cumberland St. 1st M. }	43,000	400	-----	500	100
6%.....		17,200	-----	21,500	4,300
United Traction & El. }	9,000,000	-----	\$900	-----	100
1st M. 5%.....		-----	8,100,000	-----	900,000
Capital stock.....	8,000,000	-----	-----	-----	825
		-----	-----	-----	6,600,000

Total.....\$1,999,200x\$8,100,000 \$2,499,000x\$7,999,800
 x An additional amount not to exceed \$500,000 Gen. & Refunding bonds Series A is reserved for issue to provide for the acquisition of such of the Rhode Island Co. properties as the committee may determine to acquire.

y Additional capital stock may be issued in the discretion of the committee for the purposes of the plan to amount permitted by the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission.—V. 112, p. 258.

Virginia Southern RR.—Government Loan.

The I. S. C. Commission has approved a loan of \$38,000 to aid the carrier in meeting its maturing indebtedness. The carrier itself is required inance \$37,000 to meet the loan of the Government.

Western Maryland Ry.—Equipment Notes Authorized.—The I. S. C. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$225,000 6% marine equipment gold notes to be sold at par for purpose of obtaining funds to cover the construction and delivery of one 3-track 26-car capacity steel car float. Maryland Trust Co., trustee.—V. 112, p. 259.

Western Pacific RR. Corp.—Increased Offer for Sacramento Northern RR. Securities.

The company has submitted a new offer for the securities of the Sacramento Northern RR., in which it increases its offer for the various classes of stock and agrees to provide a fund of \$40,000 to pay all expenses and compensations if the deal is completed.

Exchange Offer.—Four Western Pacific RR. Corp. bonds to be exchanged for 5 bonds of the Sacramento Northern and \$27.50 per share to be paid for the 1st Pref. stock; \$15 per share for the 2d Pref., and \$6 per share for the Common stock of the Sacramento Northern RR. The shares and bonds are to be deposited with either or both the Union Trust Co. and the First Federal Trust Co., S. Fr., to comply with the requirements of the offer.

The Western Pacific's original offer was on a basis of 80% of Western Pacific bonds for 100% of Sacramento Northern bonds; \$26.50 in cash for each share of 1st Pref. stock; \$12.50 for each share of 2d Pref., and \$5 for each share of Common. The previous offer also provided that the sellers should pay a commission of 2 1/2% on the bonds and cash involved, but under the new proposal the bondholders will receive the same amount of Western Pacific bonds as provided in the first offer, but will be relieved of the obligation to pay a commission of 2 1/2%, while the stockholders will receive approximately \$56,618 more than under the first offer and will be relieved of the necessity of paying a commission of \$16,732, this amount being on a basis of all the stock being sold to the Western Pacific.—V. 112, p. 259.

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.

Prices.—Wholesale prices again receding compared with the extremes of 1920, as follows (for closing prices, &c., see "Commercial Epitome" on a subsequent page):

	Lowest.	High 1921.	High 1920.	Low 1920.
Wheat, No. 2 red.....	\$1.78 1/2 Feb. 3	\$2.12 Jan. 12	\$2.60 Jan. 7	\$1.79 Nov. 27
Corn, No. 2 yellow.....	.82 Jan. 31	.96 1/4 Jan. 3	2.31 1/4 May 15	.94 1/2 Nov. 27
Oats, No. 2 white.....	.52 Feb. 3	.60 1/4 Jan. 3	1.50 May 7	.60 Nov. 27
Sugar, granulated.....	.06 1/2 Feb. 3	.08 Jan. 3	.23 July 12	.08 Dec. 17
Tin.....	30.75 Feb. 3	39 1/2 Jan. 10	65 1/2 Jan. 11	.32 Dec. 14
Cotton, mid. uplands.....	13.60 Feb. 3	18 1/4 Jan. 10	43 1/4 July 12	1 1/2 Dec. 22
silver bullion, N. Y.....	57 3/4 Feb. 1	68 3/4 Jan. 6	1.37 Jan. 12	59 1/4 Dec. 10

Prices of gasoline and crude oil have been cut. Leading department stores announce reductions of from 10 to 50%. The Borden Co. reduced retail milk at N. Y. 1 cent a quart Feb. 1.

Steel and Iron.—The "Iron Age" of Feb. 3 says in brief: "Pig iron output (2,408,845 tons) was about 300,000 tons less in January than in December, indicating that steel production also declined, though perhaps less. Not since May 1915, apart from the strike month in 1919, has so little pig iron been made in any month as in January. Active furnaces numbered 183 on Feb. 1, against 201 on Jan. 1. To-day only 38 merchant furnaces are in blast in the entire country."

"The Steel Corporation has had some good rail rollings in the Chicago district and its pipe mills have been full of work, though in general new orders in January have not held up. Independent rail mills are not running as well as was expected and the increase of operations in other lines is spasmodic. The partial automobile revival at Detroit has not been greatly felt at the mills."

"The Louisville & Nashville purchase of 2,700 cars requiring 16,500 tons of steel has stood out in relief. The Steel Corporation figures for the first time as a builder of cars, taking 600 of this order for its Mobile plant."

"The Union Pacific has bought 10,000 tons additional rails and 3,000 tons of fastenings, and a new order from the Chicago & Eastern Illinois is for 2,500 tons of rails."

"With new business as scarce as it is, price cutting is surprisingly small."

"The Steel Corporation's sheet mills posted notice of a 10% wage reduction Feb. 1, whereas union sheet mills, on the last settlement, got 19 1/2% reduction Jan. 1. Apart from this scale adjustment, the Steel Corporation has made no wage reduction."

"In eastern Pennsylvania sales of foundry grades have been made at \$28, furnace, or \$2 below the recent lowest quotation. Southern iron has been sold as low as \$27.50, Birmingham, but most of the transactions still seem to be at about \$30."

"High wages demanded by common labor have an unfavorable influence on the cast iron pipe market, and municipalities continue to hold up orders."

"Reports of foreign pig iron and steel offered in this country are quite indefinite. Belgian basis pig iron at \$28 or \$29, Atlantic seaboard, is not attractive, and the possibility of German bars at 2.10c. on this side has aroused no interest."

A number of the independent steel plants have resumed or increased operations; Inland Steel is said to be operating at 45% of capacity.

Crucible Steel Co. on Feb. 1 reduced wages some 12 or 15% at its Syracuse plant still working half time. The Midvale Steel & Ordnance Co. has reduced its mechanics' pay, in some cases by \$50 a month. Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corp. announce a 10% reduction at Fore River for Feb. 14.

New Union Organization, Michael F. Tighe, Chairman, to combat any wage reduction by U. S. Steel Corp. "Iron Trade Review," Jan. 20.

Coal.—The "Coal Age" of Feb. 3 reports that with buyers on a low consumption basis and a practical disappearance of spot buying for export, spot prices for bituminous coal are now only about 3% above the average Government price during the war although production costs have increased over 40%. Pitts. mine run is quoted at \$2.50 against \$2.75 Dec. 27 1920 (Govt. war price \$2.35). Bituminous output for week ended Jan. 22, 9,139,000 tons, against 10,464,000 in 1920; anthracite, 1,810,900, against 1,757,000 in 1920; coke, 257,000 tons, against 436,000.

Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co.'s strike which began Jan. 3 ended on or about Jan. 21.

United Mine Workers back 24 Mingo Co. men accused of murder. "Times" Jan. 24, p. 2.

Oil.—The oil market has witnessed further reductions in the prices of crude oils, Pennsylvania crude, for instance, falling to \$5 a barrel, as against a recent high of \$6.10, and recessions of from 1 to 4 cents in the price of gasoline.

The "Oil Paint and Drug Reporter" of Jan. 31 says: "Consumption of domestic and imported petroleum in the U. S. during 1920 reached the unprecedented total of 531,186,000 bbls., yet it did not keep pace with the increase in available petroleum, and at the end of the year there was recorded a net increase of stocks of more than 10,000,000 bbls., of which pipeline and tank farm stocks of domestic petroleum amounted to 5,823,000 bbls. and stocks of Mexican petroleum held in the U. S. by importers amounted to 4,523,000 bbls. Although for the entire country there was this total increase of stocks for the year, conditions in California were reversed, there being recorded for that State a net decrease in stocks of 8,212,000 bbls."

Preliminary Resume for Calendar Year 1920 Compared with 1919.

	1920.	1919.
Number of Barrels—		
Production.....	443,402,000	377,719,000
Imports from Mexico.....	106,163,000	52,751,000
Other imports.....	12,000	71,000
Total.....	549,577,000	430,541,000
Consumption.....	531,186,000	418,777,000
Exports.....	8,045,000	5,924,000
Added to domestic pipeline and tank farm stocks... 5,823,000		6,140,000
Added to Mex. stocks held in U. S. by importers... 4,523,000		-----
Total.....	549,577,000	430,541,000

Stocks of Crude Petroleum Held on Dates Named by Pipeline and Other Marketing Companies.

	Oct. 31 '20.	Nov. 30 '20.	Dec. 31 '20.
Number of Barrels—			
Domestic, all fields.....	129,451,000	131,325,000	133,690,000
California (included in above total).....	21,265,000	21,272,000	20,930,000
Mex. petroleum held by U. S. importers.....	5,554,000	6,599,000	7,442,000

United States Imports and Exports of Mineral Crude Oil (in Barrels).
(Compiled from records of Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.)

	Nor. 1920.	Dec. 1920.	Year 1920.	Year 1919.
Total imports.....	13,750,199	12,845,482	106,175,289	52,821,567
Exports—Canada.....	606,798	431,658	6,472,133	5,277,560
Other countries.....	27,996	258,030	1,572,774	646,752
	634,794	689,688	8,044,907	5,924,320
Exc. imports over exports.	13,115,405	12,155,794	98,130,382	46,897,247

Copper Financing Plan.—Leading copper companies are reported to be arranging through the Copper Export Association for financing their surplus copper to a total of about 400,000,000 lbs., possibly by means of the sale of debenture bonds. "Times" Feb. 2, p. 19.

Labor.—(a) 5,000 Boston garment workers quit "Times" Feb. 1, p. 3; (b) Boston building strike expands "Iron Age" Feb. 3, "Times" Jan. 31. The movement to reduce the hourly wage of skilled workmen from \$1 to 90c., and to require men to work Saturdays, is spreading to other Massachusetts cities.

Building Grafter Guilty.—R. P. Brindell, President Building Trades Council, was found guilty of extortion by jury at N. Y., Feb. 3 "Times" Feb. 4, p. 1.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of Jan. 29—(a) *Packing Control Bill*—Passed by Senate, p. 410. (aa) *Live Stock Bill*—Also passed, p. 426. (b) *Canadian Oil*—Can. Govt. considers new policy, p. 414. (c) *Foreign Trade Finance Corp* (John McHugh), p. 421. (d) *Kentucky Tobacco*—Market reopened; marketing organization proposed, p. 427-428. (e) \$3.-473,000 *Unemployed in U. S.*—Totals by trades, cities and States, p. 429. (f) *Shipping Board Investigation*, p. 430. (g) *Tax on Sales*—Views of Otto H. Kahn, p. 438. (h) *Anthracite Coal Shipments*, p. 443. (i) *Canadian Industries*—Statistics for 1918 as to manufacturing industries, their number, distribution, capitalization, wages and value of products, p. 431.

Misplaced References to "Chronicle" of Jan. 22—In this column last week items "l" to "z," &c., referring to "Chronicle" of Jan. 25, were misplaced, appearing ahead of references "a" to "k." See p. 471.

Acme Steel Goods Co., Chicago.—Earnings, &c.—Net sales for the year ending Dec. 31 1920 were \$5,526,838, and net earnings \$544,210. The balance sheet as at Jan. 1 1921 shows a total surplus of \$2,613,401, as against \$2,069,191.—V. 110, p. 79.

Adams Express Co.—Merger Outlook—Railroad Contract for Five Years with Extension Rights.—See Wells-Fargo & Co. under "Financial Reports" above.—V. 111, p. 2522.

Allied Chemical & Dye Corp.—To Increase Stock to Afford Stockholders Not Yet in Plan an Opportunity to Do So.—Wm. H. Nichols, Chairman, in a notice to the stockholders of the consolidated companies dated Jan. 31, says in subst.: Substantially all of the outstanding stock, Preferred and Common, of each of the consolidated companies is now held by the Allied Chemical & Dye Corp., the same having been acquired in exchange for its own Preferred and Common stock, per plan of Sept. 9 1920 (V. 111, p. 1379).

In certain cases, however, stockholders found it physically impossible to arrange for deposit of their shares in time to come in under the plan. It has, therefore, been determined to afford to such stockholders, as well as to others who failed to deposit their holdings under the plan, a further opportunity, for a limited period, to exchange their holdings for this company's stock on the basis of the plan. To that end it is planned to increase the authorized stock, Preferred and Common, not later than March 31 1921 by amounts at least sufficient for issue in exchange for all stock, Preferred and Common, of the consolidated companies still remaining in the hands of the public, which shall be deposited for that purpose on or before Feb. 28 1921; such additional deposits to be made in the same manner as deposits under the plan.

Accordingly holders of Preferred and Common stocks of the consolidated companies who failed to deposit their holdings under the plan but desire to receive Preferred and Common stock of this company in exchange for their holdings on the basis of the plan should deposit their stock certificates (or v. t. c.) on or before Feb. 28 1921 with Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y., depository. If the necessary increase of authorized stock is effected before March 31 this company will issue to the depositors its Preferred and Common stock on the basis of exchange in effect under the plan. [The stockholders will vote March 7, on increasing the authorized capital.]—V. 112, p. 374, 64.

Alpha Cement Co.—Consolidation.—See Alpha Portland Cement Co. below.

Alpha Portland Cement Co.—Merger.—A merger of this company, and the Cement Securities Co. (V. 112, p. 375; V. 111, p. 1190), it is stated, has been completed. The consolidated company, the Alpha Cement Co. it is said, will be capitalized at \$30,000,000.—V. 112, p. 164.

American Agricultural Chemical Co.—Bonds.—The stockholders will vote March 3 on authorizing the creation of 1st & Ref. Mtge. Sinking Fund bonds and on authorizing a call for the redemption on Aug. 1 of the outstanding \$6,959,000 5% Convertible Debentures. See details of offering of \$30,000,000 1st & Ref. 7½s in last week's "Chronicle," p. 472.

American Can Co.—Sells \$12,000,000 Short Term Notes.—The company has sold to the First National Bank \$12,000,000 of seven, eight, nine and ten months' notes, and the Bank has placed the total issue on a discount basis of 8%. The notes are dated Feb. 12 and mature serially \$3,000,000 Sept. 12, \$3,000,000 Oct. 10, \$3,000,000 Nov. 10 and \$3,000,000 Dec. 12. The proceeds of the sale of the notes are to be used for the purchase of raw materials. The amount of this financing is practically identical with the financing of 1918, 1919 and 1920.—V. 112, p. 164.

American Express Co.—Merger Outlook—Railroad Contract for Five Years with Extension Rights.—See Wells Fargo & Co. under "Financial Reports" above.—V. 111, p. 2522.

American Hide & Leather Co.—No Div.—Earnings.—The directors on Feb. 1 voted to omit the payment of the regular quarterly dividend of 1¼% annually paid April 1 on the Pref. stock. Quarterly dividends of 1¼% each have been paid since Jan. 1919; an extra of 2% was also paid in October 1919.

Results for Three and Six Months ending Dec. 31.

	1920—3 Mos.—1919.	1920—12 Mos.—1919.
Net earnings (see note) def	\$5,245,322	\$556,242 def \$6,552,612
Bond interest.....		\$1,907,909
Depreciation.....	70,528	31,840
Balance.....	a90,310	a197,720
Net current assets Dec. 31 1920,	\$5,315,850	\$6,708,425 sr \$1,678,349
Net current assets Dec. 31 1919,	\$5,530,611.	

The company's fiscal year has been changed to correspond with the calendar year.

Note.—Results from operations after charging repairs, interest on loans reserves for taxes and adjustments of inventories amounting in the half-year to approximately \$5,500,000.

a Includes sinking fund account and depreciation.—V. 111, p. 1754.

American Light & Traction Co.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Earn. on stks. of sub. co's.	\$2,463,565	\$3,355,055	\$3,732,940	\$4,345,215
Miscellaneous earnings.	1,096,712	1,006,490	593,426	1,047,399
Gross earnings.....	\$3,560,277	\$4,361,545	\$4,326,367	\$5,392,614
Expenses.....	323,746	218,682	311,565	369,233
Net earnings.....	\$3,236,531	\$4,142,863	\$4,014,801	\$5,023,381
Interest on 6% notes.....	\$185,037			
Balance for year.....	\$3,051,493	\$4,142,863	\$4,014,801	\$5,023,381
Sur. & reserve prev. yr.	10,324,745	11,869,329	13,089,479	12,051,598
Total surplus.....	\$13,376,239	\$16,012,192	\$17,104,281	\$17,074,979
Cash divis. on pref. stk (6%)	\$854,172	854,172	854,172	854,172
Cash divis. on com. stk. (6%)	1,642,542	2,416,637	2,190,390	1,986,967
Stock divis. on Com. stk.	1,843,183	2,416,637	2,190,390	1,986,967
Surplus bal. Dec. 31....	\$9,036,335	\$10,324,745	\$11,869,329	\$12,246,872

The balance sheets for Dec. 31 1919-20 show the following notable comparisons: (a) an increase in bills receivable from \$1,326,000 to \$9,483,752; (b) an increase in outstanding common capital stock from \$25,047,100 to \$27,198,000 due to stock dividends. (c) A new issue of five year 6% Gold notes, sold last June (See V. 110, p. 2388).—V. 111, p. 1848.

American Railway Express Co.—Merger Outlook—Railroad Contract for Five Years with Extension Rights.—See Wells Fargo & Co. under "Financial Reports" above.—V. 112, p. 64

American Smelting & Refining Co.—Declares Dividends
The regular quarterly dividend of 1% on the Common and 1¼% on the Pref. stocks, have been declared. The Common dividend is payable Mar. 15 to holders of record Feb. 18 and the Pref., Mar. 1 to holders of record Feb. 11. Early in January last, it was reported that the dividend on the Common stock would probably be omitted. See V. 112, p. 472, 260, 254, 165.

American Tobacco Co.—Dividend Payable in Scrip.—A quarterly dividend of 3% has been declared on both classes of Common stock, payable in 8% scrip March 1 to holders of record Feb. 10. This scrip will be exchanged for stock on March 1 1923. Scrip dividends of 3% each were paid in September and December last.

[Previous quarterly dividends since 1913 have been 5% each, but of these seven were paid in scrip as follows: One on Sept. 1 1914 and six from March 1 1918 to June 1919. From Sept. 1919 to June 1920 paid 5% each quarter in cash.—Ed.]—V. 111, p. 2425.

American Writing Paper Co.—Reduces Prices.—The company on Feb. 2 announced a reduction in prices of approximately 15% effective at once.—V. 111, p. 694.

Atlantic Fruit Co., N. Y.—8% Conv. Notes.—A new issue of \$6,000,000 5-year Convertible 8% Notes has been underwritten without any commission at 100 and int. Dated Feb. 1 1921, and payable Feb. 1 1926, int. payable semi-ann. Convertible at option of holders into Common stock at the rate of one share without par value for each \$20 of principal. Denoms. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Red. all or part at option of company at par and int. at any time on 30 days' notice. Issued under a Trust Agreement with The National City Bank of N. Y. as trustee. As unsecured obligations they will rank pari passu with the present debentures and other present or future unsecured debt.

Shareholders of record Jan. 28 are entitled to subscribe at par and int. for \$100 of such Notes for every six shares of the Common stock without par value held by them respectively at the office, 61 Broadway, N. Y. City, before 12 o'clock noon, Feb. 19 1921. Payment in full in New York funds must accompany the subscription. Holder of less than six shares, may also subscribe on the same terms for a \$100 Note. [It is reported that a block of these notes will be used as security for \$1,400,000 5-year 8% notes of West India Sugar Finance Corp. See below.]—V. 112, p. 65.

Atlantic Refining Co.—Debentures Sold—Earnings.—The bankers named below this week offered and sold at 99½ and int. yielding over 6.50%, \$15,000,000 10-year 6½% Gold Debentures (See advertising pages).

Bankers Making Offering.—Brown Brothers & Co., White, Weld & Co., Graham, Parsons & Co., Redmond & Co. and Equitable Trust Co., N. Y. Dated March 1 1921. Due March 1 1931. Int. payable M. & S. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c*). Red. all or in lots of \$500,000 or more on any int. date before maturity on 30 days' notice at 103½ and int. on or before Mar. 1 1922 and thereafter at ¼% less for each half year or part thereof but not at less than 100½ and int. Free of normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%, and the Penn. 4 mills tax. Equitable Trust Co., trustee.

Data from Letter of President J. W. Van Dyke, dated Jan. 29 1921.
Security.—Sole funded debt consists of this issue and \$61,000 of mortgages. Preliminary balance sheet of Dec. 31 1920 (see below) after allowance for proceeds of this issue shows net assets in excess of \$110,900,000. An appraisal made in 1919 by Ford, Bacon & Davis indicates a value \$25,000,000 greater, making the total valuation \$135,900,000.

Net Earnings before and after Federal Taxes Calendar Years.

Year—	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920 (est.)
Net before Fed. taxes	\$9,828,000	\$12,931,000	\$19,610,000	\$13,623,000	\$15,328,000
Net after Fed. taxes	9,628,000	9,006,000	7,410,000	11,026,000	11,047,000

† Final figures after adjustment of Federal taxes.

Net earnings before taxes in the 5 years ended Dec. 31 1920 averaged nearly 15 times annual int. on these debentures and the \$61,000 of other funded debt.

Restrictions.—No subsequent prior obligations can be issued nor can total funded debt exceed 50% of net assets. Company reserves the right to issue obligations secured on marine or other transportation plant and equipment (acquired subsequent to the date of this issue) for all or part of the purchase price of such equipment and on real estate in Phila. acquired as a site for an office building owned by it.

Sinking Fund.—Commencing Mar. 1 1922 \$500,000 p. a. shall be paid into a sinking fund for purchase of debentures at not over par and int. If a sufficient amount cannot be purchased in the succeeding 4 months to exhaust the fund the unexpended balance reverts to the general funds.

Business.—Organized in 1870 and formerly a constituent part of the Standard Oil Co. Owns modern refineries at Philadelphia, Franklin, and Pittsburgh, Pa., and Brunswick, Ga.; an extensive system of sales stations, warehouses, storage plants throughout Pennsylvania and Delaware; gasoline and motor oil stations in the New England States; 75,000 tons dead-weight of tank steamers, marine equipment, &c.; through subsidiaries is interested in crude production in this country and Mexico.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 [1919 inserted by Ed.]

	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.
Assets—	\$	\$	\$	\$
Plant, less deprec.	43,095,918	43,857,958	Common stock...	5,000,000
Cash.....	1,847,818	816,634	Preferred stock...	20,000,000
Cash reserve fund.	2,047,000	6,283,168	Pan-Bost. Oil 1st 7s	101,000
Acc'ts & notes rec.	17,045,457	15,000,157	Acc'ts & bills pay.	15,960,656
Inventory.....	36,486,560	22,053,874	Res. for Fed. taxes	4,280,000
Investments.....	3,314,332	3,419,780	Sundry liabilities.	186,579
Other assets.....	13,361,378	3,416,253	Ins. & c., reserves	4,702,279
Deferred assets.....	590,470	553,071	Surplus.....	67,150,687
			Cap. stk. of sub. cos. not owned by A. R. Co.	279,200
			Approp. surplus...	229,532
Total (each side)	117,788,933	95,400,894		221,178

Purpose.—Proceeds will be chiefly applied to the reduction of the accounts and bills payable.—V. 112, p. 473, 164.

Autocar Co. of Ardmore, Pa.—Board Increased.—The board of directors was increased from 7 to 9 members by the election of J. Howard Reber and Roscoe T. Anthony.—V. 111, p. 2426.

Baldwin Locomotive Works.—Resignation.—Alba B. Johnson, formerly President, has resigned as a director, effective Jan. 27.—V. 112, p. 65.

Barnsdall Corporation.—Rights to Subscribe to Bonds.—Holders of class "A" and class "B" Capital stock of record Jan. 31 are given the right to subscribe on or before Feb. 14 at 97 and int., for 8% Sinking Fund Conv. Gold bonds, Series "A," due 1931, to the extent of \$100 bonds for each 7 shares of Class A and (or) Class B stock held.—Compare V. 112, p. 374.

Braden Copper Mines Co.—New President—Tenders.—S. R. Guggenheim has been elected President, succeeding W. C. Potter, who resigned to become Chairman of the board of the Guaranty Trust Co. The Bankers Trust Co. of N. Y., as trustee, will, until Feb. 17, receive bids for the sale to it of 15-year 6% sinking fund gold bonds of 1916 to an amount sufficient to absorb \$668,642 at not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 111, p. 2524.

British American Nickel Corporation, Ltd.—New Co.—See International Nickel Co. below.—V. 106, p. 2453.

British American Oil Co., Ltd.—Stock—Status, &c.—Carl H. Pforzheimer & Co. of New York, who recently offered private y a limited amount of this company's stock in a circular states in brief:

Capital (No Pref Stock or Bonds)—Authorized, Outstanding.

Capital stock (par \$25) \$10,000,000 \$5,500,000
Dividends—Has paid dividends continuously since 1909 and is now paying div at rate of 8% p. a. Heretofore div. have been paid annually in May but it is understood that in future payments are to be in May and Nov.

Company—Incorp. in the Dominion of Canada. Operates a refinery at Toronto, Ont., and for the last 15 years has conducted a marketing business in Province of Ontario and throughout Eastern Canada. Company has branches and plants at Montreal, Ottawa, Hamilton, London, Windsor, Oshawa, St. Catharines, Orillia, Belleville and other points. Recently the company acquired the assets and business of the Winnipeg Oil Co., Ltd., having its chief plant at Winnipeg, with branches at Brandon, Regina, Moose Jaw, Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Weyburn and other points and over 100 distributing stations throughout the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

In connection with the oil discoveries in Western Canada in recent months the company has taken steps which should enable it to participate in future developments, having acquired selected oil leases on over 25,000 acres in various localities where drilling is now in progress. The company has made no expenditures for drilling, but in the event of the discovery of oil in commercial quantities in any of the wells now being drilled, the leases held by the company in the vicinity should be of great value.

Earnings—It is stated that the annual report for 1920 is expected to show net profits before depreciation and taxes, in excess of \$1,000,000, or over 18% compared with the present dividend rate of 8% on the stock.

Directors—S. R. Parsons, Pres.; A. L. Ellsworth, Toronto, Sec. & Treas.; T. H. Payne, Winnipeg, Mgt. of Western Div.; C. L. Suhr, Oil City, Pa.; H. McSweeney, Atlantic City, N. J.; Sir Augustus M. Nantou, Winnipeg; Lieut. Col. Albert E. Gooderham, Toronto.—V. 111, p. 2524.

Cabot Manufacturing Co., Boston.—Stock Dividend.—The stockholders on Dec. 24 increased the authorized capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000, of which \$1,000,000 was issued to the stockholders of record Dec. 24 1920 as a 100% stock dividend. The balance of \$1,000,000 is to be available for disposal in the future as a whole or in part, from time to time, at not less than par, in the discretion of the directors.—V. 112, p. 261, 164.

California & Hawaiian Sugar Refining Co.—Capital.—The stockholders will vote March 10 on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$7,500,000 to \$15,000,000, par \$100. Of the new stock \$5,000,000, it is stated, will be Preferred.—V. 112, p. 261.

California-Oregon Power Co.—Reorganization Plan.—The company has applied to the California Railroad Commission for an order approving the reorganization plan as outlined in V. 111, p. 75, 1664.

Cement Securities Co.—Merger.—See Alpha Portland Cement Co. above.—V. 112, p. 375.

Central Indiana Lighting Co.—Merger.—See Interstate Public Service Co. under "Railroads".—V. 90, p. 979.

Century Steel Co. of America.—Sub. Co. Plant.—The plant of the Ontario Electric Steel Co., Fulton, N. Y., a subsidiary, will be disposed of at a public sale. ("Iron Age" Jan. 20.)—V. 112, p. 375.

Chesebrough Manufacturing Co.—Additional Pref.—The holders of the Common stock (\$1,500,000 now outstanding) will be given the right to subscribe and pay for in full at Equitable Trust Co., N. Y., on or before March 31 at par (\$100 a share) for \$500,000 of Pref. stock now held in the treasury, in amounts equal to 33 1/3% of their respective holdings, as of record Feb. 15. In Nov. 1919 the stockholders created \$1,000,000 7% cumulative non-voting Pref. stock and issued \$500,000 at that time. The balance is now being offered and it is understood is being underwritten by bankers previously identified with the company. See V. 109, p. 1989; V. 110, p. 873.

Cities Service Co., N. Y.—24th Monthly Distribution.—The 24th monthly distribution on Cities Service Co. bankers' shares, payable Mar. 1 to bankers' shares of record Feb. 15, will be 36 1/4 cents a bankers' share. On Feb. 1 a distribution of 34 cents a bankers' share was made to 18,642 shareholders of record, an increase of 1,728 holders of record of bankers' shares since the Jan. 1 distribution.—V. 112, p. 473, 375.

Citizens Water Supply Co., Newtown, L. I.—Bonds.—The \$1,000,000 4% bonds which fell due Jan. 1 1921 have been extended to Jan. 1 1926 at 7%. The bonds, at the option of the company, are callable at any interest date at par and int. Equitable Trust Co., N. Y., trustee.—V. 112, p. 165.

Crowell & Thurlow Steamship Co.—New Financing.—It is understood that the company is planning some financing of about \$1,000,000 in the form of an equipment trust mortgage on its ships.—V. 112, p. 376.

Cumberland Pipe Line Co., Inc.—Report for Cal. Years.

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Profits for the year	\$389,028	\$723,974	\$564,054	\$487,758
Dividends	(12%)179,999	(12)179,999	(12)179,999	(10)148,879
Bal., surplus	\$209,029	\$543,975	\$384,065	\$338,879

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1920.	1919.	Liabilities—	1920.	1919.
Plant	\$4,086,540	\$3,911,433	Capital stock	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Other Investments	488,687	—	Acc'ts payable	63,196	50,145
Acc'ts receivable	120,778	79,652	Deprec'n reserve	1,226,330	777,173
Cash	364,777	176,600	Oil purch. and sale contingencies	667,336	316,489
			Profit and loss	1,603,920	1,523,878
Total	\$5,060,782	\$4,167,685	Total	\$5,060,782	\$4,167,685

President Forrest M. Towl, Oil City, Pa., Feb. 1, states that the dividend paid in 1920 was entirely earned during that year and prior to its declaration.—V. 112, p. 66.

Davison Chemical Co.—Defers Dividend—Earnings.—The directors on Jan. 28 voted to defer dividend action on the 200,000 shares of Capital stock of no par value, because of unsettled conditions which confront the fertilizer industry to-day, and in order to conserve cash resources. The next dividend was payable Feb. 15. Dividends of \$1 per share each were paid in August and November last, while in June 1916 a like amount was paid. Gross manufacturing trading profit for the year ending Dec. 31 1920 amounted to \$2,402,058; administration expenses, \$241,875; making gross income \$2,160,182. After deducting interest charges and reserves for depreciation, balance before dividends totaled \$1,536,563. Deducting the \$400,000 in dividends paid during 1920, the final balance is \$1,136,563 for the 12 months.—V. 111, p. 1855.

Dentists' Supply Co.—Capital Increased.—The stockholders have voted to increase the capital stock from \$3,000,000 to \$6,000,000.

Dow Chemical Co.—Extra Dividend of 1 3/4%.—An extra dividend of 1 3/4% has been declared on the Common stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 1 3/4%, both payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 5. Extra dividends of 1 3/4% have been paid quarterly since May 1919.—V. 111, p. 1856.

Eastern Potash Corp.—Preferred Dividends.—A dividend of 3 1/2% has been declared on the Preferred stock, payable in quarterly instalments of 1 3/4% each, on Feb. 24 and May 24 to holders of record Jan. 31 and April 30, respectively.—V. 108, p. 882.

Eastman Kodak Co.—Dissolution Decree Settled.—The company on Jan. 31 withdrew the appeal it had filed in the U. S. Supreme Court from conviction before the U. S. District Court at Buffalo under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. Chief Justice White on motion of counsel for the company issued a mandate ordering the company to abrogate the illegal monopoly in photographic supplies which the Government alleged it held.

Federal Judge John R. Hazel at Buffalo, in consequence of the company withdrawing its appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court, entered a decree directing the dissolution of the company by the sale and disposal of certain of its factories, together with certain lines of photographic supplies.

The settlement with the Government results in no substantial disruption of the organization, as the company is only required to dispose of approximately \$4,000,000 of its assets, which total nearly \$90,000,000.

