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**Readjustment of Debt and Capitalization**

To the Preferred and Common Stockholders  
of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company:

The Plan and Agreement of Readjustment of Debt and Capitalization of this Company, dated February 1, 1921, has been declared operative and pursuant thereto the Company has created and sold the First Mortgage Bonds, Debentures and Prior Preference Stock, as contemplated by the Plan, and has been reorganized under the Ohio No Par Value Law.

The Committees under the Plan have caused the Preferred Stock and Common Stock represented by them to be transferred to the Voting Trustees under a Preferred Stock Voting Trust Agreement under which E. G. Wilmer, A. H. Scoville and W. A. Phillips are Voting Trustees and The Union Trust Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, is Depositary, and under a Common Stockholders' Voting Trust Agreement under which Fred S. Borton, C. R. Erwin, E. E. Mack, Russel L. Robinson and F. A. Seiberling are Voting Trustees and The Union Trust Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, is Depositary.

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## Dividends

**Northern Texas Electric Co.**  
**Common Dividend No. 47**

A \$2.00 dividend is payable  
June 1 to Stockholders of record  
May 16, 1921.

**Stone & Webster, Inc., General Manager**

**STANDARD MILLING COMPANY**  
49 Wall Street.

New York City, April 27, 1921.

**PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDEND NO. 46.**  
The Board of Directors of the STANDARD MILLING COMPANY have this day declared a quarterly dividend of One and One-half Per Cent. (1½%) upon the Preferred stock of this Company, payable out of the earnings for the current fiscal year, on May 31 1921 to Preferred stockholders of record at the close of business on May 21 1921.  
JOS. A. KNOX, Treasurer.

**STANDARD MILLING COMPANY**  
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New York City, April 27, 1921.

**COMMON STOCK DIVIDEND NO. 18.**  
The Board of Directors of the STANDARD MILLING COMPANY have to-day declared a quarterly dividend of Two Per Cent. (2%), upon the Common stock of this Company, payable on May 31, 1921, in cash, to Common stockholders of record at the close of business May 21 1921.  
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**THE UNITED GAS IMPROVEMENT CO.**  
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The Directors have this day declared a quarterly dividend of one and three-quarters per cent (87½c. per share) on the Preferred Stock of this Company, payable June 15, 1921, to holders of Preferred Stock of record at the close of business May 31, 1921. Checks will be mailed.  
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**UNITED RETAIL STORES**  
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**COMMON STOCK DIVIDEND NO. 4.**

The Board of Directors of this Company has this day declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on all the outstanding common shares of the stock of this Corporation of all classes payable July 1st, 1921, to stockholders of record as of the close of business June 15th, 1921. The stock books will not be closed.

GEORGE WATTLEY, Treasurer.  
Dated May 13th, 1921.

**NATIONAL LEAD COMPANY.**  
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A dividend of 1½% on the Common Stock of this Company has been declared payable June 30, 1921, to stockholders of record June 10, 1921.  
FRED R. FORTMEYER, Treasurer.

## Meetings

**Paducah Electric Company**

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EDWIN T. GIBSON, Secretary

CRUCIBLE STEEL COMPANY OF AMERICA  
New York, N. Y., May 16, 1921.  
DIVIDEND NO. 75.

A dividend of one and three-quarters per cent (1 3/4%) has been declared out of undivided profits upon the Preferred Stock of this Company, payable June 30, 1921, to stockholders of record June 15, 1921.

The Transfer Books will not be closed.  
Checks will be mailed.  
W. R. JORALEMON, Secretary.

**American Telephone & Telegraph Co.**  
127th DIVIDEND

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H. BLAIR-SMITH, Treasurer.

MERGENTHALER LINOTYPE COMPANY.  
Brooklyn, N. Y., May 17, 1921.  
DIVIDEND 102.

A regular quarterly dividend of 2 1/2 per cent on the capital stock of Mergenthaler Linotype Company will be paid on June 30, 1921, to the stockholders of record as they appear at the close of business on June 4, 1921. The Transfer Books will not be closed.  
JOS. T. MACKEY, Treasurer.

ROCKHILL COAL & IRON COMPANY,  
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PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDEND NO. 5.  
A quarterly dividend of \$2.00 per share has been declared on the Preferred Capital Stock of the Rockhill Coal & Iron Co., payable June 1st, 1921, to stockholders of record at the close of business May 21st, 1921. Checks will be mailed.  
JOHN GILBERT Treasurer.

UNION BAG & PAPER CORPORATION.  
New York, May 18, 1921.  
A quarterly dividend of 2% has this day been declared upon the stock of this Corporation, payable on June 13th, 1921, to holders of record of the stock of this Corporation at the close of business on June 3rd, 1921.  
CHARLES B. SANDERS, Secretary.

REPUBLIC IRON & STEEL COMPANY.  
PREFERRED DIVIDEND NO. 71.  
At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Republic Iron & Steel Company, the regular quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% on the Preferred Stock was declared payable July 1st, 1921, to stockholders of record June 17th, 1921. Books remain open.  
RICHARD JONES, JR., Secretary.

Office of  
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The Board of Directors of the Standard Gas & Electric Company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of two per cent on the preferred stock of the Company, payable by check June 15th, 1921, to stockholders of record as of the close of business May 31st, 1921.  
ROBERT J. GRAF, Treasurer.

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PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDEND.

Notice is hereby given that the regular quarterly dividend of ONE AND ONE-HALF PER CENT (1 1/2%) has been declared on the Preferred Capital Stock of the above company, and will be payable on June 1st, 1921, to stockholders of record at the close of business on May 20th, 1921. The transfer books of the company will be closed for the registration of transfers from the close of business on May 20th, 1921, until ten o'clock in the forenoon of June 1st, 1921.  
F. M. BOUGHEY, Secretary.  
Chicago, Illinois, May 18th, 1921.

THE CUBAN-AMERICAN SUGAR COMPANY.  
PREFERRED AND COMMON DIVIDEND.  
The Board of Directors has this day declared the following dividends: On the Preferred stock, a dividend of \$1.75 per share; on the Common stock, a dividend of Fifty cents (\$.50) per share, payable July 1st, 1921, to stockholders of record at the close of business on June 15th, 1921. The Transfer Books will not be closed. Checks will be mailed.  
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\$6,800,000.00 for the Construction of Barge Canal Terminals, to be dated January 1 1921, and to mature \$136,000.00 annually on January 1, in each of the years from 1922 to 1971, both inclusive.

\$10,000,000.00 for the Payment of World War Bonus to be dated March 1, 1921, and to mature \$400,000.00 annually on March 1, in each of the years from 1922 to 1946, both inclusive.

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Washington, D. C., April 27, 1921.  
WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK OF NEW YORK" in the CITY OF NEW YORK, in the COUNTY OF NEW YORK AND STATE OF NEW YORK has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking  
NOW, THEREFORE, I, D. R. CRISSINGER, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK OF NEW YORK" in the CITY OF NEW YORK, in the COUNTY OF NEW YORK AND STATE OF NEW YORK, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty-one hundred and sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.  
CONVERSION of The Commercial Exchange Bank, New York, N. Y., with three branches located within the limits of the City of New York, N. Y.  
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my hand and Seal of office this TWENTY-SEVENTH day of APRIL, 1921.  
[SEAL] (Signed) D. R. CRISSINGER,  
Comptroller of the Currency.

Dillon, Read & Co. Interim Receipts  
FOR  
Steel & Tube Company of America  
General Mortgage Sinking Fund 7% Gold Bonds  
Series "C"

may now be exchanged for definitive bonds upon  
surrender of the receipts at the office of

Central Union Trust Company of New York  
80 Broadway, New York

Dillon, Read & Co.

## Financial

## NEW ISSUE

Tax Exempt in Massachusetts and Exempt from Normal Federal Income Tax

\$800,000

**Batchelder & Snyder Company****8% Cumulative Preferred Stock**

PAR VALUE \$100

Preferred as to both assets and dividends. Dividends payable quarterly, February, May, August and November 1. Redeemable as a whole or in part on any dividend date on thirty days' notice at 110 and dividend.

First National Bank of Boston, Transfer Agent  
Fourth Atlantic National Bank, Boston, Registrar

## CAPITALIZATION

	Authorized	Outstanding
8% Cumulative Preferred Stock.....	\$1,000,000	\$800,000
Common Stock*(no par value).....	18,000 shares	12,000 shares

The company will have no funded debt.

From a letter of Mr. Frederic S. Snyder, President of the Company, we summarize as follows:

**Business.**—The Batchelder & Snyder Company, a Massachusetts corporation, operates the largest meat food distributing business in New England, and also does a large business in the processing of meat products, sausage manufacturing, etc., with plants in Boston, Mass. The company distributes its products to over 5,000 customers and its trade marks are very well known, not only in New England, but throughout New York State, and along the Atlantic seaboard.  
The company and its predecessors have been in business about forty-three years.

**Purpose of Issue.**—The proceeds of this issue together with nearly \$800,000 in cash have enabled the company to repurchase its business assets and good will from the Allied Packers, Inc., and to provide funds for increasing business.

**Growth.**—The business of the company has shown a consistent expansion, net sales having increased from \$2,660,796 in 1911 to \$9,817,243 in the year 1920.

**Earnings.**—Profits from operations during the past five years have averaged over five times the preferred dividend requirements and about 2¾ times the dividend on this issue. During the past two years which have been the most difficult in the history of the business, earnings have been equal to 2 1-3 times the dividend on the new deferred capitalization.

**Assets.**—After giving effect to this financing, total net assets are over \$162 and net quick assets over \$125 per share for this preferred stock. These figures allow no consideration for the valuable good will and trade marks of the company.

**Sinking Fund.**—Commencing December 31, 1921, the company shall set aside 5% of the net earnings after payment of preferred dividends (but in amounts not over 2% of outstanding preferred stock) the same to be deposited with the trustee to retire preferred stock or to be held as a special reserve fund to assure the payment of preferred dividends.

**Safeguards.**—This preferred stock is protected by carefully drawn provisions as to maintaining assets and payment of dividends on the common stock. These provisions are summarized in the president's letter.

**No Mortgage.**—The company can place no mortgage on its property, nor issue preferred stock in excess of \$1,000,000 except by consent of 75% of the outstanding preferred stock.

**General.** The company is especially well equipped to increase its business, the present organization and equipment being capable of handling an increase of about 40%, and the management being in the hands of men who have been responsible for the success of the company in the past.

Price 95 and dividend

**B. J. BAKER & COMPANY**

INCORPORATED

209 Washington Street

Boston

The above information and statistics, while not guaranteed, we believe to be accurate.

## Financial

NEW ISSUE**\$3,000,000****Consolidated Water Power & Paper Co.  
First Mortgage 7½% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds**

Dated May 2, 1921

Due May 1, 1931

*Interest May 1 and November 1. Principal and interest payable in Chicago and New York. Coupon Bonds, \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 denominations registerable as to principal; interchangeable. Callable as a whole on any interest date, or in part for Sinking Fund on any November 1 beginning 1922, at 105 through 1923; at 104 during 1924 and 1925; at 103 during 1926 and 1927; at 102 during 1928 and 1929 and at 101 during 1930.*

**Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal Income Tax up to 2%**

**FIRST WISCONSIN TRUST COMPANY, MILWAUKEE, TRUSTEE**

**CAPITALIZATION**

(Upon completion of this financing)

<b>First (closed) Mortgage 7½% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds (this issue),</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>
<b>Capital Stock,</b>	<b>1,600,000</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>4,860,263</b>

*From his letter describing this issue, copy of which may be had on request, Mr. George W. Mead, President, summarizes as follows:*

**BUSINESS:** Consolidated Water Power & Paper Co., incorporated in 1894 as the Consolidated Water Power Co.; one of the largest producers in the country of newsprint paper, wall paper and high grade sulphite fibre; also an important manufacturer of wrapping paper, paper towels, napkins, tissues, etc. Total daily capacity 375 tons of finished products and 335 tons of ground wood pulp and sulphite fibre for its own use. Its plants, at Wisconsin Rapids, Biron, Stevens Point and Appleton, Wis., situated advantageously as to both supplies of raw material and market for finished products, are modern, complete and well balanced.

Important natural water powers and hydro-electric plants owned at Wisconsin Rapids, Biron and Stevens Point (the last named through a subsidiary, Oneida Power Company) furnish abundant power at low cost. The Company supplies the City of Wisconsin Rapids with light and power, and sells power to the local public utility at Stevens Point.

**SECURITY:** These Bonds will be secured in the opinion of counsel by a **closed first mortgage** on substantially all real estate, plants, equipment, water powers and rights now owned or hereafter acquired; also by pledge of entire closed first mortgage bond issue and all capital stock of Oneida Power Company.

**ASSETS:** Net assets after deducting all indebtedness other than these Bonds, based on consolidated balance sheet, are \$9,460,263, equal to \$3,153 for each \$1,000 Bond.

**EARNINGS:** Net profits during last five years, before Federal Taxes, have averaged \$1,758,936 per year, or 7.8 times the \$225,000 annual interest requirements of these Bonds; after Federal Taxes, \$1,087,943, or 4.8 times these interest requirements.

**SINKING FUND:** Sinking Fund, beginning November, 1922, sufficient to retire over 80% of this issue before maturity.

**MANAGEMENT:** The management is in the hands of the men who have successfully built up the business.

**We Recommend these Bonds for Investment**

**Price 97½ and Interest, to Yield about 7.85%**

*It is expected that temporary negotiable receipts will be delivered, exchangeable for definitive bonds, when, as and if issued and received by us, on or about May 23, 1921.*

**First Wisconsin Company**  
Milwaukee

**Lee, Higginson & Co.**  
Boston Chicago New York

**Marshall Field, Gloré, Ward & Co.**  
Chicago

**First Trust & Savings Bank**  
Chicago

*The above statements, while not guaranteed, are based upon information and advice which we believe accurate and reliable.*

*All of these Bonds having been sold, this advertisement appears as a matter of record only.*

# \$2,500,000

## American Bosch Magneto Corporation

### 8% Sinking Fund Gold Notes

Dated June 1, 1921  
Authorized \$2,500,000

Due June 1 1936  
Issued \$2,500,000

Interest payable December 1 and June 1. Principal and interest payable in United States gold coin at The First National Bank of Boston and The New York Trust Company, New York. Coupon notes in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500 with privilege of registration of principal.

Interest payable without deduction for any Federal Normal Income Tax now or hereafter deductible at the source not in excess of 2%.

The First National Bank of Boston, Trustee

Redeemable at 105 and accrued interest at the option of the Company on any interest date upon thirty days' notice.

Mr. Arthur T. Murray, President of American Bosch Magneto Corporation, summarizes as follows from his letter:

**BUSINESS:** The American Bosch Magneto Corporation manufactures magnetos, starting and lighting systems, battery ignition systems and spark plugs—which are used as standard equipment by over 250 of the standard motor truck, tractor, automobile, farm machinery and marine engine manufacturers.

**ASSETS:** These notes will be the direct obligation of the American Bosch Magneto Corporation and constitute its only obligation outstanding other than current trade accounts. Based on a report made by Messrs. Ernst & Ernst, Certified Public Accountants, after giving effect to the new financing, the net quick assets alone as of December 31, 1920, were \$6,035,305.23, or over two and one-quarter times the principal of the notes, and the total net tangible assets were \$10,007,543.33, or the equivalent of four times the principal of the notes. The Real Estate, Plant and Equipment account as carried at December 31, 1920, is based upon an appraisal made as at September 30, 1918, by the Manufacturers' Appraisal Company, subsequently depreciated by a reserve of 17%.

**SINKING FUND:** The minimum annual sinking fund will provide for the retirement of \$2,000,000 principal amount of notes, prior to maturity.

**RESTRICTIONS:** Beside the usual restrictions the indenture will contain a covenant that neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries, as long as any of these notes are outstanding, shall create any mortgage (other than a purchase money mortgage) on any of its properties or create any funded debt ranking equal to or superior to the obligation of the notes, except a mortgage upon improved real estate in New York City not in excess of 60% of its value.

**EARNINGS:** Average annual net earnings after depreciation and inventory adjustment but before Federal taxes for the five years ended December 31, 1920, were \$802,792 or at the rate of more than four times annual interest requirements on these notes. In no year during this period were net earnings before Federal taxes less than two times the interest requirements.

We offer the notes subject to prior sale, when, as, and if issued.

**Price 98½ and Accrued Interest to net over 8.15%**

All legal details pertaining to this issue will be passed upon by Messrs. Herrick, Smith, Donald and Farley of Boston, for the Company, and Messrs. Stetson, Jennings and Russell of New York, for the Bankers.

**W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc.**

25 Broad Street  
NEW YORK

BOSTON

**Hornblower & Weeks**

42 Broadway      60 Congress St.  
NEW YORK      BOSTON

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DETROIT

The statements contained herein are not guaranteed, but are based upon information which we believe to be accurate and reliable, and upon which we have acted in the purchase of these notes.

## Financial

\$10,000,000

# Duquesne Light Company

(PITTSBURGH)

## Fifteen-Year 7½% Convertible Gold Debentures

To be dated July 1, 1921.

Due July 1, 1936.

Interest payable January 1 and July 1 in New York. Callable in blocks of not less than \$500,000 at 107½ and interest to and including July 1, 1922; thereafter at a premium becoming ½ of 1% less for each year of expired life. Coupon Debentures of \$1,000 and \$500 denominations, registerable as to principal. The Chase National Bank of the City of New York, Trustee.

**Convertible at the option of the holder at par for par from July 1, 1923, to July 1, 1934, inclusive, into the Company's Cumulative 8% Preferred "B" stock.**

**TAX PROVISIONS: Free of the present Pennsylvania Four Mill Tax. The Company agrees to pay interest without deduction for any Normal Federal Income Tax to an amount not exceeding 2% which it may lawfully pay at the source.**

The following information is furnished by Mr. A. W. Thompson, the President of the Company:

The Duquesne Light Company owns in fee or controls through long-term lease or stock ownership, and in large part directly operates, properties conducting the entire central station electric light and power business in the City of Pittsburgh and throughout the major portions of Allegheny and Beaver Counties, Pennsylvania, serving a total population estimated to exceed 1,100,000.

Franchises, with minor exceptions, are, in the opinion of counsel, unlimited in time or for 999-year periods.

Net earnings over 1 2-3 times total fixed charges, with the benefit of only three months' operation of the initial unit of the Colfax plant and none of the benefit from the large investment being made, and to be made, in additional power facilities which upon completion will add 60,000 k.w. (or over 28%) to the present power generating capacity of the system.

These Debentures will be the direct obligations of the Duquesne Light Company and will be followed by its \$5,763,300 7% Preferred Stock and by \$18,226,000 Common Stock (paying 8% dividends).

**We recommend these debentures for investment**

**Price 98½, yielding over 7.65%**

**Interest to be discounted to July 1, 1921**

Debentures are offered for delivery, when, as and if issued and received by us and subject to the approval of counsel as to legal details. It is expected that **Interim Receipts of the First National Bank of New York**, exchangeable for the Debentures when ready, will be available for delivery on or about June 1, 1921.

**Harris, Forbes & Co**  
New York

**Lee, Higginson & Co**  
New York

**Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co**  
New York

## Financial

**\$4,500,000**

# Government of Newfoundland

## 15-Year 6½% Gold Bonds

(Non-Callable)

To be Dated June 1, 1921

To Mature June 30, 1936

Interest payable June 30 and December 31

Principal and interest payable in New York in United States gold coin at the Agency of the Bank of Montreal; in St. Johns, Newfoundland; also in London, England, in Sterling at par of exchange. Coupon Bonds of \$1,000 with privilege of registration of principal.

Total Authorized and Issued, \$4,500,000

These bonds will be the direct obligation of the Government of Newfoundland and will be exempt from all present or future taxes imposed by that Government.

The proceeds of this issue will be used to pay for Railway improvements and extensions, for other Public Works and for Naval and Military expenses.

The total per capita debt of Newfoundland is \$190 compared with \$275 per capita debt of Canada exclusive of Canadian Provincial and Municipal funded obligations which amount to a very considerable figure.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

(As Officially Reported)

Total Funded Debt (including present issue).....		\$47,533,035
Less: Sinking Fund.....	\$1,018,878	
Loans to Municipalities.....	1,447,094	2,465,972
Net Funded Debt.....		\$45,067,063
Revenue for year ending June 30, 1920.....		10,597,562
Expenditure for year ending June 30, 1920.....		9,247,007
Surplus.....		\$1,350,555

The Dominion of Newfoundland is the oldest colony in the British Empire. It has a population estimated at 260,000, and with its dependency, Labrador, covers an area of approximately 162,750 square miles which is equal to the area of the State of New York. The chief industries are fishing, sealing, mining, lumbering and pulp manufacturing. The country has been noted, since its earliest settlement, for its fisheries, the exports from which have an annual value of approximately \$25,000,000. There are 292 lumber mills in operation with an annual export of about \$25,000,000 feet, board measure. In recent years the pulp and paper industry has been rapidly growing in importance, Newfoundland paper being regarded highly as to quality.

*We offer the above bonds for delivery when, as and if issued and received by us, subject to the approval of legal proceedings by counsel.*

**Price 93½ and interest, yielding 7.20%**

Dillon, Read &amp; Co.

Lee, Higginson &amp; Co.

The information contained in this advertisement has been obtained from sources which we consider reliable. While not guaranteed, it is accepted by us as accurate.

New Issue**\$3,500,000****American Power & Light Company****Twenty-Year 8% Secured Gold Bonds**

(Closed Issue)

Dated May 2, 1921

Due May 1, 1941

The Company will agree to pay interest without deduction for any Federal Income Tax not in excess of 2% which it may be required to pay, or to deduct at the source. Pennsylvania four mills tax refunded upon application within a limited period.  
Central Union Trust Company of New York, Trustee.

*Summarized from a letter signed by Mr. A. S. Grenier, Vice-President of the Company:*

**Business** The Company controls through stock ownership companies serving 225 communities, of which 198 are supplied with electric power and light, while gas, water and miscellaneous service is supplied to the other communities. Territory served has a population in excess of 1,600,000, and includes such cities as Portland, Oregon; Wichita, Kansas; Omaha, Nebraska; Fort Worth and El Paso, Texas. Gross earnings of subsidiary companies for 1920 were \$21,715,092 and net earnings were \$7,431,310. Only about one per cent of the gross earnings were derived from street railways.

**Purpose of Issue** The proceeds from the sale of these Bonds will be used for the purpose of refunding \$2,200,000 principal amount of Ten-Year 6% Gold Notes of the Company, due August 1, 1921, and for other corporate purposes.

**Security** These bonds will be secured by \$7,000,000, or 200%, general mortgage 8% Bonds of subsidiary companies, due May 1, 1941.

**Earnings** Actual net income of the American Power & Light Company for the year ended March 31, 1921, was \$2,542,417, or 3.87 times annual interest charges on total funded debt including these Bonds. The Company has outstanding \$6,270,200 unsecured Debenture Bonds, due 2016; \$3,719,200 6% Preferred Stock and \$8,705,400 Common Stock, paying 4% dividends, representing a total market valuation of over \$12,000,000.

**Management** The Company is managed by the Electric Bond & Share Company, which in turn is controlled by General Electric Company, assuring an efficient and seasoned supervision of all activities.

All legal matters in connection with the issuance of these Bonds will be passed upon by Messrs. Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett, of New York, for the Company, and Messrs. Winthrop & Stimson, of New York, for the Bankers.

The above Bonds are offered when, as and if issued and received by us

**Price 98½ and accrued interest, to yield 8.15%**

Temporary Receipts of Central Union Trust Company of New York will be issued, exchangeable for Temporary or Definitive Bonds when, as and if issued and received from the Company.

**Bonbright & Company**

Incorporated

25 Nassau Street New York

**Illinois Trust & Savings Bank**

Chicago

**W. C. Langley & Co.**

115 Broadway, New York

## Financial

*These Bonds having been sold, this Advertisement appears merely as a matter of record*

*We recommend these bonds  
as the best Irrigation District issue in California*

**\$2,000,000**

## Fresno Irrigation District

### 6% Bonds (Fresno County)

\$145,000 due Jan. 1, 1923	\$175,000 due Jan. 1, 1926	\$240,000 due Jan. 1, 1930
155,000 due Jan. 1, 1924	190,000 due Jan. 1, 1927	245,000 due Jan. 1, 1931
165,000 due Jan. 1, 1925	205,000 due Jan. 1, 1928	255,000 due Jan. 1, 1932
	225,000 due Jan. 1, 1929	

Dated March 1, 1921. Interest payable semi-annually January and July 1.  
Coupon Bonds. Denomination \$1,000.

**Legal investment for Savings Banks in the State of California.  
Issue approved by the Irrigation District Bond Commission.  
Eligible to secure deposits of public funds. Exempt from  
all State, Federal and Local taxes, except inheritance tax.**

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Assessed Valuation 1921 - - -	\$25,937,795.00
Total Bonded Indebtedness - - -	2,000,000.00
Number of acres - - - - -	242,000.00
Average Debt per acre - - - -	8.26

Value of real property (estimated)	\$78,329,000.00
Average per acre - - - - -	320.00

**T**HE Fresno Irrigation District comprises 242,000 acres surrounding the city of Fresno. The District is, and for years has been, settled and under cultivation. At present the lands are devoted to the following uses:

- 93,000 acres planted to vineyards.
- 52,000 acres devoted to general farming
- 40,000 acres are utilized for dairying and pasture
- 26,000 acres planted to peaches and apricots
- 15,000 acres planted to figs.

Over a period of half a century a large part of the lands in the District have utilized the canal system of the Fresno Canal and Land Company—a fully developed system comprising more than 500 miles of canals and laterals and holding title (undisputed in daily practice for more than twenty years)

*Legality approved by Messrs. Goodfellow, Eells, Moore & Orrick and Max Thelen, Esq., of San Francisco*

to use from the flow of the Kings River an amount of water which at all times has been sufficient for the proper irrigation of the lands in the District.

The proceeds of these bonds are to be used to purchase the irrigation system and water rights of the Fresno Canal and Land Company, for extension and improvement of laterals and betterment of water control.

*There is no need for further expenditure on the part of the District with the exception of certain drainage construction, the cost of which engineers estimate will not exceed \$500,000; so that the maximum eventual debt of the district should not exceed \$12 per acre.*

*The annual charge to meet interest and maturities is only \$1.35 per acre.*

### Price, Par and Interest

*All statements herein are official or are based on information which we regard as reliable, and while we do not guarantee them, we believe them to be correct.*

## CYRUS PEIRCE & COMPANY

### Investment Securities

433 CALIFORNIA STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO

LOS ANGELES SEATTLE OAKLAND FRESNO

## Financial

**\$25,000,000**  
**United States of Brazil**  
**Twenty-Year 8% External Gold Bonds**  
 (Non-Callable)

Dated June 1, 1921

Due June 1, 1941

Principal and interest payable in New York City in United States gold coin at the office of Dillon, Read & Co., Fiscal Agents of Brazil in the United States. Interest payable June 1 and December 1. Coupon Bonds of \$1,000 and \$500 denominations, registerable as to principal. Exempt from all Brazilian taxes, present or future.

**The Bonds are not callable in whole or in part**

As a Sinking Fund, the Brazilian Government agrees to provide a sum sufficient to buy \$625,000 principal amount of bonds semi-annually during the life of the loan, which payments will be applied by Dillon, Read & Co., to the purchase of bonds in the market at or below 105 and accrued interest. Any balance unexpended at the end of six months reverts to the Brazilian Government.

**DIRECT LIEN ON GOVERNMENT TAXES**

These bonds, when issued, will be a direct obligation of the United States of Brazil, and will be specifically secured by a first charge on the Consumption Tax (Consumo) and Stamp Tax, (Sello) which yielded, at the average rate of exchange in 1920, approximately \$58,963,000 last year, and according to present estimates will yield \$60,000,000 in 1921; also by a second charge on the Government's receipts from customs' duties. The total receipts from all the above taxes in 1920 were \$127,759,000, on part of which there was a prior charge amounting to \$4,035,271. Receipts from the above taxes are pledged by the Government to secure a total issue of \$50,000,000 bonds, of which the present offering is a part.

**PURPOSE**

The proceeds of this loan are to be employed in part for the purchase in the United States of materials required by the Government.

**DEBT**

On December 31, 1920, the national debt of Brazil, both external and internal (converted into dollars at par of exchange), was approximately one billion dollars, of which \$565,000,000 was external. A large part of this debt was incurred for the construction of Government railways, steamships and other revenue-producing undertakings. On the basis of the latest estimate of population, this represents a total indebtedness of about \$33 per capita and carries an annual per capita charge of \$1.85. This compares with the per capita debt of other nations as follows:

Denmark.....	\$83.65	Canada.....	\$275.08
Switzerland.....	92.71	Australia.....	324.29
Argentina.....	111.90	Great Britain.....	827.29
United States.....	227.83	France.....	1,107.95

The present issue is the first offering of Brazilian Government bonds in the United States, previous Brazilian external loans having been issued in London and Paris.

**NATURAL WEALTH**

The area of Brazil is 3,300,000 square miles, covering nearly half of South America. It is larger than continental United States, the United Kingdom and France combined. Its population of approximately 30,000,000 represents half the total population of the South American continent. Brazil has vast natural wealth, and the increasing investment of foreign and local capital is rapidly bringing out the nation's resources. Brazil is said to contain the world's greatest reserves of timber and iron ore, and has large deposits of other essential minerals. It produces 75% of the world's coffee, and supplies some of the finest grades of rubber which can not be grown in the East.

**FOREIGN TRADE**

The volume of Brazil's foreign trade has increased rapidly, and the balance in favor of exports increased from \$52,000,000 in 1911 to \$211,000,000 in 1919. Exports in 1920 were larger in volume than in any previous year, although the total value was less than in 1919 on account of the general fall in commodity prices. The United States is Brazil's best customer, supplying about 48% of her imports and taking about 42% of her exports. Coffee makes up approximately 50% of Brazil's exports at the present time, and of this the United States has been taking about one-half in recent years. The Central European nations are now purchasing coffee in increasing quantity. Other important exports are rubber, cocoa, meat, tobacco and sugar. The largest packing plant in South America has recently been completed in Brazil. Exports of meat, hides and skins increased from \$8,075,250 in 1913 to \$73,000,000 in 1919.

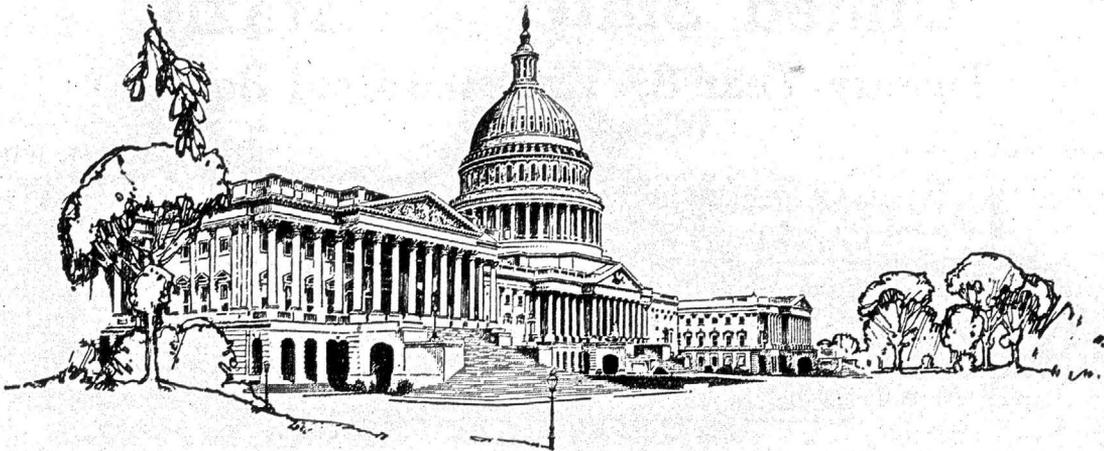
*We offer the above bonds for delivery when, as and if issued and received by us, subject to the approval of legal proceedings by counsel.*

**Price 97½ and Interest. To Net 8¼%**

**Dillon, Read & Co.**  
**Blair & Co., Inc.                      White, Weld & Co.**  
**Union Trust Company, Pittsburgh**  
**Illinois Trust & Savings Bank      Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.**  
**Continental and Commercial Trust and Savings Bank**  
**The Union Trust Company, Cleveland**

The information contained in this advertisement has been obtained, partly by cable, from official and other sources. While not guaranteed, it is accepted by us as accurate.

Orders have been received in excess of the amount of bonds available. This advertisement appears as a matter of record.



## What will Congress do in Tax Reform ?

**T**HE proposed changes in Federal taxation are many and varied. They are of especial interest to banks on their own account and on the account of their customers.

The Tax Department of The Union Trust Company, managed by government-trained men, is closely following the situation in Washington and will be glad to give you any information you may wish as regards proposed or present legislation.

During the past year we have helped hundreds of correspondent banks solve their own tax problems and the problems of their customers. A special division is now concerning itself with inheritance and estate taxes which are coming more and more prominently into operation in various States.

Any request will receive full and immediate attention.

**The Union Trust Company**  
*Cleveland*

*Capital and Surplus \$33,000,000*

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### CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.

The following table, made up by telegraph, &c., indicates that the total bank clearings of all the clearing houses of the United States for the week ending to-day have been \$7,046,192,941, against \$6,560,166,697 last week and \$8,551,586,892 the corresponding week last year.

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week ending May 21.	1921.	1920.	Per Cent.
New York	\$3,328,088,350	\$3,959,113,889	-15.9
Chicago	419,667,525	534,183,012	-21.4
Philadelphia	350,386,773	440,610,946	-20.5
Boston	255,597,008	340,872,548	-25.0
Kansas City	119,216,726	185,425,304	-39.0
St. Louis	103,784,493	150,364,352	-31.0
San Francisco	112,500,000	133,449,806	-15.7
Pittsburgh	113,300,393	135,734,147	-16.5
Detroit	97,297,177	119,574,696	-18.6
Baltimore	64,234,874	83,846,560	-23.4
New Orleans	40,410,757	65,097,017	-37.9
Eleven cities, 5 days	\$5,004,484,076	\$6,158,272,277	-18.7
Other cities, 5 days	926,246,392	1,239,941,417	-25.3
Total all cities, 5 days	\$5,930,730,468	\$7,398,213,694	-19.8
All cities, 1 day	1,115,462,473	1,453,373,198	-23.3
Total all cities for week	\$7,046,192,941	\$8,851,586,892	-20.4

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

Detailed figures for the week ending May 14 show:

Clearings at—	1921.	1920.	Inc. or Dec.	1919.	1918.
New York	\$3,601,441,871	\$4,426,336,018	-18.6	\$4,429,743,211	\$3,796,167,607
Philadelphia	376,596,780	515,582,270	-27.0	385,774,363	401,333,411
Pittsburgh	127,673,807	162,308,695	-21.3	125,759,928	109,907,306
Baltimore	74,070,924	92,087,621	-19.6	74,059,496	62,904,008
Buffalo	33,635,698	44,830,064	-25.0	23,987,152	23,551,828
Washington	17,052,168	19,005,487	-10.3	16,217,104	13,872,899
Albany	4,200,000	4,591,562	-8.5	5,421,359	5,028,213
Rochester	8,299,353	12,293,636	-32.5	9,202,281	7,876,205
Scranton	4,585,565	5,204,899	-11.9	4,293,182	3,500,000
Syracuse	4,074,549	5,186,889	-21.4	4,290,723	5,130,778
Reading	3,581,874	3,547,078	+1.0	2,647,889	3,245,424
Wilmington	2,359,317	3,694,573	-36.1	4,070,938	3,019,950
Wilkes-Barre	2,680,466	2,986,154	-10.2	2,250,000	2,290,752
Wheeling	4,485,247	5,760,897	-22.1	4,457,611	4,503,288
Trenton	4,293,126	4,399,750	-2.4	3,465,958	2,867,780
York	1,304,019	1,707,491	-23.6	1,399,347	1,270,319
Lancaster	1,900,000	2,883,610	-33.6	2,551,458	2,772,869
Erie	2,388,954	3,085,782	-22.6	2,171,267	2,336,845
Binghamton	1,420,600	1,470,600	-37.1	985,800	944,800
Greensburg	1,100,000	1,200,000	-8.3	1,000,000	1,018,129
Chester	973,910	1,824,387	-46.6	1,396,449	1,498,998
Altoona	1,066,487	1,079,591	-1.2	894,603	739,382
Montclair	426,326	564,932	-24.4	4,61,329	450,326
Huntington	1,914,933	1,990,597	-3.8	---	---
Bethlehem	2,631,620	Not included	In total	---	---
Total Middle	4,279,115,041	5,323,601,783	-19.6	5,106,501,448	4,456,231,117
Boston	274,161,675	401,066,091	-31.6	337,621,806	317,154,349
Providence	9,635,900	13,859,000	-30.5	13,846,400	15,587,600
Hartford	8,710,654	10,751,197	-19.0	10,201,783	8,358,206
New Haven	5,587,238	6,827,317	-18.2	6,305,311	6,093,575
Springfield	3,807,866	5,572,283	-31.7	4,160,282	3,935,015
Portland	2,500,000	2,600,000	-5.8	2,623,141	2,850,000
Worcester	4,000,000	5,627,291	-28.9	4,111,886	3,902,034
Fall River	1,343,322	2,789,746	-52.2	2,818,511	2,378,645
New Bedford	1,419,970	2,911,931	-51.2	1,706,138	2,319,602
Lowell	1,239,446	1,443,087	-14.6	1,191,674	1,427,250
Holyoke	860,000	850,000	+1.2	701,016	838,873
Bangor	856,101	1,058,179	-19.1	777,332	803,714
Stamford	2,403,971	Not included	In total	---	---
Lynn	1,437,370	Not included	In total	---	---
Total New Eng.	314,072,172	455,356,122	-31.0	388,065,280	365,648,863

Clearings at—	Week ending May 14.				
	1921.	1920.	Inc. or Dec.	1919.	1918.
Chicago	\$496,407,543	\$614,847,269	-19.3	\$569,972,119	\$504,153,419
Cincinnati	51,849,074	68,379,409	-24.2	57,478,460	55,556,764
Cleveland	83,413,236	126,532,004	-34.2	87,372,837	80,090,338
Detroit	89,186,961	115,299,030	-22.6	98,493,232	66,117,643
Indianapolis	27,597,674	37,571,619	-26.5	33,351,380	28,940,997
Indianapolis	16,236,000	21,563,000	-24.6	16,160,000	14,647,000
Columbus	12,808,500	14,617,600	-12.4	13,009,900	12,124,700
Toledo	12,910,601	17,089,534	-24.5	13,014,100	11,292,816
Peoria	4,136,291	5,939,074	-30.4	5,344,454	4,983,672
Grand Rapids	6,036,607	7,506,281	-19.6	6,609,746	5,453,713
Dayton	3,985,509	4,810,668	-17.1	4,478,561	3,956,957
Evansville	4,213,987	5,792,527	-27.3	5,050,792	4,321,791
Springfield, Ill.	2,407,785	2,868,183	-16.1	2,307,402	1,930,418
Fort Wayne	1,879,528	2,307,579	-18.5	1,640,792	1,522,801
Youngstown	3,444,823	4,613,906	-25.3	4,657,281	3,990,895
Rockford	1,833,605	2,628,816	-30.2	1,890,096	2,108,738
Akron	7,081,000	11,016,000	-35.7	9,505,000	5,330,000
Lexington	1,030,000	1,150,000	-13.9	900,000	750,000
South Bend	2,172,337	2,547,358	-14.7	1,250,000	1,298,796
Quincy	1,254,132	1,826,221	-31.3	1,599,793	1,165,341
Canton	3,787,974	4,777,004	-20.7	3,930,159	3,100,000
Bloomington	1,400,000	1,810,740	-22.7	1,447,521	1,257,031
Springfield, O.	1,423,825	1,974,612	-28.1	1,322,055	1,178,869
Decatur	1,109,050	1,419,705	-21.8	1,299,923	1,108,036
Mansfield	1,280,917	1,728,897	-25.9	1,312,781	1,124,287
Danville	931,566	1,090,782	-14.6	855,526	573,103
Jacksonville, Ill.	257,900	644,093	-60.1	864,920	587,771
Lima	817,972	1,074,268	-23.9	1,050,000	987,569
Owensboro	369,114	599,316	-38.4	955,421	1,087,837
Ann Arbor	575,000	577,189	-0.4	396,774	345,316
Adrian	200,000	270,017	-26.3	84,790	79,374
Lansing	1,396,000	1,850,598	-24.5	1,346,279	988,722
Total Mid West	543,400,941	1,086,723,299	-25.4	955,921,714	822,154,714
San Francisco	121,000,000	167,904,916	-27.9	135,592,412	105,417,870
Los Angeles	79,061,000	82,915,000	-4.7	44,036,000	30,945,000
Seattle	27,467,109	45,848,397	-40.1	38,029,889	37,409,681
Portland	28,523,524	37,528,229	-24.9	31,689,929	21,717,161
Salt Lake City	10,835,401	16,926,021	-35.0	15,467,054	13,659,038
Spokane	9,840,909	14,370,058	-31.5	9,695,381	8,121,917
Tacoma	3,962,940	6,929,028	-42.8	6,685,104	5,117,664
Oakland	11,013,992	11,706,024	-6.4	9,696,218	6,438,846
San Diego	3,035,585	3,126,903	-2.9	2,401,613	2,200,168
Sacramento	4,561,557	6,661,747	-31.5	4,331,603	3,591,798
Pasadena	3,286,058	2,645,882	+26.1	1,595,690	1,037,552
Fresno	3,502,728	4,956,355	-29.3	2,665,119	2,035,832
San Jose	1,663,558	2,338,230	-28.9	1,250,000	1,004,134
Stockton	4,635,500	6,240,300	-25.7	2,313,044	1,994,434
Yakima	1,114,450	1,804,773	-38.2	11,916,673	866,158
Reno	700,000	890,625	-21.4	926,910	618,374
Long Beach	3,479,813	3,037,766	+14.5	1,565,621	1,018,174
Santa Barbara	955,277	Not included	In total	---	---
Total Pacific	317,735,122	415,890,254	-23.6	307,133,260	243,213,647
Kansas City	138,236,620	227,420,904	-39.2	210,713,792	174,742,076
Minneapolis	61,462,030	84,610,032	-27.5	42,345,168	28,105,946
Omaha	35,331,575	59,603,614	-40.7	55,726,211	56,586,789
St. Paul	30,498,667	21,706,738	+40.5	19,121,519	14,060,995
Denver	16,751,599	21,568,806	-22.3	24,980,218	22,788,445
St. Joseph	9,412,171	16,826,170	-44.1	17,534,603	17,111,437
Des Moines	9,457,409	12,472,877	-24.2	9,307,651	9,180,580
Duluth	5,246,509	8,642,296	-39.3	6,837,560	4,395,868
Sioux City	5,596,558	9,678,616	-42.2	10,000,000	7,995,484
Wichita	10,561,058	14,416,357	-26.7	10,953,531	8,074,895
Lincoln	3,646,819	6,248,090	-41.6	5,357,360	4,553,316
Topeka	2,610,034	3,429,819	-23.9	3,169,504	3,435,865
Cedar Rapids	2,128,259	2,568,564	-17.1	2,394,477	1,866,453
Fargo	2,600,000	3,000,000	-16.7	3,253,281	1,956,588
Colorado Springs	924,660	1,238,191	-24.7	1,036,686	788,332
Pueblo	551,006	1,023,840	-10.8	829,174	890,670
Fremont	912,507	918,544	-39.9	743,552	785,664
Waterloo	1,375,879	2,182,762	-37.0	1,801,099	2,204,120
Helena	2,880,493	1,703,817	+69.1	2	

### THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

The action this week of the United States Railroad Labor Board, in saying prevailing conditions justified, to an extent yet to be determined, a readjustment downward of the wages of railway employees is a favoring event of large importance, and yet it was almost without influence in the financial market, the Stock Exchange at first responding only feebly and later actually declining. This is a repetition of what happened last week, when Germany yielded to the ultimatum of the Allied Supreme Council and accepted unconditionally the reparations demands laid down by the Council. The explanation, however, of the apparent anomaly this week is no more obscure than was that of last week. The general comment on the action of the Labor Board is that it is tardy and that no speedy change in the present unfavorable course of railroad income is in prospect. In the first place, the extent of the proposed reduction in wages remains in doubt and, in the second place, the reduction, whatever it may be, is not to be effective until July 1. Moreover, the employees affected are by no means quiescent—that is, show no disposition to yield to any cut at all—and that, of course, introduces another element of doubt. In the meantime, railroad losses are running steadily on, and what these mean is made evident by the dividend suspensions and reductions of which the investing public is now receiving constant reminders from day to day. Thus, on Thursday, the directors of the Hocking Valley Railway deferred action on the semi-annual dividend on the stock of that company, and yesterday the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Directors pursued a similar course with reference to the dividend declaration due on the stock of their company. The industrial companies are also continuing their unfavorable dividend record. Thus, the Republic Iron & Steel Company, the Cambria Steel Company, the Pacific Mail Steamship Co. and the American Linseed Co., besides a few other but less conspicuous corporate undertakings, have all omitted their customary dividend declarations this week. Altogether, therefore, the outlook in the financial world for the time being is not very cheerful.

Building construction returns for the United State for April 1921 furnish evidence of a continuation of the revival discernible in the compilations for preceding months, although the amount of work arranged for covers a much smaller total of contemplated outlay than the high record aggregate of 1920. As, however, there has been some decline in the cost of most materials entering into construction work, the quantitative decline doubtless is smaller than the cost figures would appear to indicate. The fact is that to a greater or lesser extent operations are being held in check in many sections of the country by labor cost. In other words, with wages as well as materials lower, the volume of building work would unquestionably expand, and mentionable relief in the housing situation brought correspondingly nearer. The situation locally is probably less favorable than in other sections of the country, for not only do the materials markets lack the stability that serves to give confidence to builders, but wages continue at the highest level. Speaking of the situation in this district the Dow Service Report says: "Building construction work shows in-

dications of remaining practically inactive for an indefinite time. Even in habitation building there is not anywhere near the actual volume of contract awards that there should be at this time of the year with the October renting season fast approaching. Instead of stimulating new business, the price cuts in material are having the opposite effect of encouraging postponement of purchases by those buyers who attempt to feel the market pulse." The conclusion reached is that builders feel costs must go much lower before it will be safe to enter on new construction work with any great freedom.

For April the outlay arranged for under the permits issued at 182 cities of the country reached a total of \$150,287,937, this comparing with the unprecedented monthly aggregate of \$191,939,733 in 1920, but running ahead of all totals for the corresponding month of any earlier year, and in fact all but four months in our history. Greater New York's prospective expenditure is only \$29,732,134, against \$41,974,844, a falling off in Manhattan much more than offsetting gains in all other boroughs. For the 181 cities outside of New York the total at \$120,555,803 compares with \$149,964,889 in 1920, but with 78½ millions in 1919. Sixty-seven cities in all report projected disbursements heavier than those of a year ago, with Chicago, Los Angeles, Baltimore, Denver, Washington, St. Paul, Dallas, Oakland, San Diego and Long Beach conspicuous in the extent of increase. On the other hand, losses of noteworthy proportions are to be noted at such leading centres as Philadelphia, Kansas City, Cleveland, Detroit, St. Louis, Newark, Pittsburgh, Milwaukee, Atlanta, Omaha, Minneapolis, Richmond, Buffalo, Houston, Tacoma, Des Moines, Fort Worth, Memphis, Syracuse, Tulsa and Springfield, Mass.

For the four months of 1921 the aggregates for all sections exhibit losses from 1920, but are well above earlier years. Twenty-six New England cities report a decrease of 12½ million dollars; 46 in the Middle group, exclusive of Greater New York, a contraction of 40 millions, with Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Newark and Washington the main contributors, and 34 in the Middle West, a falling off of 43 millions, of which 16½ millions at Detroit and 14½ millions at Cleveland. The South (35 cities) decreased its total 12¼ millions from last year, Texas cities contributing most of it. Activity at Los Angeles is the feature of the exhibit made by the 15 Pacific Coast cities, but a gain there of 6 millions is more than offset at San Francisco, and the loss for the section as a whole is 7½ millions. The "Other Western" group of 25 cities shows a diminution of 19¼ millions, largely at Kansas City, Minneapolis, Omaha and St. Louis. Collectively, the 187 outside cities give for the four months an aggregate of \$349,182,178, against \$483,727,775 last year, and approximately 175 millions in 1919. Including New York's total of \$93,466,934 and \$125,764,770 and \$40,943,643 respectively, the exhibit for the country as a whole stands at \$442,649,112, against \$609,492,545 and 215 millions.

In the Dominion of Canada building operations do not show the degree of activity under existing housing conditions that might be looked for with the material and labor wages situation more favorable. At the same time, however, considerable new work is projected at Toronto, and at some other points in the province of Ontario in the East, and at Calgary in the West. The April building permits

issued at 26 Eastern cities call for the disbursement of \$8,489,825, against \$11,068,966, while for 15 Western cities the respective totals are \$3,117,137 and \$4,590,690. For the four months the aggregate for the same 41 cities is \$23,326,531 (\$18,272,011 East and \$5,054,520 West), against \$31,614,302 (\$23,116,946 East and \$8,497,356 West) in 1920 and \$12,541,760 in 1919.

The Fall River cotton mills dividend statement for the second quarter of 1921 even more clearly and convincingly than did the statement for the quarterly period immediately preceding, indicates the effect upon the income of the corporations in the leading cotton manufacturing centre of the United States of the reduced activity in operations and decided decline in the selling prices of the manufactured products. Not only does the aggregate sum represented by the dividends declared for the period (and already paid out or to be disbursed within the next few weeks) cover an amount the smallest of any three months since the first quarter of 1917, but it is much less than one-third of the total distributed at the same time a year ago. There has been a phenomenal shrinkage in the value of the raw material since July last, and there has consequently been a disposition to conclude that thus the decline in prices for goods has been well offset. That, however, is stated by mill owners to be far from the truth. On the contrary, prices have dropped more sharply and rapidly than cost of production, and it is claimed that at the present level of value for goods operations really show a loss.

Indicating the great slump in the values of goods within the year, we would draw attention to the fact that printing cloths, 28-inch, 64 x 64, which at this time in 1920 ruled at 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ c, or but nominally under the highest price on record for that description of goods, are now down to 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ c, the lowest level since August of 1916. It is true, also, that cotton is decidedly lower in prices, ruling now around 13c for middling uplands in the New York market, against 43.75c July 22, 1920. But between 1916 and 1920 wages at Fall River were advanced over 130% and have suffered but one reduction since, 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ %, in January. Consequently, the compensation of operatives at this time is over 80% higher than in 1916, with printing cloths ruling about the same and cotton only a little lower. It is evident, therefore, that cost of production has not fallen in equal ratio with selling prices. Lack of demand has, of course, been instrumental in forcing curtailment of operations, but effort has been made to avoid releasing of operatives in order to assure to them means of subsistence and keep up working organizations. Furthermore, the Cotton Manufacturers' Association has virtually pledged itself not to make any further reduction in wages during the next seven months, and this has seemingly been followed by a slight improvement in the market for goods.

Five of the 37 Fall River corporations make no dividend declarations for the June quarter in 1921, besides which 18 make the rate smaller than for the preceding three months, and in all but two or three cases very much below the return for the corresponding period a year ago. In all, the amount already distributed or to be paid out in the second quarter of 1921 is only \$766,575, or an average of slightly under 2% on the capital invested, this contrasting with \$2,604,560, or 7.77%, in like period last

year, \$767,609, or 2.33% two years ago, and \$1,156,934, or 3.51%, in 1918. For the elapsed half-year the shareholders in the 37 corporations have received or will get \$1,702,725, or an average of 4.43%, or a very meagre return as compared with the \$4,929,898, or 14.71%, of 1920. In 1919, 1918 and 1917, too, the returns at 5.76%, 6.43% and 5.97%, respectively, were much better than now, but in 1916 the sum distributed reached only \$752,092, or 2.48%.

If it is not one thing it is another that prevents the settling down of things in Europe politically. This has been true ever since the Armistice, and no definite relief seems yet in sight. The prolonged political condition only emphasizes the extent to which the countries of Europe and all their peoples were upset by the World War. Superficial observers easily might have assumed that, with the formation of a new Cabinet in Germany, and the acceptance by the Reichstag of the Allied ultimatum, there would be a perceptible lull in the political storm. The fact was that fresh trouble was brewing before those two events occurred. Reference is made to the uprising of the Poles, under the leadership of Adalbert Korfanty, for the avowed purpose of seizing Upper Silesia, although it had gone to the Germans as the result of a plebiscite held a few months ago. Premier Lloyd George's speech in the House of Commons last Friday threw new fat into the fire as between Great Britain and France, on the one hand, and between the latter country and Germany, on the other. According to a synopsis of the speech cabled from London he declared that Germany must get fair play in Silesia, and that he favored letting her defend her rights there if the Allies should be unable to act. He asserted also that the Treaty of Versailles must be upheld with respect to Silesia, and in dealing with the Silesian situation the Allies must so act that even the Germans could not fail to realize that they were determined to be perfectly fair to all. He added: "In all solemnity I make an appeal, therefore, to all concerned to do what is right, to do what is fair, to dismiss prejudices and to be upright." All the accounts of the speech emphasized the fact that the British Premier strongly denounced the uprising of the Poles.

In the course of an address in the Reichstag, near the close of last week, Chancellor Wirth was quoted as saying that "upon the solution of the Upper Silesian question will depend whether Germany is able to carry out the obligations imposed on her, and thus make possible the restoration of the war-shattered economic structure of Europe." Continuing to set forth the attitude of the German Government toward this situation, the Chancellor was reported to have said: "With all our heart we want to fulfill the conditions of the Allied ultimatum, but we expect also that the other side will recognize our good-will after we have given ample demonstration of it. We especially expect fair play in Upper Silesia. Only when the Upper Silesian question is settled in the same spirit in which we hope to partake of the solution of the reparations problem can Europe and the German people be saved. Our 'Yes' on the reparations question must not be sabotaged from any side. I am convinced that if it is, the German people will find themselves face to face with a critical internal situation." It is both interesting and important to bear in mind that his speech was made on Thursday night and that of Lloyd George

the next day. Also that the latter was reported to have declared: "You may say, 'Oh, they're only Germans.' But they are entitled to everything the treaty gives them." The dispatches stated that the latter remark was greeted with cheers. Perhaps if Dr. Wirth had known that the speech was going to be made, and had heard the cheers, he would not have spoken as he did in the Reichstag the night before.

This is one side of the situation. The Germans could not have failed to be pleased with at least the greater part of the Lloyd George speech. Not so Premier Briand of France, his Government, and people. The Paris correspondent of the New York "Times," in outlining the French position, in a cablegram Sunday morning, said: "Lloyd George's speech on Upper Silesia has caused a furore in Paris. It is not too much to say that it has dangerously strained the Franco-British alliance, for the situation is that while the British Premier thinks it justifiable to allow German troops to go into the plebiscite area to protect German interests, the French Government's position is that such an act by Germany would approach a *casus belli*." He added that "the speech so aroused Paris that this [Saturday] afternoon Premier Briand sent for the newspaper correspondents and defined his position." After giving his understanding and version of the chief causes of the uprising of the Poles, the French Premier declared that "the French desire was only to see quiet restored in Upper Silesia. That was the task of the Allies and their troops, and they ought to impose their will upon the Germans as well as the Poles. The Germans also were anxious to bring things to a crisis, but if they did so they would be wrong." He added that "I cannot think that Germany will attempt such an adventure." Replying directly to the suggestion of Lloyd George that Germany be permitted to use her own troops in Upper Silesia, Premier Briand was reported to have spoken as follows to the correspondents: "I am certain that Mr. Lloyd George would never on his own initiative invite German troops to march against Poland, and so against France. No such invitation could possibly be issued except in concert with the Allies. We have been getting a lot of advice from England recently, but it would be more useful for the re-establishment of order if we could get men to help our 12,000."

M. Briand expressed his pleasure over the fact that the United States is to be represented in the Allied Supreme Council. On this point he was quoted as follows: "Happily the United States has now resumed its seat at the Allied Council table, where its delegate will be in a position to make known his country's ideas with the certitude that they will be most attentively considered." In a wireless dispatch Monday morning the Paris correspondent of the Chicago "Tribune" said that "unofficially" Premier Briand has let it be known that he would place the Upper Silesian situation before the French Parliament and ask a vote of confidence on his stand before meeting Lloyd George at the coming week-end conference at Boulogne or some other place to be agreed upon later. The correspondent said "that he will receive the vote is not doubted at Quai d'Orsay." A dispatch from the headquarters of the insurgent Polish forces in Upper Silesia stated that the French troops had dispersed the mobs by

using their sabres. Adalbert Korfanty, leader of the Polish insurgents, was quoted in a dispatch from Oppeln to the New York "Times" as having said that, "I have created order, and it is now for the Allies to give their decision." The idea was carried and emphasized in other Paris dispatches on Monday that the feeling between the French and British Government officials was seriously strained. Berlin heard that "reinforcements for the inter-Allied police troops in Upper Silesia are being brought up to drive the insurgent Poles from the plebiscite district." According to the advices received, "a regiment of British troops from the Rhine area has been dispatched to Upper Silesia and is expected to arrive in Oppeln Monday." It was added that "these are the first British forces, aside from a few officers, to be sent to Silesia. They are to be followed by other contingents of Allied troops, which will have orders to clear the Silesian area and stamp out the insurrection there."

The suggestion was offered in the London cablegrams and in the editorial comment in some of the leading papers here on Tuesday that the Allied Supreme Council is the proper body to deal with the Upper Silesian situation. The New York "Times" published a long dispatch from its correspondent at the British capital, in which an effort was made to convey the idea that the statements credited to Lloyd George relative to Germany being permitted to send troops into Upper Silesia had been misunderstood to some extent. The correspondent said: "One of the most alarming points of controversy has, however, already been removed. It is authoritatively denied that Mr. Lloyd George ever intended to represent himself as in favor of German military intervention in Silesia, and urgent representations against any such action have been made in Berlin by Lord d'Abernon, the British Ambassador, and Chancellor Wirth has promised to comply with them. The Premier's reference on Friday to German action is admittedly obscure. Your correspondent is authoritatively informed that all he meant to do was to enforce the logic of the situation." Quoting the following words from the speech, "either the Allies ought to insist upon the treaty being respected, or they ought to allow the Germans to do it," the correspondent observed that "he laid the possible alternatives before the House of Commons as a matter of dialectics, but he did not mean to suggest that he had the slightest intention of proposing as a practical measure the adoption of the second possibility." The "Times" representative further observed that "the peril to the peace of Europe and to the continuance of the Entente lies rather in what may develop from the Silesian situation than from anything that has yet occurred. If the Polish Government cannot or will not restrain Korfanty, it is believed here that sooner or later German volunteers will make reprisals." Speaking in a somewhat similar vein, the London correspondent of the New York "Herald" said: "The Prime Minister and other high Government officials passed Whitsunday in the country, but Lloyd George kept in close touch with Downing Street by telephone, and the Foreign Office had frequent communications with Paris, to whom it was suggested that the Premier's speech had been misunderstood. It was impressed upon M. Briand that Mr. Lloyd George never hinted at Great Britain taking the initiative in connection

with the Upper Silesian situation, and that no promises or agreements had been made with Germany." In a cablegram Tuesday morning the Paris correspondent of the New York "Tribune" said: "The French point of view, stripped of diplomatic phrasing, is that the controversial industrial district of Upper Silesia should be given to Poland. If Briand does not succeed at Ostend in winning Lloyd George's assent on that point, it is predicted here that his Cabinet will fall and will be replaced by another more nationalistic in character and less inclined to follow Great Britain's lead in matters of Continental policy."

In an Associated Press dispatch from Warsaw Tuesday morning the assertion was made that "extraordinary measures have been taken by the Polish Government in an endeavor to clear up Silesian affairs, which have taken a turn for the worse, owing to Mr. Lloyd George's recent speech, accusing Poland of backing the movement which brought about the uprising." The correspondent also said that Premier Witos, accompanied by Minister of Interior [unclear] had gone to the Silesian frontier in an ef-

cannot be forecast. The mists ahead are more than usually dense. Much will depend on the Allies holding together." Premier Briand was quoted Thursday morning as having made the following facetious observation on the British Premier's statement to newspaper men: "Just a little spell of bad humor. It will soon pass with no harm done." Later advices stated that in discussing the statement at greater length with newspaper correspondents, the French Prime Minister said: "I have nothing to say, except to maintain strictly my viewpoint that France in all this controversy places herself on the sole ground of the Versailles Treaty. There is no other basis of discussion possible. On the other hand, France and England can converse only as equals, and Mr. Lloyd George, himself, will agree to this when the misunderstanding is dispelled. I, too, want to see the Treaty carried out, but there is nothing in the Treaty which stipulates that all the rich mining districts in Silesia must go to the Germans, while the Poles will get what is left. I do not wish to enter into any controversy with Mr. Lloyd George, and I stand by what I said to you

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bers in the new Parliament." The Nitti group got only 15 seats. As a result of the elections the Socialist representatives in the Chamber were cut down from 170 to 120 seats. The Catholic Party secured 102 members, the Republicans 8, the Slavs 6 and the Germans 4. The figures indicated the re-election of Premier Giolitti's entire Cabinet. Following the elections it was reported that in various centres 40 had been killed and 92 injured. Commenting on the results of the voting, the Milan correspondent of the New York "Tribune" said in a dispatch Wednesday morning that, "although the Socialist-Communist majority in Parliament has been heavily cut by last Sunday's elections, the general impression prevails that as the outstanding leaders of those two parties are still in control, the new Parliament is little better than the old, and is likely to be short-lived." He also said that "the vote tabulated to date shows that 56% of the eligible population voted, as against 25% in the 1919 elections." In a dispatch from Rome last evening, what purported to be the final figures were given. They showed 221 for the Coalition; 125 seats for the Socialists; 106 for the Catholics; 9 for the Republicans; 5 for the Slavs, and 4 for the Germans.

It became known in Paris Tuesday, through an official announcement, that the German Government had "placed at the disposal of the Reparations Commission 150,000,000 gold marks, partly in gold and partly in foreign currency." It was added in the Paris dispatch that "the Commission, in its reply to the German Government accepting the payment, makes it clear that this amount will be repaid on account of the 1,000,000,000 marks which must be forthcoming before that approved foreign currency, bills, or German treasury, endorsed by appropriate marks, and payable in pounds sterling at Paris, or dollars at New York, is received by the Reparations Commission." It was further stated that the amount would be paid within the next few days.

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This has been a lively week in Irish political affairs. Further disturbances occurred, practically all of which were attributed to the Sinn Fein. The elections for the new Southern Parliament of Ireland were held a week ago yesterday. In dispatches from Dublin, giving accounts of the election, it was set forth that, with the exception of four imperialistic candidates, who were returned unopposed, not a single opponent was nominated against the Sinn Fein candidates. According to the British custom, the latter were returned without the formality of voting. The further assertion was made that "these Sinn Feiners will refuse the oath of allegiance to the Crown, and, therefore, the new Parliament will never function." The Dublin correspondent of the Associated Press explained that "thus it will devolve upon the Viceroy to nominate an executive on the lines of Crown colony administration, unless the Government should decide to recognize all the members elected in the North and South as a Constituent Assembly." Continuing to describe the rather ludicrous position of the new Parliament, he observed that "more than half the members selected in the South are in jail and others have at some time been in prison." He added that "the elections were the quietest ever known in Ireland." Prominent among those elected is Eamon de Valera. The final results showed that the Sinn Fein had elected 124 members, while Ulster nominated 40 Unionists, 20 Sinn Feiners, 13 Nationalists and 5 Laborites.

The first disturbance of a political character noted in European cable advices was an unsuccessful attempt by the Republicans, a week ago this morning, "to rescue Arthur Griffith, founder of the Sinn Fein organization, from his confinement in Mountjoy Prison." Further trouble occurred the next day. Six districts in London and sections of Liverpool were visited by bandit gangs early in the morning and a series of outrages committed. Three persons were said to have been seriously wounded. Saturday night in Cork was described as one of "terror." In an Associated Press dispatch from Belfast it was recorded that "nine policemen, two soldiers, and a number of other persons, were killed in attacks and counter-attacks at various places. Numerous persons were wounded." In a Dublin dispatch to the New York "Times" Tuesday morning, it was stated, "reports of ambushes and other attacks on Crown forces in Ireland during the week-end show that the number of persons killed in the two days was thirty-three, this being the highest recorded for such a period."

In an interview with the Dublin correspondent of the "Herald," President de Valera of the "Irish Free State" was quoted as saying that there was no compromise, until the nationhood is recognized by England, and that he would not discuss the matter until the nationhood is recognized by England. In a London dispatch, it was stated that de Valera for a discussion with the British Government, and that he would not discuss the matter until the nationhood is recognized by England. In a London dispatch, it was stated that de Valera for a discussion with the British Government, and that he would not discuss the matter until the nationhood is recognized by England.

ident of the Irish Republic,' are not irrevocably apart on an Irish settlement, the unparalleled outbreak of assassination and arson on Saturday and Sunday has so increased the bitterness of extremists on both sides that peace negotiations in connection with Ireland are now more remote than ever." He added that "the 'Morning Post,' a Tory organ, to-day declared that de Valera ought to be hanged instead of negotiated with."

There was no let-up in the disorders as the week advanced. Sinn Feiners, traveling by train, compelled the train crews to stop at various towns and attacked the barracks. Yesterday morning, according to a Dublin dispatch, "there was another heavy death roll to-day [Thursday], following Sinn Fein activities last night." A constable was shot dead, a sergeant wounded, a well-known farmer shot dead in bed, and so on. There was further rioting in and near Belfast.

Cablegrams from London Thursday morning stated that "the coal strike situation looks brighter as a result of many unofficial negotiations among the coal owners, miners and Government representatives. Lloyd George has not yet felt that the moment has arrived at which it would be wise to call the two sides together in formal conference, but there is little doubt that that moment is approaching." It was added that "the most hopeful sign is the dropping by many of the miners' leaders of the demand for a national pool and a growing willingness to consider simply the question of wages, and it is understood that Frank Hodges, Secretary of the Miners' Federation, is now working with the Government to effect a settlement on this basis."

Naturally there was unusual interest in advance in the speech to be made by Ambassador Harvey at the dinner given in his honor by the Pilgrims' Society in London on Thursday night. It was realized that as Ambassador appointed by President Harding, his utterances might be freighted with much significance. This proved to be the case. No one who listened to Mr. Harvey, or who has had an opportunity to read his speech, can have any doubt as to where the present Washington Administration stands on the question of the League of Nations. After referring to the fate of that proposal in Congress last year, and the great majority by which President Harding and his associates were elected, Ambassador Harvey said: "Anybody could see that it follows then inevitably and irresistibly that our present Government could not, without betrayal of its creators and masters, and will not, I can assure you, have anything whatsoever to do with the League or with any commission or committee appointed by it or responsible to it, directly or indirectly, openly or furtively." In reply Premier Lloyd George said: "We welcome Ambassador Harvey, not only as Ambassador to the Court of St. James, but as the first representative of the United States in the council of the nations. And we welcome him to the council of the nations not because we are anxious to drag the United States into the problems of Europe, but because we expect the United States, a great, strong, unselfish nation, to help lead Europe out of the labyrinth."

Other striking statements were made by both speakers. For instance, the Ambassador said: "Precisely as your Ambassador went to Washington as

an unalloyed Briton I come to London as an unalloyed American." The Premier declared: "The future well-being of the world depends more upon the goodwill, the good understanding and co-operation between the two great English-speaking peoples than upon any other one fact. It is the best, it is the surest, guarantee of world peace. European diplomacy works always in the dense thicket of ancient feuds, rooted, entangled and entwined. I did not realize it all until the Peace Conference; I did not realize how deep the roots are. In Central Europe there are blood feuds which everyone thought had been dead and buried for centuries, but which have been resurrected into full and vigorous life. . . . It is difficult to walk wisely or well amid all these ancient conflicts—the memories are so great, so continuous, so intense, the momentum of revenge increases at each succeeding stroke."

British revenue returns for the week ending May 14 indicated that income had again fallen below outgo, slightly further reducing the Exchequer balance, this time by £187,000. The week's expenses amounted to £16,349,000, against £24,064,000 the previous week, while the total outflow, which includes repayment of Treasury bills, foreign credits, advances and other items repaid, totaled £114,720,000 (against £128,401,000 for the week ended May 7). Among the more important repayments were advances, £23,850,000 and Treasury bills, £69,675,000. The total of receipts from all sources was £114,533,000, as compared with £128,006,000 the preceding week. Of this sum revenues contributed £10,559,000, against £13,791,000; savings certificates £700,000, the same as a week ago, and foreign credits £1,123,000, against £20,000 last week. Sundries brought in £158,000, against £151,000 and advances £9,400,000, against £27,650,000 a week earlier. New issues of Treasury bills were heavy, £92,593,000, against £85,543,000, and far in excess of repayments. The result was another expansion in the volume outstanding to £1,127,082,000, against £1,104,142,000 the week before. The aggregate of temporary advances was reduced to £182,969,000, which compares with £197,419,000 a week ago, but the total floating debt is now £1,310,051,000, which is an increase since March 31 of £34,721,000, and compares with £1,301,561,000 last week. The Exchequer balance is now £3,183,000, in comparison with £3,370,000 the week previous.

The Bank of Belgium on May 18 lowered its discount rate from 5½% to 5%. Official discount rates at other leading European centres continue as before, namely, 5% in Berlin; 6% in Paris, Rome and Madrid; 6½% in London, Sweden, Denmark and Norway, and 4½% in Holland and Switzerland. In London the private discount rate for short bills has been advanced to 5¼%, as against 4⅞% a week earlier, while three months' bills are now at 5⅝@ 5 11-16, in comparison with 5½@5¾% a week ago. Call money at the British centre is also higher, being reported at 5¼%, against 4¼% the preceding week. No reports, so far as can be learned, have been received by cable of open market discount rates at other centres.