Substance of Decree as Outlined by V.-Pres. James S. Havens.—"The company must with due diligence offer for sale at fair and reasonable prices its Premo plant in South Rochester, N. Y., including machinery and equipment, also the full line of Premo cameras manufactured there. The decree also provides that in the same manner the company must offer for sale its Century-Folmer and Schwing plant in Caledonia Ave., Rochester, with the Century and Graphic lines of cameras and any other lines of cameras manufactured therein.

"Also in the same way there must be offered for sale the company's Artura brand of photographic paper and its Seed, Stanley and Standard brands of dry plates, with an agreement to disclose to the purchasers of these brands the formulas for their manufacture. These factories and these brands of paper and plates were all acquired by the Eastman company from other manufacturers of photographic apparatus, materials and supplies within the United States.

"The Premo plant employs to-day 358 workers and the Century plant 364 workers. The two plants employ in the aggregate 722 out of the 11,700 workers in the Kodak organization in Rochester.

"None of the other plants is affected by the decree. The Artura paper is used by professional photographers. The decree provides that a sale may be made to any responsible purchaser who intends to prosecute the business and who is approved by the Attorney-General of the United States. If private sale is not effected by the company within two years, the Government has the right to require sale of these properties at public auction, but in that case the minimum prices for the properties will be fixed by stipulation between the Attorney-General of the United States and the company, and in the case of failure to agree the price then will be fixed by the Court.

"The Seed brand of dry plates is the most important of the three brands to be sold. The company's X-ray plates are not involved in the sale because they were developed by the Eastman company independently of purchase of the Seed formula.

[The Government's suit against the company was filed in the U. S. District Court at Buffalo on June 9 1913.—V. 112, p. 475.]

Eureka Pipe Line Co.—Report for Calendar Years—

Income Account for Year ending Dec. 31.

For Cal. Years—	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Profits for year	\$543,218	\$362,334	\$848,713	\$1,111,883
Dividends paid	(13)650,001	(17)849,999	(22)1100,000	(24)1200,003
Balance, deficit	\$106,783	\$487,665	\$251,287	\$88,120

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1920.	1919.	Liabilities—	1920.	1919.
Plant	10,681,853	10,580,343	Capital stock	5,000,000	5,000,000
Other investments	942,663	1,139,413	Accounts payable	453,031	379,671
Acc'ts receivable	246,424	207,979	Bills payable	—	200,000
Cash	592,882	348,584	Depreciation	3,491,263	2,884,544
Oil purchase & sale contingencies	100,504	—	Oil purchase & sale contingencies	—	85,288
			Profit and loss	3,620,032	3,726,815
Total	12,564,326	12,276,318	Total	12,564,326	12,276,318

x According to the books of the company, \$221,278 of the above dividends was from earnings prior to March 1 1913.—V. 112, p. 474.

Fairbanks Company of N. Y.—Business in 1920.—We learn that the company did a gross business in 1920 of over \$26,000,000 as against \$16,234,492 in 1919.—V. 111, p. 1187.

Fort William Paper Co., Ltd.—Bonds Offered.—Peabody Houghteling & Co., Chicago, it is announced, are offering at par and int. \$1,000,000 1st Mtge. 8% serial gold bonds.—See V. 111, p. 993.

General Motors Corporation.—Stockholders.—With the quarterly dividend checks payable Feb. 1 1921, the company reports that there are at present 49,035 stockholders of record, the maximum number to date.

(1) Comparison of the Total Number of Stockholders of all Classes by Quarters.

Year ended Dec. 31—	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
1917	1,927	2,525	2,669	2,920
1918	3,918	3,737	3,615	4,739
1919	8,012	12,523	12,358	18,214
1920	24,148	26,136	31,029	36,894

(2) Stockholders by Classes on Jan. 10 1921 and Dec. 31 1919.

Holders No.—	Common.	Dec. 6%	Dec. 7%	Prof. 6%	Total
Jan. 10 1921	24,434	9,758	7,779	3,064	49,035
Dec. 31 1919	6,553	10,043	4,707	2,845	24,148

—V. 112, p. 377.

Globe Soap Co.—Wilson & Co. Refuses Control.—See Wilson & Co. Inc., below and compare V. 111, p. 2143, 1665.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.—Financing.—The "Financial America" Feb. 1 says in substance: According to both New York and Cleveland banking interests closely identified with the Goodyear refinancing plans are progressing satisfactorily and official announcement will be made shortly for the provision of at least \$45,000,000 in new money for the company. Part of this will be used immediately to retire the company's \$28,800,000 indebtedness to Goldman, Sachs & Co., until a temporary financing arrangement. These notes mature Feb. 15. Under a new arrangement with other banking interests Mr. Seiberling and other officers will, it is said, remain. It is regarded as probable, however, that an increase of the board from 7 to 11 representatives of bankers financing the company will be placed as directors.—V. 112, p. 158, 166.

International Nickel Co.—Status of Canadian Nickel Industry. Thomas W. Gibson, Deputy Minister, Ontario Department of Mines, Toronto, writing for the "Eng. & Min. Journal" of Jan. 22, said in substance:

Output.—The year 1920 was not a prosperous one for the nickel industry. The deposits at Sudbury, Ontario, which supply 85% of the world's requirements, were drawn upon to maximum capacity during the war period. The ore raised in 1918, the peak of production, was 1,643,040 tons.

The nickel contents of the matte product were estimated at 45,886 tons; the copper contents at 23,843 tons. When the war closed, the demand fell off sharply, and subsequently almost entirely ceased. Large stocks of matte and refined nickel had been accumulated by the Allies, and the year 1919 by no means saw this entirely absorbed.

In 1919, operations were greatly curtailed and the quantity of ore raised fell to 614,955 tons. In 1920, the pre-war scale of production was resumed for a considerable period, but subsequently fell off.

Ore raised for the first nine months of 1920 amounted to 925,378 tons, and for the full year to about 1,100,000 tons. Of this, approximately 1,000,000 tons was smelted into matte, representing about 28,000 tons of nickel and 14,500 tons of copper.

Rival Interests.—Two companies, the International Nickel Co. of Canada, Ltd., and the Mond Nickel Co., Ltd., have long been the sole occupants of the field.

During 1920 the British American Nickel Corporation, Ltd., came into production. This company has opened up the old Murray mine, which was found to contain large reserves of ore; has put up smelting works at the mine [the company blew in its new nickel-copper smelter at Nickelton on Jan. 17 1921], and created a refinery at Deschenes, Quebec, where a

sufficient supply of electric power is available. (Compare V. 105, p. 500, 1000; V. 106, p. 2453). This makes two nickel-refining works in Canada.

Three Methods of Refining.—An unusual feature in the metallurgy of nickel is that there are three methods of refining. The British American Company uses the electrolytic process invented by Hyblinette. The International Company employs the Orford salt-rake process, both at Port Colborne, Ont., and Hayonne, N. J. The Mond works, in Wales, are operated on a process invented by Dr. Mond.

Rare Metals as By-products.—The Sudbury ores carry appreciable quantities of gold, silver, and metals of the platinum group. In 1919, a total of 1,770 oz. of the platinum group metals was recovered, which included 642 oz. of platinum, 842 oz. of palladium, 227 oz. of rhodium and 76 oz. of osmium, iridium, and ruthenium. These were obtained from the International Nickel Co.'s mattes.

From the Mond Nickel Co.'s mattes, in 1916, 1917, and 1918 the recovery of platinum amounted to 3,372 oz., 4,719 oz. and 4,958 oz. respectively.

Other Deposits.—The nickel deposits of New Caledonia, idle during the war, are again being worked, but on a reduced scale. Ore of the Sudbury type is said to have been found in the Province of Manitoba, at the Bear and Oiseau rivers, points ten or fifteen miles distant but no developments have yet taken place.

"No Where to Go."—Undoubtedly the stimulus of war has greatly expanded the capacity of existing companies for producing nickel. The companies for the moment feel, in the language of the lady in the old song, "all dressed up, but nowhere to go."—V. 112, p. 166.

International Salt Co.—Quarterly Report.

Quarters ending—	Dec. 31 '20.	Sept. 30 '20.	June 30 '20.
a Earnings	def \$134,042	cr. \$945,183	cr. \$532,695
Fixed charges & sink. fund	99,338	98,376	98,376

Net def \$233,380 sur \$846,807 sur \$334,319
 a Earnings of the company (incl. subsid. cos.) after deducting all expenses except Federal taxes.—V. 112, p. 67.

Kimberly Phonograph Co., N. Y.—Receivership.

Frank Dorsey and John K. Sheehy of Perth Amboy, N. J. have been appointed receivers for this company with a factory at Perth Amboy, by Federal Judge Lynch. Assets are set at \$345,000 and liabilities at \$150,000

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—January Sales.

Sales in January totaled \$3,215,300 as against \$3,051,586 in 1919, an increase of \$163,714.—V. 112, p. 167.

Lanston Monotype Machine Co.—Sales—Net Profits.

The net earnings for Jan. 1921 amounted to about \$150,000. The following statistics have been confirmed for the "Chronicle":

	Results for Month and Ten Months Ending December 31.		
	1920—December	1919	1920—12 Mos.—1919.
Sales	\$390,000	\$320,000	\$3,413,000 \$2,518,000
Net profits	150,000	137,000	1,379,000 906,000

—V. 111, p. 1666.

(Walter M.) Lowney Co., Mass.—No Pref. Dividend.

The directors in January last, decided not to declare at this time the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the \$1,000,000 Cumul. Pref. stock, usually paid Feb. 1.—V. 109, p. 552.

Maxwell Motor Co.—Extension—Creditors' Claims.

The reorganization committee announces an extension of the time to March 3, during which depositing stockholders may without penalty, make application for new stock in excess of their minimum rights of purchase under the reorganization plan, and make the initial payment of \$10 in respect of each share of new class A stock applied for.

The committee states that it has been found possible to grant depositing stockholders this further opportunity to avail themselves of the rights conferred by the plan in view of the fact that the new money to be provided in the reorganization and the consolidation of these companies, is not yet required.

William S. Sayres, Jr., having been appointed Special Master by the U. S. District Court at Detroit gives notice that all creditors must file their claims with him before Feb. 15 otherwise their claim will be debarred. This is a result of a suit brought by Jenks & Muirs Manufacturing Co. of Detroit, a creditor to the amount of \$6,064, in order to prevent other creditors' suits.—V. 112, p. 263.

Michigan Sugar Co., Detroit.—Smaller Dividends.

A quarterly dividend of 1% has been declared on the outstanding \$7,471,100 Common stock, par \$100, payable Mar. 1 to holders of record Feb. 15. In Dec. last a quarterly dividend of 2 1/2% and an extra of 1/2 of 1% were paid.—V. 112, p. 159.

Middle States Oil Corp.—Stock Subscriptions.

President Saklatvala announces that of the recent offering of 250,000 shares of stock, pro rata at \$11 a share, the stockholders exercised their rights to subscribe to more than 248,000 shares, leaving less than 1% for the underwriters, no stockholder being allowed more than his rights. Full-paid negotiable receipts can be exchanged for engraved certificates on and after Feb. 15 1921 at the corporation's transfer agent, Coal & Iron National Bank, 143 Liberty St., New York City.—V. 112, p. 476, 379.

Mid-Co. Mexico Co.—Status—Contract.

See Mid. Co. Petroleum Co. below.

Mid-Co. Mexico Petroleum Co.—Guar. Bond Status.

See Mid-Co. Petroleum Co. below.

Mid-Co. Petroleum Co.—Guaranteed Bond Offered.

The bankers named below are offering at prices ranging from 99 1/2 and int. to 96 1/2 and int. to yield 8 3/4% according to maturity \$2,750,000 1st Mtge. 8% Serial Sinking Fund Gold Bonds. A circular shows:

Bankers Making Offering.—King, Hoagland & Co., Bolger, Mosser & Willaman, Chicago; Chandler & Co., Inc., Chicago and New York, and Howe, Snow, Corrigan & Bertles, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dated Nov. 1 1920. Maturing serially as follows: \$220,000 Nov. 1 1921 and \$110,000 quarterly thereafter beginning Feb. 1 1922. Int. payable Q.-J. at Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee. Callable all or part, upon 30 days' notice at 101 and int., on any int. date. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c*). Co. pays normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%.

Stock Purchase Warrants.—These bonds, upon issuance, will carry warrants entitling the holder to purchase, on or before Feb. 1 1922, Common stock of the Mid-Co.-Mexico Petroleum Co. at \$25 per share, in the ratio of 5 shares for each \$1,000 bond.

Company.—Incorp. in Okla. in May 1914. Company and affiliated companies constitute a complete and long established operating unit in the petroleum industry covering all essential phases from the production of crude oil to the delivery of finished products to the ultimate consumer.

Security.—A first lien upon all the properties now owned or hereafter acquired of company and its affiliated companies, the Mid-Co. Gasoline Co. and Mid-Co. Oil Sales Co.

Earnings.—The combined net earnings of the companies, before taxes and depreciation, have averaged for the past 4 years \$2,300,000 p. a., equivalent to over 10 times greatest annual interest requirements and over 3 times greatest annual interest and sinking fund requirements. Earnings for 9 months Feb. 1 1920 to Oct. 31 1920, were \$2,065,000.

Sinking Fund.—Monthly deposits of principal and interest, beginning Sept. 1 1921, are required to be made with the trustee to retire this entire issue in 80 months.

Purpose.—To retire floating debt or for working capital.

Properties.—Company and its subsidiaries own, wholly or in part, oil leases covering 14,774 acres in the Mid-Continent oil field of Okla., Kan., and Northern Texas, and 3,705 acres in Colo., Texas and Louisiana. Of these properties, there are 2,348 acres of producing or absolutely proven oil lands only partly drilled, about 1,925 acres believed to be within productive area, and 3,320 acres of well located, but unproven acreage. Owns a settled production of 2,179 barrels of crude oil per day from 163 producing wells, all in the Mid-Continent field. Company's most valuable holdings are located in Noble and Osage Counties, Okla.

Companies own (a) refinery at West Tulsa, Okla., capacity 6,000 bbls. crude oil per day, also operate under favorable lease another refinery at Arkansas City, Ark., capacity 26,000 bbls crude oil per day, (b) operate

under lease 1,374 tank cars of 8,000 and 10,000 gallon capacity each; (c) own and operate 61 storage tanks and 14 miles of 8-in. pipe line from the Billings Field to Black Bear, Okla., (d) and through the Mid-Co. Transp. Co. (owned by affiliated companies) operate (d) a system of pipe lines for the exclusive use of the Mid-Co. companies.

Valuations.—Sound value of physical properties (American Appraisal Co. report of Dec. 15 1920) plus quick assets (Balance Sheet Oct. 31 1920, after giving effect to present financing) exceeds \$18,000,000 against which this issue of \$2,750,000 bonds constitutes a first lien. This valuation excludes over \$5,000,000 of intangibles allowed by the Appraisal company.

Guarantees.—Guaranteed, principal and interest, by Mid-Co.-Mexico Petroleum Co. and by M. M. Travis, President, as an individual.

Mid-Co. Mexico Petroleum Co.—A holding company incorporated in Delaware to own all of the Capital stock of the Mid-Co. Petroleum Co., and affiliated companies. Also owns all the Capital stock of the Mid-Co.-Mexico Co., owning large tracts of prospective oil lands in Mexico. In connection with these Mexican properties the Mid-Co.-Mexico Co. has made a contract with a subsidiary of the Tidewater Oil Co. for the joint development of several of the more important tracts in the Amatlan and Zacamiltle fields under terms which are believed to be advantageous to the Mid-Co.-Mexico Co. Under this contract the Tidewater company is now drilling and has under construction, railroad, pipe line and storage facilities etc., this work representing at the present time an expenditure by the Tidewater company of over \$2,000,000.—V. 109, p. 77.

Midvale Steel & Ordnance Co.—Earnings.

	Results for Quarter and 12 Months ending Dec. 31.	
	1920—3 Mos.—1919.	1920—12 Mos.—1919.
Net earn. aft. Fed. taxes	\$4,778,127	\$5,654,086
Int. on sub. cos.' bonds	225,097	233,113
Int. on Midvale bonds	537,031	546,069
Depreciation	1,959,275	1,592,309
Dividends	(2)2,000,000	(2)2,000,000
Balance, surplus	\$56,824	\$1,282,595

—V. 112, p. 379.

Midwest Refining Co.—Stock for Employees.

The stockholders at the annual meeting March 1 will vote on a proposal to authorize the directors to adopt a plan for the sale of not to exceed 50,000 shares of the capital stock to its employees at such price and upon such terms as the directors may from time to time determine.—V. 112, p. 369.

Milwaukee Coke & Gas Co.—Bonds Offered.

Dillon, Read & Co., New York, are offering at 98 and int., to net 7 3/4%, \$2,000,000 1st M. Coll. Sink. Fund 7 1/2% gold bonds.

Dated Feb. 1 1921, due Feb. 1 1933. Callable all or part by lot on any int. date at 103 and int. Interest payable F. & A. in New York and Cleveland. Denom. \$1,000 (c*). Union Trust Co., Cleveland, trustee. Co. agrees to pay the U. S. normal income tax up to 2% and to refund Penna. 4-mill tax.

Data from Letter of Vice-President E. G. Wilmer.

Security.—Secured by pledge of a like amount of 1st M. 6% Serial bonds due annually Feb. 1 1922 to 1933 incl.

Company.—In successful operation for over 17 years. Owns and operates a by-product coke oven plant of 160 ovens at Milwaukee, capacity for coking 1,000,000 tons of coal p. a., to be increased approximately 25% through present construction program, which will increase the number of ovens to 190. Controls through ownership of a 75% interest the Elkhorn Piney Coal Mining Co., whose coal reserves are estimated to aggregate approximately 250,000,000 tons of high-grade bituminous coal.

Earnings.—Net income, after provision for Federal taxes, available for interest and depreciation, has averaged \$940,354 p. a. for past 10 years ended Dec. 31 1920, and for the past 6 years has averaged \$1,180,812. For the calendar year 1920 net income was \$920,530, after writing down inventory \$770,105 to market values. Annual interest on present total funded debt, including these bonds, amounts to \$222,000.

Purpose.—To reimburse Co. in part for 70% of additional expenditures.

Sinking Fund.—An annual sinking fund will redeem \$167,000 of these bonds by purchase at or below 103 and int., or by call.—V. 106, p. 505.

Montgomery Ward & Co.—Report—To Increase Stock.

The statement for the calendar year 1920 shows net sales of \$101,745,270, compared with \$99,336,053 for 1919. Inventories at the end of 1920 were \$30,282,671, compared with \$28,136,166 in 1919. Inventory depreciation and other losses together with losses at factories resulted in a total loss for the year of \$7,855,278, which was charged to surplus. The inventories made in Dec. 1920 was on the basis of cost or replacement, whichever was lower. This resulted in depreciation for \$5,174,434 below cost.

The stockholders will vote Feb. 21 on increasing Common stock from 1,000,000 shares (no par value) to 1,285,000 shares (no par value) so as to permit holders of the 95,000 shares of class "B" stock now outstanding to exchange their shares on the basis of one share of class "B" stock for 3 shares of Common stock. The class "B" stock now participate with the Common in dividends and assets on the basis of \$3 per share on the class "B" stock for each \$1 per share on the Common stock.

Month of January—	1921.	1920.	Decrease.
Sales	\$5,660,431	\$8,636,147	\$2,973,716

—V. 112, p. 379, 167.

Morris & Co., Chicago.—Stock Dividends—Report.

The annual report published under "Financial Reports" on a preceding page, shows the payments [some time between Aug. 1 and Dec. 31 1920] of: (1) a 900% dividend in common stock; (2) a 333 1-3% stock dividend in Preferred stock, thus increasing the capital stock from \$3,000,000, all of one class, to \$40,000,000, of which \$10,000,000 is Preferred and \$30,000,000 Common.

The company, it is stated, is a close corporation, all the stock except a few shares held by officers being owned by the heirs of Nelson Morris, founder of the business, and the estate of Edward Morris.—V. 112, p. 167; V. 111, p. 2331.

Motor Products Corp.—Dividends Resumed.

A dividend of \$1 25 per share was paid Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 20 on the Class "A" stock. An initial dividend of \$1 per share was paid in April 1917, which amount was also paid in July and Oct. 1917; none since.—V. 111, p. 698.

Muskogee Gas & Electric Co.—Lease, &c.

See Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co. below.—V. 106, p. 924.

National Oil Co.—Listing.

The Boston Stock Exchange has approved the listing of 1,335 additional shares (par \$10) Common stock, the same having been issued as full-paid to employees in payment for services, all in accordance with a vote of the directors on Dec. 7 1920.—V. 111, p. 394.

National Refining Co., Cleveland.—Stock Dividend.

A 4% stock dividend has been declared on the Common stock payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 1.—V. 111, p. 1858.

New Albany Water Works.—Merger.

See Interstate Public Service Co. under "Railroads" above.

Newburyport (Mass.) Gas & Electric Co.—Offering.

The company invites proposals at its office, 70 State St., Boston, addressed to Fred C. Abercrombie, Treas., for the purchase, at a price not less than par and interest, of \$650,000 Series A 1st M. 7% gold bonds, dated Feb. 1 1921, due Feb. 1 1936. The issue was authorized by the Department of Public Utilities.—V. 107, p. 1290.

New Castle (Pa.) Rubber Co.—Bankruptcy.

Schedules in bankruptcy, revealing liabilities of \$3,833,567 as against assets of \$745,021, were filed in U. S. District Court at Pittsburgh on Jan. 29 by the company. A creditors' petition in bankruptcy was filed in the Federal Court on Dec. 21.—V. 111, p. 994, 300.

New England Oil Corporation.—Tankers.—

F. Douglas Cochran, Chairman executive committee, states that the Shipping Board has allotted to the company tankers aggregating 306,000 barrels capacity as follows: Warwick, Dannelake and Danville, 37,000 each; City of Freeport, 35,000; Carbrille, 50,000; Salem County, 45,000, and Trimountain, 65,000. Of these steamships, City of Freeport, Carbrille, Salem County and Trimountain are in service and the other three will start loading on Feb. 5, 6 and 7.—V. 111, p. 2048, 2527.

New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Cap. Iner.

The stockholders will vote Feb. 16 on increasing the capital stock from \$75,000,000 to \$100,000,000, par \$100.—V. 112, p. 476.

New Jersey Zinc Co.—Earnings.—

Results for Three Months and Twelve Months Ending Dec. 31.

	1920—3 Mos.—1919.	1920—12 Mos.—1919.
x Income	\$881,557	\$2,790,412
Int. on 1st Mtge. bonds	40,000	40,000
Reserved to retire bonds	-----	75,000
Profit-sharing	-----	368,000
Federal taxes	-----	900,000
Reserve for inventory adjustments & Fed'l tax	-----	341,180
Accr. int. on stock subsc.	13,092	13,092
Dividends	(2%) 840,000	(4) 560,000
	(20) 7,000,000	

Balance-----def. \$11,535 sur. \$207,412 Sr \$1,983,863 Sr \$1,580,035

x Income (incl. dividends from subsidiary companies) after deductions for expenses, taxes, maintenance, repairs and renewals, betterments, depreciation and contingencies.

1920 Quarters Ending—	Mar. 31.	June 30.	Sept. 30.	Dec. 31.
Net income	\$2,628,127	\$2,756,577	\$1,711,874	\$841,557

—V. 112, p. 476, 67.

New River Co.—Coal Output, &c.—

Month of	Jan. '21.	Dec. '20.	Nov. '20.	Oct. '20.	Sept. '20.
Coal output (tons)	150,000	170,000	170,000	188,000	168,000

The number of suspensions on contracts in January last, it is stated—amounted to 25%.—V. 112, p. 264.

New York Air Brake Co.—To Sell Plant.—

The company has placed its plant at Watertown, N. Y., consisting of 4 one-story buildings, on the market. The company recently adopted a 5-day week schedule at its local shops. ("Iron Age")—V. 112, p. 264.

Northern Virginia Power Co.—To Issue Bonds.—

This company, a subsidiary of Hagerstown & Frederick Ry., it is announced, is offering \$1,200,000 7% First Gen. Mtge. gold bonds, due 1930. Fidelity Trust Co., Baltimore, trustee.

The proceeds from the sale of \$600,000 of the bonds are to be used to retire short-term notes for more than \$550,000, all of which was expended on improvements at the company's plant at Millville, W. Va. The other \$600,000 is to be used in purchasing all of the common stock and part of the pref. stock of the Potomac Power Co. of Martinsburg, W. Va.—V. 108, p. 2027.

Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds and Notes Offered.—Bonbright & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Spencer Trask & Co., Federal Securities Corp., and H. M. Byllesby & Co. are offering at 95 and int., by advertisement on another page, \$6,000,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. 7½% Gold Bonds.

Dated Feb. 1 1921. Due Feb. 1 1941. Red. all or part on any int. date upon 30 days' notice, at 107½ up to and incl. Feb. 1 1926; thereafter at ½% less each year up to and incl. Feb. 1 1940; and on Aug. 1 1940 at 100 and int. Int. payable F. & A. at office of Central Union Trust Co., N. Y., Trustee, or at First National Bank, Boston, or Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, without deduction for any Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Penn. 4 mills tax refunded. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 (c*).

Data from Letter of V.—Pres. J. J. O'Brien, Chicago, Jan. 25.

Company.—Organized in 1902 in Oklahoma. System comprises modern and efficient electric plants and distributes electricity and natural gas for commercial and industrial purposes in many important cities, incl. Oklahoma City, Muskogee, Sapulpa, El Reno, Enid, Drumright and other towns. Population estimated at 225,000.

Purpose of Issue.—Proceeds from the sale of these bonds and notes, and Preferred stock will provide funds for the retirement of certain underlying bonds and notes and payment of floating debt incurred for extensions and additions to the property. [The company has the following notes becoming due (approximately) \$332,500 3-yr. 7s due Sept. 1 1921; \$2,500,000 1-yr. 7s due March 1 1921.]

Security.—Upon completion of the present financing these bonds will be secured by a first lien on the entire property of the system, subject only to the lien of a closed mortgage on the property of the Okla. Gas & El. Co., securing \$2,788,000 bonds outstanding in the hands of the public and also \$1,800,000 of bonds which will be pledged as additional security.

Capitalization after This Financing—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
First Mortgage 5s, due Oct. 1 1929	Closed	x\$2,788,000
1st & Ref. Mtge. 7½s, series "A," due Feb. 1 1941	\$30,000,000	6,000,000
Bond-secured 8% Conv. notes (this issue)	7,500,000	y2,500,000
Common stock	10,000,000	4,500,000
Preferred stock, 7% cumulative	10,000,000	4,000,000
x \$1,800,000 additional will be pledged (as additional security) under the 1st & Ref. Mtge. 7½s.	y \$3,750,000 Gen. Mtge. gold bonds due Feb. 1 1931 will be issued and pledged to secure these notes.	

[The stockholders will vote Feb. 24 on creating (1) \$30,000,000 1st & ref mtge. bonds, (2) \$11,250,000 gen. mtge. bonds to be pledged as security for the notes (3) \$7,500,000 bonds secured gold notes. The bonds are to be secured on all property now owned and hereafter acquired of both the Oklahoma Company and the Muskogee Gas & Electric Co. the entire stock of which is owned. The stockholders of the latter company will also vote on Feb. 24 on the above provisions and on leasing the property to the Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co.]

Earnings 12 Months ended Dec. 31 1920.

Gross earnings	\$5,070,656
Net, after oper. exps., maint. and taxes, but not depreciation	\$1,276,114
Annual int. charges on \$2,788,000 1st M. 5s, \$139,400; \$6,000,000 1st & Ref. M. 7½s, \$450,000; \$2,500,000 bond-secured 8% notes, \$200,000	789,400
Balance	\$486,714

Restrictions.—Additional bonds may only be issued for refunding underlying bonds and for 75% of the cost of permanent extensions and improvements provided net earnings have been at least twice the annual bond interest charges, including interest on the bonds to be issued.

Maintenance & Renewals.—Company covenants to set aside 12½% of the electric gross earnings and 15% of the gas revenue for maintenance and repairs or for renewals and replacements, or for the redemption of these bonds or underlying bonds at not exceeding the respective call prices.

Notes Offered.—The bankers named below are offering at 96½ and int., to yield over 8½%, \$2,500,000 bond-secured 8% Conv. Gold Notes.

Bankers Making Offering.—Federal Securities Corp., Chicago; H. M. Byllesby & Co., Inc.; Bonbright & Co., Inc.; Spencer Trask & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Chicago, New York, &c.

Dated Feb. 1 1921, due Feb. 1 1931. Callable all or part on 30 days' notice on any int. date up to and incl. Feb. 1 1926 at 105, and thereafter at 1% less during each year up to and incl. Feb. 1 1930, and on Aug. 1 1930 at 100 and int. Int. payable F. & A. at office of New York Trust Co., N. Y., trustee, or First National Bank, Boston, or Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, without deduction for any Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Penna. 4 mills tax refunded. Denoms. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c*).

Sinking Fund.—Annual sinking fund of \$125,000, payable semi-annually, commencing Aug. 1 1921, will retire notes at not exceeding redemption prices. Sinking fund will be increased by 5% of any additional notes issued.

Additional Notes.—Authorized \$7,500,000. The remaining \$5,000,000 notes may be issued only when Gen. Mtge. bonds due Feb. 1 1931 have been

pledged in the ratio of 150% of bonds to 100% of notes, and provided that annual net earnings after all prior annual int. charges are 3 times the annual interest charge on all notes outstanding, including those to be issued.

Convertible.—Convertible at any time after Feb. 1 1922 into 7% Cumul. Pref. (a. & d.) stock on the basis of 107½ for notes and 100 for the Pref. stock, with adjustment of int. and divs. Divs. on Pref. stock payable Q.-M., and callable at 125 and div.—V. 110, p. 1193, 1753.

Oklahoma Producing & Refining Corp.—New President

R. E. McIlvain has been elected President, succeeding B. G. Dawes.—V. 110, p. 1419.

Oselda Corp.—Stock Offering.—

Robinson & Smith, New York, are offering at \$5 per share 50,000 shares cap. stk. (no par value). Auth. and out., 100,000 shrs. No funded debt.

Data from Letter of President William Adelson Dated Dec. 31 1920.

Company.—Incorporated in Delaware. Manufactures and markets pictorial soap as an advertising medium. This monogram, picture or whatever form the advertisement or design may be, is guaranteed not to wear off. Customers include railroads, steamship lines, hotels, &c. Company owns and controls valuable patents and machinery. Plant at Nixon, N. J.

Forecast of Earnings.—Company expects net earnings of at least \$4 50 per share in 1921.

Purpose.—To provide additional working capital made necessary by expansion of business.

Directors.—William Adelson, Pres.; Allan M. Perkins, James T. Rague (Vice-Pres.), Harold L. Robinson, Robert Sealy (Sec.), D. E. Corbett (Treas.), Harry H. Winter.

Parker Mills, Fall River, Mass.—Dividend Omitted.—

The directors in January last voted to omit the payment of the regular quarterly dividend usually paid Feb. 1. In Nov. last a quarterly dividend of 1½% was paid.—V. 111, p. 1956.

Penn Seaboard Steel Co.—To Issue Stock.—

The stockholders will vote Feb. 10 on authorizing the issuance of the 78,689 shares (no par value) of unissued stock. This it is believed is in connection with the proposed acquisition of the Rockaway Rolling Mills. Compare V. 112, p. 476.

(Albert) Pick & Co., Chicago.—Sales.—

Net sales for Jan. last amounted to \$1,163,139, an increase of 17.43% over Jan. 1920. The total sales for the 12 months ending Jan. 31 were \$14,195,063, an increase of 36.22% over 1920.—V. 112, p. 168.

Pocasset Mfg. Co., Fall River.—No Dividend.—

The regular quarterly dividend usually paid Feb. 1 was omitted on that date. In Nov. last a dividend of 3% was paid, compared with 10% in Aug. last and 6% in May last.—V. 111, p. 395.

Porto Rican-American Tobacco Co.—Scrip Dividend.—

The regular quarterly dividend of 3% has been declared payable March 3 to holders of record Feb. 15, in 3-year 8% scrip. A like amount was paid in 3-year 6% scrip in March, June, Sept. and Dec. last. Dividends were also paid in stock and scrip from March 1918 to June 1919, both inclusive, but none until March 1920, owing to strike, which tied up the plant for several months.—V. 111, p. 1859.

Producers & Refiners Corp.—November Earnings.—

Month of November—	1920.	1919.	Increase.
Net earnings, before deprec'n & depletion	\$400,663	\$191,085	\$209,578

—V. 112, p. 168.

Pure Oil Co.—Regular Cash and Stock Dividends.—

The company announces that the 2% cash dividend and the 2% stock dividend on the Common stock will both be paid March 2 (instead of March 1, as previously announced). Compare V. 112, p. 477.