The Bank of England reports a trifling reduction in its gold holdings, amounting to £693, although total reserve was again expanded, this time £571,000,

because of another contraction in note circulation of £574,000. Furthermore, the proportion of reserve to liabilities has risen to 15.28%, as against 14.05% a week ago. This is the highest percentage thus far this year, and compares with a low record of 8.83% on Jan. 6, and a percentage of 16½% in the corresponding week of 1920. Declines were again noted in deposits, with the exception of public deposits which gained £1,656,000. "Other" deposits, however, were brought down £8,264,000. Loans on Government securities fell £9,255,000, but loans on other securities were increased £2,107,000. The statement, taken as a whole, was regarded as the most encouraging in some little time. The Bank's gold stocks aggregate £128,362,554. A year ago the total held was £112,472,462 and in 1919 £85,523,570. Reserves stand at £18,615,000, against £20,041,042 in 1920 and £27,433,455 the year before. Loans amount to £81,010,000, which compares with £82,632,179 and £80,382,249 one and two years ago, respectively, while circulation is now £128,194,000, in comparison with £110,881,420 a year ago, and £76,540,115 in 1919. No change has been announced in the Bank's minimum discount rate, which remains at 6½%. Clearings through the London banks for the week totaled £625,251,000, as against £619,922,000 a week ago and £748,772,000 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.
	May 18.	May 19.	May 21.	May 22.	May 23.
Circulation.....	128,194,000	110,881,420	76,540,115	50,246,330	38,695,975
Public deposits.....	16,516,000	20,060,664	26,104,348	38,433,960	47,119,602
Other deposits.....	105,297,000	101,389,389	110,332,860	127,600,432	131,604,304
Government securities	39,931,000	36,515,283	46,339,633	55,580,732	45,044,406
Other securities.....	81,010,000	82,632,179	80,382,249	97,304,223	116,610,607
Reserve notes & coin	18,615,000	20,041,042	27,433,455	30,836,713	34,830,445
Coin and bullion.....	128,362,554	112,472,462	85,523,570	62,633,045	55,076,420
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	15.28%	16.50%	20.10%	18.60%	19.48%
Bank rate.....	6½%	7%	5%	5%	5%

The Bank of France in its weekly statement reports a further gain of 207,000 francs in its gold item this week. The Bank's aggregate gold holdings, therefore, now stand at 5,518,281,300 francs, comparing with 5,586,924,136 francs last year and with 5,548,817,038 francs the year previous; of these amounts 1,948,367,056 francs were held abroad in 1921, while 1,978,278,416 francs were held abroad in 1920 and the same amount in 1919. During the week silver increased 89,000 francs, bills discounted rose 41,430,000 francs and Treasury deposits were augmented by 316,000 francs. On the other hand, advances were reduced 33,063,000 francs, while general deposits fell off 53,643,000 francs. Note circulation registered the further contraction of 286,682,000 francs, bringing the total outstanding down to 38,454,998,370 francs. This contrasts with 38,051,511,050 francs on the corresponding date last year and with 34,133,592,395 francs in 1919. Just prior to the outbreak of war, in 1914, the amount was only 6,683,184,785 francs. Comparisons of the various items in this week's return with the 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		
		May 19 1921.	May 20 1920.	May 22 1919.
Gold Holdings—		Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
In France.....	Inc. 207,000	3,569,914,244	3,608,645,719	3,570,538,622
Abroad.....	No change.	1,948,367,056	1,978,278,416	1,978,278,416
Total.....	Inc. 207,000	5,518,281,300	5,586,924,136	5,548,817,038
Silver.....	Inc. 89,000	271,843,495	240,342,810	307,351,909
Bills discounted.....	Inc. 41,430,000	2,669,549,298	1,980,939,249	801,454,245
Advances.....	Dec. 33,063,000	2,178,321,000	1,797,233,217	1,239,068,190
Note circulation.....	Dec. 286,682,000	38,454,998,370	38,051,511,050	34,133,592,395
Treasury deposits.....	Inc. 316,000	46,588,000	83,552,576	163,417,051
General deposits.....	Dec. 53,643,000	2,910,888,000	3,625,771,509	3,200,009,425

The chief feature of last Saturday's statement of New York Clearing House banks and trust companies was a reduction in loans and discounts of \$106,527,000, which brought the loan total down to \$4,622,085,000. A decline of \$11,995,000 was recorded in net demand deposits, to \$3,691,216,000, which is exclusive of Government deposits of \$54,029,000. Last week Government deposits stood at \$76,227,000, showing that there has been a further lowering of \$22,198,000, and indicating continued withdrawals of Government funds from the banks. Net time deposits were also smaller, \$244,449,000, against \$248,078,000 last week. Other changes, which were not especially significant, included a decline in cash held in own vaults by members of the Federal Reserve Bank of \$493,000 to \$78,782,000 (not counted as reserve), a cut in reserves of member banks with the Reserve Bank of \$1,189,000, to \$475,370,000, and a decrease of \$76,000 in reserves held in own vaults by State banks and trust companies to \$9,592,000. Reserves of State banks and trust companies kept in other depositories registered an increase, namely \$313,000 to \$8,852,000. Aggregate reserves were reduced \$952,000, to \$493,814,000 but owing to the drawing down of deposits, surplus increased \$702,890, thus bringing the total of excess reserves to \$4,290,900, as compared with \$3,588,010 the week preceding. The figures here given for surplus are on the basis of 13% reserves above legal requirements for member banks of the Federal Reserve System, but not including cash in vault to the amount of \$78,782,000 held by the banks.

The Federal Reserve statement was also a favorable one, the New York institution showing an increase in the reserve ratio to 57.0, from 53.8 last week. Gold reserves gained substantially, \$26,600,000, and total of bills on hand declined \$141,900,000. For the system as a whole there has been an increase in gold reserves of \$15,300,000 and in total reserves of \$11,300,000. Here, too, bills discounted fell off heavily, \$187,700,000. The reserve ratio increased from 55.9 to 56.8%. The volume of Federal Reserve notes in circulation was reduced by \$37,500,000.

The passing of the middle of the month did not exert a lasting influence upon the money market at this centre. Call accommodations have ruled firm all week, the prevailing rate being 7%. On the basis of what we were accustomed to for many years before the war, this rate cannot be regarded as representing easy money. The Federal Reserve statement made a good exhibit and disclosed an increase in the percentage of reserve for the twelve banks combined from 55.9% to 56.8%. The demand for funds on account of new business is not perceptibly larger than it has been for many months. International bankers say that the demands of Governments in all parts of the world are likely to continue active and large. They do not believe that foreign loans will be made on a basis lower than 8%. If the railroad situation is straightened out within the next few months these bankers further suggest that the railroads will be in the market for large sums of money. They say that when this happens American bankers will have several sets of money rates for borrowers. Foreign Governments will be required to pay the highest figures. The railroads will be given as easy terms as possible. Indus-

trial corporations that were extravagant during the war period, and are still in more or less difficulty, will be required to pay well for their money also. There is considerable difference of opinion between railroad officials on the one hand, and prominent business men on the other, as to the probability of the business of this country, and, in turn, that of the railroads, increasing materially in the next few months and the rest of the year. A representative of prominent railroad officials said only yesterday that he looked for two or three years more of rather hard going for the railroads and further reductions and passing of dividends. This would mean a slow recovery in the business of the country. There are prominent industrial leaders, on the other hand, who are looking for considerably better times before the end of this year. These and other considerations will be factors in the money market.

Dealing more specifically with rates for money, call loans this week have all but remained stationary. The range was 6½@7%, the same as last week, but with the exception of Monday, when renewals were put through at 6½%, the low figure, all loans have been negotiated at 7%, this being the maximum, minimum and ruling rate on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The undertone was firm and offerings in light supply. This, however, is regarded as merely temporary, since it is the result of Monday's huge financing operations (issuance of the new Treasury certificates of indebtedness, payment of maturing issues, heavy payments for Government bond interest, and also the payments on account of the \$250,000 Northern Pacific-Great Northern Burlington & Quincy loan), and it is expected the funds will soon find their way back to the banks. The figures here given are for mixed collateral, and all-industrials without differentiation. In time money the situation remains unchanged. Offerings are scanty and there is very little doing; no trades of importance being reported in any maturity. Quotations remain at 6½@6¾% for sixty and ninety days and four months money and 6@6½% for five and six months, unchanged.

Mercantile paper has been in fairly good demand, though the supply of bills is still limited so that business was not active. Country banks were as usual the principal buyers. Sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character continue to be quoted at 6¾@7%, with the bulk of the transactions passing at the outside figure and the 6¾% rate mainly for New England mill paper. Names less well known still require 7@7¼%.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances have ruled at the levels previously current, with only a moderate turnover reported. In fact a considerable falling in the volume of business has taken place, the result, of course, of the stiffening in the call market. Brokers look for a broadening in operations with the resumption of easier conditions in money. Open market loans against bankers' acceptances continue to be quoted at 5½%. The posted rate of the American Acceptance Council is 6%. The Acceptance Council make the discount rates on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve Bank 6% bid and 5⅞% asked for bills running 120 days; 5⅞@5¾% for 90 days; 5¾@5⅝% for 60 days, and 5¾@5½% for 30 days. Open market quotations are as follows:

	Spot Delivery			Delivery within 30 Days.
	Ninety Days.	Sixty Days.	Thirty Days.	
Eligible bills of member banks.....	5⅞@5¾	5¾@5¾	5¾@5¾	5¾ bid
Eligible bills of non-member banks.....	6¼@5¾	6 @5¾	6 @5¾	6¼ bid
Ineligible bills.....	6¼@6	6¼@5¾	6 @5¾	6¾ bid

The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas on Monday also lowered its discount rate on commercial paper from 7 to 6½%, thereby removing the last official 7% rate in the system. 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 MAY 20 1921.

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

\* Discount rate corresponds with interest rate borne by certificates pledged as collateral.

Note.—Rates shown for St. Louis and Kansas City 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, except that in the case of Kansas City the maximum rate is 12%.

Movements in sterling exchange were somewhat of a disappointment to those who had been confidently expecting a general advance to higher levels to follow settlement of the German reparations controversy. Instead, the market this week has once more resumed its attitude of "watchful waiting," and comparative dullness resulted, with rates prevailing fractionally below \$4 00 for demand bills during the greater part of the week. However, it is contended by others more conservatively inclined that sterling quotations have held up remarkably well in view of the breaking out of apparently serious friction between the principal Allied Powers over the Silesian problem. Bankers here are following closely the situation in Silesia, which is causing some concern, owing to its possible effects upon the relations between Great Britain and France; though it is hoped that a satisfactory adjustment will be arrived at in the coming conference between French and British Premiers. Later in the week announcement from Berlin that Germany was ready, in compliance with the terms of the Allied ultimatum, to make the first payment on the 1,000,000,000 marks to be paid in twenty-five days, namely, 150,000,000 marks, created a good impression and served partly to offset other depressing factors, so that demand sterling recovered to 4 00¼, though prices again receded slightly before the close. Financiers generally expressed satisfaction over this development, on the ground that Germany was displaying a willingness to live up to her agreements which promised well for the future. An additional influence in restricting trading at least in the opening days of the week was the observance of Monday (Ascension Day) as a holiday in London.

Considerable talk is heard of the probability of a new French loan to be placed in this market soon of approximately \$100,000,000. Advices from Paris state that negotiations are practically completed, but bankers here appear to have no knowledge of the transaction. In any event it is considered very doubtful that anything will be done in this direction

until the trouble over Silesia has been settled. It is also rumored that the Union of South Africa is seeking a loan in this market. Still another topic for discussion is the possibility of German reparation bonds or other forms of securities being offered for sale in this market, although opinion seems a good deal divided on the amount of local capital likely to be available for this purpose. In some quarters the belief is expressed that with the commencement of actual payments by Germany, both France and Great Britain will in all probability utilize some of these funds to pay off their indebtedness to the United States.

Referring to the day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday was quieter, but still firm at about the levels of the preceding day, with demand at  $3\ 99\frac{5}{8}$ @ $4\ 00$ , cable transfers at  $4\ 00\frac{3}{8}$ @ $4\ 00\frac{3}{4}$  and sixty days  $3\ 94\frac{5}{8}$ @ $3\ 95\frac{1}{8}$ . Monday's trading was very light because of holiday in London market, while weakness developed on unfavorable news regarding the Silesian situation; the range was lower at  $3\ 99$ @ $3\ 99\frac{7}{8}$  for demand,  $3\ 99\frac{3}{4}$ @ $4\ 00\frac{5}{8}$  for cable transfers and  $3\ 93\frac{1}{4}$ @ $3\ 94\frac{1}{8}$  for sixty days. Some irregularity was shown on Tuesday, though prices improved slightly at the close and demand moved up to  $3\ 99\frac{3}{8}$ @ $3\ 99\frac{5}{8}$ , cable transfers to  $4\ 00$ @ $4\ 00\frac{1}{4}$  and sixty days to  $3\ 93\frac{1}{2}$ @ $3\ 93\frac{3}{4}$ . On Wednesday there was a further fractional advance on quiet trading, to  $3\ 98\frac{5}{8}$ @ $4\ 00\ 1-16$  for demand,  $3\ 99\frac{1}{4}$ @ $4\ 00\ 11-16$  for cable transfers and  $3\ 93\frac{7}{8}$ @ $3\ 95\ 5-16$  for sixty days. Dulness marked Thursday's dealings, but the undertone was firm with prices again a trifle higher; demand bills ranged at  $4\ 00$ @ $4\ 00\frac{1}{4}$ , cable transfers at  $4\ 00\frac{1}{2}$ @ $4\ 00\frac{3}{4}$  and sixty days at  $3\ 94\frac{1}{8}$ @ $3\ 94\frac{3}{8}$ ; very little business was put through, most operators being reluctant to enter into new commitments pending further developments in the European situation. On Friday the market ruled dull and featureless and a trifle easier, with demand at  $3\ 99\frac{1}{8}$ @ $3\ 99\frac{7}{8}$ , cable transfers  $3\ 99\frac{3}{4}$ @ $4\ 00\frac{1}{2}$  and sixty days  $3\ 93\frac{3}{8}$ @ $3\ 94\frac{1}{8}$ . Closing quotations were  $3\ 93\frac{3}{8}$  for sixty days,  $3\ 99\frac{1}{8}$  for demand and  $3\ 99\frac{3}{4}$  for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at  $3\ 98\frac{3}{4}$ , sixty days at  $3\ 93$ , ninety days at  $3\ 91\frac{1}{8}$ , documents for payment (sixty days)  $3\ 93\frac{1}{8}$  and seven-day grain bills  $3\ 97\frac{3}{4}$ . Cotton and grain for payment closed at  $3\ 98\frac{3}{4}$ . Gold arrivals were smaller, being limited to about \$3,000,000 on the La Savoie from France, \$400,000 on the Rotterdam from Holland, 15 boxes of bar gold on the Carmania from Liverpool and lesser amounts from South America and other points. These include 63 packages of gold and platinum on the Tivies from Colombia, 48 bars of gold on the W. C. Gorgas, also from Colombia, and 2 boxes on the A. Lopez from Cadiz, Spain, 19 boxes on the Panama from Christobal, about \$800,000 on the Baracas from Curaco, 13 packages of gold and silver from Callao and one box of gold on the Welshman from Liverpool. Considerable of the precious metal is on its way; \$3,500,000 on the Aquitania, and a large quantity, valued in some quarters at \$11,000,000, of Swedish gold in mail packages on the Scandinavian Liner Frederick VIII. One explanation of the sending of this gold through the mails is that it eliminates the extra expense of a special guard and in the end proves more profitable. It is understood that it has long been the custom to transmit gold from Denmark in this way, but is a new departure so far as Swedish shipments are concerned.

In the Continental exchanges also currency values were for a time adversely affected by the dispute over Upper Silesia and rates fluctuated irregularly, French and Belgian francs losing about 20 points to 842, while lire quotations fell to 551, or 16 points below last week's high level. Marks shared in the general depression with a decline of 33 points, to 1.51 for checks, although Austrian kronen remained about stable at or near 00.25. Considerable selling, chiefly for speculative account, was noted and offerings were freer than has been the case lately. On Wednesday improvement developed in most of the leading exchanges, with the single exception of marks, and advances were scored which carried French exchange after a series of sharp upward movements to another new high record of 882½ for checks—22½ points over last week's high point and a net increase for the week of 40½ points, though there was a slight recession at the close. Belgian exchange moved similarly, being now quoted on the same level as French currency. Italian lire were firmer, but did not get above 5.60, which compares with 5.67 the week previous. One or two large operators came into the market on the buying side and a somewhat better feeling prevailed, especially as London sent higher cabled quotations. Reichsmarks, however, were depressed by the Allied terms of disarmament, announced at that time, which ostensibly caused heavy speculative selling and the quotation again broke severely, touching this time 1.63 for checks, although at the extreme close part of the loss was recovered. Nevertheless, taken as a whole, trading was inclined to be spotty, intervals of dulness being succeeded by occasional brief spurts of feverish activity, with most important market interests again holding aloof to await the outcome of the new problem which has arisen over the division of upper Silesia. An added factor in limiting business in the early part of the week was the circumstance that the foreign exchange markets at nearly all European centres were closed Monday in celebration of the Ascension Day holiday.

A good deal of attention is being given the announcement that Germany's first payment of about 150,000,000 gold marks to the Reparations Commission in various foreign currencies, the largest single amount being in American dollars, with successively smaller amounts in sterling, French, Swiss and Belgian francs, Dutch florins, Danish crowns, Swedish crowns, Norwegian crowns, Spanish pesetas and 10,000,000 gold marks, since the disposition of these sums, which represent only part cash or currency with the balance in bills of exchange, must necessarily have an important effect on foreign exchange values. Most bankers appear of the opinion that with the Silesian problem out of the way Continental exchange should show still further improvement in prices and point to the fact that many financiers are already evincing a greater willingness in the matter of arranging long time credits for the promotion of foreign trade. There seems to be little doubt that once the necessary arrangements are made Europe will once again become a purchaser of our raw materials in large quantities. It is expected moreover that Germany will come into the market as a buyer of cotton and copper on a heavy scale. It is conceded, however, that little or nothing can be done in this respect until present uncertainties have been cleared up. At a meeting of financial experts in Paris recently it was shown how the

question of exchange entirely dominated the development of French foreign trade and it was agreed that something ought to be done to prevent abrupt movements in rates. Not a few are of the opinion that in a short time French and Belgian bills will be selling above 9.00 and lire at 6.00 or over.

The official London check rate on Paris closed at 45.47, against 46.70 a week ago. Sight bills in New York finished at 8.75 against 8.57½, cable transfers at 8 76, against 8 58½; commercial sight at 8 73, against 8 55½, and sixty day bills at 8 67, against 8 49½ last week. Closing rates on Antwerp francs were 8 74 for checks and 8 75 for cable transfers, against 8 57½ and 8 58 a week ago. Reichsmarks finished at 1 67¼ for checks and 1 68¼ for cable remittances, which compares with 1 77 and 1 78 a week earlier. Austrian kronen closed the week at 00.24¼ for checks and 00.25¼ for cable transfers, against 00.24 and 00.25 on Friday last week. Greek exchange moved erratically, fluctuating from 5.45 early in the week to 5.70, the closing figure for checks and 5.75 for cable transfers. A week ago the close was 5 50 and 5 55. News that a bill had been introduced in the Greek Chamber of Deputies providing for the establishment of a Bureau of Exchange to control foreign exchange and improve the value of Greek drachmas, had a good effect. Lire exchange finished at 5 56½ for bankers' sight bills and 5 57½ for cable transfers, in comparison with 5 59 and 5 60 last week. Czecho-Slovakian exchange was easier and closed at 1 47, against 1 75; Bucharest at 1 77, against 1 85; Poland at 0.11½, against 0.13, and Finland at 2.25, against 2.30 a week ago, with light trading practically throughout.

There is little new to report regarding exchange on the former neutral countries. Here also trading was dull and lifeless and rate variations were in sympathy with the other Continental exchanges. Dutch guilders, after touching a new high of 36.30, declined to 35.98. Swiss francs advanced to 18.15 but subsequently reacted to 17.95. Spanish pesetas showed material improvement from the abnormally low level of last week, rallying from 12.68 to 13.93, though the close was 13.53 for checks. As pointed out last week the primary cause of the break was the heavy transfer of funds from Barcelona to London and Paris by Germany in preparation for the initial reparations payments. Spanish interests, however, attribute it in some measure to speculation, also the increase in imports and decrease of exports at that centre. Scandinavian exchange was well maintained and ruled without appreciable change.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam closed at 35.90, against 36.20; cable transfers 35.95, against 36.20; commercial sight at 35.85, against 36.10, and commercial sixty days at 35.49, against 35.74 a week ago. Swiss francs finished at 17.98 for bankers' sight bills and 18.00 for cable remittances, as contrasted with 18.04 and 18.05 last week. Copenhagen checks closed at 18.15 and cable transfers 18.20, against 18.10 and 18.15. Checks on Sweden finished at 23.65 and cable transfers 23.70, against 23.55 and 23.60, while checks on Norway closed at 15.86 and cable transfers at 15.91, against 16.35 and 16.40 the previous week. Final quotations for Spanish pesetas were 13.53 for checks and 13.55 for cable transfers. This compares with 12.48 and 12.50 a week earlier.

As to South American rates some improvement was noted and Argentine exchange finished at 31.77

for checks and 31.93 for cable transfers, against 30.77 and 30.91 a week ago. Brazilian quotations were favorably affected by the floating of the \$25,000,000 loan to Brazil in this country, and moved up to 14.13 for checks, although the close was easier, at 13.95½, and cable transfers 14.01, against 13.51 and 13.57 last week. Dealers interested in South American exchange regard unfavorably advices to the effect that dealing in foreign exchange for future delivery is to commence on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange next month. The apparent intention is that all contracts relating to exchange transactions shall be signed by official Stock Exchange brokers and rates based on official Stock Exchange quotations. The whole movement is looked upon as a step in the wrong direction and likely to have a detrimental effect. Chilian exchange was somewhat firmer, and closed at 12.60, against 11.87½ last week. Peru advanced to 4.10 against 4.00. It is rumored that a partial moratorium has been declared in Peru. According to the United States Commercial Attache at Lima a Government loan of \$3,000,000 is expected to be advanced by an American bank, which should make for firmer rates of exchange.

Far Eastern rates were as follows: Hong Kong, 49¼@49½, against 51¼@51½; Shanghai, 66@66½, against 67½@68; Yokohama, 49@49½, against 49@49¼; Manila, 46@46½ (unchanged); Singapore, 46¼@46¾ (unchanged); Bombay, 26½@27½ (unchanged), and Calcutta, 26¾@27¾ (unchanged).

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$7,197,324 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending May 19. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$8,145,324, while the shipments have reached \$948,000, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week ending May 19.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks interior movement.....	\$8,145,324	\$948,000	Gain \$7,197,324

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, May 14.	Monday, May 16.	Tuesday, May 17.	Wednesday, May 18.	Thursday, May 19.	Friday, May 20.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 54,114,102	\$ 73,321,959	\$ 38,420,441	\$ 42,958,808	\$ 50,577,539	\$ 48,184,985	Cr. 307,577,834

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 billion in the principal European banks:

Banks of	May 19 1921.			May 20 1920.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 128,362,554	£	£ 128,362,554	£ 112,472,462	£	£ 112,472,462
France a.	142,796,570	10,840,000	153,636,570	144,345,828	9,600,000	153,945,828
Germany	54,574,800	433,950	55,013,750	54,584,200	183,850	54,768,050
Aus.-Hun.	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000
Spain	99,335,000	24,089,000	123,424,000	98,105,000	24,833,000	122,938,000
Italy	32,892,000	3,000,000	35,892,000	32,194,000	3,004,000	35,198,000
Netherl'ds.	50,495,000	1,151,000	51,646,000	52,971,000	985,000	53,956,000
Nat. Belg.	10,662,000	1,590,000	12,252,000	10,657,000	1,081,000	11,738,000
Switz'land.	21,747,000	4,444,000	26,191,000	21,235,000	3,602,000	24,837,000
Sweden	15,658,000		15,658,000	14,500,000		14,500,000
Denmark	12,643,000	177,000	12,820,000	12,588,000	164,000	12,752,000
Norway	8,115,000		8,115,000	8,122,000		8,122,000
Total week	588,224,924	48,108,950	636,333,874	572,718,400	45,871,850	618,590,250
Prev. week	588,195,337	48,163,950	636,359,287	573,745,051	46,117,150	619,862,201

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

### RAILROAD LABOR BOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENT—NOW LET THE COUNTRY RALLY AROUND ITS RAILROADS.

It is, of course, good news that the Railroad Labor Board has moved, though tardily, by announcing nearby dates for definite decisions, and has clearly indicated that those decisions respecting railway wages will at least be in the right direction.

An axiom is defined as a self-evident truth, neither needing nor supportable by any argument or amplification. In the domain of mathematics, this definition is very strictly applied, as, for instance, that the whole is equal to all its parts and greater than any one of them. Yet there are many truths elsewhere which ought to be accepted as virtually axiomatic, and some of these relate to transportation. Were it practicable, therefore, the "Chronicle" would imagine assembled within hearing all intelligent and thinking men and women in this country and would put before them two propositions without discussion, for they should not be deemed to need any.

First, this great country of ours, apparently never before of such commanding power in the world's affairs and future, and apparently occupying its own place in what is sometimes called "destiny" but may better be called the far-reaching and unconquerable scheme of an over-ruling Providence, must take one of two courses: it must develop and prosper, in an expanding degree, or else it must dwindle towards political and industrial weakness—this, since stationary it *cannot* remain, but must move in one direction or the other.

Second, assuming—as everybody except the most rabid of "Reds," or the most ingrained of pessimists does assume without so much as a query—that the first of these two alternatives is the only thinkable and possible one—it follows, with practically axiomatic surety, that its transportation must be widespread, efficient, healthy, and developing at an equal pace with the country, for the two are indissolubly bound together. They are so bound that one might as well look for agricultural abundance without moisture from any source as expect national life and growth without full and unstrained carrying facilities. The primitive man dug roots with his hands and ate them raw; his first needs of carrying were met by his own back, some beast or other, and the log that was the first water-craft. We moderns could not shift back to his status, for we have lost (even our independent farmer has lost) his independence as to the necessities of each hour. Let anybody who does not catch at once the force of this change in positions turn his imagination loose upon it a moment.

Well, we have been having some official inquiry into what is the matter with the railroads. Mr. Kruttschnitt, an authority by practical experience,

has laid stress on what he calls Governmental competition through canals and also on the motor on the highway as a common carrier, toll-free and at great injury to the highway. This last count is unfortunately correct, for the swift, peripheral motion does injure the road-surfaces, yet we have been congratulating ourselves on the prompt extension of motor-carrying outward from New York, as a needed factor towards mollifying the pressure of living costs; and while a subsidized carrier must needs bear severely against another which must bear its own expenses, Mr. Kruttschnitt perhaps somewhat over-stressed both those unfavorable factors; yet, on the matter of wages, he was clear, unequivocal and sound. Increased rates, he said, have not depressed general business nor cut down freight hauling. The pinch is in the labor costs. The railroads must pay, he said, 40 to 46 cents an hour to unskilled labor for an eight-hour day, while others pay \$1.75 to \$2 for a ten-hour day; all contentions that huge sums can be saved by further economies are baseless; "the water is now up to our lips, and ere long it will be over our noses." A total of 82½ cents in every dollar of operating expenses in 1920 was paid at figures fixed by Government; the remainder, up to 97½ cents on the dollar, is for materials and supplies, at prices fixed by market conditions and beyond control of the roads. So said Mr. Kruttschnitt, and added that "we are not allowed to do anything in advance of Governmental permission to reduce wages."

Does anybody still remain ignorant of the tenderness, justice, and sense of the touch of the Governmental "hand" upon business affairs? Mr. Kruttschnitt cites some instances which seem almost incredible, ten typical cases of how the existing "national agreements" make the carriers pay for much work not done. One or two must suffice. One road had to pay 9,364 hours as "back pay" to four employees because their "titles" were changed by a decision of the Director-General, no other change in respect to them having occurred. A car-repairer, laid off for lack of anything for him to do, became entitled to re-employment under "seniority" rights, and received back pay and overtime. On the Southern Pacific, employees whose sole duty was to watch stationary engines and stop them if anything went wrong, were reclassified by that functionary as "electrical workers," this carrying with it back pay ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,381. And here is a case which must be stated in his own words in order to convey its full force:

"Under present classification rules of the shop crafts, in order to change a nozzle tip in the front end of a locomotive it is necessary to call a boiler-maker and his helper to open the door, because that is boiler-maker's work; to call a pipeman and his helper to remove the blower pipe, because that is pipemen's work; and call a machinist and his helper to remove the tip, because that is machinists' work; also for the same force to be employed for putting in the new tip."

This illustrates "craft" as well as the trade crafts and how Government promotes efficiency and economy. Does it not remove some of the doubt remaining (if any) as to what is the chief matter with the railways?

Mr. Daniel Willard, another admitted authority, who has learned railroading practically from the humblest to the highest position in it, tells the Senate's investigators that private ownership cannot

long hold out if income and outgo remain in their present relation, by which he of course means that the immovable arithmetic is encountered and that funds must be provided from some source. The claim (absurd though it is) put out by some persons that Federal ownership or control is capable of beating private in effective service with a given maximum of physical facilities, he meets with the simple statement that in the calendar year 1920 the more than 1,800 independent companies reporting to the Inter-State Commerce Commission were able to so co-ordinate their efforts as to handle the greatest tonnage in their history, being nine billion net ton miles more than in the then record year 1918, and 13.55% more than in 1919, while both passenger miles and passenger train miles went beyond 1919; but the ratio of increase in the basis of cost in 1920 over 1919 exceeded the ratio of increase in service performed, the explanation of which is ready at hand.

Incidentally, that "physical valuation" of some years ago is no longer mentioned, but is it quite forgotten? It did not determine, and did not attempt to determine, precisely what was the "value" to be ascertained: whether it was to be what the roads did cost to build, or might or should have cost, or whether the thing to be put into figures was cost in place or cost to replace. If possibly the last, there was the drawback that costs and prices were in such a state of change that even tolerably correct results obtained at an early stage of the inquiry would be useless long before it could be completed; so it was impossible to imagine of what use statistics could be which would not stand still long enough to be finished. The work proceeded, such as it was, but the results did not well sustain the plainly intended and expected belief that a great volume of over-capitalization would be made out, upon which showing would stand the contention that rates were made too high, that thus dividends might be earned on "water." Under rather than over-capitalization was indicated and is to-day probable, despite all unfavorable factors; where is the fair selling price for these properties, until an envoy arrives from Mars, with ample discretion and uncountable funds; and where are the materials and labor that could replace them, damaged though they have been, unless found in and brought hither from distant Betelgeuse?

Reference to this particular topic is in point merely because it recalls to mind, and well illustrates, the prodigious unthinking folly of our past treatment of our own railroads, by which, as a condition precedent to the sudden blunder in war emergency, they have been brought to their present plight.

It is said by some that private ownership is now in its decisive stage of test. Possibly; a like remark might be made of democracy, and the answer in the one case, as in the other, may turn on whether the clamor of the unthinkingly selfish can overcome the slower and more impassive movement of the human strata below the mere surface of the political structure. Put bluntly, we Americans have behaved like fools in this matter, since negative folly is not less destructive in tendency, but merely less quick and sure in action than the positive kind. The things we have not done but ought to have done count in the confession and in the fault along with the things we have done but ought not to have done.

We treated our transportation as if it were as the weather, certain to be supplied (by somebody) and fairly open to misunderstanding and complaint by every man of us, but with this unhappy difference—we could neither change nor harm the weather, while we could and did hurt and impair the roads, bleeding our own property white, under the delusion that it belonged to Wall Street or somebody, and would endure whatever could not be escaped and could and would (as a thing of course, for so did the weather) continue operating and serving us just the same.

Are we wiser now? Probably, and yet we are not superficially shown to be. Our pledged national honor requires us to stand by and save the roads, for returning them to their owners is more than tossing them back as they chanced to be after misuse and then continuing the misuse by nose bleeding until there seems open no way of providing a dollar of funds for each dollar of outlay short of running a sluice into the common pool of public taxes; this is keeping the letter, but openly violating the substance, of a national pledge. If we care the less for our honor, perhaps we care for our fiscal well-being, the rebuilding of our trade and commerce, and the reforming of our strained and endangered Government. It seems inconceivable that there can be any man with a fair title to rank as informed and thinking who still imagines that either government ownership or government control of our transportation (supposing, for the argument, that the private owners have been plumbed out by either open seizure or the process known as "freezing") does not inherently possess, and therefore can never escape from, the factors of inefficiency, waste, and service, deadness, within which labor, exultant over its own unforeseen virtual destruction in all real respects, would resume the old round of extorting more and more for less and less.

There can be no doubt—and, indeed, repeated direct inquiries have shown—that the verdict of the majority of substantial Americans (to put it in the mildest form) is against government ownership and in favor of governmental withdrawal. But cui bono? Opinions which remain unspoken and not taking form in some action are mere copybook sentiments, morally excellent, yet without any saving force for either their possessors or for mankind. But conviction, reasonable at its first understanding, and pressed with all the power of its holder, governing his own course and turned towards influencing to the utmost the course of others, is what counts under a democracy. And is not our democracy itself on trial, according not merely to what we think, but to how deeply we think it, and how far we carry it into our own conduct and into our personal impressions made upon others? What else than this can lie in democracy?

So it is not alone passive opinions (which in the past have not availed to stop the mere drifting habit) that the occasion calls for; it is for opinions collectively gathered, and either collectively or individually made distinctly known. Let not the views of Americans on this subject be left to inference, for inference is seldom influential and may also be mistaken. Let the people make themselves heard. Let the real determination which probably exists be brought past either misunderstanding or underweighing. It needs voicing; shall it longer lack that?

Meanwhile, the brotherhoods are unconvinced, still unable to see beyond the reach of their hands after their pay envelopes. They are trying to halt the inevitable—and the beneficial also, for themselves along with all others—and they must yield. But an unmistakable though tardy answer from the people, an answer standing by the railroads and ending all palaver about public ownership as the final settlement of the transportation problem, would give the road executives new courage, and tend to revive railway credit, and, finally, to pull us out of the morass upon solid ground once more. Temporary sacrifice, and temporary courage, may be involved in this; but the result will be worth inestimably more than the mere present cost.

#### TARIFF LEGISLATION.

There is something strangely anomalous about tariff legislation and tariff taxes at the present juncture of world affairs. The Emergency bill just passed is to endure for only six months, and it is in the professed interest of farmers, but it contains a distinctive protective clause for the dye-stuffs industry, together with "anti-dumping" provisions and valuation clauses, and it is to be followed by permanent tariff legislation of the same character. Senator Reed, always forcible, but often too bitter and sarcastic, characterized the Emergency bill as "conceived in fraud and brought forth in iniquity." However, whatever one may believe concerning this long "vexed question," one statement of Reed's must be quoted:

"As everyone knows, when we shut ourselves in, we shut the world out. Trade is a mutual affair; it cannot be one-sided. It is absolutely necessary if we are to sell that we must likewise buy. Moreover, this astonishing doctrine is now given to us at a time when it is asserted that American capital commands the world, and all the rest of mankind outside of the borders of the United States is to a large extent dependent upon us for financial support.

"Again it is made to us at a time when our country has been shipping abroad more goods in one year than it formerly shipped, and only a few years back, in eight or ten or fifteen years. We build a merchant marine and say we will trade with the world. We build a tariff wall and say we will not trade."

These remarks should at least make us ponder. And they suggest the question, What will this new wine of a new bill do in the old bottle of international relations? For the relations of peoples are most intimate through trade. And the acts and endeavors of these separated peoples, by means of the energies of individuals and firms and corporations, bring them together in the harmonies of trade contracts. The goods that traverse the seas exemplify not only the advance of the several peoples, but carry the respective civilizations into educative contact. There are more democracies than ever; there are new States and free peoples; and outside the pale of a few former enemy and now conquered nations, there is the bond, blood-bought by war, between them.

There are debts colossal, that will trouble generations unborn. But even while the war went on, the resistless ambition of men and peoples to conquer the "free clutch of circumstance" was at work. And now in the midst of loss, deprivation and disaster, the old urge to produce, and own, and acquire and exchange surges again in the heart and brain of mankind. Why this talk everywhere of "capturing foreign trade," unless it be realized that inherent

strength returns, and that the opportunities for mutual exchange are larger and brighter than ever before?

Is it wise, is it in keeping with "manifest destiny," is it conducive to that peace which follows trade through mutual acquaintance, education, and profitable exchange, to awaken again, anywhere in the world, the antagonisms of selfish restrictions? If we need, and the world needs, more trade, should it be less or more free? We cannot believe that a time-honored party, now in absolute power, will "handle" this matter in the old way. Yet, we profoundly distrust the movement. Suppose the buoyant seas and welcoming ports were open and free, would not the race be to the swift and strong? More—such is the peculiar nature of trade that the weak benefit by the strength of the strong—through the mutuality of the transaction. It ought not to be a party question. But ought it even to be a national question in the sense of selfish national interests? It may be, that, as in disarmament, there should be mutual understandings—but, is there a nation, at this time, better fitted to teach by example?

#### MR. EDISON AND EDUCATION.

Although there is wide comment on Mr. Edison's "questionnaire," we do not attach serious importance to his apparently petulant remark: "College men are amazingly ignorant. They don't seem to know anything." The "Wizard," himself, has tremendous analytical power, and tenacious memory for those scientific facts he has mastered by contact and discovery. How *he* would fare with a list of questions that might be made up by an eminent man of another calling we do not know. But he is practical; and he has always shown the vigor of common sense. It is stated that many applicants failed to pass this test. But as we look at the questions, that have so far been published out of the memory of those examined, it would seem that their fitness as a test for laboratory work is as much in doubt as their fitness to disclose the workings or results of a "college education." These haphazard questions serve, of course, to show something of the range of information acquired, whether in or out of college, and thus indicate a certain equipment of the mind to engage in experiment and analysis. But any other haphazard list would do the same.

The ancient maxim, "knowledge is power," is not less true in the modern material world, but it requires explanation and exposition. The "bookish man" often does not reason well, being "shallow in himself." The "walking encyclopedia" of facts is a common jest, and often a pedantic bore. It is one thing to know dates and facts; another to know principles, laws natural and even statutory, and to know the general classifications of knowledge and broad roads that lead to civilization's storehouses of information, whether in libraries, laboratories, or life itself. One commentator well says it is not wise to depend upon memory for scientific formulae as to compounds, etc. Yet a physician would be poorly equipped who could not write a prescription without his book in hand. Experience has taught the necessity of specialization. One cannot know too much, if he possess the power of relating facts to each other, and to the matter at the moment important. But no man "knows it all," or should strive to retain

in mind an undue amount of the detailed knowledge mankind has attained. He should, however, be master of all that he *has* acquired.

The powers of the mind are not trained in us proportionately; nor are they originally possessed in equal degree. Neither colleges nor the lives we individually lead are able to equip us with the same or equal funds of information, or to put the same force into our native powers of perception, conception and reason. Concentration all affirm is key to what we call success. Memory may be trained, but one man has it in a greater degree than another "naturally." It was said of Byron, "his mind was wax to receive and marble to retain." Everyone knows of the vagaries of memory. Thomas Bailey Aldrich records in a sonnet how one day, musing, he seemed to forget the dates of kings and passing of empires and to remember that in a certain garden on a gentle day he noted the fall of a yellow leaf through the windless air. It is a common saying—we always "remember the worst and forget the best" in relation to those we know. Some facts stick like burrs, though unimportant. And we all carry a lot of baggage we could well dispense with. Memory is a good friend, but capricious.

One writer suggests that if Mr. Edison had offered his list of questions to his life-time friends, Ford and Burroughs, he might have met with a surprise. And yet, the writer thinks, he would have been compelled to acknowledge their fitness for great things in life, even their executive ability in the carrying out of important undertakings. And this is a wise suggestion and lays bare the truth that underlies all this continuing controversy as to the value of a college education as now procured in itself and in its relation to the business career. And this truth is that the business career is, and must ever be, its own best education. The whole of the individual's life is the whole of his education. Myriads of men, through endowment and environment, produce multitudinous works. The sum is civilization. These individuals are as varied as the veined leaves of the trees. And we advance faster and faster in that each performs educates himself.

You cannot measure thought with a tape-line. You cannot measure information or intellectuality by mathematics. Holmes said he always imagined he could hear the wheels click in a calculator's brain. Greek students walking in a cool garden in discourse with a "professor" are far and away from the modern methods of "points" in a college career, or percentages in an exam., which never does or can properly or completely cover a subject of study. "Voltage used in street-cars" is a technical question. Why should the straphanger lumber up his brain with it? What difference does it make to a foreman in an electrical manufacturing shop whether or not he knows where prunes, cork, condors, logarithms, or caissons, are to be found, either as source or supply? Yet a perfectly competent mechanical engineer may know all about caissons and nothing about condors. And logarithms in most business lives are as extinct as the dodo.

Out of these recurring discussions we ought to discern some truths, however, of direct economic importance. Go back a moment to the question as to the voltage used in street-cars. As we advance by laborious and studious lives the general information of the people we enable the alert citizen to protect his own interests. As citizen he is, or may be, bene-

fitted by knowing what service a company gives by information as to voltage. On the other hand, this technical knowledge, individually, may be acquired at the expense of a lack of other knowledge pertinent to his individual personal business career. If this is true, it must appear that the standardized vocational training creeping now into a general school system, while not wholly to be condemned, is of less importance than its proponents would have us believe. No one can know too much if he have the power to use it—but no amount of general information will ever take the place of that gained, and only to be gained, by practical experience, and intense concentration applied to the task in life the individual has chosen.

We blame the schools for being too much on the grad-grind, dry-as-dust order, sending the student out with the lack of equipment in facts and thought-power necessary to the omnipresent business life. We blame the business-life education with materialism and with the curtailment of that cultural happiness wrought by the pursuit and possession of knowledge for its own sake. Yet we should no more dispense with the—shall we say pure spirituality of the school—than we can or ought to dispense with the uplift of the personal life through the materialism of the occupational experience. And the economic welfare of the world must rest upon a blending of the spiritual and the material in life—to the end that capital may be efficiently used, and labor conscientiously performed and revered.

#### NEW LIGHT ON AN OLD PROBLEM—ASSISTING THE NEGRO.

Signs of gathering vigor in the body politic, as in the human body, even though they be detached and inconspicuous, if they come from within are worthy of note.

For nearly a hundred years a series of large philanthropic agencies from the American Missionary Association to the General Education Board have been trying to promote the welfare of the American negroes. It proved a difficult and discouraging task when they were chiefly slaves, relatively few in number and embraced in a circumscribed area; now that they have become twelve millions or more and, while still largely concentrated in the South, are widely scattered, still carrying with them many of the chief burdens of their earlier condition, the difficulty of the task continues, with new ones that are serious added to it.

The work of the Agricultural Division of the Interior Department of the Government in sending through the South experts to illustrate and teach improved methods of farming is widely known. Of late the Department of Labor has extended the work through its Division of Negro Economics. It has concerned itself chiefly with negro wage-earners, striving to promote greater co-operation between them and white employers and white workers in agriculture and industry.

All this, important as it is, and indicating work that will have to be continued for generations and on an increasing scale, if the solidarity of the nation is to be secured, is effort coming from without. Today we are enabled to observe new life and constructive movement developing within. Compared with the labors of great moneyed organizations, or with the work waiting to be done, it may seem insignifi-

cant and feeble; its character as spontaneous and not altogether local is what makes it important.

The recent anniversaries at Hampton and Tuskegee have brought out the facts and they are given large place in the reports as published in the new number of "The Southern Workman."

A new negro enterprise, Community-Service (Incorporated), meets the frequent gloomy accounts of the failure of ignorant and disadvantaged negroes to respond quickly or eagerly to benevolent treatment, or to opportunity to become good citizens, by simply presenting its annual report. "It is not a record," it says, "of what it has itself done, but of what it has helped local Community-Service groups and others to do. It is the record of a great co-operative movement." Widely scattered negroes have been given opportunity to exercise initiative, to improve their community life, and prepare themselves for the exacting demands of peace times. "Thousands of negroes have caught the meaning of citizenship and neighborliness. They have co-operatively organized their leisure-time activities, such as community singing, dramatics, public forum speaking, athletics and wholesome public entertainment. They have co-operated with churches, schools, business organizations, social agencies and community-minded citizens in building community improvement programs and in training leaders to carry on community welfare work. Through doing rather than receiving these negroes have put democracy into action." Examples are given extending from Georgia and Kentucky to California.

The second Inter-Racial Conference of Baltimore bears testimony to the recognition by the whites of the importance of this movement. Its attitude is that of "a friendly approach to inter-racial problems"; with the purpose of finding "a new appreciation of each other's value, both in the whites and in the negroes, and of securing frank discussion of all that concerns them." Among the resolutions adopted is one to "approve plans to relieve the housing congestion of negroes by forming an association to finance colored people in obtaining homes."

Their complete statement is: "The Inter-Racial Committees of local communities provide plans and methods of law and order; justice in the courts; better housing; care for the sick; provisions for sanitation and recreation, better schools, school buildings and teachers; economic justice; improvement in street cars; aid for and interest in the farmers; and the promotion of varied agencies of negro welfare. Christian agencies, white and colored, are particularly enlisted."

In Virginia there is an association made up of various negro activities, which is known as the "Negro Organization Society." Its motto is, "Better health, better schools, better homes, better farms." It brings to its members reports of the visiting nurse, the home-demonstration agent, and the industrial supervisor, and aims to keep before them evidence of the importance of thrift, intelligent industry, guarding against preventable disease, and proper care and feeding of their children.

All this may be regarded as more or less the product or the result of the work of various private foundations, as well as that of some thirteen of the Southern States, in which the General Education Board is supplying the Departments of Education with a State agent of negro rural schools, whom the State Superintendent of Education appoints.

This leads to co-operation of the State in the work, both of the National Government and of the people themselves.

Hampton, in Virginia, and Tuskegee, in Alabama, are the chief centres, both of inspiring the movement and furnishing its leaders. No one can begin to estimate the value of the contribution which these schools have made to the welfare of America. The names of their founders, Samuel Armstrong and Booker Washington, with those of their co-laborers, will be held in growingly appreciated remembrance, for after long and painful years of opposition and misunderstanding the constructive and indispensable character of their work begins to be recognized. Twenty-two properly trained colored nurses, variously supported, are doing health work in Virginia, co-operating with the State Board of Health, some of them supervising the public health work of the State, and the graduates, both men and women, of these two great schools, as of others doing similar work for negroes, are widely sought throughout the South.

Their value is newly felt at the North. Chicago and Cleveland, for example, are seeking their aid in dealing with their labor problem, and some great manufactories, like that of the American Rolling Mills, in Middletown, Ohio, make fine use of them.

This company has in its employ from 800 to 1,000 negroes, largely the crude material of late pouring into the North in search of better conditions. It has been able to do wonderful things with them, and by helping them along the lines of self-development, with the aid of leaders of their own found competent, has created one of the most notable industrial plants in the country.

If we can bring ourselves to believe that the country is gradually, though so slowly, delivering itself from the intolerable disgrace of lynching, and that the revelations of the state of peonage existing in connection with convict labor in Georgia disclosed only the last lingering stage of ancient evil, we still face everywhere financial and economic problems most difficult of solution because of the indeterminate human element in them all.

Here at least are facts, and the story of the quiet and deep movement to which they belong ought to be widely informing and cheering to many now perplexed.

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#### THE RAILROADS AS PRIVATE PROPERTY.

Take a bunch of tangled twine. Lay hold of one of the loose ends. Jerk it violently and pull hard. Then take hold of another loose end, and give it a sudden and exasperated jerk. Continue this operation once or twice more. The loose bunch has become smaller, but is twisted into a hard ball! On the contrary, a piece of woven cloth may be unraveled by removing one by one the longitudinal threads, or by a constant unwinding of the transverse web. The suggestion in this homely example is that system definitely and continuously applied according to structural design can alone solve the untangling problem of the railroads. "Pulling and hauling," first in one direction and then in another, without recognition of present needs and conditions, and always with impatience, will only result in a new and stronger entanglement.

Apply this thought. The railroads *are* war-entangled, though returned to private ownership. Freight

rates are higher than they ought to be to serve the shippers properly, or, as many believe, higher than "the traffic will bear." Railroad owners and operators are *willing* to reduce charges. But they find that costs of operation are so heavy that the line of deficit is well nigh reached, and in some cases has already been passed. Wages, war-wages, raised inordinately in stress of war (and this is the mildest statement we can make), raised by one initial stroke some six hundred millions a year, ultimately by nearly two billion dollars a year, wages, thus augmented prior to return to private ownership, constitute a chief cost of operation. With method and care, and under the provisions of the Esch-Cummins law, owners and managers seek to reduce costs of operation by a temperate reduction of war-wages. Hearings are held before the Railroad Labor Board. Before that body also appear representatives of "unions" of railroad employees, resisting, with might and main, these reasonable and minor reductions asked concerning war-wages, and introducing as a supposed offset allegations of waste and extravagance in operation. Rebuttal is made to this that economies in all directions, wherever possible, are in process. The case is under advisement.

These are the main facts of the situation clearly stated, though not all the facts nor all the contentions. Complications arise through prior "agreements" and impending changes of conditions. But the vital matter involved is that these roads *have been returned by the Government to private ownership*. And private ownership implies and compels private management. And "management" has attacked the problem of profitable and adequate operation in the only way it could, and in our opinion in the best way it could, by seeking economies in the chief cost of operation, at the source of war's entangling effect, excessive wages paid *by* Government under stress. Let us admit, though we do not believe the claim, made on the theory that Government "was bound to win the war regardless of costs." We have never believed the acts of the "Administration" in reference to railroad wage increases justified, even under the necessity of winning the war. As we have stated before, the taking over of the *common carrier* business of the roads during the war, under the intent involved in the Act sanctioning the taking over of "systems or parts of systems" for war purposes, is and was at the time at least a debatable *need* to the winning of the war. But it was done, and we have now only to consider present conditions. And we repeat the chief fact to-day is private ownership and private operation, though under a new law of specific regulation.

Look at the situation. We speak guardedly. There is a feeling that the "unions" are not so sure of sympathy on the part of the new Administration of Government as they were under the former. The "cost of living" plea made for former increases cannot be cast aside now that we have reached an undoubted *lower* cost of living. Nevertheless, the statement now is that wages must not be reduced for profit's sake, even though profitable operation is necessary to successful service; wages must, in fact, not be reduced at all, because now alone and at last, though raised under the heat and burden of war, and we may add though stuffed with the opportunism that selfishness was quick to grasp, these war-wages *are necessary to the "self-respect of the workingman"* in times of peace. This is not all.

The *probable* war-time deficit of war-time operation of the roads (which only taxation can pay) is now put by Director-General Davis at \$1,200,000,000, and who can doubt it may run still higher.

In the face of this terrible indictment of Government management, the executive council of the Am. Fed. of Labor, in session at Cincinnati (was it in fear that their "case" had been lost before the Railroad Labor Board, as has now actually happened, and that temperate reductions in war-wages will be granted) proposes another investigation and commission, "comprised of representatives of the public, railroad workers, railroad security holders, railroad executives, shippers, business and other interests"—anybody and everybody, we suppose, who by any chance can lay hold of an exposed interest and by jerking at the tangle tie it into a harder knot than ever. Add to this another investigation by a Congressional Committee into alleged waste and extravagance to add to the general confusion and introduce new elements of contention. We submit, was ever *private property* so beset by Governmental interference, aggravated by outside pressure of selfish and self-assertive interests in all the history of this country?

We say it with respect, but here is the place and now is the time for the Government to use the words "By the Eternal." These railroads are *private property*. As such they must be privately operated. The owners must be the judges of methods of economy. And in their efforts are entitled to the utmost protection of the Government implied in property rights. This is fundamental. In the name of common sense, are the wages, war-wages, to be left at the peak forever? How are they to come down unless reduced by owners? Note that this self-constituted body of so-called "labor" will at the June meeting report progress "in carrying out the 1919 declaration for 'Government ownership and democratic control.'" Does this lie behind every movement as the ultimate intent? Why not *investigate* economies in agriculture and manufacture as well as transportation? Each is privately owned—though we do not slur over the constitutional regulation of commerce! The key to this untangling is just this—*private property* under full *protection* of Government.

### Current Events and Discussions

#### DWIGHT W. MORROW ON EUROPEAN RECOVERY.

Speaking yesterday at the luncheon of the American Association of Advertising Agencies at the Hotel McAlpin, Dwight W. Morrow of J. P. Morgan & Co., pointed out that in making an estimate of the recovery of Europe from the devastations of the great war we are all inclined to lay too much stress upon physical destruction. The great loss to Europe was the loss of lives. In some countries also there was a great loss of organizing skill, in the capacity of men to co-operate with each other. He added:

If men can but retain their confidence in each other, their faith in their Governments, the property losses will soon be made up. It should be true in the future as it has been true in the past that character and capacity and skill in organization will be the qualities which will determine the worth of individuals and of nations.

In the Franco-Prussian War, France lost but little of a physical nature, but she lost heavily in her power of organization. Revolution followed a humiliating peace. In the recent war France suffered heavy losses of a physical nature, but she achieved great gains in power of organization. Her external debt to-day in gold francs—including the debt to the Governments of Great Britain and the United States—is something less than seven times the amount of indemnity she paid in less than three years after the Franco-Prussian War.

The differences between then and now are not easily appraised, but it may well be that France to-day is better able—if she maintains the spirit to do so—to carry an external debt of 33 billions of gold francs, than she was to pay an external debt of 5 billion gold francs then.

At all events, what France has accomplished in the payment of her external debt in the last six months is little less than amazing. Her external

debt reached its maximum point at the end of September, 1920. At that time it amounted to 35,328 million francs. At the end of March, 1921, her total external debt amounted to 32,723 million francs, a reduction of over 2,600,000,000 gold francs, or something more than \$500,000,000.

How was this amazing achievement attained? It is not easy to answer. The thousands of transactions that make up international settlements cannot be followed by any single person. It is probable that France has made substantial sales of foreign-held securities; she has also made some specie payments, and we know that there has been a very remarkable improvement in her foreign trade position.

The truth is that France is again becoming a self-sustaining country. She is reducing her imports of foodstuffs; she is developing a surplus of goods for export. In the calendar year 1919, France's imports exceeded her exports by almost 24 billion francs. In 1920 the import balance was about 13 billion francs. In the first three months of 1921, however, this import balance has been changed into a small export balance.

This is the fundamental explanation of the change in the French position. This is the explanation of the rise in French exchange. During the last three months the people of France have been doing more for the rest of the world than the rest of the world has been doing for France.

It would be idle to suggest that France is out of her troubles. She has very grave problems ahead of her. It is to be hoped that with the settlement of the German indemnity she will be able to reduce the size of her army. It is to be hoped, also, that the counsel of her wisest leaders will prevail with reference to the handling of her domestic debt.

The solution of these problems, Mr. Morrow says, will call for all of the patience, the courage and the capacity of the French people. "But no one who knows the French can doubt that they will be solved, and to those who have always believed in France, the remarkable improvement in her condition in the past six months has been an inspiring justification of their faith. France has still a long road to travel, but she has distinctly turned the corner. And she has turned the corner more quickly than anyone would have believed possible three years ago."

#### FRANCE'S RAPID REHABILITATION.

Dwight W. Morrow, of J. P. Morgan & Co., fiscal agents for the French Government, announced on Monday that the latter's Treasury bills outstanding here amount to only \$9,340,000, in comparison with \$74,445,000 on Oct. 22 1920, a reduction of \$65,105,000. Members of the French High Commission said that in addition to the purchase and retirement of these bills, France, since the first of the year, had made the following strides:

Paid approximately \$10,000,000 to the United States Government as interest on her debt for surplus war material; paid approximately \$21,000,000 by rebuying a portion of the French cities loan; paid in cash for \$35,000,000 worth of wheat purchased in this market; reduced the external debt, in every form, by approximately 1,500,000,000 francs since the first of the year.

The statement issued by J. P. Morgan & Co. was as follows:

Dwight W. Morrow of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. was asked to comment on the dispatch from Paris, printed in the morning paper, that the French Treasury bills outstanding in the American market were now less than \$10,000,000. Mr. Morrow confirmed this statement. He further said: "The maximum amount of Treasury bills of the French Government outstanding in this market was \$74,445,000 on Oct. 22 1920. Since that date the French Government has been steadily reducing its outstanding bills. The amount outstanding on the maximum date and on the first Friday of each month since that date is shown in the following table:

Date—	Amount Outstanding.
Oct. 22 1920.....	\$74,445,000
Nov. 5 1920.....	73,020,000
Dec. 3 1920.....	64,480,000
Jan. 7 1921.....	42,255,000
Feb. 4 1921.....	33,190,000
March 4 1921.....	26,115,000
April 1 1921.....	15,775,000
May 6 1921.....	9,340,000

The following was authorized yesterday by Jean Rincquesen, head of the French financial agency:

An official statement was made a few days ago showing that the French Government had reduced its treasury bills in the American market from \$74,445,000 outstanding on Oct. 22 1920, to \$9,340,000 outstanding on May 6 1921.

In connection with the foregoing statement the French Commission in the United States has received advices showing the progress made by France during the past seven months in the reduction of its entire external debt. In every case the debt owed by France as represented below, has been translated into French francs on the gold exchange value. The table is as follows:

#### EXTERNAL DEBT OF FRANCE IN MILLIONS OF GOLD FRANCS. (000,000 omitted).

	Sept. 30 1920.	Nov. 30 1920.	Jan. 31 1921.	Mar. 31 1921.
United States Government.....	16,500	16,500	16,500	16,500
British Government.....	13,195	11,980	11,980	11,980
United States.....	2,108	1,342	1,194	1,102
Great Britain.....	2,020	2,019	1,915	1,895
Japan.....	336	336	344	344
Argentina.....	145	145	110	107
Holland.....	115	115	115	115
Norway.....	59	45	45	---
Spain.....	564	554	513	504
Sweden.....	70	70	70	39
Switzerland.....	136	117	111	57
Uruguay.....	80	80	80	80
	35,328	33,303	32,977	32,723

The external debt of France was at its maximum on Sept. 30 1920, when the debt amounted to 35,328,000,000 gold francs. On March 31 1921, however, the external debt had been reduced to 32,723,000,000 gold francs, being a total reduction of 2,605,000,000 gold francs. This expressed in dollars means that France has retired of its foreign debt over \$500,000,000 in six months.

#### GERMANY OFFERS TO MAKE PAYMENT ON REPARATIONS.

The Reparations Commission officially announced on May 17 that Germany had placed at its disposal 150,000,000 gold marks in gold and foreign currency.

The Reparations Commission, in its reply to the German Government accepting the payment of the sum, was said to have made it clear that this amount will be received only on account of the one billion marks due on May 31, which must be forthcoming before that date in gold or approved foreign currency, bills or drafts on the German Treasury, indorsed by approved German banks and payable in pounds sterling at London, francs at Paris or dollars at New York.

#### NO GERMAN-OWNED FACTORIES IN ITALY.

The "Iron Age" of this city in its issue of May 12 published a letter written by G. E. Falck, President of the Association of the Italian Metallurgical Industrials, Milan, to the editor of the "Age," in which he corrects certain statements made in letters from Brussels published in the March 10 issue of the "Age" to the effect that there are German-owned factories in Italy. The text of the letter is as follows:

To the Editor:—The number of March 10 of your competent journal contains, on page 667, interesting correspondence from Brussels, in which I note some statements as to Italian metallurgical industry that are not exact.

President of the Association of the Italian Metallurgical Industrials honored and flattered to be Honorary Vice-President of the American Iron and Steel Institute, I beg to rectify the aforesaid correspondence, stating that Italian industries are not at all dominated by German capital, or not even affected by effective management of German people. Neither at Milan, nor at Brescia, nor elsewhere, as it is stated, do entirely German factories exist.

The Italian metallurgical industry congratulates itself in having capital, management and organizations which are of its own country and struggles laboriously to secure the place which belongs to it in world competition. I would be very grateful to you for publishing this correction.

G. E. FALCK,

Associazione fra gli Industriali Metallurgici Italiani.

Milan, April 23.

#### OFFERING OF \$25,000,000 UNITED STATES OF BRAZIL BONDS.

A syndicate composed of Dillon, Read & Co., Blair & Co., Inc., White, Weld & Co., Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh; Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank and the Union Trust Co., Cleveland, on Monday offered at 97½ and interest, to yield over 8.25%; \$25,000,000 United States of Brazil 20-year 8% (non-callable) external gold bonds (when issued). Dated June 1 1921. Interest payable June 1 and Dec. 1. Due June 1 1941. Principal and interest payable in New York City in United States gold coin at the office of Dillon, Read & Co., fiscal agents of Brazil in the United States. Coupon bonds of \$1,000 and \$500 denominations, registerable as to principal. Exempt from all Brazilian taxes, present or future. The issue was oversubscribed and the books were closed inside of an hour. The bonds are not callable in whole or in part.

As a Sinking Fund, the Brazilian Government agrees to provide a sum sufficient to buy \$625,000 principal amount of bonds semi-annually during the life of the loan, which payments will be applied by Dillon, Read & Co. to the purchase of bonds in the market at or below 105 and accrued interest. Any balance unexpended at the end of six months reverts to the Brazilian Government.

The bonds, when issued, will be a direct obligation of the United States of Brazil and will be specifically secured by a first charge on the Consumption Tax (Consumo) and Stamp Tax (Sello), which yielded, at the average rate of exchange in 1920, approximately \$58,963,000 last year, and according to present estimates will yield \$60,000,000 in 1921; also by a second charge on the Government's receipts from customs duties. The total receipts from all the above taxes in 1920 were \$127,759,000, on part of which there was a prior charge amounting to \$4,035,271. Receipts from the above taxes are pledged by the Government to secure a total issue of \$50,000,000 bonds, of which the present offering is a part.

The proceeds of this loan are to be employed in part for the purchase in the United States of materials required by the Government.

On Dec. 31 1920, the National debt of Brazil, both external and internal, (converted into dollars at par of exchange) was \$1,000,000,000, of which \$565,000,000 was external. A large part of this debt was incurred for the construction of Government railways, steamships and other revenue-producing undertakings. On the basis of the latest estimate of population this represents a total indebtedness of about \$33 per capita and carries an annual per capita charge of \$1 85.

The present issue is the first offering of Brazilian Government bonds in the United States, previous Brazilian external loans having been issued in London and Paris.

#### GREEK EXCHANGE COLLAPSE DUE TO POWERS' ATTITUDE.

[From the Wall Street "Journal" of May 12.]

Reports from Athens are to the effect the Government has taken control of exchange market after recent violent declines in the value of the drachma. In the last fourteen days the financial position has been going from bad to worse and the Government's intervention has been foreshadowed for some time.

Drachmas, whose parity is 19.3 cents, had fallen little by 1919, but thereafter declined steadily, until a year ago they stood at 11.30c. With the return of King Constantine and the Powers' decision not to recognize him and to withhold all financial aid from his Government, the decline became sharper. Towards the end of February the drachma was quoted at 7.50c., a week ago at 6.10c. and Tuesday at 4.75c. Owing to the Government action it has since recovered to 5.60.

This decline followed the market in London, where a drop of 10 drachmas to the pound was recorded overnight, despite frantic efforts by the Greek Government to stop the collapse by seizure of the books of various banks and threats to imprison speculators.

The immediate cause of the decline in exchange is the decision of the Government to issue an additional 500,000,000 paper drachmas through the National Bank, ostensibly to meet demand for currency in the newly acquired territories. Its right to do so was challenged by the Powers, who have exercised control of Greek finances ever since the defeat by Turkey in 1897. This control involves mortgages on certain revenues and limitations upon the authority of the Minister of Finance as to increase of existing and creation of new taxes, &c.

In November last, when Constantine returned to Greece, England and France refused to allow Greece to draw the balance of the unused war credits in their keeping and began a sort of financial boycott. Constantine had hopes of assistance from the United States, which is a party to the war credit operations, but so far the Administration has followed the lead of the Allies in refusing to recognize him. His Minister at Washington is still awaiting opportunity to present his credentials.

There has been repeated talk of an American loan and the retiring American Minister to Athens, Professor Edward Capps, who is on his way home, is reported to be bringing with him a plea from the King for political recognition and financial aid. Sale of the tobacco monopoly to an American syndicate has been rumored more than once, but it is hard to see how this or any other substantial means of financial assistance could be extended without consent of the Allies.

The new paper currency issue will barely suffice to cover military and administrative expenditures for a couple of months, so that Greece will soon have to resort to other expedients to escape disaster if the operations in Asia Minor continue and the Allies refuse to countenance Constantine. Intrinsically, however, the situation is not bad, since, though the world depression has hit the country hard, especially as regards shipping, which has been one of the main sources of its strength, there is a healthy gold reserve and the floating debt is, relatively to other States that participated in the war, very small.

Moreover, though the war cost her 3,000,000,000 drachmas up to December 1920, credits were granted to Greece by the Allies amounting to one-third of war outlays, and of these credits two-thirds have not yet been realized, although representing expenditures made before the armistice. Of the advances \$48,000,000 from the United States has been paid, while \$33,000,000 remains unpaid.

At the close of last year the public debt, funded and floating, had quadrupled, being 4,000,000,000 drachmas, including 1,000,000,000 drachmas in advances by the Allies, for service of which ample revenues are assigned. Notes current amount to about 2,000,000,000, to which the 500,000,000 recently authorized must be added, but against this there is a gold reserve of 1,500,000,000.

The present troubles must, therefore, be considered mainly of political origin, due to the overthrow of Venizelos, who achieved great reforms in the financial organization of the State and whose aim it was to secure release from the international control, and the return of Constantine. The balance of the explanation is furnished by cost of the large military operations (undertaken with the express approval of England) and the difficulty of absorbing the immense new territories added to Greece under the peace settlement.

#### EX-SECRETARY REDFIELD AND MR. KOELSH ON THE NEED OF FOREIGN TRADE FINANCING.

Declaring that United States producing and distributing interests have been losing \$2,000,000 a day—a loss directly attributable to lack of a medium that would bridge the chasm between American markets and foreign buyers—William C. Redfield, former Secretary of Commerce, speaking at Atlantic City on May 19 said: "We must trade abroad or wither at home." That sentence summarized with striking emphasis the address which Mr. Redfield, who is President of the American Manufacturers' Export Association, delivered before the Maryland Bankers' Association. His talk throughout was an argument in support of the Foreign Trade Financing Corporation, which he described as "the first adequate means" that has been offered to enable America to find a way out of the dismaying economic conditions existing to-day. He prefaced this with a resume of the export trade of the country which has been steadily diminishing for a number of months past, and is, in some important respects, nearly or quite at a standstill. Calling attention to reactions throughout the country especially affecting the copper, cotton, steel, oil and lumber industries and the wheat-growing sections, he said industry in general lies dormant and the effects of unemployment and absence of earnings of industrial capital are widely felt. He continued "American must herself find the means of investment abroad in going profitable enterprises, and the Foreign Trade Financing Corporation offers the first adequate means to this necessary end. Any productive investment placed abroad develops, if sagaciously made, three sources of profit to this country: First the proceeds arising from the operation of the enterprise; second, the proceeds arising from the export trade normally accruing to this country through this operation; third, the profit arising from the increased purchasing power in the country in which these operations are carried on. For example of this we have but to look to our own Central Western States in which the great railway system was developed by foreign capital. We did not at the close of the Civil War, have the means for developing ourselves. Our bonds were at a discount. European capitalists saw the possible future of America and made investments here from which both they and we have vastly profited."

Urgency for expediting the launching of the Foreign Trade Financing Corporation was also the keynote of an address

delivered by William F. H. Koelsch, President of the National Association of Credit Men and President of the New Netherland Bank of New York, before the Western Massachusetts Association of Credit Men, Wednesday evening, May 18. He reviewed the peculiar economic situation in which the United States finds itself to-day with abundant stocks of goods and food, commanding the gold supply of the world, with the smallest public debt per capita of any nation, the best banking and currency system in the world, fleets to carry commerce, productive capacity greater than ever before and resources limitless—and then he added: "Yet we all know that with what in ordinary times would be considered an unusually favorable position, the United States is in a bad way." He proceeded:

We must open a way for the surplus products of our farmers as well as aid our manufacturers. It is estimated that during 1920, our farmers produced a surplus of 300 million bushels of wheat above what was required to fill the demands of the people in the United States, while planters produced a surplus of over two million bales of cotton. It was the partial closing of foreign markets to our products through the break-down of credit machinery and the accumulation of this huge surplus of our products, that contributed very largely to the difficulties of the farmer.

Prompt support in the organization of the Foreign Trade Financing Corporation now becomes a matter of as great concern to the farmer and the merchant as to the banker.

#### F. W. GEHLE ON THE INFLUX OF GOLD—FOREIGN TRADE FINANCING.

F. W. Gehle, speaking as an official of the Mechanics & Metals National Bank of New York and of the committee on organization of the Foreign Trade Financing Corporation before the Rhode Island Bankers' Association at East Providence on May 18, laid stress upon the influx of gold into the United States as one of the causes of "world-wide economic dislocations." Declaring that America now commands more than \$3,000,000,000 of gold—an amount in excess of one-third of the world's supply of the yellow metal—Mr. Gehle explained how this balanced condition has influenced inflation with the resultant paralysis of buying. He said in part:

One of the most remarkable phenomena growing out of world-wide economic dislocations, and one which has a most serious bearing upon our international as well as domestic credit and trade situation, is the attraction of a renewed and increasing volume of gold to the United States from abroad. It is an anomalous condition to say the least, in view of the depletion of gold reserves of foreign countries, that the United States should draw gold from all corners of the earth, although surfeited with yellow metal and anxiously seeking markets for surplus production.

From the first of this year to the middle of May more than \$300,000,000 of gold was received in the United States, the largest part of this amount having come within a period of the last six weeks. In all of last year the gain in the country's gold reserves by imports was little more than one-third what it has been thus far in 1921.

The stream of gold has come from every corner of the globe; twenty-six countries having contributed to the flow up to this time. France has been the heaviest shipper of gold to the United States, with England second, Canada third, China fourth and British India fifth. A considerable part of the gold coming by way of Europe has been gold bars trans-shipped after its arrival from producing points in South Africa.

The total stock of gold in the United States is now well beyond \$3,000,000,000, which means that the United States commands approximately 35% of the world's gold stock. The extent to which the supply of gold in the United States has grown may be judged by comparison of the present total with that of \$1,900,000,000 held here at the outbreak of the war less than seven years ago.

Stripped of all the technical explanations the underlying reason for the deluge of gold from other countries to the United States is our failure, as the world's financial center, to control the supply of credit. Because of our inability to extend large short-term banking credits, in addition to those already advanced to foreign buyers of our goods, and because of our hesitancy to supply the machinery for the liberal extension of long-term investment credits, our goods are being bought abroad only in cases of necessity and, inasmuch as credits are not obtainable, and goods for shipment to America are not in sufficient supply, the only thing remaining to do is for the foreign buyers to pay us in specie.

It requires no long explanation to make one appreciate the direct effect of this upon the United States. The gold itself contributes to inflation; the paralysis of buying contributes to bring about business prostration. The business of the United States is geared to a productive point that is 20% beyond the domestic consuming point, and, therefore, it is necessary, if our productive activities are to go on at a profitable rate, that the outflow of our goods abroad must be maintained.

If foreign countries are not to be depleted of their gold to their detriment, and if we are not to be glutted with gold, our mechanism for the extension of foreign credit will have to be perfected in such a way that foreigners can buy here on terms of credit sufficiently long and sufficiently attractive to preclude the necessity of further shipments of gold. Equilibrium and stability are essential for the establishment of the basis of our prosperity and it is in order that these may be restored that the Foreign Trade Financing Corporation is being organized.

#### "FORWARD TRANSACTIONS" IN ACCEPTANCES BEGUN BY SALOMON BROTHERS & HUTZLER.

Believing that the money market has reached a point where rates are likely to remain stable over considerable periods, or that changes in rates will take place slowly, the discount house of Salomon Brothers & Hutzler has inaugurated a plan of purchasing bank and bankers' acceptances for future delivery. "Forward" business in acceptances has heretofore been carried on in this market in a very small way by

a few dealers, but Salomon Brothers & Hutzler's action in undertaking this business on a large scale marks a new departure in the discount market.

The plan, as explained by A. K. Salomon this week, will enable importers, exporters and other users of bank acceptances to arrange for the financing of transactions as much as three months in advance of the time when these transactions are actually effected. In this way merchants will be enabled to make definite plans for future business, eliminating the risk of loss through changes in money conditions which might occur before a business transaction is completed. The system of future dealings in acceptances has long been practiced in London, and has been one of the factors which have given the facilities of the London money market an international reputation.

Under the plan which is being inaugurated by Salomon Brothers & Hutzler, an exporter who expects within 30, 60 or 90 days to receive a bank acceptance in payment for a shipment to a customer, may contract with the firm to purchase the acceptance at a stated rate of discount. Similar procedure could be followed by importers who raise funds for foreign payments by discounting bank acceptances. Contracts will be made by Salomon Brothers & Hutzler for the purchase of acceptances up to six months' maturity.

With regard to the rate of discount at which these contracts will be made, it was explained that the "spread" between the spot rate and the future rate would be determined by the firm's judgment of money market conditions. Where it was believed that the trend of rates was distinctly downward, it might be that the rate for forward transactions would be lower than the spot rate. It is expected, however, that the discount on future deliveries will usually amount to about  $\frac{1}{8}\%$  per month. That is, if the spot discount rate is 6%, the rate for 30 day contracts would be  $6\frac{1}{8}\%$ , that for 60 days  $6\frac{1}{4}\%$ , and that for 90 days  $6\frac{3}{8}\%$ .

#### THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY TALKS TO CREDIT MEN.

In an address before the Electrical National Credit Association at the Washington Hotel, Washington, D. C., on May 18, D. R. Crissinger, the new Comptroller of the Currency, took occasion to excoriate the practice among business men to cancel or repudiate orders when prices decline after the giving of the orders. He asserts that the indiscriminate cancellation of contracts and orders has done very much to bring about industrial and business depression. "There was a time in the history of our country when the sacredness of contract was impelling upon conscience. Now trade contracts and orders are meaningless to many buyers." Mr. Crissinger points out, too, that "the conscience of courts has become dulled in enforcing the obligations of contract," and he declares that "our people need a new baptism in righteousness—a new consecration to the ideals of integrity, a new devotion to right and justice." We subjoin the Comptroller's address in full:

##### Gentlemen—*and Credit Men:*

I want you all to understand that I know whereof I speak, and am entitled to emphasize a differentiation between gentlemen and credit men.

Among the vocations and avocations of a business man in a small industrial city, I have had the experience of serving as credit man for a very substantial concern, doing an international business, for a good many years.

I am, therefore, quite able to understand where the line is drawn, in some people's minds, between gentlemen and credit men.

There are times when the credit man has to be anything but *gentle*; when it is necessary for him to be distinctly rough; and his moods of roughness are quite certain to be ardently disapproved by those who would wish him to be a *gentle* man.

If any of you doubt my capacity to understand the troubles of the credit man, let me tell you that not long ago within a very short period I had to deal with five cases in which customers who had placed heavy orders for special construction of machinery, sought when the goods were ready for delivery to cancel the orders.

These five orders represented an aggregate of over a half-million dollars; and I hope you will permit to boast a bit over the fact that in the end we induced the acceptance of the goods in every case.

But when the incidents were all closed I suspect that the buyers would have been insistent on the view that I ranked rather as a credit man than as a gentleman.

The indiscriminate cancellation of contracts and orders has done very much to bring about industrial and business depression.

Wholesalers, jobbers and manufacturers alike suffered immeasurably by the unwarranted conduct of buyers, and warehouses and plants were left glutted with goods, merchandise and manufactured products that had been bought, but which buyers had unconscionably, if not dishonestly, refused to accept.

I call your attention to the growing practice to disregard contract. There was a time in the history of our country when the sacredness of contract was impelling upon conscience. Now trade contracts and orders are meaningless to many buyers.

There too often seems to be no sanctity attached to the execution or purpose to carry such contracts to completion.

The makers enter into such contractual obligations with the mental reservation, if not the purpose, of the right to repudiate such undertakings.

So when the crisis came last fall, the wholesale repudiation of orders and contracts was the order of the day.

Goods that were received in store and at railroad stations were returned, as a matter of right to the sellers and the glut and stagnation of industrial production everywhere accumulated.

I heard a retail man chuckle and brag that he had packed up and returned and canceled orders for \$35,000 worth of merchandise in one week—on the theory that he would rather break the other man than break himself. No credit man called his bluff—the other fellow lost.

So it went everywhere and utter stagnation followed.

But is it to be wondered at when the conscience of courts has become dulled in enforcing the obligations of contract? Some courts of late have taken on the sleeping sickness in constitutional interpretation and enforcement. It no longer is difficult for courts to evade by the police power route the constitutional provision guaranteeing against impairing the obligation of contracts. It is quite easy for the civilian to take the cue and repudiate contracts.

My thought is that you can render no greater service to your employer or your country than impress upon all the full purpose of contract at its execution and then insist upon the sanctity of the obligation in fulfillment. Sellers should know and buyers comprehend the binding force of contract.

Our people need a new baptism in righteousness—a new consecration to the ideals of integrity, a new devotion to right and justice. You men can render no greater service to this people than to be leaders of the creed that the light of square dealing shall illuminate the business conscience of our people.

I wish the functions and difficulties of the credit man were more generally appreciated and understood. There would be less friction in the business world if every man in business would view his own affairs at intervals in the detached way the credit man does.

"Every man his own credit man," would be an excellent motto, if the average man would learn to be as candid with himself, as cold and calculating in contemplating his own business, as the credit man is supposed to be in dealing with the concerns of others.

Confidence, enthusiasm and optimism are among the valued assets in business; but I will shock nobody in this gathering if I observe that they may be overdone and that their dilution with a modicum of the saving grace of caution, prudence, and old-fashioned conservatism would not unduly impede affairs.

It is one of the strange facts about business that so many men are able to exercise better discretion as advisors to others, than in their own business; and on the other hand that another class of men seem to succeed marvelously in their own affairs despite that they don't conduct them according to any recognized business rules.

If I were to attempt to word of counsel at this particular stressful time to a company of men of your profession, it would be that you give the fullest possible weight, in your dealings with credits, to the importance of character and established good repute.

There are many men and concerns which nowadays are under great pressure because of conditions for which their own business methods are in no way responsible.

To these I feel that every consideration should be accorded in order to help them through the rough business waters. We have need to keep this class of men and concerns in business, and to insure that their experience and special equipment shall not be lost to the community.

It is my thought that an honest man of good character and good repute often makes a better credit risk than a dishonest, squirming, wiggling man with resources behind him.

Perhaps I can give an illustration that will point my suggestion. Recently the case was presented to me of a small country bank that was hard pressed for ready funds. I happened to have sources of information through which it was possible to get somewhat unusual advices about that bank, and I got them.

I learned all about the community it served; the thrifty, hard-working, frugal people, the beginnings of the community, back in the pioneering days, when it struggled with drought and grass-hoppers and hard times and depressed prices of farm products.

I learned how the community had been built up to one of the richest and normally soundest in its State; and I learned all about how the affairs of this bank were interlaced with the affairs of the most solid and safest people there.

The result was that avenues were opened whereby that bank was taken care of. It was done as an earnest of confidence in a whole community. I just naturally knew that that community was fundamentally right, and would "come back" with a bank and pay all its obligations, if it were given a chance and treated patiently. It got the chance.

A good credit man should risk when he has confidence that the debtor is fundamentally right. He will tighten the thumb-screw—exact much, when character, honesty and frankness are wanting.

I want to appeal to you gentlemen and to all others of your highly necessary and important profession, to pursue so far as possible a like policy.

I have said recently, in a public address, that the policy of the Government's banking supervision and fiscal authorities would be to extend all possible support to legitimate business and industry, but that we could not give quarter to speculative demands.

That means that, as between the person with absolute security, seeking credit on which to conduct speculative operations, and the person with less attractive immediate resources, who needed help in necessary business, we would resolve doubts with our preferences running in favor of business and against speculation.

You gentlemen could vastly help in carrying forward such a policy, and I am very sure that on the whole you constantly do. I am simply urging that you shall keep such an ideal constantly before you in your dealings with the routine of affairs that come to you.

The business, the industry, the finance of this country, are at bottom sound and secure. By comparison with conditions in other countries, all over the world—and that regardless of whether they were involved directly in the World War or not—our country looks a very monument of stability and reliability.

That all the world is turning to us for support and aid, and is perfectly assured of our ability to provide them, is the best possible evidence of our high repute in the world at large.

The fact is that our country is everywhere looked to as the industrial and economic sheet anchor of the world, and we must not disappoint those who are relying—because they are compelled to rely—so greatly on us.

We can afford to have confidence in ourselves when others are so ready to give their complete confidence in us.

Their needs and their confidence constitute our opportunity vastly to advantage ourselves with a view to the long future; and so I am appealing to you gentlemen, specialists in one of the most important and vital phases of business, to take the widest, most liberal, most inclusively understanding view of your duties and responsibilities.

On other occasions, and to men who sustain a different relation to business from your own, I have said that the Government is determined to stand by the business establishment of the country with all the power and influence at its command.

You may take it from me that I know just what those observations mean, and that assurance I give.

This Administration is not too engrossed with the universe to find time for attention to affairs at home. There is in process, from day to day and hour to hour, the most determined effort to co-ordinate and set at work the means whereby to ameliorate business difficulties, to render concrete assistance where it will do the most good, to open foreign markets for the huge surplus of our products.

We know that the other countries want to deal with us, and that they are willing to give entirely satisfactory security in cases where it is impossible to deal on the terms familiar in normal times.

It is, now, largely a matter of setting up instrumentalities through which the good-will, the available credits, the eagerness for re-established trade, which are present in all the unfortunate countries of the Old World, may be translated into terms of vitalized and absolutely necessary trade. This is your task—your opportunity. On both sides of the Atlantic gratifying progress is making toward accomplishment of these aims. It is the assurance of this fact that makes possible for me to extend to you a message of good cheer, confidence and real optimism about the prospects of business revival, your contribution to which will be measured by your vision of the American spirit.

#### RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY NEW JERSEY BANKERS' ASSOCIATION—ACTION RESPECTING STATE BONDS.

An amendment to the bill of Senator Frelinghuysen of New Jersey, now pending in the U. S. Senate, providing for the establishment of branches of National banks, is sought by the New Jersey Bankers' Association. At its annual convention in Atlantic City on May 14 the Association adopted a resolution urging that the bill be amended so that it will not apply to States where branch banking is prohibited. Such a change would make the bill inapplicable to New Jersey institutions. The Association also adopted a resolution asking Congress to take early action toward bringing about a restoration of normal railroad conditions, and the New Jersey Public Utilities Commission was appealed to for adequate revenue for the State utilities.

The bankers also directed their attention to the State bonds to be issued next month, and conferences in the matter between representatives of the Association and State Comptroller Bugbee and Deputy Comptroller Salter were held during the convention. As to the action taken by the bankers, the Atlantic City "Gazette" of May 15 said:

A step was made yesterday toward the formation of a bankers' syndicate to bid on \$17,000,000 worth of State bonds. A group of the bigger bankers attending the convention met and chose Dewitt Van Buskirk, President of the Mechanics Trust Company, Bayonne, N. J., head of the committee which will take up the matter of forming a syndicate. This committee will meet some time later on, probably in Bayonne or in some other upstate city, and discuss the plans for the syndicate.

It was stated yesterday by William J. Field, secretary of the New Jersey Bankers' Association and Vice-President of the Commercial Trust Company of New Jersey, Jersey City, that if the syndicate is actually formed, and if its bid is the successful bid, the bonds will be taken over and marketed just as any other issues of bonds would be by a syndicate.

The bonds in question are Soldiers' Bonus Bonds to the amount of \$12,000,000, and the \$5,000,000 balance of Series A of the \$28,000,000 bridge and tunnel bonds. All the securities will bear interest at 5%. The yield to the purchaser of course will depend upon the price at which the bonds are sold to the syndicate by the State and by the syndicate to the purchaser.

Both issues are long term, the bonus bonds running for 20 years and the bridge and tunnel bonds for 30 years. The bonds are scheduled to be put up for sale on June 14. They will be issued as of July 1.

According to the Atlantic City "Daily Press," a committee was also named at the convention to undertake an investigation of private banks, to determine whether they are using unfair methods of competition. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

President, Charles H. Laird, Jr., Vice-President of the West Jersey Trust Company, Camden; Vice-President, Rufus Keisler, Jr., Vice-President of the Ironbound Trust Co., Newark; Treasurer, Fred F. Schock, Spring Lake; Secretary, William J. Field, Jersey City; Executive Committee, H. H. Thomas, Frank H. Hlynton and R. J. Robb.

Judge Walter P. Gardner, of Jersey City, was chosen a member of the Executive Committee of the New Jersey Branch of the American Bankers' Association at the meeting of that organization which followed immediately after the ending of the bankers' convention.

#### PHILADELPHIA STOCK EXCHANGE EXPELS H. D. HUGHES.

The Philadelphia Stock Exchange announced on May 19 that Col. Henry D. Hughes had been expelled from that organization. The action was taken at a meeting of the Exchange's governing committee late Wednesday afternoon. No details of the reason for expulsion were given and members of the committee said that no further announcement would be made.

The information presented to the governing committee and which led to their action was similar to that given to the Stock Exchange officials four years ago, when Col.

Hughes was suspended from operating on the floor of the Exchange for a year. Col. Hughes was a member of the firm of Hughes & Dier, and simultaneously with the news of his expulsion from the Exchange came the announcement that the firm had been dissolved "by mutual consent," to be succeeded by E. D. Dier & Co.

The committee on quotations and commissions of the New York Stock Exchange held a meeting last week, according to the New York Herald, and Col. Hughes was summoned to appear before it and make explanation of certain transactions.

#### HOW TO AVAIL OF THE FACILITIES OF THE WAR FINANCE CORPORATION.

The local Federal Reserve bank announces that it has ready for distribution a pamphlet prepared by the War Finance Corporation, giving information to prospective applicants for advances under Sec. 21 of the War Finance Corp. Act. The pamphlet, with accompanying forms, outlines in a general way the requirements of the War Finance Corp. with respect to applications for advances under said section and should be of special interest to American manufacturers and others as it sets forth the conditions under which such advances will be made.

Section 21 of the War Finance Corporation Act, as amended, the provisions of which were the subject of the joint resolution of Congress reviving the activities of the Corporation, is as follows:

Sec. 21. (a) That the Corporation shall be empowered and authorized, in order to promote commerce with foreign nations through the extension of credits, to make advances upon such terms, not inconsistent with the provisions of this section, as it may prescribe, for periods not exceeding five years from the respective dates of such advances.

(1) To any person, firm, corporation, or association engaged in the business in the United States of exporting therefrom domestic products to foreign countries, if such person, firm, corporation, or association is, in the opinion of the board of directors of the Corporation, unable to obtain funds upon reasonable terms through banking channels. Any such advance shall be made only for the purpose of assisting in the exportation of such products, and shall be limited in amount to not more than the contract price therefor, including insurance and carrying or transportation charges to the foreign point of destination if and to the extent that such insurance and carrying or transportation charges are payable in the United States by such exporter to domestic insurers and carriers. The rate of interest charged on any such advance shall not be less than 1% per annum in excess of the rate of discount for ninety-day commercial paper prevailing at the time of such advance at the Federal Reserve bank of the district in which the borrower is located; and

(2) To any bank, banker, or trust company in the United States which after this section takes effect makes an advance to any such person, firm, corporation, or association for the purpose of assisting in the exportation of such products. Any such advance shall not exceed the amount remaining unpaid of the advances made by such bank, banker, or trust company to such person, firm, corporation, or association for such purpose.

(b) The aggregate of the advances made by the Corporation under this section remaining unpaid shall never at any time exceed the sum of \$1,000,000,000.

(c) Notwithstanding the limitation of Sec. 1 the advances provided for by this section may be made until the expiration of one year after the termination of the war between the United States and the German Government as fixed by proclamation of the President. Any such advance made by the Corporation shall be made upon the promissory note or notes of the borrower, with full and adequate security in each instance by indorsement, guaranty, or otherwise. The Corporation shall retain power to require additional security at any time. The Corporation in its discretion may upon like security extend the time of payment of any such advance through renewals, the substitution of new obligations, or otherwise, but the time for payment of any such advance shall not be extended beyond five years from the date on which it was originally made.

#### EUGENE MEYER JR., OF WAR FINANCE CORPORATION, URGES STOCK EXCHANGE TO LIST FOREIGN INVESTMENT SECURITIES.

Eugene Meyer, Jr., Managing Director of the War Finance Corporation, had a conference with representatives of the Listing Committee of the New York Stock Exchange on May 19. Asked as to the results of the conference, Mr. Meyer said:

I discussed with representatives of the Listing Committee the question of listing some of the sound internal investment securities of foreign countries, governmental and industrial, on the New York Stock Exchange. They expressed themselves as ready to co-operate, in proper cases and with adequate safeguards to American investors, in the listing of internal securities of foreign countries with the view of making a better and a broader market for these securities in this country.

Mr. Meyer further stated that if foreign and American bankers would co-operate in the development of American markets for foreign securities, in foreign currency terms, it would, in his opinion, be one of the most helpful steps that could be taken in the restoration of foreign markets for American agricultural products and manufactured goods. "We ought to have here," he said, "broad, active public markets for securities that would be freely purchaseable and saleable at the same time in other countries." Mr. Meyer added that we need a more open-door policy in international finance as well as in international commerce. "I do not mean a wide open door," said Mr. Meyer, "but a liberal open door."

It is expected that the attitude of the public exchanges of other important financial centres will be likewise favorable to such listings.

#### U. S. SUPREME COURT REVERSES LOWER COURTS REGARDING PAR COLLECTION OF CHECKS.

The U. S. Supreme Court on Monday reversed decrees of Georgia courts which had refused to enjoin the Federal Reserve Bank at Atlanta from collecting checks drawn on non-member State banks, and the case was remanded to the lower courts for further proceedings. It is pointed out that as the issue before the Supreme Court was merely whether as a matter of pleading, the plaintiffs bill of complaint stated a cause of action, the decision is not a final determination, and the case will go back to the district court of the Northern District of Georgia where the next step is expected to be trial on its merits.

The plaintiff asserted that in order to enforce its policy of par collection of checks the Atlanta Reserve Bank planned to hold the checks of small non-member banks until they reached a material size, and then to demand payment "in cash across the counter," and to utilize other methods which would necessitate the non-member banks keeping always on hand a sum out of all proportion to their capital. Such methods they said, would force them to close their doors or to join the Federal Reserve system. A suit for an injunction to restrain the Reserve Bank from proceeding along these lines was brought but was dismissed when the Georgia court sustained a demurrer of the Federal Reserve Bank. An appeal was then taken to the Supreme Court.

Governor Harding of the Federal Reserve Board says the decision will not interfere with the present check clearing functions of the Federal Reserve Banks, and those banks will continue to collect checks drawn upon those banks which are listed on the par lists. Mr. Harding's statement was as follows:

The Supreme Court has rendered a decision in the case of the Georgia country banks against the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, upholding the Federal Reserve Bank's contention that the District Court of the United States has jurisdiction of the case, but denying the Federal Reserve bank's motion to dismiss the plaintiff's complaint. The suit was brought by a group of non-member banks, to enjoin the Federal Reserve Bank from collecting checks drawn on the country banks, the complaint alleging that the Federal Reserve Bank intended to undertake the collection of such checks by presentation and demand of payment in cash for the purpose of injuring the banks on which the checks were drawn.

As the issue before the Supreme Court was merely whether, as a matter of pleading, the plaintiff's bill of complaint stated a cause of action, the decision of the Supreme Court is not a final determination of the litigation and the case will now be sent back to the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of Georgia for trial upon the merits.

The opinion of the Supreme Court does not deny the legal authority of the Federal Reserve bank to collect checks on non-member banks by making presentation thereof at the counter, but holds merely that non-member banks may be entitled to relief if they can prove that the Federal Reserve bank malevolently intends to accumulate checks and present them in an oppressive manner for the sole purpose of injuring the banks upon which the checks were drawn.

As to the scope of the Supreme Court's decision, the Court said: "The question at this stage is not what the plaintiffs may be able to prove or what may be the reasonable interpretation of the defendants' acts, but whether the plaintiffs have shown a ground for relief if they can prove what they alleged."

The Supreme Court's decision will not interfere with the present check clearing functions of the Federal Reserve banks and those banks will continue as heretofore to collect checks drawn upon those banks which are listed upon the par lists.

#### ADVISORY COUNCIL LAUDS FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD.

The Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Board completed on Tuesday its regular quarterly meeting here with representatives present from each of the twelve Reserve districts. The Council congratulated the Board upon its course in the readjustment of the country, but expressed the belief that the process was not yet completed.

The real turning point, the Council held, could not be expected until the European situation was further cleared up and European purchasers return as an important factor in American markets. Adjustment of money rates alone, the Council felt, could not be sufficient to bring effective relief in moving the country's goods.

#### BANKS ADVISED NOT TO OPEN FOREIGN CREDITS FOR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENTS.

With apparently hardly any notice from the financial public, says the Washington correspondent of the "Journal of Commerce" of this city, under date of May 16, the Federal Reserve Board has taken a step of large importance in connection with the financing of our foreign trade. The measure in question is a ruling or opinion which largely curtails the privilege which has been exercised by city banks of accepting

and issuing letters of credit for country correspondents. It was recently brought to the attention of the Board, says this writer, that national banks for some time have been accustomed to guarantee letters issued at their request by correspondent banks in large centres on behalf of the national bank's customers. For instance, it appears that where the customer of an interior national bank desires to obtain a letter of credit in connection with his foreign business, the national bank, instead of issuing the letter itself, will get one of its large city correspondents to issue a letter for the customer's account, which the national bank guarantees; that is, the national bank agrees that in the event the customer for whose account the letter is issued fails to put the issuing bank in funds to meet the acceptances the guaranteeing bank will do so. The transaction does not always involve the issuance of a letter of credit, it is stated, for the correspondent bank sometimes simply accepts a draft drawn upon it by the national bank's customer, and the national bank, in a collateral agreement with the correspondent bank, guarantees the customer's obligation to put the correspondent bank in funds to meet the acceptance. Under the latter arrangement, the national bank's liability is the same as the ultimate liability which arises out of guaranteeing a letter of credit, so that the two transactions may be considered as one and the same for the purposes of this discussion. It also appears that some national banks, in consideration of a fee or commission, are accustomed to indorse acceptances for the accommodation of their customers or bill brokers in connection with such practices, raising the question whether a national bank has authority to make such guaranties or accommodation indorsements, or whether such acts are beyond the powers which national banks lawfully may exercise. In ruling on this subject the Board now says:

Whether or not a National bank has authority to guarantee a letter of credit or to indorse an acceptance for accommodation is a question of law which in the last analysis must be determined by the courts.

There is no express authority of law which authorizes a National bank to lend its credit by indorsing an acceptance or by guaranteeing or acting as surety on a letter of credit. The National bank act authorizes National banks to discount and negotiate notes, drafts, and bills of exchange, and to make loans on personal security, while Sec. 13 of the Federal Reserve Act more recently has conferred upon National banks the power to accept drafts growing out of certain specified transactions. It is settled, however, that a National bank's power to discount negotiable paper and to loan money does not carry with it the power to guarantee, or act as surety upon, the obligation of another, nor is such a power incidental to the business of banking.

Similarly, although the power conferred upon National banks to accept drafts carries with it the power to issue letters of credit as incidental thereto, it would seem that such powers do not carry with them the power to guarantee, or act as surety upon, acceptances or letters of credit issued by other banks.

In view of these considerations, the Federal Reserve Board is of the opinion that a National bank has no authority to guarantee or act as surety upon a letter of credit, or to indorse an acceptance for accommodation; that such acts are ultra vires; and that if the directors of a National bank enter into such contracts of guaranty or suretyship, they assume in their personal capacities the risk of any loss that may occur.

The "Journal of Commerce" correspondent continues as follows:

If a national bank has no authority to guarantee or act as surety upon letters of credit many national banks will be compelled to forego a business which is very desirable both from the standpoint of the banks themselves and from the standpoint of their customers. The result will be that the customer himself must necessarily go to a large city bank and, as his financial standing perhaps is not generally known, his request for credit in many instances will be refused and he will be compelled to seek other and less desirable means for financing his business.

Realizing the practical force of these considerations, the board suggests an alternative method of financing the business heretofore financed by means of letters of credit guaranteed by the national banks at whose request the letters are issued. The board is of the opinion that this course if adopted, will enable a national bank, with only slight modifications as to the manner of handling the business, to continue to carry it on without entering into an ultra vires transaction.

#### Details of New Plan.

Take the case of a national bank in an interior community whose customer wishes to obtain a letter of credit which will be satisfactory to his foreign dealer. The national bank, having no international standing, or being without any department capable of handling foreign business, does not wish to issue the letter itself, but is willing to extend its credit to its customer. Under these circumstances, it enters into an arrangement with, say, its New York correspondent, whereby the New York correspondent agrees as agent of the interior bank to issue a letter of credit for the account of the interior bank's customer, the letter to be issued in the name of the New York correspondent, but in issuing the letter the New York correspondent is to act as agent for an undisclosed principal, namely the interior bank. The interior bank's name will not appear on the letter of credit, but its New York correspondent may look to it for reimbursement under the collateral agency agreement, not conditionally upon the failure of the customer to put the issuing bank in funds but directly and unconditionally as the real issuer of the letter. The beneficiary of the letter and the holders of the acceptances drawn thereunder will look to and rely on the credit of the New York bank, for its name alone will appear on the letter and the acceptances, but the interior bank will in fact be the real acceptor and the customer will be under obligation to put the interior bank, not the New York bank, in funds to meet the acceptances as they mature. The only change necessary in the present method is that the interior bank, instead of guaranteeing the letter of credit, will execute a separate contract appointing its New York correspondent its agent and agreeing unconditionally to reimburse the agent as such for any moneys paid out, or, if desired, to put the agent in funds to meet the acceptances as they mature. It would seem that this pro-

cedure will meet the practical requirements of the situation and at the same time avoid the necessity of any contract of guaranty.

*Views of Board.*

After careful consideration the Board considers that national banks may properly finance the business in question in the manner suggested without exceeding their statutory powers. It thinks that "a national bank unquestionably may legitimately finance its customer's business by issuing a letter of credit in its own name. If a national bank may issue a letter itself, it would seem that a national bank may issue a letter through an agent, provided that the national bank has authority to appoint an agent for that purpose."

In case the course suggested should be adopted, the agent bank, which issues the letter and which is primarily and unconditionally liable upon the acceptances made thereunder, must include the liability on such acceptances as and when incurred, among its general acceptance liabilities, subject to the limitations on the acceptance power prescribed by law; and inasmuch as the interior bank is by hypothesis the real acceptor and is directly and unconditionally liable to the agent bank for any moneys paid out to meet the acceptances as they mature, or to put the accepting bank in funds to meet such acceptances, the principal bank also must include the amount of the acceptances, as and when made, among its general acceptance liabilities subject to the limitations of law.

**STATE INSTITUTIONS ADMITTED TO FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.**

The following institutions were admitted to the Federal Reserve System in the week ending May 13 1921:

District No. 6—	Capital.	Surplus.	Total Resources.
Bank of Eastman, Eastman, Georgia.....	\$60,000	\$3,000	\$267,700
District No. 11—			
The First State Bank of Emhouse, Texas..	30,000	20,000	153,923
The Yoakum State Bank, Yoakum, Texas..	100,000	50,000	1,454,931
District No. 12—			
Albany State Bank, Albany, Oregon.....	50,000	10,000	793,956

**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 Roselle, Roselle, New Jersey.  
The First National Bank of Hominy, Hominy, Oklahoma.

**TREASURY CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS OVERSUBSCRIBED.**

It was announced on Monday that subscription books had closed for the United States of America 5½ per cent. Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness Series A 1922 dated and bearing interest from May 16, 1921, due February 16 1922 and that preliminary reports received by the Treasury Department from the twelve Federal Reserve Banks indicated that the issue which was for \$200,000,000, or thereabouts had been heavily oversubscribed. On May 19 Secretary Mellon announced that the total amount of subscriptions received had been \$532,100,000 and the total amount allotted \$256,170,000 as follows:

District—	Received.	Allotted.
New York.....	\$224,884,500	\$99,954,000
Philadelphia.....	91,096,000	25,757,500
St. Louis.....	26,315,000	10,797,500
Cleveland.....	52,571,000	23,300,000
Boston.....	43,148,500	21,208,000
Richmond.....	11,120,500	7,615,000
Chicago.....	40,955,500	29,989,000
Kansas City.....	10,500,000	8,375,000
San Francisco.....	16,500,000	14,540,000
Minneapolis.....	7,385,000	6,990,000
Dallas.....	4,071,500	4,071,500
Atlanta.....	3,572,500	3,572,500
Total.....	\$532,100,000	\$256,170,000

**DEATH OF CHIEF JUSTICE WHITE.**

Edward Douglas White, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, died on Thursday, May 19, at the Garfield Hospital, Washington, D. C., at the age of 75 years. His death followed an operation on May 13, but he had been in a serious condition, it was said, for several months. Chief Justice White was born in La Fourche, La., on Nov. 3 1845; became a member of the bar of that State at an early age, in 1868, subsequently being elected a State Senator, a United States Senator, and in 1894 an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, having been appointed by President Cleveland. Sixteen years later, that is, in 1910, he was elevated to the Chief Justiceship by President Taft.

**DEATH OF FRANKLIN K. LANE.**

Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior under the Wilson Administration, died on May 18 at Rochester, Minn., at the age of 56 years. His death was due to an attack of angina pectoris, following an operation on May 6 for gallstones and appendicitis.

Born in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, July 15 1864, he was graduated from the University of California

in 1886, did newspaper work and began practicing law in that State in 1889. He became Chairman of the Inter-State Commerce Commission under the Roosevelt Administration and served until President Wilson made him Secretary of the Interior, from which post he resigned in 1920 to look after his personal and family interests. Soon after he became a Vice-President of the Mexican Petroleum Co. and a director in the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

**CHAIRMAN PORTER SAYS PRESIDENT FAVORS PASSAGE OF PEACE RESOLUTION.**

Notwithstanding the reports current last week in Washington to the effect that passage of the Knox peace resolution had been indefinitely postponed in the House, Chairman Porter of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said after a conference on May 19 with President Harding, that the Executive hoped for adoption of a peace resolution by the House without unnecessary delay.

The Chairman said the President was emphatic in asserting that he wanted to bring no undue influence to bear regarding Congressional action on the resolution, and that in no circumstances would he act as arbiter of any difference of opinion on the subject between Senate and House. Mr. Porter added, however, that Mr. Harding was equally clear in his expression of a personal desire to see adoption of the resolution completed.

After his return to the Capitol, Chairman Porter issued this statement:

I had a conference with the President this morning about the peace resolution and other matters. Regarding the former, the President expressed an earnest desire for its passage and expressly stated that the form and substance of the resolution was a matter exclusively for the legislative branch of the Government. I intend to call a meeting of the committee the first of next week to consider this and other measures.

**J. E. EDGERTON ELECTED HEAD OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS.**

At the twenty-sixth annual convention of the National Association of Manufacturers held this week at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York, J. E. Edgerton, of the Lebanon Woolen Mills, Lebanon, Tenn., was elected to the presidency of the organization, succeeding Stephen G. Mason. The convention this year was different in some respects from past conventions, notably in that diplomatic representatives from more than a score of foreign nations were invited to attend and did take part in the discussions.

**REGULATING THE INFLOW OF IMMIGRANTS.**

On May 16 1921, D. Chauncey Brewer, President of the North American Civic League for Immigrants in speaking to the Executive Committee of the Manufacturers Association of Connecticut, advocated such a sane Federal regulation of immigrants and resident aliens in the United States as shall not interfere with the industrial requirements of the country. He expressed himself as believing that the time had come for the enactment of Federal legislation which would provide for:

1. Efficient inspection at the docks;
2. The safe transfer to destination of immigrants whose papers indicate that they expect to join friends or relatives at defined points;
3. The holding of all other immigrants in suitable quarters at ports of entry until they can be distributed to the advantage of the community;
4. The registration of each immigrant and resident alien with a designated official, to whom the aforesaid alien shall thereafter make periodical reports;
5. The limitation of alien residence to a reasonable period, within which time the alien may be naturalized, if he is able to comply with the requirements of carefully framed naturalization laws.

The speaker expressed himself as believing that an enactment of this character, if modified by proper exceptions, would not only enable the authorities to block much radical intrigue, but would also greatly benefit the immigrant by giving him protection from exploitation, which he does not enjoy at present.

**MARIE SKLODOWSKA CURIE AND THE STORY OF RADIUM.**

[By DR. ROBERT ABBE, Senior Surgeon of St. Luke's Hospital, New York City—Reprinted from the "Engineering and Mining Journal" of May 14, 1921.]

Marie Sklodowska's father was professor of physics and chemistry in the University of Warsaw. She was born in that city on Nov. 7, 1867, and studied there until her graduation by the Gymnasium. The magnetic pull of the renowned Paris University, where science had its highest and purest atmosphere of research, brought her with scores of others from different countries to that institution.

Fired by the spirit of work, Marie Sklodowska was welcomed by Prof. Antoine Henri Becquerel in the Department

of Physics, and by Prof. Pierre C. Curie in Chemistry, as a clear mind and a gifted student. The former permitted her to assist in his problem of uranium research, a search to see whether on exposure to sunlight its absorption would make it luminous.

An experiment was prepared with a photographic plate inclosed in a thick black paper. But the sun was hidden for a fortnight, and the plate with the piece of uranium was laid away in a drawer. Two weeks of dull Paris days passed. It was thought wise to test the freshness of the plate by developing it. To the surprise of all, a dark spot appeared beneath the mineral. Some unsuspected rays had gone through the black paper. This was the startling beginning of the discovery. "Becquerel rays" became the new wonder.

Mme Curie herself took the next great step—the deciding step. She went to the mines near Carlsbad, Bohemia, where for a century the mineral pitchblende had been mined to extract the uranium. Pitchblende had long been known as a composite ore containing a dozen different elements in addition to the uranium. On examining the fifty tons of mine refuse, Mme. Curie found to her surprise that it was four times as strong in "Becquerel rays" as was the uranium extracted from it. The startling fact then stared her in the face, that something unknown existed in that refuse.

By chemical methods she proceeded to dissolve out all the lead and the other elements known to be present. With each succeeding elimination the quality of radio-activity appeared greatly strengthened. At last she obtained a small residue that could contain but two known elements, yet it was sixty times stronger than uranium itself. This remnant glowed in the dark. There could be but one conclusion; she was face to face with a mysterious, unknown force.

Two years later she was able, by ultra-chemical resources, with the help of her teachers and her husband (for Professor Curie had meanwhile offered himself and been accepted in marriage), announced to the world in 1898 the demonstrated discovery of a new element—radium.

It was Marie Curie's beautiful tribute to science that an impersonal name "radium" was given, because the element emitted rays. Knowledge and not fame drew her. She industriously extracted all the radium from her small store, and after devoting another year to its study, offered it to the medical world.

In 1903 these first quantities of radium were released, and Americans were able to purchase the first morsel for New York. A quarter or more of that historic bit which proved that radium gives out heat continuously came quickly to America.

Mme. Curie's small store of the Bohemian refuse, however, was quickly exhausted, and all the radium to be had in the world was, for some time, made in Germany. That also we could buy, but at much higher prices.

It is the privilege of the women of the United States to choose this time to lay this tribute at Mme. Curie's feet—a gift of radium instead of a wreath of laurel—with which she can and will give back to them a thousand-fold in value, a hoped-for revelation of its medical power when its forces can be guided and directed to the cure, perhaps to the elimination, of that dread scourge—cancer—which she now intends to study.

With this essential aid to her further studies, Mme. Curie will return to France bearing also medals in gold from the U. S. National Academy of Sciences, the Wolcott Gibbs medal of the American Physical Society, and other tokens that she will treasure with her Nobel prizes of 1903 and 1911. Before she leaves us, however, she will, on May 23, confide to the custody of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, the original quartz-piezo-electric apparatus devised many years ago by Professor Curie and used by both herself and her husband in the earliest determinations of the radioactivity of the first radium salts they studied. . . . Her willingness to part with a cherished relic of her historic radium researches reveals her sentiments toward the country that honors itself by confiding its finest medical tool to her capable hands.

#### RENEWED OUTBREAKS OF COAL MINERS IN MINGO, WEST VIRGINIA, AND KENTUCKY—COMING WAGE CONFERENCES IN ANTHRACITE FIELD.

Recurrence of violence and armed uprisings among unionized workers of coal mines in the Tug River district of Ken-

tucky and in Mingo County, West Virginia, led to the sending of telegrams on May 16 by Governor Morrow and Governor Morgan to the War Department at Washington asking that Federal troops be dispatched to the mining districts to restore order. Similar requests had been made two days before when President Harding, after conferences with Secretary Weeks, signed separate proclamations declaring martial law in West Virginia and Kentucky, but deferred issuing them pending further advices concerning the disorders.

On May 17, President Harding definitely declined to send Federal troops to West Virginia or Kentucky to suppress the disorders. His decision was accompanied by a declaration of the Administration policy as to the employment of Federal agencies in maintaining order within State boundaries.

The declaration of policy enunciated followed a meeting of the Cabinet. It was set forth in the following telegram from Mr. Christian, the President's secretary, to Governor Morgan of West Virginia:

*The Hon. E. F. Morgan, Governor of West Virginia, Charleston:*  
The President directs me to address to you the statement that the Federal Government is ever ready to perform its full duty in the maintenance of constituted authority, but he feels he is not justified in directing the military forces of the nation to enter the State of West Virginia, according to your request, until he is well assured that the State has exhausted all its resources in the performance of the duty clearly belonging to it, or the situation has become a menace to the Federal Government or a hindrance to the performance of its functions. On the representations thus far made the President is not convinced that West Virginia has exhausted all its own resources, and he awaits more definite assurances.

GEORGE B. CHRISTIAN, Jr.,  
Secretary to the President.

Notwithstanding the refusal of the Federal Government to send troops to the mining districts, Governor Morgan on May 20 declared martial law in the Mingo County district.

The miners' latest uprising began on May 12 at the little town of Merrimac. Soon after, Governor Morgan of West Virginia ordered out the entire State police force, and the following day the Associated Press reported from Williamson, W. Va., that six lives had been lost in the fighting, while it stated, "acceptance of all the reports would place the killed at from ten to fifteen." The other towns that figured in what were called "pitched battles" were Rawl, Sprigg, and Matewan, W. Va., and McCarr, Ky. In reviewing the controversy out of which the conflict between the mine workers and operators has grown the Williamson correspondent of the Associated Press on May 14, said:

The battle is a phase of the struggle in which this rich coal district has been locked for nearly a year, the industrial struggle over the question of unionizing or keeping "open" the mines.

Union miners, on "lockout strike," as the leaders describe it, have been evicted from homes owned by the coal companies, to settle near by on leased land in tent colonies. No longer able to trade at the company commissaries at the various mining towns, they subsist on rations shipped in by the United Mine Workers. Deprived of funds as a result of being out of work, they draw benefits from the union.

The operators are firm in their determination to keep the mines on an open shop basis at any cost. The United Mine Workers are equally determined in their insistence that the struggle must go on until their union is recognized. Wages and working conditions also enter into the disagreement, but these admittedly are minor considerations.

David Robb, financial agent of the United Mine Workers, who is directing union activities in this district, made public to-day the first statement he has issued since the industrial warfare flared up again.

"The lockout strike in this field can never be settled by thugs and gunmen," declared Mr. Robb, asserting that the battle which started Thursday had been brought about by attacks on union miners by non-union men now employed in the fields. "A high percentage of the men now out are Americans, natives of this district, and they do not propose to be driven from their homes. Any one who knows the mountaineer temperament knows that they won't be intimidated, and that they will not allow their women and children to be made into targets. I have been besieged with requests from union men for money with which to buy arms and ammunition. These requests I have, of course, refused, and I have counseled the men to moderation, but I know that many of them will go right ahead firing back when their homes, or the tent colonies to which they have been reduced by eviction proceedings of the operators, are fired upon."

According to Mr. Robb, there are about 2,500 men still on "lockout strike" in the district, most of whose places have been taken by non-union workers from other parts of the country.

He declared the coal operators had proved their insincerity and unwillingness to settle the disturbance peacefully on many occasions during the last year, but said that the union still was ready to negotiate. He asserted the union viewed the proposed sending in of Federal troops with complacency and added that it would welcome a Congressional investigation of the situation to determine where the right and wrong lay.

Officials of the Williamson Coal Operators' Association, on the other hand, contradicted every assertion Mr. Robb made, from the question of which side started the present fighting to that of the number of miners and their families now living in tent colonies, which Mr. Robb fixed at 3,500 men, women and children. The operators' representatives declared that at the present time the mine owners had more employes than could be used, and that coal production in the field was 60% of normal. They reiterated the statement of the association that the mines would be kept "open."

The telegram received by the War Department on May 14 from Governor Morrow of Kentucky was as follows:

Lawless situation existing along Kentucky and West Virginia border line, Tug River boundary between Pike County, Ky., and Mingo, W. Va. Situation beyond the control of State forces at my command. Join in request of Governor of West Virginia made to me and proper military authorities that Federal troops be sent there to control the situation and restore law and order.

Governor Morgan of West Virginia wired:

Supplementing former telegrams, following received from W. J. Jenks, General Manager of the Norfolk & Western Ry.:

It is my duty to inform you that during the last two days reckless shooting has been prevalent along the line of the Norfolk & Western Railroad in Mingo County near Matewan and continues to-day. Passengers and employees have felt it necessary to protect themselves from stray or intentional bullets by lying down beneath the windows of passenger cars. Telegraph and telephone wires have been shot down in some places and linemen are unable to make repairs account such shooting. We invoke your aid.

Neil Burkenshaw, attorney at Washington for the United Mine Workers, received a telegram on May 14 from a union official at Charleston, W. Va., denying the charge of Governor Morgan that striking miners were responsible for the shooting. Mr. Burkenshaw laid the telegram before Senator Johnson of California, who offered a resolution at the last session of Congress for an investigation of the conflict in Mingo County. The telegram was as follows:

Charleston, W. Va.

Our information from those who were on the scene is that the shooting in Mingo County began when tent colonies of striking miners were fired upon. It is a well-known fact that immense quantities of arms and ammunition, including Browning machine guns, have been secured by the coal operators of Mingo and Pike Counties in the last few days. Think this supreme effort of Steel Trust to crush miners in that territory. Governor E. F. Morgan gave out statement that striking miners were responsible for outbreak. This is a fabrication. Will wire more later.

FRED MOONEY,

Sec'y-Treas., Dist. 17, United Mine Workers of America.

Discussing conditions in the Mingo coal fields on May 17, John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers of America, whose friends, according to the N. Y. "Evening Post" are now "grooming him for the presidency of the American Federation of Labor in opposition to Samuel Gompers," made the following statement to a reporter of that paper:

Mingo County, where mountain warfare has again broken out in the conflict over unionism, is the Poland of the American coal fields. The West Virginia operators opposed to unionism want a buffer State between them and the unionized field. They are trying to keep Mingo County unorganized so as to have one. Operators in the Pocahontas and Winding Gulf fields, still unorganized, are helping to fill the long term contracts of the Mingo operators, and are supplying them with financial help to indemnify them for their huge expenses in fighting the United Mine Workers of America. They regard the Mingo operators as fighting their fight.

People in general do not believe that fighting of the sort described in the newspapers the past few days really goes on. They do not believe that the region is armed and that the private operators actually have arsenals and machine guns. It is a sad commentary upon our civilization that civil warfare of this kind can go on. The miners will win their strike in Mingo County.

Mr. Lewis was in New York attending conferences of union leaders on the question of wages. With regard to his attitude on this and other matters the "Evening Post" said:

The mine workers' president said that no formal demand had been made by the operators for a modification of the present wage scale in the anthracite field, which does not expire until March 31 1922, but that his organization believed in being prepared for all emergencies and that the purpose of the conference here was to canvass the situation.

The specific purpose of the conferences was to bring about a united front between the anthracite and bituminous workers in negotiations next fall and winter, with the operators. Heretofore, the anthracite miners have held their convention and framed their wage demands prior to the international gathering, at which time the bituminous schedules were drafted.

Officials of the anthracite miners said before going into conference with Mr. Lewis and Mr. Murray that they would grant the request of these two men that the tri-district convention of hard coal miners be postponed this year until after the international union holds its meeting at Indianapolis on Sept. 28. The two groups of workers—numbering nearly 500,000—will therefore jointly frame their new demands and wage scales. While each will have its own scale committee, it is understood that they will cooperate and that their activities will harmonize.

Unemployment among coal miners, the tonnage being produced and general industrial and business conditions said Mr. Lewis, will be discussed at the conference here. The district presidents attending are Thomas Kennedy, District 7, with headquarters at Hazleton, Pa., who is also Chairman of the anthracite workers' scale committee; John Collins, District 1, Scranton, Pa., and Christ Golden, District 9, Shamokin, Pa. Tom Davis, Wilkesbarre; Neal Ferry, District 7, and John J. Mates, Shamokin, are the three international board members in attendance.

### "GREEDY HORDES OF EMPLOYERS BETTER WATCH OUT," SAYS SAMUEL GOMPERS.

In an address on May 9 before a labor mass meeting at Cincinnati Samuel Gompers declared that the industry "that cannot offer to pay good, decent wages to its workers ought not to exist." Mr. Gompers spoke in part as follows:

I most earnestly desire to impress he said on those who have undertaken to destroy the American labor movement—don't put American manhood and womanhood to too severe a test.

You seem to have the upper hand now, but remember the pendulum does not always swing one way. I respectfully suggest thoughtful consideration of the unwisdom of driving your bargain too hard.

Wage cutting is simply reducing the using and consuming power of the people. No country has ever gained prosperity industrially, financially or commercially, based on the poverty and misery of the people.

Mr. Chamber of Commerce Man and the other opponents of organized labor should heed the lesson now going on over the whole world.

The American labor movement is the only labor movement of any country on the civilized globe, where the organized workers have not their hand on the throat of their Government. We have our organized bodies and are conscious of the responsibilities that rest upon us. We are not lacking in patriotic zeal for our Republic.

"I challenge the United States Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Gary or the steel trust to open their books to public inspection, as the American Federation of Labor is willing to do.

High wages, the best possible wages, the best possible hours and working conditions are the greatest incentive to industrial, commercial and financial prosperity.

The industry that cannot offer to pay good decent wages to its workers ought not to exist.

### SAMUEL GOMPERS WANTS NEW YORK SUPREME COURT JUDGE IMPEACHED FOR ISSUING ANTI-STRIKE INJUNCTIONS—JUSTICE VAN SIELEN'S REPLY.

"The whole trouble with Gompers is that he is afraid he is going to lose his job," said State Supreme Court Justice Van Sieten, in a statement on May 19, commenting on a speech by Samuel Gompers at a mass meeting here in Cooper Union the evening before, in which the labor leader argued that Justice Van Sieten ought to be impeached for granting injunctions against strikes. The opinion cited by Mr. Gompers was that in which Justice Van Sieten granted Schwartz & Jaffee, Inc., and Samuel W. Peck & Co., clothing manufacturers, injunctions against the Amalgamated Clothing Workers. Mr. Gompers had already made it the subject of an editorial in the "American Federationist," although the Amalgamated is regarded as a secession movement from an A. F. of L. union, and he did not mention the Amalgamated by name. "As a citizen of New York I challenge Judge Van Sieten to cite me for contempt of his court for my declarations to-night." Mr. Gompers said.

Disregarding of anti-picketing injunctions was advocated by Mr. Gompers, who referred to the declaration of principles recently adopted by union leaders in conference at Washington. "When a judge issues an injunction which violates the Constitutional rights of a citizen, we prefer to abide by the Constitutional guarantees rather than by an injunction issued by such a judge," he said.

Mr. Gompers stated he would not advise his fellow-workers to do what he would not himself do, and told of his being sentenced for contempt of court by a District of Columbia judge because of his violation of an injunction against discussing a certain labor controversy. "The point is," he said, "that the judge who sentenced me no longer is a judge and I didn't go to jail. Nor did I run away."

In his reply to the labor leader Justice Van Sieten said:

The whole trouble with Gompers is that he's afraid he is going to lose his job. Some one page Governor Allen of Kansas; maybe he'll give Gompers another spanking.

Gompers knows I can no more cite him for contempt of court than he can have me impeached for writing the decision. He knows he is safe in his statements, but if Gompers will violate my injunction, I will gladly punish him. As a matter of fact, we have now, I believe, one of his men who has violated this injunction.

I understand he will be brought before me in the very near future. I am going to take the testimony in this case myself, and, if this man has violated the injunction, you can rest assured he will be punished.

This talk of "open shop" is all bosh. There is no such thing by either side. By that I mean the majority of cases. The Bliss shop is an illustration. Here the employees are perfectly satisfied with conditions as they exist and the management of the concern does not care whether or not a man is a member of a union as long as he earns the pay he receives at the end of the week.

There is a third party interested in this quarrel between labor and capital. That is the public. Do you realize that organized labor is but a small minority of the vast people of this country? As long as labor continues to demand higher wages and a less number of hours for each working day, just so long will prices continue to soar. It is my personal belief that the only way to solve this perplexing problem is by means of industrial courts.

A letter from a union laborer was given out by Justice Van Sieten, which read in part as follows:

Although a union member for thirty years, I want to thank you for your decision regarding picketing. I have hung my head in shame after seeing things that pickets have done. I am one of the many unfortunate workmen who would be happy to work as we used to before unions.

Our wages have been increased 20% in the past four years and our dues 800%. Our four walking delegates and other officers receive \$75 per week, which is \$30 per week more than the scale for our best workmen. Our initiation fee is \$250 and men pay as much more as graft to get their applications recorded. The commonest laborer, after he gets a card, is entitled to take any position if he "comes across."

The Brindell case exposed how one union worked. They are all practically the same. In my union I can be fined \$550, and in my national body I can be fined over \$1,500, and I would have to pay it before I could go to work again.

### ORGANIZED LABOR TO REDUCE THE COST OF LIVING THROUGH "CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES."

According to press dispatches from Cincinnati, where the executive council of the American Federation of Labor began last week its session prior to the annual convention in Denver, promotion through the trades unions of "co-operative societies" has been decided upon by the labor organization. The dispatches, which were of date May 6, added:

"Not only can we reduce the cost of living," said James Duncan, of Quincy, Mass., vice-president of the Federation, "through co-operative societies, but we can eliminate profiteering. We can check it so far as it

affects the purchase of the necessities of life and the costs thereof now controlled by a minority.

"Our investigations show that the co-operative societies in Belgium, Russia, England and Denmark have made a wonderful success and have been a godsend to the workingman."

Mr. Duncan said that all "other citizens in sympathy with the trades union movement" would be asked to join in the co-operative plan.

The Federation approves organization of a co-operative association under the Rochedale plan, it was stated, and will take steps to safeguard the workers' funds that are collected for financing the movement.

The council, it was learned, disapproves the Johnson-Dillingham immigration bill, just passed by Congress because it does not contain the drastic prohibitive features desired by organized labor. The council takes the position that at least two years' prohibition of immigration is necessary to adjust after-war industrial conditions and prepare the country for a new influx of immigration from abroad.

The council also has under consideration a declaration demanding a "square deal" for labor under the anti-trust laws. If this cannot be obtained by legislation the repeal of all anti-combination and so-called conspiracy laws will be asked.

"We don't ask any special privilege," said an official of the executive council. "We only desire the safeguards set up in our constitutional and legal structure for the protection of the workers. If these are taken away from us then labor demands immediate and sweeping repeal of all so-called anti-combination and conspiracy laws."

President Samuel Gompers said that the report being prepared by the committee was being prepared with a view of "protecting the fundamental rights of organized labor and all the people of the United States."

#### NEW YORK LAW FORBIDDING LABOR UNION PRICE FIXING—THE PHOTO-ENGRAVERS' UNION.

In signing on Friday of last week the Meyer-Martin "photo-engravers'" bill, designed to prevent labor organizations fixing a selling price for the product of union workmen, Governor Miller attached a memorandum to the measure which we quote below. The new law amends the general business law which prohibits a monopoly in the manufacture, production or sale in this State of any article or commodity of common use by extending the prohibition "to any article or product used in the conduct of trade, commerce or manufacture." The Governor's memorandum was as follows:

It was held by the Court of General Sessions in New York that photo-engravings were not articles of commodities of common use within the meaning of the existing law and that a combination between the photo-engravers and their employers fixing the price at which photo-engravings should be sold was not unlawful.

It appears to me that that is precisely the sort of combination that ought to be prohibited unless we are prepared to do away entirely with our anti-monopoly laws.

It is claimed that photo-engraving is sui generis and that ruinous cut-throat competition is the only alternative to combination in that business, but business men have learned generally that it pays to pursue a policy of "live and let live" without resorting to unlawful combinations to create monopolies, and I see no reason why men engaged in the business of photo-engraving should not have learned that lesson, particularly in view of their experience in the past as described to me.

It is suggested that I appoint a voluntary commission to investigate, and assurance is given that any abuses disclosed by such an investigation will be remedied. But though it has become trite to say that "this is a government of laws," the statement will bear repeating. One of the great evils of the present day, in my judgment, is the tendency to create boards and commissions with power to prescribe rules having the force of law, either because of the moral compulsion back of such rules or because the standard is sufficiently prescribed so that the delegation of legislative power is constitutionally valid.

Manifestly that evil will be magnified by the creation of extra legal bodies to prescribe rules of conduct for that substitutes personal government by discretion for a government of law.

#### AID TO ARKANSAS GOOD ROADS HALTED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, who, under the provisions of existing law, is charged with the administration of the Federal Good Roads Act, announced on May 7 (according to a special dispatch on that day from Washington to the New York "Times") that no further progressive payments would be made on Federal aid projects in the State of Arkansas. The Secretary also notified the Arkansas road authorities, it is stated, that unless existing Federal aid projects are put in a proper condition of maintenance within the next four months he "will thereafter refuse to approve any project for road construction in the State of Arkansas until such time as the projects in question shall have been put in proper condition of maintenance." This announcement was made as a part of a preliminary report dealing with conditions in certain Arkansas road districts to which Federal aid has been allotted. There are in the neighborhood of ninety road projects in Arkansas which are listed as Federal aid projects and Federal engineers, under the direction of Assistant Chief Engineer E. W. James, have recently completed an investigation of twenty-nine of these districts. Federal authorities made no inquiry into conditions in districts that are not on the Federal aid list. These State projects exceed 200 in number, according to the records of the bureau.

The statement issued from the office of the Secretary of Agriculture points out that Arkansas is the only State in the Union in which the special improvement

district laws have been enacted. It is also stated that Arkansas is the first State in the Union where the Federal authorities have been compelled in order to safeguard the interests of the Government to stop all progressive payments on Federal aid projects. In some of the twenty-nine Federal aid districts which were investigated it is stated that records have been "lost, mislaid or carried away," that in some districts no records exist except check stubs and deposit slips, while in certain cases the engineering is described as amounting to "unaccountable engineering inefficiency." "Conditions such as those outlined (in the report of the Federal engineers)," Secretary Wallace says in a letter mailed to the State Highway authorities of Arkansas, "if permitted to continue will result either in the total or partial waste of moneys expended in the improvement of the projects involved, and this waste of funds applies to the Federal funds paid on the project as well as to the local funds expended thereon." The statement issued by Secretary Wallace is given as follows in the "Times":

Report of the recent inquiries made in Arkansas by engineers of the Bureau of Public Roads has been made to Thomas H. Macdonald, Chief of the Bureau. The report, which is of considerable length, covers a study of the taxation imposed on agricultural lands as the result of an over-ambitious road program, the competency of the State Highway Department to handle the program, the administration of the State Highway Department and of the road districts, the quality of engineering furnished by the State and by engineers employed by the State and the districts, and practically the entire field of road matters, so far as it involves the handling of Federal aid projects in the State. The study was made by Assistant Chief Engineer E. W. James, and his findings are amply supported by transcripts of records, financial accounts, engineers' inspection reports and data of considerable variety.

The inquiry shows that the Government interests have been amply protected in every direction, but that this has been done under many and increasing difficulties. Dealing with the question of taxation, it shows that road taxes in many instances are high and will become burdensome if the system of raising revenue through road improvement districts is continued. Arkansas is the only State using this system, which imposes upon the land in restricted areas the entire cost of improvements of general benefit to the State; while on the other hand the motor vehicle fees, relied upon in most States to supply a large part of the money required for road purposes, are much lower than in other States. Although no general confiscatory taxes have been found in districts receiving Federal aid, many of the improvement district laws lack protective features which they should have, and, in consequence, individual cases of inequitable assessments exist. One of the chief difficulties is the fact that non-uniform assessments of land for taxable purposes have in some cases been used as the basis of benefit assessments in the improvement districts. The report goes on to show that the State Highway Department is not equipped with sufficient force or funds to carry on so large a road program as that planned for the State, that the administration of road matters by the State is open to serious criticism, and especially the administration of some of the improvement districts.

#### Reports Unexplained Shortages.

While in a majority of the districts examined accounts and records of the commissioners were found to be in excellent condition, unexplained shortages in district accounts have been found and improper charges of various kinds, including duplicate payments for the same legal services, payments to lawyers for securing Federal and State aid and many cases of excessive overhead. In some districts important records have been lost, mislaid, or carried away, and in some cases practically no fiscal records exist except check stubs and deposit slips. Isolated cases of almost unaccountable engineering inefficiency are shown to exist and much of the difficulty with the road program in the State is attributed to the poor administration by the State Highway Department and the low grade of engineering.

The report closes with a group of conclusions in which it is recommended that no further progressive payments on Federal aid projects be made in Arkansas until the existing conditions are corrected and that all payments be withheld until the completion of projects. Another recommendation is that the State be placed immediately on notice to maintain Federal aid projects already completed. These recommendations have already been accepted by the Secretary of Agriculture, who, under date of April 30, in two letters notified the State of contemplated action by the Department of Agriculture.

The Secretary points out that numerous projects have been suspended for lack of local funds, that in other cases payments of Federal aid have had to be discontinued after being begun, because of unacceptable work, and in still other instances payments have never been made on projects in course of construction because no work so far done has been satisfactory; and he continues:

Conditions such as those outlined, if permitted to continue, will result either in the total or partial waste of moneys expended in the improvement of the projects involved, and this waste of funds applies to the Federal funds paid on the project as well as to the local funds expended thereon.

#### Stops Progressive Payments.

Since this Department is vested with the administration of the Federal Aid Road Act and the control of the expenditure of the funds apportioned thereunder to the several States, it is incumbent upon it to safeguard as far as possible the expenditure of the funds to insure that a proper return in the form of improvement of highways is obtained for each dollar expended. In line with this, I feel that this Department cannot consistently agree to make progress payments on any more Federal aid projects in the future. I, therefore, wish to advise you that hereafter project agreements to cover Arkansas projects will provide for payment of Federal funds only on completion of the project, until such time as the conditions with reference to the projects enumerated herein are corrected and satisfactory provision made for adequate engineering, supervision and inspection on Federal aid projects.

Referring further to maintenance of completed projects which have been allowed to go uncares for, the Secretary calls attention to five separate projects which are in such condition that he considers it necessary to notify the State that its duty to maintain the projects, as required by the Federal Aid Road Act, is not being met, and after quoting the law says:

"It is regarded by this Department as particularly unfortunate that the Federal aid projects enumerated above should have been neglected and not kept in a proper condition of maintenance. Since this unfortunate condition has been allowed to obtain, however, there is no alternative left to this Department but to act pursuant to the authority conferred by Section 7 of the Federal Aid Road Act. You, therefore, are hereby notified that it is found that the projects herein named are not being properly maintained, and that unless within four months from the date of receipt of this notice said projects shall be found to have been put in a proper condition of maintenance, I will thereafter refuse to approve any project for road construction in the State of Arkansas until such time as the projects in question shall have been put in a proper condition of maintenance."

The legal advisers of the Department of Agriculture say that the State Highway Department is in a position to do a great deal toward correcting the administration of Federal aid in the State, both with respect to construction and maintenance, if it is so disposed, and it is believed that the course taken by the Secretary of Agriculture will make it necessary for the State to take such action without delay if it is to continue to enjoy the advantages of Federal aid.

*Full Report to Be Made Public.*

The detailed report of the Federal engineers will probably be made public in the near future. A copy of that report will be mailed, probably on Monday (May 9) to Governor McRae. The investigating engineers state that they did not go into the taxation feature of the Arkansas situation except in the twenty-nine Federal aid districts covered by the report.

**RAILROAD LABOR BOARD ANNOUNCES THAT CONDITIONS JUSTIFY A REDUCTION IN WAGES.**

The United States Railroad Labor Board announced late on May 17 that it had decided that "prevailing conditions justify to an extent, yet to be determined, a readjustment downward of the wages of the employees of the carriers which are parties to the disputes already heard by the Board."

The announcement, which affects labor on practically every road in the country, was entirely unexpected, as the Board only began formal consideration of the case the day before.

The Board declared it would hand down its final decision in all wage disputes docketed prior to April 18 on June 1, to be effective on July 1. Disputes filed since April 18 will be heard on June 6, "it being the purpose of the Board to make its decision of the disputes heard June 6, effective on July 1." The railroads completed their evidence May 7, and on Monday, B. M. Jewell, President of the Railway Employees' Department of the American Federation of Labor, filed the employees' final statement.

The resolutions adopted by the Railroad Labor Board were:

"Whereas, under date of April 6, 1921, the United States Railroad Labor Board adopted a resolution which recited, among other things, that in the judgment of the Board it is desirable to hear at one time and decide in one decision, so far as may be possible, the question as to what may constitute just and reasonable wages for all classes of employees of carriers parties to decision No. 2 as to whose wages there may be disputes; and

"Whereas, the Board has now heard the evidence and arguments of both parties to all such disputes which were filed and docketed prior to April 18, 1921, but since said date a large number of applications for decision on similar disputes have been filed and there are reasonable grounds to believe that still other such applications are about to be filed; and

"Whereas, The Railroad Labor Board has this day, by formal resolution declared that, in its judgment, based upon the evidence before it in the disputes already heard, prevailing conditions justify to some extent, yet to be determined, a readjustment downward of the wages of the employees of the carriers which are parties to the disputes already heard by the Labor Board; therefore be it resolved:

"(1) That this Board will on June 1, 1921, announce its decision, covering the disputes as to wages between carriers and their employees, which have been heretofore heard by the Board, to become effective July 1, 1921.

"(2) That Monday, June 6, 1921, be set as the date when this Board will hear the representatives of the parties to disputes filed since April 18, 1921, or which may yet be filed and docketed prior to June 6, it being the purpose of the Railroad Labor Board to make its decision of the disputes heard June 6, 1921, effective July 1, 1921."

**LOSS TO GOVERNMENT IN OPERATING RAILROADS.**

Senator Cummins of Iowa, Chairman of the Committee on Inter-State Commerce, during the railroad hearings on May 13, expressed the opinion that the 26 months of Federal control would cost the Government approximately \$1,800,000,000. His estimate, he explained, was based on correspondence which he had had with Director-General Davis. Mr. Davis, in a statement recently submitted by him to a House Committee, estimated that the loss to the Government growing out of the 26 months of Federal operation would be approximately \$1,200,000,000, or \$300,000,000 more than was estimated by Director-General Hines. This estimate, Senator Cummins said, was based on the supposition that the maintenance and other claims would be adjusted as per the Railroad Administration's theory. "If the claims are settled on the theory advanced by the railroads as to maintenance, then it is estimated that the loss to the Gov-

ernment for the 26 months will be not less than \$2,500,000,000. If adjusted between those extremes, I think it is safe to say that the loss will be in the neighborhood of \$1,800,000,000."

Senator Cummins's statement was made during his cross-examination of Julius Kruttschnitt, Chairman of the Board of the Southern Pacific Railroad. Later on, calling attention to the financial condition of the railroads, the Senator intimated that unless some means were found of either increasing revenues or decreasing operating expenses, Federal operation of the transportation systems of the country would result. "A good deal has been said in the newspapers recently about the failure of the Transportation Act," said Senator Cummins, in opening the examination. "The Act did not fail to give to the railroads a larger revenue than they ever had before in the country's history, did it?" "No," replied Mr. Kruttschnitt, "but as I have already expressed in my statement, those revenues were not received until very late in the year and were only then about 8% when applied to the whole year."

Mr. Kruttschnitt added that the revenues in 1920 were approximately \$1,041,000,000 greater than in 1919, of which amount only about \$418,000,000 was due to increased rates. He explained that the Act in itself was not a failure, but said that abnormal conditions in 1920 prevented the carriers from receiving what Congress expected when the bill was passed.

"Do you think it was the duty of the Inter-State Commerce Commission to provide larger revenues than were provided?" Senator Cummins inquired.

"The Act tells them what to do," Mr. Kruttschnitt answered. "If conditions had warranted a higher award, I assume they would have made it."

As to the amount of increase in rates asked for by the carriers when the present increase was allowed, Mr. Kruttschnitt said their request was based on "the economic conditions of the times." He added that he believed the Transportation Act "did everything Congress could foresee," and that the law "marked a new era" in the transportation history of the country.

"Do you think the law has failed so far as the Labor Board is concerned?" Senator Cummins asked.

"I don't think the law has been given a fair chance to prove in all directions its merits or shortcomings," the witness answered.

Continuing, Mr. Kruttschnitt said he thought the "theory of the law" relative to the labor provisions was correct, but he did not believe anybody thought it had been an exact success so far, asserting that he believed the Labor Board's proceedings had been too protracted and its decisions delayed too long.

Asserting that the labor difficulties had been inherited from Federal control, Senator Cummins asked what would have happened to the railroads if the law had not set up the Board at the time of the labor troubles which followed relinquishment of Federal control on March 1, 1920. Mr. Kruttschnitt replied that he believed a strike of railroad employees would have resulted. "If it hadn't been for the law, this country would have been in a very disastrous strike," Senator Cummins asserted, to which the witness replied that the losses to the railroads "would have been almost incalculable." "Not only to the railroads but to the business of the country as well," interjected Senator Pomerene of Ohio.

Senator Cummins asked if it were not true that a very considerable part of the excessive expenses of 1920 was due to the unauthorized strike of switchmen. Mr. Kruttschnitt responded that the strike was very expensive to the railroads. Asked by the Iowa Senator if he thought the delay from April 1 to the following July in solving the problem of a wage increase for railroad employees was "undue delay on the part of the Labor Board in a matter of that magnitude," Mr. Kruttschnitt answered:

"No, because the Board in that case offset the delay by making its decisions retroactive. The present delay of the Board, however, is costing the roads from \$500,000 to \$600,000 a day because the Board's decision cannot be made retroactive."

Senator Cummins asked why it was that after Sept. 1, when the Federal guaranty period expired, and when both carriers and employees were free to bring up the wage question, there was such long delay in beginning these proceedings.

"For the reason," Mr. Kruttschnitt replied, "that for several months after the rates were raised, business continued to increase, and the roads to a certain extent were making the earnings contemplated by the Transportation Act and they were hoping to avoid this issue because they knew it would be a long, bitter contest. They were compelled, however, to make a protest because of the decline in traffic and earnings."

Calling attention to the fact that the dispute of the shop workers and unskilled labor had just been completed before the Labor Board, Senator Cummins said it was his judgment that there has been "remarkable speed in the hearing of testimony and in the submission of the case," but said that the dispute over the abrogation of the National Agreements "engaged the Board's attention for three or four months."

Mr. Kruttschnitt explained that the men who presented the railroads' case before the Labor Board were to be called later before the Senate Committee to testify as to the delay.

Attention was then turned to the financial condition of the railroads. During this Senator Cummins said that if Federal operation became necessary, and no way could be found to increase revenues or decrease expenses, the deficit would have to be taken from the Federal Treasury.

As to the prospects for a reduction in the cost of maintenance as one of the means of reducing operating expenses, Mr. Kruttschnitt said crossings in 1919 averaged \$1.06 apiece, while in 1920 the price was \$1.31, but he said the railroads hoped to obtain a reduction. Cost of steel rails, he

said, had already been fixed so that no reduction in that direction is anticipated.

The cost of labor for maintenance of way purposes constitutes about 60%, according to Mr. Kruttschnitt, who said the carriers hope that will be reduced. Senator Cummins remarked: "We have got to find some way to bring these costs down, or you won't have any money for interest, bonds, or other purposes."

Mr. Kruttschnitt again went before the Senate Inter-State Commerce Committee on May 16, for further cross-examination. This was the fifth day that Mr. Kruttschnitt had been on the witness stand in connection with the Committee's inquiry into the railroad situation. At the request of Senator Pomerene of Ohio, Mr. Kruttschnitt filed with the committee a table showing a comparison of the hours or days expended in maintenance of way work by the five classes of employees wholly or principally engaged in that work in 1917 and 1920. The table follows:

Class of Employees—	1920.	1917.	Inc. or Dec.
Maintenance of way and structural foremen (days)-----	2,757,074	2,708,255	Inc. 48,819
Section foremen (days)-----	14,033,953	13,792,748	Inc. 241,205
Masons and bricklayers (hours)---	2,811,037	3,885,155	dec. 1,074,118
Structural ironworkers (hours)---	1,641,619	2,515,175	dec. 873,556
Section men (hours)-----	761,965,074	754,597,545	Inc. 7,367,529

In three of the classes shown above, slightly increased time is noted in 1920, compared with 1917, while the other two classes show considerable decreases. This would seem to indicate that very little more, if any, labor was expended on maintenance of way work in 1920 than in 1917. Cost of maintenance of way and structures in 1920 was \$1,026,048,072, of which \$616,552,000, or 60.09%, consisted of labor cost, while approximately \$304,428,000, or 29.67% represented cost of materials. The remainder is made up of the cost of depreciation, retirement, injury to persons engaged in maintenance of way work, miscellaneous and other items. In 1917, cost of maintenance of way and structures totaled \$442,109,862, which is approximately \$174,442,000 less than the labor cost in 1920.