Quebec Steamship Co.—Capital Increase, &c.—

The shareholders were to vote Feb. 3 on authorizing the directors to issue 20,000 shares of capital stock. Application will be made to the Parliament of Canada for authority to increase the authorized capital stock to \$10,000,000.

Quincy Market Cold Stor. & Warehouse Co.—Capital.

The capitalization on Jan. 1 1921 is as follows: \$500,000 mtge. on T Wharf property, \$1,250,000 Pref. stock, 5%, \$2,500,000 12% Com. stock. In addition to the above \$2,500,000 Common stock, the company has authorized and sold \$500,000 additional stock, all of which will be paid for in full by Aug. 1 1921. There has also been authorized \$500,000 additional 5% Pref. stock which will be used at par to retire a mortgage for the same amount on Battery Wharf.

Earnings for year ending March 31 1920: Gross, \$2,110,938; net, \$705,165; depreciation, \$308,481; divs. & interest, \$300,162; surplus, \$880,932.

Blake Brothers & Co., New York and Boston, recommend the Common stock for investment.—V. 108, p. 2439.

Remington Arms-Union Metallic Cartridge Corp.—

Vice-President William F. Lawrence died in New Rochelle, N. Y. on Jan. 28.—V. 110, p. 2297.

Raritan Refining Co.—Dividend.—

A dividend of 14% has been declared on the outstanding \$1,000,000 capital stock (all owned by the Eastern Potash Corp.), payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 1. See V. 112, p. 477.

(William A.) Rogers, Ltd.—Accumulations.—

A dividend of 1¼% on account of accumulations was paid on the Preferred stock Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 24, thus leaving outstanding arrears on Preferred at 7%.—V. 111, p. 2332.

St. Joseph Lead Co.—No Extra Dividend.—

The usual quarterly dividend of 2½% has been declared on the outstanding \$15,504,120 Common stock, par \$10, payable Mar. 21 to holders of record Mar. 9. Extra dividends of 2½% each were paid in the four quarters of 1920, in addition to the regular quarterly dividends of 2½% each; a 10% stock dividend was also paid in Sept. 1920.—V. 112, p. 379.

Scotten-Dillon Co., Detroit, Mich.—50% Stock Div.—

Auth. Capital Stock Increased from \$1,500,000 to \$3,000,000.—

The stockholders voted Jan. 25: (a) to increase the authorized capital stock from \$1,500,000 to \$3,000,000; and (b) to authorize the directors to distribute a stock dividend of 50%. This distribution will increase the outstanding capital stock from \$1,500,000 to \$2,250,000.

In 1912 a 100% dividend was paid in stock, increasing capitalization from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, and distributed also cash dividends aggregating 50%. A second stock dividend of 50% and cash dividends aggregating 28% were distributed in 1915, increasing Capital stock to \$1,500,000.—V. 112, p. 67.

Sears, Roebuck & Co., Chicago.—Sales—Notes.—

Month of January—	1921.	1920.	Decrease.
Sales	\$15,597,766	\$29,490,976	\$13,893,210

Vice-President Albert H. Loeb, in regard to the notes payable item of \$44,560,165 shown in the balance sheet of Dec. 31 1920 (see last week's "Chronicle," p. 465), says: "We expect to reduce inventories \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000 during the next six months, and some more next fall. We will have no trouble in taking care of notes. The \$48,000,000 receivables surprise many who didn't know we do much business on open books with country customers. It includes, however, many items, amounts due from railroads, express company and factories against advances on merchandise, &c. We did heavy business in pianos and phonographs and losses in these lines are nil."—V. 112, p. 465, 265.

(Walden W.) Shaw Corp.—Ratify Plan.—

The stockholders on Jan. 28 approved the plan to vote all the shares of the Yellow Cab Mfg. Co. owned in favor of changing and increasing the capital of the Cab Company all as outlined in V. 112, p. 265.

Sloan Shipyards Corp., Seattle.—Denied Receivership.—

Federal Judge Netzer on Jan. 14 denied the application of the Federal Government for the appointment of a receiver for the and allied companies. In refusing to appoint the receiver, the court held that the Emergency Fleet Corporation is already in possession or control of the property involved, and

that it is in a position to conserve the property in its own behalf and possibly at less expense than the court could. The defendants in the case include the Sloan Shipyards Corp., the Anacortes Shipbuilding Co., the Capital City Iron Works.

Southern California Edison Co.—Bonds Offered.—Harris, Forbes & Co., E. H. Rollins & Son and National City Co. are offering at 87½ and int., yielding over 7.10%, \$5,000,000 Gen. & Ref. M. 25-Year 6% Gold bonds of 1917, due Feb. 1 1944. (Full particulars in V. 108, p. 487, 799; V. 110, p. 269, 2083.) A circular shows:

Company.—Operates in 10 counties in Southern California and the San Joaquin Valley, with an area of over 55,000 sq. m. and a population of over 1,300,000. System includes generating plants with a present total installed capacity of 311,800 h. p., of which 176,000 h. p. is hydro-electric, high-tension transmission lines, comprehensive distributing systems and over 125,000 meters.

The hydro-electric capacity has recently been increased by the installation of 21,500 additional h. p. A new hydro-electric station of 42,900 h. p. is expected to be completed this spring, and a still further additional 30,000 h. p. is expected to be available next summer.

Capitalization Outstanding after This Financing.

First Preferred stock (8%)	\$4,000,000
Second Preferred stock (5%)	12,029,900
Common stock, now 8%	16,858,472
General and Refunding Mtge. 6s (including this issue)	25,878,000
Underlying bonds	33,983,000
7% Debenture bonds	7,000,000
Earnings Year ended Dec. 31 1920 (December Estimated).	
Gross earnings	\$14,648,000
Net, after oper. exps., taxes, insurance and maintenance	\$8,249,000
Annual int. charge on outstanding mtge. bonds, incl. this issue	3,294,630

Balance available for int. on debenture bonds, amortization, depreciation and dividends \$4,954,370

Dividend Rate Increased from 7% to 8% Per Annum.

An extra dividend of 1% has been declared on the Common stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 1¼%, both payable March 15 to holders of record Feb. 15. See V. 112, p. 477, 379.

Southern California Telephone Co.—Bonds Offered.—Blyth, Witter & Co., San Francisco are offering at 75¼ and int. to yield 7.10% \$450,000 1st & ref. mtge. 5% sinking fund 30-year gold bonds of 1917 due May 1 1947. Guaranteed, principal and interest, by Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. by endorsement.

Company.—Organized May 1 1917 and acquired and consolidated the telephone systems of Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. and Home Telephone & Telegraph Co. Operates in Los Angeles, South Pasadena, Huntington Park, Vernon, and other communities adjacent, serving a population exceeding 700,000. Company is controlled by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., in turn controlled by American Telephone & Telegraph Co.

Provisions of Issue.—Authorized, \$12,000,000; outstanding, \$6,293,000; in sinking fund, \$398,000; reserved for Home Tel & Tel Co. issue, \$2,091,000; reserved for 75% of capital expenditures, \$3,218,000.—Compare V. 108, p. 486, 387.

Southern Pipe Line Co.—Annual Report—Smaller Div.—**Calendar Years**— 1920. 1919. 1918. 1917.
Profits for year \$1,315,181 \$1,685,995 \$2,069,038 \$2,534,565
Dividends paid (17%) \$1,699,999 (20) \$1,999,999 (21) \$2,199,999 (24) \$2,399,999

Bal., sur. or def. def. \$384,818 def. \$314,004 def. \$130,961 sur. \$134,566
Note.—Of the above dividends \$320,265 was from earnings prior to Mar. 1 1913.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.
Plant \$5,948,088	\$5,941,058	Capital stock \$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
Other investments 7,274,122	7,290,200	Deprec. reserve 1,818,571	1,646,875
Acc'ts & bills rec. 311,289	493,779	Acc'ts payable 181,041	73,957
Cash 361,984	276,485	Profit and loss 1,895,871	2,280,689
Total \$13,895,483	\$14,001,521	Total \$13,895,483	\$14,001,521

A dividend of \$3 per share has been declared on the capital stock, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 14. Quarterly dividends of \$4 per share has been paid from June 1920 to Dec. 1920 incl., compared with quarterly dividends of \$5 per share paid from Sept. 1918 to March 1920, incl.—V. 112, p. 68.

Southeastern Express Co.—Organized.—The "Railway Review" Jan. 22, says:

With the announcement of a new express company to take over the express business on the Southern Railway and Mobile & Ohio roads on March 1, its backers see a competitor to the American Railway Express which they hope will ultimately cover most of the South. All contracts with the American Railway Express Co. of other lines will expire two years from the coming March 1, and it is believed that by that time the new company will take over practically all the Southern lines, according to its backers. The stock is being widely distributed among shippers in the territory covered and the plan is to increase the capital later and distribute it in the same manner among shippers on other Southern lines pending the expiration of present contracts with other Southern carriers. The Southern declined to sign any contract with the American Railway Express and this permits it to act independently at this time.

The Southeastern Express Co. has been recently organized in Alabama to conduct an express business in the Southeast States. It will have a capital of \$1,000,000, controlled by Southern business men. The company will have headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., and will be managed by men who have spent their lives in the express service of the South. John B. Hockaday, formerly Vice-President & Gen. Mgr. of the old Southern Express Co., will become President, succeeding Capt. Charles A. Lyerly of Chattanooga.

The decision of the Southern and the Mobile & Ohio to contract with the Southeastern for the handling of express over their lines is stated by officer of the Southern to be based on the firm conviction that the South should have an express company of its own, engaged primarily in handling business originating or terminating in the South and operated for the specific purpose of affording the shipping interests of the South an express service in keeping with their needs and responsive to their wishes.

South West Pennsylvania Pipe Lines.—Report Dec. 31.—**Calendar Years**— 1920. 1919. 1918. 1917.
Profits for year \$356,149 \$250,312 \$295,723 \$338,535
Dividends (8%) \$279,999 (12) \$419,999 (12) \$419,999 (12) \$419,999

Bal., sur. or def. sur. \$76,150 def. \$169,687 def. \$124,276 def. \$81,464
Of the above dividends, \$2,681,681 was from earnings prior to March 1 1913.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.
Plant \$4,034,230	\$3,987,302	Capital stock \$3,500,000	\$3,500,000
Other investment 1,236,891	1,236,891	Deprec'n reserve 1,177,042	1,066,719
Accounts receivable 232,779	225,428	Acc'ts payable 124,203	152,949
Cash 84,278	34,597	Oil purchase and sale cont'g's 750,074	90,626
		Profit and loss 673,924	
Total \$5,588,178	\$5,484,218	Total \$5,588,178	\$5,484,218

—V. 112, p. 477.

Spanish River Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd.—New Financing.—The shareholders will vote Mar. 10 on authorizing the creation of \$20,000,000 General Mortgage bonds to be issued as the needs of the company warrant. An issue of \$3,000,000 is being made at once, the rate being 8% and the issue price in Canada 99 and int.—V. 111, p. 1479.

Springfield (Mass.) Breweries Co.—New Directors.—Raymond Flanagan, James R. Nicholson of Boston and Thomas J. Carmody of Holyoke, Mass., have been elected directors, succeeding Richard T. Bahar of Northampton, Mass., Christian Kallenbach and Thomas Flanagan, both of Springfield, Mass.—V. 111, p. 2145.

Spring Valley Water Co.—Municipal Ownership.

The San Francisco's Board of Supervisors has decided to hold a special election March 8 to submit to the electors a proposal to purchase the Spring Valley Water Co. and to authorize a bond issue of \$38,000,000 for the purpose.—V. 112, p. 266.

Standard Match Co. of N. Y.—No Dividend Declared.

The reported declaration of a dividend payable Mar. 15 is pronounced erroneous so far as this company is concerned, no dividends having been declared by it for some time.

Standard Oil Co. of N. J.—Cuts Bonus and Prices, &c.

The company on Feb. 2 announced a reduction of one cent a gallon in the price of gasoline.

The reduction in the price of gasoline will be made this month, when the product will be sold from tank wagons at 27½ cents a gallon. The first part of last month a cut of one cent a gallon was made from the prevailing price of 29½ cents a gallon. In addition, a decrease was made Feb. 2 in the price of kerosene. This cut, effective immediately, will make the cost of kerosene 17½ cents a gallon.

Simultaneously announcement was made concerning the discontinuance of 10% or one-half of the cost-of-living bonus put into effect some time ago by the company. The bonus cut, affecting the 12,000 employees at the Bayonne, Bay Way and Eagle plants, will ultimately be extended to affect the 8,000 other employees in various States.

The subscription price fixed for employees by the trustees for the stock purchase plan for 1921 is \$155 a share. The plan provides that employees can subscribe for stock up to 20% of their salary, and for every dollar so subscribed the company will pay in an additional 50 cents. Subscription price for the stock is to be established annually by 3 trustees, appointed by the directors and the plan provides that it is not to be more than 10% above or below the average market price of the stock in the preceding three months.—V. 112, p. 168.

Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Co.—Extra Div.

An extra dividend of 2% has been declared on the Common stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividends of 1¼%, both payable Feb. 10 to holders of record Feb. 4. In Aug and Nov. last, extras of 1% each were paid, together with the regular quarterly dividend of 1¼%. In May last a quarterly dividend of 1¼% was paid; in the previous four quarters payments of 2% were made; in Feb. 1920 an extra of 2% was also paid.—V. 112, p. 266, 68.

Stewart-Warner Speedometer Corp.—Earnings.

Cal. years:	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Net profits, before taxes	\$2,728,472	\$2,331,915	\$2,002,616	\$2,200,774

—V. 112, p. 477.

Tide Water Oil Co.—Bonds Sold.—J. P. Morgan & Co.,

First National Bank and National City Co. have sold at 98¾ and int. \$12,000,000 10-Year 6½% gold bonds. (See advertising pages.)

Dated Feb. 15 1921, due Feb. 15 1931. Int. payable F. & A. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c*). Red. all or in lots of \$500,000 or more on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 103¼ and int. on or before Feb. 15 1922, and thereafter at ¼% less for each half-year or part thereof elapsed, but not less than 100¼ and int. Free of normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%. First National Bank, N. Y., trustee.

Security.—Bonds are the sole funded debt of the company. The trust agreement provides among other things that no subsequent funded obligations can be issued which will have priority as to present assets over those bonds, nor can the total funded debt exceed 50% of net assets.

Earnings for Calendar Years (y Dec. 1920 Estimated).

	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	y1920.
Net sales	\$28,020,805	\$31,436,998	\$40,644,352	\$46,828,784	\$60,000,000
x Net inc.	\$11,022,708	\$10,936,632	\$9,551,647	\$11,204,881	\$14,500,000

x Income available for bond interest and Federal taxes. Consolidated net income of company and subsidiaries applicable to interest charges, before Federal taxes and after depreciation and depletion for 1920, was equivalent to more than 18½ times annual requirements on these bonds. The average net income for the last 5 years was over 14½ times such annual interest requirements.

Dividends.—Dividends have been continuously paid since 1889. During the past 15 years from 8% to 22% and dividends are now being paid at the rate of 16%.

Assets.—The net tangible assets, including subsidiaries, at Dec. 31 1920 amounted to over \$61,000,000, after deducting reserves of about \$17,600,000 for depreciation and depletion.

Company.—A New Jersey corporation constituting a complete and self contained unit in the petroleum industry, owning its own production, pipe lines, refineries and distribution facilities. Main plant at Bayonne, N. J., has a capacity of 22,000 bbls. per day and covers approximately 148 acres, and is equipped with docking facilities for ocean-going tankers. Through its subsidiaries, the Tide Water Pipe Line Co., Ltd., the company owns and operates an extensive pipe line system running from Story, Ill., to Bayonne, N. J.

See Mid-Co. Petroleum Co. above.—V. 111, p. 2333.

United Cigar Stores Co. of America.—Sales.

Month of January—	1921.	1920.	1919.
Sales	\$5,962,224	\$5,431,843	\$3,970,246

—V. 112, p. 380, 267.

United Gas & Electric Co. (Ind.).—Merger.

See Interstate Public Service Co. under "Railroads" above.—V. 106, p. 1692.

United Gas & Electric Corporation.—Earnings.

Summary Statement of Earnings for the 12 Months ended Dec. 31.

Excluding Subsidiary Companies showing a Deficit.

	1920.	1919.
Balance of subsidiary operating companies	\$2,050,045	\$1,850,961
Reserve for renewals & replacements	647,787	432,283
Proper'n of earn. applic. to stock of subsidiary		
Cos. owned by public	385,242	363,100
Balance	*\$1,017,016	\$1,055,578
Income from bond investments, &c., above	154,032	242,075
Total	\$1,171,048	\$1,297,653
Interest on U. Gas & Elec. Corp. bonds	558,000	558,000
Interest on U. G. & El. Corp. cert'fs of indebt	134,806	134,806
Amortization of debt discount	56,820	58,004

Balance, surplus \$421,422 \$546,843
Note.—In the above earnings statement no account is taken of profit from sale of securities, nor of the capital loss incurred in connection with the sale of International Traction Co. securities, foreshadowed in the last annual report. The above statement is also exclusive of earnings from oil operations.

* Balance after deducting deficits, \$912,068.
For sub. so. earnings, see "Earnings Dept." above.—V. 111, p. 1860.

Utah-Idaho Sugar Co.—New General Manager.

William H. Wattis, of Ogden, Utah, has been elected Gen. Mgr., succeeding Charles W. Nibley.—V. 112, p. 267.

West India Sugar Finance Corp.—New Financing.

The company, it is reported, is contemplating the issuance of \$1,400,000 5-year 8% gold notes (auth. \$2,450,000), to be secured by \$4,900,000 notes of the Atlantic Fruit Co. (see above), which, it is reported, it recently acquired. It is also reported that the company proposes to issue 15,000 shares of its common stock at \$200 a share to interests identified with the company.—V. 112, p. 59, 68.

Wickwire Spencer Steel Co.—Prof. Stock Inc.

The stockholders on Jan. 28 approved an increase in the Prof. stock from \$7,500,000 to \$10,000,000. The company has \$12,500,000 7% bonds, 80,000 shares of Class A 4% Common and 250,000 shares of Common stock. George F. Wright formerly Vice-Pres. and for the past year Sec. of the operating committee, has tendered his resignation. V. 112, p. 478.

For Other Investment News, see page 571.

Reports and Documents.

PENNSYLVANIA WATER & POWER COMPANY

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT, 1920.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION, DECEMBER 31, 1920.

ASSETS	
Plant, property and power development.....	\$17,685,183.5
Securities in other companies.....	3,177,196.0
Loose plant and stores.....	91,826.02
Prepaid charges.....	5,696.34
Accounts receivable.....	453,985.98
Bills receivable.....	8,000.00
Cash in hand and with agents.....	85,278.61
	\$21,507,166.59
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock.....	\$8,495,000.00
First mortgage 5% bonds.....	\$11,185,000.00
Less held in treasury.....	\$245,000.00
Less bonds redeemed by trustees or canceled for sinking fund investment.....	461,000.00
	706,000.00
Accounts payable.....	10,479,000.00
Bills payable.....	285,837.54
Sinking fund.....	50,000.00
Reserve for sinking fund.....	400,000.00
Depreciation reserve.....	25,000.00
Contingent account.....	669,037.77
Profit and loss account.....	1,101,739.55
	1,551.73
	\$21,507,166.59

Certified correct,
JAS. L. RINTOUL,
Treasurer.

Audited
SHARP, MILNE & COMPANY,
Chartered Accountants.
January 12, 1921.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

By income from all sources.....	\$1,867,869.79
To operating expenses.....	\$149,637.56
To general expense.....	81,406.92
To taxes.....	70,040.01
To special tax reserve.....	90,000.00
To maintenance.....	132,825.78
	523,910.27
By balance brought down.....	\$1,343,959.52
To interest on first mortgage bonds.....	523,550.00
	\$815,409.52
Net revenue.....	3,317.21
Balance from 1919.....	\$818,726.73
Total.....	\$818,726.73
Distributed as follows:	
Dividend 1½% for quarter ending March 31.....	\$127,425.00
Dividend 1½% for quarter ending June 30.....	127,425.00
Dividend 1¾% for quarter ending Sept. 30.....	148,662.50
Dividend 1¾% for quarter ending Dec. 31.....	148,662.50
To depreciation reserve.....	170,000.00
To contingent account.....	95,000.00
Profit and loss account.....	1,551.73
	\$818,726.73

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JAS. L. RINTOUL,
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January 12, 1921.

Report of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Water & Power Company for the Year 1920, Submitted to the Stockholders of the Company at the Annual Meeting Held on February 8 1921.

The Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Water & Power Company have pleasure in submitting to the stockholders a statement of the company for the fiscal year ending December 31 1920.

The total revenue for the year from all sources amounts to \$1,867,869.79 After making provision for interest charges, operation and maintenance, there remains a surplus of \$818,726.73 which has been disposed of as follows:

Dividend of 1½% for quarter ending March 31.....	\$127,425.00
Dividend of 1½% for quarter ending June 30.....	127,425.00
Dividend of 1¾% for quarter ending Sept. 30.....	148,662.50
Dividend of 1¾% for quarter ending Dec. 31.....	148,662.50
Transferred to Depreciation Reserve.....	170,000.00
Reserve for Contingent Account.....	95,000.00
Balance carried to Profit and Loss.....	1,551.73

A comparison of the gross income for 1920 with 1919 shows a gain of \$44,803.42; a like comparison of net revenue shows a gain of \$45,709.52.

Your company's reserve funds (exclusive of sinking fund) now total \$1,795,777.32. It has been found advisable to write-off depreciation on certain property of the company, from the profits, and thereby the advantage of a deduction allowed by the Government in connection with assessment of income tax, may be secured. This has made it necessary to revise the accounts, charging the contingent account and setting up a depreciation reserve.

Expenses of Operation.—It may be noted that notwithstanding the increase in the general cost of materials and labor for 1920 over 1919, the careful attention to details that has been given in the managing of your company is reflected in a comparison of its running expenses, which expenses for 1920 amounted to \$363,870.26 and for 1919 amounted to

\$371,618.68 (excluding in each case the variable item of taxes.)

New Power Contract.—During the later months of 1920 the contract with your largest customer expired and a new one was made, based on a substantially higher charge for power. The original contract was entered into at a time when coal delivered at the steam plant cost \$2.70 per long ton, since which time coal has increased in price several fold. The new rate was made at a price well under the cost of generating steam at the present market cost of coal and will be of very substantial benefit, not alone to your company, but also to your customer, and to the territory which this customer supplies with hydraulic and steam energy.

Opportunities for Extension.—Although the market for hydroelectric power has been for some time greatly in excess of the amount of energy obtainable from your development, yet it was thought wise to defer major additions to the equipment of your plant until such time as advantage could be taken of general lower construction costs. It is to be remembered that foundations are in place for two additional units, Nos. 9 and 10—the output of which units could be readily absorbed by your customers at the present time, but the construction of which units it is felt should await the arrival of lower price levels. There are other desirable construction improvements which have been studied and planned out in part, during the past few years, which will also serve to increase the output from your plant and which remain to be entered upon at some future date.

Development of Power Market.—It seems proper to point out the new and improved conditions now facing your company. It is approximately ten years since your company's plant was put into operation and commenced delivery of hydroelectric power. This interval has served to put the company's operations on a substantial basis and has effectively convinced your customers of the quality of hydroelectric service, so that in renewing contracts your company is no longer in the position of having to make concessions in power supply conditions and rates as inducements to secure otherwise hesitant customers. The effect of this factor alone upon your company's future might be expected to be very material, even without the consideration of the effect of enhanced price of coal upon power values. But, in addition, along with the fuller appreciation of the benefits of hydroelectric service, there has come a certain competition among your customers for the available hydroelectric supply, since the demand is now considerably in excess of such supply, and a large proportion of the load in the territory served by your company must hereafter be generated by your customers by steam.

In view of its materially improved status, your company desiring to share its approaching prosperity with its customers and feeling itself responsible in part for the industrial development of the territories into which it has introduced hydroelectric power has determined upon preserving to those territories, their favorable power situation in competition with other neighboring cities not enjoying such hydroelectric service, and your company feels that by making such favorable power rates, as it is now in position to grant, it is not only benefiting the public utilities which it supplies, and their customers and the territory thus served, but by this policy it expects incidentally also to stabilize its own income and establish itself firmly as a necessity to the communities it serves, to a degree, perhaps, unusual in such projects.

Your company believes that its economic position is in addition rendered particularly favorable in that it has not been expending heavy sums for construction at the high costs obtaining during the war period. It may be noted that during the last five years, i.e., from 1915 to date, the fixed charges have increased only from \$514,278.14 to \$528,550.00; i.e., less than 3%, so that your company does not have new construction purchased at high war prices and involving high interest rates, to take care of out of its earnings.

It is especially to be noted that notwithstanding hydro energy was being sold hitherto upon the basis of contracts made at coal prices of former years, and despite the increase in cost of materials and labor entering into the running expenses of your plant, yet the growth of your company's gross income and net revenue has been a steady one. This is, in a measure, due to your company's policy of conservative and adequate planning of its extensions to plant, coupled with the careful and continuous study by a highly trained permanent force, of the engineering and financial details, as these latter apply in particular to hydroelectric operation, looking towards increasingly higher efficiency of mechanical operation of the plant and the obtaining of best results from its staff of employees.

The electric load in your territory being so much in excess of the available capacity of the hydroelectric plant, and the ferro-alloy market being dull, it has been found desirable during 1920 to dispose, temporarily, to your company's other customers, under advantageous conditions, of the greater portion of the energy hitherto used in your company's furnace plant. This plant, though originally built to furnish a market for such hydro energy (in excess of the off-peak loads of your customers) as might be available during periods of large river flow, subsequently proved of important use in manufacturing a ferro-alloy needed in large quantities during the war.

Maintenance.—In line with its past practice your company continues to employ generous sums in maintenance, thereby keeping its equipment up to the high standard of condition set in previous years and maintained even during the difficult war period conditions.

River Coal.—The Susquehanna River, flowing as it does through the anthracite coal regions of Pennsylvania, carries down stream quantities of more or less finely divided coal, which in the past it has been the custom to dredge with small equipments at various points along the river, below the coal fields. The shortages in the supply of bituminous coal during recent years have promoted the development of methods of using this anthracite river coal under boilers for steam generation, and this new demand, coupled with an increased demand for anthracite coal for domestic purposes, has led to a greater activity in the recovery of such coal from the river bed. The great reservoir formed by your company's dam is apparently acting as an efficient settling basin for the depositing of this water borne coal and its separation from the lighter silt which is carried off further down the stream. Though no accurate survey is as yet possible, it would appear that there are, perhaps, millions of tons of such coal deposited in this reservoir and your company has made arrangements with a dredging concern looking towards the commercial recovery of river coal. Your company feels it desirable to conduct such operations slowly and in a conservative fashion until such time as the recovery has been demonstrated to be commercially important, so that it may at that time arrange for the recovery upon a scale commensurate with the amounts of river coal brought down and deposited. It is expected that, perhaps, for a few years this recovery will be rather in the experimental stage.

I wish to express the appreciation of the management for the loyalty, energy and efficiency of the employees of the company and its officers and for the spirit of co-operation in the company's interests which have resulted so favorable to the stockholders.

CHAS. E. F. CLARKE, *President.*

Willys Corp.—Protective Committee for 1st Preferred.—

In view of the stoppage of the payments in cash of the dividend on the 1st Pref. stock and the formation of a creditors' committee, the following committee has been formed to protect the interest of the 1st Pref. stockholders: Howard Bayne, Chairman; U. N. Bethell, Stedman Butterick, Thomas B. Gannett, Robert E. Hunter, Leclanche Moen, Robert L. Montgomery, with Joseph P. Cotton, 120 Broadway, counsel, and Willard C. Mason, 60 Broadway, N. Y. City, Secretary.

The Columbia Trust Co., N. Y., has been appointed depository and First National Bank, Boston, Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, and Girard Trust Co., Philadelphia, sub-depositaries.—V. 111, p. 2237.

Wilson & Co.—Not to Take Over Globe Soap.—

The failure to obtain unanimous consent of the stockholders of the Globe Soap Co. to transfer the company to Wilson & Co. has resulted in the withdrawal of the offer of the latter to take over control of the company.—V. 112, p. 271.

CURRENT NOTICES

—In addition to their already existing private wire connections in Montreal and Toronto, Miller & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, have established communications with the Municipal Debenture Corporation, in Montreal and Quebec, to enable them to offer better services on all Canadian securities.

—Paul H. Davis & Co., Chicago, announce the withdrawal of Edward J. White from the partnership. The business of the firm will be continued by the remaining partners, Messrs. Paul H. Davis, Arthur W. Wakely, I. C. Elston Jr., special, and George W. Hall, special.

—In a pamphlet prepared for distribution, the investment banking house of A. Iselin & Co., New York City, are calling attention to a list of high-grade railroad and industrial bonds which they feel at the present prices are particularly attractive investments.

—Due to the large margin of earnings over all interest requirements, Salomon Bros. & Hutzler are recommending Southern Pacific Co. Convertible Gold 4s to yield about 7.35%.

—Edward D. Jones has severed his connection with the Gundling-Jones Company of Cleveland and has become associated with Blair & Co. as Manager of their St. Louis office.

—Eldredge & Co., 7 Wall St., New York, have opened an office in the new Bankers' Building, Boston, under the management of Robert W. Hawkins.

—Rollins, Kalbfleisch & Co., members of New York Stock Exchange, announce the removal of their offices from 66 Broadway to 52 Broadway.

—Walter S. Grubbs, formerly a member of White, Grubbs & Co., of St. Paul, has become associated with the firm of Gorrell & Co., Chicago.

—George S. Jones, formerly of Merrill, Lynch & Co., has become associated with Rutter & Co., and will specialize in Canadian securities.

—Stanley Adams is now associated with the firm of John Nuveen & Co., municipal bonds, 38 South Dearborn St., Chicago.

—J. K. Rice & Co., 36 Wall St., N. Y. City, have issued a circular regarding E. W. Bliss Co.'s past and future.

—Watkins & Company have prepared a descriptive circular on Arkansas Light and Power Company.

—Noah MacDowell Jr. has joined the Bond Department of Hallgarten & Co.

The Commercial Times.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

New York, Friday Night, Feb. 4 1921.

The gist of the business news is that a gradual improvement in trade is spreading over the country. Buyers are wary. They are still evidently afraid of being caught with liberal stocks on a falling market. Therefore, they are buying for the most part in small lots. Their evident aim is to supply present wants and watch the situation sharply for a time before greatly increasing their purchases. The clothing trades still show the most improvement. Jobbers and retailers have increased their buying somewhat. But unemployment and low prices for farm products, as well as high prices at retail undoubtedly hit the retail business of the country hard. The buying power of the farmer is restricted by the big decline in grain, cotton and other commodities. In agricultural sections this is very plainly seen. In the great manufacturing sections unemployment or lower wages also hit retail sales with telling effect. Many mills and factories are running on short time, which is tantamount to a reduction in wages, while in many cases wages have been reduced outright. Some millions of workers are idle throughout the country.

The bane of the times is the fact that the equilibrium in business has not been restored. Some things have declined sharply; others have not. It is regrettable that production does not increase; short time, dulness of trade and current prices tend to prevent that. The abnormal difference between wholesale and retail prices has a numbing effect on general business in this country; there can be no doubt of that. The readjustment of prices has not gone far enough to start up the wheels of industry in earnest. Producers of raw materials are getting low prices and they find finished goods held at prices beyond their reach. This reacts, of course, upon the mills and factories. A sharp cutting down of retail prices, as has been said for the hundredth time, is one of the things needed to rejuvenate trade in the United States. That would help greatly to break up the deadlock. For the consumers' strike is still on. That fact may as well be recognized. The strike is partly involuntary, however, from sheer inability on the part of the people to pay the high prices demanded by retail distributors, who are, of course, the only dealers with whom the great mass of the population come in contact.

Meanwhile mills and factories undoubtedly have to contend with the high price of fuel, increased freight charges, and the fact that though wages have been reduced more or less they are still far higher than in the pre-war period—that is to say more than 100% greater. Taxes, too, are still high; also machinery and supplies of all kinds. In some way it is evident costs of production must be reduced, output increased, prices lowered, and the cost of living made bearable. It is manifest, too, that the price of labor and also commodities, especially at retail, must be considerably reduced in order to set the ball rolling all over the country, both in the industrial sections and in the great farming States.