#### WHY RAILWAY LABOR COSTS ARE SO HIGH— EXPENSIVE RULES.

To illustrate his assertion that abnormal increase in railroad labor costs is due not alone to higher wages, but in substantial measure to the existing National Agreements, which compel the railroads to pay for much work that is not done, Julius Kruttschnitt, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Southern Pacific Company, has filed with the Senate Committee on Inter-State Commerce, which is investigating the railroad situation, a list of ten typical cases, which Mr. Kruttschnitt states, might be multiplied indefinitely. The list follows:

1. The Pere Marquette Railway was compelled to pay \$9,364 in back pay to four employees, because their titles under these agreements were changed by a decision of the Director-General, while the nature of their duties and the volume of their work remained the same.
2. A car repairer on the Virginian Railway was paid \$1,000 for work he never did. He was laid off with other employees because there was no work for him to do. When he became entitled under his "seniority rights" to be re-employed, he received back pay and overtime.
3. The Shop Crafts Agreement provides that when employees are required to check in and out on their own time they will be paid for one hour extra at the close of each week, no matter how few hours they may have worked. This rule in the first six months of 1920 cost the railways \$6,500,000, or at rate of \$13,000,000 a year.
4. On the Chesapeake & Ohio RR. piece-work car repairers decreased 41.4% and airbrake repairers 33.4% in efficiency under a guarantee of a fixed minimum rate per hour.
5. Abolition of piece-work on the Union Pacific RR. in the wheel shop at Omaha, Neb., the time required for the same work was increased 319%, and the output was cut down 24%; and in a coach-cleaning yard at Denver the time required was increased 38.8% and the output decreased 28%.
6. An employee of the Southern Pacific Tucson shops was paid \$50.05 for three days' work because he was sent 214 miles to repair a gas engine, 45½ hours being punitive overtime, most of which was spent in traveling or waiting. As a result of several emergencies of this kind, he was allowed 377½ hours in a 23-day working month, earning \$272.16, and a pipe-fitter from the same shop was allowed 391 hours in a 23-day month, earning \$281.52, mostly punitive and double time allowed while traveling, in addition to his expenses.
7. A conspicuous example of ridiculously high compensation to unskilled labor is that of a gang of men on the Southern Pacific who place blue-flag signals on trains in yards and who couple and uncouple steam and air hose. When any of these men were absent car cleaners were used as substitutes, the classification of these being changed by the Director-General from watchmen with laborers' pay to car men and back pay awarded to January 1, 1918. The gang consisted of 15 men, all unskilled, and they were given back pay during Federal control of \$14,436.
8. On Southern Pacific employees, whose sole duty was to keep watch on stationary engines and to stop the engine in case anything went wrong, were reclassified by Director-General as "electrical workers," one man on the Salt Lake division being given back pay of \$2,381, another \$2,094, another \$2,009, another \$2,003, and six others amounts varying from \$1,500 to \$1,900.
9. Under the present classification rules of the shop crafts, in order to change a nozzle tip in the front end of a locomotive, it is necessary to call a boiler-maker and his helper to open the door, because that is boiler-makers' work; to call a pipeman and his helper to remove the blower pipe, because that is pipemen's work; and call a machinist and his helper to re-

move the tip, because that is machinists' work; also for the same force to be employed for putting in the new tip.

10. Men employed to couple and uncouple hose between the cars (not as difficult or hazardous a task as hitching a span of mules) are now classed as car men, receiving 80 cents per hour, with time and one-half for Sundays and holidays, averaging about \$215 per month, for working 7 hours and 40 minutes per day.

Some two months ago the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce made an extensive investigation into the same subject, and the results of this investigation, as made public in a circular sent to the members of the Chamber, under date of March 25 are worth reproducing here now, while the matter is attracting so much attention. Under existing law it is pointed out the Inter-State Commerce Commission is required to establish rates so that the railroads shall earn 5½% on the property, "under honest, efficient, and economical management," plus an allowance up to ½% for improvement, equipment, etc.—total, 6%. The Commission determines the value of the property—which settles that; and, as the rate of earnings is fixed by law (for two years from March 1, 1920), the remaining vital point is *economy in operation*—which decides what the public must pay for transportation; because, obviously, freight and passenger rates must be kept high enough to cover (1) all operating expenses, plus (2) a fixed rate of 6% interest on a fixed valuation, this 6% amounting to \$1,080,000,000 yearly. Under the heading of "Economy in Operation," the big factor, of course, is wages paid for labor. The total wages, and all other operating expenses, has to be added to the 6% authorized. The sum total is then paid by the public in freight charges and passenger fares after making these observations, the circular goes on to say:

This Chamber holds no brief for the railroads, nor for the wage worker. On the contrary, we want to represent the "fellow who pays the freight." We are glad to have every good employee paid a good living wage. He should get all he earns—but he should earn what he gets.

Is he doing that, under the existing "National Working Agreements" between the United States Railroad Administration and the employees? If he is, that ends it; but if he isn't, every shipper, every passenger, every consumer, pays out extra money to meet the deficit—money for which he gets no value returned.

Recently the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce submitted to the Wage Labor Board a list of questions about actual working conditions under the National Agreement. We are informed that the Board failed to answer the questions.

The St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, therefore, has placed these questions in the hands of a committee, consisting of the following named:

- Ley P. Rexford, Chairman, Chamber of Commerce Traffic Bureau.
- J. M. Kurn, President, St. Louis-San Francisco Railroad.
- W. Palmer Clarkson, President, Manufacturers' Association.
- A. C. Lueking, Vice-President, Ely-Walker Dry Goods Company.
- John F. Shepley, President, St. Louis Union Trust Company.

We publish these questions, together with the answers as unanimously agreed upon by that committee.

#### Questions and Answers.

- (1) a. Is it true that under the present classification rules of the Shop Crafts, in order to change a nozzle tip in the front end of a locomotive, it is necessary to call a boiler-maker and his helper to open the door, because that is boiler-makers' work; to call a pipeman and his helper to remove the blower pipe, because that is pipemen's work; and to call a machinist and his helper to remove the tip, because that is machinists' work; also for the same force to be employed for putting in the new tip?  
Answer: Full compliance with the National Agreement requires the procedure outlined in the question.
- b. Is it true that before Federal control a machinist's helper, or a handy man, could put in this nozzle tip alone?  
Answer: Yes, at a number of points a machinist and helper or machinist alone would put in the nozzle tip and at larger points there were handy men working for a less rate of pay than regular mechanics who did steam pipe work exclusively, handling all steam pipe work, including the changing of nozzle tips.
- c. Do similar classification rules exist for all other shop work?  
Answer: Yes. Prior to Federal control it was not an uncommon practice for machinist and his helper to take care of all of the work necessary on an electric head-light of a locomotive. Under the National Agreement the work is so classified as to distribute same among three crafts, namely, machinists, sheet metal workers and electricians. If each of the mechanics performing the work have a helper, this has the effect of six men performing a piece of work that could and was formerly taken care of by two men.
- (2) a. Is it true that men working on trucks, spring work and kindred occupations, and paid, before Federal control, handymen's or helper's wages, or shade above common laborers' pay, were made mechanics by Supplement No. 4 issued by Mr. McAdoo, and are now receiving 85 cents per hour, mechanics' pay?  
Answer: Yes.
- b. Is it true that all of these mechanics are referred to as "McAdoo mechanics," because they were made mechanics by the Director-General of Railroads, and not by experience?  
Answer: Yes.
- (3) a. Is it true that men employed to couple and uncouple hose between the cars (not as difficult or hazardous a task as hitching a span of mules), are now classed as car men, receiving 80 cents per hour, with time and one-half for Sundays and holidays, averaging about \$215 per month, for working seven hours and forty minutes per day?  
Answer: Yes.
- b. Is it true that before Federal control these same employees received from 28 to 34 cents per hour and straight time for Sundays and holidays, averaging about \$96 per month for a ten-hour day?  
Answer: Yes, to a certain extent. Prevailing rate prior to Federal control on some railroads for car inspectors in question was 34 to 38 cents per hour, with straight time for regular shift of eleven hours and on punitive time for Sunday or holiday work.
- (4) a. Is it true that when a wrecking crew, usually consisting of ten men, is called after its regular hours for a stated job in the yard, is assigned to two other jobs, all of which is done in seven hours, from start to finish, these men receive not less than fifteen hours' and possibly eighteen hours' pay, for seven hours' work, because the two last jobs did not develop when the crew was first called?  
Answer: Yes. The following illustrates method of paying a wrecking crew under the National Agreement when performing road service:  
"A wrecking crew composed of six men leaves its home terminal at 8:00 a.m., goes a distance of 50 miles to clear up a

wreck; work of clearing main track is completed at 6:00 p.m.; crew ties up for sleep and rest from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. next morning (wrecking outfit is equipped with sleeping facilities); resume duty 7:00 a.m., pick up refuse and arrive at home terminal 2:00 p.m. Under the National Agreement it is necessary to pay the entire crew continuous for the first twenty-four hours from the time they leave their home terminal, computed as follows:

From 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., 8 hours straight time, 4:00 p.m. to 12 midnight 8 hours at time and one-half or 12 hours.

12:00 midnight to 8:00 a.m. 8 hours at double time or 16 hours.

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 6 hours at straight time.

Total of 42 hours paid, although crew actually performed service from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. first day, 6 hours, and from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. second day, 3 hours; it will be noted actual time worked during the entire period was nine hours, balance of the time was consumed in waiting and traveling, and it will be further noted they were released entirely from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., during which time they were paid at time and one-half and double time while actually off duty and sleeping.

- b. Is it true that if a mechanic is called after regular hours for a stated job, and is assigned to two other jobs, all of which is done in seven hours, from start to finish, he would receive not less than fifteen hours' and possibly eighteen hours' pay, for seven hours' work, because the two last jobs did not develop when he was first called?

Answer: Yes.

- (5) a. Is it true that if a shopman is held after his regular eight-hour assignment, to complete a job, say, one hour and fifteen minutes, he would receive pay for six and one-half hours, for his one hour and fifteen minutes' work?

Answer: Yes. Illustrative of this, is a recent case of mechanic working on passenger-car work until 5:00 p.m., or one hour beyond his assigned day. He had just stepped off car when another employee pulled handle off water valve. Foreman was present and called mechanic back to fix this valve. He performed this work and had checked out at clock, fully 100 yards away, at 5:06 p.m. All he had to do was to loosen two screws, put handle back on and tighten screws, about three minutes' work. Was necessary to allow him five-hour call for this service.

- b. Is it true that under the former practice the employee, in the above case, would receive one hour and fifty-two minutes instead of six and one-half hours?

Answer: Yes.

- (6) a. Is it true that under the present rules all shop employees are allowed one hour a week without performing any service—time is allowed on the pretext of checking themselves in and out of the shop?

Answer: Yes. After the issuance of the National Agreement, the application of this rule increased the expense on one railroad approximately 5,000 miles, to the extent of \$160,000 per year.

- b. Is it true that this bonus hour costs the road twelve million dollars per year?

Answer: Yes. This was developed at hearing before Labor Board.

- (7) a. Is it true that all shop forces, telegraphers, agents, townmen and yardmen receive eight hours' pay and work only seven hours and forty minutes, the twenty minutes being allowed to eat on the company's time?

Answer: All shop forces do not receive eight hours' pay for seven hours and forty minutes' work. Where there are continuous shifts, at practically all roundhouses, these shifts are allowed twenty minutes with pay for lunch, but at back shops and larger shops, where the shifts are not continuous, the lunch hour or whatever amount of time is decided upon is deducted. Agents do not receive eight hours' pay for seven hours and forty minutes' work, as in practically all cases they are allowed meal hour without pay. This is also true of telegraphers, except where continuous service is maintained. Yardmen, however, are allowed twenty minutes for lunch with pay, resulting in their receiving eight hours' pay for seven hours forty minutes' work.

- b. Did this practice prevail under private operation?

Answer: This prevailed on certain railroads under private operation, in so far as Shop Crafts were concerned, where three shifts were worked.

- (8) Is it true that under the National Agreement with the Shop Crafts piece-work was discontinued and that since that time the output per man has been greatly reduced?

Answer: Yes.

- (9) a. Is it true that under private management foremen were allowed to give a hand and do whatever work they could without impairing their usefulness as foremen?

Answer: Yes.

- b. Is it true that under the present rules, foremen are not allowed to do work of any kind, except supervision?

Answer: Yes.

- (10) a. Is it a fact that railroads cannot require shop employees to pass a physical examination when entering service so as to protect them against fictitious claims for hernia, defective eyesight, etc.?

Answer: Yes. Not only can railroads not require them to pass physical examination but they cannot question them as to their past reference. They can only be required to state their age and that they have had four years' experience.

- b. Is it not a fact that before Government control shop men were required to pass a physical examination?

Answer: In many instances it was required.

- (11) Is it true that where arrival of trains require the service of employees two hours in the morning and two hours in the evening, say 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., that railroads now have to employ two shifts of eight hours each, or sixteen hours' service, where there is only four hours' actual work?

Answer: Yes.

- (12) Is it a fact that where two shifts are worked, starting time must be between 7 and 8 a. m., and if the arrival of a train or other operating conditions require a man on duty at 6 a. m., he must be paid for five hours each day in addition to regular eight hour day?

Answer: Yes, and under decisions rendered by Adjustment Boards at Washington railroads were compelled to allow considerable back pay on several cases of this kind.

- (13) Is it a fact that an employee who keeps a record of wheels applied and removed from cars must be classified as a mechanic and paid 85 cents per hour?

Answer: An employee who keeps records of wheels applied and removed from cars is classified as a carman and is paid 80 cents per hour.

- (14) Is it true that under the rules a section foreman or his men are not allowed to fix or repair the motor car that carries them to and from their work (a machine not as complicated as a farm tractor) because this is machinists' work, and a machinist must be sent to make repairs, or the motor sent to the shop for repairs?

Answer: Yes.

- (15) a. Is it true that roundhouse men, car men and others, whose services are absolutely essential to the movement of trains on Sundays and holidays receive time and one half on such days?

Answer: Yes.

- b. Did this practice prevail under private management?

Answer: Only certain classes of mechanics were paid time and one half on such days.

- (16) a. Did the Labor Board direct the railroads to continue the rules and regulations issued by the Railroad Administration?

Answer: Yes.

The recent annual report of the Chic. R. I. & Pacific Ry. Co. went into an extensive discussion of the subject of Government control of the railroads and its effects in saddling the roads with an unbearable load of expenses. We print some extracts from it herewith, and would refer the reader to the report itself in our issue of April 16 1921 (pages 1627 and 1628) for a further account of the observations made.

The startling feature of the present situation is that after the Government has had your property for nearly three years it comes back to you saddled with an increase in payrolls of approximately \$44,000,000 per annum over the payrolls December 31 1917, when the property was taken over. Your company now must pay in wages and salaries \$44,000,000 a year more than it paid in 1917. This is about 59% on the outstanding common stock.

The greatest change made by Federal control in the operation of your property was in the labor conditions.

The Director-General granted many increases in pay, not only by directly increasing the rates of pay, but by putting into effect rules and regulations affecting the conditions of employment which increased the employees' compensation. The rules and regulations adopted by him were uniform for all railroads under his control, and generally were adopted without reference to conditions upon the lines of the individual carrier. In addition, he made so-called National Agreements with various crafts, relating to working conditions, which were uniform for all the crafts affected thereby. The effect of these National Agreements and Wage Orders was to establish a standard for all the railroads under Federal control.

The Transportation Act provided that these wages could not be reduced during the guaranty period and created a Railroad Labor Board for the purpose of adjusting disputes between carriers and their employees relating to wages and working conditions. In settlement of a dispute arising between the Director-General and his employees, the Labor Board in July 1920 granted an increase involving practically all of the employees of the United States, which added approximately \$15,000,000 a year to the payrolls of this company. The rules and working conditions prescribed in the so-called National Agreements and Wage Orders meanwhile remain in force, although the Board is now considering them.

We have pointed out the financial magnitude of this matter. A part of the greatly increased burden results directly from the increases in wages which were necessary, of course, to meet the increased cost of living and the general increase of wages affecting all employments. A very substantial part of this increased burden upon the railroads, however, comes from the rules affecting the working conditions and from the reclassification of employees, pursuant to the National Agreements. In addition, we believe there is an indirect burden resulting from the necessary impairment of morale consequent upon such conditions. A comparison of a few conditions before Federal control with those now in effect will illustrate the result upon efficiency of operation. For instance:

On December 31, 1917, the last day prior to Federal control, we had two call boys at Estherville, Iowa, whose duty it was to notify the crews of the time to report for duty. One of these boys received \$49.50 per month and the other 22 cents an hour, or about \$68.00 a month, for a 12-hour day. They have been reclassified under the so-called Clerks' National Agreement, and each now receives approximately \$190.00 per month.

On December 31, 1917, there were two stationary engineers at the 47th Street shops, Chicago, whose duties consisted of starting machinery which operates the shops as well as starting the electric generator and operating circuit breakers. The salary of the day man was \$100.00 per month and that of the night man \$115.50 a month; both of them stayed on the job until the work was done. During Federal control they were reclassified as electricians and placed on an 8-hour-day basis with overtime at the rate of time and one-half. One man received back pay amounting to \$1,467.59, and the other received back pay amounting to \$1,846.86. Their present pay is 85 cents an hour, and since they are on an 8-hour basis it is necessary to employ three men at the 85 cents hourly rate to do the work formerly done by the two; and the monthly pay of each of these three men averages \$204.00, plus overtime—a total of \$612.00, plus overtime, for work formerly costing \$215.50.

On December 31, 1917, a water service repair man on the Illinois Division, who repaired pumps and pumping stations which supply water to tanks for locomotive use, received 35 cents an hour. He was reclassified under Federal control, received \$1,058.52 back pay, and now is paid 85 cents an hour with overtime after eight hours at the rate of time and one-half—a monthly rate of \$176.80, plus overtime.

On December 31, 1917, a so-called "front-end inspector" at Trenton, Mo., was paid 37 cents an hour. His work required no skill, being merely to open up the front end of the locomotives and examine with a light to see that there were no holes or worn portions in the spark arresters. Under Federal control he was reclassified as a boiler-maker, received back pay amounting to \$376.34, and is now paid 85 cents an hour, or \$176.80 a month, with overtime after eight hours at the rate of time and one-half.

The foregoing are a few instances illustrative of how employees have been granted increases of pay through reclassification. These instances could be multiplied many times.

It is also the rule that shop employees called for overtime of any kind receive a minimum of five hours' pay no matter how little time is consumed. In the clerical forces the minimum overtime on a call for duty after regular hours is three hours.

In all the shops employees who check in and out on their own time receive an extra hour of compensation each week. This rule cost us in 1920 approximately \$365,000, for which no work whatever was done for your Company.

Piece work in the shops has been entirely discontinued.

A rigid classification of employees makes it necessary to employ in any specific job only employees whose craft has jurisdiction of that job. There are now some twenty crafts on the railroad. Before these rules were so rigid a particular piece of work could be done by one set of men, whereas now in many instances it requires as many as four different crafts to perform the same work.

During the last two months the Boston News Bureau, in a series of articles under the caption of "What the Railroads Are Up Against," has also been furnishing illustrations going to show how the burdens of the carriers have been enormously increased in hundreds of different ways through the rules and regulations embodied in the so-called "national agreements" and through changes of various kinds made under Government control and which will remain in force until the Railroad Labor Board shall decree otherwise. We quote as follows from these articles:

*What the Railroads Are Up Against.*

"Punching the time clock" costs one road, operating 5,000 miles of track, \$160,000 a year. Before the Railway Labor Board in Chicago lately testimony showed that this rule costs the roads of the United States in all \$12,000,000 a year.

The public pays that bill.

In 1915 two baggage masters attended to all the chores at a small New England station. Each received \$2.10 a day; the two were paid \$29.40 a week. Under the rules three men do now what the two men did and one of the three works six hours and gets a full day's pay. Each receives \$5.18 a day, the three \$108.78 a week.

The difference between 1915 and 1921 is \$79.38—the public pays it.

In 1915 two switchtenders did all the work in a small New England switchyard. Each man was on the payroll for \$2.70 a day, and the two cost the road \$37.80 a week. By the rules to-day three men are on duty there; each is down for \$5.04 a day, the three for \$105.84 a week.

The public also pays that difference of \$68.04 a week.

Firemen and helpers in 1917 averaged \$175.67 a month in wages; to-day, \$219.27. The freight engineers average \$206.25; they average today, \$303.80. The passenger engineers averaged then \$186.08; to-day, guaranteed \$210 a month, they average \$286.61.

The public pays these differences.

A certain rule requires that men sent away from home on duty shall "receive continuous time from the time called until their return," with the overtime and overcharges, and that their time shall go on whether the men are "working, waiting or traveling." And "time called" under the rule means an hour in advance of the starting time, and putting the tools back into their receptacles is included in what the rule calls the time of "return." The New Hampshire Public Service Commission, some weeks ago, told how that rule works:

A boilermaker is called at 4:20, he leaves by a 5:20 train, travels 40 miles, works 5 hours, waits 4 hours for a return train, arrives home at 6:50, spends 10 minutes putting his tools away—and collects for 8 hours at 85 cents an hour, and for 6 hours and 40 minutes overtime, or \$15.30 for the "day."

For every two skilled workers employed by the railways in 1917 the roads now have three. The public pays these men now \$3 for every \$1 of 1917.

For every 35 section men and unskilled laborers on the payrolls in 1917 there are now 38 such men. The roads, that is, the public, pay them \$24 now for every \$11 then.

For every 13 clerks in the railroad offices in 1917 there now are 17 clerks. The public pays them now \$19 for every \$9 they then were paid.

Railroad carpenters in 1917 averaged \$78.25 a month; they now average \$168.95. The comparison for boilermakers is \$118.75 in 1917, \$195.11 now. For railroad watchmen, \$74.67 then, \$154.13 now. For section foremen \$73.75 and \$168.10. For section men \$50 and \$112.52. For other unskilled laborers, \$57.92 and \$118.14.

The public pays all these differences.

The Railway Labor Board awarded the present rates on July 20, 1920. Their scale was based on the statistics for the preceding March when the costs of living and the wages in other industries were at their top levels. Since then the tendencies have all been downward. A process of deflation is under way. But the railroads to-day are paying out in wages nearly two-thirds of their gross earnings.

Under the standardization system that now prevails, the Federal crafts workmen, as they are called, have a wage the country over of 85 cents an hour and circumstances sometimes require the roads in New England to pay them a little more. But in 1915 the men so classified received from 30½ to 34 cents an hour, and blacksmiths from 29 to 29 3-5 cents an hour. To-day a signal helper must have more than \$5 a day; in 1915 he got \$1.85 a day. In like manner the signal mechanic has almost tripled his wages; the rate per day in 1915 was \$2.50; now it is more than \$7.

Every railway has many small stations where one man easily does the work of agent and telegraph operator. The Boston & Maine recently asked the New Hampshire Public Service Commission to authorize the discontinuance of some of these agencies as a measure of economy. The commission's report abundantly vindicated the leading arguments put forth to-day by this New England road and by the other roads throughout the country. The Boston & Maine won its case. These agent operators in 1915 in the Eastern States were paid about 81 cents an hour; their rate to-day is 75 cents an hour. In 1915 the clerks on duty in the railroad freight houses worked 60 hours a week for a minimum wage of \$13.80; their week to-day is 12 hours shorter and they are paid about double what they received six years ago.

Consider the case of the crossing tender. Most roads have grade crossings that must be guarded every hour of the day and every day of the week. The tenders have to be continuously on watch, but their duties are of the simplest, not burdening either brain or body. Often they are men well on in years, kept quite properly on the payroll practically as pensioners, but utterly unable to sell their labor in open competition. They are comfortably housed in their crossing shanties and on occasion they lower a gate or wave a flag.

Here in New England in 1915 two men on 12-hour shifts watched a crossing at \$2.15 each a day, or \$15.05 a week. The road, that is, paid in all \$30.10 to protect a crossing over which very little traffic flowed. Then came the Adamson law, Federal control, boosts in wages, the Esch-Cummings Act, standardization of wages, and private ownership once more. And now these men work eight hours each for \$4.16 a day. By the three-shift system three men cover the 24 hours, and every seven days the line pays each man \$29.12. What used to cost \$30.10 now costs \$87.36. If the road still used but two men at the crossing the overtime charges would make the weekly expense \$101.92. The three men are cheaper than two would be, yet cost the road about three times what two men cost six years ago and for precisely the same kind and the same amount of work.

These citations, all authentic, illustrate the conditions under which the railway managements to-day are trying to make ends meet and increase the efficiency of the country's transportation system. When private management resumed control it inherited from Government operation the mass of rules and the agreements as to working conditions which not only have vastly increased the number of men for doing all the jobs that have to be done but that also have enormously inflated the amount of money that has to be paid for every item of work that is done.

The Transportation Act requires that the Railway Labor Board when dealing with wages shall be "just and reasonable" and shall consider wages paid in other industries for similar work, the cost of living, hazards, skill, responsibilities, inequalities caused by previous wage orders, and other proper matters. Yet when the Board on July 20, 1920, made its wage award with its retroactive feature, the Board announced that its deliberations had been hurried, and said that "the urgency of prompt action has made elaborate investigation impossible."

And the chairman of the Inter-State Commerce Commission has declared that it was unwise for the Labor Board to standardize wages without discrimination. The chairman cited the case of the Southern colored woman whose wages had been boosted 200%. Standardization means that, no matter what local conditions may be, the same wage shall be paid for similar work wherever performed; that the wage scale that makes a Pennsylvania car-cleaner comfortable shall be paid in Mississippi, though it there makes a colored woman wealthy; that the same rate shall be paid in every State and on every line. And when the award announced what the rates should be, each scale for every one of the scores of classifications was based upon the highest wage for the respective kinds of work in whatever State it might be found. If Montana paid more than Massachusetts, then Massachusetts and all the States must pay the Montana rate. If Maine paid more than Texas, then Texas and all the States must pay the rate prevailing in Maine.

## ANALYSIS OF OPERATING EXPENSES, TAXES AND RENTS OF UNITED STATES RAILROADS.

In summarizing before the Senate Committee on Inter-State Commerce the operating expenses, taxes and rents of United States railroads, Julius Kruttchnitt, Chairman of the Board of the Southern Pacific Company, presented the following:

### EXPENSES, TAXES AND RENTS.

Operating expenses, taxes and rents for 1920 exceeded 1919 (I.-C. C. statement of Feb. 28 1921, excluding corporate expenses of \$21,224,523 in 1919) by **\$1,495,364,210**

Explained as follows:	Increased Price.	Increased Quantity.	
1—Labor: In 1920, men employed, 2,054,160; in 1919, men employed, 1,927,066; increase, 127,094; average wages, \$1,822 in 1920, and \$1,483 in 1919 (I.-C. C. reports, Note 4).....	\$696,360,240	\$187,788,499	884,148,739
2—Locomotive Fuel: Prices per ton of coal: 1920, \$4 20; 1919, \$3 32; in Dec. 1920, \$4 80 (I.-C. C. reports, Note 1).....	131,857,639	64,572,121	196,429,760
3—Ties: Roads with 93% of the expense report 3,270,535 more ties at \$1 31 in 1920, compared with \$1 06 in 1919. Estimating remaining roads would give 3,517,000 more ties. (Switch and bridge ties equated to cross ties).....	24,313,000	3,800,000	28,113,000
Total.....	\$852,530,879	\$256,160,620	\$1,108,691,499
4—Insurance: \$24,770,000 insurance in 1920 exceeds \$4,610,000 fire losses charges in 1919 (no insurance carried during Government control) by.....			20,160,000
5—Payments for injuries to persons, damage to property, stock, freight and baggage (Note 2).....			18,917,000
6—Stationery and printing, including tariffs (largely higher prices).....			12,264,000
7—Depreciation on equipment and plant (bookkeeping)....			20,139,000
8—Ballast, rail and other track material (higher prices and quantity, deferred Federal maintenance).....			10,764,000
9—Water and lubricants for locomotives (higher prices and more traffic).....			8,318,000
10—Station, yard, locomotive, train and office supplies and expenses—also tools and supplies for maintenance of way (largely higher prices).....			29,741,000
11—Transportation expenses (other than labor and items explained above), such as fuel and other expenses in operating floating equipment, engine-house expenses, coal and ore wharves, operating sleeping cars, supplies in operating signals, train power purchased and produced, and expenses other than labor for clearing wrecks and miscellaneous other expenses (traffic units increased 10% and wholesale prices at least 20%).....			51,488,000
12—Increase in valuation expenses.....			1,887,000
13—Corporate war taxes not included in 1919 (I.-C. C. report).....			35,837,326
14—Other increases in taxes and rents and uncollectible revenue (I.-C. C. report).....			52,771,359
15—Cost of Railroad Administration in 1919 (Note 3).....			7,168,000
16—Materials used in maintenance of way and equipment not accounted for above (incident to higher prices and greater quantity, traffic units increasing 10% and prices at least 20% and deferred Federal maintenance).....			121,420,000
Total, or gross, increase in expenses above explained.....			\$1,499,566,184
Actual, or net, increase in expenses.....			\$1,495,364,210

Of Items 1, 2 and 3 of those enumerated, \$852,000,000, in round numbers, is shown to be allocated to increased rates of wages and prices of fuel and ties, and \$256,000,000 to increased number of men, due to greater volume of traffic and higher expense for maintenance material to make up deficient renewals during Federal control. Items 4 to 15, inclusive, are self-explanatory. Item 16 embraces increases in prices of materials and quantity of materials not specified above, but due to under-maintenance during Government control and increased traffic in 1920, which were responsible for the remaining increase in the operating expenses.

The following influences, difficult to allocate to expense items, affected them profoundly:

Note 1.—Coal consumed in road service in 1920, 113,574,127 tons, and in 1919, 100,523,215 tons; fuel oil in 1920, 1,626,960,000 gallons, and in 1919, 1,352,674,000. Returns of 96% of roads show increased cost of fuel 22% as much as road fuel. Including yard fuel on this basis, above estimated increase in quantity is ascertained.

Note 2.—Payment for injuries to persons is generally made some time after accident occurs. Where roads did not include in current accounts lap-over items from Federal Administration, the Commission required them to estimate damage payments, and in many cases credit balances were brought over at close of 1920.

Note 3.—Statement of Director-General filed with Senate Committee and I. C. C. in April 1919 showed annual payroll at beginning of 1919 was at rate of \$6,300,000 per annum, and after adding the office rentals, office expenses and traveling expenses in his testimony, total expense becomes \$7,168,000.

Note 4.—United States Labor Board increased wages 21%; other increases were partially effective in 1919 and wholly effective in 1920. At the close of 1919 Director-General awarded punitive overtime after eight hours to freight train service and maintenance of way employees; petty officers' salaries were necessarily adjusted, as they received less than men under them. This item also includes increased clerical forces due to accounting, the number of clerks in 1919, according to I. C. C. statistics, being 231,347, and in 1920, 249,894. To what extent costs have risen under Federal rules and agreements made by Director-General, in the negotiation of which railroad owners had no voice, is illustrated thus: (These agreements were effective for a short time only in 1919, and during the entire year 1920.)

(b) Deferred maintenance of Federal Railroad Administration.

- (b) Outlaw strike of April 1920.
- (c) Outlaw strike of April 1920.
- (d) Restoration of adequate passenger service demanded by public.
- (e) Re-establishment of public bureaus of information and traffic offices.
- (f) Re-location of freight cars to owners' rails that involved an increase of empty car miles in 1920 of 328,082,000.

**Increase in Prices.**—The index number of wholesale prices of materials consumed in large quantities on railways rose in 1920 over 1919 at least 20%.  
 Lumber prices increased.....60%  
 Bar and sheet iron and steel.....15%  
 Fuel.....27%

**Deferred Maintenance.**—Reports made to the Bureau of Railway Economics for roads covering 93% of total maintenance of way expenses show that total cross-tie renewals in Federal control years 1918 and 1919 were 25,044,053, or 15%, below the test period—sufficient ties to lay nearly 9,000 miles of track. Rail renewals during the two years of Federal control were short 440,230 tons, or 11%, below the test period. There was also a shortage of 1,816,155 cubic yards of stone, gravel, and other ballast material.

**Outlaw Strike.**—Direct expenses on this account are difficult to ascertain, but the expense of recruiting, drilling and protecting inexperienced men from violence was undoubtedly very great.

**Restoration of Passenger Service.**—Inter-State Commerce Commission's report March 7 1921 gives passenger train miles 550,158,000 in 1920 and 523,714,000 in 1919, an increase of 5% with substantially the same movement of passengers.

**OPERATIONS OF ALL CLASS I. ROADS OF UNITED STATES.**  
 (In millions of dollars.)

	Operating Revenue.		Wage Payments		Materials and Other Operating Expenses.		Rents and Miscellaneous.		Taxes.		Return on Investment.	
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
1916	3,597	100	1,469	100	889	100	42	100	157	100	1,040	100
1917	4,014	112	1,739	118	1,090	123	37	88	214	136	934	90
1918	4,880	136	2,606	177	1,366	154	36	86	186	118	687	66
1919	5,184	144	2,858	195	1,561	176	50	119	199	127	516	50
1920	6,225	173	3,742	255	2,084	234	56	133	281	179	62	6

a After rents and miscellaneous.  
 Authorities: I.-C. C. reports. Corporate rev. and exps. excl. in 1918 and 1919. Includes switching and terminal companies in 1919 and 1920.

Mr. Kruttschnitt also gave a brief resume of what the carriers have accomplished, since the end of Federal control in the way of transportation service to the public, as follows:

1. In 1920, only two months of which were included in the period of Federal control, the railroads of Class I. performed the greatest transportation service in their history, having during that year handled the largest volume of traffic, both freight and passenger, they ever handled. Some idea of this traffic and of the comparison with the years of Federal control will be gained from the following statistics of performance of the years 1918, 1919 and 1920, respectively:

	1918.	1919.	1920.
Net ton miles.....	440,001,713,665	395,679,051,729	449,292,355,000
Revenue passenger miles	42,676,579,199	46,358,303,740	46,724,880,000

2. They carried this increased volume of freight traffic in 1920 with fewer freight-train miles than the freight-train miles used in 1918 to carry the smaller freight traffic of that year, the comparative figures being as follows:

	1918.	1919.	1920.
Net ton miles.....	440,001,713,665	395,679,051,729	449,292,355,000
Freight train miles.....	639,090,556	571,367,251	633,972,000

During Federal control, passenger train service was much curtailed, the curtailment of service being acquiesced in by the public because of the patriotic impulse of the war. Better and more adequate passenger service was furnished by the carriers after the end of the Federal control, the passenger train service being 34,962,000 train miles greater in 1920 than in 1918, and 25,473,000 greater than in 1919, when (in the latter year) the number of passenger miles was somewhat, although not much, smaller.

3. Loaded car mileage was greater in 1920 than in 1918 or in 1919, the figures being as follows:

	1918.	1919.	1920.
Loaded car miles.....	15,024,900,000	14,307,258,000	15,327,111,000,

which was 2% greater in 1920 than in 1918, and 7.1% greater than in 1919.

4. The empty car movement in 1920 was 76,136,000 car miles greater than in 1918, and 709,649,000 car miles greater than in 1919.

It will be recalled that the faulty car distribution at the end of Federal control was so great that the Inter-State Commerce Commission was forced to order the conditions to be remedied by directing the carriers to shift the grain cars from the East to the grain fields, and the coal cars to the coal fields from points of delivery where they were scattered throughout the country, and that this service had to be rendered by the carriers regardless of expense.

The extent to which cars had been sent away from home lines by the Railroad Administration during Federal control, and the extent of the work which has been done in restoring them to home lines is shown by the following:

At the beginning of Federal control, Jan. 1 1918, cars away from home lines, 56%.

At the end of Federal control, March 1 1920, 78.1%.  
 Jan. 1 1921, 54.8%; April 1 1921, 29.4%.

5. The revenue tons carried per freight train were greater in 1920 than in any previous year, the figures for the two years of Federal control and for 1920 being, respectively, as follows:

Revenue tons per train: 1918, 634.31; 1919, 637.58; 1920, 646.67.

6. Miles run per freight car per day were greater in 1920 than in 1919, and the same as in 1918, but none of these equaled the record of 1917, the last year of private management prior to Federal control, the figures being: 1917, 26.1 miles; 1918, 24.9 miles; 1919, 23.1 miles; 1920, 24.9 miles.

For the last four months of 1920 the miles run per freight car per day were as follows:

September...28.1|October...28.5|November...26.8|December...24.8

7. The average number of tons, per loaded freight car was greater in 1920 than in either of the previous three years, and was as follows:

1917...27.0 tons|1918...29.1 tons|1919...27.8 tons|1920...29.3 tons

and for the last four months of 1920 were as follows:  
 Sept....30.0 tons|October...29.9 tons|Nov....30.5 tons|Dec....31.2 tons

In forming an estimate of this record of performance and of service, the disturbed industrial and economic conditions, general in their bearing on all industries including this, and special in their bearing on this industry,

must be remembered. The facts justify the statement that, from the standpoint of the quantity and quality of the service rendered the public, the record for the year 1920 is especially creditable.

**DANIEL WILLARD SAYS PRIVATE MANAGEMENT HAS NOT PRODUCED RAILROAD INEFFICIENCY. COMPARATIVE GRAIN RATES.**

Daniel Willard, President of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, in testifying before the Senate Inter-State Commerce Committee on May 16, told the committee that to make private ownership a success, it is unnecessary in his opinion to raise rates to levels which retard traffic. It was not necessary before the war and it is not now, he said. "As soon as the revenues and operating costs of the railroads can be brought to a proper relationship, the railroad problem as it presents itself to-day will have been largely, if not entirely, solved," said Mr. Willard. Considerable time was devoted to a discussion of existing freight rates during which Mr. Willard replied to a statement that the cost of shipping wheat from Argentina to New York was less than to ship it from Kansas City to New York. The freight rate on 100 lbs. of wheat from Kansas City to New York, according to the witness, is 56 cents, or, on a bushel or 60 lbs. of wheat, 33.6 cents. That rate, however, includes "milling and transit charges," which means that while in transit the wheat would ultimately reach its destination as flour. The average haul in Argentina is from 50 to 300 miles, said Mr. Willard, which would mean that the average rail rate on a bushel of wheat is 10.1 cents before it actually got to a port for shipment to New York. The ocean rate is 13.6 cents a bushel, while insurance would be .4 cent per bushel. That would mean that by the time the wheat reached New York the costs of transportation would be approximately 24.1 cents a bushel. "There are no flour mills," he continued, "to be found in New York, so by the time the wheat could be transported to some city where mills are located there would be an additional cost of 12.4 cents and to transport the flour back to New York another 12.4 cents. As a result, while wheat could be delivered as flour in New York for 33.6 cents a bushel from Kansas City, the total cost of bringing wheat from Argentina and delivering it in New York in the shape of flour would be 48.9 cents." Continuing his statement before the committee, Mr. Willard said in part:

"It has been claimed by some that the railroads under private management cannot be operated so effectively as a whole, and consequently cannot perform as large a measure of service for the public as could be done with the same facilities under Federal ownership or control. That fallacy of that argument is clearly demonstrated by the fact that during the year ended Dec. 31, 1920, the more than 1,800 independent railroad companies in this country reporting to the Inter-State Commerce Commission, were able to co-ordinate their efforts that they handled during the year 9,000,000,000 net ton miles more than they ever handled before in the same length of time. This effective co-ordination on the part of the carriers was made possible by the Esch-Cummins Act."

Mr. Willard told the committee that the net ton miles, that is the number of tons of freight multiplied by the number of miles carried, in 1920 totaled 449,292,355,000, or an increase of 53,613,303,271, or 13.55%, compared with the total of 1919. Passenger miles totaled 46,724,880,000, or 366,576,260 or .79% more than in 1919, while passenger train miles increased 4.66%.

"The tonnage handled in 1920," Mr. Willard said, "was the largest in the history of the railroads, being nine billion ton miles in excess of that handled in the year 1918, when owing to the nature of the business and the extraordinary measures taken, the greatest tonnage moved up to that time was transported."

"The increased expenses for 1920 are roundly accounted for as follows:  
 Increase in basis of cost, 1920 over 1919.....\$872,400,000 19.83%  
 Increased service performed, 1920 over 1919.....496,600,000 11.29%  
 Total.....\$1,369,000,000 31.12%

"After providing for the increased bases of costs in the way of increased rates of pay and increased prices, the additional increases in expenses in 1920 over 1919 are not out of line with the increased service performed—indeed it appears there was a measure of economy. That the increased business was not productive of an even larger proportion of net was due in part to the handicaps encountered by reason of the so-called "Outlaw Strikes," the necessity to relocate equipment, with consequent increase in empty car mileage, and the fact that a large number of cars were not in condition to operate and an even greater number were not in condition to handle the character of traffic for which they were designed."

Blame for the large number of bad order cars now estimated at about 12% of the cars on line, was placed by Mr. Willard, principally on neglect of maintenance during the period of Federal control. Cars safe to operate were reported in good order although the condition of roof floors, etc., might be such as would under standard railroad practice have resulted in the cars being classed as in bad order.

Continuing his testimony on May 17, Mr. Willard read into the record a table which showed that since 1912 there has been a steady increase in the ratio of operating expenses to net revenues. The return on property value, at the same time, has declined from an average of approximately 5% up to 1917 to .32% in 1920 and to .01% in February 1921. Mr. Willard added:

"Notwithstanding there had been a constant but slight decrease in the rate per ton mile on traffic handled, and a gradual increase in prices of

commodities, and in rates of pay, there was no abnormal change in net revenues, and the operating ratio averaged about 70% for the period 1912 to 1915 inclusive, due, however, to increase in taxes and continued expenditure of additional capital, the return on property value during the same period had declined.

"Taking 1916, which is selected because it was the last full year preceding the radical changes that have since occurred in both revenues and expenses, and comparing it with the year ended Dec. 31, 1920, there is noted a change in the ratio of expenses to earnings from 65.54% in 1916 to 93.47% in 1920—and this notwithstanding the freight ton miles increased 19.38%, while freight train miles actually decreased 1.14%, due to an increase in tons per train mile from 565.16 to 646.67.

"During the same period there was an increase in passengers carried one mile of 35.09%, with an actual decrease in passenger train miles of almost 2%. Ordinarily a condition such as indicated by these figures would have resulted in a lower operating ratio, with a corresponding increase in net revenue."

Mr. Willard then laid before the committee tabulations which showed that increased transportation charges and increased bases of expense in 1920, if applied to the total business of the Eastern carriers in 1916 would have resulted in a net increase in cost of \$806,786,624 over the increase in revenue. "It will be noted," Mr. Willard said, "that while the expense basis of 1920 over 1916 was increased 136.34%, the revenue basis during the same period was increased only 51.68%. As a result the ratio of operating expenses to operating revenues, which in 1916 was actually 67.32%, becomes 107.31% when revenues and expenses are restated to 1920 costs and revenue basis and instead of earning a net railway operating income of \$447,541,000, as was done in 1916, there would be a deficit of \$359,245,000."

Mr. Willard challenged the recent statement of W. Jett Lauck before the Railroad Labor Board that the railroads could save \$1,000,000,000 annually in operating expenses. Taking up the specific items cited by Mr. Lauck, Mr. Willard pointed out, for example, that it was asserted that \$278,000,000 might be saved by modernizing locomotives. To realize the economies claimed to be possible in this direction would require a capital expenditure on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad alone of \$165,000,000, Mr. Willard estimated. For the railroads of the entire country the capital outlay required would amount to some \$4,000,000,000. "Would it have been wise," Mr. Willard asked, "to have expended so large a sum, assuming such a sum were available, simply for the purpose of performing substantially the same service at a lower cost and ignore the constant demands of the public for increased transportation facilities?" With respect to the improvement of shops, Mr. Willard said that the problem on his own road had been presented in this way:

"Is it desirable to spend at this time for new shops \$2,000,000, which sum is available, and which expenditure would enable to repair its locomotives at a lesser cost, or should the money be used for the purchase of new steel coaches, which will mean no economy in operation, but on the contrary mean an increased cost of transportation because of the greater weight of the steel equipment?"

"It was decided that the public in this instance would be better served by spending the money available for steel coaches rather than for new shops, inasmuch as it was possible to maintain the motive power in the existing shops."

Mr. Willard stated that he raised no issue at all with the proposition that there are possibilities of still further savings on the part of the railroads. He questioned only the practicability of such savings as have been proposed by Mr. Lauck when considered from the point of view which confronts railway managements.

"The question is a very practical one," Mr. Willard said. "If a condition could be conceived of wherein the railroads had all the money that was necessary—first, to provide safe and regular transportation as demanded by their patrons; second, to provide a constantly increasing carrying capacity to take care of the growing business of the country, and in addition thereto a sufficient sum to replace all facilities with modern and more efficient facilities wherever it was shown that by so doing economies could be effected—if such a condition could be conceived of, there would perhaps be no real excuse for the railway managers if they failed to adopt the policy of making the worst as good as the best, as suggested in Mr. Lauck's statement.

"The experience of the past shows that only a certain amount of new capital in the aggregate is available in any one year for all investment purposes, and of the total amount so available the railroads require and obtain a portion. The capital requirements of other industries and undertakings must also be provided from the same investment fund, and the total amount available is provided, presumably in such a way as best fits the demands and requirements of the immediate situation."

Mr. Willard stated that it was because railway managers had not been unmindful of opportunities for economies that American railroads have been able to carry the freight traffic of the country at rates lower than those in effect in any other country in the world. "I can hardly believe," the witness stated, "that those who have been directly charged with the financial integrity of these properties could possibly have been less interested in the subject than Mr. Lauck and others, however well disposed, who must of necessity view the subject from a somewhat academic standpoint."

Comparing the situation of the railroads with that of the farmers, Mr. Willard pointed out that it was estimated that the yield of cereal crops alone could be increased by a billion dollars annually if the best methods of production were followed. That they had not been was not due to indiffer-

ence on the farmer's part, but to controlling influences of a very human character, which they have been obliged to take into account in their own domestic economy. Concluding Mr. Willard asked: "Will anyone suggest that \$4,000,000,000 (the amount necessary to make all locomotives equal to the best), or even one-fourth of that sum, is available for such expenditure by the railroads, or that the solution of the present difficulty of the railroads is to be found in such a course of action, or is ever to be looked for in that direction?"

"Economies resulting from good practice should, of course, be encouraged, and not only encouraged, but insisted upon in the public interest, but let us not deceive ourselves by thinking that the economies suggested by Mr. Lauck, however appealing they may appear, afford a solution of the very practical problems confronting the railroads at this time."

The railroad properties, he said, were turned back by the Government to their private owners, in an "upset condition," maintenance during Federal control having been inadequate, while the roads were also under-equipped, owing to the Railroad Administration's failure to purchase adequate additional equipment to meet transportation needs. A "chaotic state" also pervaded the staffs and employees of the various railroads, Mr. Willard said. He explained, however, that he never saw men doing better "railroading" than they are at present, this being one of the results of the re-establishment of normal relationship between employees and employer.

Chairman Cummins called attention to the fact that the "feeling has been voiced that bitter hostility exists between the men and the railroads," but Mr. Willard denied this, saying that "the impression is not justified by facts." During the period of governmental control, Mr. Willard said it was apparent that an effort was being made to make government control permanent, while at the same time efforts were being made to make the employees feel that they were working for the Government and not the railroads. "Such influences as these did not encourage harmonious relations between employees and the railroads," Mr. Willard said. Regarding the future outlook of the railroads, Mr. Willard said in part:

"It is expected that substantial reduction will be secured in the price of fuel for 1921, in fact a number of contracts have already been made effective as of April 1st much under last year's prices. Other material prices are showing a gradual decline and as materials and supplies now in stock are consumed and gradually replaced with materials purchased at lower figures there will be reduced charges to expenses on this account—all of which will be reflected in lower operating costs. Meantime the railroad representatives in conference with the Inter-State Commerce Commission are making such rate adjustments from time to time as are found necessary in order to remove inequalities and re-establish proper relationships.

"The railroad problem to-day is largely one of misunderstanding, and I think it may be fairly said that the misunderstanding has been caused chiefly by the fact that during the period of 26 months of Federal control a great economic problem was dealt with in an uneconomic way. This policy resulted in a serious maladjustment between the revenues and expenses of the carriers, which still existed at the end of Federal control.

"Deficits during Federal control growing out of operations under such conditions could be and were met by drafts upon the Federal Treasury. It is doubtful if such a policy was a wise one at any time or under any circumstances. In any event, it cannot be followed under existing conditions. As soon as the revenues and operating costs of the railroads can again be brought to a proper relationship, the railroad problem as it presents itself to-day will have been largely, if not entirely, solved."

Mr. Willard appeared before the Senate Inter-State Commerce Committee on May 18 for the purpose of answering any questions which Chairman Cummins or other members of the committee might desire to ask him. Referring to Senator Cummins's statement that the existing condition of the railroads constituted a challenge to private management, Mr. Willard repeated his previous statement, "that as soon as the revenues and operating costs of the railroads can again be brought to a proper relationship, the railroad problem as it presents itself to-day will have been largely, if not entirely, solved." To show the extent to which this relationship of earnings and expenses had been disturbed by forces over which the railroad managements had no control, Mr. Willard filed with the committee a table comparing the results of 1916 with those of 1920, the year 1916 having yielded the largest net railway operating income of any year in the history of American railroading:

In 1916 the public paid to the railroads for transportation service \$3,596,865,766, and the net income was \$1,040,084,517.

For 1920, the public paid to the railroads for transportation service \$2,574,627,535 more than in 1916.

In order to earn this increased amount, the railroads in 1920 were compelled to pay out in expenses \$3,411,321,601 more than they paid out in 1916.

The actual increase in expenses in 1920 over 1916 was \$836,694,066 more than the increase in total earnings.

When the increases in taxes and other items were included, it was found that in spite of the fact that receipts from transportation service increased by 71½% in 1920, compared with 1916, the net operating income was reduced from \$1,040,084,517 in 1916 to \$61,928,626 in 1920.

During that same period, Mr. Willard showed there had been an increased investment in railroad property of upwards of two billion dollars.

The responsibility for this extraordinary disparity in earnings and expenses, Mr. Willard pointed out, lay upon the fact that during the period mentioned railroad wages had increased \$2,229,639,957 and that the cost of fuel had increased \$452,229,229, or a total increase for wages and fuel alone in four years of \$2,681,869,186.

The total increased cost of wages and fuel alone in 1920 was about \$107,000,000 more than the total increased receipts of the railroads for both increased service and increased rates over 1916.

### DETROIT & MACKINAC RAILWAY REDUCES ALL WAGES.

According to the "Railway Review" of Chicago, the Detroit & Mackinac Ry. has reduced the wages of all classes of employees, including the four brotherhoods, 20%, and has been paying the reduced scale for some weeks. The readjustment in pay was by agreement between the railroad management and the employees. The first information given the railway labor organizations and the Railroad Labor Board that any Class I railroad in the United States had reached a wage reduction agreement with its men came in a statement by Frank H. Alfred, President of the Pere Marquette System.

"I desire to make a statement regarding another road," Mr. Alfred said. "A first-class railroad in Michigan has reduced the pay of all classes of employees 20% and has been paying the scale for several weeks. This wage cut was put in under an agreement between the management and the employees, in which the latter accepted the reduction."

### TESTIMONY OF PRESIDENT A. H. SMITH OF NEW YORK CENTRAL LINES.

A. H. Smith, President of the New York Central Lines, in his testimony before the Senate Inter-State Commerce Committee in the railroad inquiry, said that "loss in the effectiveness of labor" due to the operation of the National Agreements and the increase in the labor bill as a result of reclassification of employees, was one of the main reasons for the increase in the cost of furnishing transportation service to the country. One item alone, namely allowance of one hour per week with pay for punching time clocks, cost the New York Central RR. alone \$700,000 a year. The witness declared that due to the reclassification of employees cases were numerous where a number of employees were required to do work formerly performed by one. On the New York Central, he said, the number of men employed monthly in the locomotive repair department in 1919 was 12,066, while in 1920 it was 13,665. In the car department the average was 12,833 and 13,888, respectively. The average pay per man in the locomotive repair department increased from \$134 47 per month in 1919 to \$166 52 per month in 1920, and in the car department from \$147 19 in 1919 to \$187 25 in 1920. As reflected in the cost of maintenance of equipment, Mr. Smith testified that because of the abolition of piece work and the advent of the National Agreements it cost the New York Central \$5,448,300 more and required 60% more men to turn out only 2% increased work in the company's locomotive repair shops compared with 1915. "Under piecework and the other shop conditions existing in 1915, 2,799 men turned out 73,072,000 shop miles," he said. "In 1920 practically the same amount of miles were turned out, namely 74,655,000, but it required the services of 4,521 men. The cost in 1915 was \$2,903,700 and the cost in 1920 was \$8,352,000, or an increase of \$5,448,300. That is to say, there was an increase in men of 60.3% and an increase in money of 187%, and the mileage output was increased but 2%." Mr. Smith told the committee that from the standpoint of the railroads nothing was gained by the reclassification of employees which has resulted now in "everything being done by agreement and regulation."

Mr. Smith was frequently interrupted during the reading of this part of his statement by Senators who inquired as to the reasons for the various reclassifications which were made by the Railroad Administration in the fall of 1919. At one point Senator Pomerene of Ohio inquired as to how an oil-room man came to be classified as a blacksmith. "I haven't the slightest idea," Mr. Smith replied. "They might just as well have called him a saint and paid him accordingly." Men who dug pole holes are classified as electricians. Mr. Smith presented an exhibit showing how a man previously engaged in sharpening crowbars and similar work and classed as a laborer had been reclassified as a blacksmith at 65 cents an hour and with \$1,710 back pay. Chairman Cummins asked if the railroads were now being compelled to pay employees this back pay, even though it was for a period while the roads were still under Federal control. Mr. Smith explained that this was paid out of the operating expenses for 1920 of the railroads, adding:

"We do pay it but that is one of the things that are now pending in claims filed with the Railroad Administration by the railroads."

"I am amazed that the railroads have paid any such obligations as that," the chairman added. "That is pay that ought never to be charged in the 1920 operating expenses of the railroads."

"It is taking money out of our treasury to pay the Government's bills," Mr. Smith said, "and we have had to borrow money to meet these payments."

"Have you any hole diggers now—any 18 cents per hour men," asked Senator Fernald of Maine.

"No, common labor gets from 43 to 54 cents an hour now," Mr. Smith replied.

Another exhibit was filed with the committee by the witness which showed the increases in pay of train service employees in 1920 over 1917. Among these were freight engineers, 54%; firemen 70%; yard engineers 73%; firemen, 124%, and passenger conductors, 56%. Interrupting the reading of his statement, Mr. Smith praised the loyalty and services of the trainmen and engineers. Unlike ordinary workmen, he said they are specialists, men who have devoted their lives to railroading and who are the backbone of the transportation system.

"Overtime payments on the New York Central for 1920," said Mr. Smith, "amounted to \$25,540,073 at the punitive rates prescribed by the National Agreement. Under former arrangements providing for straight overtime at pro-rata rates this would have amounted to only \$17,786,188. The additional \$7,753,885 represent the penalty imposed upon the company by the agreement requiring payment of punitive rates.

"There is no argument about over time. We ought to pay that. Everyone recognizes that. But it is this punitive overtime to which we object."

Mr. Smith said he sought to have the Director General modify the rule, telling him that the railroads would rather pay a premium to employees to get the trains in on time than a reward for keeping them out overtime. The Director General, however, refused to change. Mr. Smith told the committee that the property of the New York Central was "very much undermaintained" during 26 months of Federal control. Under the standard set by the company, 7,315,000 ties, 1,325,000 cubic yards of ballast, 138,500 tons of new rail and 134,000 tons of second hand rail would have been put in during the twenty-six months had the road been under private managements during that time. In reality, he said, the Director General only put in 5,445,000 ties, 1,000,000 cubic yards of ballast and 138,000 tons of rail. This deficient maintenance imposed a heavy burden upon the road when it was turned back to its owners.

Resuming his testimony before the Senate Inter-State Commerce Committee on May 19, Mr. Smith took up the subject of increased cost of railroad transportation as the result of orders, rules and agreements made under Federal control.

"Not only were wages of specified classes of employees raised, but many employees were placed on higher grades than those in which they were prior to the orders and national agreements," Mr. Smith said. "The reclassification not only had the effect of increasing wages, but very largely increased the number of men."

In the locomotive department alone of the New York Central lines, Mr. Smith said, the number of employees on the monthly rolls was increased from 11,545 before the agreements took effect to 11,972 immediately following the agreements, and to 13,665 in 1920. In the car department the average number of men employed in 1919 was 12,350. By the operation of agreements and rules made at the close of Federal control, the average number of men in this department was increased to 13,888.

Going into details, Mr. Smith stated that an airbrake repairer in December 1917 was paid 27 cents an hour. Under an order of the Director-General, the rate of pay was raised to 58 cents and under the national agreements his classification was changed to that of tender repairer and automatically his wages were raised 63 cents per hour.

An engine cleaner, who in December 1917 was paid 22 cents per hour, was raised successively to 45 cents and then, as a painter-helper, to 49 cents.

A stripper was raised from 30 cents an hour in December 1917 to 68 cents an hour and then under the national agreements became a machinist at 72 cents an hour.

In the car department a passenger car inspector in December 1917 was paid 37 1/2 cents per hour, then 63 cents and under the national agreements became an inspector leader at 67 cents.

Oil room men in 1917 were paid 28 1/4 cents per hour, then 68 cents, and under the national agreements became blacksmiths at 72 cents an hour.

Starting at 55 cents, blacksmiths under orders of the Director-General went up to 68 cents, and, classified as hammersmiths under the national agreements, received 82 cents an hour.

An additional cause of increased labor costs due to these orders and agreements was the application of punitive overtime to all classes of employees. Overtime, which had previously been paid at pro-rata hourly rates, was placed on a time and a half basis, increasing by 50% the rate per hour for overtime pay.

Mr. Smith pointed out that the above rates were those prevailing before the increased wage award made by the Railroad Labor Board in July and made retroactive to May 1 1920. This involved for the New York Central Lines alone an increase in wages of approximately \$21,640,000, including back pay of \$8,100,000.

"The effect of the Adamson Law, which became operative as of Jan. 1 1917," Mr. Smith said, "was to establish in contracts for labor and service eight hours as the measure of a day's work for the purpose of reckoning the compensation for services, in place of ten hours, which had previously obtained. While this did not increase the basic daily or mileage rates of engine and train crews, the overtime rates were increased as well as the number of hours overtime, since this extra compensation became payable in four-fifths of the time. The result in money to the New York Central in 1917 was an increase of \$4,045,000, or 13.9%, in the pay of the men concerned under the Adamson Law, engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen."

Taking up the causes for decline in traffic beginning in January, President Smith of the New York Central, on May 20

attributed this decline in part to falling off in export business amounting to \$657,000,000 in the first three months of 1920, as compared to the same months of 1919. It is a matter of common knowledge, Mr. Smith said, that the harbors were crowded with idle vessels, whereas prior to January it was necessary in order to avoid congestion at terminals for the railroad to issue export permits. Now the permit system has been abolished because there is much more shipping than there is freight to be carried. High discount rates also tended to curtail business, the witness stated. "Another cause," he added, "was the propaganda which spread through the country against purchasing at high prices, and which led to a marked reduction in the purchases of commodities generally."

"It was well understood that the period of war inflation would have to be followed by a period of deflation. The general causes were in effect and were manifesting themselves prior to the rate increase of August, 1920, and it is not believed that this increase had any decided bearing upon the falling off in business, which became apparent in January, 1921."

Taking up the question of efficiency as reflected in the transportation department of the New York Central, Mr. Smith said that the average revenue per ton mile increased 54% in 1920 over 1917. The average monthly pay of all employees increased 86%.

"The relative efficiency of employees in producing revenue ton miles decreased 10%. That is to say it took 10% more men in 1920 to do the same amount of work. This comparison is made as between 1920 and 1917 because the number of revenue tons carried one mile in 1920 was practically the same as the revenue tons carried one mile in 1917, the actual figures being 22,567,929,000 in 1920 and 22,452,548,000 in 1917."

"The efficiency of a railroad," Mr. Smith said, "depends principally upon its men. It is estimated that 95% of railroading is human; it is a business of moving things; it is a live thing. At the close of Government control labor naturally desired to have rules and regulations set up for their best interests in the future, and the corporations inherited what was awarded to them. Railroad men are no different in their desire than labor in other endeavors."

"These men engaged in this special endeavor of handling transportation on which our country so greatly depends should receive an adequate wage. But after compensation comes results—that is, what shall labor do for what it receives, and that is in a measure where our difficulties have been. It is a matter between management and labor, to be decided on its merits, and will no doubt now be taken care of."

Concluding his statement Mr. Smith declared that "the enormous increase in operating expenses has been in the main due to the great war. War necessities broke through and largely destroyed normal conditions in the industrial world. The materials of war had to be supplied at any cost. This situation had to be met in the railroad world and it was met. This statement does not attempt any apportionment of the responsibility. The war ended, but normal conditions could not be at once restored. That restoration can come only through time and patient effort. Pre-war or normal conditions and a normal cost of living can only be restored by general reduction in the cost of both labor and material."

#### COL. HARVEY DEFINES THE POSITION OF UNITED STATES TO THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

All doubt as to the attitude of the United States under President Harding towards the League of Nations was dispelled in the speech delivered by Col. George Harvey, U. S. Ambassador to Great Britain, Thursday night in London. Col. Harvey spoke at the dinner of welcome to him by the Pilgrims' Society, and he characterized as "utterly absurd" the impression which "still seems to linger in the minds of many, that in some way or other, by hook or by crook, unwittingly and surely unwillingly, the United States may be beguiled into the League of Nations."

Ambassador Harvey said, according to a special copy-righted cablegram to the New York "Times":

Dull indeed would be the sensibilities of a human being whose heart would fail to leap in response to so splendid and so generous a greeting as this. It signifies a welcome truly royal and no less truly republican, the happy blending of which no appreciative nation, whether of kinsmen or of strangers, could fail to be proud. For my country, for my Government, for the President whose commission I bear and for myself I voice the sincerest thankfulness and in so doing I beg you to believe that I breathe no mere mellifluous and feeble sentimentality. I speak the strong, compelling, wholesome sentiment from which this society sprang into being and has continued to flourish until to-day. As the most distinctive link in the chain of blood relationship which connects the two great groups of our common race, it has become one of the most potent agencies of civilization.

"Fair words butter no parsnips," it has been said, but the adage is false. So the words be true, fair words not only as the famous English essayist shrewdly remarked, "never hurt a tongue," but also they clear the way for deeds which alone in the end can produce enduring results. That is the work which our more active and self-sacrificing Pilgrims have done. There has been a sustained labor of love and of patriotism which only now is beginning to fructify in the earnest desire and determination of both our people to blow away the mists of misconception and misunderstanding which far too long have hidden their true natures one from the other.

That such a wish and such a resolution pervade your country I have no question; that they obtain in my own land to a greater degree than ever before, I know.

#### American Power in Central States.

Inevitably you to the east of us derive your information respecting our public opinion from the great cities of our Atlantic seaboard precisely as our friends to the west of us take theirs from the border States of the Pacific. The inferences thus drawn may be right or may be wrong, but whether right or wrong their bases obviously are subject to sectional and peculiar influences. The heart of the Republic, like the centre of population which yearly moves westward, lies in the great plain which stretches from the Alleghanies to the Rocky Mountains. There among the direct descendants

of the original Pilgrims and their successors rests the dominant political power of the nation. From that hardy stock we have drawn our recent Presidents beginning with Lincoln and following with Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Harrison, McKimley, Taft, and now with Harding—seven out of ten.

This is not the time, although soon the time will come, for me to adventure the portrayal of our present Chief Magistrate. It suffices now to remark the environment from which he came to his great place, backed by a clear majority of more than 7,000,000 of his fellow citizens—the environment which produced in him a typical modern American, proud of his own country but jealous of no other man's, resolute in maintaining his own nation's rights, but no less scrupulous in recognizing the rights of others, a fair man, a just man, a modest man, a man in his own charming phrase "humble but unafraid." When I add that by universal assent President Harding's outstanding attributes are breadth of vision, greatness of heart and fidelity to his race no less than to his clan and no more to his family than to his ancestry drawn from all parts of the United Kingdom, not excluding Wales, I have indicated sufficiently the reasons why he not merely thinks but feels in the very fibre of his being that at this crucial period, more distinctively than at any other in history, "friendliness and good-will should exist always between peoples of the two great English-speaking nations" and why through his representative he now pledges that unfaltering co-operation, for which in the apt words of our Secretary of State he has a "positive genius," in achieving that noble end, as I at any rate believe, absolutely essential aspiration.

#### Seeks "Durable Agreements."

I may say that at the outset, with the full assurance that while charged while charged naturally with the agreeable task of striving to maintain the existing cordial relations of our two countries, I shall fail miserably in my mission, to the grievous disappointment of my chief, if I do not so greatly strengthen those bonds of friendship and mutual helpfulness that hereafter our respective Governments will not only prefer durable agreements to tentative compromises as between themselves but will instinctively approach all world problems from the same angle as of common aid and inseparable concern. Surely the realization of this plain purpose would constitute a long step in the direction of the perfect understanding which would be bound to follow. No less surely, moreover, does that realization appear attainable when, as I rejoice to testify of my own knowledge, the King and President see eye to eye and sense the yearnings of the peoples to whose services their lives are proudly dedicated.

Such is the President from whom I come to your Government utterly destitute of the traditional weapons of diplomacy but fully equipped with the same candor, frankness, straightforwardness, sincerity and consideration which have characterized to a marked degree the utterances of all our chief officers of State with whom thus far I have been brought into contact.

Precisely as your Ambassador went to Washington as an unalloyed Briton I come to London as an unalloyed American. That, I have no question, you will agree, is as it should be. We would not have it otherwise, nor of course, would you.

#### America Looks to Her Own Interests.

Nothing could be more futile, more delusive or more mischievous than to pretend that, however deep and true may be our affection for the mother country, our proffer of the helping hand is attributable primarily to tender susceptibility. It is not. My country stands ready to work with yours, first, because it is to her own interest to do so, and, secondly, because it is to the advantage of both.

We do not resent being called idealists, even, as sometimes happens, by those who anticipate a reward for extolling our altruism, but we have come to realize quite sharply during the last few years that ideals only too often resolve into illusions, and illusions we have found to be both dangerous and profitless. When the man in the fable drove into the well to seize the mirrored moon, he succeeded only in drowning himself without disturbing in the least the progress of the smiling queen of night. We deceive ourselves occasionally, of course—pray, who does not—but generally to our own amusement, just as other folks delight in calling one another names, but do not encourage the practice on the part of outsiders.

Even to this day at rare intervals an ebullient sophomore seeks applause and wins a smile by shouting that "We won the war!" Far more prevalent until recently was the impression—and this was and still is in a measure sincere—that we went into the war to rescue humanity from all kinds of menacing perils. Not a few remain convinced that we sent our young soldiers across the sea to save this kingdom and France and Italy. This is not the fact. We sent them solely to save the United States of America, and most reluctantly and laggardly at that. We were not too proud to fight, whatever that may mean. We were not afraid to fight. That is the real truth of the matter, and so we came along toward the end and helped you and your allies to shorten the war. That is all we did and all we claim to have done. True, if the conflict had continued for three years more, we could and should have sent over 5,000,000 to 10,000,000 more men already provided under the great draft; but happily the need did not arise, so we can pass on to the business now confronting us. And a very real business it is, as you know full well and as we are beginning to realize.

It is not the past, not even the future that concerns us at the moment. It is the sentient, perilous present. So let us as prudent minds first ask not what are the prospects but where do we stand. A few fundamentals on behalf of my own country I can set forth plainly. One of prime importance is this: For years and years I have heard proclaimed at stated intervals that war between Great Britain and the United States has ceased to be conceivable. Never have I known the declaration to be denied general approbation. And yet it is quite clear that what is alleged to be a fact is no more than an assumption. No resumption of armed conflict is unimaginable. Any day may witness a renewal of the War of the Roses, any day the clash of the Blue and the Grey in the swamps of Virginia.

And so unlikely are such happenings that the suggestion, even though incredibly made, would evoke no more than a derisive smile. But it is one thing to stamp constantly upon an absurd notion and quite another never to think of it at all.

#### Possibility of War Can Be Forgotten.

Now the question arises, have not our respective countries reached the point with respect to the remotest possibility of conflict that justifies our forgetting it as completely as the battles of Bosworth Field and Appomattox have faded out of recollection? Such, at any rate, I am proud and happy to report faithfully, in the teeth of all mischief-makers and scandal-mongers of both nations, has become the settled conviction of our people, and, I hope, and doubt not, of yours also.

Who can reckon the value of the final removal of this barrier against the potential, though not of course political, amalgamation of these two mighty forces, in part, at least, civilized, and in the whole assuredly civilizing. Happy indeed and I pray not far distant will be the day when through a perfect understanding, without sacrifice of one jot of independence or of one tittle of individuality. Great Britain and America shall feel confident both jointly and severally to master all the injustice and all the iniquities of their race, no less for the sake of their own peoples than as an example to all mankind.

This can be accomplished—of course it can be accomplished. Nothing good and beneficent ever has been, nothing is to-day, nothing ever can be, impossible to Anglo-Saxons. But we shall get nowhere until we abruptly put aside the academic discussion of theoretical proposals and manfully face, without mincing or wincing, actual realities. We must realize that the time has come to practice what we have been preaching and to demonstrate our fidelity by our acts.

*Proof of Willingness to Co-operate.*

But it might be urged that is not the work for the Pilgrims, that is the business primarily of Government and of officials charged with public responsibilities. Very good. Our new Government, solid in all its branches in support of its leader, is both willing and ready. Already within a little more than two months of authority it has advanced a clear and explicit proposal designed to resolve the most vexatious problem of communication through the Pacific. It took so decisive a stand on reparations that high officials of your Government have generously admitted to me that its declaration may have turned the scale in convincing the Germans that further dawdling was useless.

And now in response to the request of your Prime Minister the President has designated representatives to serve on the Supreme Council, the Council of Ambassadors and the Commission on Reparations. Could better evidence be desired of our Government's disposition and alacrity to make good its pledge of hearty co-operation in all ways not inconsistent with its own recognized policies tending to re-establish peace and prosperity throughout the world? And it will not stop there. It may not go so far as some of your statesmen might like. Our President is a prudent man by nature and rightly heedful of the fundamental law which he is sworn to observe, but when once having seen his way clear and he puts his hand to the plough you may safely take my word that he is not one to turn back, and he has put his hand to the plough.

"We must," he declared, with characteristic positiveness to Congress last month, "we must play our full part"—our full part, mind you—"in joining the peoples of the world in pursuit of peace."

Because the President has promptly exemplified his avowal of the obligation is must not be inferred that he proposes to become an international meddler. Nothing could be further from his intent or his ambition. He would be the last to intervene in or be drawn into any matter of no concern to his country but also none realizes more clearly than he that the United States is of necessity "deeply interested in the proper economic adjustments and just settlement of matters of worldwide importance under discussion and desires helpfully to co-operate." What more in reason could be asked? What better in effect could be done?