Meanwhile iron prices have declined somewhat and steel is dull and apparently more or less depressed. The sales of coal and lumber have been small. Prices for grain, cotton and livestock are for the most part lower. An especially regrettable feature is the continued dulness of iron and steel. Also a decline in the stock market coincident with a rise in call money to 8 and 9% certainly has not tended to hearten the commercial community of this country. Collections are perhaps a little better, but that is all. In not a few sections they are slow. And failures, although they are again smaller than in the previous week, are the largest for some years past, namely 313, against 429 last week, 100 this week last year, 114 in 1919, 233 in 1918, and 301 in 1917. In Detroit only 22% it seems of the working population is employed. The rubber trade is dull. The jewelry business is dull at the chief centres. Tobacco is still selling at low prices with large receipts at Western markets. Bituminous coal has declined to a relatively low level, with the mild weather hurting trade; also the dulness of manufactures. Mild weather checks the sale of heavyweight goods. The winter has certainly been the mildest for many years past. There was some snow early in the week here, but the fall was light and latterly it has been warmer. The winter contrasts strangely with the exceptional severity of the last one. The leather trade is somewhat livelier, with larger sales of shoes. But hides are quiet. Reports about the winter wheat crop are fairly favorable, but one trouble is the lack of snow and the fact that thawing and freezing have alternated with possibly detrimental results. On the Pacific Coast, however, winter crops have been helped by bountiful rains. In the mountain ranges snows have assisted irrigation interests and hydro-electric power plants. The week's food price average is put at the lowest for over four years past. The country faces the future in a hopeful frame of mind, but is not taking big chances. The trading is all on a conservative scale, in sharp contrast with the more or less reckless methods of a few years ago.

A number of cotton mills in New Bedford have started up machinery after having been idle for weeks. Near Co-

lumbus, Ga., two large cotton mills have resumed full time after two months of half-time work. A big lumber mill at Pine Bluff, Ark., has resumed work after having been closed down for a long period. Bricklayers of Hannibal, Mo., have voluntarily accepted a wage cut from \$1.25 to \$1 per hour. The Blue Buckle Mills at Rockhill, S. C., will on Feb. 14 resume operations, working day and night shifts, after having been closed since the middle of December. The Sinclair Oil & Gas Co., at Tulsa, Okla., has cut wages approximately 15%. The Pennsylvania Railroad's foundries in two departments at Altoona, Pa., have returned to the piece-work system at the request of the employees. About 15,000 men resumed work at the Ford Motor Co.'s Highland Park plant on January 31. The Federal Reserve Board says that about 100,000 textile mill workers in New England had their wages cut 22½% on the average, during January. The Reed & Prince Manufacturing Co. of Worcester, Mass., manufacturers of screw machine productions, has cut wages 10 to 20%. Several big rubber mills at Woonsocket, R. I., have reduced wages.

Hat manufacturers in England have reduced prices an additional 15 to 20% and announce that these prices will hold until the end of next October. The repair shops of the New York, Ontario & Western RR., at Middletown, N. Y., have been closed. In Detroit, Mich., 160,000 men are idle and 35,000 are working half-time. The net gain in employment during the past week, however, was about 8,000. The Louisville & Nashville RR. shops at Louisville, Ky., has reduced by 10% the number of men employed in the mechanical department.

The First National Bank at Streeter, N. D., has closed its doors. This is said to be temporary. The First National Bank of Montezuma, Ga., has closed its doors for liquidation purposes. An audit of the books of the Jobbers' Overall Co., Inc., Lynchburg, Va., by certified public accountants, retained by the recently appointed committee of bank and merchandise creditors, shows, it is said, a deficit of \$2,389,424. John S. Sheppard, Jr., has been appointed receiver for the Chester Cloths, Inc., 79 Fifth Avenue, New York City, which operates a chain of retail stores in five cities. Liabilities are estimated at from \$350,000 to \$400,000, and assets reported at about \$150,000.

Before the legislative Committee on Labor and Industries in Massachusetts, charges were made on Feb. 2 that organized labor is trying to effect a curtailment of production, especially in the building trades. Robert Brindell has been convicted here of extortion and will be sentenced on Tuesday next.

The Cuban moratorium ended on Feb. 1 and a more hopeful tone is reported in some financial quarters at Havana. Bankers and merchants claim that fully 90% of Cuban firms are solvent. Sugar, however, has continued to decline. The Standard Oil Co. is to stop the 10% wage bonus. Because the West Virginia & Northern Railroad announced a reduction in wages, the road has had to suspend operations; too few accepted it.

LARD lower; prime Western, 13.45@13.55c.; refined to the Continent, 15¼c. South American, 15½c.; Brazil, in kegs, 16½c. Futures have declined on lower grain and hogs, together with considerable liquidation. Not only longs, but packers have been selling. To make matters worse about the only buying has been by shorts. And the monthly statement of stocks in Chicago showed an increase in lard during January of 12,102,000 pounds. The total is 33,478,000 pounds of all kinds. It is about 10,000,000 pounds less than that of a year ago, but the increase during January is the thing on which attention was riveted. It is true that some are looking for larger exports of both lard and meats. It remains to be seen whether such expectations will be realized. Of cut meats the stock in Chicago on Feb. 1 was 103,785,000 pounds, an increase during January of 15,711,000 pounds. To-day prices declined and they are lower than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
January delivery	cts. 12.87	12.62				
May delivery	13.50	13.25	13.10	13.22	13.20	13.05

PORK higher; mess, \$31 50@\$32 50; family, \$40@\$42; short clear, \$33@\$36. May closed at \$22 25c., a decline for the week of 85c. Beef quiet; mess, \$16@\$18; packet, \$19@\$21; family, \$27@\$29; extra India mess, \$45@\$48; No. 1 canned roast beef, \$3 15; No. 2, \$8. Cut meats dull; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 20½@21c.; pickled bellies, 10 to 12 lbs., 16 to 19c. Butter, creamery extras, 48½@49c. Cheese, flats, 15 to 29c. Eggs, fresh gathered extras, 59c.

COFFEE on the spot quiet and lower; No. 7 Rio 6½@6¾c.; No. 4 Santos 9½@10¼c.; fair to good Cicutá 11¾@12¼c. Futures declined with Brazilian prices lower. And leading trade interests here have sold. There is more or less buying on a scale down however. Receipts at Rio have increased but at Santos and two other points have fallen off. There has been some decrease in the receipts at Santos. Some think coffee is ripe for an advance if the news should turn really bullish, i. e. a sharp decrease in receipts or the floating of one or the other of the proposed loans. One estimate of the 1920-21 crop of Rio and Santos is 11,000,000 bags, but on a few here think it will be 11,500,000 bags. Receipts are still large. Today prices declined and are lower than last week.

Spot (unofficial) cts. 6¼-¾	May	cts. 6.83@6.85	Sept	cts. 7.65@7.67	
March	6.40@6.42	July	7.21@7.27	December	8.00@8.01

SUGAR lower; centrifugal, 96-degrees test, Cuban and Porto Rican, 4.51c. Refined, granulated, lower at 6.85c. Futures declined with spot raws. Refined prices broke badly. Harvesting in Cuba is in full swing and the market is poor. Receipts at Cuban ports ran up last week to 102,152 tons, or within 14,500 tons of the total in the same week last year, when 183 centrals were grinding. That is some 30 more than are now at work. It looks as though the sugar were being hurried to market. Later Detroit wired that beet sugar was 6.90c. in all territory. On the 3d inst. 10,000 bags of Cuban raws sold for shipment first half of February at 3½c., cost and freight. Old and new crop Cuba sold on the 3d inst. for first half of February shipment at 3½c., cost and freight. Barbadoes centrifugal ex-store at 3¼c. in bond and San Domingo afloat at 3¼c., c.i.f. Some 100,000 to 125,000 tons of Cuban raw have been sold to the Royal Commission for March-April shipment at 4c., f.o.b. That injected a little more firmness into the market. To-day prices advanced and they are higher for the week.

Spot (unofficial) cts. 3¾	March	cts. 4.12@4.14	July	cts. 4.54@4.55	
February	3.98@4.04	May	4.34@4.35	September	4.70@4.73

OILS.—Linseed quiet and lower; February-April earloads 70@72c.; less than earloads 75@77c.; five barrels or less 78@80c. About the only bright feature in the situation is the nearness of the spring painting season. Coconut, Ceylon, barrels 12@12½c. Cochin barrels 13c. Olive \$2. Cod, domestic, 60@62c. Newfoundland, 65@68c. Soya bean, edible spot, 11c. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, 8,900 barrels March closing at 7.93 to 7.95c., May at 8.45 to 8.48c., and July at 8.75 to 8.77c., spot 7.50c. Spirits of turpentine 65@69c. Common to good strained rosin \$8 50.

PETROLEUM lower; refined in bbls. 23.50@24.50c.; bulk 12.50@13.50c.; cases 25.50@26.50c. Gasoline steady at 31c. for steel bbls. to garages. Motor gasoline, U. S. Navy specifications 23c.; Naptha, 63 to 66 deg. 27.50c.; 66 to 68 deg. 28.50c.

Pennsylvania	\$5 00	Indiana	\$3 13	Strawn	\$2 50
Corning	3 00	Princeton	3 27	Thrall	2 50
Cabell	3 71	Illinois	3 27	Healdton	1 25
Somerset, 32 deg.		Plymouth	2 73	Moran	2 50
and above	3 74	Kansas & Okla.		Henrietta	2 50
Ragland	1 75	homa	2 50	Caddo, La., light	3 25
Wooster	3 55	Corsicana, light	3 00	Caddo, crude	1 25
Lima	3 48	Corsicana, heavy	1 00	De Soto	3 00
		Electra	2 50		

RUBBER dull and lower. Smoked ribbed sheets, 17¾c.; February, 17c.; March, 17½c.; April-June, 20½c., and July-December, 24c. In the opinion of Samuel P. Colt, Chairman of the United States Rubber Co., there are signs of improvement in trade, although the outlook now presenting itself is not what it was a year ago. Para quiet and unchanged at 18c. for up-river fine. Centrals dull at 13@14c. for Corinto.

OCEAN FREIGHTS have remained dull and depressed. Many it seems are saving large sums by sending goods to Great Britain via the Continent. The freight rate from New York to the United Kingdom are fixed by the Eastward Freight Conference at New York at \$1 per hundred pounds on many commodities. From New York to French channel ports rates for the same commodities vary from 20 to 50 cents per hundred pounds. The rate from New York to Dutch ports is 30 cents. Rate cutting in the Pacific is reported. Tokio mail advices it is said that charterers may withdraw 800,000 tons of shipping from Atlantic and European waters because of lack of business.

Charters included 32,000 quarters of grain from a Gulf port to United Kingdom 8s. Feb. 15; 165,000 cases refined petroleum from New York to China 27½c. prompt; coal from Atlantic range to Scandinavian port \$6 50 February; to Rosario \$6 50; coal from Charleston or Jacksonville to two ports in Chile \$5 75 February; 1,100 standards of timber from a Gulf port to Bristol Channel 240s. April; 30,000 quarters heavy grain from Northern range to Greece 8s. 6d. per quarter one port of discharge, 8s. 9d. two ports, February. 32,000 quarters grain from Atlantic range to Greece 8s. 6d.; coal from Atlantic range to West Italy \$5 90 prompt; nitrate soda from Chile to United States \$5 with options, February; linseed from Buenos Aires to New York \$3 50 option San Lorenzo \$4 50 prompt.

TOBACCO has recently been in somewhat better demand. There has not been much increase in actual business; far from it. And it does not look to most people as though the trade would increase very much in the near future. Manufacturers continue to play a waiting game. Some holders profess greater confidence in the immediate outlook. Others seem rather dubious. As a matter of fact there is room for big improvement in the sales of tobacco. Prices are called nominal; certainly not conspicuously steady, still less firm. They are very low at the South. Some buyers think the tendency is obviously downward. Later, however, it is felt things may brighten. The Census Bureau report shows 1,446,914,469 pounds of leaf tobacco held Jan. 1 1921 by manufacturers and dealers, against 1,318,131,291 in 1920. 1,271,524,630 on Oct. 1 1920 and 1,452,962,024 on July 1 1920. The quantity of unstemmed on Jan. 1 was 1,255,083,040 pounds and of stemmed 191,831,429 pounds.

COPPER quiet and unchanged at 12¾@13c. for electrolytic. On the 1st inst., there was a report that negotiations were pending with regard to the financing through American bankers of the copper surplus for export. Whether anything will be done in this connection remains to be seen. And there was a rumor that 400,000,000 lbs. of copper are to be sold to Germany, and that the question of financing it has been taken up by a syndicate of German bankers. But many prominent members of the trade refuse to give credence to the rumor, while others emphatically deny the truthfulness.

ness of it. There was a considerable increase in bookings during Jan. as compared with December by wire companies. And January sales by producers increased decidedly as compared with the previous month. But taken as a whole, it is believed that the wire-drawing plants of the country are not working at more than half of their capacity. The departments making lead-encased cables are said to be the busiest. Tin declined in sympathy with a lower London market. Trade is quite. Spot is quoted at 33½@34c. Lead quiet; spot 4.90@5c. Zinc dull and lower at 5c. for spot St. Louis.

PIG IRON has been dull and to all appearances more or less depressed. Birmingham reports business at \$28 with the Pacific Coast, although \$30 is the nominal quotation. The iron output is being reduced in some sections sharply. The number of furnaces blown out during the past three months is put at 106. The January iron output is stated at 2,421,293 tons or 287,975 tons less than in December. On Feb. 1 the number of active furnaces was stated at 184, the smallest for a year and a half.

STEEL has been dull and prices suffer more or less, it is intimated, from keen competition. Export trade is very dull. Producers complain of lack of trade and consumers are hampered in the same way. As the case stands, production evidently outruns consumption. The American Steel & Sheet Plate Co. has cut wages of hot mill workers 10%. The wage question is, of course, a ticklish one. In the Lake Superior iron ore region independent operators put into effect on Feb. 1 the general wage cut previously announced of 15%. Steel prices are to a certain extent nominal in a quiet waiting market, and with foreign business smaller than ever.

WOOL has been in less demand in this country but still fairly active. And prices have been reported firm on the more desirable grades. Other grades may be irregular for a time. All is not plain sailing in the American wool business as yet. Americans continue to buy wool on a big scale in the Melbourne wool market. Lathrop & Bennett of Boston are particularly mentioned as large buyers. Bradford, England, cabled that America is buying practically all wools offered of 50s. quality and above, and these purchases are the chief course of business.

At the Wellington, New Zealand, wool sale on Jan. 31 15,500 bales were offered and 7,700 sold. Superior was in good demand from America; other descriptions sold less readily. Superior half-bred ruled from 12 to 14d., cross-breds 46s. to 48s. were 8½d. to 11¼d.; 44-46s, 6d. to 8d.; 36-40s, 4d. to 5½d. At Sydney on Jan. 31 3,900 bales were offered and 2,900 sold. Merinos were in good demand from America and Japan. Continent bought fairly. Yorkshire bought little. Superfine merinos unchanged; medium 10% higher. Inferiors dull. Good pieces sometimes 10 to 15% higher. Crossbreds neglected. Boston wired: At Sydney where the selection was not especially good, prices, except the best warp wools, advanced 10%. Best superstrong at around \$1 10 clean landed basis. Good 64@70s. combing wools were quotable at 96d., taking exchange at \$3 84, according to one advice, while another advice quotes 70s. super fleeces, half warp wools at 95c. clean landed basis; 64s average spinners fleeces warp and wet wools fairly long but slightly faulty at 65c. and 64c. good pieces and bellies suitable for average top-making purposes at 53c., the latter quotations being on the basis of \$3 86 for exchange. Prices at the Cape are firm. A brisk demand is reported from Montevideo and Buenos Aires at firm prices. Good combing Lincolns obtainable at about 12½c., 4s at 16½c. and 3s at 19 to 20c. according to grade, cost-and-freight. Average shrinkage 60s, 58s and 56s obtainable from Montevideo, respectively, at 31, 28 and 26 cents. London cabled Feb. 1: Bradford says American buying advanced merino tops; 4s. 6d. paid this week for 64s. Every mill in the West Riding of Yorkshire is running on short time except a few on Russian khaki against sterling payment made in Stockholm.

Washington wired: "A cable from the American Agricultural Trade Commissioner at London says the British Government has accepted the scheme for the disposition of Australian wool. This decision closes what is probably the largest wool transaction ever known. The growers assume responsibility for marketing the entire surplus of Australia wool carried over from previous seasons, and now held by the British Government, amounting to 1,800,000 bales of 350 lbs. each. The arrangement will put an end to the situation which has arisen by reason of the competition between the growers in Australia and the British Government. Australians will largely get control of the wool business by acceptance of the proposal, and much of the London business will be transferred to Australia."

A Boston despatch says that buyers who have inspected the wools to be offered there by the Government on the 3rd instant. regret and resent the order of the Secretary of War canceling the sale. They think the action of the War Department was dictated by the wool growers. Others think that the Government intends to export the wool to foreign markets. On the 2nd instant, at Melbourne 5,500 bales were offered and 90% sold, largely to eager American buyers at prices slightly below those of December. At Perth, West Australia, 3,300 bales were sold with a good demand and prices unchanged to 5% higher for greasy superior merino and 5 to 10% higher on greasy good and medium merino.

Bradford, England, on Feb. 3 reported that some wool combers are putting their machinery on full time and that a few have even commenced running nights, owing to American pressure for quick shipments. Sixty-four tops are quoted at 4s. 8d., 56s at 3s. 2d. and 40s prepared at 17½d. It is reported that a wool firm is in difficulties.

COTTON

Friday Night, Feb. 4 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 149,437 bales, against 141,858 bales last week and 124,041 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1920 4,100,172 bales, against 4,824,870 bales for the same period of 1919-20 showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1920 of 724,698 bales.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	11,463	12,041	22,502	4,087	8,968	9,439	68,500
Texas City						758	758
Houston						13,960	13,960
Port Arthur, &c.						3,367	3,367
New Orleans	6,273	10,605	1,741	9,163	2,777	4,458	35,017
Mobile	534	1,463	414	77	17	212	2,717
Pensacola							
Jacksonville	2,000						2,000
Savannah	1,125	1,112	2,161	1,439	1,233	1,072	8,142
Brunswick							100
Charleston	514	128	365	497	109	945	2,558
Wilmington	53	149	14	15	189	173	593
Norfolk	1,288	1,119	993	233	882	734	5,249
N'port News, &c.						48	48
New York		1,974	1,501	160			3,635
Boston			117	160	57		400
Baltimore		1,364					937
Philadelphia			60				32
Totals this week	23,250	29,955	29,868	15,831	14,232	36,301	149,437

The following shows week's total receipts, total since Aug. 1 1920 and stocks to-night, compared with the last year:

Receipts to February 4.	1920-21.		1919-20.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1920.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1919.	1921.	1920.
Galveston	68,500	1,971,815	71,969	1,588,163	328,941	338,730
Texas City	758	16,990	9,813	246,875	4,043	86,128
Houston	13,960	281,173		57,852		
Port Arthur, &c.	3,367	39,471	248	21,723		
New Orleans	35,017	939,535	39,006	835,223	425,518	401,858
Mobile	2,717	64,731	5,049	221,358	22,684	20,467
Pensacola				15,795		
Jacksonville	2,000	3,131	692	11,824	1,362	5,845
Savannah	8,142	419,628	30,603	985,281	143,537	254,373
Brunswick	100	8,985	4,000	127,300	2,194	5,700
Charleston	2,558	49,726	3,056	207,738	245,470	61,180
Wilmington	593	55,877	1,040	115,739	39,204	57,594
Norfolk	5,249	173,020	8,006	262,279	75,565	92,619
N'port News, &c.	48	1,270	302	3,599		
New York	3,635	22,380	638	14,578	103,052	59,710
Boston	400	18,875	3,440	18,060	11,714	5,515
Baltimore	2,301	28,962	875	75,165	4,175	4,800
Philadelphia	92	4,603	1,118	16,318	4,835	9,721
Totals	149,437	4,100,172	179,885	4,824,870	1,412,294	1,404,240

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.	19 9.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Galveston	68,500	71,969	39,618	26,500	48,234	57,302
Texas City, &c.	18,085	10,091	5,550	3,226	15,659	3,728
New Orleans	35,017	39,006	34,670	45,464	16,359	26,824
Mobile	2,717	5,049	2,110	3,270	1,873	1,614
Savannah	8,142	30,603	13,827	14,991	3,021	21,778
Brunswick	100	4,000		1,500	1,000	1,000
Charleston	2,558	3,056	2,281	2,345	348	1,795
Wilmington	593	1,040	1,243	392	269	878
Norfolk	5,249	8,006	7,455	4,931	6,463	14,933
N'port N., &c.	48	302		264		6,218
All others	8,428	6,763	817	11,021	5,173	11,028
Total this wk.	149,437	179,885	107,571	113,914	98,383	147,098
Since Aug. 1	4,100,172	4,824,870	3,453,021	4,200,482	5,310,746	4,989,536

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 200,552 bales, of which 63,581 were to Great Britain, 13,397 to France and 123,514 to other destinations. Exports for the week and since Aug. 1 1920 are as follows:

Exports from—	Week ending Feb. 4 1921. Exported to—				From Aug. 1 1920 to Feb. 4 1921. Exported to—			
	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	26,377	6,752	70,098	103,227	568,069	232,341	770,975	1,571,385
Houston	13,960			13,960	141,219	44,111	95,843	281,173
Texas City					8,950	2,709	6,573	18,262
Port Arthur					650			650
San Antonio							25,658	25,658
El Paso							586	586
Pt. Nogales							1,350	1,350
New Orleans	18,031	244	31,202	49,477	212,724	56,047	325,803	594,574
Mobile			1,975	1,975	15,797	6,650	5,768	28,215
Jacksonville	1,999			1,999	2,700		110	2,810
Savannah	2,814	6,401	7,352	16,567	102,393	41,607	118,169	262,169
Brunswick	400			400	7,828			7,828
Charleston					7,499		4,000	11,499
Wilmington							46,600	46,600
Norfolk							15,775	51,202
New York			1,336	1,336	7,004	7,466	36,309	50,779
Boston					2,747	119	5,301	8,167
Baltimore					349	1,246	2,898	4,493
Philadelphia							659	659
Los Angeles					2,697			2,697
San Fran							33,532	33,532
Seattle			3,005	3,005			32,605	32,605
Tacoma			8,606	8,606			24,710	24,710
Portl'd, Ore.							1,000	1,000
Total	63,581	13,397	123,514	200,552	1,116,083	392,296	1,554,224	3,062,603
Tot. '19-'20	94,243	36,905	42,495	173,643	2,097,394	393,205	1,423,602	3,914,201
Tot. '18-'19	28,050	35,575	21,987	85,612	1,290,511	412,699	915,877	2,619,087

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.

Feb. 4 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—						Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Cont'l.	Coast-wise.	Total.	
Galveston	10,702	2,147	6,000	10,236	1,000	30,085	298,856
New Orleans	1,867	1,183	5,252	25,379	5,705	39,386	386,132
Savannah					500	500	143,037
Charleston					1,000	1,000	244,470
Mobile	3,506			10,450		13,956	8,728
Norfolk					200	200	75,365
New York*	400	300	400	200		1,300	101,752
Other ports*	3,000		5,000			8,000	59,527
Total 1921	19,475	3,630	16,652	46,265	8,405	94,427	1,317,867
Total 1920	139,740	19,273	14,861	96,682	16,910	287,466	1,116,774
Total 1919	51,546	33,237		32,528	2,850	120,161	1,258,707

* Estimated. a 9,875 for Japan and China.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been fairly active of late, after a quiet period, and prices have broken heavily, partly owing to big stocks at the South and partly because of the decline in stocks and commodities. Some stress, moreover, has been laid on the possibility of a hitch in the settlement of the German indemnity. The Bureau of Markets says that the available supply of all kinds of cotton throughout the world for 1920-21 amounts approximately to 25,624,000 bales, while the world's consumption for the same period is estimated at 13,166,250 bales, or 25% less than last year's figure of 17,555,000 bales. These figures have made in not a few quarters a profound impression, especially as trade has been dull in actual cotton. Moreover stocks have not only been declining, but foreign exchange has wavered and money on call has risen to 9%. Manchester reported business very dull. Print cloths here and also some other cotton fabrics have been dull and more or less depressed. In Liverpool cotton has been steadily declining. Middling cotton in northern Texas has latterly, it is said, been sold at as low as 11 1/4c. Some Dallas, Texas, reports have stated that within three weeks the basis has risen \$10 a bale. Other reports late in the week stated that the basis in the Southwest was weakening. Reports that New Orleans was doing a good spot business were contradicted. The sales officially reported daily there and throughout most of the South have been small. And some fear that the Eastern belt before long will begin to sell more freely, with a new season approaching. Another matter that has escaped general attention is the report that a considerable number of small banks in the Eastern belt, notably in Georgia, have recently closed their doors. Such at least is declared to have been the case. It suggests that the banks have been hit by the decline in cotton, as numerous banks were recently in North Dakota by the decline in grain and latterly in some cases in Washington State. There is an impression that east of the Mississippi River a good deal of cotton has been held back on a falling market. Latterly, too, the decline in wheat has affected cotton to a greater or less extent; also the fall in sugar and coffee, sugar being down to a new "low." A decline in silver in the fore part of the week had more or less effect; it certainly did not help matters for Lancashire, already hard hit by the falling off in its Far Eastern trade, through the decreased value of the Oriental buying medium.

Latterly, too, American retailers have seemed to be well enough supplied with cotton goods for the present. Meanwhile the stock of cotton at New York is steadily rising. It has been many years since the certificated stock here has reached the present total of 78,651 bales. The total stock in New York at one time was 103,396 bales against 50,818 at the same time last year. It all tends to make New York more of a natural or commercial cotton market. And that, of course, is just so much to the good. At the same time it has a more or less depressing effect on prices, especially as it is intimated that further shipments are on the way to New York, partly, it is declared, with a view of delivering on contracts from March onward. It is said that there is an idea of tendering some of this cotton as far ahead as October. Some 88,000 bales were delivered here on March contracts, and it does not appear that any of it has thus far been shipped out or otherwise disposed of. The notion of most people here seems to be that a good deal of this cotton may be retendered on March. That is pure conjecture. Time alone will make it plain how near it comes to the mark. Meanwhile, however, it is insisted that cotton can be brought from Texas and delivered here on March at a profit. Finally there has been a great deal of selling on the idea that the carry-over into next season will be anywhere from seven to nine million bales, according to various calculations. If that is so, there will have to be a drastic cut, indeed, in the acreage to neutralize it. Liverpool, Wall Street, uptown interests, local traders and others have been selling. Latterly the South has sold more freely than for some little time past. In some cases spot interests have been reported as selling March and buying May. Some of them have been selling, it appears, in Liverpool in undoing straddles.

On the other hand, the short interest here is undoubtedly increasing. Many believe it to have become very large on the recent decline of some 3 cents per pound. Latterly, too,

silver has advanced 3/4d. in London. And Liverpool at times has reported a better spot demand. What is more, American trade interests have latterly been steady buyers on all declines. Japanese interests are also understood to have bought. This has attracted the attention of close watchers of the trend of the trading. Since Jan. 1, 100 Southern cotton mills have resumed work. Boston has reported that textile industries in New England have recently showed a marked improvement. The output has increased, and also it is declared the demand. At the Australia wool sales Americans have been keen bidders and prices have at times advanced to some extent, though latterly a little easier. Where they have not advanced, however, they have, as a rule, been firm. Then there is the question of the reduction in the acreage. February 10 has been designated by the Governor of Georgia as the date on which he requests farmers, bankers and business men generally in that State to assemble in mass meetings and to consider the question of reducing the cotton acreage. The recent decline in prices of \$15 a bale, it is suggested, may apply a goad to this movement that will tell. To-day prices advanced, with Liverpool higher, and the technical position stronger. Shorts covered more or less freely. Liverpool bought July. Japanese interests were buyers. And the American trade, including mills, bought to a certain extent. Less was said about the German indemnity. The matter is expected to come up again on Feb. 28. Prices are 106 to 108 points lower on March and May for the week. Spot cotton ended to-day at 13.85c. for middling, a decline 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:

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Jan. 29 to Feb. 4—						
Middling uplands	14.75	14.30	14.15	14.15	13.60	13.80

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on Feb. 4 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1921 c.	13.85	1913 c.	12.95	1905 c.	7.60	1897 c.	7.31
1920	37.55	1912	10.00	1904	16.25	1896	8.25
1919	27.45	1911	14.65	1903	9.00	1895	5.62
1918	31.50	1910	14.90	1902	8.25	1894	7.94
1917	14.60	1909	9.90	1901	9.88	1893	9.38
1916	12.00	1908	11.85	1900	8.31	1892	7.44
1915	8.70	1907	11.00	1899	6.31	1891	9.25
1914	12.75	1906	11.45	1898	5.94	1890	10.94

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr't.	Total.
Saturday	Quiet, unchanged	Barely steady			
Monday	Quiet, 45 pts. dec.	Easy	51,700		51,700
Tuesday	Quiet, 15 pts. dec.	Steady	200		200
Wednesday	Quiet, unchanged	Very steady			
Thursday	Quiet, 55 pts. dec.	Barely steady			
Friday	Quiet, 25 pts. adv.	Steady			
Total			51,900		51,900

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Jan. 29.	Monday, Jan. 31.	Tuesday, Feb. 1.	Wed'day, Feb. 2.	Thurs'dy, Feb. 3.	Friday, Feb. 4.	Week.
February—							
Range							
Closing	14.37	13.85	13.70	13.70	13.05	13.28	
March—							
Range	14.47-.67	14.00-.52	13.53-.00	13.63-.98	13.16-.60	13.10-.57	13.10-.67
Closing	14.52-.53	14.00-.05	13.85-.87	13.84-.85	13.18-.23	13.40-.44	
April—							
Range							
Closing	14.60	14.03	13.91	13.97	13.30	13.60	
May—							
Range	14.78-.05	14.20-.85	13.82-.19	13.97-.32	13.52-.98	13.50-.95	13.50-.05
Closing	14.82	14.23-.26	14.11-.12	14.17-.18	13.52-.58	13.80-.81	
June—							
Range							
Closing	15.00	14.38	14.26	14.34	13.78	14.03	13.93-.07
July—							
Range	15.10-.35	14.50-.78	14.17-.53	14.30-.61	13.93-.30	13.90-.33	13.90-.35
Closing	15.12	14.55-.57	14.42-.43	14.50	13.95-.97	14.20	
August—							
Range			14.53-.55			14.15	14.18-.55
Closing	15.20	14.63	14.45	14.53	13.98	14.23	
September—							
Range						14.25	14.20-.25
Closing	15.30	14.67	14.51	14.65	14.16	14.38	
October—							
Range	15.38-.65	14.75-.35	14.47-.76	14.58-.90	14.20-.60	14.20-.62	14.20-.65
Closing	15.35	14.83	14.67	14.82	14.22-.25	14.52-.54	
November—							
Range					14.40		14.40
Closing	15.35	14.83	14.67	14.82	14.37	14.60	
December—							
Range	15.51-.65	14.94-.50	14.67-.87	14.77-.05	14.42-.80	14.50-.68	14.42-.65
Closing	15.42	14.97	14.79	14.95	14.40	14.68	
January—							
Range				15.15		14.58-.80	14.58-.15
Closing			14.75	15.07	14.52	14.80	

115c. 114c.

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, adding in it the exports of Friday only.

	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
February 4—				
Stock at Liverpool.....	bales. 1,024,000	1,067,000	496,000	482,000
Stock at London.....	5,000	10,000	16,000	21,000
Stock at Manchester.....	88,000	180,000	61,000	63,000
Total Great Britain.....	1,117,000	1,257,000	573,000	566,000
Stock at Ghent.....	29,000			
Stock at Bremen.....	152,000			
Stock at Havre.....	197,000	231,000	117,000	111,000
Stock at Rotterdam, &c.....	13,000		2,000	3,000
Stock at Barcelona.....	87,000	90,000	52,000	69,000
Stock at Genoa.....	46,000	147,000	38,000	26,000
Stock at Trieste.....				
Total Continental Stocks.....	524,000	468,000	209,000	209,000
Total European stocks.....	1,641,000	1,725,000	782,000	775,000
India cotton afloat for Europe.....	66,000	57,000	13,000	29,000
American cotton afloat for Europe.....	433,377	699,339	377,305	140,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat for Eur'e.....	67,000	99,000	64,000	93,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	218,000	224,000	380,000	345,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	973,000	750,000	*650,000	*540,000
Stock in U. S. ports.....	1,412,294	1,404,240	1,378,868	1,450,025
Stock in U. S. interior towns.....	1,738,118	1,264,216	1,499,537	1,278,499
U. S. exports to-day.....	30,700	20,719	18,228	21,507
Total visible supply.....	6,579,489	6,243,514	5,162,938	4,672,031
Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows;				
American—				
Liverpool stock.....	bales. 648,000	859,000	305,000	309,000
Manchester stock.....	78,000	136,000	34,000	21,000
Continental stock.....	459,000	398,000	*179,000	*178,000
American afloat for Europe.....	433,377	639,339	377,305	140,000
U. S. port stocks.....	1,412,294	1,404,240	1,378,868	1,450,025
U. S. interior stocks.....	1,738,118	1,264,216	1,499,537	1,278,499
U. S. exports to-day.....	30,700	20,719	18,228	21,507
Total American.....	4,799,489	4,781,514	3,791,938	3,401,031
East Indian, Brazil, &c.—				
Liverpool stock.....	376,000	208,000	191,000	173,000
London stock.....	5,000	10,000	16,000	21,000
Manchester stock.....	10,000	44,000	27,000	39,000
Continental stock.....	65,000	70,000	*30,000	*31,000
India afloat for Europe.....	66,000	57,000	13,000	29,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat.....	67,000	99,000	64,000	93,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	218,000	224,000	380,000	345,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	973,000	750,000	*650,000	*540,000
Total East India, &c.....	1,780,000	1,462,000	1,371,000	1,271,000
Total American.....	4,799,489	4,781,514	3,791,938	3,401,031
Total visible supply.....	6,579,489	6,243,514	5,162,938	4,672,031
Middling uplands, Liverpool.....	8.35d.	27.72d.	17.05d.	23.00d.
Middling uplands, New York.....	13.85c.	37.80c.	25.00c.	31.70c.
Egypt, good sakes, Liverpool.....	20.00d.	83.50d.	30.79d.	30.56d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool.....	16.00d.	47.50d.	34.00d.	38.00d.
Broach, fine, Liverpool.....	8.50d.	24.35d.	17.17d.	21.75d.
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool.....	8.99d.	24.60d.	17.42d.	22.00d.