*Nothing to Do With the League.*

It is no part of my official task, as, of course, you all know, to formulate policies. A Minister has to do only with interpretation, elucidation and application. Speaking well within that limitation, however, and in strict consonance with my professions of candor and truthfulness, I wish to make one point wholly clear. There still seems to linger in the minds of many here, as, indeed, of a few at home, the impression that in some way or other, by hook or by crook, unwittingly and surely unwillingly, the United States may be beguiled into the League of Nations. Now let me show you how utterly absurd any such notion is. I need not recall the long contest waged between the two branches of our Government over this proposal. I need hardly mention that the conflict became so sharp that even the treaty went by the board, to the end that to-day, paradoxically enough, America continues to be technically at war, but actually at peace, while Europe is nominally at peace, but, according to all reports, not wholly free from the clash of arms.

Finally, as you know, the question of America's participation in the League came before the people and the people decided against it by a majority of 7,000,000 out of a total vote of 25,000,000. Prior to that election there had been much discussion of the real meaning of the word mandate. There has been little since. A single example provided the definition. A majority of 7,000,000 clearly conveyed a mandate that could neither be misunderstood nor disregarded.

Anybody could see that it follows then inevitably and irresistibly that our present Government could not without betrayal of its creators and masters and will not, I can assure you, have anything whatsoever to do with the League or with any commission or committee appointed by it or responsible to it, directly or indirectly, openly or furtively. I raise no question as to the merits or demerits of the proposition. I simply state the fact as such in compliance with what I have indicated as the paramount necessity of squarely facing living realities and shaping our course accordingly. I need hardly add that my Government would not dream of criticising much less of objecting to the League as now constituted of other nations. I wish only to dispose definitely and finally of the strangely prevalent and utterly baseless supposition respecting the attitude of the United States of America.

But enough of public affairs. Perhaps I have gone too far along that line already, but if so I must ask you to attribute the overstepping to the self-bestowed prerogatives of a novice. You see I have never been an Ambassador before. Yet even so I might proudly deny any suspicion of unawariness that suitable acknowledgement of this most cordial greeting is all that is expected or probably desired of me upon this occasion. At the risk, nevertheless, of inviting friendly doubts as to frankness which may appear unbecoming, I shall assume the privilege of saying a few words of a slightly personal nature.

*Changes of Half a Century.*

As the saying runs in the United States, I have come to confess, and do not brag, and my first confession is that I am too shy to flatter this mother country of ours. The mere attempt would embarrass me from its presumptuousness. Rather would I say of the United Kingdom as Daniel Webster said of Massachusetts, "There she is. Behold her and judge for yourselves." Nor in withholding flattery from your land would I seek it for my own. We, too, are beginning to feel in a modest fashion that blandishments contribute little to our satisfaction. Time was undeniably when John Bull appealed to us, rightly or wrongly, as, perhaps, a trifle arrogant, while simultaneously Uncle Sam crossed your vision if at all as a whittling vulgarian. But half a century has wrought a wondrous change. Grotesque caricatures have passed into relative oblivion, and in their places now gleam in personification of our splendid nations, beautiful figures of Britania and Columbia, hand in hand, side by side, erect and glorious upon a plane of perfect equality in the eyes of each other and of all the world. So would we have them stand forever.

And it is that thought or one akin to it that emboldens me to confess further that I am as glad to come to England as I am proud to be an American. It is in this spirit that I speak to you Pilgrims of our beloved countries to-night. I shall make mistakes of course—so at least I expect and so I hope—because I am not unmindful of the old adage that a man who never makes mistakes never makes anything. But I shall adhere closely in all public utterances, as you may have noticed I have done to-night, to "the language of the United States" prescribed by the first book of instructions to American Ministers, primarily, I assume, because language was designed to conceal lack of thought, and I shall strive earnestly to cultivate the "horror

of finesse and chicane" enjoined by George Washington upon my illustrious predecessor, John Jay, in 1794. To my fellow-countrymen here present I add my satisfaction to theirs in becoming like them a guest of this most hospitable of peoples, and looking from a somewhat dismal present to an obscure future I implore all to refrain from fixing their eyes too steadfastly upon the spots in the sun lest they hide from their vision the glorious orb itself. Because after all, we cannot but hold the faith as a certainty that if only we of Britain and America stand faithfully together, country to country, Government to Government and man to man, it is only a question of time when we shall again be shouting exultantly "God's in His heaven, all's right with the world."

The New York "Times" in its cablegram also reports the remarks of Lloyd George, in supporting the toast of "The new American Ambassador," as follows:

I am glad that the Ambassador's appointment coincides with the decision of the United States to be represented adequately in the councils of the nations. And I am glad of the choice which has been made, that a new Ambassador has been chosen as representative of the United States and of its President to the Supreme Council, and that he will be present at the coming meeting which is to take place.

It is essential for the peace of the world that America should be in. European diplomacy is working in a dense thicket of ancient feuds. It is sometimes difficult to see the path. It is not always possible to see the light of day.

We have quarrels which have lasted for centuries, or as the old legal phrase runs, from a time beyond which the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. I never realized till the Peace Conference how many sad feuds there were or how deep were their roots.

In Central Europe there are blood feuds we all thought had been dead and buried for centuries, which have been resurrected into full and vigorous life with peace. Repression and repose for centuries have only given them new strength. It is difficult to walk wisely or well amidst all these ancient conflicts, memories are so great, so continuous, so tense.

Only a day or two ago one who had been an officer in the war told me he had been traveling through the palatinates of old Germany, and peasants gave him memories of the devastation by the armies of Louis XIV, as if it had happened quite recently.

Old feuds have retained their power, not only in memory but in blood. They have filled the present generation with gall and bitterness. After each victory the victor has said, "there's the end of it, but revenge ends in more revenge and is followed yet again by fresh revenge. The momentum of revenge increases at each succeeding stroke.

If this war is not the last war, the next will leave Europe in ashes. It is essential that we should find some means of dragging the nations out of this labyrinth of hatred, this degradation, for our own safety. That is why we welcome this new power of the United States—vigorous, strong, clear-headed, untrammelled with these old quarrels. We are delighted to see the United States coming, not because we want to get the United States into these quarrels (that would only make it worse and aggravate things): We want America to help us out and not to help us in.

We appeal to America, not merely as a nation of high ideals. We know that it is not a country that will say, "Am I my brother's keeper?" The world has become more interdependent than it has ever been before. What happened even in trade during the last few months shows how dependent not merely one nation in Europe is on another, but how dependent one continent is upon another.

Therefore this decision excites hopes in our breasts. We rejoice in it, and we rejoice in the selection which has been made of a man who knows Europe, who understands Europe, who sympathizes with Europe, who is a whole-hearted American—an American patriot.

When I propose his health, I acclaim not merely the new Ambassador to the Court of St. James's, but the representative of the great democracy of the West in the councils of the nations of the world.

**LLOYD GEORGE IN CONDEMNATION OF POLISH UPRISING—PREMIER BRIAND'S REPLY.**

The recent uprisings and outbreaks in Upper Silesia by Polish revolutionaries brought forth in the House of Commons on May 13 a statement from Premier Lloyd George, strongly censuring the movement. The inhabitants of Upper Silesia, chiefly Polish and German, voted not long ago in a plebiscite, it will be recalled, to retain their connection with Germany. The British Prime Minister in his speech contended that it was essential, "whatever our prejudices may be, whatever our predilections, whether we like this man or dislike the other, we must decide fairly and sternly, according to the pact we have signed. . . . It is our supreme interest to respect the Treaty of Versailles." He argued that either the Allies must compel respect for the treaty's terms or Germany must be permitted to use armed force to suppress the insurgents. If Poland were to be allowed to overrun this province it would be bad in the end, he continued, because Germany would be entitled to say to the Allies: "You have compelled me to honor my bond—what did you do with yours?" The Premier insisted that the treaty be upheld at all times, saying: "I dislike trifling with this treaty. You may say: 'Oh, they're only Germans.' But they are entitled to everything the treaty gives them." Lloyd George injected the Upper Silesian situation into a staged debate in Commons on industrial conditions. He declared that the problem in Upper Silesia "is a problem affecting the peace of Europe, which in turn is a problem upon which hinges the industrial unrest in the world."

On May 14, the day after Lloyd George's declaration in the House of Commons, Premier Briand of France called the foreign newspaper correspondents to his office and made what was construed as a direct reply to the British Premier. He declared France was unalterably opposed to any German military operations in Upper Silesia; that

"never, never could the French Government consent to German troops entering Upper Silesia." "If Germany sends in her troops," he added, "it will bring very, very grave consequences—so grave that I refuse to discuss them."

Premier Briand, according to press reports, admitted there was disagreement on the subject between the Allies—Britain holding one view, Italy another, and France another.

Discussing the Silesian situation with the Associated Press, on May 13, General Lerond, head of the Interallied Commission Oppeln, said:

"If the Germans carry out their reported plans for a counter-attack, Upper Silesia will be thrown into a state of civil war in which the Allied forces here will be compelled, by circumstances, to remain neutral and let events, which might disrupt the peace of Europe, take their course."

He was further quoted in the dispatches to the Associated Press, which said:

Asked what the situation would be if the Germans, who are known to have drawn up campaign plans for the use of at least two divisions, one marching down the Oder River, and the other on the eastern frontier, joining the industrial district near Kattowitz, should succeed in expelling the Poles, the General declared:

"Except for much property destroyed and many lives lost, the situation would be little changed. If the Germans do not attack, conditions will soon approach normal."

General Lerond said it would be a foolish move for the Germans to attack the Poles, who probably would blow up the mines and factories, resulting in industrial chaos as well as the loss of countless lives.

The General declared the situation which found the Entente able only to act as mediators between the Poles and Germans "was brought about by the failure of Great Britain and Italy to furnish a fair share of troops of occupation."

"The Polish uprising," he added, "came at a time when not a single British soldier was present. The Italians, however, had 3,000 soldiers in the area, and the French 10,000."

"I repeatedly asked Great Britain and Italy for more troops and told them we would be unable to maintain order with less than 50,000 soldiers. My pleas were disregarded. The French were left to bear the brunt of the battle, and we could not spare sufficient men to maintain the Allied prestige."

In answer to complaints which he said were heard in Allied quarters that the French troops were inactive, the General said: "We were not here to fight. French soldiers do not use their rifles against civilians. The British and Italians here, naturally complain, but their Governments should have given them soldiers to back them up."

General Lerond was not on the ground when the trouble occurred, but was in Paris. When he returned, he asserted, the whole country was aflame and the population was up in arms.

Lloyd George's address on the Silesian situation in the House of Commons on May 13 was quoted at length in London cable advices of that date to the New York "Times," from which the following are excerpts:

He began by saying that the situation "frightened" him and censured the Polish Government bitterly for not restraining Korfanty and his "insurgents." Discussing the Polish claim to Upper Silesia, he said:

"Silesia has not been Polish for hundreds of years. Six hundred years is a long time. There is a limit to the title to property. Poland has certainly no right to Silesia on historical grounds. The only claim that Poland can have to title to Silesia, or part of it, is the fact that there is an overwhelming Polish population, which has come there for the purpose of working the mines or otherwise in comparatively recent times."

Lloyd George then reviewed the arrangements for the plebiscite, and said that the Polish population under Korfanty had tried to rush the decision and confront the Supreme Council with a fait accompli.

#### *Time for Plain Speaking.*

"I think it is right," he continued, "that I should speak quite plainly, because if these things are to happen and no notice is taken of them, and if we do not deal with them with that stern justice which has generally characterized the attitude of this country in all its dealings, it is going to be fatal to the peace of Europe; and if the peace of Europe is disturbed I do not see what is to happen to the world. I am alarmed—I use the phrase deliberately—I am frightened, unless some confidence is restored to the world, and it feels it can begin to work again. The whole industry of the world is so built upon credit and confidence that once it is shaken I do not see how we are going to rebuild it."

"Therefore I think it is essential that, whatever our prejudices may be, whatever our predilections, whether we like this man or dislike the other, we must decide fairly and sternly, according to the pact we have signed. The Treaty of Versailles is the charter of Polish freedom. It may be a bad treaty or a harsh treaty, but the last country in Europe that has the right to complain of it is Poland."

#### *Freedom Allies' Gift to Poland.*

"Who won the Treaty of Versailles? Not Poland; Poland was by a cruel fate divided in war. Half its sons were fighting against the Allies. The half that was fighting for the Allies was beaten, and the armies with which they were associated were broken, scattered, driven like cattle. Poland fell, and if we had had to depend on the armies of Poland that were fighting for the Allies, Poland to-day would have been either a German or an Austrian province. The half that was fighting against the Allies fought to the end. We were capturing Polish troops in German trenches. Poles fell in German uniforms, shooting down Frenchmen, British and Italians, who were fighting for their freedom. The liberty of Poland is due to Italy, to Britain, to France. There is not a letter of the Treaty of Versailles that does not mean a young British life, not a letter that does not mean nearly two French lives, and there were hundreds of thousands of Italians."

"But Poland did not win her freedom, and under these circumstances Poland above all lands ought to respect every comma in the Treaty of Versailles. Now, when Germany is disarmed and helpless through the action of the Allies, Poland says she will fight even against the Treaty of Versailles for Silesia. Mr. Korfanty says that all the Poles in Silesia will die rather than surrender. If they had thought of that earlier, when the battle for Polish freedom was being fought, there would have been fewer British, French and Italian lives lost. But they have only thought of it when Germany is disarmed."

"The Polish Government repudiates responsibility. I am bound to accept the statement as representing their views; but it has happened once too often. Lithuania was occupied by regular Polish troops in defiance of the Allies. They were asked to retire. They said: 'We have no responsibility now.' They went there without our wish, but they are still there. The same thing is happening now—the same disclaimer of responsibility. But it is difficult to feel that these repudiations of responsibility are anything but purely verbal."

#### *Cites Italy's Action at Fiume.*

"Signor d'Annunzio seized Fiume in defiance of the Government. The Italian nation felt that its honor was involved. They took steps even to the point of forcible action. I commend that fine example to Poland."

"May I also say this word from the point of view of the Allies? It is our supreme interest to respect the Treaty of Versailles. For the moment we have overwhelming force on our side, and Germany must submit. The future is dark and uncertain, and none can tell what it is charged with. The only thing I venture to predict is that force will count less and less with the Treaty of Versailles, and the honor and credit of Germany's signature to her bond will count more and more."

"But if circumstances change and the power of these 60,000,000 of very powerful people, able, courageous and resourceful, is, I will not say regained, but becomes more vital, it ought to and will count more and more. Then it will be a bad thing in the reckoning if Germany can say: 'You are asking us to honor our bond; what did you do with yours when it was against us, whether for reparation or for disarmament? You insisted, you threatened to blockade us and you took hold of our coal mines, which are essential to the life of Germany, because you wanted to compel us to carry out the Treaty of Versailles. What did you do when Poland defied you over Silesia? Were you then equally insistent?'"

"She would be entitled to say that. And I say solemnly to Britain and to our Allies it is not merely a matter of honor but it is a matter of safety and security that we should show that we mean to adhere to the treaty when it is for us and when it is against us."

"I dislike and I fear more than I can tell this sort of trifling and playing with the treaty and saying that, after all, they are only Germans. They are entitled to everything that that bond either imposes on them or takes from them or gives to them, and we are to judge impartially and with a stern sense of justice, whether it is for us or against us."

#### *Two Alternatives in Silesia.*

"There are two ways of dealing with the situation. It is not for me to express a military opinion, and I have this further difficulty in expressing an opinion: We have been obliged to withdraw our troops, and, therefore, our Allies are entitled to say: 'It is not for you to insist upon the lives of our soldiers being put in jeopardy.'"

"I therefore do not insist upon that part of the argument. But I am entitled to insist upon the treaty being respected. Not merely to disarm Germany, but to say that such troops as she has are not to be permitted to take part in restoring order, is not fair play. Fair play is what Britain stands for, and I propose to stand for it to the end. We should show, all the more because they are Germans, that we stand for fair play, and our authority in Europe will be all the greater for it. The only thing I should like to say on behalf of the Government is this: That, whatever happens, we cannot accept a fait accompli. That would be to permit defiance of the Treaty of Versailles, which might lead to consequences of the most disastrous kind, and which we cannot accept."

#### *Russia to Be Reckoned With.*

"There are possibilities in Europe that render it essential that we should all stand by the arrangement which is involved in the treaty. Russia is now a broken Power. She is exhausted and in the hands, I think, of a hopeless despotism. It is a country with inexhaustible resources, peopled by a very gallant race, and that country is not going to remain as it is. It is going to be a powerful country. It is going to be a dominant country, and it is going to have a say in the future of Europe and of the world. What side will it be on? Who will be its partner in the game of nations? Will it be here, or will it be there? I ask those who would tear up the treaty when it does not suit them to think of that, and of the possibilities to the rest of Central Europe."

"In all solemnity I make an appeal, therefore, to all concerned, to do what is right, to do what is fair, to dismiss prejudices and to be upright."

Premier Briand's views, as expressed on May 14 to press writers, were summarized as follows in Paris dispatches to the daily papers here:

"German bands are operating in Upper Silesia, maltreating and arresting Poles," said M. Briand. "Not all the disorders in that province are produced by the Poles. The French Government could not permit German military forces to intervene in such a situation."

"I protest with all my energy against the false impressions being spread throughout the world. The French Government has fulfilled to the utmost of its power its duty in Upper Silesia. We have 12,000 troops there, who have had to deal with 100,000 insurgents and a rising of several hundred thousand persons."

"The French troops could do no more than hold the cities, the towns and the strategic points."

"If the British Government would send 50,000 troops there to help us the disorders could be put down more quickly."

"The news received by the Foreign Office from Upper Silesia to-day is that the insurgents are going to their homes and returning to work."

"The French Government's solution is that the Allies should, in the first place, assume a calm attitude and instruct their commissioners in Upper Silesia to try and reach a unanimous agreement."

"Such an agreement," said M. Briand, "would not be difficult if all considerations except the results of the plebiscite were excluded. The French Government's only instructions to its commissioner," he said, "were to determine, according to the majority of the ballot in the various communes, which should go to Poland and which to Germany."

Lloyd George, on May 18, following bitter criticisms in the French press, issued a statement reiterating his views on the enforcement of the peace treaty. "The fate of Upper Silesia," he said, "must be decided by the Supreme Council and not by Korfanty. The children of the treaty cannot be allowed to break crockery in Europe with impunity." The treaty, he declared, was a document of "infinite moment," and he added that those who treat its provisions as if they were "the sport of passion and prejudice may not have to live long to regret their hot-headedness." His statement in full follows:

I adhere to the statement I made in the House of Commons on the subject of Silesia. Naturally I can only accept responsibility for what I actually said, and not for the truncated and distorted reports in the French newspapers. The almost unanimous approval given by the American and Italian as well as the British press to the sentiments I then expressed show that the great nations who stood by the side of France in the war mean to interpret the Treaty of Versailles fairly. I have never witnessed such unanimity on any question. All shades of opinion in these three countries take the same view. It would be unfortunate were the French press to take a different view, but we must be tolerant of differences of opinion among ourselves.

With all respect, I would say to the French press that the habit of treating every expression of Allied opinion which does not coincide with their own as an impertinence is fraught with mischief. That attitude of mind, if persisted in, will be fatal to any entente.

The stand taken by the British, American and Italian public on the Silesian question ought not to be offensive to France. They stand by the Treaty of Versailles; they mean to apply the terms of the treaty justly, whether they happen to be for or against Germany.

The fate of Upper Silesia must be decided by the Supreme Council, and not by Korfanty. The children of the treaty cannot be allowed to break crockery in Europe with impunity. Somebody must place a restraining hand on them, otherwise there will be continual trouble. The course of the world in the coming years cannot be forecast. The mists ahead are more than usually dense. Much will depend on the Allies holding together. Apart from treaty obligations, events which cannot be foreseen must determine the future groupings of nations, and the future of the world, and especially of Europe, will be determined by old or new friendships.

Under these circumstances the Treaty of Versailles is a document of infinite moment, especially to the nations of the Entente. It binds us together when there is so much to divide us. Those who treat its provisions as if they were the sport of passion and prejudice may not have to live long to regret their hot-headedness.

The British people shirk no part of their responsibility under this treaty. There are temporary difficulties which make it difficult to spare troops, but these I confidently anticipate will be over soon, and I call attention to the fact that at a recent conference we intimated our readiness, if Germany refused the terms of the Allied Council, to place the British fleet at the disposal of the Allies for any operation that might be determined upon.

The British Government were anxious to have the division of Silesia settled at the London Conference. All the facts of the plebiscite were known. However, our allies were not ready to proceed with the discussion.

We will abide faithfully by the decision given by the majority of the Powers who have a voice under the treaty in defining the Silesian boundaries, whatever that verdict may be. We fully accept the plebiscite as an expression of the wishes of the people of Silesia; but, having gone into the great war and sustained gigantic losses in defense of an old treaty to which this country was a party, Britain cannot consent to stand by while the treaty her representatives signed less than two years ago is being trampled upon.

On May 19, Premier Briand, in speaking to newspaper correspondents at Paris, reaffirmed what he had previously said regarding the attitude of the French Government on the Silesian situation. His remarks were evidently intended as a reply to the statement of the British Premier issued on the preceding day. M. Briand said:

"I have nothing to say, except to maintain strictly my viewpoint that France, in all this controversy, places herself on the sole ground of the Versailles Treaty. There is no other basis of discussion possible. On the other hand, France and England can converse only as equals, and Mr. Lloyd George himself will agree to this when the misunderstanding is dispelled."

"I, too, want to see the treaty carried out," said the Premier to the correspondent of the London "Daily Mail," "but there is nothing in the treaty which stipulates that all the rich mining districts in Silesia must go to the Germans, while the Poles will get what is left. I do not wish to enter into any controversy with Mr. Lloyd George, and I stand by what I said to you correspondents last Saturday."

#### UNITED STATES REFUSES TO SUPPORT POLAND'S CLAIMS IN UPPER SILESIA.

The settlement of the boundary question between Poland and Germany in Upper Silesia is a matter in which the American Government, adhering to its traditional policy, can take no part, Secretary of State Hughes informed the Polish Minister at Washington on May 14, in rejecting a plea made by him in behalf of his Government for the support of this country. The texts of both the Polish note and the American reply were made public by Secretary Hughes on May 18. Through the Polish Minister, Prince Casimir Lobomirski, the Government of Poland on May 11 addressed a long communication to Secretary Hughes, reciting its arguments for the assigning of certain districts of Upper Silesia to Poland. Prince Lubomirski asked Secretary Hughes to instruct Ambassador Harvey, Ambassador Wallace and Mr. Boyden, the American representatives, respectively, in the Allied Supreme Council, the Council of Ambassadors and the Reparation Commission, to "throw their influence in favor of the principles of justice, humanity and the rights of these masses of Polish workmen by settling the Upper Silesian problem strictly according to the Treaty of Versailles and the result of the plebiscite." Secretary Hughes replied to the Polish Minister on May 14 in a note which declared that the representatives of the United States in Europe had

been instructed that, "as far as at present may be seen," they are to take no part in the discussions concerning Upper Silesia and "express no opinion" as to the settlement. The communication from Prince Lubomirski, dated May 11 1921, was presented to Secretary Hughes in this form:

I had the honor to present to you the general state of affairs in Upper Silesia in my conversations of April 28 and May 5. Because of the continuous changes in the situation, I take the liberty of submitting to you this note for the purpose of informing the State Department on the current events.

The adjoined pamphlet clearly presents the geographical situation created by the plebiscite.

About one million Poles inhabiting the territory of Upper Silesia which voted for Poland consist exclusively of miners, industrial workmen and small farmers. This population for centuries remained under the heavy yoke of Germany and has been stripped of everything. At the present time the land (about fifty German families are controlling the land and industries of the entire Upper Silesia), mines and factories belong to the Germans. All the positions of country school teachers, railway officials, clergy and of the entire agricultural and industrial administration are filled by Germans.

The Polish population has been subjected to most cruel political and national oppression and deprived of Polish schools. Five and six year old children had to attend German schools and were severely punished when even at recesses they used the Polish language. It appeared to that population that from the moment when the interallied armies occupied this country the law would prevail, and the rule of violence and mailed fist would never return. It rushed with full enthusiasm to the plebiscite to free itself and its country from slavery, and in spite of the vote of over 180,000 emigrants which were purposely brought from Germany and permitted to vote under the technical rules established by the Supreme Council the Poles have won an overwhelming victory in that part of the country. The Germany emigrants consisted of people born in Upper Silesia, mostly descendants of Germans temporarily settled there by the Prussian Government in capacities of Government officials and private employees. These emigrants have hardly ever resided in Silesia and have nothing in common with the country.

The Polish population of Upper Silesia awaited the result of the plebiscite with great anxiety. Meanwhile the inter allied plebiscite commission has been holding in suspense for about two months (the plebiscite took place on the 20th of March) the decision in the matter and is playing with the high-strung feelings of the population. It is rumored that a decision will not be in accordance with the outcome of the plebiscite, but in accordance with the political combinations and interests of Powers represented in the inter-allied plebiscite commission and the Supreme Council. I am loath to believe that this is true, but confirmation of this seems to be the postponement of the decision in the matter.

The result of an unfavorable decision in the matter of Upper Silesia would be the return of over a million people under German bondage. Previous settlement of Polish affairs by the Supreme Council gave a basis for such a supposition. Inasmuch as the popular impression in Poland is that the decision in the case of Danzig, Vlna, &c., taken by the delegates of the Allied Powers, with the exception of France, has been prompted not by principles of justice, but by the material interests of these Powers, it is not surprising that the Poles of Silesia eagerly rushed to arms and preferred to perish rather than submit themselves to the political combinations which threatened their bodies and souls.

The Polish Government, which vigorously disapproves of such methods of procedure, considering always the legal way as the only appropriate course in the settlement of political affairs, has closed the Polish frontier and is trying to calm the uprising. It addressed itself, however, to the Allied and associated Powers in the name of humanity and justice not to make experiments in severing a united population, appealing to make their decision at the earliest possible moment and in strict accordance with the promise of the just plebiscite given to the Upper Silesian population in the Treaty of Versailles.

To-day, when from the East are coming ideas of overthrow of the existing modern social order, when the ideas of democracy and progress and therefore the future of civilization is greatly endangered, millions of people cannot be made a plaything of the intrigues of diplomacy. Over 1,000,000 Poles in Upper Silesia (including families) have given proof of their patriotism and devotion to the democratic Poland, disregarding the German threats. They are fully aware that in case they are returned to Germany, their wives and children will not only be deprived of livelihood, but even of their lives.

The Polish Government, therefore, appeals to this just and humane republic to instruct its representatives at the Supreme Council, Council of Ambassadors and Reparation Commission to throw their influence in favor of the principles of justice, humanity and the rights of these masses of Polish workmen by settling the Upper Silesian problem strictly according to the Treaty of Versailles and the result of the plebiscite.

This is not a purely European matter. On the just solution of the matter of Upper Silesia depends the pacification of this province and the stimulation of her productivity, which has a great importance in the re-establishment of the economic stability of the whole world.

The faith in the justice of democratic Governments and belief in the honest policies of Governments based on principles of property should be firmly established in the minds of the masses. The destruction of belief and criticism of the established order by over a million people in Europe will not only unfavorably affect the general productivity, but prepare a most fertile ground for communistic propaganda. And it must be remembered that from the East and West powerful radical organizations are searching for new fields for the spending of their utmost efforts to spread the flame of revolution all over the world.

The fulfillment of pledges given to the population of Upper Silesia by the nations assembled at the peace conference will not shatter the political equilibrium of Europe; on the contrary, it will make it more secure by the encouragement of work and productivity, attaching the people to the established order of democratic Governments.

The political consequences, however, will overshadow the beneficial social effects produced by a just settlement of the plebiscite. If the Polish part of Upper Silesia would be given to Poland, Germany would be deprived of the possibility of starting soon a war of revenge. At the same time she would not be weakened economically, as not to be able to meet her obligations.

For a number of years preceding the World War Germany was expending for armament an amount, three times larger than the net production of the Sarre, Alsace-Lorraine and Silesian industrial districts. To-day, even without these provinces, reducing her army budget and increasing her productive power by the demobilized men, Germany can easily pay her indemnities.

The Silesian industries are indispensable for the economic balance of Poland and would afford her a possibility to exploit to the full extent her natural resources. Large iron ore deposits of Poland cannot be developed

without the Silesian coal, because the coal deposits of Poland can be transformed into coke. On the other side, the iron ores of Silesia are almost exhausted, and without Polish ore Silesia will have to curtail its iron production to a minimum.

The geographical position of Upper Silesia (the position of the Silesian industrial territory is 250 miles east of Berlin, eighty miles west of Warsaw and lies only about twelve miles from the Polish industrial centre of Sosnowice) is detrimental to its full development within the territory of Germany, and adjoined to Poland has all the guarantees for a splendid future.

I do not want to impose upon you the burden of statistical argument, but would be grateful for a glance given to the adjoined pamphlet.

Secretary Hughes' reply to the above read:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of May 11, in which you recite the reasons why, in your opinion, certain districts of Upper Silesia should be assigned to Poland and urge that the representatives of the Government of the United States on the Supreme Council, the Council of Ambassadors and the Reparations Commission be instructed to exert their influence in favor of a settlement of the matter strictly in accord with the Treaty of Versailles and the result of the recent plebiscite.

In the reply I have the honor to inform you that, in my opinion, the settlement of such boundary disputes as arise in the case under consideration is a matter of European concern, in which, in accord with the traditional policy of the United States, this Government should not become involved. The attitude of the Government in this matter is clearly understood by its representatives in Europe, who will, therefore, as far as at present may be seen, take no part in the discussions concerning Upper Silesia, and will express no opinion as to the settlement.

### THE POLISH UPRISING—BRITISH IN SILESIA EAT "BREAD OF SHAME."

As indicating the views of British soldiers on the spot, with reference to the Polish uprising in Silesia, we reproduce the following copyrighted special cablegram to the New York "Times," printed in its issue of May 15:

If anything can shock the conscience of Europe, hardened by the events of the last seven years, then the state of affairs in this province ought to do so. Or will it require civil war, as bitter and relentless as ever waged, for that at least is the dire possibility unless the great Powers can quickly show that they really are great Powers?

It is true that at the moment the Polish insurgents have halted the so-called Korfanty line, except for occasional small encounters and hostilities, such as already have cost much holding at ransom of towns with vast German populations, mines and factories which make the district in their possession one of the biggest power stations in Europe.

And on the other side of that rebel line are massing German volunteers, trained and armed, most of them ex-soldiers, 8,000 at Ratibor and 4,000 at Kreuzburg. For the present they are a strictly defensive force, but will not remain so if they believe with good reason that nothing but their own efforts can drive the insurgents from the seized territory, and they are supported morally by the German population of the whole province.

"A Warsaw wireless yesterday told the world that an armistice had been concluded on the understanding that the insurgents' line should constitute the future German-Polish demarcation of the province. What was the result? At mid-day Oppeln was a dead city. Every man and woman ceased to work. Water and gas were cut off. Every shop and restaurant was closed.

At 5 o'clock tens of thousands assembled in the central square. They listened in a silence such as I have never known in many years' experience of open-air gatherings, while an official pledged the word of the Inter-allied Commission that the Warsaw proclamation was untrue. Within half an hour the city was normal, lights were burning, water was running.

There are here sixty British officers, nearly all of senior rank, all veterans of the World War, all in positions of great responsibility for lives and property in Upper Silesia. In my own presence to-day one of those officers dictated a letter of resignation. These were his words when I asked him the reason for his action:

"I have been eating the bread of shame." This officer has controlled one of the most important "circles" into which the province has been divided since the Allies assumed its care. His circle includes an important industrial city with tens of thousands of inhabitants. "But my circle," he said, "is a square of a hundred yards."

Though his face was haggard he could still make a jest, for he interpolated, "I'm the first man in history to solve the problem of squaring a circle."

Then he added the bitter meaning of that jest: "Beyond that circle I've got to salute a rebel bandit—and I've served my country under three sovereigns."

Words like those were echoed by half a dozen British officers to whom I have spoken to-day. I was assured that there was not one of those sixty who in his heart did not want to resign, as the only means of throwing off intolerable indignities. Only a sense of duty that was nearly at the breaking point holds them here.

"Think of it!" exclaimed another. "For months I promised the people of this town protection against any assailant. That is to say, I pledged the word of England. Outside are thousands of rebels. If they attack, I cannot fulfill that pledge."

"Can you conceive a greater travesty of justice?" asked another British officer. "Three Powers are flouted and defied."

For whatever earlier use might have been made of the 15,000 troops, mostly French, in the province, no one believes that they are adequate to crush the insurgents, even if it was thought necessary.

What is the way out of this appalling impasse? Only one was suggested to me, and even that is only temporary. It is the economic effect of the self-imposed blockade of the insurgents. The rebels themselves have severed communications with the rest of the world. On those communications the industrial area is dependent for existence. Even if the miners returned to work to-morrow the district would only, as it were, choke in its own coal dust.

There, too, is a question of money playing a swiftly moving part. The miners, a large number of them Polish, are paid in German marks. Wages for the immediate period before the strike are now due, but they are not forthcoming. Hundreds of millions of marks are owing. The local banks have not got them and the German Reichsbank refuses to transport them.

This course is one means by which Germany can exercise pressure, and this question was put to me by a high British official: "Can you blame the Germans? Why should they send money which they contend would fall into the hands of insurgents?" [Later dispatches stated that the necessary currency was in process of being shipped.]

Then, too, food is failing, though most of the towns have supplies for another ten days. Members of the rebel army are said to receive a hundred marks a day, but whatever the sum it is failing.

"In making his plans," said the authority already quoted, "Korfanty seems to have forgotten the economic aspect, and perhaps that will bring about his downfall."

In the meantime some of the bandits are doing fairly comfortably. They have seized castles belonging to the Silesian aristocracy. Into one of them a British non-commissioned officer penetrated the other day on a special mission. He told me how regular Bolsheviks, as he called them, in rags, were dining in exquisite surroundings, with the owners waiting on them.

So far the mine pumps have been kept going, but on the threat of their lives a good many of the higher technical officials, all of whom are Germans, are leaving, and some Poles have openly stated that they will flood or blow up the mines if they are allotted to Germany.

But the possible destruction of property is insignificant beside the fact that unless a settlement is quickly found or imposed Upper Silesia will flow in blood.

Many British officers testified to me to-day to the restraint so far shown by the German populations, but those same officers believe that it is near the breaking point.

### INCOME TAX LAW—U. S. SUPREME COURT DEFINES INVESTED CAPITAL.

In a decision handed down on Monday (May 16) the U. S. Supreme Court defines the meaning of "invested capital" as employed in the Income Tax laws in prescribing graded scales of excess profits taxes dependent upon the rate of return on such invested capital. The decision sustains the action of the Internal Revenue department in limiting the meaning to the original cost value and in disallowing additions for appreciation in the value of the property since its original acquisition. Justice Pitney handed down the opinion, in which the Court joined. Justice McReynolds concurred only in the result. The case was that of the Labelle Iron Works, a West Virginia corporation, which before 1904 bought a tract of ore lands for \$190,000. Through development and exploration large bodies of ore were discovered, and by 1912 the land was valued by the company at \$10,105,400. In that year the company increased the valuation of its lands by adding the sum of \$10,000,000, which it carried on its books as surplus, and also declared a stock dividend of \$9,915,400. In making its income return for 1917 the company stated that its invested capital was \$26,322,904, in which it included the sum of \$10,105,400 as representing the value of the ore lands. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue demanded a reassessment based upon a reduction of the invested capital to \$16,407,507, the difference of \$9,915,400 being the increase in the land value. The result was a tax of \$1,081,184 which after being paid was made the subject of the claim for refund. The Supreme Court decides that the appreciated value of the capital assets can not be construed as an added to "invested capital." The decision disposes of the plea also made that the act is unconstitutional. The text of the decision is as follows:

The Court of Claims dismissed appellant's petition which claimed a refund of \$1,081,184.61, alleged to have been erroneously assessed and exacted as an "excess profits tax" under Title II of the Revenue Act of 1917 (act of Oct. 3 1917, Chap. 63, 40 Stat. 302, 302, et seq.). The case involves the construction and application of those provisions by which the deduction from income, for the purposes of the tax, is measured by the "invested capital" of the taxpayer, and a question is raised as to the constitutionality of the act as construed and applied.

Title I. of the act imposed "war income taxes" upon individuals and corporations in addition to those imposed by act of Sept. 8 1916 (Chapt. 463, 39 Stat., 756). Title II. provided for the levying of "war excess profits taxes" upon corporations, partnerships and individuals. As applied to domestic corporations, the scheme of this title was that, after providing for a deduction from income (Sec. 203, p. 304) equal to the same percentage of the invested capital for the taxable year which the average amount of the annual net income of the trade or business during the pre-war period (the years 1911, 1912 and 1913) was of the invested capital for that period, but not less than 7 nor more than 9%, plus \$3,000, it imposed (Sec. 201, p. 303), in addition to other taxes, a graduated tax upon the net income beyond the deduction, commencing with 20% of such net income above the deduction, but not above 15% of the invested capital for the taxable year, and running as high as 60% of the net income in excess of 33% of such capital. It applied to "all trades or businesses" with exceptions not now material (p. 303).

What should be deemed "invested capital" was defined by Section 207 (page 306), which, so far as pertinent, is set forth in the margin.

The case was decided upon a demurrer to the petition, in which the facts were stated as follows: Appellant is a domestic corporation and, prior to the year 1904 acquired ore lands for which it paid the sum of \$190,000. Between that time and the year 1912 extensive explorations and developments were carried on (the cost of which is not stated), and it was proved that the lands contained large bodies of ore and had an actual cash value not less than \$10,105,400; and at all times during the years 1912 to 1917, inclusive, their actual cash value was not less than the sum last mentioned. In the year 1912 the company increased the valuation of said lands upon its books by adding thereto the sum of \$10,000,000, which it carried to surplus, and thereupon, in the same year, declared a stock dividend in the sum of \$9,915,400, representing the increase in value of the ore lands. Theretofore appellant's capital stock had consisted of shares issued, all of one class, having a par value of \$9,915,400. The declaration of the stock dividend was carried out by the surrender to the company of all the outstanding stock, and its cancellation, and the exchange of one share of new common and one share of new preferred stock for each share of the original stock.

#### Claim Refund of Addition.

In returning its annual net income for the year 1917, the company stated its invested capital to be \$26,322,904 14, in which was included the sum of

\$10,105,400 as representing the value of its ore lands. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue caused a reassessment to be made, based upon a reduction of the invested capital to \$16,407,507 14, the difference (\$9,915,400) being the increase in the value of the ore lands already mentioned. The result was an additional tax of \$1,081,184 61, which, having been paid, was made the subject of a claim for refund, and, this having been considered and rejected by the Commissioner, there followed a suit in the Court of Claims, with the result already mentioned.

Appellant's contentions, in brief, are, first, that the increased value of the ore lands, placed upon the company's books in 1912, ought to be included in invested capital under Sec. 207 (a) (3) as "paid in or earned surplus and undivided profits." Second, that within the meaning of clause (2), which provides that invested capital shall include "the actual cash value of tangible property paid in other than cash, for stock or shares in such corporation," the stock of the company issued in 1912, consisting of \$9,915,400 of preferred stock and an equal amount of common, was fully paid for: either (a) by the tangible assets, including the ore properties at their increased value, or (b) by the surrender of all the certificates representing the old common stock, which, it is said, had an actual cash value equal to double its par. And, third, that the construction put upon the act by the Treasury Department, based, as it is said, not upon value but upon the single feature of cost, disregarding the time of acquisition, would render the act unconstitutional as a deprivation of property without due process under the Fifth Amendment, because so arbitrary as to amount in effect to confiscation; and hence that this construction must be avoided.

Reading the entire language of Section 207 in the light of the circumstances that surrounded the passage of the act, we think its meaning as to "invested capital" is entirely clear. The great war in Europe had been in progress since the year 1914, and the manufacture and export of war supplies and other material for the belligerent powers had stimulated many lines of trade and business in this country, resulting in large profits as compared with the period before the war, and as compared with ordinary returns upon the capital embarked. The United States had become directly involved in the conflict in the Spring of 1917, necessitating heavy increases in taxation; at the same time manufactures and trade of every description were rendered even more active, and in certain lines more profitable, than before, so that the unusual gains derived therefrom formed a natural subject for special taxation.

#### Provisions of the Law.

On the eve of our entry, and in order to provide a "special preparedness fund" for army, navy and fortification purposes, an act (Mar. 8 1917: Ch. 159, 39 Stat. 1,000) was passed, which in Title II, provided for an excess profits tax on corporations and partnerships equal to 8% of the amount by which their net income exceeded \$5,000, plus 8% of the "actual capital invested;" and, in Sec. 202 (M. P. 1001), defined this term to mean (1) actual cash paid in, (2) the actual cash value, at the time of payment, of assets other than cash paid in, and (3) paid in or earned surplus and undivided profits used or employed in the business, but not to include money or other property borrowed.

The Revenue Act of Oct. 3 1917 passed after we had become engaged in the war, took the place of the Act of Mar. 3 and embodied a "war excess profits tax," with higher percentages imposed upon the income in excess of deductions and a more particular definition of terms. A scrutiny of the particular provisions of Sec. 207 shows that it was the dominant purpose of Congress to place the peculiar burden of this tax upon the income of trades and business exceeding what was deemed a normally reasonable return upon the capital actually embarked. But if such capital were to be computed according to appreciated market values, based upon the estimates of interested parties (on whose returns perforce the Government must in great part rely), exaggerations would be at a premium, corrections difficult, and the tax easily evaded. Sec. 207 shows that Congress was fully alive to this and designedly adopted a term—"invested capital"—and a definition of it, that would measurably guard against inflated valuations.

The word "invested" in itself imports a restrictive qualification. When speaking of the capital of a business corporation or partnership, such as the act deals with, "to invest" imports a laying out of money, or money's worth, either by an individual in acquiring an interest in the concern with a view to obtaining income or profit from the conduct of its business, or by the concern itself in acquiring something of permanent use in the business: in either case involving a conversion of wealth from one form into another suitable for employment in the making of the hoped for gains.

See Webster's New Internat. Dict. "Invest," 8; Century Dict., "Invest," 7; Standard Dict., "Invest," 1.

In order order to adhere to this restricted meaning and avoid exaggerated valuations, the draftsman of the act resorted to the test of including nothing that money, or money's worth, actually contributed or converted in exchange for shares of the capital stock, or actually acquired through the business activities of the corporation or partnership (involving again a conversion) and coming in A B extra, by way of increase over the original capital stock. How consistently this was carried out becomes evident as the section is examined in detail. Cash paid in and tangible property paid in other than cash are confined to such as were contributed for stock or shares in the corporation or partnership, and the property is to be taken at its actual cash value "at the time of such payment," distinctly negating any allowance for appreciation in value.

#### One Exception to Rule.

There is but a single exception: tangible property paid in prior to Jan. 1 1914 may be taken at its actual cash value on that date, but in no case exceeding the par value of the original stock or shares specifically issued for it; a restriction in itself requiring the valuation to be taken as of a date prior to the war period, and in no case to exceed the stock valuation placed upon it at the time it was contributed. The provision of Clause (3) that includes "paid in or earned surplus and undivided profits used or employed in the business" recognizes that in some cases contributions are received from stockholders in money or its equivalent for the specific purpose of creating an actual excess capital over and above the par value of the stock; and, in view of the context, surplus "earned" as well as that "paid in" excludes the idea of capitalizing (for the purposes of this tax) a mere appreciation of values over cost.

The same controlling thought is carried into the proviso which relates to the valuation of patents, copyrights, trade marks, good-will, franchises and similar intangible property. Every line shows evidence of a legislative purpose to confine the account to such items as were paid in for stock or shares, and their values "at the time of such payment," but with regard to those bona fide purchased prior to March 3 1917, there is a special provision, limiting the effect of any adjustments that might have been made in view of the provisions of the Act of that date.

It is clear that Clauses (1) and (2) refer to actual contributions of cash or of tangible property at its cash value contributed in exchange for stock or shares specifically issued for it. And that neither these clauses nor Clause (3), which relates to surplus, can be construed as including within the definition of invested capital any marking up of the valuation of assets upon the books to correspond with increase in market value, or any paper transaction by which new shares are issued in exchange for old ones in the same corpora-

tion, but which is not in substance and effect a new acquisition of capital property by the company.

It is clear enough that Congress adopted the basis of "invested capital" measured according to actual contributions made for stock or shares and actual accessions in the way of surplus, valuing them according to actual and bona fide transactions and by valuations obtained at the time of acquisition, not only in order to confine the capital the income from which was to be in part exempted from the burden of this special tax, to something approximately representative of the risks accepted by the investors in embarking their means in the enterprise, but also in order to adopt tests that would enable returns to be more easily checked by examination of records, and make them less liable to inflation than if a more liberal meaning of "capital and surplus" had been adopted, thus avoiding the necessity of employing a special corps of valuation experts to grapple with the many difficult problems that would have ensued had general market values been adopted as the criteria.

#### Argument "Beside the Mark."

In view of the special language employed in Section 207, obviously for the purpose of avoiding appreciated valuations of assets over and above cost, the argument that such value is as real as cost value, and that in the terminology of corporation and partnership accounting "capital and surplus" mean merely the excess of all assets at actual values over outstanding liabilities, and "surplus" means the intrinsic value of all assets over and above outstanding liabilities plus par of the stock, is beside the mark: Nor has the distinction between capital and income, discussed in *Doyle vs. Mitchell Bros. Co.*, 247 U. S., 179, 187; *Hays vs. Gauley Mountain Coal Co.*, 247 U. S., 189, 193, and *Southern Pacific Co. vs. Lowe*, 247 U. S., 330, 334-335, any proper bearing upon the questions here presented.

Upon the strength of an administrative interpretation contained in a Treasury regulation pertaining to the Revenue Act of 1917, under which "stocks" were to be regarded as tangible property when paid in for stock or shares of a corporation, it is insisted that appellant's stock dividend distribution of 1912 ought to be treated as paid for in tangible property, the old stock surrendered being regarded as tangible for the purpose. But that distribution, in substance and effect, was an internal transaction, in which the company received nothing from the stockholders any more than they received anything from it (see *Eisner vs. Macomber*, 252 U. S., 189, 210-211); and the old shares cannot be regarded as having the "paid in for" the new ones within the meaning of Section 207 (A) (2), even were they "stocks" within the meaning of that regulation, which is doubtful.

It is said that the admitted increase in the value of appellant's ore lands is properly to be characterized as earned surplus, because it was the result of extensive exploration and development work. We assume that a proper sum, not exceeding the cost of the work, might have been added to earned surplus on that account. But none such was stated in appellant's petition, nor, so far as appears, in its return of income. In the absence of such a showing it was not improper to attribute the entire \$9,915,400, added to the book value of the ore property in the year 1912, to a mere appreciation in the value of the property, in short to what is commonly known as the "unearned increment," not properly "earned surplus" within the meaning of the statute.

The foregoing considerations dispose of the contention that either the increased value of appellant's ore lands, or the surrender of the old stock in exchange for the new issues based upon that statute, can be regarded as "tangible property" paid in other than cash, for stock or shares in such corporation" within the meaning of Sec. 207 (A) (2); and of the further contention that such increased value can properly be regarded as "paid in or earned surplus and undivided profits," under Sec. 207 (A) (3).

#### With Territorial Uniformity.

It is urged that this construction, defining invested capital according to the original cost of the property instead of its present value, has the effect; of rendering the act "glaringly unequal" and of doubtful constitutionality—the instance being that, so construed, it operates to produce baseless and arbitrary discriminations to the extent of rendering the tax invalid under the due process of law clause of the Fifth Amendment. Reference is made to cases decided under the equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment (*Southern Railway Company v. Greeve*, 216 U. S., 400, 418; *Gast Realty Company v. Schneider Granite Company*, 240 U. S. 55); but clearly they are not in point. The Fifth Amendment has no equal protection clause; and the only rule of uniformity prescribed with respect to duties, imposts and excises laid by Congress is the territorial uniformity required by Article I., Section 8. (*Pollock v. Farmers' Loan and Trust Company*, 157, U. S. 429, 557; *Knowlton v. Moore*, 178, U. S. 41, 98, 106; *Flint v. Stone Tracy Company*, 220 U. S. 107, 150; *Billings v. United States*, 232 U. S. 261, 282; *Brushaber v. Union Pacific Railroad*, 240 U. S. 1, 24). That the statute under consideration operates with territorial uniformity is obvious and not question.

Appellant cites *Looney v. Crane Company*, 245, U. S. 178, 188 and *International Paper Company v. Massachusetts*, 246 U. S. 135, 145, but these cases also are inapplicable, being based upon the due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, with which State taxing laws were held in conflict because they had the effect of imposing taxes on the property of foreign corporations located and used beyond the jurisdiction of the taxing State. There is no such infirmity here. Nor can we regard the act—in basing "invested capital" upon actual costs to the exclusion of high estimated values—as productive of arbitrary discriminations raising a doubt about its constitutionality under the due process clause of the Fifth Amendment.

The difficulty of adjusting any system of taxation so as to render it precisely equal in its bearing is proverbial and such nicety is not even required of the States under the equal protection clause, much less of Congress under the more general requirement of due process of law in taxation. Of course it will be understood that Congress has very ample authority to adjust its income taxes according to its discretion, within the bounds of geographical uniformity. Courts have no authority to pass upon the propriety of its measures; and we deal with the present criticism only for the purpose of refuting the contention, strongly urged, that the tax is so wholly arbitrary as to amount to confiscation.

The act treats all corporations and partnerships alike, so far as they are similarly circumstanced. As to one and all, Congress adjusted this tax, generally speaking, on the basis of excluding from its operation income to the extent of a specified percentage (7 to 9%) of the capital employed, but upon condition that such capital be valued according to what actually was embarked at the outset or added thereafter, disregarding any appreciation in values. If in its application the tax in particular instances may seem to bear upon one corporation more than upon another, this is due to differences in their circumstances, not to any uncertainty or want of generality in the tests applied.

#### A Line of Demarcation.

Minor distinctions—such as those turning upon the particular dates of Jan. 1 1914 and March 3 1917—are easily explained, as we have seen. The principal line of demarcation, that based upon actual costs—excluding estimated appreciation—finds reasonable support upon grounds of both theory and practice, in addition to the important consideration of con-

venience in administration, already adverted to. There is a logical incongruity in entering upon the books of a corporation as the capital value of property acquired for permanent employment in its business and still retained for that purpose, a sum corresponding not to its cost but to what probably might be realized by sale in the market. It is not merely that the market value has not been realized or tested by sale made, but that sale cannot be made without abandoning the very purpose for which the property is held, involving a withdrawal from business so far as that particular property is concerned. Whether in a given case property should be carried in the capital account at market value rather than at cost may be a matter of judgment, depending upon special circumstances and the local law. But certainly Congress, in seeking a general rule, reasonably might adopt the cost basis, resting upon experience rather than anticipation.

In organizing corporations it is not unusual to issue different classes of securities, with various priorities as between themselves, to represent different kinds of contribution to capital. In exchange for cash bonds may be issued; for fixed properties, like plant and equipment, preferred stock may be given; while more speculative values, like good-will or patent rights, may be represented by common stock. In the present case, for instance, when appellant took the estimated increase in value of its ore lands as a basis for increased capitalization, it issued preferred stock to the amount of the former total, carrying those lands at cost, and issued a like amount of common stock to represent the appreciation in their market value. It does not appear that in form the new issues were thus allocated—but at least there was a recognition of a higher claim in favor of one part of the book capital than of the other. Upon like grounds, it was not unreasonable for Congress, in adjusting the "excess profits tax," to accord preferential treatment to capital representing actual investments, as compared with capital representing higher valuations based upon estimates, however confident and reliable, of what probably could be realized were the property sold instead of retained.

From every point of view the tax in question must be sustained. We intimate no opinion upon the effect of the Act with respect to deductions from cost values of capital assets because of depreciation or the like, no question of that kind being here involved.

Judgment affirmed. Mr. Justice McReynolds concurs in the result.

EXTENT OF POSTAL SAVINGS DEPOSITS.

The total deposits in the United States Postal Savings system on May 1 were approximately \$158,100,000, it is announced. The net amount on deposit suffered a decrease during the month of April 1921, attributable directly, we are told, to conditions affecting labor. At the large industrial centres where there is considerable unemployment or wages have been reduced instead of the usual increase in deposits there have been withdrawals to meet the living expenses of depositors. During the month of April two offices made gains of over \$25,000, namely, Boston, Mass., \$57,377, and Tacoma, Wash., \$26,263. One hundred and forty-one postal savings depositories now have over \$100,000 on deposit. The attached statement contains a list of the postal savings depository Post Offices with amounts on deposit in excess of \$100,000.

1 New York, N. Y.	\$49,240,327	72 Memphis, Tenn.	206,938
2 Brooklyn, N. Y.	15,430,048	73 Mount Pleasant, Pa.	205,708
3 Chicago, Ill.	7,612,484	74 Rochester, N. Y.	201,526
4 Boston, Mass.	4,694,843	75 Birmingham, Ala.	201,052
5 Pittsburgh, Pa.	3,722,257	76 Hammond, Ind.	194,687
6 Detroit, Mich.	3,137,126	77 Salt Lake City, Utah.	187,435
7 Philadelphia, Pa.	2,883,147	78 Masontown, Pa.	186,284
8 Newark, N. J.	1,853,583	79 Youngstown, O.	185,045
9 Portland, Ore.	1,695,639	80 New Kensington, Pa.	184,560
10 Seattle, Wash.	1,638,891	81 Brownsville, Pa.	181,779
11 Kansas City, Mo.	1,560,052	82 East Pittsburg, Pa.	180,687
12 Tacoma, Wash.	1,398,142	83 Ansonia, Conn.	177,504
13 Milwaukee, Wis.	1,389,571	84 Jacksonville, Fla.	176,807
14 St. Louis, Mo.	1,200,854	85 Hurley, Wis.	176,175
15 Cleveland, O.	1,134,397	86 Indianapolis, Ind.	175,687
16 San Francisco, Calif.	1,096,612	87 Woodlawn, Pa.	174,276
17 Jersey City, N. J.	947,366	88 Norwood, Mass.	172,704
18 Los Angeles, Calif.	936,905	89 Dayton, O.	167,090
19 Cincinnati, O.	868,171	90 East Chicago, Ind.	165,856
20 Uniontown, Pa.	773,901	91 Windber, Pa.	164,898
21 St. Paul, Minn.	766,209	92 Hibbing, Minn.	164,355
22 Columbus, O.	743,005	93 Export, Pa.	162,055
23 McKeesport, Pa.	714,732	94 Willimantic, Conn.	161,916
24 Buffalo, N. Y.	702,048	95 Fairbanks, Alaska.	*159,940
25 Providence, R. I.	624,625	96 Allentown, Pa.	158,731
26 Ironwood, Mich.	596,172	97 Manchester, N. H.	156,498
27 Butte, Mont.	593,790	98 Bingham Canyon, Utah.	155,762
28 Toledo, O.	587,143	99 Joliet, Ill.	154,332
29 Bridgeport, Conn.	579,130	100 San Diego, Calif.	153,800
30 Passaic, N. J.	571,805	101 Franklin, N. J.	153,001
31 McKees Rocks, Pa.	537,011	102 Waterbury, Conn.	153,018
32 Denver, Colo.	508,846	103 Spokane, Wash.	152,736
33 Aberdeen, Wash.	487,700	104 San Antonio, Tex.	*151,062
34 Washington, D. C.	424,114	105 Ambridge, Pa.	149,943
35 Hartford, Conn.	415,371	106 Rockford, Ill.	149,761
36 Minneapolis, Minn.	409,965	107 Bessemer, Mich.	147,402
37 New Haven, Conn.	406,643	108 Tonopah, Nev.	142,207
38 Lowell, Mass.	404,995	109 Tampa, Fla.	139,931
39 Erie, Pa.	376,227	110 Centuria, Wash.	137,553
40 Gary, Ind.	376,028	111 Greensburg, Pa.	135,454
41 Louisville, Ky.	357,794	112 Clairton, Pa.	*134,706
42 Duluth, Minn.	336,736	113 Perth Amboy, N. J.	134,182
43 Omaha, Neb.	335,133	114 Norwich, Conn.	132,643
44 Wilmington, Del.	332,090	115 Hoboken, N. J.	128,834
45 Kansas City, Kansas.	325,940	116 Homestead, Pa.	127,129
46 Leadville, Colo.	324,749	117 Christopher, Ill.	126,702
47 Pueblo, Colo.	318,526	118 Worcester, Mass.	125,372
48 Baltimore, Md.	303,003	119 Enslley, Ala.	124,922
49 Pawtucket, R. I.	301,266	120 Burlington, O.	122,115
50 Oakland, Calif.	299,014	121 Lawrence, Mass.	122,043
51 Pensacola, Fla.	289,625	122 Fall River, Mass.	121,870
52 Roslyn, Wash.	281,922	123 Fairmont, W. Va.	118,880
53 New Orleans, La.	270,113	124 Lynn, Mass.	117,388
54 Akron, O.	267,682	125 Vancouver, Wash.	116,388
55 Astoria, Ore.	255,006	126 Sacramento, Calif.	115,401
56 Anchorage, Alaska.	*255,284	127 Canton, O.	113,524
57 Paterson, N. J.	254,320	128 Northampton, Pa.	111,606
58 Elizabeth, N. J.	252,839	129 Conneaut, O.	111,587
59 Long Isl. City, N. Y.	247,422	130 Superior, Wis.	109,499
60 Staten Island, N. Y.	244,963	131 Raymond, Wash.	107,534
61 Phoenix, Arizona.	243,116	132 Everett, Wash.	107,228
62 Dallas, Texas.	236,406	133 Monessen, Pa.	106,670
63 Chester, Pa.	231,842	134 Dunkirk, N. Y.	106,221
64 Altoona, Pa.	231,073	135 Binghamton, N. Y.	105,251
65 Bayonne, N. J.	230,604	136 South Bend, Ind.	105,654
66 Jamaica, N. Y.	228,868	137 Monongahela, Pa.	104,456
67 Flushing, N. Y.	215,000	138 Stamford, Conn.	102,610
68 Atlantic City, N. J.	214,773	139 Fort Worth, Texas.	101,921
69 Bellingham, Wash.	214,052	140 Staunton, Ill.	101,126
70 Norfolk, Va.	209,600	141 Irwin, Pa.	100,742
71 Camden, N. J.	207,429		100,083

POST OFFICE RECEIPTS AS A BUSINESS BAROMETER.

Postmaster-General Hays will hereafter make public the monthly postal receipts of the 50 largest Post Offices, representing 54% of the postal business transacted throughout the country. This information has not been published since 1915. To a certain extent it is a barometer of the financial and industrial activities of the country. Comparisons are made by the same months of each year. The receipts for April 1921 show a decrease of \$1,848,708 04 as compared with the corresponding month of the preceding year, the rate of decrease being 8.24%. The receipts for April 1920, however, it is pointed out, were unusually large as a result of railroad and express strikes in the United States, merchants and other heavy mailers who had been accustomed to forward small parcels by express depositing their shipments with the postal service. The April 1921 receipts were \$1,401,675 31 in excess of those for April 1919, which included the increased postage collected as a war tax on first-class mail. There was an increase of 1.77% in postal receipts in January 1921 over January 1920, and 4.20% increase in February 1921 over February 1920. There was a decrease in postal receipts of 1.26% in March 1921 over March 1920. The following shows the receipts of the fifty largest offices for the month of April from 1908 to 1921, inclusive:

April 1908	\$7,637,628	April 1915	\$12,183,884
1909	8,588,149	1916	13,285,070
1910	9,050,373	1917	13,794,661
1911	9,714,929	1918	16,927,793
1912	10,201,395	1919	19,190,936
1913	11,565,745	1920	22,441,319
1914	12,456,541	1921	20,592,611

The following furnishes the April figures for each Post Office separately:

STATEMENT OF POSTAL RECEIPTS AT THE FIFTY LARGEST OFFICES.

	Per cent Per cent Per cent					
	1921	1920	1919			
New York, N. Y.	\$4,357,120	\$5,085,682	*\$728,562	+14.33	25.73	16.02
Chicago, Ill.	3,475,130	3,926,531	*451,401	+11.50	21.44	19.94
Philadelphia, Pa.	1,297,926	1,389,310	*91,384	+6.58	17.82	14.85
Boston, Mass.	953,357	966,589	*13,231	+1.36	3.57	7.01
St. Louis, Mo.	729,862	745,328	*15,466	+2.07	16.00	8.82
Pittsburgh, Pa.	438,583	497,498	*58,915	+11.84	16.46	*3.73
Brooklyn, N. Y.	438,300	527,136	*88,836	+16.85	21.47	9.83
Cleveland, Ohio	515,555	619,071	*103,516	+18.33	18.44	15.52
San Francisco, Calif.	474,832	449,687	25,145	5.59	15.44	10.32
Detroit, Mich.	484,365	537,920	*53,555	+9.77	18.70	15.75
Kansas City, Mo.	525,893	607,041	*81,148	+13.37	32.28	23.59
Cincinnati, Ohio	408,779	438,321	*29,542	+6.74	19.82	13.75
Minneapolis, Minn.	391,013	372,077	18,936	5.09	1.24	25.93
Baltimore, Md.	377,281	381,435	*4,154	+1.09	5.25	1.66
Buffalo, N. Y.	289,760	327,845	*38,085	+11.62	14.14	10.45
Los Angeles, Calif.	389,728	387,956	51,772	15.32	17.65	18.95
Milwaukee, Wis.	287,909	286,310	1,599	.56	16.81	9.88
Washington, D. C.	296,637	314,844	*18,207	+5.78	*8.81	3.48
St. Paul, Minn.	249,089	222,752	26,337	+11.82	12.07	10.83
Indianapolis, Ind.	246,246	264,197	*17,951	+6.80	19.68	13.63
Omaha, Neb.	206,153	199,250	6,903	3.47	1.03	5.23
Newark, N. J.	209,089	220,118	8,971	4.48	5.20	2.83
Denver, Colo.	198,367	199,209	*842	+4.2	2.16	11.37
Seattle, Wash.	183,926	203,569	*19,643	+9.65	10.91	8.55
Atlanta, Ga.	214,768	233,585	*18,817	+8.06	7.79	12.57
New Orleans, La.	178,200	197,215	*19,015	+9.64	16.31	21.60
Rochester, N. Y.	192,334	190,561	1,773	.93	8.86	16.33
Louisville, Ky.	162,754	156,255	6,499	4.16	.31	4.28
Des Moines, Iowa	162,607	165,723	*3,116	+1.91	7.74	6.54
Columbus, Ohio	157,336	173,468	*16,132	+9.30	22.12	4.92
Portland, Ore.	169,639	161,798	7,841	4.85	10.00	14.98
Dallas, Texas	199,753	215,421	*15,668	+7.27	20.57	18.56
Toledo, Ohio	129,232	141,986	*12,754	+8.99	12.57	15.91
Providence, R. I.	119,698	131,345	*11,647	+8.87	14.64	2.80
Richmond, Va.	119,073	112,544	6,529	5.80	*30.39	52.47
Memphis, Tenn.	106,654	118,662	*12,008	+10.12	*1.90	11.90
Hartford, Conn.	119,518	127,080	*7,562	+6.74	14.24	3.29
Syracuse, N. Y.	100,702	113,643	*12,941	+11.39	20.15	1.44
Nashville, Tenn.	110,552	102,235	8,317	8.14	4.24	14.70
Springfield, Mass.	80,807	85,575	*4,768	+5.57	11.56	4.08
Jersey City, N. J.	90,109	88,846	1,263	1.42	*6.50	*1.06
New Haven, Conn.	97,895	95,762	2,133	2.23	9.90	4.29
Albany, N. Y.	82,449	79,782	2,667	3.34	*1.27	*3.90
Grand Rapids, Mich.	88,627	85,648	2,979	3.48	8.62	10.66
Dayton, Ohio	87,850	96,956	*9,106	+9.39	21.52	19.31
Worcester, Mass.	67,288	75,322	*8,034	+10.67	9.86	0.44
Houston, Texas	113,571	124,173	*10,602	+8.54	36.94	*2.32
Jacksonville, Fla.	60,157	64,496	*4,339	+6.73	13.26	1.57
Akron, Ohio	74,735	117,188	*42,453	+36.25	21.78	25.27
Salt Lake City, Utah.	78,384	86,406	*8,022	+9.29	12.19	6.55
Total	\$20,592,611	\$22,441,319	\$1,848,708	+8.24	16.94	13.99

\* Decrease.

PRESIDENT HARDING LAUDS SERVICE OF ASSOCIATED PRESS DURING WAR.

In greetings to the members of the Associated Press, read at the annual luncheon of that organization held in this city at the Waldorf-Astoria on April 26, President Warren G. Harding paid recognition to the intelligent and patriotic service rendered by that association to the nation during the war, and bespoke "a continuance of the lofty motives that inspired it, and of the generous, considerate and helpful attitude." The following is President Harding's letter which was read by the President of the Association, Frank B. Noyes:

Dear Mr. Noyes.—I would be very grateful if on the occasion of the annual luncheon of the Associated Press you would express to the gathering my great regret that public engagements make it impossible for me to accept the invitation to be present. The opportunity to meet so pleasantly a company of fellow newspaper men such as will be there gathered presents a real temptation to play truant and join you, but it seems quite impossible.

As a newspaper publisher I am disposed to arrogate to myself a bit of special qualification to judge the service that the journalistic press has rendered to our country in the difficult period through which we have passed and which is not yet ended. I know how earnestly and effectively the press tried to hold up the hands of all who were carrying forward our nation's activities during the war.

On the other hand, my service in public life gave me some special insight into the relations between the Government and the instrumentalities of publicity. No more unqualified, intelligent and patriotic service was rendered to the nation and the great cause than that so freely given by the newspapers. Looking back upon it as one of the chief assets on the side of national morals, I cannot but bespeak a continuance of the lofty motives that inspired it, and of the generous, considerate, helpful attitude.

The world and our own nation have yet manifold onerous problems to solve and burdens to bear. I know that among those entrusted with national administration there is the ardent wish to serve with whatever of ability we may possess, and without any reservations in behalf of partisanship or personal interest. Nothing would give me more assurance at this time than to know that the new administration would be able to deserve and retain the lavish measure of good will and confidence that has been accorded to it thus far. Mutual tolerance and moderation will, I am sure, be amply repaid in accomplishment for the good of the country we all love and wish to prosper. Most sincerely yours,

WARREN G. HARDING.

#### HOW WILLIAM H. VANDERBILT CAME TO SAY "THE PUBLIC BE D - - - D."

Melville E. Stone, for many years editor and proprietor of the Chicago "Daily News," tells in an article recently written for "Collier's Weekly," and copyrighted in 1921 by P. F. Collier & Sons Co., how the expression originated, says "The Bulletin," issued by the Southern Pacific Co., and then prints the following:

Back in 1882, Clarence Dresser was a free-lance reporter in Chicago. He was one of the offensively aggressive type—always importunate and usually impudent. Such reporters are not the best, and Dresser had, because of his tireless audacity, proved a failure as a news gatherer and been employed and speedily dismissed by all the papers. Then he became a free-lance. He prowled among the railroads, gathered what he could, betrayed confidences generously and sold his output at "something an article."

One evening Mr. William H. Vanderbilt arrived with some friends. He was on his private car which was sidetracked in an out-of-the-way corner of the Michigan Central yards. Dresser learned of his whereabouts and posted off for an interview. Mr. Vanderbilt was at dinner, but it was useless. Dresser forced his way in and cheerily accosted the magnate. Intrusion of this sort was not uncommon with him. He was not abashed when Mr. Vanderbilt said sharply: "Don't you see, sir, that I am engaged." "I want an interview," replied Dresser. "Well sit down at the other end of the car until I have finished dinner and I will talk with you" replied Mr. Vanderbilt. "But it is late and I will not reach the office in time. The public . . ." This was too much for the infuriated Mr. Vanderbilt, who interrupted his tormentor with the ejaculation: "The public be d—d"; you get out of here." Dresser scurried off to the "Daily News" office, told the story in great glee and wanted to sell an article based on Mr. Vanderbilt's phrase which he had extorted: "The public be d—d" but the night editor of the "Daily News" would have nothing to do with it. Instead, he roundly denounced Dresser for the whole business.

Then Dresser went off to the Chicago "Tribune" and cautioned by his experience at the "Daily News" office, avoided any suggestion that he had aroused Mr. Vanderbilt's anger, and made a sale.

The result was the publication which did the railroad business incalculable damage, and as much as anything led to the agitation which followed against transportation companies.

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

No sales of bank or trust company stocks were made at the Stock Exchange or at auction this week.

The Board of Governors of the New York Stock Exchange at a special meeting held this week voted to close the Exchange on Saturday May 28, the day preceding Decoration Day (May 30). The closing of the Exchange on that day will give the members a triple holiday. The Chicago Stock Exchange has followed in the footsteps of the New York Exchanges and will close its doors on Saturday May 28, the day preceding Decoration Day.

The members of the New York Cotton Exchange have taken a similar step as the Stock Exchange and will close the Exchange on May 28.

The members of the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange have voted to close the Exchange on Saturday, May 28, and also, in addition to this, Saturdays in June, July and August and the first Saturday in September, Sept. 3, which precedes Labor Day.

The New York Metal Exchange will be closed every Saturday until the end of September, by order of the Board of Managers.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bankers Trust Company of this city held Monday (May 16), W. A. Henderson, formerly Assistant Treasurer, was appointed Treasurer of the Company.

The Guaranty Trust Company of New York, has been authorized by the New York State Banking Department to open and occupy a branch office, on or after May 10 1921, at Stamboul, in the city of Constantinople, Turkey.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, George P. Kennedy was appointed Manager of the Grand Street Office of the Guaranty Trust Company.

At a special meeting held on Thursday of this week (May 19) the stockholders of the Liberty Securities Corporation of this city (now a subsidiary of the New York Trust Co.) voted to change the name of the corporation to the Liberty Industrial Corporation. As such, the corporation is taking over the Industrial Department of the Liberty National Bank and will direct its activities primarily along industrial lines. Among the services to be performed by the corporation are examinations and reports for creditors' and security-holders' committees; examination of corporations to determine their needs for financing; consultations with corporations as to methods of operating, financing and accounting, &c. The Liberty Securities Corporation was organized in 1919 by the Liberty National Bank for the purpose of engaging in the underwriting of securities and credits. The stock of the corporation was held pro rata by stockholders of the bank. At the time of the merger of the Liberty National Bank with The New York Trust Company, the ownership of the stock of the Securities Corporation was transferred from the Liberty National Bank stockholders to the New York Trust Company direct. In addition to the officers named in these columns in our issue of May 7, A. H. Smith will be Secretary and Treasurer of the Liberty Industrial Corporation and J. F. McClelland, Manager of its Industrial Department. The corporation's offices have been removed from 120 Broadway to the New York Trust Company's Building at 26 Broad Street.