	1920-21		1919-20	
February 4—	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Shipped—				
Via St. Louis.....	29,320	385,495	219,733	2521,819
Via Mounds, &c.....	8,956	138,453	11,688	314,860
Via Rock Island.....	2,796	15,760	862	13,445
Via Louisville.....	1,254	37,856	4,984	61,029
Via Virginia points.....	4,875	71,936	2,248	120,569
Via other routes, &c.....	11,643	169,774	12,313	236,303
Total gross overland.....	58,844	819,274	51,828	1,269,028
Deduct Shipments—				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.....	6,428	74,820	6,071	124,121
Between interior towns.....	793	14,176	1,893	51,509
Inland, &c., from South.....	10,218	142,646	8,920	159,270
Total to be deducted.....	17,439	231,642	16,884	334,900
Leaving total net overland*.....	41,405	587,632	34,944	934,128

* Including movement by rail to Canada. a Revised.
 The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 41,405 bales, against 34,944 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 346,496 bales.

	1920-21		1919-20	
In Sight and Spinners' Takings.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to Feb. 4.....	149,437	4,100,172	179,885	4,824,870
Net overland to Feb. 4.....	41,405	587,632	34,944	934,128
Southern consumption to Feb. 4.....	46,000	1,632,000	73,000	1,886,000
Total marketed.....	236,842	6,319,804	287,829	7,644,998
Interior stocks in excess.....	*15,792	878,177	*8,882	462,169
Came into sight during week.....	221,050		278,947	
Total in sight Feb. 4.....	7,197,981		8,107,167	
Nor. spinners' takings to Feb. 4.....	66,328	1,026,493	53,687	1,773,298

* Decrease during week. a These figures are consumption' takings not available.

Week—	Bales.	Since Aug. 1—	Bales.
1919 Feb. 7.....	217,112	1918-19 Feb. 7.....	7,314,910
1918 " 8.....	161,354	1917-18 " 8.....	8,423,741
1917 " 9.....	171,475	1916-17 " 9.....	9,660,383

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.

Week ending February 4.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wed'day.	Thurs'dy.	Friday.
Galveston.....	14.00	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.00	13.00
New Orleans.....	14.25	14.00	13.75	13.50	13.25	13.25
Mobile.....	14.00	13.75	13.50	13.25	13.00	13.00
Savannah.....	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
Norfolk.....	14.00	13.75	13.50	13.50	13.00	13.00
Baltimore.....		15.00	14.50	14.00	14.00	13.50
Philadelphia.....	15.00	14.55	14.40	14.40	13.85	14.10
Augusta.....	14.00	13.75	13.50	13.50	13.00	13.00
Memphis.....	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.00	14.00	14.00
Dallas.....	13.05	12.65	12.45	12.45	12.00	12.30
Houston.....	13.50	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.40	12.65
Little Rock.....	14.50	14.50	14.00	13.75	13.75	13.75
Fort Worth.....		12.60	12.45	12.45	11.85	

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. 29.	Monday, Jan. 31.	Tuesday, Feb. 1.	Wed'day, Feb. 2.	Thurs'dy, Feb. 3.	Friday, Feb. 4.
February.....	14.05	13.57	13.30	13.43	12.71	13.05
March.....	14.17-19	13.69-72	13.42-44	13.55-59	12.83-85	13.15-17
May.....	14.37-41	13.85-90	13.65-68	13.78-81	13.06-10	13.36-40
July.....	14.62-65	14.09-13	13.89-93	14.04-05	13.35-38	13.61-66
October.....	14.85-91	14.26-33	14.18	14.29	13.62-69	13.91-95
December.....	14.95-97	14.36	14.28	14.39	13.72	14.06
Tone—						
Spot.....	Steady	Quiet	Quiet	Steady	Quiet	Steady
Options.....	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Bar. st'y	Steady

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Our telegraphic advices from the South this evening indicate that the temperature has been seasonable during the week and rain light as a rule where there has been precipitation. From Mobile we are advised that farm work is progressing slowly, fertilizer sales are small and there is much talk of reducing acreage 25 to 50%.

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer		
Abilene, Texas.....	1 day	0.16 in.	high 54	low 28	mean 44
Dallas.....		dry	high 62	low 30	mean 46
Corpus Christi.....	1 day	1.50 in.	high 72	low 50	mean 61
Palestine.....		dry	high 66	low 30	mean 48
San Antonio.....		dry	high 68	low 40	mean 54
Del Rio.....	1 day	0.04 in.		low 40	
Galveston.....	1 day	0.52 in.	high 64	low 46	mean 55
Shreveport.....	1 day	0.06 in.	high 71	low 30	mean 51
Selma, Ala.....	3 days	0.20 in.	high 64	low 29	mean 46
Mobile.....	3 days	0.46 in.	high 74	low 35	mean 52
Savannah, Ga.....	2 days	0.39 in.	high 71	low 37	mean 54
Charlotte, N. C.....	2 days	0.22 in.	high 54	low 28	mean 41

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.

Cotton Takings. Week and Season.	1920-21.		1919-20.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
3/8 visible supply Jan. 28.....	6,623,886		6,159,822	
Visible supply Aug. 1.....	4,956,257		4,792,018	
American in sight to Feb. 4.....	221,050	7,197,981	278,947	8,107,167
Bombay receipts to Feb. 3.....	660,000	921,000	139,000	1,325,000
Other India shipments to Feb. 3.....	64,000	144,000	16,000	212,000
Alexandria receipts to Feb. 2.....	67,000	410,000	19,000	669,000
Other supply to Feb. 2*.....	620,000	170,000	4,000	118,000
Total supply.....	6,935,936	13,799,238	6,616,769	15,223,185
Deduct—				
Visible supply Feb. 4.....	6,579,489	6,579,489	6,243,514	6,243,514
Total takings to Feb. 4.....	356,447	7,219,749	375,255	8,979,671
Of which American.....	243,447	5,383,749	219,255	6,525,671
Of which other.....	113,000	1,836,000	156,000	2,454,000

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c.
 a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 1,632,000 bales in 1920-21 and 1,886,000 bales in 1919-20—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners—5,587,749 bales in 1920-21 and 7,093,671 bales in 1919-20, of which 3,751,749 bales and 4,639,671 bales American.
 b Estimated.

* Estimated.

Continental imports for past week have been 61,000 bales. The above figures for 1921 show a decrease from last week of 44,397 bales, a gain of 335,975 bales over 1920, an excess of 1,416,551 bales over 1919 and a gain of 1,907,458 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 Feb. 4 1921.			Movement to Feb. 6 1920.		
	Receipts.		Shipments.	Receipts.		Shipments.
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Week.	Season.	Week.
Ala., Eufaula.....	16	8,095	5,655	11	5,211	70
Montgomery.....	157	45,972	32,601	679	64,407	995
Selma.....	149	29,827	181	17,794	121	35,733
Ark., Helena.....	1,926	37,747	2,576	17,797	498	26,916
Little Rock.....	3,075	138,728	4,373	61,437	3,779	162,482
Pine Bluff.....	5,359	101,539	1,782	81,111	6,000	39,330
Ga., Albany.....		10,266	6,504		9,163	103
Athens.....	2,102	106,045	1,571	59,897	3,096	128,576
Atlanta.....	2,601	94,659	4,232	30,097	6,991	199,032
Augusta.....	3,936	269,109	6,307	159,006	7,642	437,416
Columbus.....	473	31,963	246	31,435	250	33,974
Macon.....	454	31,369	550	18,497	3,467	206,244
Rome.....	462	23,381	587	7,896	500	47,290
La., Shreveport.....	835	71,366	186	64,037	1,034	67,845
Miss., Columbus.....	473	7,888	263	3,338	117	16,258
Clarksdale.....	3,005	95,328	4,604	81,928	2,552	1

BOMBAY COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS

Jan. 13. Receipts at—	1920-21.		1919-20.		1918-19.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay	59,000	735,000	95,000	993,000	91,000	823,000

Exports from—	For the Week.				Since August 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay								
1920-21	3,000	6,000	17,000	26,000	14,000	291,000	183,000	491,000
1919-20	---	---	70,000	70,000	33,000	209,000	655,000	897,000
1918-19	1,000	---	34,000	35,000	10,000	61,000	150,000	321,000
Other India:								
1920-21	3,000	---	---	3,000	11,000	88,000	26,000	125,000
1919-20	3,000	2,000	9,000	14,000	19,000	60,000	99,000	178,000
1918-19	1,000	2,000	2,000	5,000	2,000	2,000	3,000	7,000
Total all								
1920-21	6,000	6,000	17,000	29,000	25,000	382,000	209,000	616,000
1919-20	3,000	2,000	79,000	84,000	52,000	269,000	754,000	1,075,000
1918-19	2,000	2,000	36,000	40,000	12,000	63,000	153,000	228,000

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS OF COTTON.—The following are the receipts and shipments for the week ending Jan. 12 and for the corresponding week of the two previous years:

Alexandria, Egypt, January 12.	1920-21.	1919-20.	1918-19.
Receipts (cantars)—			
This week	115,590	198,679	225,952
Since Aug. 1	2,348,557	4,500,940	3,510,343

Exports (bales)—	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool	---	49,059	121	175,793	16,724	127,164
To Manchester, &c.	---	42,238	6,428	102,761	---	67,021
To Continent and India	5,500	58,033	4,048	71,214	---	45,901
To America	75	14,503	34,603	167,629	---	11,792
Total exports	5,575	163,833	45,200	517,397	16,724	251,878

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Jan. 12 were 115,590 cantars and the foreign shipments 5,575 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market is easy for yarns and quiet for cloths. We give prices for today below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Dec.	1920-21.						1919-20.					
	32s Cop Twist.	8 1/4 lbs. Shrt-ings. Common to Finest.	Cor'n Mtd. Upl's	32s Cop Twist.	8 1/4 lbs. Shrt-ings. Common to Finest.	Cor'n Mtd. Upl's	32s Cop Twist.	8 1/4 lbs. Shrt-ings. Common to Finest.	Cor'n Mtd. Upl's	32s Cop Twist.	8 1/4 lbs. Shrt-ings. Common to Finest.	Cor'n Mtd. Upl's
10	d. @ 29	s. d. @ 23 6	d. @ 11.42	d. @ 59	s. d. @ 34 0	d. @ 25.08	d. @ 59	s. d. @ 34 0	d. @ 25.08	d. @ 59	s. d. @ 34 0	d. @ 25.08
17	24 @ 29	21 0 @ 23 6	11.42 @ 59	61 1/2 @ 39 0	34 0 @ 39 0	26.12	61 1/2 @ 39 0	34 0 @ 39 0	26.12	61 1/2 @ 39 0	34 0 @ 39 0	26.12
24	21 1/2 @ 26 1/2	20 0 @ 22 6	9.54 @ 53	63 @ 40 0	36 6 @ 40 0	26.68	63 @ 40 0	36 6 @ 40 0	26.68	63 @ 40 0	36 6 @ 40 0	26.68
31	21 1/2 @ 26 1/2	19 6 @ 21 6	8.65 @ 54	64 @ 41 6	38 0 @ 41 6	29.16	64 @ 41 6	38 0 @ 41 6	29.16	64 @ 41 6	38 0 @ 41 6	29.16
Jan. 7	21 1/2 @ 26 1/2	19 6 @ 21 6	10.17 @ 56	64 @ 42 0	38 4 @ 42 0	28.79	64 @ 42 0	38 4 @ 42 0	28.79	64 @ 42 0	38 4 @ 42 0	28.79
14	22 1/2 @ 26 1/2	19 6 @ 21 6	10.85 @ 56	66 @ 42 6	39 6 @ 42 6	28.66	66 @ 42 6	39 6 @ 42 6	28.66	66 @ 42 6	39 6 @ 42 6	28.66
21	21 @ 25	19 0 @ 21 0	9.35 @ 57 1/2	68 @ 42 6	39 6 @ 42 6	27.66	68 @ 42 6	39 6 @ 42 6	27.66	68 @ 42 6	39 6 @ 42 6	27.66
28	20 1/2 @ 25 1/2	18 6 @ 20 0	9.04 @ 58	65 @ 40 0	40 0 @ 43 0	28.31	65 @ 40 0	40 0 @ 43 0	28.31	65 @ 40 0	40 0 @ 43 0	28.31
4	19 1/2 @ 25	18 0 @ 20 0	8.35 @ 58 1/2	70 @ 43 6	40 6 @ 43 6	27.72	70 @ 43 6	40 6 @ 43 6	27.72	70 @ 43 6	40 6 @ 43 6	27.72

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, 80c.	Trieste, 1.25c.	Gothenburg, 87c.
Manchester, 80c.	Piome, 1.25c.	Bremen, 40c.
Antwerp, 50c.	Lisbon, 1.00c.	Hamburg, 50c.
Ghent, via Antwerp, 50c.	Oporto, 1.00c.	Piraeus, 50c.
Havre, 50c.	Barcelona, direct, 85c.	Salonica, 50c.
Rotterdam, 50c.	Japan, 1.25c.	Riga, 50c.
Genoa, 75c.	Shanghai, 1.25c.	Reval, 50c.
Christiania, 87c.	Bombay, 1.75c. asked.	
Stockholm, 87c.	Vladivostok, 1.25c.	

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 200,552 bales. The shipments in detail as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

	Total bales.
NEW YORK—To Genoa—Feb. 2—Duca degli Abruzzi, 536	536
To Piraeus—Jan. 28—Jomar, 800	800
GALVESTON—To Liverpool—Jan. 28—Wayfarer, 24,955	24,955
3—Indianola, 1,422	1,422
To Havre—Feb. 1—Hegira, 6,645	6,645
To Dunkirk—Feb. 1—Hegira, 107	107
To Bremen—Jan. 31—Nils Uner, 5,256	5,256
Feb. 1—Mount Evans, 8,661	8,661
To Antwerp—Jan. 28—Waxahachie, 1,349	1,349
Feb. 3—Thurland Castle, 1,201	1,201
To Barcelona—Jan. 29—Cushnet, 2,500; Infanta Isabel, 2,100	4,600
Jan. 31—Lackawanna Bridge, 3,646	3,646
To Genoa—Jan. 28—Monte Grappa, 15,368; Nobles, 11,755	27,123
To Ghent—Feb. 3—Thurland Castle, 5,506	5,506
To Venice—Jan. 29—Burma, 6,286	6,286
To Japan—Jan. 29—Honolulu Maru, 4,200	4,200
Feb. 2—Genoa Maru, 2,300	2,300
HOUSTON—To Liverpool—Feb. 3—Median, 13,960	13,960
NEW ORLEANS—To Liverpool—Jan. 28—Custodian, 14,329	14,329
Feb. 1—Lansdowne, 300	300
To Manchester—Jan. 31—West Wauna, 3,402	3,402
To Havre—Feb. 3—Sevre, 244	244
To Bremen—Jan. 29—Hudson, 2,999	2,999
Jan. 31—West Brook, 6,702	6,702
Feb. 3—West Zucker, 2,210	2,210
To Antwerp—Jan. 29—Hudson, 798	798
Feb. 3—Canadier, 1,465	1,465
To Hamburg—Feb. 3—Sevre, 320	320
To Genoa—Feb. 2—Monte Grappa, 5,120	5,120
Feb. 3—Tonstad, 2,000	2,000
To Leghorn—Feb. 3—Tonstad, 2,000	2,000
To Japan—Feb. 3—Ensley City, 7,588	7,588
MOBILE—To Japan—Jan. 29—Ensley City, 1,975	1,975
JACKSONVILLE—To Liverpool—West Hembrie, 1,999	1,999
SAVANNAH—To Liverpool—Jan. 31—Ingold, 2,814	2,814
To Havre—Jan. 31—Hannington Court, 3,151; Lordship Manor, 3,250	6,401
To Barcelona—Jan. 29—Graf Khuen Hedervary, 3,533	3,533
To Venice—Jan. 29—Graf Khuen Hedervary, 800	800
To Genoa—Feb. 1—Sori, 2,669	2,669
To Trieste—Jan. 29—Graf Khuen Hedervary, 350	350

	Total bales.
BRUNSWICK—To Liverpool—Jan. 28—Oranlan, 400	400
SEATTLE—To Japan—Jan. 26—Pushima Maru, 3,005	3,005
TACOMA—To Japan—Jan. 26—Alabama Maru, 8,606	8,606
Total	200,552

The particulars of the foregoing shipments for the week, arranged in our usual form, are as follows:

	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Europe—North.	South.	Japan.	Total.
New York	---	---	---	---	1,336	---	1,336
Galveston	26,377	6,752	13,887	8,056	41,655	6,500	103,227
Houston	13,960	---	---	---	---	---	13,960
New Orleans	18,031	244	12,231	2,263	9,120	7,588	49,477
Mobile	---	---	---	---	---	1,975	1,975
Jacksonville	1,999	---	---	---	---	---	1,999
Savannah	2,814	6,401	---	---	7,352	---	16,567
Brunswick	400	---	---	---	---	---	400
Seattle	---	---	---	---	---	3,005	3,005
Tacoma	---	---	---	---	---	8,606	8,606
Total	63,581	13,397	26,118	10,319	59,463	27,674	200,552

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Jan. 14.	Jan. 21.	Jan. 28.	Feb. 4.
Sales of the week	32,000	18,000	18,000	20,000
Sales, American	21,000	14,000	14,000	18,000
Actual export	4,000	8,000	9,000	9,000
Forwarded	46,000	45,000	45,000	38,000
Total stock	1,037,000	1,068,000	1,030,000	1,024,000
Of which American	634,000	682,000	647,000	648,000
Total imports	63,000	87,000	18,000	23,000
Of which American	61,000	72,000	14,000	15,000
Amount afloat	161,000	136,000	139,000	---
Of which American	117,000	90,600	89,000	---

LIVERPOOL STOCK TAKING.—Brazilian, decrease, 3,301 bales; cotton; Peruvian, decrease, 3,889 bales; African, decrease, 2,626 bales; East Indian, decrease, 1,795 bales; total decrease, 11,612 bales; American, increase, 21,677 bales; Egyptian, increase, 1,025 bales; West Indian, increase, 2,975 bales; total increase, 25,677 bales; net increase, 14,065 bales.

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12:15 P. M.		Dull.	Dull.	More demand.	Quiet.	Quiet.
Mld. Upl'ds		8.65	8.48	8.58	8.31	8.35
Sales	HOLIDAY	3,000	3,000	5,000	3,000	4,000
Futures. Market opened		Quiet 9@12 pts. advance.	Quiet 13@20 pts. decline.	Quiet unch. to 3 pts. decline.	Quiet 4@8 pts. advance.	Steady 3@10 pts. decline.
Market, 4 P. M.		Quiet 2 pts. dec. to 10 pts. adv.	Quiet 18@28 pts. decline.	Quiet 7@10 pts. decline.	Easy 17@23 pts. decline.	Quiet 3@10 pts. decline.

The prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Jan. 29 to Feb. 4.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	12 1/4 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	12 1/4 p. m.			
February	d. d. 9.23	d. d. 9.15	d. d. 8.83	d. d. 8.87	d. d. 8.93	d. d. 8.78
March	9.42	9.32	9.08	9.08	9.16	9.01
April	9.50	9.39	9.16	9.16	9.24	9.08
May	9.63	9.52	9.30	9.30	9.38	9.21
June	9.68	9.59	9.37	9.37	9.45	9.28
July	9.79	9.72	9.51	9.51	9.59	9.41
August	9.84	9.77	9.57	9.57	9.65	9.48
September	9.89	9.83	9.64	9.64	9.72	9.56
October	9.89	9.83	9.64	9.64	9.72	9.56
November	9.86	9.80	9.61	9.62	9.70	9.54
December	9.84	9.78	9.58	9.60	9.68	9.52
January	9.82	9.78	9.56	9.58	9.66	9.50

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Feb. 4 1921.

Flour has been dull and more or less depressed owing to the continued decline in wheat. Besides, Northwestern mills have been reducing prices. Buyers have held aloof. This policy has not been unsuccessful during the last six months. They are buying in only small lots to supply their actual needs for the time being. Prices under the circumstances have not only been weak but irregular. There has been a good deal of reselling. And not a little business has been done to all appearance without much regard to the cost of wheat, in conjunction with the recent decline in mill feed. Some mills, it is pointed out, are less inclined to reduce prices and that of itself tends to cause more or less irregularity in quotations. At the same time the export demand is small. Foreign buyers demur at paying even present prices. Recently Great Britain is said to have taken 5,000 bbls. of first Canadian clears, but as a rule Europe has held aloof. Minneapolis reports a decline of 15 to 35 cents per bbl. In earload lots, family patents were quoted at \$8 75 to \$9 10 per bbl. Wheat fell 17c. in two days at Buenos Aires and naturally Chicago did not escape, though it did not break so badly. In fact, on the 2d inst. prices there rallied some 4 to 5 cents. A reported bank failure in Argentina had a disturbing effect; also one in Washington. A Seattle dispatch said: "The Central Bank & Trust Co. of Yakima, Wash., was closed by the State Bank Examiner on Saturday. Deposits had decreased to \$420,000 from \$660,000. Loans to farmers, who were unable to realize on their grain, are given as the cause." This, after the recent numerous failures of banks in North Dakota, had a certain effect. And the export demand has been disappointing. At times there has been practically none at all. To make matters worse, there have been increased shipments from Australia, Argentina and India. This was supposed to indicate that the European demand has been diverted from the United States, partly,

if not largely, to those countries. At one time European cables stated that Argentine wheat was being offered at \$2 05 c.i.f. Antwerp, the shipper assuming the risk of the export tax. This had a disturbing look. Yet, superficially at least, the statistical position in this country looked bullish. The visible supply decreased last week 1,666,000 bushels, leaving the total only 34,212,000 bushels against 60,350,000 bushels a year ago. The trouble was that foreign news and the lack of a spirited export demand took the edge off American statistics. India, Australia and Argentina seemed to be offering wheat more freely. Belgium is said to be buying in Argentina, which is underselling America.

Yet from the "high" on Jan. 13 prices by Feb. 1 had fallen roughly 30 to 32 cents. And some think that discounts a good deal. On Feb. 1 too it was reported that Italy and Holland had bought altogether some 600,000 bushels at the Gulf. The next day Chicago advanced 4 to 5c. The Southwestern offerings on Feb. 2nd were smaller. On that day too Buenos Aires advanced 4 1/2c. Big cash premiums moreover were quoted at the West. Stocks are decreasing in this country. To some the market looked oversold. Evidently it was. The buying too by Italy and Holland made shorts uneasy. The probable delay over the Fordney Tariff bill and possibly over the settlement of the Germany indemnity are of course factors which militate against the market. But none the less the tendency to overdo the short side to go no further is expected to cause sharp advances in this country from time to time.

Cable advices stated that Argentine exporters have decided to offer wheat to Europe free of tax. The market in Argentina after a sharp break early rallied about 4 cents a bushel owing to this decision and buying by export interests. Arrivals of wheat in the United Kingdom continue very small, but the Royal Commission reiterates that it will consider no offers of wheat until March, except offers of Manchurian and Australian. The Commission, it is apparent, is determined to work down their present big stocks. The flour trade in the United Kingdom is very slack. The sodden condition of the land caused by the mild weather has created some anxiety in England. In France the crops are looking well. Spring cultivation has started and increased sowings are expected. In Germany the weather continues mild and crops look satisfactory. In Belgium the mild weather has favored late sowings and there has been some increase in wheat acreage there. In Austria the snow covering is satisfactory. In Rumania additional seedings have been permitted owing to the mild weather. In Hungary decontrol of grain is expected next season. In Spain the crop outlook is favorable.

In India the acreage planted to wheat has been reduced 4,000,000 acres as compared with last year. In Argentina, Belgium is reported as having purchased an additional cargo of new River Plate wheat, equal to 79s. per quarter of 480 pounds, the supertax not being mentioned, so that this will be to sellers account. This price equals \$1 89 1/2 a bushel. The British commission on wheat supplies is said to have sold to Germany a full cargo of Karrachi wheat, the price being fixed at 75s. per 480 pounds, equal to \$1 80 c. i. f. a bushel. The posting of Argentine grain quotations on the Chicago Board of Trade has been stopped. President Griffin declares that these purported quotations do not intelligently reflect the supply and demand situation, but, on the contrary, are prices made through the medium of controlled markets. To-day prices advanced, but they are sharply lower for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 red.....	cts. 182 1/2	182 1/2	182 1/2	182 1/2	182 1/2	182 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
March delivery.....	cts. 162 1/2	160 1/2	155	156 1/2	152	152 1/2
May delivery.....	150 1/2	148	143 1/2	146 1/2	143	144

Indian Corn declined with other cereals. The weakness in wheat was one cause. Large receipts were another. Note the fact that the visible supply last week increased no less than 4,500,000 bushels against an increase in the same week last year of only 79,000 bushels. This raised the total to 14,297,000 against only 3,575,000 bushels a year ago. Hedging sales against large receipts not unnaturally told on the price. Not that it broke very badly at any one time, still less that it followed wheat downward at the pace set by that cereal. In fact at times prices acted rather steady. Why? Because of a stronger technical position. The short interest had grown. At times it seemed a bit unwieldy. Still the receipts last week were double those in the same week last year, i. e., 11,740,000 bushels against 10,420,000 in the previous week and only 5,108,000 in the same week last year. The cash demand has been poor. Nothing has been said about export trade. It has not been a cheerful market. Today prices advanced slightly, but they are down for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 yellow.....	cts. 83 1/2	81 1/4	82 1/2	83	82 1/2	82 1/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery.....	cts. 65 1/2	64 1/2	64 3/4	65 1/2	64 3/4	65
July delivery.....	67 1/2	66 1/2	66 1/4	67	66 1/2	67

Oats declined but they were not very greatly affected by the lower prices of corn and other grain. A new "low" however was reached. Large receipts of corn had some effect

on oats. At times, it is true, the price rallied noticeably. Evidently there is a fair-sized short interest. The price is only about half that of a year ago. But there is no disguising the fact that supplies are large of oats and corn, that corn tends to weaken oats, and that trade is poor. There has been no talk of export trade and the domestic cash demand has been small. Finally, the visible supply has increased 755,000 bushels, as against a decrease in the same week last year of 111,000 bushels. This makes the total 33,632,000 bushels, against 4,556,000 at this time last year. To-day prices were higher. They end lower for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 1 white.....	cts. 54 1/2	54 1/2	54	54	53 1/2	53
No. 2 white.....	53 1/2	53	53	52 1/2	52	52

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery.....	cts. 41 3/4	41 3/4	41	41 3/4	41 1/2	41 1/4
July delivery.....	42 1/4	41 3/4	41 1/2	42 1/2	42	42 3/4

Rye declined sharply with other grain. It was more depressed than corn or oats. Export demand has been absent. Sympathy with a break in wheat has also been plain. The visible supply is small, but the trouble is the demand is also small. The "visible" fell off last week 327,000 bushels, leaving it only 2,083,000 bushels, against 19,194,000 bushels a year ago. But this failed to galvanize a market made apathetic by absence of trade. To-day prices advanced slightly, but are decidedly lower for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery.....	cts. 139 1/2	135	130 1/2	132 1/2	130	130 3/4
July delivery.....	118 1/2	114 1/2	111 1/2	113 1/2	110 1/2	112

The following are closing quotations:

GRAIN.		FLOUR.	
Wheat—		Spring patents.....	\$8 65@ \$9 15
No. 2 red.....	\$1 82 1/2	Winter straights, soft	8 35@ 8 65
No. 1 spring.....	Nominal	Hard winter straights	8 65@ 9 15
Corn—		Clear.....	6 50@ 7 50
No. 2 yellow.....	\$0 82 1/2	Rye flour.....	8 50@ 9 75
Rye—		Corn goods, 100 lbs.:	
No. 2.....	1 62 1/2	Yellow meal.....	1 95@ 2 15
		Corn flour.....	1 95@ 2 10
Oats—		Barley goods—Portage barley:	
No. 1 white.....	53	No. 1.....	\$7 25
No. 2 white.....	52	Nos. 2, 3 and 4 pearl	7 50
No. 3 white.....	51	Nos. 2-0 and 3-0.....	7 15@ 7 25
Barley—		Nos. 4-0 and 5-0.....	7 50
Feeding.....	72@79	Oats goods—Carload	
Malting.....	83@94	spot delivery.....	5 80@ 6 10

The statement of the movement of breadstuffs to market indicated below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	bbls. 196 lbs.	bush. 60 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.	bush. 32 lbs.	bush. 48 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.
Chicago.....	199,000	280,000	6,947,000	1,461,000	303,000	128,000
Minneapolis.....	2,468,000	410,000	520,000	280,000	72,000	210,000
Duluth.....	621,000	15,000	251,000	90,000	210,000	210,000
Milwaukee.....	25,000	80,000	790,000	243,000	236,000	99,000
Toledo.....	47,000	123,000	75,000	75,000	---	---
Detroit.....	55,000	51,000	74,000	---	---	---
St. Louis.....	94,000	1,050,000	1,296,000	1,018,000	12,000	2,000
Peoria.....	49,000	18,000	445,000	236,000	15,000	22,000
Kansas City.....	1,810,000	535,000	142,000	---	---	---
Omaha.....	457,000	549,000	212,000	---	---	---
Indianapolis.....	36,000	561,000	255,000	---	---	---
Total wk. '21.....	369,000	6,722,000	11,722,000	4,487,000	935,000	533,000
Same wk. '20.....	373,000	4,243,000	5,121,000	3,628,000	587,000	764,000
Same wk. '19.....	264,000	4,487,000	4,523,000	5,040,000	1,846,000	1,806,000
Since Aug. 1.....						
1920-21.....	17,105,000	216,739,000	102,006,000	115,840,000	16,925,000	9,538,000
1919-20.....	12,397,000	293,002,000	99,019,000	125,342,000	20,010,000	20,359,000
1918-19.....	9,116,000	344,449,000	125,381,000	187,752,000	44,725,000	27,232,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Jan. 29 1921 follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	Barrels.	Bushels.	Eushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York.....	203,000	813,000	470,000	136,000	44,000	164,000
Portland, Me.....	67,000	510,000	---	140,000	308,000	---
Philadelphia.....	44,000	413,000	428,000	41,000	---	83,000
Baltimore.....	13,000	313,000	925,000	57,000	12,000	329,000
Newport News.....	1,000	---	---	---	---	---
New Orleans.....	50,000	1,570,000	50,000	52,000	---	---
Galveston.....	---	1,220,000	---	---	---	---
Montreal.....	105,000	89,000	5,000	99,000	---	---
St. John.....	40,000	190,000	---	56,000	---	---
Boston.....	20,000	1,000	2,000	28,000	---	1,000
Total wk. '21.....	573,000	5,119,000	1,880,000	609,000	364,000	582,000
Since Jan. 1 '21.....	1,967,000	25,627,000	4,540,000	2,008,000	1,005,000	3,392,000
Week 1920.....	441,000	1,472,000	352,000	548,000	238,000	600,000
Since Jan 1920.....	2,080,000	11,304,000	1,924,000	3,340,000	1,446,000	3,258,000

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

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Jan. 29 are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	Peas.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York.....	1,076,844	209,127	217,163	27,305	260,218	---	---
Portland, Me.....	510,000	---	67,000	140,000	---	308,000	---
Boston.....	---	---	1,000	---	---	---	---
Philadelphia.....	---	---	1,000	---	---	67,000	---
Baltimore.....	787,000	692,000	---	---	567,000	---	---
Newport News.....	---	---	1,000	---	---	---	---
New Orleans.....	472,000	112,000	20,000	1,000	34,000	47,000	---
Galveston.....	1,190,000	---	---	---	69,000	---	---
St. John, N. B.....	193,000	---	40,000	56,000	---	---	---
Total week.....	4,223,844	1,013,127	347,163	224,305	930,218	422,000	---
Week 1920.....	1,974,892	81,000	160,119	844,229	538,000	222,070	1,629

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. 29 1921.	Since July 1 1920.	Week Jan. 29 1921.	Since July 1 1920.	Week Jan. 29 1921.	Since July 1 1920.
United Kingdom	125,773	2,232,849	224,000	67,352,210	501,277	2,917,688
Continent	39,834	3,832,252	3,797,844	155,367,180	478,513	3,818,975
So. & Cent. Amer.	91,244	852,396	12,000	2,881,704	10,500	65,343
West Indies	53,949	606,267	2,000	9,000	22,557	766,813
Brit. No. Am. Colonies	—	2,000	—	—	—	29,769
Other countries	36,363	1,064,715	190,000	4,009,355	280	13,789
Total	347,163	8,590,479	4,225,844	229,619,449	1,013,127	7,612,377
Total 1919-20	160,119	12,888,473	1,973,892	114,504,791	81,000	1,797,039

The world's shipment of wheat and corn for the week ending Jan. 29 1921 and since July 1 1920 and 1919 are shown in the following:

Exports.	Wheat.			Corn.		
	1920-1921.		1919-1920.	1920-1921.		1919-1920.
	Week Jan. 29.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.	Week Jan. 29.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.
North Amer.	8,154,000	276,593,000	202,996,000	795,000	9,202,000	1,182,000
Russia	—	—	—	—	635,000	—
Danube	—	—	—	—	—	—
Argentina	907,000	39,540,000	105,428,000	2,820,000	80,939,000	74,706,000
Australia	2,152,000	20,158,000	64,471,000	—	—	—
India	864,000	4,624,000	—	—	—	—
Oth. countries	—	230,000	1,911,000	200,000	1,064,000	1,750,000
Total	12,077,000	341,145,000	374,806,000	3,815,000	91,840,000	77,638,000

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Jan. 29 1921 was as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.

United States—	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.	Oats, bush.	Rye, bush.	Barley, bush.
New York	3,981,000	272,000	1,031,000	354,000	246,000
Boston	1,000	1,000	14,000	2,000	1,000
Philadelphia	1,418,000	453,000	330,000	19,000	6,000
Baltimore	2,007,000	884,000	515,000	794,000	103,000
Newport News	—	—	4,000	—	—
New Orleans	3,046,000	1,022,000	244,000	83,000	225,000
Galveston	3,730,000	45,000	—	366,000	—
Buffalo	5,458,000	415,000	2,157,000	—	281,000
Toledo	736,000	204,000	713,000	28,000	2,000
Detroit	61,000	30,000	160,000	42,000	—
Chicago	805,000	6,432,000	11,790,000	35,000	418,000
Milwaukee	85,000	617,000	831,000	47,000	128,000
Duluth	1,624,000	43,000	3,016,000	144,000	67,000
Minneapolis	7,067,000	486,000	8,397,000	37,000	1,219,000
St. Louis	327,000	430,000	959,000	11,000	13,000
Kansas City	2,537,000	1,085,000	1,416,000	76,000	—
Peoria	9,000	376,000	304,000	1,000	—
Indianapolis	116,000	552,000	422,000	2,000	—
Omaha	1,204,000	950,000	1,329,000	42,000	19,000
Total Jan. 29 1921	34,212,000	14,297,000	33,632,000	2,083,000	2,728,000
Total Jan. 22 1921	35,878,000	9,788,000	32,877,000	2,410,000	2,805,000
Total Jan. 31 1920	60,359,000	3,575,000	11,550,000	19,194,000	3,217,000
Total Feb. 1 1919	130,613,000	5,549,000	30,505,000	20,764,000	9,456,000

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, 25,000 bushels New York, 460,000 Buffalo, 2,000 Duluth; total, 487,000, against 314,000 bushels in 1920; barley, New York 25,000, Buffalo 129,000, Duluth 1,000; total, 155,000 bushels, against 38,000 bushels in 1920.

Canadian—	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.	Oats, bush.	Rye, bush.	Barley, bush.
Montreal	250,000	215,000	689,000	2,000	48,000
Ft. William & Pt. Arthur	16,027,000	—	6,317,000	—	1,377,000
Total Jan. 29 1921	19,373,000	215,000	9,130,000	2,000	1,859,000
Total Jan. 22 1921	19,706,000	193,000	8,756,000	2,000	1,831,000
Total Jan. 31 1920	10,764,000	24,000	5,727,000	6,000	1,639,000
Total Feb. 1 1919	11,239,000	150,000	4,952,000	3,000	501,000

Summary—

American	34,212,000	14,297,000	33,632,000	2,083,000	2,728,000
Canadian	19,373,000	215,000	9,130,000	2,000	1,859,000
Total Jan. 29 1921	53,585,000	14,512,000	42,762,000	2,085,000	4,587,000
Total Jan. 22 1921	55,584,000	9,981,000	41,633,000	2,412,000	4,636,000
Total Jan. 31 1920	71,123,000	3,599,000	17,277,000	19,200,000	4,856,000
Total Feb. 1 1919	171,852,000	5,699,000	35,457,000	20,767,000	9,957,000

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Feb. 4 1921.

General conditions have been about the same as noted last week. Business as a rule has been quiet, but this has caused little surprise or disappointment, inasmuch as the majority of conservative merchants had not expected the marked activity of early January to be maintained for a long period. It is true that the number of buyers in attendance is still unusually large, giving further evidence of the continued need of goods in many quarters. Still, the majority are not disposed to operate unless attractively low prices are named, and whenever a scarcity of any particular line becomes evident no disposition is shown to advance bids in order to secure supplies. It is evident that jobbers have been doing a fair business and that their sales are increasing. The fact that many of the recent buyers have returned after only a short absence would seem to indicate that goods delivered on former orders have already been distributed and that stocks of many staple standard lines are still extremely meager. This fact is also demonstrated by the many requests for express or fast freight shipments. It is clear that the goods are wanted for immediate distribution. It is also clear that few if any buyers are willing to commit themselves for deliveries running more than two or three months ahead, making it quite evident that no general confidence exists as to the stability of present prices. Of course, this cautious attitude is also traceable to financial conditions and the prospective further decrease in the country's buying power because of growing unemployment, reductions in wages, and the lower prices secured for crops and other commodities. Although commercial

money is easier, it is still far from plentiful, and banks are still insisting on many restrictions in order to avoid a repetition of the unfavorable speculative conditions that prevailed early last year. The bulk of paper is still being discounted at 7½%, although 7½% has been accepted on a few choice names and short maturities, whereas on less desirable names 8% was demanded.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—Reports on business in finished cotton goods still lack uniformity, but the market on the whole is distinctly quieter. Mills and first hand sellers have as a rule not lost confidence because of this condition and generally adhere firmly to best previous prices. Among other sellers, however, competition for business has become more active and more willingness was shown to work on a smaller margin of profit. In some cases concessions of ⅛ to ¼ cent from recent levels were offered, but the new prices as a rule did not prove especially tempting to buyers, the majority of whom are evidently disposed to defer further purchases until they can be certain that the recent improvement in trade is more than a temporary development. Needless to say, the lack of confidence is traceable largely to the drop of raw cotton prices to new low levels. In some quarters it is said that more interest is being shown in medium and lower priced printed and woven goods for early spring. Other reports state that jobbers are inclined to defer receiving delivery of recent purchases until general business conditions, and especially the financial situation, show marked improvement. There have been some claims of a better demand from cutters for colored cottons, but these were by no means general and came mainly from out of town. One encouraging feature was the indication of a better foreign inquiry, several small orders being reported from Latin-America. Gray goods have been much quieter, with great irregularity in prices. Quotations on many sheeting and print cloth numbers show variations of ⅛ to ¼ cent. Largely because of the decline in cotton, converters and other buyers have been limiting purchases to their immediate requirements. At the outset 64x60s were held at 8½ to 8¾ cents, but later spot goods were sold at 8¼ cents, and March-April deliveries at 8 cents. Buying of April goods at the latter price was the feature of the late trading. In spite of the inactivity in sheetings, first-hand sellers quoted unchanged prices early in the week, whereas second-hands were offering at concessions. Subsequently the easier tone became more general. Heavy goods, from duck up to the automobile specialties, were particularly dull and heavy. While fine goods were also quieter, a steady small business was reported in specialties for converting and dress purposes. A moderate business, mainly small orders, was done in shirtings. The small business in voiles was controlled by second-hands, who were accepting ½-cent less than Eastern mill agents. Some holders named prices fully 1½ cent below the recent top level. Such sellers also did business at lower prices in organdies, drills and combed yarns.

WOOLEN GOODS.—Reports on the trade in woollens are still spotty. To a large degree buying has been limited to the covering of present requirements by those who had deferred buying to the eleventh hour. Now the jobbers and cutters who are buying are extremely anxious about getting deliveries before Easter. It is evident that the recent drastic price cuts resulted in more active distribution than previously supposed. Some mills not only sold all the stock on hand, but booked enough orders to absorb their output for a month or two. In some instances complete exhaustion of stocks is reported, while orders received for desirable goods for early spring are far in excess of the prospective supply. Tricotines and fine twills furnished the feature in dress goods, and when prices were especially attractive fair activity developed in serges, coatings, especially plaid effects, and velours. Fall business in dress goods develops slowly. Although the lines opened were said to be of good value, buyers were generally cautious. A few lines of men's overcoatings were opened for the new season, some fancy backs being taken up in a fairly active way.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—The burlap market has continued quiet, but a firmer tone has developed both on spot and shipment goods. Early in the week light weights on the spot were quoted from 4.50c. to 4.60c., but later some holders asked 4.75c. At the start spot heavyweights might have been secured at 5.35c., or possibly slightly less on a firm bid, but later the general quotation was 5.50c. These spot prices remained from 10 to 15 points below prices for replacement in Calcutta, this basis advancing because of the strong exchange market. Further unsettlement has been caused in the American linen market by advices from the other side regarding prices prevailing in Belfast after the abrogation of the minimum price list on Jan. 15. Substantial reductions in prices were reported, especially on 25s tow wefts, and as a natural consequence buyers here became even more cautious than they had been previously. Retailers and jobbers have shown some interest in spot goods, but no noteworthy improvement is noted in forward business. Representatives of foreign shippers have been advised as to prices on which business can be accepted, but they hesitate to name these to domestic buyers, realizing that the latter are sure to ask concessions from almost any price quoted.

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MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN JANUARY.

The amount of long-term municipal bonds disposed of in the United States during the month of January exceeded any other total for that month. The aggregate for January, according to our records, was \$85,908,806, compared with \$83,128,172 in the same month last year. The largest undertaking in the way of municipal financing in January was the sale by the City of Detroit, Mich., of \$15,876,000 bonds, representing nine separate issues, consisting (1) of \$3,818,000 5¼% sewer bonds; (2) \$737,000 5½% municipal building site bonds, both awarded to a syndicate composed of the Guaranty Company, 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, at par; (3) \$970,000 5½% fire-extension bonds; (4) \$225,000 5½% building-site bonds to the same syndicate at 100.252; and (5) \$4,000,000 6% sewer bonds, (6) \$3,000,000 5½% lighting bonds (7) \$1,402,000 5½% school bonds, (8) \$1,374,000 5% school bonds, and (9) \$350,000 5½% lighting bonds awarded to Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Hallgarten & Co. and Kidder, Peabody & Co. at 101.515. Other important issues disposed of in January were: Chicago, Ill., \$11,455,000 4% bonds, representing nine separate issues, for municipal improvements, awarded to the National City Co. at 90.77, a basis of about 5.37%; South Dakota, \$7,000,000 bonds, consisting of \$2,000,000 6% highway bonds, \$2,500,000 6% rural credit bonds and \$2,500,000 5½% rural credit bonds, to a syndicate composed of the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago and Harris, Forbes & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co. and the National City Co., all of New York; Cleveland School District, Ohio, \$5,000,000 6% school bonds, awarded to a syndicate composed of the Bankers Trust Co., Guaranty Company, Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., William R. Compton Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Stacy & Braun, Eldredge & Co., R. L. Day & Co., First Trust & Savings Bank, Detroit Trust Co. and the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, at 102.68; Philadelphia, Pa., \$5,000,000 5½% 30-year bonds awarded to a syndicate composed of Elkins, Morris & Co., Biddle & Henry, Edward B. Smith & Co., the Commercial Trust Co. and the Franklin Securities Corp., at 102.9199, a basis of about 4.81%; Washington (State of), \$5,000,000 general fund bonds to a syndicate composed of the Bankers Trust Co., the Guaranty Company, Halsey, Stuart & Co., Estabrook & Co., Hallgarten & Co., William R. Compton Co., Stacy & Braun, R. L. Day & Co., Cyrus Pierce & Co., Carstens & Earles, Inc., Ferris & Hardgrove, Eldredge & Co., and John E. Price & Co., at 100.636; Rochester, N. Y., \$4,225,000 5% improvement bonds, awarded to a syndicate composed of Brown Bros. & Co., the First National Bank of New York, White, Weld & Co., and Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co.; Yonkers, N. Y., \$2,312,000 5½% improvement bonds, sold to a syndicate comprising Estabrook & Co., the Guaranty Company, the Bankers Trust Co., Remick, Hodges & Co. and Hannahs, Ballin & Lee, at 102.605, a basis of about 5.16%; Idaho, \$2,000,000 5% highway bonds, awarded to the National City Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons and Hannahs, Ballin & Lee, all of New York, at 95.679; Medford Irrigation District, Ore., \$1,250,000 6% irrigation bonds, sold to P. Welch of Medford at 99.00; Elizabeth, N. J., \$1,173,000 school bonds sold to the National State Bank of Elizabeth at 102.174, a basis of about 5.29%; and Winn Parish Road District No. 11, La., \$1,000,000 5% road bonds, sold to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville at par.

The above sales relate only to permanent long-term obligations. As far as temporary securities are concerned, there were negotiated during the month of January loans of this character amounting to \$66,251,059, including \$54,466,059 revenue bonds and bills, corporate stock notes and tax notes of New York City.

Canadian bonds and debentures floated last month aggregated \$21,987,886, including \$10,000,000 by the Province of Ontario.

Below we furnish a comparison of all the various forms of obligations sold in January during the last five years:

	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
January—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Permanent loans (U.S.)	85,908,806	83,128,172	25,090,625	24,060,118	40,073,081
*Temporary l'ns (U.S.)	66,251,059	49,830,000	43,684,000	30,477,976	52,454,422
Canadian l'ns (permt)	21,987,886	15,019,357	6,872,367	6,368,257	6,352,631
Bonds of U.S. posses'ns	None	None	None	300,000	None
Total.....	174,147,751	147,977,529	75,648,992	61,206,351	98,880,134

* Includes temporary securities issued by New York City: \$54,466,059 in Jan. 1921, \$45,190,000 in Jan. 1920, \$32,730,000 in Jan. 1919, \$22,700,000 in Jan. 1918 and \$41,750,000 in Jan. 1917.

The number of municipalities emitting permanent bonds and the number of separate issues made during January 1921 were 193 and 262, respectively. This contrasts with 321 and 423 for January 1920.

For comparative purposes we add the following table showing the aggregates of long-term bonds for January for a series of years:

1921.....	\$85,908,806	1911.....	\$78,510,275	1901.....	\$9,240,864
1920.....	83,128,172	1910.....	16,319,478	1900.....	20,374,320
1919.....	25,090,625	1909.....	29,318,403	1899.....	6,075,957
1918.....	24,060,118	1908.....	10,942,968	1898.....	8,147,893
1917.....	40,073,081	1907.....	10,160,146	1897.....	10,405,776
1916.....	50,176,099	1906.....	8,307,582	1896.....	6,507,721
1915.....	34,303,088	1905.....	8,436,253	1895.....	10,332,101
1914.....	28,603,094	1904.....	23,843,801	1894.....	7,072,207
1913.....	30,414,439	1903.....	15,911,796	1893.....	5,438,577
1912.....	25,265,749	1902.....	10,915,845	1892.....	6,352,000

* Including \$25,000,000 bonds of New York State.
a Including \$51,000,000 bonds of New York State.
x Including \$60,000,000 Corporate stock of New York City.

Owing to the crowded condition of our columns, we are obliged to omit this week the customary table showing the month's bond sales in detail. It will be given later.

NEWS ITEMS.

Maine.—Governor Parkhurst Dies.—After an illness of about two weeks, Frederic H. Parkhurst, Governor of Maine, died at the home of the late James G. Blaine, now the new Executive Mansion, on Jan. 31. Percival P. Baxter, of Portland, who has been President of the Senate, will succeed to the Governorship for the remainder of the two-year term.

New York State.—Amendment to Constitution to Extend Limitation of Local Indebtedness Proposed.—A resolution proposing an amendment to Section ten of Article eight of the State Constitution was introduced in the Senate on Jan. 24. It is proposed in the resolution, that the limitation of local indebtedness be extended for the purpose of providing a building for meeting places for the various organizations composed of veterans of wars in which this country has participated. We print this resolution below showing the proposed new matter in italics and the old, to be omitted, in brackets:

Section 1. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That section ten of article eight of the constitution be amended to read as follows:
Limitation of local indebtedness. Sec. 10. No county, city, town or village shall hereafter give any money or property, or loan its money or credit to or in aid of any individual, association or corporation, [or become directly or indirectly the owner of stock in, or bonds of, any association or corporation] *except for the purpose of providing a building for meeting places for the Grand Army of the Republic, the United Spanish War Veterans, the American Legion, and other organizations composed of veterans of wars in which this country has participated;* nor shall any such county, city, town or village become directly or indirectly the owner of stock in, or bonds of, any association or corporation, or be allowed to incur any indebtedness except for county, city, town or village purposes. This section shall not prevent such county, city, town or village from making such provision for the aid or support of its poor as may be authorized by law. No county or city shall be allowed to become indebted for any purpose or in any manner to an amount which, including existing indebtedness, shall exceed ten per centum of the assessed valuation of the real estate of such county or city subject to taxation, as it appeared by the assessment rolls of said county or city on the last assessment for state or county taxes prior to the incurring of such indebtedness; and all indebtedness in excess of such limitation, except such as now may exist, shall be absolutely void, except as herein otherwise provided. No county or city whose present indebtedness exceeds ten per centum of the assessed valuation of its real estate subject to taxation, shall be allowed to become indebted in any further amount until such indebtedness shall be reduced within such limit. This section shall not be construed to prevent the issuing of certificates of indebtedness or revenue bonds issued in anticipation of the collection of taxes for amounts actually contained, or to be contained in the taxes for the year when such certificates or revenue bonds are issued and payable out of such taxes; nor to prevent the city of New York from issuing bonds to be redeemed out of the tax levy for the year next succeeding the year of their issue, provided that the amount of such bonds which may be issued in any one year in excess of the limitations herein contained shall not exceed one-tenth of one per centum of the assessed valuation of the real estate of said city subject to taxation. Nor shall this section be construed to prevent the issue of bonds to provide for the supply of water; but the term of the bonds issued to provide for the supplying of water, in excess of the limitation of indebtedness fixed herein, shall not exceed twenty years, and a sinking fund shall be created on the issuing of the said bonds for their redemption, by raising annually a sum which will produce an amount equal to the sum of the principal and interest of said bonds at their maturity. All certificates of indebtedness or revenue bonds issued in anticipation of the collection of taxes, which are not retired within five years after their date of issue, and bonds issued to provide for the supply of water, and any debt hereafter incurred by any portion or part of a city if there shall be any such debt, shall be included in ascertaining the power of the city to become otherwise indebted, except that debts incurred by the city of New York after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and four, and debts incurred by any city of the second class after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and eight, and debts incurred by any city of the third class after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and ten

to provide for the supply of water, shall not be so included; and except further that any debt hereafter incurred by the city of New York for a public improvement owned or to be owned by the city, which yields to the city current net revenue, after making any necessary allowance for repairs and maintenance for which the city is liable, in excess of the interest on said debt and of the annual instalments necessary for its amortization may be excluded in ascertaining the power of said city to become otherwise indebted provided that a sinking fund for its amortization shall have been established and maintained and that the indebtedness shall not be so excluded during any period of time when the revenue aforesaid shall not be sufficient to equal the said interest and amortization instalments, and except further that any indebtedness heretofore incurred by the city of New York for any rapid transit or dock investment may be so excluded proportionately to the extent to which the current net revenue received by said city therefrom shall meet the interest and amortization instalments thereof, provided that any increase in the debt incurring power of the city of New York which shall result from the exclusion of debts heretofore incurred shall be available only for the acquisition or construction of properties to be used for rapid transit or dock purposes. The legislature shall prescribe the method by which and the terms and conditions under which the amount of any debt to be so excluded shall be determined, and no such debt shall be excluded except in accordance with the determination so prescribed. The legislature may in its discretion confer appropriate jurisdiction on the appellate division of the supreme court in the first judicial department for the purpose of determining the amount of any debt to be so excluded. No indebtedness of a city valid at the time of its inception shall thereafter become invalid by reason of the operation of any of the provisions of this section. Whenever the boundaries of any city are the same as those of a county, or when any city shall include within its boundaries more than one county the power of any county wholly included within such city to become indebted shall cease, but the debt of the county, heretofore existing, shall not, for the purposes of this section, be reckoned as a part of the city debt. The amount hereafter to be raised by tax for county or city purposes, in any county containing a city of over one hundred thousand inhabitants, or any such city of this state, in addition to providing for the principal and interest of existing debt, shall not in the aggregate exceed in any one year two per centum of the assessed valuation of the real and personal estate of such county or city, to be ascertained as prescribed in this section in respect to county or city debt.

Sec. 2. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the foregoing amendment be referred to the legislature to be chosen at the next general election of senators and in conformity with section one of article fourteen of the constitution be published for three months previous to the time of such election.

New York State.—Attorney-General Rules That Certain Railroad Bonds Are Legal as Savings Bank Investments.—We are informed by the State Banking Department that Charles D. Newton, Attorney-General of New York, has ruled that the following bonds are legal for the investment of savings bank funds:

Lake Shore & Michigan Southern RR. 3½s, 1998.
Michigan Central RR. 3½s, 1998.
New York Central Debenture 4s, 1934 and 1942.
New York Central Consolidated Mortgage 4s, 1998
Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Debenture 4s, 1928 and 1931.

The requirement of the Savings Bank Act is that gross earnings for five years must amount to or exceed five times the interest charges on the funded debt. The first year under that requirement would be 1916, and the gross was sufficiently large to meet the requirements in every year except the years of Federal control. The Attorney-General rules, however, that the years of Federal control are, by amendment to the Savings Bank Act in 1919 and 1920, specifically exempted from the requirement referred to.

Bill Proposing the Revision of New York City's Charter Introduced in Legislature.—A bill proposing that a commission be created to revise the Charter of New York City was introduced in the Legislature on Feb. 2. A special dispatch to the New York "Herald" from its Albany bureau dated Feb. 2 said:

The bill creating a commission on reorganization and retrenchment for New York City, backed by the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, was introduced to-day by Senator Burlingame and Assemblyman Wells. The commission is to be made up of two Senators, four Assemblymen and fifteen citizens of New York. The expenses, not exceeding \$50,000, are to be paid by the city. A statement given out in connection with the bill says that the New York City budget has grown in ten years from \$174,000,000 to \$345,000,000, the tax rate from \$1 75 to \$2 48, and the bonded indebtedness from \$840,000,000 to \$1,232,000,000.

"The charter under which the city is operating," says the statement, "was adopted twenty years ago. Since its adoption it has been amended in more than 1,000 places, until now it has become a patchwork of confusing and cumbersome details. Departments and bureaus are not properly co-ordinating, functions are misplaced, duplication and overlapping exist, and as a result there is much waste of effort and money in the administration of the city's business."

"The people of the city generally are convinced that an unprejudiced, non-partisan commission appointed under authority of law and empowered to make a searching and constructive study of the origin of departments and offices in the city government will find many places where offices, bureaus and departments can either be co-ordinated or functions redistributed and where economies can be introduced in the administration of the city and county affairs."

Pennsylvania.—Amendment to Constitution to Provide a Bonus for Soldiers Proposed.—Among the bills introduced in the Pennsylvania General Assembly is one which proposes to amend section four of Article nine of the State Constitution so as to permit the General Assembly to authorize the issuance of bonds in such amounts as may be necessary for the purpose of providing a bonus for persons who served as a part of the military and naval forces of the United States during times of war. We print Section four of Article nine below showing the proposed new matter in italics:

Section 4. No debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State except to supply casual deficiencies of revenue repel invasion suppress insurrection defend the State in war or to pay existing debt and the debt created to supply deficiencies in revenue shall never exceed in the aggregate at any one time one million dollars Provided however That the General Assembly irrespective of any debt may authorize the State to issue bonds to the amount of fifty millions of dollars for the purpose of improving and rebuilding the highways of the Commonwealth *Provided further That the General Assembly irrespective of any debt may authorize the issue of bonds in such amount as may be necessary for the purpose of providing a bonus for persons who served as a part of the military and naval forces of the United States during times of war.*

San Francisco, Calif.—Propositions to Buy Water System and Issue Bonds to be Voted on at Special Election.—The Board of Supervisors of San Francisco have set March 8 as the date on which the propositions, to buy the Spring Valley Water Co. and sanction the issuance of \$38,000,000 to provide the funds to finance this project, will be submitted to the voters. (V. 112, p. 389).

Seattle, Wash.—Skagit River Bonds to Be Offered to Contractors.—Plans for continuing the development of the

Skagit River project by the City of Seattle were approved Jan. 21 by the City Council. The Seattle "Post-Intelligencer" has the following to say with reference to the matter:

"After five members of the City Council, at the request of Mayor Caldwell, had gone on record at a session of the Council Finance Committee Jan. 21 as approving the plan of financing the Skagit work recommended by the Mayor, the Board of Public Works met in special session, approved plans and specifications for approximately \$1,000,000 worth of hydroelectric machinery for the Skagit plant, and decided to issue a call for bids on this equipment, with the hope of being able to let a contract for its purchase Feb. 18.

Bidders on the contract to furnish this equipment will be required to accept payment in bonds from the \$5,500,000 issue voted by the Council to finance the first stages of the Skagit development. They will also be asked to submit offers to purchase an additional \$1,000,000 of the same issue of bonds, the money derived in this way to be used in defraying cost of labor and other expenses connected with the Skagit work."

BOND CALLS AND REDEMPTIONS.

Longmont, Boulder County, Colo.—Bond Call.—Longmont Paving Improvement District No. 2 bonds, numbered 41, 42, 43, 44, 45 and 46, of \$500 each, have been called for payment Feb. 12, at which time interest ceases. C. M. Brown, is Treasurer.

Montrose, Montrose County, Colo.—Bond Call.—Holders of City of Montrose, Colo., 5% water bonds, series of 1910, optional March 1 1920, are hereby notified that the following bond is called for payment at the banking house of Kountze Bros., N. Y. Bond called is numbered as follows: Bond No. 1 for \$1,000. Mabel Curtis is City Clerk.

The official notice of this bond call will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS this week have been as follows:

ALLIANCE, Box Butte County, Neb.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The 7% paving bond issued (est. \$200,000), awarded on Jan. 11 to Benwell, Phillips, Este & Co. of Denver—V. 112, p. 391—is described as follows: Denom. \$1,000 or \$500. Int. J. & J. Date Jan. 1 1921.

ANSONIA, Darke County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Thos. W. Winbiger, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 12 m. Feb. 12 for \$5,500 6% water works and electric light plant bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 15 1920. Due \$1,000 yearly on Sept. 15 from 1936 to 1940, incl., and \$550 Sept. 15 1941. Cert. check for \$50, required.

ASHEVILLE, Buncombe County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Feb. 15 by G. C. Hunter, City Secretary and Treasurer, for the \$32,000 gold funding bonds at not exceeding 6% interest, offered without success on March 12—V. 111, p. 1773. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable in New York. Due \$4,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1924 to 1931, incl. Cert. check in cash on an incorporated bank or trust company for \$640 payable to the Commissioner of Public accounts and Finance, required. These bonds are to be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co., New York, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the city officials and the seal impressed thereon. The legality of the bonds will be examined by Caldwell & Masslich of New York, and the purchaser will be furnished, without charge, the opinion of said attorneys. Bids are desired on blank forms which will be furnished by the city or said trust company. Bonds will be delivered on Feb. 25 1921 or as soon thereafter as the bonds can be prepared, at the office of the U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co., New York, and must then be paid for on delivery. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

ASHTABULA COUNTY (P. O. Jefferson), Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The two issues of 6% road bonds, aggregating \$362,000, offered on Jan. 24—V. 112, p. 282—were not sold, as the bids received were rejected.

AVOCA, Murray County, Minn.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The \$10,000 6% refunding bonds awarded, as stated in V. 112, p. 178, are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1920. Int. A. & O. Due \$2,000 yearly on April 1 from 1936 to 1940.

BEAUMONT, Jefferson County, Tex.—CORRECT AMOUNT OF BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Dec. 27 the following tax-free bond issues, aggregating \$1,975,000 (not \$2,250,000 as reported in V. 112, p. 282) were voted.

Improvement and extension of water front facilities.....	\$500,000
Improvement and extension of municipal water works	
System and facilities.....	350,000
Improvement and extension of streets.....	350,000
Improvement and extension of sewers.....	200,000
Improvement and extension of fire department.....	75,000
Improvement and addition to school buildings.....	500,000

Bonds will mature in 40 annual installments and will bear 6% interest, payable semi-annually.

The ordinance authorizing the issuance of said bonds will probably be passed this week and as soon as bonds are approved by the Attorney General, they will be offered for sale. Total Bonded Debt (including said bonds) \$4,579,400. Sinking funds and interest Nov. 30 1920 \$556,097. Assessed value 1920 \$42,407,390. Tax rate \$2. per \$100. Population 1910, 20,640: 1920, 40,222. B. C. Le Baron is City Clerk.

BELLE PLAINE, Sumner County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—Reports say that \$30,000 6% paving bonds have been awarded to Vernon H. Branch of Wichita.

BENTON COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 6, Ark.—BOND SALE.—Stern Bros. & Co. of Kansas City, Mo., were awarded on Dec. 14 \$185,000 6% road impt. bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Date Jan. 1 1921. Int. M. & S. Due yearly on Sept. 1 from 1923 to 1941 inclusive.

BONNEVILLE IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Bountiful), Davis County, Utah.—BOND SALE.—The \$600,000 6% tax-free coupon bonds, which were offered unsuccessfully on Sept. 28—V. 111, p. 1492—have been sold to the Anglo & London Paris National Bank of San Francisco. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1920. Int. J. & D. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$150,000, 1931; \$66,000, 1932 and \$48,000, 1933 to 1940, incl. Total Bonded Debt \$600,000. Assessed value \$1,655,315. Actual value \$4,000,000.

BOSTON, Mass.—BOND SALE.—During January the following 4½% bonds, all dated Jan. 1 1921, were sold to Sinking and Trust Funds at par:

Amt.	Purpose.	Maturity.
\$9,000	Rapid Transit.....	Jan. 1966.
425,000	Arlington Station.....	Jan. 1971.
400,000	Highway Construction.....	\$20,000 yrly Jan. 1 1922-41.
100,000	Marine Park, Headhouse, &c.....	5,000 yrly Jan. 1 1922-41.
10,000	Old Harbor Impt.....	1,000 yrly Jan. 1 1922-31.
15,000	Wood Island Park.....	1,000 yrly Jan. 1 1922-36.

BROOKLINE, Norfolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—Blake Bros. & Co. of Boston have been awarded at 5.49% discount, plus \$1 25, a temporary loan of \$200,000, dated Feb. 1 1921 and maturing Nov. 17 1921.

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS (P. O. Brooklyn Heights R. F. D. No. 2), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Feb. 14 by A. F. Goldenbogen, Village Clerk, for the following 6% coupon special assessment water-main bonds: \$9,600 Bradley Road bonds. Int. J. & J. Due \$600 Jan. 15 1922 and \$1,000 yearly on Jan. 15 from 1923 to 1931, inclusive.

\$8,083 Broadview Road bonds. Int. A. & O. Due \$83 April 1 1923 and \$1,000 yearly on Jan. 15 from 1924 to 1931, inclusive.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—During January \$15,396.23 4% monthly local work bonds were issued to the Sinking Fund. Date Jan. 15 1921. Due Jan. 15 1922.

CALHOUN COUNTY (P. O. Port Lavaca), Tex.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—BONDS REOFFERED.—On Feb. 2 an issue of \$100,000 5% 30-year road bonds was not sold, no bids being submitted. They will be reoffered on March 14.

CANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Canton), Stark County Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals for the purchase of \$298,000 6% school bonds will be received until 12 m. Feb. 11 by W. C. Lane, Clerk of Board of Education. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 15 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at Kountze Bros. of New York. Due Feb. 15 1961. Cert. check for \$5,000, required.