The Produce Exchange Branch of The Mechanics & Metals National Bank of this city on Monday May 16, moved to its new quarters in the Cunard Building at 25 Broadway. The Branch is situated at the Morris Street corner of the building with entrances from Broadway and from the Cunard vestibule. For thirty-eight years this Bank has served the Bowling Green district of Manhattan, having been established in 1883 as the Produce Exchange Bank. It occupied quarters in the Produce Exchange Building until 1905 and then moved to 10 Broadway, the building which has just been vacated. A year ago the Produce Exchange Bank was merged with The Mechanics & Metals National Bank and has since been known as the Produce Exchange Branch of that Bank. The new quarters are the most modern that banking efficiency can create. On the first floor is the main banking room, the officers' room occupying space directly to the right of the Broadway entrance. The Bank's private elevators connect with the floor above, where the Foreign Department is situated, and with the vaults in the basement. The safe deposit vaults, of which there are two, resting one upon the other, have their foundation upon the bedrock of Manhattan Island. They are reputed to be among the most completely equipped in existence, being contained in a huge steel and concrete box 57 feet in length by 47 feet in width, having walls 36 inches thick. Running around the vault is an observation gallery, constructed so that a guard can keep the entire-wall space under surveillance. This is an added precaution to complete the safety devices of modern construction. A system of units has been installed in the lower vault, so arranged that a client can rent his own coupon room with a vault connecting—a vault within a vault. These units are of various sizes and round out a system which is regarded as unexcelled from the standpoint of both security and convenience.

The Chase Securities Corporation of this city is offering to purchase the minority shares of the Metropolitan Bank. It offers one share of Chase National Bank stock, one share of its own stock and \$10 in cash for one share of Metropolitan Bank stock. The Chase Securities Corporation already controls the Metropolitan Bank. As noted in our issue of Jan. 22 1921, the Metropolitan Bank on Jan. 29 took over the Hamilton Trust Co. of Brooklyn and that institution is the Hamilton Trust Branch of the Metropolitan. In this city the Metropolitan Bank operates four branches, two of which were opened recently, one at 36th Street and Seventh Avenue and the other at 41st Street and Madison Avenue. Ultimately, it is understood, the Metropolitan Bank will be merged in the Chase National Bank, giving the latter an extensive and well located system of branches. The Metropolitan Bank was organized in 1905 and does a strictly commercial business. It has a capital of \$2,500,000 and surplus

and undivided profits of \$4,500,000. Its deposits aggregate \$48,495,000.

The Metropolitan Trust Company of this City, has this week, issued an announcement saying it had withdrawn from the negotiations looking toward the merger of that Company with the United States Mortgage & Trust Company of New York.

The Park-Union Foreign Banking Corporation, 56 Wall Street, this city, announces having established a new service bureau in Paris as a department of their branch which was opened in November, 1919, at 1 Rue Taitbout. The Bureau is in charge of Miss Anne Liddell Seward who will look after all matters relating to travelers' letters of credit, passports, transportation, &c., and will give information and be of general service to Americans visiting Paris or traveling in Europe. Miss Seward is particularly fitted for the position, having had technical and financial training. During the war she was associated with William Harding and Fred I. Kent, a Vice-President of the Bankers Trust Co. of this city, in the work of the Federal Reserve Board, as head of the Research Department, Division of Foreign Exchange. Miss Seward is a daughter of George W. Seward, for many years United States Ambassador to China.

Jules S. Bache of J. S. Bache & Co. and Robert I. Barr, Vice-President of the Chase National Bank of New York, have been elected to the board of directors of the State Bank of New York, succeeding Sol Wexler and Walter L. Burkett.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Twenty-third Ward Bank of this city has been called for May 24 to vote on increasing its capital stock from \$200,000 to \$250,000.

Residents of Bay Ridge (Brooklyn) and vicinity are watching with interest the progress being made with the extensive alterations which the Brooklyn Trust Co. is making to its building at the corner of 5th Avenue and 75th Street, in preparation for a new branch office there. The entire street floor is being reconstructed—an addition to the building has been made to the rear on the 75th Street side, and with many architectural improvements made to both street frontages, an entirely new exterior to the building will be presented, thoroughly in keeping with its intended use. The interior fittings will be of bronze and marble and no detail for customers' convenience has been overlooked. The advisory board, having general oversight of the business relations between the office and its customers, will be made up of men who, because of their long residence and business and social standing, are well known in that section of the city and have its interest at heart. William A. Main, Vice-President of the National Park Bank, New York, and James S. Lawson, a prominent attorney, whose home is on Shore Road, are two of the members of the board already selected. In addition to providing complete banking and trust facilities, the company is installing several hundred safe deposit boxes of various sizes in a specially constructed steel and concrete vault. The exact time has not been set for the opening, but we believe a definite date will be announced by the company within a few weeks, and probably by the early part of July the new branch will be in active operation.

On May 10 the Scarsdale National Bank of Scarsdale, N. Y., celebrated its first anniversary by a dinner given by the President to members of the board of directors at the Gedney Farm Hotel, officers of the Federal Reserve Bank being invited guests. The goal, a million dollars in deposits within one year, was reached and passed, deposits on May 10 1921 amounting to \$1,022,331. The capital of the bank is \$100,000, with surplus of \$20,000 and total resources as of April 28 1921 of \$1,042,490. Rush Wilson is President; O. H. Cheney, Vice-President, and George W. Both, Cashier.

A new company, namely the North Avenue Safe Deposit Co. of New Rochelle, N. Y., has applied to the State Banking Department for a certificate of organization and will open for business as soon as the certificate is received. The capital of the new company is \$25,000 of the par value of \$100 per share, which was sold at \$120 per share. H. E. Colwell is President of the new company; Theo. Wulp,

Vice-President, and J. W. Spalding, Secretary and Treasurer.

At the regular meeting of the directors of the First Trust & Deposit Co. of Syracuse on May 13, Mercer V. White, heretofore Trust Officer of the institution, was elected a Vice-President and Director, to succeed Louis S. Brady, resigned. Roy W. Bell, Assistant Secretary, and formerly Assistant Trust Officer as well, was elected Trust Officer to take the place of Mr. White. At the same meeting E. L. Pierce, President of the Solvay Process Company, tendered his resignation as a director. Mr. Pierce's successor has not yet been elected.

E. T. Eshelman, 1st Vice-President of the First Trust & Deposit Co. of Syracuse, was recently elected a Vice-President and Director of the Bank of East Syracuse, to succeed Louis S. Brady, resigned. At the same meeting Prof. Edward T. Hennessy was elected a Director of the bank to fill a vacancy.

The Comptroller of the Currency on May 12 approved the conversion of the Paterson Safe Deposit & Trust Company of Paterson, N. J. into a National institution, under the title of the National Trust Bank of Paterson; capital \$300,000.

The Union & New Haven Trust Co., New Haven, Conn., recently purchased the assets and assumed the liabilities of the People's Bank & Trust Co. of that City. The latter institution is now in process of liquidation. It had a capital of \$300,000; surplus & undivided profits of \$225,884 and deposits of over \$5,000,000. The last statement of the Union & New Haven Trust Co., which includes the assets and liabilities of the acquired bank, shows total deposits of \$8,539,100 and total resources of \$10,677,876. The capital of the institution is \$650,000 with surplus & undivided profits of \$822,131. Its trust funds amount to \$35,922,524. The officials of the company are: Eli Whitney, Chairman of the Board; W. Perry Curtiss, President; Henry L. Hotchkiss and Henry L. Galpin, Vice-Presidents; Dean B. Lyman, Treasurer and Osborne A. Day, Secretary.

Lewis M. Phelps, President of the Wallingford Trust Co., Wallingford, Conn., died on May 13 at the age of seventy-nine. Mr. Phelps was born in Northampton, Mass. He had represented Wallingford in the General Assembly and had served as Judge of the Borough Court.

William P. Goodwin, Treasurer and Secretary of the People's Savings Bank of Providence for the past ten years, died suddenly of heart disease on May 14 in his sixty-ninth year. Mr. Goodwin was born in Foxcroft, Me., and went to Providence in 1869. In June 1908 he was appointed Bank Commissioner for the State of Rhode Island, being the first commissioner to be appointed in that State. He resigned the office in 1911 and was elected Treasurer of the People's Savings Bank, a position he had held ever since.

The Washington "Post" of May 12 states that the directors of the Second National Bank, on May 11, elected Somerset R. Waters who has been a director of the bank for many years, First Vice-President to fill the vacancy caused by the recent resignation of Samuel J. Prescott, who became Chairman of the Board. Mr. Waters is President of the Seventh Street Savings Bank.

On Monday morning, May 9th, delivery men by dozens, loaded with huge gifts of flowers, entered the newly remodeled banking quarters of The Union Trust Company of Cleveland, until the enlarged lobbies and beautiful new officers' quarters became a veritable garden of floral decoration. From all parts of the United States these floral tributes came in, thereby adding a delightful touch to the formal opening of Cleveland's newest and biggest banking rooms. Few, if any, banking quarters have ever undergone such a wonderful change as has taken place in the old Citizens Savings and Trust building—now the main headquarters of the consolidated offices of The Union Trust Company. It will be remembered that three of Cleveland's biggest banks featured in the merger of the six banks which united to form The Union Trust Company the first of the year and these three big banks, formerly the Union Commerce National Bank

the First National and The Citizens Savings and Trust, are now brought together under one roof in the new downtown headquarters. Immediately upon the consolidation, which took effect the first of the year, a large force of carpenters, masons, painters and craftsmen of all sorts were put to work day and night under the supervision of one of the bank's Vice-Presidents, G. D. McGwinn. Under his capable direction the old Citizens main lobby has been completely transformed; savings window accommodation, it is stated, has been increased over 100%, an entire new commercial banking floor has been added with forty-two tellers' windows to be devoted exclusively to commercial and checking accounts, and the whole fourteen-story building has been remade, floor by floor.

The Gary Trust & Savings Bank, Gary, Ind., recently purchased the International Trust & Savings Bank of that place and the institutions will be merged. The enlarged Gary Trust & Savings Bank will have resources of \$2,000,000. In August 1918 the Northern State Bank of Gary failed and a few months later its assets were purchased by the International Trust & Savings Bank, which subsequently paid the depositors 90 cents on the dollar. By the purchase of the International Trust & Savings Bank by the Gary Trust & Savings Bank these depositors will now receive the remaining 10 cents on the dollar. The officials of the Gary Trust & Savings Bank will be: Harry Lee Arnold, President; M. G. Kreinman and Louis Goodman, Vice-Presidents; Walter H. Thomas, Cashier, and Mark D. Falvey, Secretary.

William Grote, President of the Home National Bank and Vice-President of the Home Trust & Savings Bank of Elgin, Ill., and one of the prominent men of that city, died on May 15. Mr. Grote was born in Hamburg, Germany, in 1849, and came to this country in 1866. In 1871 he entered the real estate business in Elgin. For eleven years Mr. Grote was President of the Elgin City Interurban Railroad and was instrumental in building the Aurora Elgin & Chicago Railroad and the Elgin-Carpenterville line. He served as Mayor of Elgin for three terms and was prominently identified with numerous religious, charitable and educational associations.

According to the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of May 19, C. G. Burnham, Vice-President of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy Railroad, has been elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Trust & Savings Bank, Jackson Boulevard and Clinton Street, Chicago. He was chosen to succeed the late E. A. Howard, who had been a director of that bank since 1912.

On April 22 the Citizens' State Bank of Chicago formally opened its new building at the Southwest corner of Lincoln Ave. and Melrose St. The new building is in the classic renaissance style of architecture. It is two stories in height and fireproof. The exterior is of glazed granite terra cotta with polychrome effects worked into panels between the stories. The banking quarters occupy the first floor and mezzanine. The safe deposit vaults are in the basement. The second floor of the building is divided into offices. Ultimately this floor will be used by the bank. The institution has a combined capital and surplus of \$550,000 and total resources of more than \$4,250,000.

According to a special dispatch to the Chicago "Tribune," dated May 16, from Arcola, Ill., M. T. Quirk, President of the Arcola State Bank of that place, and his son, J. S. Quirk, Cashier of the institution, have been arrested for alleged forgery and embezzlement. The bank, it is stated, was closed by State Bank Examiner W. S. Whitlock following an examination of its books at the request of T. E. Lyons of Champaign, Ill., one of its Vice-Presidents. A shortage of \$400,000 is said to have been discovered. We quote from the dispatch as follows:

According to Mr. Lyons, the Quirks allowed the firm of J. R. Ernst & Son, grain dealers of Arcola and Galton, Ill., to overdraw their account \$176,000. Loans of \$46,500 were made to the same firm on bad securities. This money, Mr. Lyons declares, was lost on the Chicago Board of Trade.

In addition, Mr. Lyons declares, the Quirks lent large sums of money to members of their own family without security, covering the loans by placing forged notes in the bank's vaults.

"The Quirks have admitted the whole thing," Vice-President Lyons said. "They have turned over to us all their property, valued at approximately \$100,000. The property of Ernst & Son also will be turned over to us. It should reduce the loss to a small amount. The depositors will not lose a penny. At a meeting of the stockholders we agreed to assume the burden. I and members of my family own half this stock."

The stockholders were unanimous in a decision to reorganize the institution. Other banks in the county have offered to lend \$400,000, if necessary. State Bank Examiner Whitlock reported the bank could be reopened if additional capital were forthcoming.

The Quirks have been regarded as two of the foremost business men in Arcola. The father is 68 years old, the son 41.

The Arcola State Bank had a capital of \$50,000, with surplus and undivided profits of \$105,000.

A new financial institution to be known as the First National Bank was opened in Cicero, Ill. (a suburb of Chicago), on May 7. The new bank is located in a handsome building at the corner of Austin Boulevard and 22d St., which was erected for the purpose at a cost of half a million dollars. It has a capital of \$150,000 (par value of shares \$100), with surplus of \$37,500. William Kaspar, President of the Kaspar State Bank and a resident of Chicago for fifty-seven years, is the founder of the new institution and its President. The other officers are Otto Kaspar, Vice-President, and Eugene W. Kaspar, Vice-President and Cashier.

Announcement was made on Tuesday, May 3, of the resignation of W. F. Rowe as Vice-President of the American Exchange Bank of Milwaukee to become Manager of the Banking Department of Arthur Young & Co. of that city. Mr. Rowe has been engaged in banking activities in the State of Wisconsin for the last twenty-five years and until his resignation was in charge of the Country Bank Department of the American Exchange Bank. His position at that institution will be filled by F. M. Covert, Assistant Cashier.

Three Waterloo, Iowa, financial institutions, namely, the Waterloo Bank & Trust Co., the American Trust & Savings Bank and the Lincoln Savings Bank, were merged recently under the title of the first-named institution. The enlarged institution has a capital of \$300,000 (par value \$100 per share) and total resources of \$3,000,000. B. J. Howrey, heretofore President of the Waterloo Bank & Trust Co., is head of the new organization. The other officers are John J. Jones and A. G. Agnew, Vice-Presidents; Albert K. Smith, Cashier; E. H. Wyant, Secretary, and H. M. Howrey, Treasurer.

A press dispatch from Bismarck, N. D., of recent date states that the Union Farmers' Bank of New Salem, N. D., which was closed in February, has been reopened, according to an announcement from the State Examiner's office. Liquidation of a large amount of paper, which the bank had been carrying, it is said, enabled it to re-open. O. O. Gabe is President of the bank. We referred to the closing of the Union Farmers' Bank in our issue of Feb. 19 1921, page 705.

A charter was issued on May 9 by the Comptroller of the Currency for the Sterling National Bank, Sterling, Colo., as successor to the Farmers National Bank of Sterling. The capital of the Sterling National Bank is \$150,000. L. C. Burns, President; A. M. Rex, Cashier.

In accordance with the plans for the absorption of the National Bank of Commerce of Kansas City, Mo., by the Commerce Trust Co. of that place, referred to in these columns in our April 2 issue, the former institution, effective May 2, voluntarily liquidated and its assets have been purchased by the Commerce Trust Co.

A special dispatch to the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" from Jefferson City, Mo., dated May 12, stated that on that date State Bank Commissioner Hughes had been advised by telegraph of the suicide by shooting, of Bert Bell, the Cashier of the Bank of Waynesville (Mo.), and that a State Bank Examiner was to be sent to Waynesville to ascertain the financial condition of the institution. The last report of the Waynesville Bank (Feb. 20) showed the institution to be in good financial condition; that it had a capital of \$50,000, surplus and undivided profits of approximately \$10,700 and resources of \$801,725. The dispatch further stated that Mr. Bell left a letter in which he instructed his wife to turn over all his property to the bank with the exception of his life insurance, amounting to about \$40,000.

On May 14 the Comptroller of the Currency issued a charter for a new St. Louis bank, namely the Republic National,

Bank, with a capital of \$1,000,000. W. E. Brown is President of the new institution and M. E. Patterson, Cashier.

F. W. Stumpe, President of the Bank of Washington, Washington, Mo., died on May 10 after a prolonged illness. Mr. Stumpe was sixty-nine years of age and had been connected with the banking business in Washington for forty-four years.

On May 9 the Brunswick Bank & Trust Co., Brunswick, Ga., took over the Glynn County Bank of that place. The Brunswick Bank & Trust Co. now has a combined capital and surplus and undivided profits of \$350,000; deposits of more than \$1,300,000 and aggregate resources of \$2,500,000. The Glynn County Bank was founded in 1907 and has had a prosperous career. The officials of the enlarged Brunswick Bank & Trust Co. are as follows: F. D. Aiken, President; L. H. Haym and Paul E. Twitty, Vice-Presidents; C. Z. Walker, Cashier; I. M. Aiken, Assistant Cashier, and R. H. Strain (formerly Cashier of the Glynn County Bank), Auditor.

According to a press dispatch from Augusta, Ga., to the Atlanta "Constitution," dated May 11, John Phinizy was elected Active Vice-President of the Georgia Railroad Bank of Augusta, succeeding the late Rufus H. Brown, at a meeting of the directors of the institution on that date. Besides filling the vacancy created by the death of Mr. Brown, the directors made the following promotions in the personnel of the bank: Samuel Martin from Cashier to Vice-President; Hugh H. Saxon from Assistant Cashier to Cashier, and Hal Beman from Note Teller to Assistant Cashier. Mr. Martin and A. B. Vonkamp were elected members of the board.

A press dispatch from Miami, Fla., dated May 19, reports that the Fidelity Bank & Trust Co. of that city has been closed by the State Comptroller, the amount involved not being known at that time. R. W. McLendon, President of the institution, is quoted as saying "that the bank had available for liquidation the sum of \$2,800,000 to meet liabilities which aggregate \$2,325,000." L. T. Highleyman, Chairman of the Board of Directors, announced "that the bank would reopen within a fortnight and depositors paid dollar for dollar."

The Canal Commercial Trust and Savings Bank of New Orleans announces that in line with the action of the largest and most important corporations in this country, it has created the position of Chairman of the Board of Directors and tendered this chief position to their President W. R. Irby, which he has accepted, and on the recommendation of Mr. Irby, J. P. Butler, Jr., has been elected President. This action gives merited reward to these two able officials who have played so important and successful a part in the development of this great institution, and gives to Mr. Irby, the dean of Southern bankers, the same graceful recognition of long and successful service which the Continental and Commercial National Bank of Chicago recently conferred upon its distinguished President, George M. Reynolds, in electing him Chairman of the Board of that most prominent Western bank.

The First National Bank of Sidney, Neb., is reported closed in a press dispatch from that place Saturday, May 13. Officers say the institution is solvent and that the suspension is temporary. The bank has a capital of \$25,000 and deposits of approximately \$424,000.

A press dispatch to the San Francisco "Commercial News" from Martinez, Calif., dated May 5, states that at a meeting of the directors of the Bank of Martinez on May 4, an increase in the capital of the institution from \$100,000 to \$125,000, and an increase in surplus from \$125,000 to \$156,250, was authorized. These increases give the bank a combined capital and surplus of \$281,250; it is stated. Deposits in the bank now exceed \$1,100,000.

The San Francisco "Chronicle" of May 9 states that conversion of the Bank of Sunnyvale at Sunnyvale, Cal., as a branch of the Bank of Italy was authorized Saturday (May 7) by State Superintendent of Banks, Charles F. Stern, according to an announcement of A. P. Giannini, President of the Bank of Italy. The present officers and

directors of the Bank of Sunnyvale will be retained as the Local Advisory Board, and the bank will be operated as a branch of the Bank of Italy.

The San Francisco "Chronicle" of May 17 stated that the Security Savings Bank of San Francisco had been granted permission by Judge E. P. Morgan of the Superior Court on May 16 to change its name to the Security Bank and Trust Company. The bank was incorporated in 1871, as a savings bank, but as it is now operating Savings, Commercial and Trust departments, it desired the new name to designate more accurately the scope of its activities.

According to a press dispatch from Tacoma, Wash., Ole S. Larson, formerly President of the defunct Scandinavian-American Bank of Tacoma, was on May 10 found guilty by a jury in the Superior Court on the first of twenty-two indictments which charged the unlawful borrowing of \$10,000 from the bank's funds as an official of the institution without the authorization of the Board of Directors.

We print elsewhere in our pages to-day an advertisement of the Union Trust Co. of Cleveland entitled "What Will Congress Do in Tax Reform?" The tax department of the Union Trust Co. is managed by Government-trained men who closely follow the situation in Washington and it is therefore peculiarly well fitted to give any information desired regarding proposed or present legislation.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS FOR APRIL.

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

Totals for merchandise, gold and silver for April:

000s omitted.	Merchandise.			Gold.			Silver.		
	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports.	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports.	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1921	340,000	255,000	85,000	384	91,771	91,387	2,319	3,300	981
1920	684,319	495,739	188,580	44,622	48,522	73,900	16,412	10,705	5,707
1919	714,800	272,957	441,843	1,770	6,694	74,922	25,077	7,067	18,010
1918	500,443	278,981	221,462	3,560	2,746	1,814	12,251	5,081	7,170
1917	529,928	253,976	275,992	16,965	32,372	715,407	4,353	2,375	1,978
1916	398,568	218,236	180,332	11,503	6,122	5,381	4,856	2,176	2,680

f Excess of Imports.

Total for ten months ended April 30:

000s omitted.	Merchandise.			Gold.			Silver.		
	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports.	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports.	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
'20-'21	5,850,036	3,264,299	2,585,737	131,702	568,428	436,726	48,759	48,849	90
'19-'20	6,734,089	4,254,742	2,479,347	453,539	1,083,347	630,807	167,759	88,255	79,504
'18-'19	5,699,936	2,473,879	3,226,057	31,647	35,150	73,503	259,967	63,833	196,134
'17-'18	4,884,987	2,362,452	2,522,535	184,549	85,901	98,648	84,234	57,679	26,555
'16-'17	5,166,907	2,072,005	3,094,902	167,060	833,575	666,515	63,043	28,023	35,105
'15-'16	3,393,993	1,722,899	1,671,094	70,019	343,953	273,934	48,935	28,247	20,688

f Excess of imports.

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,	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Week ending May 20.	May 14.	May 16.	May 17.	May 18.	May 19.	May 20.
Silver, per oz	d. 33 3/4	Holiday	33 3/4	33 3/4	33 3/4	33 3/4
Gold, per fine ounce	102s. 11d.	Holiday	102s. 11d.	102s. 9d.	102s. 8d.	102s. 8d.
Consols, 2 1/2 per cents	Holiday	Holiday	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2
British, 5 per cents	Holiday	Holiday	87 1/2	88	88 1/2	88 1/2
British, 4 1/2 per cents	Holiday	Holiday	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2
French Rentes (in Paris)	fr. Holiday	Holiday	57.60	57.5	57.30	57.15
French War Loan (in Paris)	fr. Holiday	Holiday	82.70	82.70	82.70	82.70

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

Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.):	99 1/4	99 1/2	99 3/4	99 1/2	99 1/4	99 1/4
Domestic	99 1/4	99 1/2	99 3/4	99 1/2	99 1/4	99 1/4
Foreign	59 3/4	59 3/4	59 3/4	59 3/4	58 3/4	58 3/4

TRADE AND TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS.

ANTHRACITE COAL SHIPMENTS.—The shipment of anthracite coal for the month of April 1921, as reported to the Anthracite Bureau of Information at Philadelphia, Pa., aggregated 5,967,465 tons. The movement exceeds that of April 1920 by no less than 1,153,254 tons, the small shipments during that month being due to the switchmen's strike, which seriously interfered with traffic. Shipments during April for the last four years by originating carriers have been:

Road—	Month of April—			
	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Philadelphia & Reading (tons)	1,123,585	1,055,190	1,044,192	1,233,512
Lehigh Valley	1,102,965	898,929	865,924	1,175,027
Central Railroad of New Jersey	537,822	305,465	481,781	528,886
Delaware Lackawanna & Western	929,271	545,419	885,215	1,008,018
Delaware & Hudson	812,967	833,254	603,479	771,553
Pennsylvania	416,847	408,490	383,250	448,374
Erle	630,471	346,144	581,453	695,186
Ontario & Western	128,684	161,306	144,856	185,650
Lehigh & New England	284,853	261,014	234,565	322,167
Total	5,967,465	4,814,211	5,224,715	6,368,373

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**STOCK OF MONEY IN THE COUNTRY.**—The following table shows the general stock of money in the country, as well as the holdings by the Treasury and the amount in circulation on the dates given:

—Stock of Money May 1 1921—		—Money in Circulation—	
in U. S. a		Held in Treas. May 1 1921.	
	1921.		1920.
Gold coin (including bullion in Treasury)	3,089,679,782	444,943,002	5976,069,308
Gold certificates			831,329,148
Standard silver dollars	276,482,326	25,022,672	480,380,569
Silver certificates			384,364,529
Subsidiary silver	271,058,297	9,494,814	77,972,209
Treasury notes of 1890			134,586,450
United States notes	346,681,016	7,282,672	171,903,461
Federal Reserve notes	3,059,943,360	4,367,839	261,563,483
Federal Reserve bank notes	175,014,400	1,975,102	1,583,985
National bank notes	723,816,352	15,263,092	339,398,344
			278,163,253
			1,875,039,298
			185,220,360
			680,720,336
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,942,675,533</b>	<b>508,349,193</b>	<b>5,972,627,169</b>
Population of continental United States estimated at			107,807,000.
Circulation per capita,			\$55.40.

a This statement of money held in the Treasury as assets of the Government does not include deposits of public money in Federal Reserve banks and in national banks and special depositories to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, amounting to \$398,123,066.40.

b Includes \$507,255,860.68 Federal Reserve Gold Settlement Fund deposited with Treasurer of the United States.

c Includes own Federal Reserve notes held by Federal Reserve banks.

Note.—On May 1 1921 Federal Reserve banks and Federal Reserve agents held against Federal Reserve notes \$1,033,928,623 gold coin and bullion, \$154,358,280 gold certificates, and \$273,412,268 Federal Reserve notes, a total of \$1,461,699,171, against \$1,275,818,233 on May 1 1920.

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

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED.		Capital.
May 10—The North Arlington National Bank, North Arlington, N. J.	Correspondent, Arthur B. Archibold, North Arlington, N. J.	\$25,000
May 11—The National Bank of Burbank, Burbank, Cal.	Correspondent, W. S. Walker, Burbank, Cal.	50,000
May 11—The First National Bank of Oliver Springs, Tenn.	Correspondent, A. B. Day, Oliver Springs, Tenn.	25,000
May 11—The Tri-County National Bank of Oliver Springs, Tenn.	Correspondent, Fred. C. Siemknecht, Oliver Springs, Tenn.	25,000
APPLICATION TO CONVERT RECEIVED.		
May 13—The First National Bank of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	Conversion of the Security State Bank of Fort Lauderdale. Correspondent, Maxwell Baxter, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	25,000
APPLICATION TO CONVERT APPROVED.		
May 12—The National Trust Bank of Paterson, N. J.	Conversion of the Paterson Safe Deposit & Trust Co. of Paterson, N. J. Correspondent, John L. Griggs, Paterson, N. J.	300,000
CHARTERS ISSUED.		
May 9—11972—The Sterling National Bank, Sterling, Colo.	Succeeds the Farmers National Bank of Sterling. President, L. C. Burns; Cashier, A. M. Rex.	150,000
May 14—11973—The Republic National Bank of St. Louis, Mo.	President, W. E. Brown; Cashier, M. E. Patterson.	1,000,000
CORPORATE EXISTENCE EXTENDED.		
5822—The First National Bank of Ontario, Oregon	Until close of business	May 9 1941
5821—First National Bank of Clifton, Ariz.		May 13 1941
5836—The Citizens National Bank of Dublin, Tex.		May 13 1941
5842—The Home National Bank of Thornoutn, Ind.		May 14 1941
5912—The First National Bank of Prescott, Iowa		May 14 1941
CORPORATE EXISTENCE RE-EXTENDED.		
2536—The Merchants National Bank of Nebraska City, Neb.		May 13 1941
VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.		Capital.
May 10—8876—The First National Bank of Morris, Okla.	Effective May 4 1921. Liquidating agent, L. S. Bagley, Muskogee, Okla. Succeeded by the Morris National Bank, Morris, Okla., No. 11932.	\$25,000
May 10—10502—The First National Bank of Russellville, Tenn.	Effective May 4 1921. Liquidating agent, Joe H. Dean, Russellville, Tenn. Succeeded by the Russellville Bank & Trust Co., Russellville, Tenn.	25,000
May 10—10231—The National Bank of Commerce of Kansas City, Mo.	Effective May 2 1921. Liquidating agents, J. W. Perry and E. W. Zea, Kansas City, Mo. Assets to be purchased by the Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City, Mo.	\$4,000,000

**Canadian Bank Clearings.**—The clearings for the week ending May 12 at Canadian cities, in comparison with the same week in 1920, show a decrease in the aggregate of 6.7%.

C earnings at—	Week ending May 12.				
	1921.	1920.	Inc. or Dec.	1919.	1918.
<b>Canada—</b>					
Montreal	124,776,553	133,579,230	-6.6	135,609,846	89,566,988
Toronto	105,579,777	109,897,691	-3.9	77,746,732	65,439,446
Winnipeg	46,185,669	47,497,630	-2.8	40,693,309	41,514,059
Vancouver	15,361,633	17,838,730	-13.9	11,295,946	9,228,154
Ottawa	12,333,941	13,514,205	-8.7	9,750,741	6,104,854
Victoria	2,446,114	2,700,000	-9.4	2,431,352	1,975,119
Calgary	6,884,808	8,400,459	-18.0	5,427,032	5,833,637
Hamilton	6,194,310	7,983,587	-22.4	5,483,696	4,686,918
Edmonton	4,442,858	6,181,789	-28.1	4,275,762	2,937,548
Quebec	7,555,505	5,903,766	+25.0	4,831,095	4,831,089
St. John	3,143,030	3,821,956	-17.7	2,982,159	2,227,239
Halifax	3,717,298	5,170,387	-28.1	4,620,353	4,290,514
London	3,508,931	4,197,560	-16.5	3,044,478	2,544,104
Regina	3,416,497	4,131,544	-17.3	3,509,948	3,013,639
Saskatoon	1,692,489	2,142,676	-21.0	1,942,094	1,798,049
Moose Jaw	1,317,309	1,534,860	-14.1	1,208,239	1,203,553
Lethbridge	620,097	851,191	-27.1	761,386	737,004
Brantford	1,408,869	1,405,406	+0.2	899,792	1,060,381
Brandon	664,036	694,808	-4.4	489,728	484,022
Fort William	782,007	771,418	+1.4	619,228	597,856
New Westminster	625,164	728,201	-14.1	503,176	419,157
Medicine Hat	384,165	485,887	-20.8	488,801	373,191
Peterborough	1,147,111	1,118,272	+2.6	731,913	700,000
Sherbrooke	1,894,888	1,609,286	+87.7	1,082,784	1,144,106
Kitchener	1,281,033	1,384,194	-7.4	872,675	712,238
Windsor	3,451,863	3,704,011	-6.8	1,437,468	1,335,718
Prince Albert	334,032	471,073	-29.1	330,434	246,447
Moncton	1,149,601	Not include	d in total.		
Kingston	1,037,521	Not include	d in total.		
<b>Total Canada</b>	<b>361,147,987</b>	<b>387,119,216</b>	<b>-6.7</b>	<b>322,779,767</b>	<b>255,095,030</b>

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

By Messrs. Adrian H. Muller & Sons, New York:		
Shares.	Stocks.	Price.
30	Thaddeus Davids Ink, Inc., pref.	\$28 per sh.
6	Nth. Amer. Liquidation	\$13 lot
5	Money I. & Bkin. RR.	\$15 1/2 per sh.
200	Entz Motors Patents Corp.	\$100 lot
7	C. Marjory Covert & Co., Inc.	\$5 lot
10	Penz Publishing	\$12 lot
1,750	Staked Claims Trust, Ltd., full paid	\$200 lot
500	Staked Claims Trust, Ltd., liquid. rts. cts. cl. B.	\$25 lot

By Messrs. R. L. Day & Co., Boston.		
Shares.	Stocks.	Price.
5	National Shawmut Bank	\$230
3	Border City Mfg.	\$125
2	Motocam Spinning, common	90
100	U. S. Worsted, 1st pref.	22
60	Arlington Mills	95 1/2
10	Nashua Mfg., common	97
100	Hamilton Mfg. rights	41 1/2
109	East. Mass. St. Ry. opt. war'nts.	40c.
12	Chic. Bur. & Quincy RR.	15
38	East. Mass. St. Ry. adj. stock	14 1/2-14 3/4
28	East. Mass. St. Ry., common	10
4	Mass. Lighting Cos., pref.	70
15	Hood Rubber, pref.	89

By Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:		
Shares.	Stocks.	Price.
5	National Shawmut Bank	\$230
25	U. S. Worsted, com., \$10 each.	\$88
7	Gillette Safety Razor	145
5	Fitchburg Gas & Elec.	65 1/2
10	Lawrence Gas	92

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:		
Shares.	Stocks.	Price.
1	Mattapan National Bank	\$80
2	U. S. Worsted, com., \$10 each.	\$88
7	Gillette Safety Razor	145
5	Fitchburg Gas & Elec.	65 1/2
10	Lawrence Gas	92

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:		
Shares.	Stocks.	Price.
10	West Phila. Bank, \$50 each.	51 1/2
5	Pergner & Engel Brew., pref.	6 1/2
10	Union National Bank	235
41	Kensington Nat. Bank, \$50 ea.	120 1/2
3	Bank of No. America	298 1/2
4	Philadelphia National Bank	315 1/2
3	Bank of North America	298 1/2
4	Philadelphia National Bank	315 1/2
100	West End Trust	150
25	Phila. & Cam. Ferry, \$50 each.	97
1	John B. Stetson, common	310
250	Phenix Water Power, pref.	\$200 lot
62	Phenix Water Power, com.	\$50 lot
5	Phenix Port. Cement, pref.	\$1 lot
15	Florida Fish Products, pref.	\$1 lot
15	Florida Fish Products, com.	\$1 lot

**DIVIDENDS.**

Dividends are now grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
<b>Railroads (Steam).</b>			
Cin. N. O. & Texas Pacific, common	3	June 27	Holders of rec. June 6
Common (extra)	2 1/2	June 27	Holders of rec. June 6
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 21
Erie & Pittsburgh (quar.)	*87 1/2	June 10	Holders of rec. May 13
Mobile & Birmingham, pref.	*2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 30
New Orleans Texas & Mexico (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 25
Pittsb. Youngst. & Ashtabula, pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20
Reading Co., 2d pref. (quar.)	*50c.	July 14	*Holders of rec. June 27a
<b>Street and Electric Railways.</b>			
El Paso Elec. Co. (quar.)	2 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1a
West Penn Rys., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1
<b>Miscellaneous.</b>			
Amerlean Felt, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 18a
American Linseed, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 15
Amer. Locomotive, com. (quar.)	*1 1/2	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 15
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 15
American Stores, com. (quar.)	*1	July 1	*June 21 to July 1
First and second pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 1	*June 21 to July 1
Amer. Telephone & Telegraph (quar.)	2 1/2	July 15	Holders of rec. June 20
Associated Dry Goods, com. (quar.)	*1	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 16
First preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Sept. 1	*Holders of rec. Aug. 13
Second preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Sept. 1	*Holders of rec. Aug. 13
Beatrice Creamery, common (quar.)	*4	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 20
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 20
Beiding-Corticeil, Ltd. p ef. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1
Brandram-Henderson, Ltd., com. (qu.)	4	June 30	Holders of coup. No. 86a
British-Amer. Tob., ordinary (interim)	7	June 15	Holders of rec. May 15
Caine Brog. Paper, Inc., pref.	4	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 13
Case (J. I.) Thresh. Mach., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 13
Chescombrough Mfg., com. (quar.)	*3 1/2	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 13
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 13
<b>Cities Service Co.</b>			
Common and preferred (monthly)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Common (payable in common stock)	1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Preferred B (monthly)	1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Cruelrite Steel, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15a
Cuban-American Sugar, common (quar.)	50c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Dartmouth Mfg., common (quar.)	4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 9a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 9a
Eastern Shore Gas & Elec., pref. (qu.)	2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 23a
Fairbanks, Morse & Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	May 20	May 21 to May 31
Fay (J. A.) & Egan, common (quar.)	1 1/2	May 20	May 12 to May 20
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 26
Federal Mining & Smelting, pref. (quar.)	*87 1/2	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 27a
Hackensack Water, com. & pref.	1	June 30	*Holders of rec. May 31
Illinois Pipe Line	*8	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10
Invader Oil & Refining (monthly)	*3	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 16
Krause (S. S.) Co., common	*1 1/2	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 16
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 30	*Holders of rec. May 31a
Lindsay Light, preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 30	*Holders of rec. May 31a

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
<b>Miscellaneous (Concluded)</b>			
Mackay Cos., com. (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 4
Preferred (quar.)	*1	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 4
Mascosa Lt. & Pow., com. & pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a
Mayer (Oscar) & Co., Inc., 1st pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 21
Second preferred (quar.)	2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 21
Mergenthaler Linotype (quar.)	2 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 4a
Middle States Oil (quar.)	30c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 10
Extra	10c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 10
Montgomery Ward & Co., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 20
Montreal Cottons, Ltd., common (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31
National Lead, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 10
National Surety (quar.)	3	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20a
New Niquero Sugar, com. & pref.	3 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 25a
New York Transit (quar.)	4	July 15	Holders of rec. June 21
Northern Pipe Line	5	July 1	Holders of rec. June 11
Ogdlive Flour Mills, Ltd., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 19
Procter & Gamble, 6% pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	June 15	*Holders of rec. May 25
Republic Iron & Steel, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 17a
Rockhill Coal & Iron, pref. (quar.)	2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 21
St. Maurice Paper, Ltd. (quar.)	*2	May 28	*Holders of rec. May 25
San Joaquin Light & Power, pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31
Prior preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31
Solar Refining	*5	June 20	*Holders of rec. May 31
Southwestern Power & Light, pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 18
Standard Gas & Elec., pref. (quar.)	2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31
Standard Oil Co. of N. J., com. (quar.)	*1.25	June 15	*Holders of rec. May 27
Preferred (quar.)	*1.25	June 15	*Holders of rec. May 27
Standard Oil (Ohio) (quar.)	*1	July 1	*Holders of rec. May 27
Extra	*3	July 1	*Holders of rec. May 27
Swift International	*\$1.20	Aug. 23	
Swift International	*\$1.20	Feb. 21a	
Texas Company (quar.)	75c.	June 30	Holders of rec. June 17
Truscon Steel, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 21
Union Bag & Paper Corp. (quar.)	2	June 13	Holders of rec. June 3a
U. S. Industrial Alcohol, com. (quar.)	2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31
U. S. Title Guaranty Co.	3	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31a
Waldorf System, common (quar.)	*50c.	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 20
Preferred and first preferred (quar.)	*25c.	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 20
Waltham Watch, preferred.	3	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a
White Motor (quar.)	*\$1	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 15
York Manufacturing	6	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20

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.
<b>Railroads (Steam)</b>			
Alabama Great Southern, ordinary	\$1.50	June 29	Holders of rec. May 31
Preferred	\$1.50	Aug. 18	Holders of rec. July 14
Ach. Topeka & Santa Fe, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 6a
Canadian Pacific, common (quar.)	2 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 1a
Chestnut Hill R.R. (quar.)	75c.	June 4	May 21 to June 3
Cleveland & Pittsburgh quar. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10a
Special guaranteed (quar.)	1	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10a
Cripple Creek Central, pref. (quar.)	1	June 1	Holders of rec. May 14a
Delaware & Hudson Co. (quar.)	2 1/2	June 20	Holders of rec. May 28a
Illinois Central (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 6a
Norfolk & Western, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 18	Holders of rec. May 31a
Pennsylvania (quar.)	50c.	May 31	Holders of rec. May 2a
Phila. Germantown & Norristown (qu.)	\$1.50	June 4	May 21 to June 3
Pittsb. Bessemer & Lake Erie, pref.	\$1.50	June 1	Holders of rec. May 14a
Pittsburgh & West Virginia, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	May 31	Holders of rec. May 6a
Reading Company, 1st pref. (quar.)	50c.	June 9	Holders of rec. May 24a
Southern Pacific Co. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. May 31a
Union Pacific, common (quar.)	2 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 1a
<b>Street and Electric Railways.</b>			
Baton Rouge Elec. Co., common	4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 14a
Preferred	3	June 1	Holders of rec. May 14a
Central Arkansas Ry. & Lt., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 16a
Detroit United Ry. (payable in stock)	e2 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 16a
Norfolk Ry. & Light	75c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Northern Texas Elec. Co., com. (quar.)	2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 16a
Rochester Gas & Elec. Corp. 5% pt. (qu.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 17a
Seven per cent pref. Ser. B (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 17a
<b>Miscellaneous.</b>			
Acme Tea, 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a
American Acceptance Corp., common	2	June 15	Holders of rec. June 10a
Preferred (quar.)	2	June 15	Holders of rec. June 5
American Art Works, com. & pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	July 15	Holders of rec. June 5
Amer. Dist. Teleg. of N. J. (quar.)	1	May 29	May 16 to May 29
Am. La. France Fire Eng., Inc.			
Common (extra) (pay. in pref. stock)	715	June 1	Holders of rec. May 17a
American Power & Light, com. (quar.)	1	June 1	Holders of rec. May 18
American Radiator, common (quar.)	\$1	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15a
Amer. Smelting & Refining, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	May 14 to May 22a
Amer. Sugar Refg., com. & pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 1a
Amer. Sumatra Tobacco, preferred.	3 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15a
Amer. Teleg. & Cable (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 31a
American Thread, preferred	*12 1/2	July 1	*May 15 to May 31
American Tobacco, com. & com. B (qu.)	3	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10a
Art Metal Construction, extra	10c.	May 31	Holders of rec. Apr. 8a
Associated Dry Goods, 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 14a
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 14a
Atlantic Refining, com. (quar.)	5	June 15	Holders of rec. May 21a
Atlas Powder, com. (quar.)	3	June 10	June 1 to June 9
Bethlehem Steel, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Common Class B (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Eight per cent com. cum. pref. (qu.)	2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Seven per cent non-cum. pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
British Columbia Fish & Pack. (quar.)	1 1/2	May 21	Holders of rec. May 9
Brooklyn Edison Co. (quar.)	2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a
Buckeye Pipe Line (quar.)	\$2	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1
California Packing (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31a
Cement Securities (quar.)	*2	June 30	*Holders of rec. May 31
Stock dividend	*e 10	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 20
Cities Service, Bankers shares (monthly)	35 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Cities Service Co.			
Common and preferred (monthly)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Common (payable in common stock)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Preferred B (monthly)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Colorado Fuel & Iron, common (quar.)	75c.	May 25	Holders of rec. May 12a
Preferred (quar.)	2	May 25	Holders of rec. May 12a
Connecticut Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a
Consolidated Cigar Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 16a
Consolidated Gas (N. Y.) (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 11a
Cosden & Co., pref. (quar.)	8 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 16a
Crane Co., com. (quar.)	*1 1/2	June 15	*Holders of rec. June 1
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	June 15	*Holders of rec. June 1
Crecent Pipe Line (quar.)	75c.	June 15	May 25 to June 15
Davis Mills	1 1/2	June 25	Holders of rec. June 11a
Decker (Alfred) & Cohn, Inc., pf. (qu.)	*1 1/2	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 20
Deere & Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 14a
Diamond Match (quar.)	2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31a
Eastern Potash Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	May 24	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Eastern Steel, 1st & 2d pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1
Eastman Kodak, com. (quar.)	2 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. May 31a
Common (extra)	10	June 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a
Common (extra)	5	July 1	Holders of rec. May 31a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. May 31a
Electric Investment Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	May 21	Holders of rec. May 11a
Elk Horn Coal Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 10	Holders of rec. June 1a
Essex Co.	3	June 1	Holders of rec. May 12
Famous Players-Lasky Corp., com. (qu.)	\$2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
<b>Miscellaneous (Concluded)</b>			
Federal Utilities, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 16
General Asphalt, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 17a
General Cigar, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 24a
Debtenture preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. June 24a
Gillette Safety Razor (quar.)	\$3	June 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Gold & Stock Telegraph (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 30a
Goodrich (B. F.) Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 21
Grafton Co. Elec. L. & P., com. (qu.)	2	May 27	Holders of rec. May 18a
Preferred (quar.)	2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 18a
Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea, pref. (qu.)	*1 1/2	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 17
Harblson-Walker Refract., com. (qu.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 20	Holders of rec. July 9a
Hart, Schaffner & Marx, com. (quar.)	1	May 31	Holders of rec. May 20a
Hartford Water, com. (quar.)	1	May 27	Holders of rec. May 18a
Hartman Corporation (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 18a
Homestake Mining	25c.	May 25	Holders of rec. May 20a
Inland Steel (quar.)	*25c.	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 10
Internat. Cotton Mills, com. (quar.)	50c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 24
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 24
Internat. Harvester, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10a
Lake of the Woods Milling, com. (qu.)	3	June 1	Holders of rec. May 21
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 21
Lancaster Mills, com. (quar.)	2 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 24
Langston Mototype Machine (quar.)	1 1/2	May 31	Holders of rec. May 21a
Lee Rubber & Tire Corp. (quar.)	50c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 16a
Lehigh Coal & Navigation (quar.)	\$1	May 31	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a
Light & Myers Tob., com. & com. B (qu.)	3	June 1	Holders of rec. May 16a
Ludlow Mfg. Associates (quar.)	\$1.50	June 1	Holders of rec. May 2
Special	1	June 1	Holders of rec. May 2
Manohing Investment (quar.)	\$1.50	June 1	Holders of rec. May 23
Manati Sugar, common (quar.)	2 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 17a
Manchester Mills, common	*2 1/2	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 24
Manhattan Shirt, com. (quar.)	43 1/2c.	June 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 17a
Martin-Parry Corp. (quar.)	50c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 16a
Massachusetts Gas Cos., pref.	2	June 1	May 17 to May 31
May Department Stores, com. (quar.)	2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 16a
Common (quar.)	2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
McCrory Stores, com. (quar.)	50c.	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1a
Merrima Mfg., com. (quar.)	2	June 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 27
Michigan Sugar, com. (quar.)	*10c.	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 13
Preferred (quar.)	*15c.	June 1	
National Biscuit, common (quar.)	1 1/2	July 15	Holders of rec. June 30a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	May 31	Holders of rec. May 17a
National Cloak & Suit, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 423a
Nat. Enameling & Stamping, com. (qu.)	1 1/2	May 31	Holders of rec. May 11a
Common (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 31	Holders of rec. Aug. 11a
Common (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 10a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 10a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 10a
National Lead, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 20a
National Sugar Refg. (quar.)	2 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 11
Nebraska Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 14
New Jersey Zinc (quar.)	2	Aug. 10	Holders of rec. July 30
New River Co., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 21
New York Shipbuilding (quar.)	\$1	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10a
Niles-Bentley-Pond, common (quar.)	1	June 20	Holders of rec. June 1a
Ontario Steel Products, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 30
Ovens Elevator, com. (payable in com. stk.)	50	July 1	Holders of rec. June 115
Owens Bottle, common (quar.)	*2	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 16
Common (payable in common stock)	50c.	June 30	Holders of rec. June 16a
Pearless Truck & Motor, com. (quar.)	50c.	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 1
Common (quar.)	50c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Philadelphia Electric, com. (quar.)	43 1/2c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 23a
Preferred (quar.)	50c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 23a
New preferred	23.88c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 23a
Pittsburgh Steel, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 14a
Pressed Steel Car, com. (quar.)	2	June 8	Holders of rec. May 18a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 11a
Pure Oil Co., com. (quar.)	50c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10a
Common (payable in common stock)	50c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10a
Quaker Oats, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	May 31	Holders of rec. May 2a
St. Joseph Lead (quar.)	25c.	June 20	June 11 to June 20
Sinclair Cons. Oil, pref. (quar.)	*\$2	May 31	*Holders of rec. May 15
Sharp Mfg. Co. (quar.)	2	May 21	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a
Southern Pipe Line (quar.)	3	June 1	Holders of rec. May 16
Spalding (A. G.) & Bros., 1st pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 18a
Second preferred (quar.)	2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 21a
Standard Milling, com. (quar.)	2 1/2	May 31	Holders of rec. May 21a
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1	June 15	*Holders of rec. May 14
Standard Oil (Calif.) (quar.)	*\$1	June 15	*Holders of rec. May 18
Standard Oil (Indiana) (quar.)	*\$1	June 15	*Holders of rec. May 18
Standard Oil (Kansas) (quar.)	3	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31a
Extra	3	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31a
Standard Oil (Neb.), in stock	e200	May 16	

Transactions at the New York Stock Exchange daily, weekly and yearly.—Brought forward from page 2167.

Week ending May 20 1921.	Stocks.		Railroad, &c., Bonds.	State, Mun. & Foreign Bonds.	U. S. Bonds.
	Shares.	Par Value.			
Saturday	354,900	\$25,306,500	\$1,749,000	\$1,042,500	\$1,088,000
Monday	686,900	50,078,000	3,108,000	1,770,000	6,278,000
Tuesday	682,700	41,380,750	3,343,000	1,577,000	4,319,000
Wednesday	636,858	47,412,800	3,691,000	1,217,500	3,634,000
Thursday	421,145	27,088,500	3,693,000	1,968,500	3,628,000
Friday	645,576	51,353,973	3,827,500	1,698,500	4,040,150
Total	3,308,679	\$242,620,023	\$19,411,500	\$9,302,000	\$22,987,150

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week ending May 20.		Jan. 1 to May 20.	
	1921.	1920.	1921.	1920.
Stocks—No. shares	3,308,079	4,343,289	72,285,761	111,922,846
Par value	\$242,620,023	\$369,956,400	\$5,293,409,844	\$9,940,841,825
Bank shares, par				\$1,400
Bonds				
Government bonds	\$22,987,150	\$120,105,500	\$390,618,450	\$1,234,075,000
State, mun., &c., bonds	9,802,000	3,791,500	107,694,600	169,998,300
R.R. and misc. bonds	19,411,500	12,132,500	357,129,500	238,792,500
Total bonds	\$51,700,650	\$136,029,500	\$1,155,442,550	\$1,642,865,800

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week ending May 20 1921.	Boston		Philadelphia		Baltimore	
	Shares	Bond Sales	Shares	Bond Sales	Shares	Bond Sales
Saturday	6,582	\$19,950	2,409	\$43,350	233	\$18,000
Monday	8,762	90,150	2,560	69,950	1,043	7,000
Tuesday	16,346	34,250	5,700	52,750	733	15,400
Wednesday	14,055	40,050	3,886	88,750	910	27,000
Thursday	13,531	44,350	3,135	34,900	808	31,000
Friday	10,338	5,000	1,287	3,000	992	38,000
Total	69,644	\$233,750	18,977	\$292,700	4,719	\$136,400

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, &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								
Battery Park Nat.	1,500	1,619	11,879	229	1,451	9,255	36	192
Mutual Bank	200	790	11,308	307	1,686	11,933	272	---
W. R. Grace & Co.	500	980	4,997	33	438	2,484	1,358	---
Yorkville Bank	200	731	16,562	529	1,477	8,931	8,500	---
Total	2,400	4,121	44,446	1,098	5,052	32,583	10,168	192
State Banks.								
Not Members of the Fed'l Reserve Bank								
Bank of Wash Hts.	100	440	3,609	495	217	3,659	30	---
Colonial Bank	600	1,689	17,738	2,303	1,317	19,194	---	---
Total	700	2,030	21,347	2,798	1,534	22,853	30	---
Trust Companies								
Not Members of the Fed'l Reserve Bank								
Mechanics Tr. Bay	200	527	9,055	393	184	3,683	5,583	---
Total	200	527	9,055	393	184	3,683	5,583	---
Grand aggregate	3,300	6,678	74,848	4,289	6,770	59,119	15,779	192
Comparison previo			+1,666	+222	-79	+1,436	+36	+1
Gr'd agr. May 7	3,300	6,620	73,182	4,067	6,849	57,683	15,743	191
Gr'd agr. Apr. 30	3,300	6,620	73,086	4,237	6,531	57,667	15,743	191
Gr'd agr. Apr. 23	3,300	6,620	73,105	4,157	6,743	56,950	15,730	190
Gr'd agr. Apr. 16	3,300	6,620	72,770	4,207	6,612	56,753	15,704	194

a U. S. deposits deducted, \$515,000.  
Bills payable, rediscunts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$572,000.  
Excess reserve, \$197,650 decrease.

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House statement for the week ending May 14 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 May 14 1921.			May 7 1921.	April 30 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	93,770.0	13,080.0	106,850.0	106,897.0	105,972.0
Loans, disc'ts & investm'ts	660,347.0	34,521.0	694,868.0	694,121.0	697,662.0
Exchanges for Clearing House	21,448.0	316.0	21,764.0	22,694.0	20,934.0
Due from banks	86,736.0	11.0	86,747.0	87,066.0	86,463.0
Bank deposits	108,419.0	274.0	108,693.0	109,185.0	106,331.0
Individual deposits	470,535.0	20,232.0	490,767.0	490,240.0	485,019.0
Time deposits	12,292.0	239.0	12,531.0	12,528.0	12,564.0
Total deposits	591,246.0	20,745.0	611,991.0	611,953.0	603,914.0
U. S. deposits (not included)			18,791.0	11,741.0	14,818.0
Reserve with legal depositaries		2,538.0	2,538.0	2,695.0	2,486.0
Reserve with F. R. Bank	48,841.0		48,841.0	49,793.0	50,422.0
Cash in vault*	11,805.0	820.0	12,625.0	12,312.0	12,710.0
Total reserve and cash held	60,646.0	3,358.0	64,004.0	65,000.0	65,618.0
Reserve required	47,445.0	3,037.0	50,482.0	50,345.0	49,670.0
Excess rec. & cash in vault	13,201.0	321.0	13,522.0	14,655.0	15,948.0

\* 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.			
	May 14 1921.	Changes from previous week.	May 7 1921.	April 30 1921.
Circulation	2,595,000	Inc. \$ 16,000	2,579,000	2,573,000
Loans, disc'ts & investments	545,354,000	Dec. 1,168,000	546,522,000	550,665,000
Individual deposits, incl. U.S.	5,610,000	Inc. 5,610,000	379,624,000	383,590,000
Time deposits	20,263,000	Dec. 238,000	88,461,000	91,065,000
United States deposits	11,771,000	Dec. 2,508,000	20,501,000	20,849,000
Exchanges for Clearing House	16,939,000	Inc. 4,459,000	12,477,000	16,003,000
Due from other banks	52,743,000	Inc. 4,860,000	47,883,000	54,445,000
Cash in bank and F. R. Bank	42,281,000	Inc. 659,000	41,622,000	42,059,000
Reserve excess in bank and Federal Reserve Bank	995,000	Inc. 750,000	245,000	835,000

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 May 14. The figures for the separate banks are the averages of the daily results. In the case of totals, actual figures at end of the week are also given

NEW YORK WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.

(Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers [000] omitted.)

CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS. (000 omitted.)	Capital.	Net Profits.	Loans, Discount, Invest- ments, &c.	Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Depos- itories.	Net Demand De- posits.	Time De- posits.	Nat'l Bank Circu- lation.
Members of Fed. Res. Bank								
Bk of N Y, N B A	2,000	7,186	38,600	656	3,547	25,855	1,979	772
Manhattan Co.	5,000	17,135	121,461	1,798	12,844	94,728	12,362	---
Mech & Metals	10,000	16,812	185,095	8,814	18,533	141,213	2,963	982
Bank of Amer	5,000	6,107	53,877	1,773	6,324	48,142	1,211	---
National City	40,000	65,597	483,952	9,045	50,417	*492,533	35,554	1,331
Chemical Nat'l	1,000	15,331	126,678	1,433	12,622	95,575	1,463	350
Atlantic Nat'l	1,000	1,129	17,867	426	1,852	13,767	853	291
Nat Butch & Dr	k500	k221	4,754	113	649	2,414	77	---
Amer Exch Nat	5,000	7,990	114,693	1,474	11,084	81,750	4,088	4,802
Nat Bk of Com.	25,000	33,149	319,699	2,003	31,566	232,851	2,431	---
Pacific Bank	1,000	1,726	22,122	1,181	3,443	23,838	203	---
Chat & Phenix	7,000	8,379	114,351	5,086	13,440	96,709	15,333	4,325
Hanover Nat'l	3,000	29,950	113,971	899	14,112	102,919	---	100
Metropolitan	2,500	4,281	44,567	2,707	7,144	47,759	586	---
Corn Exchange	7,500	9,772	160,510	6,492	20,880	151,852	15,022	---
Imp & Trad Nat	1,500	8,848	35,857	765	3,599	27,524	10	51
National Park	10,000	23,258	175,504	1,345	16,684	127,651	2,132	5,331
East River Nat.	1,000	777	10,818	370	1,600	10,451	1,140	50
Second Nat'l	1,000	4,814	22,974	1,000	2,734	18,732	83	624
First National	10,000	35,434	279,007	1,120	22,088	166,877	12,618	7,101
Irving National	12,500	11,089	180,454	7,258	24,162	181,211	1,885	2,468
N Y County Nat	1,000	472	12,562	777	1,837	13,321	911	196
Continental	1,000	772	7,008	117	827	5,681	100	---
Chase National	15,000	20,133	302,000	5,314	30,744	227,171	10,087	1,071
Fifth Avenue	500	2,374	19,769	979	2,755	19,172	---	---
Comm'l Exch	700	1,022	8,377	461	1,181	9,347	4	---
Commonwealth	400	828	8,787	560	1,172	9,167	---	---
Garfield Nat'l	1,000	1,585	16,253	504	2,027	15,176	37	390
Fifth National	1,000	731	12,667	293	1,776	13,351	381	246
Seaboard Nat'l	3,000	4,949	47,218	969	5,835	42,881	793	66
Coal & Iron	1,500	1,505	16,109	703	1,754	12,313	346	404
Union Exch Nat	1,000	1,582	17,872	545	2,779	19,601	326	388
Brooklyn Tr Co	1,500	2,752	34,575	805	3,849	27,779	3,429	---
Bankers Tr Co	20,000	19,502	256,653	1,218	26,348	*206,278	7,189	---
U S Mtg & Tr Co	2,000	5,053	57,691	669	6,876	43,998	10,115	---
Guaranty Tr Co	25,000	37,727	435,822	2,784	41,782	*427,819	21,423	---
Fidel-Int Tr Co	1,500	1,619	18,084	379	2,555	17,762	672	---
Columbia Tr Co	5,000	7,610	73,574	1,095	9,656	73,316	2,408	---
Peoples' Tr Co.	1,500	1,814	36,947	1,241	3,617	35,585	1,276	---
N Y Trust Co.	\$10,000	\$16,067	\$157,512	\$821	\$15,115	\$116,526	\$2,478	---
Lincoln Tr Co.								

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*	6,924,000	4,108,000	11,030,000	9,904,140	1,125,860
Trust companies	2,441,000	4,486,000	7,027,000	6,931,500	95,500
Total May 14	9,465,000	490,188,000	499,653,000	489,864,560	9,788,440
Total May 7	9,486,000	495,923,000	505,409,000	495,443,360	9,965,640
Total April 30	9,381,000	486,839,000	496,220,000	489,861,710	6,358,290
Total April 23	9,187,000	491,332,000	500,519,000	490,308,650	10,210,350

	Actual Figures.				
	Cash Reserve in Vault.	Reserve in Depositories	Total Reserve.	b Reserve Required.	Surplus Reserve.
Members Federal Reserve banks	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
State banks*	7,173,000	4,163,000	11,336,000	9,995,940	1,340,060
Trust companies	2,419,000	4,689,000	7,108,000	6,979,800	128,200
Total May 14	9,592,000	484,222,000	493,814,000	489,523,100	4,290,900
Total May 7	9,668,000	485,098,000	494,766,000	491,177,990	3,588,010
Total April 30	9,490,000	480,160,000	489,650,000	493,105,360	3,455,360
Total April 23	9,355,000	489,019,000	498,374,000	488,783,680	9,590,320

\* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank.  
 a This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies, but in the case of members of the Federal Reserve banks includes also amount of reserve required on net time deposits, which was as follows: May 14, \$6,053,970; May 7, \$6,079,800; Apr. 30, \$3,049,980; Apr. 23, \$5,969,790.  
 b This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies, but in the case of members of the Federal Reserve Bank includes also amount of reserve required on net time deposits, which was as follows: May 14, \$5,957,730; May 7, \$6,072,810; Apr. 30, \$6,098,730; Apr. 23, \$5,982,450.

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.)

	k May 14.	Differences from previous week.
Loans and investments	\$618,171,200	Inc. \$4,672,200
Gold	6,819,200	Dec. 93,300
Currency and bank notes	17,923,400	Inc. 710,400
Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York	55,377,100	Inc. 1,540,300
Total deposits	654,161,500	Inc. 2,028,200
Deposits, eliminating amounts due from reserve depositories, and from other banks and trust companies in N. Y. City, exchanges and U. S. deposits	609,770,900	Inc. 5,585,800
Reserve on deposits	111,659,800	Inc. 1,963,000
Percentage of reserve, 21.0%		

	RESERVE.	
	State Banks	Trust Companies
Cash in vaults	\$27,283,700 16.02%	\$52,836,000 14.63%
Deposits in banks and trust cos.	4,682,900 5.09%	22,857,200 6.33%
Total	\$35,966,600 21.11%	\$75,693,200 20.96%

\* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on May 14 were \$55,377,100.  
 k The Equitable Trust Co. is no longer included in these totals, it having become a member of the Clearing House and being now included in the statement of the Clearing House member banks. The change began with the return for Sept. 25.

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

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

Week ended—	Loans and Investments.	Demand Deposits.	*Total Cash in Vaults.	Reserve in Depositories.
Mar. 12	\$ 5,532,610,200	4,348,258,100	116,277,500	\$ 680,586,600
Mar. 19	5,560,054,700	4,346,242,100	112,487,400	589,418,800
Mar. 26	5,510,254,000	4,257,160,600	113,236,200	572,716,000
Apr. 2	5,476,446,500	4,351,583,100	112,091,100	582,003,500
Apr. 9	5,452,354,600	4,350,421,000	115,919,500	578,028,600
Apr. 16	5,433,149,900	4,315,896,900	115,964,300	582,034,600
Apr. 23	5,385,149,900	4,290,676,900	114,014,900	564,554,600
May 7	5,362,431,000	4,340,064,100	114,043,500	581,494,300
May 14	5,308,777,200	4,303,118,900	116,149,600	577,105,200

\* 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 May 18 1921, in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

	May 18 1921.	May 11 1921.	May 21 1920.
<b>Resources—</b>			
Gold and gold certificates	244,852,878	298,382,352	81,488,000
Gold settlement fund—F. R. Board	41,013,445	25,374,442	118,278,000
Gold with foreign agencies			41,390,000
Total gold held by bank	285,866,323	323,756,794	241,156,000
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent	361,578,378	297,073,978	294,136,000
Gold redemption fund	38,000,000	36,000,000	26,994,000
Total gold reserves	685,444,702	656,830,772	562,286,000
Legal tender notes, silver, &c.	96,804,991	102,281,185	106,446,000
Total reserves	782,249,693	759,111,957	668,732,000
Bills discounted: Secured by U. S. Government obligations—for members	240,115,054	364,870,902	513,566,000
For other F. R. Banks	15,810,000	10,000,000	59,003,000
All other—for members	255,925,054	374,870,902	572,569,000
For other F. R. Banks	238,007,573	265,364,197	195,192,000
Total	2,000,000		21,365,000
Bills bought in open market	240,007,573	265,364,197	216,557,000
Total bills on hand	39,601,322	37,204,622	171,529,000
Total bills on hand	535,533,949	677,439,723	960,655,000
U. S. Government bonds	1,005,400	1,005,400	1,457,000
U. S. Victory notes			50,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness—			
One-year Certificates (Pittman Act)	55,276,000	55,276,000	59,276,000
All others	82,855,000	2,578,000	16,077,000
Total earning assets	674,670,349	736,299,123	1,037,515,000
Bank premises	4,918,055	4,917,641	3,285,000
5% redemp. fund agst. F. R. bank notes	1,979,310	1,929,210	3,109,000
Uncollected items	126,734,430	118,509,751	154,544,000
All other resources	3,890,699	3,403,493	978,000
Total resources	1,592,443,137	1,622,171,178	1,868,163,000
<b>Liabilities—</b>			
Capital paid in	26,886,750	26,886,350	24,621,000
Surplus	56,414,456	56,414,456	45,082,000
Reserved for Government Franchise Tax	14,630,000	13,932,000	
Deposits:			
Government	470,954	2,700,789	5,396,000
Member Banks—Reserve Account	632,656,670	666,330,192	725,214,000
All Other	15,805,001	15,597,246	49,757,000
Total deposits	649,932,715	684,628,227	773,567,000
F. R. notes in actual circulation	718,909,460	725,430,440	849,246,000
F. R. bank notes in circula—net liability	22,707,200	21,489,200	38,270,000
Deferred availability items	95,689,922	86,163,461	113,450,000
All other liabilities	7,275,633	7,227,042	23,227,000
Total liabilities	1,592,443,137	1,622,171,178	1,868,163,000
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	57.0%	53.8%	42.3%
Ratio of total reserves to F. R. Notes in circulation after setting aside 35% against deposit liabilities	76.9%	71.6%	48.6%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	12,093,737	12,115,593	16,181,775

Note.—In conformity with the practice of the Federal Reserve Board at Washington, method of computing ratios of reserves to liabilities was changed beginning with the return for March 18. Instead of computing reserves on the basis of net deposits—that is, including in the total of deposits "deferred availability items" but deducting "uncollected items"—the new method is to disregard both amounts and figure the percentages entirely on the gross amount of the deposits. For last year, however, the computations are on the old basis; that is, reserve percentages are calculated on basis of net deposits and Federal Reserve notes in circulation.

A further change was made beginning with the return for April 8. This change consists in showing the ratio of reserves to Federal Reserve notes after setting aside 35% against the deposit liabilities. Previously the practice was to show the ratio of reserves to deposits after setting aside 40% against the Reserve notes in circulation.

The Federal Reserve Banks.—Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board on May 19. 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. In commenting upon the return for the latest week the Federal Reserve Board says:

Fiscal operations of the Government, including the redemption on and after May 16 of over \$200,000,000 of Treasury certificates, payment of the semi-annual interest on the Second Liberty bonds and issuance of about \$256,000,000 of new loan certificates are reflected in the Federal Reserve Board's latest weekly bank statement issued as at close of business on May 18 1921.

Redemption of Treasury certificates enabled the member banks to reduce considerably their indebtedness to the Reserve banks. Thus the latter's holdings of paper secured by Government obligations declined by \$142,800,000 and those of other discounted paper—by about \$50,000,000. Acceptances purchased in open market show an increase of \$5,100,000, while Pittman certificates fell off \$3,000,000. An increase of \$125,300,000 in other Treasury certificates is due in the first place to the taking by five Reserve banks of \$91,000,000 of special certificates to cover advances to the Government pending collection of funds from depository institutions, also to the purchase by the New York Reserve bank of certificates from local member banks. In consequence of the above changes, total earning assets show a further decline of \$65,100,000 and on May 18 stood at \$2,314,000,000 compared with \$3,221,400,000 on May 21 of last year.

Of the total holdings of \$774,900,000 of paper secured by Government obligations, \$512,500,000, or 66.1% were secured by Liberty and other

U. S. bonds; \$215,400,000, or 27.8% by Victory notes, and \$47,000,000, or 6.1%—by Treasury certificates, compared with \$578,900,000, \$250,100,000 and \$88,700,000 reported the week before.

Discounted paper held by the New York Bank includes \$17,800,000, of bills discounted for the Richmond and Minneapolis banks, while bills held by the Boston and Cleveland banks include \$6,100,000 of bills discounted for the Dallas bank, the total of bills discounted for other Reserve banks thus showing an increase for the week from \$14,900,000 to \$23,900,000.

Government deposits are shown \$1,800,000 larger than the week before, reserve deposits show a decrease of \$22,500,000, other deposits, composed largely of cashier's checks and non-members' clearing accounts, increased by \$3,900,000, and total deposits decreased by \$16,800,000.

Federal Reserve note circulation shows a further decline for the week of \$37,500,000, the May 18 total of \$2,767,400,000 being \$637,500,000, or 18.7%, below the peak figure of Dec. 23 1920, and 10.3% below the total reported on May 21 of last year.

For the week the banks report a further gain of \$15,300,000 of gold reserves, largely through purchases of imported gold, as against a loss of about \$4,000,000 in silver and legal. The combined result of a gain of \$11,300,000 in reserves and of the above mentioned reductions in deposit and note liabilities, is seen in a rise of the reserve ratio from 55.9 to 56.8%

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 18 1921.