CASWELL COUNTY (P. O. Yanceyville), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—H. S. Turner, Clerk Board of County Commissioners will receive bids until 1 p. m. Feb. 19 for \$20,000 6% road impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann int (J. & J.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Cert. check or cash for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for payable to Caswell County, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

CHAVES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Hagerman), N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2:30 p. m. Feb. 7 for the purchase of \$45,000 6% school bldg bonds. Certified check of \$2,250, required. Harry Cowan, clerk.

CHICAGO SOUTH PARK DISTRICT (P. O. Chicago), Cook County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 1 the following three blocks of 4% bonds totalling \$1,000,000—V. 112, p. 488—were awarded to the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, at \$9.39, a basis of about 5.33%: \$398,000 public park acquisition and impt. bonds. Due \$21,000 yearly on July 1 from 1922 to 1939, incl., and \$20,000 July 1 1940. 342,000 South Park Ave. Impt. bonds. Due \$18,000 yearly on July 1 from 1922 to 1940, incl. 260,000 Roosevelt Road bonds. Due \$13,000 yearly on July 1 from 1921 to 1940, incl. The public is now being offered these bonds at yields of from 5.10% to 5.50%.

CINCINNATI SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cincinnati), Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$700,000 6% coupon refunding bonds offered on Feb. 1—V. 112, p. 282—were awarded to Harris, Forbes & Co., the National City Co. and Hayden, Miller & Co for \$701,827, equal to 100.261, a basis of about 5.92%. Date Feb. 1 1921. Due \$100,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1922 to 1928, incl. An offering of these bonds is now being made to the public at prices to yield from 5 1/4% to 5 3/4%.

CITRUS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 11 a.m. Feb. 14 L. E. Lampton, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk Board of County Supervisors (P. O. Los Angeles), will receive proposals for \$300,000 5 1/2% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Due \$10,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1922 to 1931 incl. Cert. or Cashier's check for 3% of the said bonds, payable to the Chairman Board of County Commissioners, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Bonded debt, \$5,000. Assessed value 1920, \$6,122,890.

CLAY CENTER, Clay County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—An \$80,000 light and water bond issue has been disposed of.

CLAY COUNTY (P. O. Brazil), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10:30 a. m. Feb. 10 by Thomas W. Swinehart, County Treasurer, for the following three issues of road bonds: \$21,400 4 1/2% John H. Strain et al. county line bonds. Denom. \$535. Due \$1,070 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, incl. 17,400 5% W. W. Jones et al. Posey Twp. bonds. Denom. \$435. Due \$870 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, incl. 36,000 5% William R. Jones et al. Van Buren Twp. bonds. Denom. \$450. Due \$1,800 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, incl. Date Jan. 20 1921. Int. M. & N.

CLAY COUNTY (P. O. Spencer), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—Schanke & Co. of Mason City were recently awarded an issue of \$150,000 6% drainage bonds, due serially from 1925 to 1932, incl.

COLFAX COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 26 (P. O. Maxwell), N. Mex.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 6% 20-30 year (opt.) school bonds, offered on Jan. 29—V. 112, p. 282—have been sold to Sidlo, Simons, Fels & Co. of Denver at 97. Denom. \$500.

COLUMBUS COUNTY (P. O. Whiteville), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 6% 30-year road and bridge bonds, offered on Jan. 4—V. 112, p. 79—have been sold it is stated, to Sidney Spitzer & Co. of Toledo, at par. Date Dec. 1 1920.

CONORAVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Gordon County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—W. L. Swain, Superintendent of the County School Board (P. O. Calhoun), will sell \$18,000 5 1/2% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on Jan. 1 from 1922 to 1941, incl.

COTTONWOOD COUNTY (P. O. Windom), Minn.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 26 the Northwestern Trust Co. of St. Paul was the successful bidder for the \$30,000 6% 15 1/2 year (aver.) funding bonds, dated Jan. 1 1921—V. 112, p. 392—at 103.75 and interest, a basis of about 5.64%. Other bidders: Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. \$31,105; Wells-Dickey Co. \$30,985; Kalman, Matteson & Wood. 31,082.

COVINGTON, Fountain County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals for \$24,000 6% water and power plant bonds will be received until Feb. 14 by Chas. A. Baldwin, City Clerk. Denoms. 10 for \$500, 10 for \$1,000 and 6 for \$1,500. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Fountain Trust Co. of Covington. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$500, 1922 to 1931, incl.; \$1,000, 1932 to 1937, incl.; \$1,500, 1938 to 1943; and \$1,000, 1944 to 1947, incl.

COVINGTON, Miami County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that on Jan. 28 a block of \$250,000 5 1/2% waterworks bonds was sold to Weil, Roth & Co. of Cincinnati, for \$250,900, equal to 100.36.

CUYAHOGA FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cuyahoga Falls), Summit County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Central Savings & Trust Co. of Akron has purchased the \$375,000 5 1/2% school bonds which were offered on Jan. 12—V. 112, p. 179. Due each six months as follows: \$1,000, Oct. 1 1922 to Oct. 1 1924, incl.; \$2,000, Apr. 1 1925 to Oct. 1 1926, incl.; \$3,000, Apr. 1 1927 to Oct. 1 1928, incl.; \$4,000, Apr. 1 1929 to Oct. 1 1930, incl.; \$5,000 Apr. 1 1931 to Oct. 1 1937, incl.; \$6,000, Apr. 1 and Oct. 1 1938; \$7,000, Apr. 1 1939 to Apr. 1 1946, incl.; \$8,000 Oct. 1 1946 to Oct. 1 1954, incl.; and \$11,000 Apr. 1 1955.

DALLAS COUNTY (P. O. Adel), Iowa.—PRICES PAID.—In securing the \$52,000 5 1/2% 10-year bonds on Jan. 13 the Second Ward Securities Co. of Milwaukee paid 97.84, a basis of about 5.79%, while the other issue (\$32,000 6% 5-year), also offered on that date, went to the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport at 97.66, a basis of about 6.55%. The notice of the award of the above issues was given in V. 112, p. 392.

DAVENPORT, Lincoln County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 water bonds recently voted—V. 112, p. 392—have been sold to the Western Union Life Insurance Co.

DELPHOS, Allen County, Ohio.—NO BIDDERS.—There were no bidders for the \$7,500 5 1/2% deficiency funding bonds offered on Jan. 31—V. 112, p. 488.

DEFIANCE, Defiance County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—A. E. Aub & Co. of Cincinnati, bidding \$37,121, equal to 106.06, a basis of about 5.53%, were awarded the \$35,000 6% coupon water works impt. bonds offered on Jan. 31—V. 112, p. 283. Date Jan. 15 1921. Due \$5,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1940 to 1946, incl.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Premium, Name, Premium. Lists various bidders and their premium amounts for bonds.

DUNLAP, Harrison County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that proposals will be received until 8 p. m. Feb. 7 by I. E. Nordaker, City Clerk, for \$39,000 6% water extension bonds. Denom. \$3,900. Date March 1 1921. Due \$3,900 yearly from 1931 to 1940, incl. Cert. check for \$500, required.

EAGLE POINT IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Eagle Point) Jackson County, Ore.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$200,000 6% irrigation bonds offered on Jan. 18—V. 112, p. 79—were not sold on that day, because a satisfactory bid was lacking.

EAST CLEVELAND, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The two issues of 6% coupon special assessment street-impt. bonds, amounting to \$46,588.68, offered on Jan. 22—V. 112, p. 180—were not sold. Bids of par plus \$25 and par plus \$54 were received from Weil, Roth & Co. and Seasongood & Mayer, respectively, but these offers were rejected. The Director of Finance is now offering the bonds at private sale at par and interest, only offers for both issues being considered.

EAST SAN DIEGO, San Diego County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 5 p. m. Feb. 16 for an issue of \$100,000 6% coupon sewerage system bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Date Feb. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F & A.) payable in East San Diego, Diego. Due \$2,500 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1922 to 1961, incl. Cert. check for 1%, required.

ELYRIA TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Elyria), Lorain County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 6% coupon school-building bonds offered on Jan. 29—V. 112, p. 393—were awarded to the State Industrial Commission of Ohio. Date Jan. 1 1921. Due \$500 yearly on March 1 from 1922 to 1941, incl.

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Mass.—BIDS.—At the offering on Jan. 10 of the \$200,000 9-months' tuberculosis hospital notes, dated Jan. 15 1921, and \$200,000 10-months tax-anticipation notes dated Jan. 10 1921, the following bids were received:

Table with 3 columns: Name of Bidder, 9-Months Loan, 10-Months Loan. Lists bidders and their loan terms.

Action was delayed by the Board of County Commissioners until Jan. 11. No report as to the award has yet been received.

TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Essex Trust Co. of Lynn was awarded at 5.69% discount a temporary loan of \$10,000 offered on Jan. 28. Date Jan. 20 1921. Due July 20 1921.

NOTE SALE.—On Feb. 1 the Gloucester Safe Deposit & Trust Co., offering 100.30, a basis of about 5.44%, was awarded \$20,000 5 1/4% industrial farm loan notes, date Jan. 20 1921 and maturing Jan. 20 1922.

EUGENE, Lane County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—Carstens & Earles, Inc., recently acquired \$12,500 impt. bonds from this city.

EVERGLADES DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Tallahassee), Leon County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—During the year ending Dec. 31 1920 \$1,500,000 6% tax-free bonds were sold to Spitzer, Korick & Co., of New York, Chicago, Topeka and Toledo. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1920. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable in gold at the office of the State Treasurer or at the office of the State fiscal agency in New York City, N. Y., at option of holder. Due yearly on July 1 from 1926 to 1940, inclusive; callable at any interest-paying period on sixty days' notice at 102 and interest. Bonds can be registered with the State Treasurer both as to principal and interest. The said purchasers are now offering these bonds to investors at par and accrued interest. Bonded debt (including this issue), \$4,500,000.

FAIRMONT GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fairmont), Robeson County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Feb. 22 for the purchase of not less than \$60,000 nor more than \$100,000 30-year 6% bonds. Certified check for \$500 required. Address all bids to F. L. Blue, Chairman, Fairmont, Robeson County, No. Caro. Bonded debt, excluding this issue, Jan. 27 1921, \$30,000. Assessed value 1920, \$2,818,001.

FAIRVIEW, Major County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—Geo. W. & J. E. Piersol, of Oklahoma City, have purchased the following 6% bonds: \$50,000 water bonds. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000 1925, \$7,000 1930, \$10,000 1935, \$13,000 1940, and \$15,000 1945. 40,000 sewer bonds. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$4,000 1925, \$6,000 1930, \$8,000 1935, \$10,000 1940, and \$12,000 1945. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the Oklahoma fiscal agency in New York City, N. Y.

FALLON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT "B" (P. O. Fallon), Churchill County, Nev.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$418,000 6% bonds, maturing from 1921 to 1940, incl., has been sold to the Wm. R. Staats Co. and Leroy T. Royne & Co., both of Los Angeles, jointly.

GALLIPOLIS, Gallia County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Feb. 12 by W. P. Kling, City Auditor, for \$5,000 6% fire dept. apparatus bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1921. Int. semi-ann. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$500, 1922 to 1927, incl.; and \$1,000 1928 and 1929. Cert. check for 10% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Auditor, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 20 days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

GENEVA, Ashtabula County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Feb. 15 by W. E. Morgan, Village Clerk, for \$30,000 6% gas-plant purchase bonds. Denom. \$2,000. Date Dec. 1 1920. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & D.) payable at the First National Bank of Geneva. Due \$2,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1921 to 1935, inclusive. Certified check for 1% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within ten days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

GIBBON, Buffalo County, Nebr.—BOND SALE.—The Bankers Trust Co. of Denver has purchased \$35,000 7% paving district and \$36,000 6% inter-section bonds. Bonded Debt these two issues and \$21,500 water bonds. Population 883.

GIBSON COUNTY (P. O. Trenton), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The Wm. R. Compton Co., of St. Louis was awarded the \$150,000 6% 8 1/2 year (aver.) funding bonds—V. 112, p. 489—on Jan. 31 at 99.00, a basis of about 6.16%. Date Jan. 1 1921. Due \$10,000 yearly on July 1 from 1922 to 1936, incl.

GLACIER COUNTY (P. O. Cut Bank), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Feb. 21 for the \$100,000 6% highway bonds—V. 111, p. 1493—by J. A. Heller, County Clerk. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Liberty National Bank, N. Y. Due \$10,000 yearly on July 1 from 1931 to 1940, incl., said bonds being redeemable as follows: on Jan. 1 preceding their respective maturity. Cert. check on some reliable bank for \$5,000 payable to the County Treasurer, required. The said bonds will be printed by the said county and ready for delivery at the time of sale and the said county

will deliver to the purchaser the approving opinion of Chapman, Cutler & Parker, Chicago. Official circular states that no previous issues of bonds have been contested and that the interest and principal of all bonds previously issued have been promptly paid at maturity and that there is no controversy or litigation pending or threatening, affecting the corporate existence or the boundaries of said county or the title of its present officials to their offices or the validity of these bonds.

Financial Statement.

Actual value of real estate and personal property (approx.)	\$12,768,685.00
Taxable value (real estate, personal and other taxable property), equalized 1920	4,268,101.00
Total bonded debt, including this issue	305,000.00
Sinking funds reserved for payment of above bonds	2,361.36
Floating debt (warrants) not included in above	21,452.87
Population, last official census 1920	4,200.

GOSHEN, Utah County, Utah.—BOND OFFERING.—At 2 p. m. Feb. 10, \$19,000 6% water bonds will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Dated Feb. 1 1921. Due \$1,000 annually from 1927 to 1935, both inclusive, and \$2,000 annually from 1938 to 1940, both inclusive. Interest F. & A., with principal payable at National Bank of Commerce, New York. Legality approved by Shields & White, attorneys, Denver. Jno. J. Asperon is Clerk.

GREENFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Greenfield), Dade County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 6% tax-free school bonds, voted on Dec. 5—V. 111, p. 2543—have been sold to the Wm. R. Compton Co. of St. Louis. Denom. \$500. Date Feb. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the American Trust Co., St. Louis. Due serially on Feb. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1922 to 1924 incl., \$1,500 1925 to 1930 incl., \$2,000 1931 to 1934 incl., \$2,500 1935 to 1937 incl., \$3,000 1938 to 1940 incl., and \$3,500 1941.

Financial Statement.

Estimated actual value taxable property	\$2,500,000
Assessed value taxable property, 1919	1,048,911
Bonded debt, including this issue	40,000
Population, estimated, 2,500.	

GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP (P. O. Brighton), La Grange County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Harvey C. Plank, Township Trustee, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Feb. 15 for the following 5% bonds: \$42,000 Civil Twp. bonds. Denoms. 30 for \$1,000 and 60 for \$200. Due \$1,400 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1936 incl. 38,000 School Twp. bonds. Denoms. 1 for \$500, 30 for \$1,000 and 30 for \$250. Due \$1,750 May 15 1922 and \$1,250 each six months from Nov. 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1936 incl. Date Feb. 15 1921. Int. M. & N.

GREENVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Greenville), Greenville County, So. Caro.—PRICE PAID.—R. M. Grant & Co., of New York, paid \$8.66 and interest, a basis of about 5.99%, on Jan. 25, for the \$250,000 5% 19½-year school bonds, dated July 1 1919. The notice of the award of the above bonds was already given in V. 112, p. 489. Other bidders: Kauffman-Smith-Emert & Co. \$221,511; Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co. 215,375; Sidney Spitzer & Co. and Seasingood & Mayer 218,000.

GUYPON, Texas County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—Reports say that a \$128,000 6% light and power bond issue has been disposed of.

HAWTHORNE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hawthorne), Passaic County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—E. C. Latta, District Clerk, will receive bids until 8 p. m. Feb. 15 for an issue of 6% coupon (with privilege of registration) school bonds not to exceed \$30,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Citizens Trust Co. of Paterson. Due \$2,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1922 to 1936, incl. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company, for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Custodian of School Moneys, required. Legality approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of New York.

HEBER, Wasatch County, Utah.—BOND ELECTION.—On Feb. 19 the \$15,000 6% water extension bonds—V. 112, p. 489—will be voted upon. J. M. McMullin, City Recorder.

HENDERSON COUNTY (P. O. Hendersonville), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 12 m. Feb. 7 H. G. Edney, Register of Deeds, will receive proposals for \$75,000 6% road and bridge bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. Due \$2,500 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1923 to 1952 incl. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company for \$1,500 payable to the County Treasurer, required.

HENDERSON COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 8, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$39,000 5½% 30-year bonds was registered on Jan. 26 with the State Comptroller.

HENDRICKS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hendricks), Lincoln County, Minn.—BONDS VOTED.—The voters at a special election held in this district indorsed a bond issue of \$60,000, for a new school building.

HENRIETTA, Clay County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller on Jan. 27 registered \$35,000 6% 10-40-year bonds.

HUBBARD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hubbard), Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals for the purchase of \$25,000 6% high school equipment bonds will be received until 12 m. Feb. 12 by L. M. Stewart, Clerk of Board of Education. Denom. \$1,000. Date Mar. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Hubbard Banking Co. of Hubbard. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1925 to 1949, incl. Cert. check for \$200, payable to the Treasurer of the Board of Education, required.

HUNTSVILLE, Walker County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Jan. 24 \$5,000 sewer and \$7,500 street-paving 5% 10-40-year bonds were registered with the State Comptroller.

HURON COUNTY (P. O. Norwalk), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$36,000 6% road bonds offered on Jan. 31—V. 112, p. 393—were awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit at par and accrued interest. Date Jan. 10 1921. Due yearly on Jan. 10 as follows: \$5,000 1928, 1929 and 1930 and \$4,000 1931.

IDAHO (State of)—BOND SALE.—The National City Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons and Hannahs, Ballin and Lee, all of New York, purchased the \$2,000,000 5% tax-free coupon (with privilege of registration) State highway bonds on Jan. 31—V. 112, p. 393—at 95.679 and interest. Date Jan. 1 1921. Due Jan. 1 1941, callable at par and accrued interest on and after Jan. 1 1931. The said bonds, which are a legal investment for savings banks in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island and other States, are now being offered by the purchasers to investors at 97.50 and accrued interest, yielding over 5.20%.

INDEPENDENCE, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Feb. 15 by E. F. Keller, Village Clerk, at his office, 900 Marshall Building, Cleveland, for the purchase of \$35,000 6% coupon electric-transmission bonds. Denom. 20 for \$500 and 25 for \$1,000. Date, day of sale. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable at the Village Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1925; \$3,000 1926 to 1928, inclusive, and \$4,000 1929 to 1934, incl. Certified check on some bank other than the one making the bid, for 10% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at the Clerk's office within ten days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

IRVINGTON, Essex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. Feb. 16 by W. H. Jammaunau, Town Clerk, for an issue of 5½% coupon (with privilege of registration) school bonds, not to exceed \$285,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1921. Int. F. & A. Due yearly on Feb. 1 as follows: \$10,000 1922 to 1944, incl., and \$11,000 1945 to 1949, incl. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the "Town of Irvington," required. Legality approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York.

JACINTO IRRIGATION DISTRICT, Calif.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—Additional data is at hand relative to the sale of the \$238,000 6% tax-free gold coupon bonds, awarded to a syndicate consisting of the Anglo and London Paris National Bank, Blankenhorn-Hunter-Dulin Co., Bradford, Weedon & Co., and Carstens & Earles, Inc.—V. 112, p. 394. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1920. Int. semi-ann. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the Treasurer of the District, Bayliss, Glenn County, Calif. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1923; \$6,000, 1924; \$7,000, 1925 and 1926; \$8,000, 1927 and 1928; \$9,000, 1929; \$10,000, 1930 and 1931;

\$11,000, 1932; \$12,000, 1933; \$13,000, 1934; \$14,000, 1935 and 1936; \$15,000, 1937; \$16,000, 1938; \$17,000, 1939; \$18,000, 1940 and \$19,000, 1941 and 1942.

JAMESTOWN, Chautauqua County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 27 the \$69,894 54 coupon or registered refunding grade-crossing elimination bonds offered on that date (V. 112, p. 394) were awarded to Schoellkopf, Hutton & Co., of Buffalo, at 100.257 for 5¼s, a basis of about 5.21%. Date Feb. 1 1921. Due \$1,894 56 Feb. 1 1922 and \$5,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1923 to 1935, inclusive. Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. offered 100.07 for 5¼s.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Louisville), Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Feb. 21 by J. W. Clark, Treasurer of the Board of School Trustees, for \$74,500 6% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1921. Prin. and ann. int. (Jan. 1) payable in gold or lawful currency of the United States, at the National City Bank, N. Y. Due yearly as follows: \$3,000 1935 to 1937, incl.; \$3,500 1938 to 1940 incl.; \$4,000 1941; \$4,500 1942 and 1943; \$5,000 1944 and 1945; \$5,500 1946; \$6,000 1947; \$6,500 1948 and 1949 and \$7,500 1950. Cert. check for 2% payable to the above official, required. Bonds will be printed or engraved by the successful bidder.

JOHNSON COUNTY (P. O. Franklin), Ind.—NO BIDDERS.—There were no bidders for the \$4,363 4¼% Asa W. Sawen et al. Blue River Twp. road bonds offered on Jan. 26—V. 112, p. 394.

JOPLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Joplin), Jasper County, Mo.—BOND ELECTION.—At an election to be held on Feb. 7 a \$575,000 bond issue, for two new schools and improvements to a third, will be voted upon. It is stated.

KALAMA, Cowlitz County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Elsie Potter, Town Treasurer, will receive bids at any time for the \$20,000 6% water bonds. V. 112, p. 2249.

KENTON COUNTY (P. O. Hardin), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by the County Auditor until 12 m. Feb. 18 for \$10,000 6% bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 3 1921. Int. semi-ann. Due \$1,000 yearly on Jan. 3 from 1922 to 1931, incl. Cert. check for \$500, payable to the County Auditor, required.

KERRVILLE, Kerr County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—A \$20,000 5% 5-40-year water-works bond issue was registered with the State Comptroller on Jan. 28.

KINGMAN COLONY DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Vale), Malheur County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Feb. 23 by Frank D. Hall, Secretary Board of Directors, for \$7,000 6% drainage bonds. Denom. \$500. Date March 1 1921. Int. M. & S. Due \$500 in 1926 to 1939, incl. Cert. check for 10%, required.

KIOWA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Sheridan Lake), Colo.—BOND ELECTION.—SALE.—Subject to an election to be called about March 5, Benville, Phillips, Este & Co. of Denver have purchased \$30,000 6% 15-30 year (opt.) school bonds.

KIRKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Kirkwood), St. Louis County, Mo.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 1,334 to 176 the question of issuing \$225,000 school bldg. bonds, carried at a recent election.

LEAVENWORTH, Leavenworth County, Kans.—BOND SALE.—Vernon H. Branch of Wichita, has purchased \$100,000 6% water works bonds, it is reported.

LEESBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lee County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—S. J. Powell, County Superintendent of Schools (P. O. Leesburg), will receive bids for \$65,000 5% school bonds until Feb. 25. Denom. \$1,000. Int. J. & J. Due yearly on Jan. 1 from 1926 to 1950, inclusive.

LEVAN, Juab County, Utah.—BOND ELECTION.—On Feb. 15 \$16,000 6% 20-year municipal light plant bonds are to be voted upon. J. E. Hansin, Town Clerk.

LINCOLN, Lancaster County, Nebr.—BOND ELECTION.—At the April election \$500,000 bonds, to construct municipal gas plant, will be voted upon.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—WARRANT OFFERING.—Bids will be received by Ben D. Brickhouse, Mayor, for \$325,000 funding warrants until 11 a. m. March 4. Date March 25 1921. Due March 25 1922. The bonds will not bear interest, but carrying charges will be taken care of by prepayment.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Jackson), Tenn.—BOND ELECTION.—An issue of \$300,000 road bonds is to be voted upon in the near future.

MANILA (City of), Philippine Islands.—WILL PROBABLY SEEK BIDS AGAIN FOR MANILA BONDS.—"Financial America" has the following to say with reference to further efforts to be made to place the loan recently offered on behalf of this City:

"In an effort to float the \$2,750,000 10-30 year (opt.) 5½% tax-free registered gold bond issue, for the City of Manila, Major-General Frank McIntyre, Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, on Jan. 31 said he had written a number of influential bankers looking to a reconsideration of the matter. An advertisement for bids opened Jan. 25 resulted in no proposals being made.

A misunderstanding of the law, which fixed at \$15,000,000 the amount of bonds the Government of the Philippines could issue is said to have resulted in the failure of the issue. An opinion by the Attorney-General that the inhibition did not extend to the municipalities in the islands has put the situation in a different light and offers now are expected.

General McIntyre will not take any action, however, until he has had replies from all the banks interrogated."

MAPLEWOOD, St. Louis County, Mo.—BOND ELECTION.—An election has been called to vote \$40,000 sewer; \$35,000 fire department and \$12,000 street lamp bonds. This is a environ of St. Louis.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Marion), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Harley E. Koons, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive bids until 12 m. Feb. 12 for \$16,100 6% coupon Halsey & Shoots road impt. bonds. Denom. 1 for \$100, 2 for \$500 & 15 for \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due each six months as follows: \$100, Mar. 1 1922; \$500 Sept. 1 1922 & Mar. 1 1923; and \$1,000 Sept. 1 1924 to Sept. 1 1930. Cert. check for \$200, payable to the Board of County Commrs., required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at the office of the Board of Commrs., on Feb. 12, or as soon thereafter as they can be prepared. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

MARYLAND (State of)—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 3 the following three issues of 4½% tax-free coupon bonds were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Mercantile Trust Co., the Union Trust Co., Frank Rosenberg & Co., Nelson, Cook & Co., Westheimer & Co., Townsend, Scott & Son, Colston & Co., Hambleton & Co., and Baker, Watts & Co. of Baltimore, and the Wm. R. Compton Co., the Guaranty Co., and Graham, Parsons & Co. of New York, and Field, Richards & Co. of Cincinnati, at 95.0869, a basis of about 5.13%:

\$1,500,000 Lateral and Post Road bonds. Date Feb. 15 1921. Due yearly on Feb. 15 as follows: \$87,000, 1924; \$91,000, 1925; \$96,000, 1926; \$99,000, 1927; \$104,000, 1928; \$109,000, 1929; \$114,000, 1930; \$119,000, 1931; \$125,000, 1932; \$130,000, 1933; \$137,000, 1934; \$142,000, 1935, and \$147,000, 1936.

500,000 Construction bonds. Date Feb. 15 1921. Due yearly on Feb. 15 as follows: \$29,000, 1924; \$30,000, 1925; \$32,000, 1926; \$33,000, 1927; \$35,000, 1928; \$36,000, 1929; \$38,000, 1930; \$40,000, 1931; \$42,000, 1932; \$44,000, 1933; \$45,000, 1934; \$47,000, 1935; and \$49,000, 1936.

500,000 Lateral and Post Road bonds. Date Aug. 15 1920. Due yearly on Feb. 15 as follows: \$74,000, 1932; \$137,000, 1933; \$142,000, 1934; and \$147,000, 1935.

The bonds are now being retailed to investors at prices yielding from 4.90% to 5.30%, according to reports.

MASON CITY, Cerro Gordo County, Iowa.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—Further details are at hand relative to the sale of \$175,000 5½% water impt. bonds, awarded on Dec. 29 to the First National Company of Mason City at 96.05 and interest, a basis of about 6.03%—V. 112, p. 490. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1920. Int. J. & D. Due Dec. 1 1930.

MASSACHUSETTS (State of)—NOTE SALE.—On Feb. 2 the \$7,000,000 tax-free military service loan notes (V. 112, p. 490) were awarded to Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, of Boston, who offered to pay 100.03 for 5½% notes, maturing as scheduled in Plan I, i. e., \$3,000,000 Nov. 15 1921 and \$4,000,000 Feb. 15 1922. At this price the basis is about 5.47%. Date Feb. 15 1921. The bids, including those received for maturity

Plan 11., which was that the notes mature \$3,000,000 Nov. 15 1921, \$3,000,000 Nov. 15 1922, and \$1,000,000 Nov. 15 1923, were as follows:

Table with columns: Name, Plan and Int. Rate, Rate Bid. Includes entries for Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, Old Colony Trust Co., Bernhard Scholle & Co., S. N. Bond & Co., Curtis & Sanger, Edmunds Brothers, National City Co. of Boston, The First National Bank, N. Y., Bankers Trust Co. of N. Y., Merrill, Oldham & Co., Estabrook & Co., R. L. Day & Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., Inc.

MEDFORD IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Medford), Jefferson County, Ore.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS—Further details are at hand relative to the sale of the \$1,250,000 6% 6-40 year irrigation bonds, awarded on Jan. 18 to P. Welch at 99—V. 112, p. 490 Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500 Date Jan. 1 1921. Int. J & J.

MERIDIAN, Lauderdale County, Miss.—BONDS NOT SOLD—No sale was made on Jan. 17 of the \$150,000 ice plant and \$20,000 hospital bonds, at not exceeding 6% interest—V. 112, p. 281 The city will try to sell these bonds at a private sale.

MICHIGAN (State of).—BIDS REJECTED—TO TRY PRIVATE SALE.—All bids submitted for the \$1,000,000 5% 30-year coupon road bonds offered on Feb. 1—V. 112, p. 490—were rejected. The State Treasurer has been authorized to sell the issue privately.

MILTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Milton), Northumberland County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—Unofficial reports state that \$100,000 6% 1-25 year serial school bonds have been sold to Newburger, Henderson & Loeb of Philadelphia. Date Feb. 1 1921.

MINEOLA, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. of New York, were awarded at 102, a basis of about 5.73%, the following two issues of 6% bonds, which were offered on Feb. 2—V. 112, p. 490.

\$4,500 fire truck bonds. Denom. \$900. Due \$900 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1922 to 1926, incl. 16,500 drainage bonds. Denom. \$1,100. Due \$1,100 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1926 to 1940, incl. Date Feb. 1 1921. Int. F. & A.

MINNESOTA (State of).—HIGHEST PROPOSAL HELD FOR CONSIDERATION.—A syndicate headed by the National City Co. submitted the highest bid on Feb. 3 for the \$4,538,000 5% tax-free coupon soldiers' bonus certificates of indebtedness. The proposal, which was equal to 95.4119, is being held for consideration.

MISSOULA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 40 (P. O. Frenchtown), Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 6% school bonds, which were offered on Oct. 9—V. 111, p. 1299—have been sold to Ferris & Hardgrove of Spokane, it is reported.

MITCHELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mitchell) Davison County, So. Dak.—NO BIDS.—There were no proposals received on Jan. 28 for the \$200,000 10-20-year (opt.) school-building bonds, at not exceeding 5% interest—V. 112, p. 284.

MONTGOMERY, Montgomery County, Ala.—CORRECTION—BOND SALE.—The 5% funding bonds issue which was sold on Dec. 20 to R. M. Grant & Co. of N. Y., amounted to \$250,000 (not \$200,000 as stated in V. 112, p. 182).

The \$150,000 water-works and \$50,000 sanitary and storm-sewer 5% bonds, which were offered together with the said funding bonds on Dec. 20—V. 111, p. 2349—have been sold to Otto Marx & Co. of Birmingham. The whole three issues bear date of Nov. 1 1920 and become due Nov. 1 1950.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Dayton), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$51,000 6% coupon Sec. "E" Covington Pike impt. bonds offered on Jan. 31—V. 112, p. 490—were awarded to Elston & Co. of Chicago for 51,005 (100 009) and interest, a basis of about 5.99%. Date Feb. 1 1921. Due \$6,000 Feb. 1 1922 and \$5,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1923-31, incl. The \$86,000 6% coupon Sec. "F" bonds offered at the same time were not sold.

MOUNTAIN SHEEP IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Joseph), Wallawa County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—A W. Schupp, Secretary Board of Directors, will receive bids until 5 p. m. March 1 for \$125,000 6% 5-20 year bonds. Denoms. \$500 and \$1,000. Int. J. & J.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Kiowa County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—Reports say that the \$30,000 electric light bonds, which were referred to in V. 111, p. 314—have been sold to R. J. Edwards of Oklahoma City.

MT. VERNON, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 31 A. B. Leach & Co. of New York were awarded the \$23,000 5 1/2% registered assessment bonds (V. 112, p. 490) for \$23,197.80 (100 86) and interest, a basis of about 5.30%. Date Feb. 1 1921. Due Feb. 1 1926. The First National Bank and Sherwood & Merrifield bid \$23,197.80 and \$23,029.90 respectively.

MUSSELHELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55, (P. O. Roundup), Mont.—BOND ELECTION.—Today (Feb. 5) \$70,000 6% 15-year high school bldg. bonds will be voted upon Kathryn Haffner, Clerk.