	May 18 1921.	May 11 1921.	May 4 1921.	Apr. 27 1921.	Apr. 22 1921.	Apr. 15 1921.	April 8 1921.	April 1 1921.	May 21 1920.
<b>RESOURCES.</b>									
Gold and gold certificates	\$ 325,391,000	377,610,000	364,244,000	347,946,000	339,432,000	327,637,000	313,322,000	299,485,000	\$ 169,735,000
Gold settlement fund, F. R. Board	454,105,000	450,584,000	482,200,000	488,219,000	477,229,000	466,241,000	504,061,000	497,790,000	399,889,000
Gold with foreign agencies									112,781,000
Total gold held by banks	779,496,000	828,194,000	846,444,000	836,165,000	816,661,000	793,878,000	817,383,000	797,275,000	682,405,000
Gold with Federal Reserve agents	1,458,618,000	1,374,138,000	1,326,087,000	1,317,860,000	1,321,816,000	1,346,558,000	1,306,949,000	1,300,345,000	1,998,823,000
Gold redemption fund	140,791,000	161,221,000	170,827,000	163,544,000	159,594,000	146,443,000	139,678,000	148,819,000	158,489,000
Total gold reserve	2,378,906,000	2,363,553,000	2,343,358,000	2,317,569,000	2,298,071,000	2,286,879,000	2,264,010,000	2,246,439,000	1,939,717,000

	May 18 1921.	May 11 1921.	May 4 1921.	Apr. 27 1921.	Apr. 22 1921.	Apr. 15 1921.	Apr. 8 1921.	Apr. 1 1921.	May 21 1920.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Legal tender notes, silver, &c.....	170,228,000	174,220,000	176,540,000	187,194,000	194,733,000	198,198,000	217,824,000	214,792,000	139,821,000
Total reserves.....	2,549,134,000	2,537,773,000	2,519,898,000	2,504,763,000	2,492,804,000	2,485,077,000	2,481,834,000	2,461,231,000	2,079,538,000
Bills discounted.....	774,869,000	917,697,000	892,366,000	920,537,000	942,665,000	929,186,000	936,021,000	950,688,000	1,446,723,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	1,067,684,000	1,117,660,000	1,173,879,000	1,143,202,000	1,171,191,000	1,175,368,000	1,218,731,000	1,263,907,000	1,053,663,000
All other.....	81,667,000	76,637,000	94,302,000	103,609,000	104,462,000	119,582,000	103,607,000	122,491,000	417,368,000
Bills bought in open market.....	1,924,220,000	2,111,994,000	2,160,547,000	2,167,348,000	2,218,308,000	2,224,136,000	2,258,359,000	2,337,086,000	2,917,754,000
Total bills on hand.....	25,924,000	25,685,000	25,959,000	25,690,000	25,691,000	25,914,000	25,547,000	25,720,000	26,796,000
U. S. Government bonds.....	23,000	23,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	69,000
U. S. Victory notes.....	234,875,000	237,875,000	239,375,000	239,375,000	240,875,000	245,875,000	247,375,000	247,375,000	259,375,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.....	128,936,000	3,558,000	1,009,000	2,708,000	5,827,000	7,824,000	6,303,000	2,983,000	17,386,000
One-year certificates (Pittman Act).....									
All other.....									
Total earning assets.....	2,313,978,000	2,379,135,000	2,426,639,000	2,435,140,000	2,490,720,000	2,503,768,000	2,537,603,000	2,613,183,000	3,221,380,000
Bank premises.....	23,192,000	23,007,000	21,908,000	21,832,000	21,782,000	21,514,000	21,002,000	20,651,000	12,658,000
5% redemp. fund agst. F. R. bank notes.....	11,476,000	11,374,000	10,886,000	11,339,000	11,562,000	12,166,000	11,647,000	10,856,000	12,081,000
Uncollected items.....	580,270,000	532,776,000	524,651,000	519,828,000	550,950,000	618,107,000	544,255,000	*534,315,000	754,363,000
All other resources.....	12,430,000	11,886,000	12,430,000	11,578,000	12,310,000	11,892,000	11,454,000	*11,200,000	6,141,000
Total resources.....	5,490,480,000	5,495,951,000	5,516,412,000	5,504,480,000	5,580,128,000	5,652,524,000	5,607,795,000	5,672,436,000	6,086,161,000
<b>LIABILITIES.</b>									
Capital paid in.....	102,116,000	102,033,000	101,857,000	101,235,000	101,231,000	101,274,000	101,226,000	101,137,000	93,786,000
Surplus.....	202,036,000	202,036,000	202,036,000	202,036,000	202,036,000	202,036,000	202,036,000	202,036,000	120,120,000
Reserved for Govt. franchise tax.....	34,014,000	32,528,000							
Deposits—Government.....	15,632,000	13,799,000	23,509,000	55,872,000	67,483,000	31,117,000	48,053,000	82,099,000	24,368,000
Member banks—reserve account.....	1,665,517,000	1,687,954,000	1,671,004,000	1,656,718,000	1,648,858,000	1,685,503,000	1,661,938,000	1,672,402,000	1,833,665,000
All other.....	35,493,000	31,660,000	34,423,000	33,309,000	33,010,000	33,323,000	33,323,000	34,732,000	96,305,000
Total.....	1,716,642,000	1,733,413,000	1,728,941,000	1,725,899,000	1,749,351,000	1,754,943,000	1,745,316,000	1,789,233,000	1,954,338,000
F. R. notes in actual circulation.....	2,767,415,000	2,804,933,000	2,828,586,000	2,830,118,000	2,856,700,000	2,868,527,000	2,893,964,000	2,908,153,000	3,085,202,000
F. R. bank notes in circulation—net liab.....	147,766,000	149,894,000	153,859,000	156,249,000	159,590,000	163,187,000	167,152,000	169,722,000	177,371,000
Deferred availability items.....	491,004,000	441,981,000	441,069,000	430,700,000	454,238,000	507,724,000	445,108,000	451,270,000	585,517,000
All other liabilities.....	29,487,000	29,133,000	60,064,000	58,243,000	56,982,000	54,833,000	52,993,000	50,885,000	69,827,000
Total liabilities.....	5,490,480,000	5,495,951,000	5,516,412,000	5,504,480,000	5,580,128,000	5,652,524,000	5,607,795,000	5,672,436,000	6,086,161,000
Ratio of gold reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined.....	51.9%	52.1%	*51.4%	50.9%	49.9%	49.4%	48.8%	47.9%	38.5%
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined.....	56.8%	55.9%	55.3%	55.0%	54.1%	53.7%	53.5%	52.4%	41.2%
Ratio of total reserves to F. R. notes in circulation after setting aside 35% against deposit liabilities.....	70.4%	68.8%	67.7%	67.2%	65.8%	65.2%	64.7%	63.1%	45.2%
<b>Distribution by Maturities—</b>									
1-15 days bills bought in open market.....	51,006,000	48,746,000	54,067,000	58,175,000	50,389,000	57,335,000	35,245,000	42,852,000	109,970,000
1-15 days bill discounted.....	1,090,790,000	1,230,466,000	1,226,865,000	1,229,368,000	1,243,261,000	1,231,807,000	1,248,667,000	1,287,221,000	1,419,910,000
1-15 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness.....	86,332,000	4,098,000	1,020,000	4,000,000	6,860,000	14,758,000	6,425,000	6,959,000	15,856,000
16-30 days bills bought in open market.....	18,057,000	14,652,000	19,359,000	21,429,000	22,921,000	24,860,000	25,108,000	32,125,000	87,388,000
16-30 days bills discounted.....	193,790,000	219,057,000	210,847,000	201,058,000	211,712,000	208,163,000	217,566,000	224,069,000	279,341,000
16-30 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness.....	15,206,000	2,108,000	3,568,000	2,165,000	1,772,000	2,052,000	4,500,000	4,000,000	2,624,000
31-60 days bills bought in open market.....	10,014,000	9,982,000	15,873,000	18,060,000	24,743,000	28,626,000	31,135,000	34,510,000	173,536,000
31-60 days bills discounted.....	316,268,000	328,419,000	357,156,000	364,964,000	412,075,000	410,801,000	402,366,000	393,659,000	477,708,000
31-60 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness.....	10,320,000	9,926,000	18,940,000	7,040,000	7,097,000	10,625,000	4,563,000	5,108,000	12,510,000
61-90 days bills bought in open market.....	2,590,000	3,257,000	5,003,000	5,945,000	6,398,000	8,761,000	9,119,000	13,004,000	46,474,000
61-90 days bills discounted.....	178,111,000	199,032,000	215,658,000	218,399,000	199,475,000	207,684,000	248,446,000	269,649,000	267,702,000
61-90 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness.....	25,640,000	13,857,000	12,674,000	7,605,000	7,604,000	9,125,000	8,945,000	7,722,000	16,100,000
Over 90 days bills discounted.....	63,594,000	58,383,000	55,719,000	49,250,000	47,733,000	46,099,000	39,707,000	40,057,000	55,725,000
Over 90 days certif. of indebtedness.....	226,313,000	211,444,000	204,182,000	221,273,000	223,256,000	217,139,000	229,245,000	226,569,000	229,671,000
<b>Federal Reserve Notes—</b>									
Outstanding.....	3,112,067,000	3,147,304,000	3,158,636,000	3,177,004,000	3,178,002,000	3,224,111,000	3,246,061,000	3,263,111,000	3,354,194,000
Held by banks.....	344,652,000	342,371,000	330,056,000	346,886,000	341,302,000	355,584,000	352,097,000	354,958,000	268,992,000
In actual circulation.....	2,767,415,000	2,804,933,000	2,828,586,000	2,830,118,000	2,856,700,000	2,868,527,000	2,893,964,000	2,908,153,000	3,085,202,000
Amount chargeable to Fed. Res. agent in hands of Federal Reserve Agent.....	3,903,548,000	3,931,591,000	3,965,186,000	3,990,273,000	4,004,644,000	4,026,934,000	4,060,545,000	4,084,382,000	3,784,053,000
Issued to Federal Reserve banks.....	791,481,000	784,287,000	806,550,000	817,269,000	806,642,000	820,823,000	814,484,000	821,271,000	429,859,000
<b>How Secured—</b>									
By gold and gold certificates.....	293,852,000	233,853,000	233,852,000	233,852,000	233,853,000	233,852,000	233,852,000	233,853,000	257,802,000
By eligible paper.....	1,653,448,000	1,773,166,000	1,832,549,000	1,859,144,000	1,876,186,000	1,877,553,000	1,939,112,000	1,962,766,000	2,255,370,000
Gold redemption fund.....	112,347,000	117,383,000	119,127,000	119,167,000	104,409,000	111,570,000	120,988,000	106,157,000	107,847,000
With Federal Reserve Board.....	1,052,420,000	1,022,902,000	973,108,000	964,841,000	983,554,000	1,001,136,000	952,109,000	960,335,000	733,175,000
Total.....	3,112,067,000	3,147,304,000	3,158,636,000	3,177,004,000	3,198,002,000	3,224,111,000	3,246,061,000	3,263,111,000	3,354,194,000
Eligible paper delivered to F. R. Agent.....	1,874,818,000	2,059,259,000	2,109,070,000	2,106,702,000	2,165,485,000	2,174,005,000	2,216,530,000	2,278,462,000	2,861,121,000

\*Revised figures.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 18 1921.

Two cities (00) omitted. Federal Reserve Bank of—	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
<b>RESOURCES.</b>													
Gold and gold certificates.....	\$ 7,660,000	\$ 244,853,000	\$ 1,913,000	\$ 5,802,000	\$ 2,691,000	\$ 4,323,000	\$ 19,421,000	\$ 2,672,000	\$ 8,063,000	\$ 1,948,000	\$ 8,390,000	\$ 17,855,000	\$ 325,391,000
Gold settlement fund—F. R. Bd.....	34,700,000	41,013,000	43,119,000	69,188,000	23,831,000	14,930,000	114,948,000	20,583,000	9,114,000	36,523,000	4,859,000	41,297,000	454,105,000
Total gold held by banks.....	42,360,000	285,866,000	45,032,000	74,990,000	26,522,000	19,253,000	134,369,000	23,255,000	17,177,000	38,471,000	13,249,000	58,952,000	779,496,000
Gold with F. R. agents.....	183,271,000	361,578,000	120,941,000	195,109,000	38,223,000	75,398,000	228,288,000	67,471,000	20,714,000	43,031,000	10,291,000	113,504,000	1,458,619,000
Gold redemption fund.....	16,812,000	36,000,000	10,581,000	5,147,000	9,731,000	4,971,000	13,059,000	3,921,000	4,162,000	4,077,000	10,637,000	11,693,000	140,791,000
Total gold reserves.....	242,443,000	683,444,000	176,554,000	275,246,000	74,276,000	99,622,000	385,716,000	94,647,000	42,053,000	76,579,000	34,177,000	194,149,000	2,378,906,000
Legal tender notes, silver, &c.....	16,898,000	96,806,000	4,310,000	4,566,000	4,265,000	5,970,000	13,120,000	11,224,000	639,000	3,638,000	6,270,000	2,522,000	170,228,000
Total reserves.....	259,341,000	780,250,000	180,864,000	279,812,000	78,541,000	105,592,000	398,836,000	105,871,000	42,692,000	80,217,000	40,447,000	196,671,000	2,549,134,000
Bills discounted: Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	38,920,000	255,926,000	109										

LIABILITIES (Concluded)— Two ciphers (00) omitted.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
<i>Memoranda.</i>													
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities com- bined, per cent.	70.6	57.0	53.8	67.4	42.1	50.6	56.4	60.1	39.6	50.9	41.0	55.5	56.8
Contingent liability as endorser on discounted paper rediscounted with other F. R. banks.					9,885.0				7,925.0		6,131.0		23,941.0
Contingent liability on bills pur- chased for foreign correspondents Includes bills discounted for other F. R. banks, viz.:	2,336.0	12,094.0	2,560.0	2,624.0	1,568.0	1,152.0	3,808.0	1,504.0	864.0	1,536.0	832.0	1,472.0	32,350.0
	4,906.0	17,810.0		1,225.0									23,941.0

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS' ACCOUNTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 18 1921.

Federal Reserve Agent at—	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleve.	Richm'd	Atlanta	Chicago	St. L.	Minn.	K. City	Dallas	San Fr.	Total.
<i>Resources— (In Thousands of Dollars)</i>													
Federal Reserve notes on hand	93,930	268,000	21,420	42,620	22,408	70,447	162,960	27,920	12,180	4,100	27,996	37,500	791,481
Federal Reserve notes outstanding	272,328	861,232	245,808	295,106	136,268	169,571	502,563	131,775	65,385	94,048	55,755	282,228	3,112,067
Collateral security for Federal Reserve notes outstanding:													
Gold and gold certificates	5,600	236,924		23,775		3,500		6,110	13,052		4,891		293,852
Gold redemption fund	17,671	13,654	10,552	16,334	3,523	4,898	15,644	3,030	6,200	3,671	3,166	18,742	112,347
Gold settlement fund—Federal Reserve Board	160,000	111,000	110,359	155,006	34,500	67,000	212,644	58,331	6,200	30,360	2,234	104,762	1,052,420
Eligible paper (Amount required)	89,057	499,654	124,867	99,997	98,245	94,173	274,275	64,304	44,671	60,017	45,464	158,724	1,653,448
(Excess amount held)	16,579	3,298	20,178	32,078	10,641	13,599	40,622	10,588	26,537	21,251	18,560	7,439	221,370
Total	655,165	1,993,762	533,214	694,910	305,585	423,188	1,208,708	302,058	169,487	213,447	158,066	609,395	7,236,985
<i>Liabilities—</i>													
Net amount of Federal Reserve notes received from													
Comptroller of the Currency	366,258	1,129,232	267,228	337,726	158,676	240,018	665,523	159,695	77,565	98,148	83,751	319,728	3,903,548
Collateral received from (Gold)	183,271	361,578	120,941	195,109	38,023	75,398	228,288	67,471	20,714	34,031	10,291	123,504	1,458,619
Federal Reserve Bank (Eligible paper)	105,636	502,952	145,045	132,075	108,886	107,772	314,897	74,892	71,208	81,268	64,024	166,163	1,874,818
Total	655,165	1,993,762	533,214	694,910	305,585	423,188	1,208,708	302,058	169,487	213,447	158,066	609,395	7,236,985
Federal Reserve notes outstanding	272,328	861,232	245,808	295,106	136,268	169,571	502,563	131,775	65,385	94,048	55,755	282,228	3,112,067
Federal Reserve notes held by banks	16,288	142,323	16,549	25,277	6,534	9,689	43,629	23,175	8,680	4,021	4,021	46,167	344,652
Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation	256,040	718,909	229,259	269,829	129,734	159,882	458,934	108,600	63,065	85,368	51,734	238,061	2,767,415

Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System.—Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board giving the principal items of the resources and liabilities of the Member Banks. Definitions of the different items in the statement were given in the statement of Dec. 14 1917, published in the "Chronicle" Dec. 29 1917, page 2523.

STATEMENT SHOWING PRINCIPAL 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 MAY 11 1921.

Liquidation of \$57,000,000 of loans and discounts and of \$36,000,000 of investments, largely of corporate securities, accompanied by a reduction of \$27,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks, is indicated by the weekly statement of condition on May 11 of 821 member banks in leading cities.

Loans secured by United States obligations show a reduction for the week of \$7,000,000, loans secured by stocks and bonds—a decrease of \$4,000,000, and other loans and discounts—a decrease of \$46,000,000. For the New York City member banks, corresponding reductions of \$7,000,000, \$8,000,000 and \$21,000,000 are noted. Holdings of United States bonds and victory notes show an increase of \$4,000,000 for all reporting banks and of \$3,000,000 for the banks in New York City, while those of Treasury certificates declined by \$10,000,000 and \$4,000,000, respectively. Other investments, composed largely of stocks and bonds, show a total decline of \$31,000,000, and a decline of \$22,000,000 in New York City alone. In consequence of the above changes, total loans and investments of the reporting institutions show a decrease for the week of \$93,000,000, and those of the New York banks—a decrease of \$59,000,000.

Accommodation of reporting banks at the Federal Reserve banks shows a decrease for the week from \$1,533,000,000 to \$1,506,000,000, and constituted 9.7% of the banks' total loans and investments on May 11, compared with 9.8% the week before. For the New York City members an increase of accommodation at the local Reserve banks from \$514,000,000 to \$547,000,000, and of the ratio of accommodation from 10.2 to 11%, is noted.

Net withdrawals of Government deposits for the week aggregated \$42,000,000, while other demand deposits (net) increased by \$38,000,000 and time deposits—by \$6,000,000. For New York City members, reductions of \$23,000,000 in Government deposits and of \$32,000,000 in other deposits are shown.

Reserve balances at the Federal Reserve banks show a decline of \$3,000,000, while cash in vault went up \$12,000,000. Member banks in New York City report a reduction of \$5,000,000 in reserve balances, and an increase of about \$2,000,000 in cash in vault.

1. Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business May 11 1921. Three ciphers (000) omitted.

Federal Reserve District.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richm'd.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
Number of reporting banks	49	113	58	88	83	43	113	37	35	81	52	69	821
Loans and discounts, including bills re- discounted with F. R. Bank:													
Loans sec. by U. S. Govt. obligations	39,070	335,069	72,246	63,169	26,124	22,690	85,860	20,570	13,054	21,564	7,296	29,627	736,339
Loans secured by stocks and bonds	195,619	1,226,153	194,817	340,012	113,497	54,371	449,673	118,708	30,160	72,329	36,688	149,586	2,981,643
All other loans and discounts	623,273	2,910,034	392,621	684,223	392,026	308,037	1,300,683	320,095	227,961	385,581	223,135	770,455	8,478,014
Total loans and discounts	857,962	4,471,256	659,684	1,087,404	471,647	385,098	1,836,116	459,373	271,175	479,474	267,119	949,658	12,195,996
U. S. bonds	33,344	307,878	45,245	99,583	60,800	39,653	72,850	27,706	16,116	32,684	33,240	102,691	871,790
U. S. victory notes	6,051	83,549	9,323	20,757	6,684	3,087	33,684	2,142	1,383	3,030	1,137	17,925	188,752
U. S. certificates of indebtedness	7,491	103,870	14,373	12,365	3,865	2,014	25,035	1,077	535	5,476	1,798	18,740	196,639
Other bonds, stocks and securities	126,460	726,492	155,691	282,663	49,133	36,279	344,078	66,331	19,487	46,660	9,862	172,956	2,036,092
Total loans, disc'ts & investments, incl. bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank	1,031,303	5,693,075	884,316	1,502,772	592,129	466,131	2,311,763	556,629	308,696	567,324	313,156	1,261,970	15,489,269
Reserve balance with F. R. Bank	74,837	592,594	63,408	91,172	31,940	28,213	179,869	41,111	16,891	41,897	20,303	75,449	1,257,684
Cash in vault	23,290	113,148	19,170	33,068	18,287	10,423	56,578	7,629	7,498	13,455	12,407	24,740	339,783
Net demand deposits	733,059	4,593,595	640,016	819,460	308,343	225,688	1,309,176	310,899	169,921	380,298	199,439	562,111	10,252,005
Time deposits	177,923	455,073	41,450	427,705	120,716	146,623	654,611	143,636	72,450	105,043	60,199	541,813	2,947,242
Government deposits	13,204	78,555	17,708	15,221	4,275	1,677	17,190	4,707	4,851	3,041	1,230	6,701	168,360
Bills payable with Federal Reserve Bank: Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	12,390	248,431	35,514	43,585	25,888	22,259	59,204	14,824	4,242	10,329	4,049	28,639	509,354
All other				35		45	120		282		885	620	1,987
Bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank: Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	9,858	90,809	33,759	6,620	2,499	6,283	15,731	2,777	702	3,022	717	4,321	177,098
All other	52,241	253,971	28,984	81,157	44,847	24,937	156,625	26,675	24,303	35,561	17,070	71,560	817,931

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.		
	May 11.	May 4.	May 11.	May 4.	May 11.	May 4.	May 11.	May 4.	May 11.	May 4.	May 11 '21.	May 4 '21.	May 14 '20
Number of reporting banks	71	71	52	52	284	284	217	217	320	320	821	821	814
Loans and discounts, incl. bills re- discounted with F. R. Bank:													
Loans sec. by U. S. Govt. oblig'ns	310,439	317,386	60,661	62,770	543,086	551,485	109,257	108,694	83,996	83,507	736,339	743,686	1,090,554
Loans secured by stocks & bonds	1,063,474	1,071,791	329,176	323,339	2,073,721	2,082,032	485,766	486,149	422,156	417,210	2,981,643	2,985,391	3,104,178
All other loans and discounts	2,600,771	2,621,582	833,700	839,264	5,553,405	5,588,640	1,515,682	1,527,100	1,408,927	1,408,173	8,478,014	8,523,913	a
Total loans and discounts	3,974,684	4,010,759	1,223,537	1,225,374	8,170,212	8,222,157	2,110,705	2,121,943	1,915,079	1,908,890	12,195,996	12,252,990	a
U. S. bonds	263,498	260,313	20,076	19,555	443,229	438,243	218,127	208,311	210,434	210,079	1,257,684	1,260,955	1,423,402
U. S. victory notes	73,634	73,585	13,048	13,131	106,382	107,118	50,476	50,627	31,894	31,686	188,752	189,431	203,932
U. S. certificates of indebtedness	99,581	103,571	10,115	10,225	135,121	141,327	35,819	37,632	25,699	27,502	196,639	200,461	598,313
Other bonds, stocks and securities	554,119	575,800	149,993	141,800	1,106,836	1,133,209	587,557	590,815	341,699	342,769	2,036,092	2,066,793	a
Total loans & disc'ts & invest'ns, incl. bills rediscounted with F. R. Bk.	4,965,516	5,024,028	1,407,769	1,410,145	9,961,780	10,042,054	3,002,684	3,019,328	2,524,805	2,520,926	15,489,269	15,582,308	16,983,816
Reserve balance with F. R. Bank	546,508	551,734	130,012	129,648	922,269	924,246	190,662	192,994	144,813	143,715	1,257,684	1,260,955	1,423,402
Cash in vault	99,487	97,665	32,743	32,395	195,848	188,524	63,208	62,137	80,727	76,653	339,783	327,314	371,216
Net demand deposits	4,102,033	4,134,245	920,049	894,971	7,175,423	7,166,087	1,602,759	1,591,947	1,473,823	1,456,226	10,252,005	10,214,290	11,563,867
Time deposits	293,060	293,261	313,586	314,312	1,372,941	1,371,986	917,401	915,840	656,900	653,412	2,947,242	2,941,238	2,655,286
Government deposits	75,758	99,285	10,216	12,075	129,399	162,768	24,477	29,693	14,484	17,925	168,360	210,386	59,200
Bills payable with F. R. Bank: Sec'd by U. S. Govt. obligations	226,987	178,821	19,101	19,904	333,736	292,890	123,845	125,207	51,773	51,531	509,354	469,628	915,220
All other			120	130	805	130	845	778	337	337	1,987	1,245</	

Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, May 20 1921.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—Business in the stock market has been limited in volume, negative in character and almost wholly in the hands of professional traders throughout the week. Prices have generally fluctuated within a narrow range, although railway shares advanced from 1 to 2 points on announcement that the Railway Labor Board had decided to permit a revision downward of the wage scale on June 1st and the industrial group declined when it became known that Republic Iron & Steel, Cambria Steel, Pacific Mail and Cuba American Sugar had either reduced or omitted dividends. Subsequently there was a substantial reaction from both movements, however, and the market held fairly steady until to-day when announcement was made of more suspended dividends including that of the Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. This proved opportune for persistent drive on the short side of the market and resulted in a decline of from 2 to 4 points, including both railway and industrial shares.

The Federal Reserve Bank's statement attracted more than usual attention. It showed for the entire system a gain of over \$18,000,000 in reserve, a reduction of \$37,000,000 in circulating notes and a total of all classes of loans nearly \$200,000,000 less than last week. Another interesting compilation of figures is seen in the Labor Bureau's schedule of wholesale prices which shows that the April average of 325 commodities is 154 against 162 in March and 272 in May 1920. This indicates a decline within the year of about 43% while Dun's list is down over 36% and Bradstreet's 48%.

Call loan rates have been quoted at 6 1/2 to 7% and Sterling exchange has held close to \$4 all week.

The following sales have occurred this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like All Amer Cables, Am Bank Note pref, etc.

For transactions on New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and Boston exchanges, see page 2163.

State and Railroad Bonds.—No sales of State bonds have been reported at the Board this week.

A conspicuous feature of the general bond market has been enormous dealings in foreign Government issues and

in several cases these have substantially advanced. On the other hand railway and industrial bonds have been dull and weak in sympathy with shares. Of a list of 25 prominent, well known issues only 1 or 2 are a small fraction higher than last week, while a considerable number are from 1 to 2 points lower.

United States Bonds.—Sales of Government bonds at the Board are limited to \$4,000 4s coup. at 104 1/4 and the various Liberty Loan issues.—To-day's prices are given below. For weekly and yearly range see fourth page following.

Table titled 'Daily Record of Liberty Loan Prices' with columns for dates (May 14-19) and various bond types (First, Second, Third, Fourth Liberty Loans) showing high/low prices and total sales.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Table showing registered bond transactions: 24 1st 3 1/2s, 1 1st 4 1/2s, 19 2d 4 1/2s, 80 3d 4 1/2s, 140 4th 4 1/2s, 10 Victory 3 1/2s, 87 Victory 4 1/2s.

Foreign Exchange.—Sterling exchange has ruled quiet and a shade easier during the week. The Continental exchanges after early weakness resumed their upward trend, with the exception of marks which lost ground.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 3 03 1/2 @ 3 94 1/2 for sixty days and 3 99 1/2 @ 3 99 1/2 for checks and 3 99 1/2 @ 4 00 1/2 for cables. Commercial banks sight 3 98 1/2 @ 3 99 1/2 sixty days 3 93 @ 3 93 1/2, ninety days 3 91 1/2 @ 3 91 1/2 and documents for payment (sixty days) 3 93 1/2 @ 3 93 1/2. Cotton for payment 3 98 1/2 @ 3 99 1/2 and grain for payment 3 98 1/2 @ 3 99 1/2.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 8.65 @ 8.69 for long and 8.71 @ 8.75 for short. German bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 35.49 @ 35.56 for long and 35.85 @ 35.92 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 45.47 francs; week's range, 45.47 francs high and 47.55 francs low.

Table for Foreign Exchange: Sterling, Actual—Sixty Days. Columns: High for the week, Low for the week, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders.

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par. St. Louis, 15 @ 25c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. San Francisco, par. Montreal, \$18.125 per \$1,000 premium. Cincinnati, par.

Outside Market.—Business on the "curb" this week has been unusually small and devoid of feature. Prices moved about in aimless fashion and within a narrow range. Considerable interest was given to the initial trading in Glen Alden Coal stock, which is to take over the coal properties of the Del. Lack. & West. RR. From 45, it sold up to 50, then down to 38 with the closing sale to-day at 38 1/2. Del. Lack. & West. "rights" were also actively traded in up from 44 to 50 and down to 33, the close to-day being at 33 1/4.

Amalgamated Leather Com. gained 3 1/2 points to 16 3/4 but reacted to 15 1/2. Chicago & East Ills. new stock was also freely traded in the Com. down from 14 to 13 3/4, up to 14 3/4 and finally at 14 1/4. The preferred eased off at first from 29 3/4 to 29 1/2, then advanced to 30 3/4 and ends the week at 30.

Durant Motors rose from 20 1/2 to 22 1/2 and sold finally at 22. Intercont. Rubb. lost a point to 11. Oil shares if anything were slightly easier. Simms Pet. was heavily traded in up at first from 9 3/4 to 10 3/4, then down to 8 1/4, the close to-day being at 8 5/8. Skelly Oil weakened from 5 3/8 to 4 5/8.

Carib Syndicate declined from 8 to 7, but recovered 4 5/8. Carib Syndicate declined from 8 to 7 but recovered 7 3/4. Maracaibo Oil gained two points to 30 3/4. Elk Basin Petroleum, after an early advance from 9 to 9 1/2 sold down to 8 1/2. Bonds were about steady. Allied Packers 6s sold down to a new low figure dropping from 41 1/4 to 38 with a final recovery to 39 1/4.

A complete record of "curb" market transactions for the week will be found on page 2177.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see preceding page.

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday May 14 to Friday May 20), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Railroads, Industrial & Miscellaneous), PER SHARE Range since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest), PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1920 (Lowest, Highest).

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-rights. § Less than 100 shares. α Ex-div. and rights. z Ex-dividend.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see second preceding page.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday May 14 to Friday May 20), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE (Lowest, Highest), and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1920 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Am Smelt Secur pref ser A-100, Am Smelting & Refining, etc.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-rights. α Ex-div. and rights. ¶ Par value \$100. ○ Old stock. ‡ Ex-dividend.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see third preceding page.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday May 14 to Friday May 20), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par, etc.), PER SHARE (Range since Jan. 1., On basis of 100-share lots, Lowest, Highest), PER SHARE (Range for Previous Year 1920, Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like 111 1/2, 112, 113, etc., and their corresponding prices and shares.

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

# New York Stock Exchange—BOND Record, Friday, Weekly and Yearly 2171

Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now—"and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending May 20										BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending May 20									
		Price Friday May 20		Week's Range or Last Sale		Range Since Jan. 1		Bonds Sold				Price Friday May 20		Week's Range or Last Sale		Range Since Jan. 1		Bonds Sold	
		Bid	Ask	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High			Bid	Ask	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High
<b>U. S. Government.</b>																			
First Liberty Loan	J	D	88.12	88.00	88.58	88.58	1642	88.00	93.50			81.01	81.00	100.12	101.98	257	99.75	102.75	
3 1/2% of 1937-1947	J	D	87.20	87.50	87.40	87.50		85.24	88.50			71	72	71	72	6	71	76	
Conv 4 1/4% of 1932-1947	J	D	87.44	87.00	87.74	87.74	353	85.40	88.00			89	90	May	21		88 1/2	95 1/8	
2d conv 4 1/4% of 1932-1947	J	D	96.00	96.00	96.00	May	21	95.00	100.50			85 1/2	86	83	85 1/2	13	82 1/2	89	
<b>Second Liberty Loan—</b>																			
4% of 1927-1942	M	N	87.12	87.00	87.10	87.30	23	85.34	88.80			88	88	88	88	12	85	81	
Conv 4 1/4% of 1927-1942	M	N	87.20	87.00	87.04	87.42	4186	85.30	88.40			83	70	69	May	18	67 1/2	69	
<b>Third Liberty Loan—</b>																			
4 1/4% of 1928	M	S	90.72	90.62	90.78	2697	88.00	91.14			88 1/2	89	87 1/2	88 1/2		83	83		
<b>Fourth Liberty Loan—</b>																			
4 1/4% of 1933-1938	A	O	87.38	87.18	87.52	5128	85.34	88.60			83	85 1/2	83	Apr	21		80	84	
<b>Victory Liberty Loan—</b>																			
4 1/4% Notes of 1922-1923	J	D	97.72	97.52	97.94	7208	95.56	98.10			94	94	94	94	10	94	100		
3 1/4% Notes of 1922-1923	J	D	97.70	97.54	97.94	1803	95.80	98.10			94	94	94	94	10	94	100		
2s consol registered	4180	Q	J	99 1/2	100 1/8	100	Feb	20	100	100			92	92 1/2	92 1/2	14	91	93 1/4	
2s consol coupon	4180	Q	J	99 1/2	100 1/8	100	June	20	100	100			92	92 1/2	92 1/2	14	91	93 1/4	
4s coupon	1925	Q	F	104 1/4	104 1/4	104 1/4	May	21	104 1/4	104 3/4			75	75	75 3/8	39	73 1/4	77 1/2	
Pan Canal 10-30-yr 2s	11326	Q	F	99 1/4	100 1/4	98 1/4	Mar	18	99 1/4	100 1/4			86	86	Mar	17	85	87 1/2	
Pan Canal 10-30-yr 2s reg	1938	Q	N	99 1/4	100 1/4	99	July	18	99 1/4	100 1/4			75	75	75 3/8	39	73 1/4	77 1/2	
Panama Canal 3s g	1961	Q	M	77 1/2	79 1/4	Apr	20	77	79 1/2			81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	342	80	85		
Registered	1961	Q	M	77	80	77 1/4	May	21	77	79 1/2			81	81	81 1/2	342	80	85	
<b>Foreign Government.</b>																			
Argentine External 5s of 1909	M	S	70	71	70 3/4	71	6	67	72			70 3/8	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	2	70 1/4	76 3/4	
Belgium 25-yr ext s f 7 1/2 s of 1945	J	D	99	98 1/2	100	347	95	100 1/2			80 3/8	80	80 3/8	80	21	79 3/4	82 3/8		
5-year 6% notes	Jan	1925	96 3/8	96	96 3/8	589	87	97 3/4			89	89	89	2	87 1/4	89 3/4			
20-year 4 1/2 s	Jan	1941	98 1/2	98	99 3/4	202	96 3/4	100 3/8			76 3/8	76 3/8	76 3/8	11	76 1/2	82			
Bergen (Norway) s f 8s	1945	M	N	95 1/4	95 3/4	97	71	93 1/4	98 3/8			28	32	28 1/2	May	21	28	85 7/8	
Berne (City of) s f 8s	1945	M	N	98	98	98	92	97	99 1/2			83	83	83	Mar	21	83	95 1/8	
Bordeaux (City of) 15-yr 6s	1934	M	N	82	84	81 1/2	84 1/2	46	74	84 1/8			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2	
Canada (Dominion of) 6s	1921	A	O	99 1/2	99 3/4	99 3/4	Mar	21	99 3/4	101			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2	
do	1926	A	O	92 1/4	92 1/4	92 1/4	92	85 1/2	93			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
do	1931	A	O	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93	88 1/2	90 3/4			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
do	1936	A	O	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92	85 1/2	87 1/2			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
do	1941	A	O	95 3/4	95 3/4	95 3/4	95 3/4	90	94 1/4			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
China (Republic) ext s f 8s	1929	F	A	47	47	47	47	40	49			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
Chinese (Hukuang Ry) 5s of 1911	J	D	47	47	46 1/2	48 1/2	32	40 1/4	49			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
Christiania (C ty) s f 8s	1945	A	O	97 3/8	97 3/8	97 3/8	97 3/8	78	94 3/8			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
Copenhagen 25 yr s f 5 1/2 s	1944	J	D	75 1/2	75 1/2	77	209	72	77			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
Cuba—External debt 5s of 1904	M	S	82	82 1/2	82	82 1/2	12	77	82 1/2			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
do	1949	F	A	79	81	81	81	3	75 3/8	81			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2	
do	1949	F	A	70 1/2	71 1/2	71	71 1/2	6	63	71 1/2			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2	
Denmark Con Municipal 8s "A"	1946	F	A	98	98	98 1/2	135	95 1/2	100 1/2			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
do	1946	F	A	98 1/4	98	99 1/4	138	95 1/2	100 3/4			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
Denmark external s f 8s	1945	A	O	98 1/2	98 1/2	100	271	95 1/2	100 3/4			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
Dominican Rep Cons Adm s f 5s	1945	A	O	82 1/2	82 1/2	82	70 3/8	82 1/2					88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2	
French Republic 25-yr ext 8s	1945	M	S	99	98 3/8	100	104 1/8	96	101 1/4			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
do	1945	M	S	99	98 3/8	100	104 1/8	96	101 1/4			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
do	1945	M	S	99	98 3/8	100	104 1/8	96	101 1/4			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
do	1945	M	S	99	98 3/8	100	104 1/8	96	101 1/4			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
do	1945	M	S	99	98 3/8	100	104 1/8	96	101 1/4			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
do	1945	M	S	99	98 3/8	100	104 1/8	96	101 1/4			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
do	1945	M	S	99	98 3/8	100	104 1/8	96	101 1/4			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
do	1945	M	S	99	98 3/8	100	104 1/8	96	101 1/4			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
do	1945	M	S	99	98 3/8	100	104 1/8	96	101 1/4			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
do	1945	M	S	99	98 3/8	100	104 1/8	96	101 1/4			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
do	1945	M	S	99	98 3/8	100	104 1/8	96	101 1/4			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
do	1945	M	S	99	98 3/8	100	104 1/8	96	101 1/4			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
do	1945	M	S	99	98 3/8	100	104 1/8	96	101 1/4			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
do	1945	M	S	99	98 3/8	100	104 1/8	96	101 1/4			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
do	1945	M	S	99	98 3/8	100	104 1/8	96	101 1/4			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
do	1945	M	S	99	98 3/8	100	104 1/8	96	101 1/4			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
do	1945	M	S	99	98 3/8	100	104 1/8	96	101 1/4			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
do	1945	M	S	99	98 3/8	100	104 1/8	96	101 1/4			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
do	1945	M	S	99	98 3/8	100	104 1/8	96	101 1/4			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
do	1945	M	S	99	98 3/8	100	104 1/8	96	101 1/4			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
do	1945	M	S	99	98 3/8	100	104 1/8	96	101 1/4			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
do	1945	M	S	99	98 3/8	100	104 1/8	96	101 1/4			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
do	1945	M	S	99	98 3/8	100	104 1/8	96	101 1/4			88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	84	90 1/2		
do	1945	M	S	99	98 3/8	100	104 1/8	9											

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending May 20		Interest Period	Price Friday May 20	Week's Range or Last Sale	Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1
Bid	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High
Del Lack & Western—						
Morris & Essex 1st gu 3 1/2s 2000 J	D	67	67 1/2	67 1/2	May '21	67 1/2
N Y Lack & W 5s.....1923 F	A	95 1/2	97	95 1/2	Apr '21	95
Term & Improve 4s.....1923 M	N	93 1/4	Sale	93 1/4		91
Warren 1st ref gu 3 1/2s.....2000 F	A			102 1/2	Feb '08	
Delaware & Hudson—						
1st lien equip g 4 1/2s.....1922 J	J	96 1/4	Sale	97	May '21	96 1/4
1st & ref 4s.....1943 M	N	76 1/2	Sale	76 1/2		76 1/2
30-year conv 5s.....1935 A	O	83 3/8	83 1/4	83 1/4		83 1/4
10-year secured 7s.....1930 J	D	102 3/4	Sale	103 1/4		102 3/4
Alb & Susq conv 3 1/2s.....1946 A	O	70 1/2	Sale	70 1/2		69 3/4
Renss & Saratoga 1st 7s.....1921 M	N	64 1/2	Sale	64 1/2		64 1/2
Den & R Gr—1st cons g 4s.....1936 J	J	68 3/4	69 1/2	69 1/2		68 3/4
Consol gold 4 1/2s.....1928 J	D	69 1/4	72 1/2	71		72
Improvement gold 5s.....1923 J	D	4 1/2	Sale	4 1/2		4 1/2
1st & refunding 5s.....1955 F	A	42	43 1/4	43 1/4		43 1/4
Trust Co certs of deposit.....						
Rio Gr Sou 1st gold 5s.....1939 J	D	72 1/8	74 3/4	74 3/4	Apr '21	73
Rio Gr Sou 1st gold 4s.....1940 J	J	8		6 1/4	Apr '11	
Guaranteed.....1940 J	J	10		29 7/8	Dec '20	
Rio Gr West 1st gold 4s.....1939 J	J	65 1/2	Sale	65 1/2		66 3/8
Mtge. & coll trust 4s A.....1949 A	O	53	Sale	52 7/8		54
Det & Mack—1st lien g 4s.....1945 J	D	57 1/8	78	57		57 1/8
Gold 4s.....1945 J	D	50 1/2	Sale	50		50
Det Riv Tun Ter Tun 4 1/2s.....1961 M	N	75	Sale	75		74 1/2
Dul Missabe & Nor gen 5s.....1941 J	J	93 3/8		93 1/2		91
Dul & Iron Range 1st 5s.....1937 A	O	87		105 1/2	Mar '08	
Registered.....						
Dul So Shore & Atl g 5s.....1937 J	J	83		83	Feb '21	83
Elgin Joliet & East 1st g 6s.....1941 M	N	87 1/4	83 1/2	89	May '21	88 1/2
1st consol gold 7s ext.....1930 M	S	71 1/8	99	90	Jan '20	90 1/4
N Y & Erie 1st ext g 4s.....1923 M	N	91		91	May '21	91 1/4
3rd ext gold 4 1/2s.....1920 A	O	86	89 1/2	90	Apr '21	90
4th ext gold 5s.....1928 J	D			94 1/4	Nov '15	
5th ext gold 4s.....1928 J	D			98 1/2	Aug '19	
N Y L E & W 1st 7s ext.....1930 M	S	54 3/8	Sale	54 3/8		55
Erie 1st cons g 4s prior.....1906 J	J	42 1/2	Sale	42 1/2		43 3/8
Registered.....						
1st consol gen lien g 4s.....1906 J	J	73		73	June '16	
Registered.....						
Penn coll trust gold 4s.....1951 F	A	72 1/2	77 1/2	73	May '21	72 1/2
50-year conv 4s Ser A.....1953 A	O	38 1/2	Sale	38		40 1/4
do Serles B.....1953 A	O	38 1/2	Sale	38 1/2		39 3/4
Gen conv 4s Serles D.....1953 A	O	42	Sale	42		44 1/4
Chio & Erie 1st gold 5s.....1928 M	N	76 7/8	78	76 7/8		78 1/2
Cleve & Mahon Vall g 5s.....1938 J	J	79 1/2	79 3/4	79 1/2		79 3/4
Erie & Jersey 1st s f 6s.....1955 J	J	79		79	Mar '21	80
Genesee River 1st s f 6s.....1957 J	J	96 1/4		99	Apr '21	98 1/2
Long Dock consol g 6s.....1935 A	O	80		103	Jan '18	
Coal & RR 1st cur g 6s.....1929 M	N	78 1/4		78 1/4		78 1/4
Dock & Imp't 1st ext 5s.....1946 M	N	70 5/8	75	75	Jan '18	
N Y & Green L gu g 5s.....1946 M	N	56	56 7/8	57	May '21	57
N Y Susq & W 1st ref 6s.....1937 J	J	42		40	Apr '21	40
2d gold 4 1/2s.....1937 F	A	42		49	Feb '21	40
General gold 5s.....1940 F	A	70 1/2		81 1/2	Jan '21	81 1/2
Terminal 1st gold 5s.....1943 M	N	72		72	Nov '19	
Mid of N J 1st ext 5s.....1940 A	O	52	55	52		54
Wilk & East 1st gu g 5s.....1942 J	D	23 1/2		23 1/2	Jan '17	
Ev & Ind 1st cons g 6s.....1926 J	J	98 3/8	99 1/4	98 3/8		98 3/8
Evans & T H 1st cons 6s.....1921 J	J	88		88	Apr '21	88 3/4
1st general gold 5s.....1942 A	O	71 1/2		69 1/2	Apr '21	69 1/2
Mt Vernon 1st gold 6s.....1923 A	O	69 1/2		69 1/2	Apr '21	69 1/2
Sul Co Branch 1st g 5s.....1930 A	O	65		77		77 1/2
Florida E Coast 1st 4 1/2s.....1959 J	D	75		68	Apr '21	68
Fort St U D Co 1st g 4 1/2s.....1941 J	J	63		65		65
Ft Worth & Rio Gr 1st g 4s.....1928 J	J	63 1/4		63	Mar '21	62 1/4
Galy Houe & Hend 1st 5s.....1935 A	O	101	Sale	100	10 1/4	102 1/2
Grand Trunk of Can deb 7s.....1936 J	J	96 1/4	Sale	96 1/2	96 5/8	96 3/4
Great Nor Gen 7s ser A.....1961 J	J	79	Sale	79		78 1/2
1st & ref 4 1/2s Series A.....1961 J	J	96		96	June '16	
Registered.....						
St Paul M & Man 4s.....1933 J	J	83 3/4		83 3/4	May '21	84
1st consol g 6s.....1933 J	J	100	100 3/4	100		99 1/2
Registered.....						
Reduced to gold 4 1/2s.....1933 J	J	88	Sale	88		87 1/2
Registered.....						
Mont ext 1st gold 4s.....1937 J	D	81		81 3/4	Apr '21	81
Registered.....						
Pacific ext guar 4s E.....1940 J	J	75 1/2		86	Mar '20	75
E Minn Nor Div 1st g 4s.....1948 A	O	75 1/2		79 1/2	May '21	75
Minn Union 1st g 6s.....1922 J	J	101	101 1/4	101	May '21	99 1/2
Mont C 1st gu g 6s.....1937 J	J	90 3/4		94 1/4	Jan '21	90
1st guar gold 5s.....1937 J	J	90		90	Jan '21	90
Will & S F 1st gold 5s.....1938 J	D	67		70	Feb '21	65
Green Bay & W Deb cts "A".....						
Debenture cts "B".....						
Gulf & S I 1st ref & t g 5s.....01952 J	J	64	68	68 3/4	Feb '21	68 3/4
Hooking Va 1st cons g 4 1/2s.....1909 J	J	70 1/4	71 1/2	71 1/2		72
Registered.....						
Col & H V 1st ext g 4s.....1948 A	O	67		73 1/2	June '18	
Col & Tol 1st ext 4s.....1955 F	A	67 3/8	Sale	67 3/8		67 3/8
Houston Belt & Term 1st 5s.....1937 J	J	75 3/4	83	84	Jan '21	76
Illinois Central 1st gold 4s.....1951 J	J	83 1/4		83 1/4		81 1/2
Registered.....						
1st gold 3 1/2s.....1951 J	J	70 1/8		71	Jan '21	71
Registered.....						
Extended 1st gold 3 1/2s.....1951 A	O	66		84	Nov '15	
Registered.....						
1st gold 3s.....1951 A	O	71 1/2		70 3/4	Dec '20	
Registered.....						
Collateral trust gold 4s.....1952 M	S	70	70 3/4	70		69 3/4
Registered.....						
1st refunding 4s.....1955 M	N	74	75	74 3/8		73 1/2
Purchased lines 3 1/2s.....1952 J	J	66		65 5/8		66 1/4
L N O & Texas gold 4s.....1953 M	N	68 3/4	69	69 1/2		68 3/4
Registered.....						
15-year secured 5 1/2s.....1934 J	J	88 3/4	Sale	88 3/4		89 1/2
Cairo Bridge gold 4s.....1950 J	D	72 1/4		73 1/4	Jan '21	73 1/4
Litchfield Div 1st gold 3s.....1951 J	J	58		58 1/8	Apr '21	58 1/8
Louisv Div & Term g 3 1/2s.....1953 J	J	62 1/8	64 1/2	65 1/2	May '21	64 1/2
Middle Div reg 5s.....1921 F	A	60 1/4		60 3/8	June '16	
Omaha Div 1st gold 3s.....1951 F	A	58 3/8	60	60 1/2		60 3/8
St Louis Div & Term g 3s.....1951 J	J	56 1/4		58 1/2	Mar '21	58 1/2
Gold 3 1/2s.....1951 J	J	65 1/2	67 1/4	69	Dec '20	
Spring Div 1st g 3 1/2s.....1951 J	J	64		80 3/8	Nov '16	
Western Lines 1st g 4s.....1951 F	A	70 1/2	75	71 1/2	Apr '21	69 1/4
Registered.....						
Bellef & Car 1st 6s.....1923 J	D	91 1/2		117 1/2	Mar '19	
Carb & Shaw 1st gold 4s.....1932 M	S	70		79 3/8		87
Chio St L & N O gold 5s.....1951 J	D	89 3/8	Sale	89 3/8		87 1/2
Registered.....						
Gold 3 1/2s.....1951 J	D	87 3/4		87 3/4		88 1/2
Joint 1st ref 5s Series A.....1953 J	D	83 1/2	Sale	83 1/2	July '18	
Memph Div 1st g 4s.....1951 J	D	81 1/2	Sale	81 1/2		79 1/8
Registered.....						
St Louis Sou 1st gu g 4s.....1931 M	S	78 3/8	79	77 7/8	May '21	75
Ind Ill & Iowa 1st g 4s.....1950 J	D	71 1/8	23 7/8	72		72 7/8
Int & Great Nor 1st ext 7s.....1922 M	N	87		90	Mar '21	88 1/8
James Frank & Clear 1st 4s.....1959 J	D	74	75	75 1/2	Apr '21	74 1/2
Kansas City Sou 1st gold 8s.....1950 A	O	55 3/4	Sale	55 1/2		54 5/8
Registered.....						
Ref & Imp't 5s.....Apr 1950 J	J	74 3/8	Sale	74 3/8		73
Kansas City Term 1st 4s.....1960 J	J	71 1/2	Sale	71		70 1/2
Lake Erie & West 1st g 5s.....1937 J	J	79 1/8	81 1/4	80		79 3/8
2d gold 5s.....1937 J	J	69	75	72	May '21	67
North Ohio 1st guar g 5s.....1945 A	O	50 3/8	70	65	Aug '19	
Leh Val N Y 1st gu g 4 1/2s.....1940 J	J	85		84	Apr '21	84 1/4
Registered.....						
Lehigh Val (Pa) cons g 4s.....2003 M	N	68 1/2	79 3/4	68		70
General cons 4 1/2s.....2003 M	N	75 1/4	76 1/4	76 1/2	May '21	76 3/4

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Bid	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High
Leh V Term Ry 1st gu g 5s.....1941 A	O	91 1/2		91 1/2		91 1/2
Registered.....1941 A	O			113	Mar '21	91 1/2
Leh Val RR 10-yr coll 6s.....1928 M	N	98	96 1/2	96 1/2		95 1/2
Leh Val Coal Co 1st gu g 5s.....1933 J	J	91 1/8		92	May '21	91 1/2
Registered.....1933 J	J			105	Oct '13	
1st int reduced to 4s.....1933 J	J	77		77		77 1/2
Leh & N Y 1st guar g 4s.....1945 M	S	70 3/8		71 1/2	Jan '21	71 1/2
N Y & R B 1st cons g 5s.....1931 Q	J	88		85 1/2	Mar '21	85 1/2
Long Isld 1st cons g 5s.....1931 Q	J	82 1/2	83 1/4	83		83 1/4
1st consol gold 4s.....1931 Q	J	82 1/2	70 1/2	83		83
General gold 4s.....1938 J	D	68 1/2	70 1/2	73	Feb '21	73
Ferry gold 4 1/2s.....1922 M	S	91	98 1/4	91 1/4	Feb '21	91 1/2
Gold 4s.....1922 M	S	67 3/8		65 1/2	Oct '06	
Unified gold 4s.....1949 M	S	64	65 3/8	65	May '21	65
Debenture gold 5s.....1934 J	D	72		72		72
20-year p in deb 5s.....1937 M	N	59	59 1/2	59		59 1/2
Guar refunding gold 4s.....1949 M	S	65	68 1/2	65 1/2	May '21	65
Registered.....1949 M	S			66 1/2		

Main table containing bond listings for N.Y. Stock Exchange, including columns for Bond Name, Price, Week's Range, Bonds Sold, and Range Since Jan. 1.

\* No price Friday; latest bid and asked. a Due Jan. b Due Feb. c Due June. d Due July. e Due Aug. f Due Oct. g Due Nov. h Due Dec. i Option sale.

BONDS		Interest	Friday	Week's	Bonds	Range
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE		Period	May 20	Range or	Sold	Since
Week ending May 20				Last Sale		Jan. 1
Wabash (Concl.)						
1st lien 50 yr term 4s	1954 J	Bid	57 70 3/4	62 Feb 21	---	60 62
Det & Ch Ext 1st g 5s	1941 J	J	81 7/8	88 1/2 Mar 20	---	---
Des Moines Div 1st g 4s	1939 J	J	55 7/8	80 Aug 12	---	---
Om Div 1st g 3 3/4s	1941 A	O	51 1/4	61 May 21	---	51 1/4
Tol & Ch Div 4s	1941 M	S	58 1/2	58 1/2	15	68 1/2
Wash Term 1st gu 3 1/2s	1945 F	A	65 7/8	68 1/2	68 1/2	79 1/4
1st 40 yr guar 4s	1945 F	A	79	79 1/4	53	52 1/2
West Maryland 1st g 4s	1952 A	O	84	84	2	84 89 1/8
West N Y & Pa 1st g 5s	1937 J	J	54	54	2	60 1/4
Gen gold 4s	1943 A	O	62 1/2	65	36	62 1/2
Income 6s	1943 Nov	N	80 1/2	80 1/2	47	80 1/2
Western Pac 1st ser A 5s	1946 M	S	84 1/2	82	Jan 21	82
Wheeling & L E 1st g 5s	1928 A	O	83 1/2	85	Oct 20	---
Wheel Div 1st gold 5s	1929 J	J	80 1/2	83	Mar 17	---
Ext'n & Imp't gold 5s	1930 F	A	49 1/2	52	Apr 21	47 3/4
Refunding 5s series A	1966 M	S	53	55	May 21	55 1/2
RR 1st consol 4s	1949 M	S	71	71	Mar 21	66
Whiston Salem S B 1st 4s	1960 J	J	66 1/4	68	May 21	66 1/4
Wis Cent 50 yr 1st gen 4s	1949 J	J	67	67 1/4	May 21	66 1/4
Sup & Dul Div & term 1st 4s 3/8 M N						
<b>Street Railway</b>						
Brooklyn Rapid Tran 5s	1945 A	O	26	28	Apr 21	25
1st refund conv gold 4s	2002 J	J	25	50	Feb 21	25
3 yr 7% secured notes	1921 J	J	44	45	33 1/2	40 1/2
Certificates of deposit			43 1/2	44 1/2	40	37
Certificates of deposit stmp'd			40	40	Dec 20	37
Bk City 1st cons 5s	1916 1941 J	J	90	80	May 18	---
Bk Q Co & S con g 5s	1941 M	N	25	24	Dec 20	---
Bklyn Q Co & S 1st 5s	1941 J	J	64 1/2	65	64	58
Bklyn Un El 1st g 4s	1950 F	A	64	65	64	63
Stamped guar 4 1/2s	1949 F	A	54 1/2	54 1/2	May 21	53
Kings County E 1st g 4s	1949 F	A	54 1/2	54 1/2	Apr 21	53
Stamped guar 4s	1949 F	A	18 1/2	24 1/2	Mar 21	18
Nassau Elec gold 4s	1951 J	J	65 3/8	65 3/8	29	58
Chesaco Rys 1st 5s	1927 F	A	60	60 1/2	June 20	57 1/2
Con Ry & L 1st & ref g 4 1/2s	1951 J	J	59	59	10	58
Stamped guar 4 1/2s	1951 J	J	56	58	Jan 20	53
Det United 1st cons g 4 1/2s	1932 J	J	68 1/2	68	69	59
Ft Smith L & Tr 1st g 5s	1936 M	S	38 1/2	38	39 1/2	29 1/2
Hud & Manhat 5s ser A	1957 F	A	83 1/2	97	85	82
Adjust Income 5s	1957 F	A	17	17	18 1/2	13
N Y & Jersey 1st 5s	1932 F	A	15	15	16 1/2	12
Interboro Metrop coll 4 1/2s	1956 A	O	54 1/2	54 1/2	57 1/2	48 1/2
Certificates of deposit			54 1/2	54 1/2	57 1/2	48 1/2
Interboro Rap Tran 1st 5s	1966 J	J	55 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	53
Manhat Ry (N Y) cons g 4s	1990 A	O	61 1/4	65	63 1/2	63 1/2
Stamped tax exempt	1990 A	O	72 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2	74
Manila Elec Ry & L 1st f 5s	1953 M	S	40 1/2	44 1/2	43	37
Market St Ry 1st cons 5s	1924 M	S	11	20	15 1/2	11
<b>Metropolitan Street Ry</b>						
Bway & 7th Av 1st g 5s	1943 J	D	25 1/2	25 1/2	May 21	21 1/2
Col & 9th Av 1st g 5s	1903 M	S	25 1/2	25 1/2	May 21	21 1/2
Lex Av & P 1st g 5s	1903 M	S	25 1/2	25 1/2	May 21	21 1/2
Met W S El (Chic) 1st g 4s	1938 F	A	93	92	Apr 21	92
Mtew Elec Ry & L cons g 5s	1926 F	A	73 1/2	73 1/2	Feb 21	73 1/2
Refunding & ext'n 4 1/2s	1931 J	J	74	74 3/4	74	74
Montreal Tram 1st & ref 5s	1941 J	J	20 1/2	22	20 1/2	17 1/2
New Or Ry & L gen 4 1/2s	1935 J	J	20 1/2	22	20 1/2	17 1/2
N Y Munclp Ry & L 1st f 5s A	1966 J	J	20 1/2	21 1/2	20 1/2	17 1/2
N Y Rys 1st R E & ref 4s	1942 J	J	4	4	4	3
Certificates of deposit			4	4	4	3
30 year adj inc 5s	1942 A	O	53	53	52 1/2	53 1/2
Certificates of deposit			53	53	52 1/2	53 1/2
N Y State Rys 1st cons 4 1/2s	1962 M	N	89	89	88	88
Portland Ry 1st & ref 5s	1930 M	N	72	73	72	72
Portld Ry L & P 1st ref 5s	1942 F	A	82	82	90 1/4	82
Portland Gen Elec 1st 5s	1935 J	J	74 1/2	99 1/2	65 1/2	69
St Paul City Cab cons g 5s	1960 J	J	47 1/4	47 1/4	30 1/4	25
Third Ave 1st ref 4s	1960 A	O	32 1/2	32	30 1/4	25
Adj Income 5s	1937 J	J	78 1/2	78 1/2	79	75
Third Ave Ry 1st g 4s	1937 J	J	91	92 1/2	92	88
Tri City Ry & L 1st f 5s	1923 A	O	65	96 1/4	68	68
Underg of London 4 1/2s	1933 J	J	51	51	50	50
Income 6s	1948		69 1/2	70	67	65
United Rys Inv 5s Pitts 1st	1926 M	N	47	47	47	47
United Rys St L 1st g 4s	1934 J	J	69 1/2	69 1/2	36	36
St Louis Transit g 5s	1924 A	O	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	29
United RRs San Fr f 4s	1927 A	O	34 1/2	34	34 1/2	34
United Tr (N Y) cts dep			65 1/2	65 1/2	65	60
Equit Tr (N Y) inter cts						
Va Ry Pow 1st & ref 5s	1934 J	J	79	80	79	76
<b>Gas and Electric Light</b>						
Bklyn Edison Inc gen 5s	1949 J	J	88	89 1/2	88	88
General 7s series B	1930 J	J	95 3/4	96 1/2	96	95 1/2
General 7s series C	1920 J	J	77 1/2	77 1/2	78	78
Bklyn Un Gas 1st cons g 5s	1945 M	N	84 1/2	85 1/2	83 1/4	83 1/4
Chicn Gas & Elec 1st & ref 5s	1956 J	J	83	84	83 1/2	81
Columbia G & E 1st 5s	1927 J	J	83	84	83 1/4	84
Stamped	1927 J	J	70	77	87	87
Columbus Gas 1st gold 5s	1932 J	J	101	101	102 1/4	136
Consol Gas 5 yr conv 7s	1925 Q	M	79	79	Apr 20	---
Cons Gas EL&P of Balt 5 yr 5s 2 1/2	1921 F	A	87	92	95 1/2	87 1/2
Detroit City Gas gold 5s	1923 J	J	88 1/2	91 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
Detroit Edison 1st coll tr 5s	1933 J	J	79	80	79 1/2	79 1/2
1st & ref 6s ser A	1940 M	S	87	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
1st & ref 6s series B	1940 M	S	89	89	88 1/2	88 1/2
Duquesne L 1st & coll 6s	1949 J	J	70	77	75	66
Eq G L N Y 1st cons g 5s	1932 F	A	90 1/2	91	90 1/2	87
Hudson Co Gas 1st g 5s	1949 M	N	85	85	81 1/2	81 1/2
Kan City (Mo) Gas 1st g 5s	1922 A	O	98 1/2	99 1/2	98 1/4	98 1/4
Keene Co El L & P g 5s	1937 A	O	90	101	92	88
Purchase money 6s	1937 M	S	76	81	76 3/4	73
Convertible deb 6s	1937 M	S	74 1/4	74 3/4	74	74 3/4
Ed El III Bkn 1st con g 5s	1939 J	J	81 1/2	81	81	81
Lao Gas L of St L Ref & ext 5s	1934 M	N	65	65	104 1/2	81
Milwaukee Gas L 1st 4s	1927 M	N	82	82 1/2	82	81
Newark Con Gas 1st 4s	1948 J	D	68 1/2	68 1/2	69	68 1/2
N Y G E L & P g 5s	1948 J	J	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2
Purchase money g 4s	1949 F	A	76	76	78 1/2	78 1/2
Ed Elec III 1st cons g 5s	1995 J	J				
Ny&G El L&P 1st con g 5s	1930 F	A				
Pacific G & E Co—Ca G & E—						
Corp unifying & ref 5s	1937 M	N	86 1/4	86 1/4	86 1/4	82 1/2
Pacific G & E gen & ref 5s	1942 J	J	77	77 1/2	77	76 1/2
Pac Pow & L 1st & ref 20 yr 5s	1930 F	A	77 1/2	78	78	73 1/2
Pat & Passaic G & El 5s	1949 M	S	65	65	105	84
Peop Gas & C 1st cons g 6s	1943 A	O	89	91 1/2	88 3/4	88 3/4
Refunding gold 5s	1947 M	S	75	75	73 1/2	73 1/2
Ch G L & C 1st gu g 5s	1937 J	J	70 1/4	70 1/4	100	89
Con G Co of Ch 1st gu g 5s	1936 J	J	69	69	89	89
Ind Nat Gas & Oil 30 yr 5s	1936 M	N	94 1/4	94 1/4	94 1/2	94 1/2
Su Fuel Gas 1st g 5s	1947 M	N	83 1/2	86	81	83 1/2
Philadelphia Co conv g 5s	1922 M	N	72	72	70 3/4	70 3/4
Stand Gas & El conv f 6s	1926 J	D	69 1/2	69 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2
Syracuse Lighting 1st g 5s	1951 J	J	78 1/4	78 1/4	78 1/4	78 1/4
Syracuse Light & Power 5s	1954 J	J	78 1/4	78 1/4	78 1/4	78 1/4
Trenton G & El 1st g 5s	1949 M	S	72 1/4	72 1/4	82	72 1/4
Union Elec L & P 1st g 5s	1932 M	N	84	84	89	89
Refunding & extension 5s	1933 M	N	77	77	79 1/2	76
United Fuel Gas 1st f 6s	1936 J	J	77	77	96	87
Utah Power & L 1st 5s	1944 F	A	87	87	87	87
Utica Elec L & P 1st g 5s	1950 J	J	77	77	87	87
Utica Gas & Elec ref 5s	1957 J	J	67	67	77	77
Westchester Ltd gold 5s	1950 J	D				
<b>Miscellaneous</b>						
Adams Ex coll tr 4s	1948 M	S	62	62	62	58 1/2
Alaska Gold M deb 6s	1925 M	S	15	15	15	14 1/2
Conv deb 6s series B	1926 M	S	15	15	15	13 1/2

BONDS		Interest	Friday	Week's	Bonds	Range
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE		Period	May 20	Range or	Sold	Since
Week ending May 20				Last Sale		Jan. 1
Armour & Co 1st real est 4 1/2s	1939 J	D	75 1/4	79 1/4	80	19 75 83
Atlantic Fruit cons deb 7s A	1934 J	D	49 1/2	49 1/2	52	64 49 1/2 73
Atlantic Refg deb 6 1/2s	1931 M	S	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	118 93 1/2 100
Booth Fisheries deb f 6s	1926 A	O	66 1/2	90	Feb 18	---
Braden Cop M coll tr f 6s	1931 F	A	82 1/4	83 1/2	82 1/4	17 81 85 1/2
Bush Terminal 1st 4s	1952 A	O	70 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2	1 70 71 1/2
Consol 5s	1955 J	J	71	72	70 1/2	12 67 1/4 71 1/2
Building 6s guar tax ex	1960 A	O	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	17 67 1/2 75 1/2
Cerro de Pasco Cop 5s	1931 J	J	109	108 1/2	109 3/4	159 104 1/4 111
Chic C & Conn Rys s f 6s	1927 A	O	58	58	Mar 18	---
Chic Un Sta'n 1st gu 4 1/2s A	1963 J	J	80 1/2	81 1/2	80	80 1/4 78 1/2 82 1/2
1st Ser C 4 1/2s (ctfs)	1963 J	J	102 1/2	103 1/4	102 1/2	102 1/2 102 1/2 108 1/2
Chile Copper 10 yr conv 7s	1923 M	N	95 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/2	

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday May 14 to Friday May 20), Sales for the Week, STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE (Railroads, Miscellaneous), Range since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest), Range for Previous Year 1920 (Lowest, Highest). Rows include various stock symbols like 122 1/2, 65, 83 1/2, etc.

\* Bid and asked prices. † Ex-dividend and rights. ‡ Assessment paid. § Ex-rights. ¶ Ex-dividend.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange May 14 to May 20, both inclusive:

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

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange May 14 to May 20, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes items like Amer Vitrified Prod com 50, Amer Winl Glass Mach 100, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange May 14 to May 20, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

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

Table with columns: Bonds (Concluded), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes items like Chicago City Ry 5s-1927, Chicago C & C Ry 5s-1927, etc.

\* No par value.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—The complete record of the transactions at the Baltimore Stock Exchange from May 14 to May 20, both inclusive, compiled from the official sales lists, is given below. Prices for stocks are all dollars per share, not per cent. For bonds the quotations are per cent of par value.

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes items like Arundel Corporation, Celanese Oil, Central Teresa Sugar, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—The complete record of transactions at the Philadelphia Stock Exchange from May 14 to May 20, both inclusive, compiled from the official sales lists, is given below. Prices for stocks are all dollars per share, not per cent. For bonds the quotations are per cent of par value.

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

New York "Curb" Market.—Below we give a record of the transactions in the outside security market from May 14 to May 20, 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 May 20—, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include Industrial & Miscell., Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries, and Other Oil Stocks.

Table with columns: Other Oil Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include various oil companies like Arkansas Nat Gas, Atlantic Lobos Oil, etc.

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Lists various bond types and their market performance.

Quotations for Sundry Securities.

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

Large table listing various securities including Standard Oil Stocks, RR. Equipments, and other financial instruments with their respective prices and market data.

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

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Table listing various banks and trust companies in New York City, including their names, bid/ask prices, and other financial details.

\* Banks marked with (\*) are State banks. † Sale at auction or at Stock Exchange this week. ‡ New stock. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Table listing various realty and surety companies in New York City, including their names, bid/ask prices, and other financial details.