NASHUA, Hillsborough County, N. H.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On Jan. 28 Arthur Perry & Co. of Boston, were awarded on a 5.75% discount basis a temporary loan of \$60,000, dated Jan. 31 1921 and maturing Dec. 2 1921.

NEW JERSEY (State of)—BONDS NOT TO BE OFFERED NOW.—It has been decided not to issue the \$12,000,000 20-year soldier bonus and \$5,000,000 30-year bridge and tunnel 5% tax-free coupon or registered bonds which were to have been offered on Feb. 15—V. 112, p. 490. The bonds will not be sold before June 15.

NEWTON FALLS CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Newton Falls), Trumbull County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$8,000 6% school bonds which were offered on Sept. 15 last—V. 111, p. 1012—have not as yet been sold.

NORMAL, McLean County, Ill.—BOND OFFERING.—E. L. Buck, City Clerk, will receive proposals until 7 30 p. m. Feb. 7 for \$30,500 5% bonds. Due yearly on Mar. 1 as follows: \$5,000 1923, \$6,000 1924, \$5,500 1925, and \$7,000 1926 and 1927.

NORTH CAROLINA (State of).—NOTE SALE.—The Guaranty Company of New York, S. N. Bond & Co., and Stacy & Braun, all of New York, purchased on Feb. 1 \$4,500,000 6 1/2% tax-free notes at 100.06, a basis of about 6.19%. Denoms. \$25,000, \$10,000, \$5,000 and \$1,000. Date Feb. 15 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y. Due Feb. 15 1922. These bonds which are a legal investment for New York Savings Banks and Trust Funds are now being offered by the said purchasers to investors, to yield 6% interest.

NORTHAMPTON, Hampshire County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—George W. Clark, City Treasurer will receive bids until 11:30 a. m. Feb. 9 for the purchase on an interest basis of a temporary loan of \$200,000, dated Feb. 10 and maturing Oct. 27 1921.

These notes will be engraved under the supervision of the Old Colony Trust Company, 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 Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston. These

notes are exempt from taxation in Massachusetts. The legal papers incident to this issue will be filed with the Old Colony Trust Company, where they may be inspected.

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—TEMPORARY LOANS.—During January the city issued the following short-term securities, consisting of Revenue Bills and Bonds, Corporate Stock Notes, Tax Notes and Gold Exempt Corporate Stock, aggregating \$54,466,059.35:

Table with columns: Amount, Int. Rate, Maturity, Date Sold, Rapid Transit (\$10,100,000), Amount, Int. Rate, Maturity, Date Sold. Includes sub-sections for Revenue Bills of 1921, Corporate Stock Notes, and Rapid Transit.

NUNN, Weld County, Colo.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. E. Madden, Town Clerk, until Feb. 15 for the \$30,000 6% water works bonds—V. 110, p. 2590—Denom. \$500. Date Nov. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at Kountze Bros., N. Y. Due Nov. 1 1935. Cert. check for \$1,000 payable to the Town Treasurer, required.

OGDEN, Weber County, Utah.—BOND ELECTION CONSIDERED.—Mayor Frank Francis urges an election to vote on issuing \$225,000 street paving, \$325,000 sanitary sewer, \$150,000 storm sewer, \$70,000 bridge, \$75,000 park, \$20,000 fire, \$25,000 curb and gutter, \$10,000 sidewalk and \$325,000 water extension bonds.

ORANGE COUNTY (P. O. Paoli), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—John L. Teaford, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Feb. 7 for \$8,200 Rainey Road, French Lick Two.; \$5,000 Johnson & Antioch Roads, French Lick Twp., and \$6,000 Orleans and West Baden Road, Orleans Twp. 4 1/2% bonds. Int. semi-ann.

OREGON (State of).—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 1 the \$1,000,000 4 1/2% tax-free gold state highway bonds—V. 112, p. 395—were sold to the Wm. R. Compton Co. of N. Y. at 92.05, a basis of about 5.28%. Date Jan. 1 1921. Due \$25,000 on April 1 and Oct. 1 each year from 1926 to 1945, incl. These bonds are a legal investment for Savings Banks and Trust Funds in New York and other Eastern States. On a preceding page of this issue these bonds are being advertised to investors at prices yielding from 5.10% to 5.50%, as follows:

Table with columns: Maturity, Yield. Includes entries for Maturity 1926 to yield 5.50%, Maturities 1927 to 1928 to yield 5.40%, Maturities 1929 to 1930 to yield 5.30%, Maturities 1931 to 1932 to yield 5.20%, Maturities 1933 to 1945 to yield 5.10%.

ORLEANS COUNTY (P. O. Albion), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$94,000 6% highway bonds offered on Feb. 1—V. 112, p. 395—were awarded on that date to Sherwood & Merrifield of New York, for \$94,131.60 (100 14) and interest, a basis of about 5.92%. Date Jan. 10 1921. Due \$23,000 on July 10 in 1922, 1923 and 1924; and \$25,000 July 10 1925. A bid of \$94,028.20 was submitted by Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., of New York.

ORRVILLE, Wayne County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—A vote of 449 "for" to 207 "against" was cast in favor of the proposition to issue \$22,000 ice-plant bonds which was submitted at the Jan. 25 election—V. 112, p. 81. These bonds will be offered about March 30.

OSSING UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Ossining), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Percy H. Dawden, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive bids until 8.15 p. m. Feb. 10 for \$12,000 registered gold school bonds, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable in gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, at the District Treasurer's office. Due \$1,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1922 to 1933, incl. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company for \$1,000, payable to the Board of Education, required.

OTERO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 (P. O. La Junta), Colo.—ADDITIONAL DATA.—The \$260,000 6% bonds recently awarded to the Bankers Trust Co. and Bosworth, Chanute & Co., both of Denver—V. 112, p. 491—bear the following description: Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1921. Prin. payable at the office of the County Treasurer; semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer or at Kountze Bros., N. Y., at option of holder. Due \$10,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1927 to 1946 inclusive.

Financial Statement.

Table with columns: Description, Amount. Includes entries for Actual valuation, estimated \$8,000,000; Assessed valuation, 1920 6,725,335; Total bonded debt, including this issue 271,500; Population, estimated 8,000.

OTERO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31 (P. O. Cheraw), Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—SALE.—On Jan. 29 \$110,000 6% 11-20-year serial school bonds carried. They have been sold to a Denver syndicate headed by Benwell, Phillips, Esto & Co.

OZAUKEE COUNTY (P. O. Port Washington), Wisc.—BOND OFFERING.—The County State Road and Bridge Committee, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Feb. 15 for \$216,000 5% road impt. bonds. Int. semi-ann. Due \$54,000 on April 1 in each of the years 1922, 1926, 1930, and 1934. Cert. check for \$1,000, required. If no satisfactory sealed bid is received, the said committee reserves the right to proceed thereafter to sell said bonds at public auction or at private sale.

PAIGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 16, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—According to newspaper reports the \$6,881.88 drainage bonds, which were offered on June 16—V. 110, p. 2697—but then failed to attract a bid, have been sold to A. Lavine of Essex, Iowa.

PATASKALA, Licking County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Pataskala Banking Co. of Pataskala has purchased at par three issues of 6% special assessment street impt. bonds, aggregating \$15,232.20, at par and interest. Denoms. \$1,332.98, \$215.85 and \$2,261.61. Date Aug. 16 1920. Int. F. & A. Due serially for 10 years.

PENDLETON, Umatilla County, Ore.—BOND SALE NOT CONSUMMATED.—The sale of the \$14,000 fire apparatus and \$8,000 park 6% bonds to Carstens & Earles, Inc., of Portland—V. 111, p. 2545—was never completed because the attorneys of the purchasers found the bonds to be illegal.

PERKINS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 65 (P. O. Venango), Nebr.—BOND SALE.—Benwell Phillips Esto & Co. of Denver have purchased \$96,000 6% 20-30-yr. (opt.) school bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1921. Due Feb. 1 1951, optional Feb. 1 1941. Int. Feb. & Aug. and with principal payable at office County Treasurer at Grant, Nebr.; in N. Y. Exchange. Denom. \$1,000.

Financial Statement.

Assessor's valuation of taxable property 1920.....\$1,613,860
Total bonded debt, this issue only.....96,000
Population, estimated, 800.

PITTSFIELD, Berkshire County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Proposals for the purchase at discount of a temporary loan of \$200,000, dated Feb. 9 and maturing Nov. 9 1921, will be received until 11 a. m. Feb. 8 by the City Treasurer.

POMEROY, Meigs County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids for \$34,939 93 6% deficiency bonds will be received until 12 m. Feb. 12 by O. L. Strauss, Village Clerk. Denoms. \$200 and \$139 93. Date Sept. 1 1920. Int. semi-ann. Cert. check for \$500 required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

PORTERVILLE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Porterville), Tulare County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—The voters will decide whether they are in favor of issuing \$365,000 high school bldg. bonds at an election to be held on Feb. 25, it is stated.

READING, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Carl Bemnis, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 12 m. Feb. 21 for \$3,500 6% coupon judgment funding bonds. Denom. \$500. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Reading Bank, of Reading. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

REIDSVILLE, Rockingham County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The 6% water bonds, to the amount of \$100,000 (V. 112, p. 491) were awarded on Feb. 2 to Seasongood & Mayer, of Cincinnati, at par. Date Feb. 1 1921. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$2,000 1923 to 1942 incl., \$3,000 1943 to 1954 incl., and \$4,000 1955 to 1960 incl.

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 121, Mont.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$1,000 6% school bonds has been sold, it is reported, to the State Board of Land Commissioners, at par.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 3, Calif.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$40,720 67 6% drainage bonds has been awarded to Carstens & Earles, Inc., of Seattle. Denoms. \$1,000, \$500 and \$214 71. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & N.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Date Nov. 8 1920. Due yearly on Nov. 8 as follows: \$2,714 71 from 1921 to 1933, inclusive, and \$2,714 72 1934 and 1935.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—NOTE SALE.—The block of \$20,000 Plymouth & Brooks Ave. sewer notes offered on Feb. 1—V. 112, p. 491—were awarded to the Genesee Valley Trust Co. of Rochester, at its bid of 6% plus \$6 premium. Date Feb. 4 1921. Payable June 4 1921 at the Central Union Trust Co. of New York.

NOTE OFFERING.—Proposals are being received until 2:30 p. m. Feb. 8 by J. C. Wilson, City Comptroller, for \$850,000 revenue notes, maturing four months from Feb. 11, at the Central Union Trust Co. of New York, where delivery to purchaser is to be made on Feb. 11. Bidders must state rate of interest, designate denominations desired, and to whom (not bearer) notes shall be made payable.

ROME, Floyd County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—Additional information is at hand relative to the offering on March 10 of the \$100,000 5% public school impt. bonds—V. 112, p. 285—Scaled bids for these bonds will be received by the Rome City Commission, until 7:30 p. m. on said date. Denom. \$1,000. Int. semi-ann. Due \$5,000 yearly from 1930 to 1949, incl. Cert. check for \$1,000, required.

ROSEVILLE, Placer County, Calif.—BOND ISSUE VOTED DOWN.—At the election held Jan. 25—V. 111, p. 2447—the voters declined to issue \$11,500 municipal swimming pool bonds by a vote of 88 "for" to 174 "against."

ROSS TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hammondville), Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—W. A. Lawry, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive bids until 1 p. m. March 1 for \$3,500 6% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$100. Date March 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Bergholz State Bank of Bergholz. Due \$100 each six months from April 1 1922 to April 1 1939 incl. Cert. check for \$100, payable to the Clerk of the Board, required.

RYEGATE MUSSELSHELL COUNTY, Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 6% water bonds, which were offered on April 4—V. 110, p. 1451—have been sold to W. F. Roscoe of Billings at par. Date Jan. 1 1920. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1931 to 1935, incl. and \$2,000, 1936 to 1940, incl., optional with the town, on the interest payment date occurring 1 year prior to date of maturity.

The \$15,000 6% sewer bonds, also offered on April 14, have not been sold as yet.

SALINA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Salina), Saline County, Kans.—BONDS VOTED.—On Jan. 25 \$65,000 school bonds, to build a negro school, carried by a 436 majority.

SAN FRANCISCO (City and County of), Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—On March 8 the proposition of purchasing Spring Valley Water Co.'s property valued at \$37,000,000 and railroad of \$1,000,000 valuation will be voted upon.

SANTA MARIA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Santa Barbara County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—C. A. Hunt, Clerk Board of County Supervisors (P. O. Santa Barbara), will receive bids until 10 a. m. Feb. 7 for \$400,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 17 1921. Int. semi-ann. Due \$10,000 yearly on Jan. 17 from 1922 to 1961, incl., Cert. or Cashier's check for 10% payable to the Chairman of the Board of County Supervisors, required.

SCIOTO TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Commercial Point), Pickaway County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The State Industrial Commission of Ohio has purchased at par the \$25,000 6% coupon schoolhouse erection which were offered on June 7 last—V. 110, p. 2219. Due \$500 on Mar. 1 and Sept. 1 in each of the years from 1921 to 1945, incl.

SCOTT VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT, Siskiyou County, Calif.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The \$103,000 6% bonds awarded on Dec. 27 to Carstens & Earles, Inc., and J. R. Mason & Co., jointly, at 92.27—V. 112, p. 183—are in denom. of \$1,000 and are dated July 1 1920. Interest J. & J.

SENECA, Nemaha County, Kans.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that Vernon H. Branch of Wichita recently purchased \$23,000 6% refunding bonds.

SHELBY COUNTY (P. O. Harlan), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 6 R. M. Grant & Co. of Chicago were awarded \$75,000 6% funding bonds at 101.10 and blank bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1921. Int. M. & N. Due yearly as follows: \$10,000, 1928 to 1933 incl., and \$15,000, 1934.

SMITHVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lee County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until Feb. 25 for \$60,000 5% school bonds by S. J. Powell, County Superintendent of Schools (P. O. Leesburg) Denom. \$1,000. Int. J. & J. Due yearly on Jan. 1 from 1926 to 1950, incl.

SNOW HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Snow Hill), Greene County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 11 a. m. Feb. 21, B. C. Williams, Clerk of the County Board of Education, will receive sealed bids for the following 6% bonds: \$50,000 school bonds—V. 111, p. 1776—Date Jan. 1 1921. Due Jan. 1 1951.

9,000 school bonds. Date Jan. 1 1920. Due Jan. 1 1940. Denom. \$1,000 each or denom. to suit purchaser. Int. semi-ann. payable at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. Cert. check or cash for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for payable to the County Board of Education, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

SNYDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Snyder), Scurry County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—A \$75,000 5% 40-year bond issue to build a high school will be submitted to a vote on Feb. 24.

SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Manteca), San Joaquin County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Feb. 15 by S. L. Steel, Secretary Board of Directors for \$100,000 5½% bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1919. Int. J. & J. Prin. and interest payable at the office of the Treasurer. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1950; \$25,000, 1951; \$30,000, 1952; and 1953, and \$10,000, 1954.

SPENCER COUNTY (P. O. Rockport), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$80,000 6% Court House equipment bonds offered on Jan. 29—V. 111, p. 2545—were awarded to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, for \$82,864, equal to 103.58, a basis of about 5.52%. Date Jan. 1 1921. Due \$2,000 each six months from May 15 1921 to Nov. 15 1940, incl.

BOND OFFERING.—R. W. Richards, Jr., will receive bids until 10 a. m. Feb. 19 for \$14,180 5% voting machine certificates of indebtedness. Denom. 3 for \$4,000 and 1 for \$2,180. Date Dec 7 1920. Interest annually on Dec 7. Due \$2,180 Dec 7 1922, and \$1,000 on Dec. 7 1924, 1926 and 1928. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

STEVENS COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 27 (P. O. Chokio), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 8 p. m. Feb. 10 by Lewis L. Larson, Clerk Board of Education, for \$10,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Int. annual. Due July 31 1931. Cert. check for 3%, required.

STRUTHERS VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Struthers), Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Seth J. McNabb, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive proposals until 12 m. Feb. 21 for \$275,000 6% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the school district depository. Due yearly on March 15 as follows: \$2,000 1924, 1925 and 1926; \$1,000 1927, 1928 and 1929; \$3,000 1930; \$2,000 1931; \$3,000 1932 and 1933; \$4,000 1934 to 1937, inclusive; \$5,000 1938 and 1939; \$6,000 1940 and 1941; \$7,000 1942 and 1943; \$8,000 1944 to 1950, inclusive; \$9,000 1951; \$12,000 1952; \$16,000 1953; \$17,000 1954; \$18,000 1955 and 1956; and \$19,000 1957, 1958 and 1959. Certified check on some bank in Mahoning County for \$10,000, payable to the Board of Education, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at the Clerk's office on March 15. Purchaser to pay accrued int.

SUGAR NOTCH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sugar Notch), Luzerne County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Paul Albosta, Secretary of Board of School Directors, will receive bids until 7:30 p. m. Feb. 12 for \$100,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Aug. 1 1920. Int. semi-ann. Due \$5,000 yearly from 1922 to 1941, incl. Cert. check for 1% of amount of bid, required.

TECUMSEH, Johnson County, Neb.—BONDS VOTED.—Bonds, in the sum of \$25,000 for the extension of water mains and installation of purifying plant to enable the city to use Nemaha drainage ditch water, carried by a good majority at an election held on Jan. 21, it is stated.

TEXAS (State of)—BONDS REGISTERED.—The following bonds were registered with the State Comptroller on Jan. 24:

Amt.	Place and Purpose of Issue—	Due.	Int. Rate.
\$1,500	Callahan County Common S. D. No. 19.....	20 years	5%
2,500	Clay County Common S. D. No. 16.....	5-20 years	5%
1,999	De Witt County (bridge bonds).....	5-20 years	6%
1,950	De Witt County (bridge bonds).....	5-20 years	6%
1,854	De Witt County (bridge bonds).....	5-20 years	6%
1,999	De Witt County (bridge bonds).....	5-20 years	6%
750	De Witt County (bridge bonds).....	5-20 years	6%
1,990	De Witt County (bridge bonds).....	5-20 years	6%

TOLEDO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Toledo), Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 1 the following two issues of school bonds, aggregating \$4,000,000 (V. 112, p. 396) were awarded to a syndicate comprised of Stacy & Braun, Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., the Wm. R. Compton Co., the Bankers Trust Co. the Guaranty Co. of New York, all of New York, the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit, and the First Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago for \$4,000,100 equal to 100.0025, a basis of about 5¼%:

\$2,000,000 5½% bonds. Due \$50,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1922 to 1961, incl.
2,000,000 5¼% bonds. Due \$50,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1922 to 1961, incl.

The purchasers are now advertising the issue at prices to yield from 5.15% to 5.75%, according to maturities, as announced in an advertisement appearing on a previous page.

TRINITY COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Groveton), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—At 10 a. m. Feb. 5 \$175,000 5½% 22-yr. road bonds will be offered for sale. Certified check of \$1,000, required. J. E. Davis, County Clerk.

UMATILLA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 61, Ore.—BOND SALE.—Clark, Kendall & Co. of Portland, recently acquired, it is reported, \$60,000 6% school bonds.

UNION, Union County, So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 water works, \$60,000 sewerage and \$30,000 lighting 6% bonds, which were offered without success on July 15—V. 111, p. 414—have been sold to Sidney, Spitzer & Co. of Toledo.

URICH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Urish), Henry County, Mo.—BOND ELECTION.—On Feb. 8 \$20,000 school bonds will be submitted to a vote.

VALLEJO SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Solano County, Calif.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS—CORRECTION.—The \$250,000 high-school and \$250,000 grammar school 5½% bonds, which were sold on Nov. 12 to the Anglo & London-Paris National Bank of San Francisco at par (V. 111, p. 2069) answer to the following description. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 24 1920. Int. M. & N. Due yearly on June 24 as follows: \$12,000 1921 to 1950, inclusive, \$14,000 1951 to 1960, inclusive. The item in V. 111, p. 1777, stating that the district named had sold \$250,000 grammar and \$250,000 high-school 5½% bonds during October to the mentioned bank, was incorrect.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY (P. O. Evansville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals for the following four issues of 4½% read-improvement bonds will be received until 10 a. m. Feb. 10 by Walter Smith, County Treasurer:

\$22,440	Creek Road, Pigeon Twp., bonds. Denom. \$1,122. Due \$1,122 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, inclusive.
12,200	Buena Vista Road, Center Twp., bonds. Denom. \$610. Due \$610 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, inclusive.
40,600	Green River Road, Center Twp., bonds. Denom. \$2,030. Due \$2,030 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, incl.
33,200	Lower West Franklin Road, Perry Twp., bonds. Denom. \$1,660. Due \$1,660 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, inclusive.
\$32,800	Oak Grove Road, Knight Twp., bonds. Denom. \$1,640. Due \$1,640 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, incl.
16,000	Lynch Road Center Twp., bonds. Denom. \$800. Due \$800 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, incl.

Date Feb. 10 1921. Int. M. & N.
BOND SALE.—The \$8,400 4½% Edmund Winniger et al Allen Road bonds offered on Jan. 27 (V. 112, p. 286) have been disposed of at par. Date Jan. 27 1921. Due \$420 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, inclusive.

WASHINGTON (State of)—BOND SALE.—A syndicate consisting of the Bankers Trust Co., Guaranty Company of New York, Halsey Stuart & Co., Estabrook & Co., Hallgarten & Co., William R. Compton Co., Stacy & Braun, R. L. Day & Co., Cyrus Pierce & Co., Carstens & Earles, Inc., Ferris & Hardgrove, Eldredge & Co., and John E. Price & Co., was the successful bidder on Jan. 29 for the \$5,000,000 gold tax-free coupon (with privilege of registration) general fund bonds—V. 112, p. 396—at 100.636 and interest, for 5½%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1921. Prin.

and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the office of State Treasurer in Olympia or in New York City. Due Feb. 1 1941 optional Feb. 1 1931. The said bonds are a legal investment for Savings Banks and Trust Funds in New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts and elsewhere and eligible to secure Postal Savings deposits. In an advertisement appearing on a preceding page of this issue the syndicate named is offering the bonds to the investing public at 102.70, to yield about 5.15%, to optional date and 5 1/2% thereafter.

WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1, Ark.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 1 1921 \$60,000 6% bonds were sold to Caldwell & Co. of St. Louis. Denom. \$500. Date Dec. 1 1920. Int. F. & A. Due yearly on Aug. 1 from 1922 to 1940, inclusive.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Carlos City), Randolph County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Harrison Hlatt, Township Trustee, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Feb. 25 for \$17,746.48 6% coupon school-house erection bonds. Denoms. 1 for \$246.48 and 35 for \$500. Date Feb. 25 1921. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the Citizens Banking Co. of Lynn. Due \$246.48 July 15 1922; \$500 on Jan. 15 and July 15 in each of the years from 1923 to 1928, inclusive; and \$1,000 on Jan. 15 and \$500 on July 15 in each of the years from 1929 to 1935, inclusive; and \$1,000 Jan. 15 1936. Certified check for \$500, payable to the above trustee, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Broad Ripple), Marion County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Feb. 14 for \$5,000 6% school bldg. bonds by Chas. P. Wright, Township Trustee. Denom. \$500. Date Feb. 1 1921. Int. semi-ann. Due \$500 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1922 to 1931, incl.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Cass County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles D. Marshall, Township Trustee, will receive bids until 11 a. m. Feb. 21 for \$130,000 6% school bonds. Interest semi-annual.

WATERFORD, Saratoga County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. Feb. 7 by W. Earl Lawrence, Village Clerk for the following 6% paving bonds: \$2,326.50 Division Street bonds. Denom. \$465.30. Date June 1 1920. Due \$465.30 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1925, incl.

45,137.00 Fourth and State Sts. bonds. Denom. \$1,805.48. Date Feb. 1 1921. Due \$1,805.48 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1947, incl. Int. A. & O. Cert. check for 2%, required.

WATERTOWN, Middlesex County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Proposals for the purchase at discount of a temporary loan of \$200,000 maturing Nov. 30 1921, will be received until 3 30 p. m. Feb. 10 by the City Treasurer.

WESTRIVER SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Carlos City), Randolph County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Thomas Sackett, Township Trustee, will receive proposals until 2 p. m. Feb. 25 for \$18,253.52 6% coupon school bldg. bonds. Denoms. 20 for \$600, 1 for \$853.52 and 6 for \$900. Date Feb. 25 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Citizens Banking Co. of Modac. Due each six months as follows: \$600, July 15 1922 to Jan. 15 1932, incl.; \$853.52 July 15 1932, and \$900 Jan. 15 1933 to July 15 1935, incl. Cert. check for \$500, payable to the above trustee, required.

WILKES COUNTY (P. O. Washington), Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 12 m. March 1, B. I. Cheney, Clerk Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues, will entertain proposals for \$50,000 5% coupon road bonds. Date June 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the County Depository, Washington, Ga., or in New York Exchange, at option of holder. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1929 to 1943, incl., and \$4,000 1944 to 1948, incl. A certified check for 5% of each bid of the amount of the face value of said bonds, upon some member of the Federal Reserve Banking System of the United States, or some state bank authorized by the laws of the State of Georgia to do business therein, shall be deposited with each bid, made payable to the County Board of Commissioners.

WILMINGTON, New Hanover County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—Ry. submitting a bid of 101.017 for 6s, a basis of about 5.91%, the Provident Savings Bank and Trust Co. of Cincinnati obtained the \$150,000 impt. bonds on Feb. 3—V. 112, p. 492. Date Jan. 1 1921. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1922 to 1939, incl., and \$6,000 1940 to 1955, incl.

WORCESTER, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On Feb. 3, it is stated, a temporary loan of \$375,000, dated Feb. 4 and maturing July 15 1921, was awarded to Estabrook & Co., of Boston, on a 5.54% discount basis.

YAVAPAI COUNTY (P. O. Prescott), Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Feb. 26 by R. E. Donovan, Clerk Board of County Supervisors, for the \$1,500,000 6% highway impt. bonds—V. 112, p. 397. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer or in New York City at option of holder. Due \$75,000 yearly on June 1 from 1921 to 1940, incl. Certified check for 5% of bid required. Purchaser will be furnished without charge, the approving opinion of Wood & Oakley, Chic.

YOUNGSTOWN, Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—A. H. Williams, City Auditor, will receive bids until 12 m. Feb. 28 for the following 6% coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds:

- \$100,000 municipal-hospital bonds. Date Feb. 15 1921. Due \$10,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1933, incl.
- 400,000 Oak St. grade-elimination bonds. Date Mar. 14 1921. Due \$16,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1947, incl.
- 2,600 city's portion impt. bonds. Date Feb. 1 1921. Due \$1,000 on Oct. 1 in 1922 and 1923, and \$600 Oct. 1 1924.
- 34,850 Clearmont Drive paving bonds. Date Feb. 1 1921. Due \$6,970 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1925, incl.
- 13,075 Judson Ave. paving bonds. Date Sept. 1 1920. Due \$2,615 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1925, incl.
- 15,910 Judson Ave. paving bonds. Date Sept. 1 1920. Due \$3,182 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1925, incl.
- 29,450 Philadelphia Ave. paving bonds. Date Sept. 1 1920. Due \$5,890 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1925, incl.

- \$555 Demick Ave. paving deficit bonds. Date Feb. 1 1921. Due \$111 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1925, incl.
- 3,625 Calvin St. paving deficit bonds. Date Jan. 15 1921. Due \$725 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1925, incl.
- 2,415 Wayne Ave. paving deficit bonds. Date Feb. 1 1921. Due \$483 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1925, incl.
- 1,375 Hillman et al. Sts. sewer deficit bonds. Date Jan. 15 1921. Due \$275 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1925, incl.
- 4,085 Waverly et al. Sts. sewer deficit bonds. Date Mar. 1 1921. Due \$813 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1925, incl.
- 2,310 Helle Vista Ave. grading deficit bonds. Date Feb. 1 1921. Due \$462 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1925, incl.
- 775 Dupont St. grading deficit bonds. Date Feb. 1 1921. Due \$155 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1925, incl.
- 16,000 Cedar St. Bridge bonds. Date Feb. 25 1921. Due \$4,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1927, incl.

Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the Sinking Fund Trustees, where delivery to purchaser and payment in full are to be made not later than Mar. 15, unless one of the local banks is chosen for the place of delivery. Certified check on a solvent bank for 2% of amount bid for, payable to the City Auditor, is required with each issue bid upon.

YUMA, Yuma County, Ariz.—BOND SALE.—Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati were the successful bidders on Jan. 25 for the \$50,000 6% levee-impt. bonds—V. 112, p. 183—at par and accrued interest. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1921. Int. J. & J. Due Jan. 1 1941.

ZANESVILLE, Muskingum County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 15 Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati, offering \$35,097.68, equal to 100,005, a basis of about 5.99% were awarded \$35,095.18 6% deficiency bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$1,095.18. Date Nov. 15 1920. Int. semi-ann. Due Nov. 15 1928.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

CAPREOL, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—C. H. Burgess & Co. of Toronto, recently purchased, it is stated, \$17,000 6% 10 and 20 year debentures at 83, a basis of about 7.88%.

DARTMOUTH, N. S.—DEBENTURE SALE.—The Royal Securities Corp. has purchased \$100,000 6% 20-year sewer, water works and general impt. debentures of this town at 96.53. Date Jan. 2 1921. Due Jan. 2 1941.

DECKER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320 (P. O. Decker), Man.—BIDS REJECTED.—The following bids, which were received for the \$40,000 7% coupon debentures offered on Jan. 7 (V. 112, p. 83), were rejected: Harris, Read & Co., 92.50; Bond & Debenture Corp., 92.00; and Clifton Cross Co. of Regina, 91.50.

FORT GARY R. M., Man.—DEBENTURES VOTED.—Unofficial reports indicate that the \$50,000 school debenture by-law submitted to the ratepayers on Jan. 14—V. 112, p. 184—was favorably voted upon.

MERRITTON, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Dyment, Anderson & Co. of Toronto, have purchased at 95.137, a basis of about 6 1/2%, an issue of \$30,000 6% 30-installment public school debentures, according to reports.

REGINA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Regina), Sask.—DEBENTURE SALE.—The \$250,000 6 1/2% 30-year debentures offered on Feb. 1 (V. 112, p. 493), were awarded to the Canada Trust Co. at a bid of 100.697 for serial debentures, a basis of about 6.45%.

ST. VITAL, Man.—DEBENTURES DEFEATED.—Newspapers report that the ratepayers have turned down a proposition calling for the issuance of \$75,000 debentures for school construction.

SASKATCHEWAN (Province of)—DEBENTURE SALE.—Harris, Forbes & Co., the Dominion Securities Corp. and the National City Co. on Jan. 27 were awarded an issue of \$3,000,000 6% 15-year debentures. The price paid was 97.637, payable in Canadian Funds.

SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Sask.—DEBENTURE SALE.—According to the "Financial Post" the following is a list of debentures aggregating \$27,275 reported sold by the Local Government Board from Jan. 8 to Jan. 15:

- Grainview, \$6,000.00, 15 years, 8%; Weed Creek, \$4,000.00, 15 years, 8%; Roadside, \$4,000.00, 10 years, 8%; H. J. Birkett, Toronto, Ont. Husiatyn, \$4,500.00, 15 years, 8%; Waterman Waterbury, Regina. Buffalo Head, \$775.00 5 years, 8%; Archie Hislop, Arcola. Eigenheim, \$8,000.00, 15 years, 8%; R. S. Fleury, Rosthern.

DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—The same paper reports that the following debentures were authorized by the Local Government Board during the same period: Beaverside, \$500; Swan Bluff, \$1,500; Mountain Lake, \$600.

SUDBURY, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Six blocks of 5 & 6% debentures for various purposes amounting to \$147,000 were recently sold to C. H. Burgess & Co. of Toronto. Due serially from 1921 to 1940.

WATFORD, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—The \$52,000 30-installment water works debentures which were offered unsuccessfully on Nov. 1—V. 111, p. 1974—have been sold to C. H. Burgess & Co., who offered 97.27 for 6 1/2s.

WINDSOR, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—On Jan. 28, it is stated, the following four blocks of coupon debentures aggregating \$477,585.44 were awarded to W. A. Mackenzie & Co. of Toronto, for \$451,521.83, equal to 94.542: \$110,000 5 1/2% 30-year installment school debentures; \$234,585.44 5 1/2% 10-year installment local impt. debentures; \$125,000 6% 20-year installment municipal housing debentures, guaranteed by the province; and \$8,000 6% 40-year installment park debentures. Denoms. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at Windsor.

WINNIPEG, Man.—DEBENTURES SOLD.—The \$1,500,000 6% 30-year hydro electric debentures, which the city offered locally last October—V. 111, p. 1395—did not meet with a large demand on the part of the citizens of Winnipeg, for only \$175,000 of the total were then taken. The remaining \$1,325,000 have now been sold to A. E. Ames & Co., completing the sale of the \$1,500,000 offered. The price obtained by the city was 96.63, a basis of about 6.25%.

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