\* Per share. b Basis. d Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. e New stock. f Flat price. n Nominal. z Ex-dividend. y 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.	March	277,602	303,848	859,400	848,208	Mo & North Arkan.	March	56,733	167,395	\$ 1,750	\$ 478,536		
Ann Arbor	1st wk May	86,820	92,897	1,563,360	1,537,953	Missouri Pacific	March	8,958,854	8,535,721	26,867,837	28,473,880		
Aitch Topeka & S Fe	March	151,826,64	160,751,81	44,405,003	53,043,819	Mobile & Ohio	1st wk May	147,406	322,273	6,647,166	6,118,522		
Gulf Colo & S Fe	March	2,372,028	2,101,389	7,000,925	6,623,579	Columbus & Gr	March	146,466	156,566	462,265	531,339		
Panhandle S Fe	March	758,881	651,809	2,077,045	1,956,148	Monongahela	March	261,517	264,867	1,097,703	876,400		
Atlanta Birm & Atl	March	132,359	507,833	807,543	1,471,737	Monongahela Conn.	March	49,632	263,135	94,015	730,125		
Atlanta & West Pt.	March	225,349	257,603	641,409	782,320	Montour	March	102,059	97,750	319,891	202,433		
Atlantic City	March	301,353	273,802	705,202	759,286	Nashv Chatt & St L	March	1,808,241	1,723,691	5,191,692	5,787,038		
Atlantic Coast Line	March	7,112,880	6,298,215	19,886,973	19,677,160	Nevada-Calif-Ore	4th wk Apr	3,846	4,395	94,370	77,411		
Baltimore & Ohio	March	16,217,398	16,762,298	48,238,909	48,711,998	Nevada Northern	March	52,698	149,842	154,327	473,240		
B & O Chic Term	March	218,967	238,526	608,711	646,864	Newburgh & Sou Sh	March	104,020	151,828	381,376	399,855		
Bangor & Arrostook	March	746,148	499,364	2,163,383	1,452,706	New York Grt Nor.	April	202,048	202,392	847,850	822,333		
Bellefonte Central	March	5,874	7,786	20,949	22,206	N O Texas & Mex	March	229,212	193,111	780,342	549,850		
Belt Ry of Chicago	March	431,037	399,692	1,261,204	1,190,244	Neum S L & W	March	160,623	178,495	680,969	479,948		
Bessemer & L Erie	March	654,532	638,824	2,514,615	1,911,308	St L Browns & M	March	577,907	639,833	1,636,054	1,678,641		
Bingham & Garfield	March	23,559	137,205	67,646	440,300	New York Central	March	26,677,621	26,433,331	77,210,965	80,384,157		
Boston & Maine	March	6,394,817	6,139,518	18,293,837	17,470,402	Ind Harb Belt	March	759,818	779,265	2,225,663	2,121,851		
Bklyn E D Term	March	148,530	124,785	338,031	295,073	Lake Erie & West	March	741,050	802,712	2,172,073	2,508,649		
Buff Roch & Pittsp.	2d wk May	275,812	424,125	5,337,008	7,200,901	Lake Erie & West	March	6,550,431	7,711,597	16,494,476	20,904,589		
Buffalo & Susq.	March	183,624	246,212	621,886	677,749	Michigan Central	March	6,949,309	6,898,826	19,673,704	20,989,839		
Canadian Nat Rys.	2d wk May	1,909,558	2,037,563	38,267,881	33,452,289	Chey C O & St L	March	288,541	299,640	790,401	764,064		
Canadian Pacific	2d wk May	2,954,000	3,576,000	60,800,000	65,498,000	Cincinnati North.	March	1,983,933	2,521,854	7,149,808	8,559,471		
Can Pac Lines in Me	March	372,245	343,515	1,066,566	915,353	Pitts & Lake Erie	March	768,860	858,537	2,412,627	2,630,946		
Caro Clinch & Ohio	March	580,418	523,567	1,753,274	1,633,140	Tol & Ohio Cent	March	339,741	349,625	993,234	1,072,352		
Central of Georgia	March	2,018,293	2,058,079	5,593,504	6,450,048	N Y Chic & St Louis	March	2,277,048	2,306,536	6,487,748	6,578,116		
Central RR of N J	March	4,259,019	3,878,510	12,271,401	10,716,765	N Y Connecting	March	278,561	278,561	862,673	862,673		
Cent New England	March	822,024	443,371	2,196,242	1,284,527	N Y N H & Hartf.	March	9,831,936	9,050,872	26,645,787	26,279,909		
Central Vermont	March	549,606	531,000	1,473,884	1,446,445	N Y Ont & Western	March	1,053,172	923,908	2,982,040	2,432,720		
Charleston & W Car	March	333,502	256,284	841,553	842,527	N Y Susq & Western	March	330,006	362,564	1,041,999	1,002,006		
Ches & Ohio Lines	March	6,367,344	6,716,231	18,764,532	19,373,122	Norfolk Southern	March	744,700	755,142	1,912,996	1,961,213		
Chicago & Alton	March	2,463,831	2,197,265	7,248,358	6,787,146	Norfolk & Western	March	6,149,710	6,683,378	19,248,047	19,756,291		
Chicago & Burlington	March	13,753,278	13,989,587	39,879,751	43,682,838	Northern Pacific	March	7,018,557	8,247,856	19,248,007	25,821,402		
Chicago & East Ill.	March	2,119,264	2,430,765	6,792,880	7,420,902	Northwestern Pac.	March	582,813	496,151	1,536,377	1,538,491		
Chicago & Great West	March	2,060,525	1,638,789	5,909,466	5,818,119	Oahu Ry & Land Co	December	146,954	95,515	2,107,650	1,586,214		
Chic Ind & Louisv.	March	1,266,498	1,291,670	3,586,941	3,465,092	Pacific Coast	March	391,056	565,936	1,193,613	1,649,832		
Chicago Junction	March	1,291,927	1,235,716	3,736,582	3,898,509	Penna RR and Co	March	42,370,129	41,114,741	124,594,916	115,867,675		
Chic Milw & St Paul	March	11,995,681	12,769,763	33,736,582	33,898,509	Port Reading	March	191,218	205,150	655,514	567,311		
Chic & North West	March	12,953,734	11,853,273	34,800,027	36,127,270	Quincy Cm & K C	March	119,313	104,523	331,997	327,367		
Chic Peoria & St L	March	173,955	218,131	508,019	628,214	Cinc Leb & North	March	58,970	79,464	272,665	270,851		
Chic R I & Pac	March	11,261,760	9,874,475	31,097,327	31,957,236	Grand Rap & Ind	March	695,316	747,768	2,031,659	2,284,979		
Chic R I & Gulf	March	607,812	536,663	1,749,878	1,733,649	Long Island	March	1,995,948	1,745,818	5,491,651	4,721,077		
Chic St P M & Om.	March	2,422,633	2,309,847	6,887,470	7,731,637	Mary D Del & Va	March	91,895	87,228	234,156	191,156		
Chic Terre II & S E	March	378,802	475,948	1,211,735	1,345,112	N Y Phila & Norf.	March	523,233	641,456	1,596,640	1,816,254		
Cinc Ind & Western	March	286,565	382,799	829,127	1,078,801	Tol Peor & West.	March	140,757	187,039	442,514	530,161		
Colo & Southern	1st wk May	471,637	510,969	9,086,950	9,616,879	W Jersey & Seash	March	915,883	885,341	2,493,322	2,323,748		
Ft W & Den City	March	937,730	977,535	2,743,235	3,201,382	Pitts C O & St L	March	9,374,342	9,012,517	25,217,673	27,003,123		
Trin & Brazos Val	March	195,597	174,174	616,468	487,996	Peoria & Pekin Un	March	165,250	141,582	471,868	455,477		
Wichita Valley	March	170,169	161,477	449,981	492,937	Perre Marquette	March	3,046,000	3,171,121	7,626,400	8,870,702		
Ouba Railroad	January	1,606,385	1,158,100	1,606,385	1,158,100	Perkiomen	March	75,589	87,249	351,189	291,302		
Camaguey & Nuev	January	180,909	148,402	180,909	148,402	Phila & Reading	March	6,655,923	7,204,576	21,122,999	20,557,025		
Delaware & Hudson	March	3,632,907	3,054,340	11,309,525	8,243,854	Pittsb & Shawmut	March	127,880	147,449	406,111	393,867		
Del Lack & Western	March	7,127,893	6,370,401	20,230,944	17,835,534	Pittsb Shaw & North	March	97,856	123,659	298,908	369,928		
Deny & Rio Grande	March	2,371,221	2,858,081	7,765,706	9,212,643	Pittsb & West Va	March	152,085	153,859	495,618	476,887		
Denver & Salt Lake	March	197,835	153,666	507,445	692,441	Port Reading	March	191,218	205,150	655,514	567,311		
Detroit & Mackinac	March	169,832	173,536	411,909	462,637	Rich Fred & Potom.	March	989,849	916,892	2,916,862	2,968,877		
Detroit Td & Iron T.	March	439,051	408,537	877,649	1,148,106	Rutland	March	474,057	359,414	1,400,429	1,304,801		
Det & Tol Shore L.	March	215,707	179,758	602,273	482,870	St Jos & Grand Isl'd	March	256,629	260,622	759,977	810,229		
Dul & Iron Range	March	247,810	144,835	707,078	415,420	St Louis San Fran.	March	6,986,004	7,262,472	20,696,166	21,472,622		
Dul Missabe & Nor.	March	222,471	213,842	647,651	528,019	Ft W & Rio Gran.	March	131,195	153,234	402,112	493,229		
Dul Sou Shore & Atl	1st wk May	80,747	101,061	1,661,528	1,523,531	St L-S-F of Texas.	March	115,423	135,799	438,188	410,144		
Duluth Winn & Pac	March	288,171	200,184	937,319	584,968	St Louis Southwest.	March	1,397,533	1,774,919	4,214,069	4,906,818		
East St Louis Conn.	March	178,461	115,966	435,236	383,985	St L S W of Texas.	March	625,103	693,392	1,884,302	2,145,681		
Eastern S S Lines	March	200,298	149,119	525,313	489,570	Total system	2d wk May	462,115	538,347	8,822,584	10,166,266		
Elgin Joliet & East.	March	1,653,277	1,979,241	6,412,597	5,558,213	St Louis Transfer	March	80,771	143,474	303,332	406,090		
El Paso & Sou West	March	1,044,549	1,119,017	3,148,359	3,744,206	San Ant & Aran Pass	March	454,163	347,560	1,354,577	1,083,588		
Erie Railroad	March	8,409,173	8,537,615	24,894,187	23,738,744	San Ant Uvalde & G	March	81,369	93,815	256,346	318,649		
Chicago & Erie	March	1,013,291	904,204	2,685,250	2,671,548	Seaboard Air Line	March	4,005,534	4,111,990	12,200,797	13,166,754		
N J & N Y RR	March	118,462	105,483	340,382	307,736	Southern Pacific	March	15,926,524	15,927,698	44,259,054	44,449,062		
Florida East Coast	March	1,641,077	1,418,119	4,831,289	4,095,804	Southern Pacific Co	March	23,000,590	21,185,668	64,729,875	63,081,340		
Fonda Johns & Gloy	March	123,070	107,584	337,618	312,858	Atlantic S S Lines	March	1,022,084	602,435	2,715,533	1,949,597		
Ft Smith & Western	March	146,298	146,298	452,609	454,658	Arizona Eastern	March	315,943	347,472	915,848	1,023,411		
Georgia Railroad	March	490,878	564,189	1,339,049	1,568,486	Galv Harris & S A	March	2,375,059	1,951,316	7,064,222	5,875,482		
Georgia & Florida	March	145,443	123,081	341,903	332,604	Hous & Tex Cent.	March	1,081,404	818,733	3,048,842	2,791,550		
Grand Trunk Syst.	2d wk May	1,762,926	1,664,627	979,008	801,303	Hous E & W Tex.	March	214,885	256,985	678,695	714,793		
Atl & St Lawrence	March	265,875	228,957	797,008	801,303	Louisiana West'n	March	386,290	429,297	1,122,660	1,295,954		
Ch Det C W T Jet	March	185,115	130,605	571,819	476,679	Morg La & Texas	March	810,218	866,405	2,303,103	2,520,595		
Det G H & Milw.	March	320,574	316,914	957,528	997,105	Texas & New Or.	March	752,254	800,462	2,238,596	2,367,373		
Grand Trk West.	March	571,569	1,488,882	3,137,670	3,893,827	Southern Railway	1st wk May	3,108,966	3,615,772	58,411,698	64,379,198		
Great North System	March	7,069,733	7,720,070	19,213,455	25,214,823	Ala Great South.	March	790,760	823,405	2,474,788	2,606,649		
Green Bay & West.	March	131,770	106,139	365,801	315,253	Cin N O & Tex P.	March	1,503,207	1,470,822	4,453,914	4,748,479		
Gulf Mobile & Nor.	March	344,308	303,064	1,071,434	886,414	Georgia Sou & Fla	March	375,636	395,446	1,174,388	1,444,304		
Gulf & Ship Island.	March	253,186	232,242	710,213	695,619	New Or L & Nor E.	March	607,849	552,888	1,742,855	1,936,906		
Hocking Valley	March	883,237	1,117,081	2,536,058	3,312,719	Northern Ala.	March	72,159	119,973	25			

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the second week of May. The table covers 11 roads and shows 10.60% decrease in the aggregate over the same week last year.

Table with 5 columns: Second week of May, 1921, 1920, Increase, Decrease. Lists earnings for various roads like Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh, Canadian National Rys, etc.

For the first week of May our final statement covers 19 roads and shows 9.38% decrease in the aggregate over the same week last year.

Table with 5 columns: First week of May, 1921, 1920, Increase, Decrease. Lists earnings for 11 roads reported last week and 19 roads for the first week of May.

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:

Table with 5 columns: Gross from Railway, Net from Railway, Net after Taxes, Net after Equip.Rents. Lists monthly earnings for roads like Bellefonte Cent RR, Chic Indianap & Louisville, etc.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PUBLIC UTILITY COS.

Large table with 5 columns: Name of Road or Company, Latest Gross Earnings (Month, Current Year, Previous Year), Jan. 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Lists earnings for numerous electric and utility companies.

Table with 5 columns: Name of Road or Company, Latest Gross Earnings (Month, Current Year, Previous Year), Jan. 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Lists earnings for various electric and utility companies.

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 and Traction Co. d Includes all sources. e Includes constituent or subsidiary companies. f Earnings given in milreis. g Subsidiary cos. 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:

Table with 5 columns: Companies, Gross Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Net Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year). Lists net earnings for companies like Arkansas Val Ry, Ft Smith Lt & Trac Co, etc.

Table with columns: Company Name, Date, Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Fixed Charges, Balance, Surplus. Includes entries for Detroit Edison Co, Eastern Shore Gas & Elec Co, Erie Light Co & subsidiaries, Milwaukee Elec Ry & Lt Co, Municipal Co & subsidiaries, New England Co Power System, Newp News & Hamp Ry. Gas & Elec, North Carolina Pub Service Co, Penn Central Lt & Power Co, Phila & Western, Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co, Virginia Ry & Power Co.

b Before deduction of taxes.
z After allowing for other income received.
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FINANCIAL REPORTS.

Financial Reports.—An index to annual reports of steam railroads, street railway and miscellaneous companies which have been published during the preceding month will be given on the last Saturday of each month. This index will not include reports in the issue of the "Chronicle" in which it is published. The latest index will be found in the issue of April 30. The next will appear in that of May 28.

Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.

(87th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1920.)
The text of the report signed by President J. R. Kenly and Chairman H. Walters will be found on subsequent pages of this issue.

COMBINED FEDERAL AND CORPORATE INCOME STATEMENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR.

Table with columns: From Jan. 1 1918 to Feb. 29 1920 operated by U. S. R.R. Administration. Operating Revenues, Freight, Passenger, Mail, Express, Other transportation, Incidentals, Joint facility-net, Railway oper. revenue, Maint. of way & struc., Maint. of equipment, Traffic, Transportation, Miscell. operations, General, Operating expenses, Net from Ry. operations, Tax accruals, Uncollectibles, Ry. oper. income, Equip. rents, net, Joint facility rents, net, Miscell. income, net, Net income, Av. miles of road oper.

STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns: 1920, 1919, 1918, 1917. Rows: Average miles operated, Passengers carried, Pass. carried 1 mile, Freight carried (tons), Tons carried 1 mile, Commodities Carried (Agricultural, Animals, Mines, Forests, Manufactures, Miscellaneous).

CORPORATE INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEAR.

Table with columns: 1920, 1919, 1918. Rows: Standard return (Jan.-Feb. 1920), Add'l compensation (Jan.-Feb. 1920), Govt. guaranty (Mar.-Aug. 31 1920), Oper. income (4 mos. end. Dec. 31 '20), Hire of equipment, &c., Income from lease of road, Miscellaneous rent income, Miscel. non-oper. physical property, Dividend income, Income from funded securities, Inc. from unfunded secur. & accounts, Income from sink. fd. & other res. fds., Miscellaneous income, Gross income.

Table with columns: 1920, 1919, 1918. Rows: Rent for leased roads, Miscellaneous rents, Interest on unfunded debt, Income transferred to other companies, Interest on funded debt, Interest on equip. trust bonds "B", Int. on B. & W. R.R. income bonds, Int. on certificates of indebtedness, Int. on equip. trust notes, Int. on 10-year 7% notes, Corporate expenses, Taxes (war) (Jan.-Aug. 1920 incl.), Miscellaneous income charges, Dividends—Preferred stock, 5%, Common stock, 7%, Total deductions, Net income, Inc. appl. to sink. & oth. res. funds, Inc. approp. for inv. in phys. prop., Income to profit and loss.

a Does not include interest on company's bonds held in the treasury.
x Railway operating revenue Sept. 1 to Dec. 31 1920, \$25,304,074; railway oper. expenses, \$21,086,743; operating revenue, \$4,217,330; tax accruals, \$1,280,559; uncollectibles, \$50,436; balance, operating income, \$2,886,334.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with columns: 1920, 1919. Rows: Assets—Road & equip., Impts. on leased property, Misc. phys. prop., Inv. in affil. cos., Stocks, Bonds, Notes, Advances, Other invest'ns, Cash, Cash divs. &c., Loans & bills rec., Balance from agents, &c., Traffic, &c., bal., Misc. acc'ts rec., Materials & sup., Int. & divs. rec., Other assets, Bal. due from U. S. Govt., Work. fund adv., Ins. & other fds., U. S. Govt. def. assets, Unadj. debits; Liabilities—Common stock, Class "A" Rich. & P. R.R. stk., Preferred stock, Prem. on cap.stk., Long term debt: Eq. tr. obligs., Misc. bonds, Coll. tr. bds., Income bds., Miscellaneous, L'n's & bills pay., Traffic, &c., bals., Acc'ts & wages, Msc. acc'ts pay., Int. matured, Divs. matured, Fund. debt mat., Unmat. divs., Unmat. int., &c., U. S. Govt., material & suppl., Def'd liabilities, Tax liability, Ins. & cas. res'v., Oper. reserve, Accr. depr., r'd., do do equip., Oth. unadj. cred., Add'ns to prop. through inc. & surplus, Profit and loss.

Total 318,234,887 289,397,126
-V. 112, p. 60.

Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

(Advanced Statement for Year ending Dec. 31 1920.)

CORPORATE INCOME STATEMENT FOR 12 MOS. END. DEC. 31 1920.

Table with columns: 1920, 1919, 1918. Rows: Railway operating revenues (10 mos. ending Dec. 31 1920), Railway operating expenses (10 mos. ending Dec. 31 1920), Railway tax accruals, Hire of equipment and joint facilities (net), Net railway oper. income (10 mos. end. Dec. 31 1920), Non-operating income—(1) From U. S. Government, Accrued compensation due by Director-General (for two months ending Feb. 29 1920), Accrued guaranty due by U. S. under Transportation Act of 1920 (for six months ending Aug. 31 1920), (2) Other Income—Rentals, dividends, interest, &c., Total non-operating income, Gross corporate income, Deductions from Corporate Income—Interest charges, War taxes, Rentals, miscellaneous taxes, &c., Total deductions from income, Net income, Disposition of Income—Applied to sinking fund and other reserve funds, Dividend on Preferred stock, 4% per annum, Balance to surplus, Note.—This statement does not include operating results of the Director-General of Railroads.

COMBINED FED. & CORPORATE EARNINGS. [as reported by I.-S. C. Comm.]

(From Jan. 1 1918 to Feb. 29 1920 operated by U. S. R.R. Admin.)

Table with columns: 1920, 1919, 1918, 1917. Rows: Operating Income—Freight, Passenger, Mail, Express, Other transp'n revenue, Rev. from sources other than transportation, Total oper. revenues, Operating Expenses—Maint. of way & struct., Maint. of equipment, Traffic, Transportation, Miscell. operations, General, Transp'n for invest.—Cr., Total oper. expenses, Net rev. from ry. oper., -V. 112, p. 1023.

The Hocking Valley Railway Company.

(22nd Annual Report—Year ending Dec. 31 1920.)

On subsequent pages will be found the text of the annual report, signed by President W. J. Harahan and Chairman H. E. Huntington, together with balance sheet of Dec. 31 and the results for the calendar year 1920.

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Rev. coal & coke car. (tons)	11,290,123	9,618,539	11,799,891	10,674,854
Other rev. frt. car. (tons)	3,590,739	2,969,053	3,444,959	4,191,981
Av. rev. per ton per mile	0.673 cts.	0.548 cts.	0.538 cts.	0.405 cts.
do other per mile	0.1043 cts.	0.111 cts.	0.111 cts.	0.052 cts.
Passengers carried	1,382,134	1,170,466	1,293,257	1,699,494
Pass. carried 1 mile	47,643,637	43,897,829	42,551,254	50,001,632
Rev. per pass. per mile	2.853 cts.	2.798 cts.	2.441 cts.	1.923 cts.
Rev. freight tons carried	15,285,862	12,584,592	15,244,850	14,866,835
Rev. tons car'd 1 mile	1,974,051.120	1,502,582.153	1,892,824.838	1,966,272.286
Rev. per ton per mile	0.740 cts.	0.646 cts.	0.599 cts.	0.456 cts.
Oper. rev. per mile	\$48,833	\$33,280	\$37,620	\$30,596

COMBINED FED. & CORP. INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CAL. YEARS.

Disregarding "Standard Return" and Government Six Months' Guaranty.  
From Jan. 1 1918 to Feb. 29 1920, operated by U. S. RR. Administration.

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
<b>Revenues—</b>				
Freight	\$14,616,676	\$9,703,937	\$11,343,613	\$8,974,873
Passenger	1,359,410	1,228,282	1,038,843	961,700
Mail	109,597	42,201	54,342	60,419
Express	120,195	110,839	106,202	99,347
Miscellaneous	895,614	569,257	612,860	600,095
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,101,493</b>	<b>\$11,654,517</b>	<b>\$13,155,861</b>	<b>\$10,696,434</b>
<b>Expenses—</b>				
Maint. of way & struc.	\$2,028,221	\$1,329,868	\$1,490,446	\$945,590
Maint. of equipment	6,627,604	3,935,248	3,718,010	2,365,944
Traffic	118,303	72,202	83,422	120,675
Transportation	6,692,759	4,109,051	4,912,557	3,716,354
General	474,547	320,000	312,565	260,530
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,941,434</b>	<b>\$9,766,372</b>	<b>\$10,517,300</b>	<b>\$7,409,123</b>
Net revenue	\$1,160,059	\$1,888,145	\$2,638,561	\$3,287,312
Taxes, &c.	971,259	726,317	649,157	839,647
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>\$188,799</b>	<b>\$1,161,828</b>	<b>\$1,989,404</b>	<b>\$2,447,845</b>
Equipment rents (net)	\$1,349,363	\$5,152		
Joint facility rents (net)	39,800	61,435		
Other income	x251,175	287,419	547,750	\$693,263
Less rents, &c.	(deb.) 61,447	(deb.) 211,835		
<b>Gross income</b>	<b>\$1,767,690</b>	<b>\$1,334,000</b>	<b>\$2,537,154</b>	<b>\$3,141,108</b>
Interest on debt	x\$1,577,769	x\$1,438,239	\$1,265,294	\$1,207,195
Dividends	(4%) 439,980	(4%) 439,980	(4%) 439,980	(5 1/2%) 604,972
<b>Balance, surplus</b>	<b>def. \$250,059</b>	<b>\$544,220</b>	<b>\$831,880</b>	<b>\$1,328,940</b>

x Excluding interest charged or credited between the company and the U. S. Government except interest during construction of additions and betterments credited to Federal income, and interest on note covering loan from the U. S. Railroad Administration charged to corporate income.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

1920.		1919.		1918.		1917.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
<b>Assets—</b>				<b>Liabilities—</b>			
Road & equipm't.	\$2,734,225	48,421,751	Capital stock	11,000,000	11,000,000		
Securities of affil., &c., co's:			1st Cons. M. 4 1/8s	16,022,000	16,022,000		
Stocks pledged	108,088	108,289	1st M. C. & H. V. 4s	1,401,000	1,401,000		
Bonds pledged	300,000	450,000	1st M. Col. & Tol. 4s	2,441,000	2,441,000		
Misc. unpledged	206,652	46,900	Five-year notes	7,500,000	7,500,000		
Oth. inv. (pledged)	280,000	590,000	Gen. M. 6% bonds				
Gen. M. 6% bonds	9,600,000	9,600,000	not out (contra)	9,783,000	9,783,000		
Cash	3,311,872	2,697,634	Equip. trust oblig.	3,431,000	800,000		
Inventories	2,849,562	390	Misc. accts. pay.	319,747	8,628		
Traffic balances	867,160	390	Loans & bills pay.	999,803	1,450,000		
Agents' balances	49,029		Traffic balances		1,841		
Misc. accts. rec.	804,399	34,128	Vouchers & wages	1,842,487	7,380		
Miscellaneous	9,466	13,527	Miscellaneous	41,902	11,342		
Securities in treas. (unpledged)	510,301	184,301	Mat'd int. div. &c.	374,250	382,124		
Adv. to proprietary, affil. & con. co's	56,278	56,278	Unmat'd interest				
Special depositions			dividends, &c.	294,245	285,257		
trus. (mtge. fd.)	17,894	436,130	Taxes accrued	659,537	110,867		
Deferred items	883,884	127,295	Accrued deprec'n	3,557,857	3,108,541		
U. S. stand. return and int. accrued	1,694,460	3,122,596	Oper. reserves	864,020			
U. S. Gov. def. assets	5,210,864	5,060,793	Deferred items	871,935	185,133		
			U. S. Govt. defer'd liabilities	7,979,138	5,992,185		
			Approp. surplus	x422,062	519,576		
			Profit and loss	9,689,153	9,940,259		
<b>Total</b>	<b>79,494,139</b>	<b>70,950,013</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>79,494,139</b>	<b>70,950,013</b>		

x Includes in 1920 additions to property through income since June 30 1907, \$181,409; funded debt retired through income and surplus, \$131,331; appropriated surplus against contingent liability for freight claims, \$13,279; reserve invested in insurance fund, \$54,132; and other reserves, \$41,909.—V. 112, p. 744.

Chesapeake & Ohio Lines.

(43d Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1920.)

The report will be cited fully next week.

COMBINED CORPORATE AND FEDERAL INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS, DISREGARDING STANDARD RETURN.

	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
Freight revenues	\$42,998,222	\$55,720,372	\$53,073,002	\$72,774,680
Passenger	7,899,452	13,629,892	14,158,153	11,776,039
Mail	453,176	420,859	406,725	1,090,580
Express	831,441	949,162	911,337	1,026,217
Miscellaneous	2,461,501	3,000,511	2,925,799	3,856,669
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$54,643,793</b>	<b>\$73,720,796</b>	<b>\$71,475,015</b>	<b>\$90,524,184</b>
Maint. of way & struc.	\$6,905,578	\$9,700,660	\$11,608,515	\$13,233,157
Maint. of equipment	10,521,724	16,178,533	18,114,492	25,504,674
Traffic	694,131	484,418	471,582	728,632
Transportation	18,537,582	26,189,743	28,766,158	38,075,751
Miscellaneous	357,206	377,834	420,203	436,206
General	1,089,584	1,286,158	1,497,571	1,880,677
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$38,105,805</b>	<b>\$54,217,346</b>	<b>\$60,878,521</b>	<b>\$79,859,096</b>
Net revenue	\$16,537,987	\$19,503,449	\$10,596,494	\$10,665,087
	(69.7%)	(73.5%)	(85.2%)	(88.2%)
Railway tax accruals			\$2,485,078	\$2,997,720
Uncollectibles			5,570	2,631
<b>Railway operating income</b>			<b>\$8,105,846</b>	<b>\$7,664,736</b>
Hire of equipment			(deb.) 222,128	\$2,680,800
Interest from investments and accounts			\$1,130,143	\$1,805,119
Government six months guaranty				2,700,000
Miscellaneous			203,321	180,629
<b>Gross income</b>			<b>\$9,217,182</b>	<b>\$15,031,324</b>
Interest on debt			\$8,779,142	\$9,957,664
Rentals, leased roads, tracks, etc.			1,092,893	1,138,318
Loss on C. & O. grain elevator			20,866	21,100
Miscellaneous			72,408	101,335
<b>Net income</b>			<b>def \$748,129</b>	<b>\$3,812,906</b>
Deduct (for proper comparison.—Ed.):				2,700,000
Six months U. S. guaranty				
<b>Net balance</b>			<b>(def) \$748,129</b>	<b>\$1,112,906</b>

The company's income account for the calendar year 1920, including two months Federal guaranty (say, \$2,431,042), shows a surplus of \$3,475,194 after deducting the dividend paid during the year, aggregating 4%, or \$2,511,264.—V. 112, p. 1976.

The Pittsburgh & West Virginia Railway.

(4th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1920.)

Chairman William H. Cloverdale May 2 wrote in sub.:

No Estimate Made as to Compensation Due from U. S.—Effort is being made through special counsel to arrive at an agreement regarding rental due from the U. S. RR. Administration, as well as the settlement of all matters arising from Federal control.

For the six months from March 1, 1920, when Federal control terminated, until Sept. 1, 1920, our railroad property was operated by the corporation under a Government guaranty per section 209 of the Transportation Act, 1920. Settlement with the Inter-State Commerce Commission under the guaranty has not yet been made.

Owing to the many matters at issue affecting both Federal control and guaranty, no estimate has been set up in the accounts to represent the return or rentals due from the U. S. Gov. Such amounts will be accounted for when and as received or agreed upon.

Acquisition—West Side Belt RR.—During the year company acquired from the Pittsburgh Terminal RR. & Coal Co. their holding of stock of the West Side Belt RR. Co., so that The Pittsburgh & West Virginia Railway Co. now owns all of the outstanding capital stock of the Belt RR. (V. 111, p. 990, 2041).

Our stockholders on Nov. 15, 1920, voted to acquire all the franchises, corporate property, rights and credits possessed and owned, held or exercised, by the West Side Belt RR. Co., and to increase our capital stock by \$7,400,000 to offset the retirements of the capital stock of the West Side Belt RR. Co. and the advances to that company. Application for authority to carry out the plan was made to the I. S. C. Commission Nov. 23, 1920. So far that Commission has not passed upon our application.

Pittsburgh Terminal RR. & Coal Co.—As of May 1, 1920, we exchanged our holding of \$3,800,000 4 1/2% Consolidated Mortgage bonds of the Pittsburgh Terminal RR. & Coal Co. for \$4,000,000 of their 6% Preferred stock, and as of May 3, 1920, \$2,000,000 of their common stock for their claim for advances of \$2,110,497 against the West Side Belt RR. Co. The Consolidated bonds of the coal company were canceled and mortgage satisfied.

As a result of these exchanges our company, instead of holding \$14,000,000 Common Stock and \$3,800,000 Consolidated Mortgage bonds of the Pittsburgh Terminal RR. & Coal Co., now owns \$4,000,000 Preferred and \$12,000,000 common stock of that company, being the entire issues outstanding; and in addition holds all the outstanding claims for advances to the West Side Belt RR. Co.

Additions, Etc.—During 1920 the net increase in investment in road and equipment was \$399,561, chiefly: (a) Purchase of 9.44 acres of surface right-of-way and coal support under various right-of-way tracts, \$100,096; (b) 7 acres of coal support under Thompson Run Branch, \$10,567; (c) settlement of right-of-way matters, \$17,500; (d) installation of hot water washout system and siding at Rook, Pa., \$22,205; (e) ballasting 10 miles of main line, unfinished Dec. 31, 1920, \$6,679; (f) increasing weight of rail, \$23,185; (g) purchase of five locomotives, \$218,023.

Freight Cars Undermaintained.—During Federal control your cars were off your line of road most of the time and repairs made were generally inadequate. The present decrease in traffic has caused many of your cars to be returned with heavy accruals of maintenance.

Dividends.—Regular Preferred dividends were continued throughout the year. [The necessary \$544,242 for the Pref. dividend was provided as to \$433,679 from the income of 1920 and \$110,562 from accumulated surplus.]

The income account of the Pittsburgh & West Virginia Ry. Co. proper was given last week, on page 2084.

COMBINED INCOME ACCOUNTS OF PITTSBURGH AND WEST VA. AND WEST SIDE BELT RR.

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Ry. oper. revenue	y\$3,025,961	(see z)	(see z)	9 Mos. \$1,907,418
Ry. oper. expenses	y 2,964,867			1,122,543
Net revenue	\$61,093			\$784,875
Net, after taxes	def. \$119,022			Cr. 689,506
Div. P. T. RR. & Coal Co	160,000	280,000	840,000	420,000
Hire & rent of equip.	432,503			90,577
Inc. from lease road	x250,000			
Inc. from sec. & accts.	127,052	241,486	241,113	168,323
Misc. income	65,686	85,776	89,837	53,670
<b>Gross income</b>	<b>\$916,218</b>	<b>\$607,262</b>	<b>\$1,170,950</b>	<b>\$1,422,078</b>
Deduct—Interest, &c.	110,769	121,167	140,526	125,995
Dividends	(6%) 544,242	544,242	543,363	273,000
Rents, &c.	54,154			51,725
Expenses, taxes, &c.		95,000	106,594	
Miscell. charges	282	3,545	74,211	
<b>Balance, surplus</b>	<b>\$206,771</b>	<b>defx156,694</b>	<b>x\$306,257</b>	<b>\$971,355</b>

x No agreement between the Director-General and Pittsburgh & West Virginia Ry. Co. has been executed to date. The amount tentatively certified to by the I. S. C. Commission was \$237,010 for the Pitts. & W. Va. Ry. and \$186,331 for its subsidiary, the West Side Belt RR. (entire capital stock owned). Special compensation above the amounts just named is claimed for both companies. Due to the uncertainty of the amount finally to be allowed no estimate was set up by either company in its annual returns to represent the rental due from the U. S. RR. Administration for the calendar years 1918 and 1919, or for the two months ended Feb. 29, 1920, or for the guaranty of at least half that rental for the six months ended Aug. 31, 1920.

The only amount taken into the accounts on account of these items due from the Federal Gov't. is the \$250,000 "from lease of road" shown in the income statement of the Pitts. & W. Va. Ry. Co. for 1920.—Ed.] y For 10 months ending Dec. 31 1920.

P. & W. VA. RY. GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

1920.		1919.		1920.		1919.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
<b>Assets—</b>				<b>Liabilities—</b>			
Investment in road and equipment	29,652,816	29,253,256	Common stock	30,500,000	30,500,000		
Misc. phys. prop.	404,950	405,501	Preferred stock	9,100,000	9,100,000		
Invest. in affil. cos.:			Traffic, &c., balances payable	131,195	86		
Sks.—Pitts. Ter.			Accounts & wages payable		394,633	17,762	
Bk.—Pitts. Ter.	4,039,000	4,039,000	Miscellaneous accounts payable		9,757	315	
RR. & Coal Co		3,800,000	Dividends matured unpaid		1,125	923	
Stk.—W.S.B.R.R.	68,333	13,333	Other liabilities		198,585		
Adv.—W.S.B.R.R.	5,268,394	818,459	Tax liabilities		31,737	2,094	
Notes—W. S. B. R. R.			Oper. reserves		1,080		
R. R.	1,064,584	723,810					

**The New York New Haven & Hartford RR. Co.**  
(49th Annual Report—Year ending Dec. 31 1920.)

The report of President Edward J. Pearson together with the comparative income account and other statistics was cited in the "Chronicle" of April 16, page 1611.

Income statement for the N. Y., Westchester & Boston Ry. Co. and N. Y. Connecting RR. Co. are given below. The income account for N. Y. Ontario & Western was published in the "Chronicle" of April 16, page 1618.

**BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.**

1920.		1919.		1920.		1919.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
<b>Assets—</b>				<b>Liabilities—</b>			
Road & Equip.	243,291,412	234,616,126	Capital stock	157,117,900	157,117,900		
Impts. on leased			with public	157,117,900	157,117,900		
railway prop.	9,609,027	7,249,959	Prem. on cap. stk.				
Sinking funds	28,941	27,929	(since July 1 '09)	19,282,887	19,282,887		
Miscell. physical			Grants in aid of				
property	3,722,130	4,142,624	construction	85,774	70,269		
Invest. in bids.			Mortgage bonds	56,974,000	57,754,000		
at Grand Cent			Debentures	157,742,262	157,842,262		
Term., N. Y.	5,072,325	5,088,894	Equip. oblig'ns	10,758,500	7,432,000		
Stock with trustees:			Miscell. oblig'ns	67,103,500	372,000		
Unpledged	67,767,617	92,598,012	Loans and bills				
Bonds pledged			payable	5,272,000	49,309,750		
with trustees			Non-negot. debt				
Stock pledged	8,194,561	1,018,542	to affil. cos.	1,348,670	1,348,829		
do unpledged	51,683,059	10,123,309	Traffic, &c., bal.	11,763,584	3,595		
Bonds pledged	19,150,029	35,911,658	Accts & wages	7,397,647	30,250		
do unpledged	19,961,018	4,225,988	Misc. accts. pay	2,007,162	56,000		
Notes unpledged	17,019,554	34,374,813	Matured divs. &				
do pledged	15,000,000		interest	1,442,863	1,648,263		
Adv. unpledged	3,809,305	2,545,672	Mat'd fund. d't.	6,513	6,513		
Miscell. invest.	686,714	332,185	Matured interest	2,951,108	2,755,984		
Cash	8,383,388	353,440	Accrued rents	471,538	447,661		
Special deposits	1,563,619	1,769,191	Oth. cur't lab.	651,102	52,304		
Agts. & conduc.	506,232	87,292	Deferred liabil.	116,860	4,537		
Misc. accts. rec.	6,593,857	5,839,585	Dir-Gen. of RRs	34,128,697	37,942,879		
Inventories	16,877,343		Injury reserves	76,000	49,886		
U. S. Govt. guar	5,005,338		Oper. reserves	1,086,113	188,585		
Rents receivable		4,033	Other unadjust.				
Oth. cur. assets	153,284	137,371	ed credits	5,268,621	10,060,178		
Ins. & oth. funds	16,236	16,236	Tax liability	1,550,000			
Dir-Gen. of RRs	31,959,222	32,229,742	Acc. dep. (equip)	15,627,330	8,244,434		
Int. & div. rec.	511,458	601,611	do structure	596,681	68,018		
Loans, &c., rec.	25,731	985	Equipment and				
Work fund adv.	173,114	6,050	prop'ty leased	9,517,069	9,517,069		
Unadj. debits	2,085,041	874,675	Add'n to prop.				
			tho. inc. & sur.	330,247	249,435		
			Profit and loss	31,824,595	2,078,352		
<b>Total</b>	<b>538,850,034</b>	<b>523,933,843</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>538,850,034</b>	<b>523,933,843</b>		

a After deducting in 1920 \$274,000 company's own issue. x After deducting as owned by the company (a) \$81,145,000 mortgage bonds; (b) \$1,353,879 debentures; (c) and \$2,500,000 equipment obligations.—V. 112, p. 1978.

**New York Westchester & Boston Railway Company.**

The New York, New Haven & Hartford RR. Co. owns 49,849 shares of stock in this company and \$37.50 scrip, or 99.5% of the entire issue of capital stock, its investment in this company being as follows:

	Par Value.	Book Value.
Stock and scrip	\$4,984,937	\$3,301,951
Bonds	2,190,000	2,190,000
Notes		5,374,796
Advances		46,603
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$13,913,350</b>

**Income Account for Year ending Dec. 31.**

1920.		1919.		1920.		1919.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
Oper. revenues	912,265	752,307	Non-oper. inc.	13,511	7,883		
Oper. expenses	829,766	662,594	Gross income	def. 74,223	def. 50,214		
Net oper. rev.	82,500	89,713	Deductions	*1,732,959	1,672,930		
Taxes	170,234	147,810					
<b>Oper. income</b>	<b>def. 87,734</b>	<b>def. 58,097</b>	<b>Net income</b>	<b>def. 1,807,182</b>	<b>def. 1,723,144</b>		

\* Deductions from gross income include \$815,979 interest accruing to The N. Y., N. H. & H. R. Co. but not included in the income account of that company.

The operating expenses and taxes were 9.62% in excess of the total operating revenues, an increase over 1919 of 1.90%.  
The deficit in profit and loss account as of Dec. 31 1920, was \$13,673,636.—V. 112, p. 563.

**The New York Connecting Railroad Co.**

This road is owned jointly by the N. Y., N. H. & H. company and the Pennsylvania RR. Co. The report below is furnished by the New Haven which owns 15,000 shares of stock or 50% of the entire issue of capital stock, its investment in the company being as follows:

	Par Value.	Book Value.
Stock	\$1,500,000	\$1,527,204
Notes		1,480,000
Advances		10,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$3,017,204</b>

**Income Account for Year ending Dec. 31 1920 and Comparison With 1919.**

1920.		Increase.		1920.		Increase.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
Oper. revenues	\$1,761,676	\$1,761,676		Gross income	771,043	\$1,822,328	
Oper. expenses	1,030,401	212,000		Deductions	1,989,660	350,461	
Net oper. rev.	\$731,274	\$1,549,675		Net inc., exclud-		1,471,866	
Taxes	365,756	29,856		ing Govt. guar. d'l	1,218,617		
				Less Govt. guar.			
				(see note)	1,218,617	dec. 943,782	
<b>Oper. Income</b>	<b>\$365,518</b>	<b>\$1,520,253</b>		<b>Net corporate inc</b>		<b>\$528,084</b>	

The income account, down to and including "Net Income excluding Government guarantees" reflects, as nearly as possible, the operations of the company as they would have been shown if there had been no Government guarantees during the year.

Note.—Government guarantees include; deficit in U. S. RR. Administration operations of months of January and February; lap-overs admitted from March 1 to Dec. 31 applying to Federal control period; guaranteed standard return due from Director-General for January and February; also amounts charged Government under Transportation Act applicable to the Guaranty period operations March 1 to Aug. 31, incl., as shown on books as of Dec. 31.—V. 110, p. 970.

**Havana Electric Railway, Light & Power Co.**

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1920.)

The text of the report, signed by President F. Steinhart, together with the income account and balance sheet, will be found on subsequent pages.—V. 112, p. 2083.

**The Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway.**

(70th Report—Year ended December 31 1920.)

President Whitefoord R. Cole at the annual meeting April 12 reported in substance:

**Federal Control.**—The average annual railway operating income as originally computed was \$3,182,089; this was subsequently reduced to \$3,163,575 per annum.

**Guaranty Period.**—The Federal guaranty for the six months' from March 1 1920 assured us a net railway operating income during period amounting

to \$1,581,788, but the figures on the books are subject to such adjustments as may prove necessary in the final settlement. The I. S. C. Commission advanced \$1,200,000 as a partial payment on the amount due for the guaranty period.

Sept. 1 to Dec. 31 1920.—Our earnings for the last four months of the year have not been sufficient to meet operating expenses and fixed charges. This is partly accounted for by a severe decline in the volume of traffic, which began about Oct. 1. Moreover while an increase of 31% in the freight rates of the Southern Region was asked for in 1920 an increase of only 25% was allowed together with an increase of 20% on passenger rates. Some delay also was experienced in making the increase effective on intra-State traffic and expenses have been greatly increased by the higher cost of coal and labor. Decision No. 2, retroactive to May 1 1920, added practically 21% or about \$280,000 per month to our payrolls as of Sept. 1. Severe retrenchments have been made by a reduction of forces and the stoppage of all but essential improvement work.

**ACCOUNT WITH U. S. RR. ADMINISTRATION AS PER COMPANY'S BOOKS DEC. 31 1920.**

Accounts receivable—Cash balances, &c., Dec. 31 1917, (a) cash, \$3,035,603; (b) agents, \$374,791; (c) working fund, \$31,889; (d) assets, collected, \$1,208,110; (e) prior revenues, \$383,719—\$5,034,113  
Accounts payable—(a) Corporate transactions, \$1,472,560; (b) liabilities, Dec. 31 1917, paid, \$2,795,968; (c) expenses prior to 1918, \$666,417—4,934,945

Net accounts receivable.....\$99,168  
Rental 2 years, 2 months, balance due.....2,545,414  
Accrued depreciation not including Federal under-maintenance of road and equipment.....1,217,620  
Total due Corporation.....3,862,202  
Additions and betterments due Govt., \$3,132,509; Less retirements, (a) equipment, \$399,567; (b) road, \$140,400; (c) material loan, \$19,679.....2,572,864  
Balance due corporation.....\$1,289,338

This statement of account reflects only the entries on the books and does not show the claim for under-maintenance and other items. A substantial amount should be due the company in final settlement.

**Funded Debt.**—We sold in 1920 \$1,250,000 First Consol. Mortgage 5% Gold bonds of 1888 issued in lieu of underlying bonds heretofore paid. (Compare V. 110, p. 2292). The proceeds to reimburse the treasury for expenditures heretofore made for additions and betterments and to provide funds to protect current obligations.

**Financial.**—We sold during the year \$200,000 U. S. Liberty Bonds and borrowed on short term notes, \$500,000, with \$525,000 par value Liberty Bonds as collateral.

**Equipment Trust.**—Under date of Jan. 15 1920, and as amended Sept. 1 1920, an Equipment Trust Agreement was entered into with the Director General and the Guaranty Trust Co., Trustees, covering the terms of payment of \$1,297,500 for 15 light locomotives, 200 50-ton composite gondola cars, allocated to this line by the U. S. R.R. Administration during Federal control. (Compare V. 110, p. 922). This trust extends for 15 years and secures fifteen 6% notes for \$86,500 each, the first payable Jan. 15 1921.

**Fruit Growers Express Co.**—A new company, known as the Fruit Growers Express Co., has purchased all of the equipment, buildings, material, &c., of the old refrigerator express company, at a cost of \$6,757,868, to be paid in 10 annual installments, beginning May 1 1920, and ending May 1 1929, with interest at 6% p. a. A car trust agreement was entered into on April 21 1920, between the old and the new companies covering the purchase of the equipment. (See V. 111, p. 2329).

The interested railroads subscribed to the stock of the new company in proportion to the refrigerator mileage heretofore made over the line of each and have guaranteed the contracts of the Fruit Growers Express Co. jointly and severally, for the next two annual payments, and severally only for their separate proportion of the last seven payments. This company's interest is about 3% of the aggregate amount.

On Sept. 27 1920, this company executed the standard contract between it and the Fruit Growers Express Co., providing for refrigerator service from May 1 1920, for a period of 15 years, and thereafter until a notice of 12 months has been given in writing of a desire to terminate the agreement. **American Railway Express Co.**—On Sept. 17 1920, a contract was entered into with the American Railway Express Co., effective Sept. 1 1920, giving that company the exclusive express privileges over the line of this road until Aug. 31 1925, and thereafter until the expiration of four months' notice; provided, however, the railway has the right, on not less than six months' written notice, to terminate this agreement Feb. 28 1923.

**Additions and Betterments.**—Expenditures for improvements during the year have been greatly curtailed, because of our largely reduced earnings. The investment in 1920 was increased as follows: roadway, \$573,408; (including \$108,599 for rails); equipment, \$1,702,642.

**Equipment.**—Five Decapod Russian Locomotives were purchased from the U. S. War Department at a cost of \$25,000 each, payable in 10 annual installments. Certain improvements makes the aggregate cost \$149,402. Eleven all-steel passenger cars were purchased and 100 all-steel 55-ton hopper cars were ordered in order to permit a more economical handling of coal through mechanical coaling plants. These cars had not been received on Dec. 31 1920. A number of freight cars were equipped with improved draft gears, metal roofs, &c. Fifty steel under-frame side dump ballast cars were purchased.

The locomotives and rolling stock were under-maintained during Federal control, and heavy expenditures have been made and will be necessary for some time to bring this equipment back to standard.

**Roadway.**—The roadway and structures also were not returned by the U. S. RR. Administration in as good condition as received by it. The cost per mile of road for maintenance was \$4,017, a substantial increase due to the higher prices and wages prevailing in 1920.

**Rail.**—New 90-lb. rail has been laid in 72.24 miles of main tracks, replacing rail of lighter weight.

**Cross-Ties.**—777,183 cross-ties used in renewals, and 32,090 in additions, betterments, &c.

**Ballast.**—218,922 cubic yards of ballast were used in maintenance of track. **Bridges, &c.**—134 feet of span bridge were added; 253 feet of timber trestle were filled and 135 feet replaced by creo-concrete or concrete slabs; 2187 ft. of ballast deck added, 1,829 on present piles, 358 feet to steel spans, &c.

**Improvements at Hollow Rock Junction.**—In June 1920 we began extensive improvements at Hollow Rock Junction, the junction point of the Nashville and Memphis Divisions at estimated cost of \$488,975 of which \$351,751 is chargeable to capital account. The savings in operating expenses alone, will pay a large return on the investment, but the expedition of through traffic furnishes an additional reason for the work.

**Valuation of Property.**—We have received from the I. S. C. Commission an advance copy of its Engineering Report, as well as an advance copy of its Land Report as of June 30 1916 for examination, conference and adjustment. Proper exceptions have been taken where necessary.

**VALUATIONS SHOWN IN ADVANCE REPORT PLUS SUBSEQUENT ADDITIONS.**

	Reprodu'n Cost.	Same Depreciat'n	Less
Engineering Report—			
Wholly owned and proportion of jointly owned prop	\$48,856,292	\$37,523,305	
Used by N., C. & St. L. Ry., leased from others	15,505,182	12,207,018	

<b>Land Report—</b>			
Lands owned and used for common carrier purposes	\$3,648,783	\$3,648,783	
Lands used as aforesaid but owned or leased by other common carriers	9,558,320	9,558,320	
Non-carrier lands owned, including improvements	2,203,099	2,203,099	
Other lands and rights	55,526	55,526	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$79,827,201</b>	<b>\$65,196,050</b>	

**Supplementary to Reports of Commission—**

Additions and betterments (a) added between June 30 1916 and Dec. 31 1920	\$6,433,803	\$6,433,803
(b) June 30 1916 to Dec. 31 1920 on leased property	657,990	657,990
Material and supply balance, Dec. 31 1920	3,567,000	3,567,000
<b>Total to Dec. 31 1920</b>	<b>\$90,485,995</b>	<b>\$75,854,844</b>

The values as above set out do not take into consideration a determination of the present cost of acquisition of carrier land and a number of other substantial elements of value. It cannot now be approximated as to what effect a consideration of all elements of value other than those above listed will have on the final valuation.

[As to new lease of Western & Atlantic RR., dated Dec. 27 1919 see V. 110, p. 79.]

**INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.**

(1918-1919 based on Federal compensation and miscellaneous income.)

	1918.	1919.	1920.
Oper. revenue, 10 mos. to Dec. 31	-----	-----	\$20,418,330
Oper. expenses, 10 mos. to Dec. 31	-----	-----	20,611,171
Net operating revenue	-----	-----	(def.)\$192,841
Government guaranty Mar. 1 to Sept. 1	-----	-----	\$2,009,875
Compensation accrued under Federal control (Jan. and Feb. only in 1920)	\$3,182,089	\$3,182,089	490,235
Railway tax accruals	149,205	118,869	527,500
Uncollectibles	-----	-----	1,168
Total operating income	\$3,015,256	\$3,001,120	\$1,778,601
Hire of equipment	-----	-----	\$456,488
Joint facility rent	-----	-----	156,724
Miscellaneous rent	913	1,241	2,355
Miscellaneous physical property	55,054	73,493	135,198
Income from funded securities	72,284	83,219	111,640
Income from unfunded securities	27,281	22,477	39,862
Gross income	\$3,170,788	\$3,181,551	\$2,680,867
Deductions	-----	-----	-----
Joint facility rents	-----	-----	\$87,131
Rent for leased roads	\$626,518	\$627,808	\$851,506
Miscellaneous rents	75	-----	1,451
Miscellaneous tax accruals	21,789	25,729	30,000
Interest on funded debt	682,938	725,220	837,012
Interest on unfunded debt	1,290	12,288	10,255
Total deductions	\$1,332,610	\$1,391,016	\$1,817,354
Net income	\$1,838,177	\$1,790,505	\$863,513

y The standard return finally fixed by the I.-S. C. Commission was \$3,163,575, instead of \$3,182,089 per ann. The amount shown for 1920 therefore, includes return at the correct rate for Jan. and Feb. (\$527,262) less \$37,027 to adjust the amount of the standard return as originally certified and used in reports for 1918 and 1919, to the correct basis.

x Includes guarantee under Transportation Act, 1920, \$1,581,787; deficit net railway oper. income, guaranty period, to close of August accounts, \$334,000 interest at 6% during guaranty period on improvements added Jan. 1 1918 to March 1 1920, \$93,487.

**COMBINED CORPORATE AND FEDERAL INCOME FOR CAL. YEARS.**

(Disregards entirely Government guaranty and compensation.)

	1920.	1919.	1918.
Miles road operated	1,247	1,247	1,239
Operating Revenues—	-----	-----	-----
Freight	16,873,107	13,392,295	14,554,220
Passenger	5,661,011	5,381,541	5,978,978
Transportation of mail	952,092	346,954	324,901
Express	407,894	396,989	339,711
Miscellaneous	597,069	526,534	559,590
Railway operating revenues	24,491,174	20,044,314	21,757,402
Operating Expenses—	-----	-----	-----
Maintenance of way and structures	5,009,804	3,503,397	2,592,940
Maintenance of equipment	6,617,203	5,196,458	4,774,565
Traffic	711,818	423,281	431,917
Transportation	11,905,482	8,735,173	9,281,724
Miscellaneous	72,708	107,818	77,701
General	722,762	585,451	498,014
Transportation for investment—Cr	1,828	5,852	15,672
Operating expenses	25,037,951	18,545,726	17,641,191
Net revenue from railway operations, def.	546,777	1,498,588	4,116,211
Tax accruals	625,500	809,481	548,935
Uncollectibles	2,891	3,455	1,538
Operating income	def. 1,175,168	685,651	3,565,737
Non-operating Income—	-----	-----	-----
Hire of equipment—credit balance	519,283	183,883	288,733
Joint facility rents, &c.	212,444	212,700	202,525
Miscellaneous physical property	137,250	78,909	55,054
Income from funded securities	87,216	110,382	77,418
Income from unfunded securities	110,519	60,577	56,533
Miscellaneous income	-----	-----	-----
Gross income	def. 108,453	1,448,932	4,246,003
Deductions—	-----	-----	-----
Joint facility rents	114,248	201,739	101,192
Rent for leased roads	851,506	627,808	626,518
Miscellaneous rents	1,471	216	75
Miscellaneous tax accruals	30,000	25,729	21,789
Interest on funded debt	837,011	725,220	682,938
Interest on unfunded debt	1,290	17,225	12,103
Miscellaneous income charges	2,243	-----	-----
y Dividends	1,120,000	1,120,000	1,120,000
Total deductions	2,968,385	2,717,938	2,564,615
Net income	def. 3,076,843	def. 1,268,006	1,681,388

y Dividends for 1918, 1919 and 1920 were paid from corporate surplus.

**GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.**

1920.		1919.		1920.		1919.	
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$	\$	\$	\$
Road & equipmt.	42,930,142	40,782,103	Capital stock	16,000,000	16,000,000		
Improve. on leased railway property	1,778,284	1,650,273	Prem. on cap. stk.	10,480	10,480		
Misc. phys. prop.	415,468	325,155	Fund. debt unmat.	16,901,500	14,355,000		
Inv. in affil. cos.	1,203,268	1,153,874	Loans & bills pay.	500,000	200,000		
Other investments	1,511,427	1,711,491	Traffic, &c., bal.	346,883	4,926		
Cash	1,071,430	163,945	Vouch. & wages	2,508,888	35,768		
Loans & bills rec.	7,090	958	Misc. accts. pay.	136,116	7,004		
Traf. &c., bal. rec.	708,872	28,100	Interest matured	43,725	41,140		
Bal. due fr. U.S. Govt.	2,165,580	1,707,367	Divs. matured	2,507	1,770		
Misc. accts. receiv.	1,979,054	190,463	Fund. debt matur.	22,000	22,000		
Mat'l & supplies	3,630,067	-----	Unmat. Int. acrd'	221,394	170,100		
Other cur't assets	44,622	378	Deferr'd liabilities	94,627	-----		
Work. fund. adv.	48,670	-----	Tax liability	456,957	141,999		
U. S. Government:			Prem. on fund. dt.	101,450	101,415		
x Mat'l & supp.	2,910,291	2,955,921	Acqr. depr., equip.	5,516,569	5,079,983		
Accrued deprec.	-----	1,126,261	Acqr. depr., misc.	-----	-----		
Other def. assets	1,958,989	6,051	U. S. Govt., material & supplies	2,794,735	13,833		
Other unadj. debits	475,992	283,579	Other unadj. cred.	359,195	201,233		
			Add'n to property thro. inc. & sur.	336,477	336,477		
			Profit & loss	14,761,718	15,362,790		
Total	61,249,846	52,085,920	Total	61,249,846	52,085,920		

Note.—Contingent Liabilities: (a) L. & N. Terminal Co. 50-year 4% gold bonds outstanding endorsed by the N. C. & St. L. Ry. and L. & N. R.R. Co. \$2,601,000; (b) Memphis Union Station Co. 1st M. 5% gold bonds guar. by the N. C. & St. L. Ry. and other interested RR. cos., \$2,500,000; (c) Paducah & Illinois RR. Co. 1st M. 4 1/2% gold bonds endorsed by the N. C. & St. L. Ry. and the C. B. & Q. RR. Co., \$5,000,000; (d) Fruit Growers' Express Co.'s obligation for purchase of facilities and lease of cars, 9 annual installments with interest at 6% guar. by the N. C. & St. L. Ry. and other railroads, stockholders in the Fruit Growers' Express Co. (maximum principal liability), \$1,493,488; grand total, \$11,594,488. x Included in balance due U. S. Govt. in 1920.—V. 112, p. 1617.

**Canadian Northern Railway System.**

(6th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1920.)

The Canadian Northern Railway's Lines form a part of the Canadian National Railways. See maps on pages 24 and 25 of "Railway & Industrial Section."

Pres. D. B. Hanna, Toronto, April 25, wrote in substance:

Mileage in 1920.—The total mileage operated Dec. 31 was 9,868.9 or 183.2 over 1919; average operated in 1920 9,788.0 miles.

Revenues.—The total increase in operating revenues was \$13,133,221, made up as follows: Freight traffic increased, \$9,874,395 or 25.20%; passenger, increase \$1,919,138 or 17.81%; other increase \$1,339,688 or 37.10%.

The above increases are due partly to additional traffic and partly to the freight and passenger rate increases which were made effective Sept. 13 1920. [After deducting working and other expenses and having added "interest and profits from elevator and other subsidiary cos., investments, &c., (\$1,845,995), there was a deficit from the operations of the year of \$15,723,875. Interest charges were \$24,319,956; total deficit for year 1920, \$40,043,831. See V. 112, p. 2078.—Ed.]

Traffic Movement.—Freight tonnage increased by 2,065,097 tons, or 16.6% with substantial increases in grains, coal and forest products, also in building material and manufactured goods.

The grain handled [amounting to 134,560,201 bushels or 3,000,023 tons, as against 91,373,574 bushels or 2,324,044 tons in 1919] exceeded by 2,581,392 bushels the movement for the year ended June 30 1916, which included the record crop of 1915. Moreover the average haul on grain shipments from the prairies to the Lake terminals increased from 660 to 872 miles or 32%, and this with the greater tonnage taxed the joint facilities of the co-ordinated railways to the limit during the rush period.

Coal tonnage handled increased by 21% (coal and coke tonnage was 2,631,343 against 2,174,207 tons in 1919) but, due to the wider distribution of coal from the Alberta fields replacing Pennsylvania coal, the ton mile movement was considerably higher than the straight tonnage increase would indicate, and the movement was in the same direction as the grain, instead of in the opposite direction. Receipts of Western coal at Winnipeg showed an increase of over 50%. The increase in shipments from the Alberta coal fields was over 21,000 carloads. Over 5,000 tons moved to Vancouver (and over 25,000 tons to Prince Rupert, via G. T. P.), both new movements, as these points had previously obtained Pacific Coast coal.

A large tonnage has developed in pulpwood [551,259 tons] and paper, wood pulp, &c., [582,659 tons] from industries largely located on your lines and those of associated railways.

The increased traffic in the great natural products is a good indication of the development of our territory. But, while the crop in Western Canada maintained a heavy grain traffic movement, yet general business suffered a very severe setback in the latter months of the year. As over 60% of our mileage participates in the grain movement, the results of the depression are not fully reflected in our statements.

The movement of grain to the Pacific Coast for export, which has begun, is an indication of traffic development that will be of great moment to your lines on account of the exceptionally low grades which your System's Main Line has across the Continental Divide.

The improvement in passenger traffic is not fully indicated as 1919 returns included revenue from troop movements; deducting this revenue the increase from normal traffic would be \$2,600,000.

Operating Expenses.—Of the increase of \$22,919,956 in operating expenses, \$10,380,861 represents payroll increases, and of this latter amount \$6,033,000 was due to the increases under Decision No. 2 of the U. S. R.R. Labor Board which Canadian Railways had to adopt in Sept. 1920, and which carried four months' back pay from May 1 against which the increased rates as mentioned below were not in effect till the middle of September.

**Average Wages of Canadian Northern Employees.**

	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920
\$713	\$734	\$920	\$1,197	\$1,330	\$1,633	About \$1,850

The maintenance of way and maintenance of equipment expenses were augmented by a large proportion of maintenance work which, due to war and other conditions, had of necessity been deferred; \$6,348,243 was expended on work of this character during 1920.

Locomotive fuel cost increased by \$4,548,000 over 1919, of which \$2,560,000 was due to the increased cost of \$1.86 per ton. The cost of various materials and supplies increased from 20% to 40% over 1919 prices.

**Cost of Operation Measured on a Train Mile Basis.**

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.	1915.
\$3.99	\$3.36	\$2.65	\$1.98	\$1.41	\$1.34	

The operating ratio of all railways has increased until the situation is giving cause for serious concern all over the Continent.

Freight Rate Increases.—Effective Sept. 13 1920, freight tariffs were authorized to be increased by 40% in the East and 35% in the West, but were in effect only to Dec. 31 when the freight increases became 35% in Eastern, and 30% in Western territory. From these rate increases there were various exceptions. On stone, sand and gravel there were no increases, and small increases only were allowed on coal and other fuel rates.

Passenger Fares were increased by 20% but a maximum of 4c. per mile was provided, and the increase was reduced to 10% effective Jan. 1 1921. A further reduction, cutting off the remaining 10%, becomes effective on July 1 1921, which will then restore the rates in effect prior to Sept. 13 1920.

Land Department.—Land sales for the year were 84,002 acres for \$1,738,801 an average of \$20.70 per acre compared with an average of \$19.42 for the preceding period. Sales aggregating 31,189 acres were canceled leaving net sales of 52,813 acres, and 719,495 acres unsold.

Securities Issued.—Additional car trust obligations were created during last year to the extent of \$15,000,000 and \$5,919,000 of previous obligations were repaid making the net increase \$9,081,000 and leaving the total amount of car trust obligations outstanding at Dec. 31 1920, \$42,017,000.

[In Jan. 1920 \$7,500,000 of Can. Nor. Ry. 6% equipment trust certificates dated Dec. 1 1919 were brought out in N. Y.—See V. 110, p. 166— and in May \$15,000,000 7% equipment trusts of Canadian National Ry. in part no doubt for benefit of Can. Nor. Ry. See V. 110, p. 191.—Ed.] New equipment costing \$22,058,272 was ordered in 1920, including 75 locomotives, 4,756 freight cars of various kinds, and 70 cars for passenger, baggage and express business.

In December an issue of \$25,000,000 7% 20 year bonds, guaranteed by the Dominion Government, was authorized to provide for maturing loans. (V. 111, p. 2139.)

[As to offering in March 1920 of \$12,000,000 5 1/2% gold notes due Dec. 1 1922 and 1924, guaranteed by the Dominion Government, see V. 110, p. 1288.]

Construction and Betterments.—Construction work was largely confined to those extensions of the Western lines that had been commenced prior to the war. In all 141 1/2 miles of extensions were graded and track was laid on 147.6 miles, while 18 1/2 miles were surfaced.

The betterment program resulted in the relaying of 233 miles of road with new rails of heavier section, the reballasting of 536 miles, the applying of 665,600 tie plates and 20,800 rail anchors, the erection of 30 new stations, 8 new coaling plants, &c.; 143 sidings were constructed or extended, 47 bridges and 42 culverts were built, 67 bridges and trestles were filled. A number of locomotives were equipped with superheaters and many cars were improved.

While much improvement work is desirable yet in view of existing financial conditions it has been considered wise to make a considerable reduction in the amount of improvement and betterment work to be done this year as compared with what, under normal conditions, would be recommended.

Canadian Government Merchant Marine, Limited.—By Dec. 31 1920, 47 vessels of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine were in operation, giving valuable traffic services in conjunction with your railways to the world's principal markets. During 1920 both import and export traffic via the Pacific was materially increased through this ocean service to and from B. C. ports. Export traffic to the Atlantic seaboard has also been increased. When the 63 ships, which the building programme provides for are all in service, the cooperation from a fleet of such magnitude will be an asset of great value.

General Remarks and Prospects.—As to the request of the Minister of Railways Receiver for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railways, your directors on Sept. 1 took over the management of those lines for operation but their operations are separately recorded and are not included in this report. Said lines with the Canadian Northern Railway System and the lines formerly known as the Canadian Government Railways, make up a total of 17,337 miles under your directors' management.

The Canadian National Railways as a whole has a very extensive transportation system, but it is without sufficient traffic to enjoy the fullest economies of operation or to benefit fully from its excellently located lines, its low grades and other physical advantages. The future of the National System depends in a large measure on a renewal of the large influx of newcomers, and on the numbers in which they take up the lands that have been opened up to colonization by these railroads. Also, there must be a greater use of the National Lines by the present population.

Table Showing Development of Revenue Traffic.

Fiscal Year	Aver. Miles Operated	Revenue Tons. Carried	Ton Miles of Road	No. of Pass'rs Carried	Pass. miles of Road
1915	7,269	10,536,769	296,998	3,961,787	28,486
1916	8,048	12,930,460	481,135	3,859,844	28,413
1917	9,433	13,834,676	463,707	4,503,958	31,425
1918	9,452	13,289,641	425,442	4,144,965	30,477
1919	9,636	12,433,314	425,472	4,925,547	36,256
1920	9,788	14,501,411	485,169	5,468,352	40,139

Average miles operated includes electric line, but statistics are based on Steam Line mileage only.  
 In the five year interval the average freight haul has increased from 212 to 323 miles, and the passenger journey from 52 to 71 miles and although over 2,500 miles of line, an increase of 33 1-3%, has been absorbed into the System (including the Pacific Coast Extension, and the Mid Continent link) the density of freight traffic measured by the revenue tons carried one mile per mile of road has increased from 296.998 tons to 485.169 tons, (63.36%) and the density of passenger traffic measured by the number of passengers carried one mile per mile of line has increased from 28,486 to 40,139, or 40.91%.

This volume of traffic handled at pre-war train mile costs and at pre-war freight and passenger rates would have given your system substantial net earnings from these sources alone, and with express, mail and miscellaneous earnings, the amount would have provided for a large proportion of the system's fixed charges.

The income account was published in last week's "Chronicle," page 2078 and further annual data in V. 112, p. 1273.

FREIGHT CARRIED CALENDAR YEARS.

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Grain, bushels.....	134,560,201	91,373,574	93,985,078	112,971,191
Flour (100 lbs.).....	7,172,120	8,978,640	8,904,498	7,138,927
Live stock, head.....	646,089	834,991	654,583	609,409
Logs & lumber, 1,000 ft.....	1,749,569	1,928,698	1,614,829	1,970,656
Firewood, cords.....	254,365	329,138	362,118	334,489
Coal, tons.....	2,631,343	2,174,207	2,373,985	2,126,334
Miscellaneous, tons.....	4,672,512	3,142,961	4,048,065	4,269,115

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

	1920.	1919.
<b>Assets—</b>		
Property investment—Railway and equipment at cost (incl. discount on securities, &c.).....	579,508,489	538,044,748
Acquired securities (cost).....	45,864,182	46,312,995
Other investments.....	4,486,241	3,015,499
Terminal and other properties.....	7,019,941	6,724,828
Deferred payments and accrued interest on sales, \$8,109,076; lands unsold, \$18,110,573.....	26,219,649	26,064,800
⌘ Cash in trust accts. held for construct. work, sink. fund, &c.....	12,615,692	19,154,173
⌘ Cash on hand, \$14,767,583; miscellaneous accts. receivable, \$16,684,995.....	31,452,578	11,100,503
Value of materials and supplies on hand.....	19,109,828	10,375,300
Due from agents, station balances, &c.....	2,319,811	2,738,623
Insurance paid in advance.....	967,412	1,209,937
Advances by Can. Nor. Ry. Co. to affiliated cos.....	11,854,265	11,236,675
Deferred charges, unadjusted debits, balance.....	2,510,213	2,583,672
Profit and loss.....	50,140,978	9,535,528
<b>Total assets.....</b>	<b>794,069,281</b>	<b>688,097,282</b>
<b>Liabilities—</b>		
Common stock, \$100,000,600; capital stock affiliated cos., \$77,208,100; less \$71,370,000 held in treasury, balance, \$5,837,900.....	105,837,800	105,915,300
5% Income Charge Convertible Debenture stock.....	24,999,400	24,999,500
Funded debt (incl. short-term notes)—Canadian Nor., \$150,813,549; affiliated cos., \$125,659,292.....	276,472,841	254,073,387
Equipment trust obligations.....	42,017,000	32,936,000
Domination of Canada.....	233,800,739	165,230,658
Demand and short-term loans secured by collateral Pay-rolls, \$3,702,304; added vouchers and other floating liabilities, \$29,961,492.....	33,663,793	18,798,783
Interest and equip. oblig. matured, \$3,557,023; accrued int. on bonds, loans and equipment securities, \$5,002,077.....	8,559,099	7,223,062
Reserves—Equip. replacement reserve, \$111,620; insur. acct., \$554,140; accrued taxes, \$926,487; steamship replacement fund, \$3,310,019; profit on exchange, \$3,127,289.....	8,029,555	4,847,838
Affiliated companies, advances account.....	11,854,265	11,236,675
<b>Total liabilities.....</b>	<b>794,069,281</b>	<b>688,097,282</b>
⌘ Cash held on account of Dom. Govt., \$1,395,137; Provinces of Manitoba, \$53,336; Saskatchewan, \$1,202,825; Alberta, \$1,305,775; Ontario, \$99,818; and Brit. Col., \$740,471, and Nat. Trust Co., \$2,261,268; sinking funds, \$866,064; British Empire Trust Co., \$38,087; Pennsylvania Co., re-equip't series A of 1918 and B of 1919, \$240,328; Girard Trust Co., re-equip't. series E (1920) \$4,412,580.—V. 112, p. 2078.		

Illinois Traction Co., Champaign, Ill.

(17th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1920.)

A map showing the location of this company's properties, together with a description of each and the securities thereon, will be found on pages 21 to 25 of the "Electric Railway Section" for April 30 1921.

The report, which is signed by the President, the Hon. Wm. B. McKinley, Champaign, Ill., and the Vice-President, Executive and General Manager, H. E. Chubbuck, Peoria, Ill., says in substance:

**Results.**—Total gross earnings are \$21,350,831, which is an increase over 1919 of \$3,594,247, or 20.24%. Each department contributed toward this increase as follows: Interurban lines, \$1,245,137; city lines, \$676,600; gas, \$178,718; electric, \$1,243,466; heat, \$41,543; water, \$2,042; miscellaneous, \$211,740.

In the operating expenses the outstanding increases are \$892,501 in wages, \$722,107 in the cost of steam coal, \$273,592 in taxes, and \$207,294 in purchased power.

The charge for depreciation is \$1,001,339, an increase of \$373,609 over last year, leaving \$1,475,199 available for dividends on the preferred stocks of the controlled companies and the Illinois Traction Co., as compared with \$1,335,894 in 1919.

**Maintenance.**—The amount expended for maintenance and written off for depreciation is \$3,761,350, or 17.62% of the gross receipts, which is evidence of the fact that the physical property was well maintained.

**Costs Still High.**—The prices of basic commodities entering into the cost of living, reached the highest point in June and then began a gradual recession. However, this decline in living expenses had no noticeable effect upon wages or the adjustment of other operating expenditures by the end of the year.

**Rates Increased.**—As at the beginning of the year there was no indication that the cost of the main items of the operating expenses was going to decrease within the succeeding months to a point which would bring any appreciable benefit to the net earnings. Accordingly the management began an energetic campaign to secure substantial increase in rates, first acquainting the public with the critical operating and financial problems confronting the companies, and then filing the necessary applications, exhibits and vouchers with the State Public Utilities Com. of each State.

Some of the rate increases were not authorized to become effective until Jan. 1, 1921, but including these, higher electric rates were allowed the Atchison Railway Light & Power Co., Bloomington & Normal Railway & Light Co., Cairo Electric & Traction Co., Clinton Gas & Electric Co., Danville Street Railway & Light Co., Decatur Railway & Light Co., Des Moines Electric Co., Galesburg Railway, Lighting & Power Co., Jacksonville Railway & Light Co., Jefferson City Light & Water Co., North Missouri Light & Power Co., Mound City Light & Water Co., North Missouri Light & Power Co., Northern Illinois Light & Traction Co., Topeka Edison Co., Urbana & Champaign Railway, Gas & Electric Co., and Urbana Light, Heat & Power Co.

Higher gas rates were allowed the Atchison Railway, Light & Power Co., Cairo City Gas Co., Clinton Gas & Electric Co., Danville Street Railway & Light Co., Decatur Railway & Light Co., Galesburg Railway, Lighting & Power Co., Jacksonville Railway & Light Co., Jefferson City Light, Heat & Power Co., Madison County Light & Power Co., Oskaloosa Light & Fuel Co., and Urbana & Champaign Railway, Gas & Electric Co.

Higher steam heat rates were allowed at Decatur and Topeka. Higher street railway fares were allowed at Atchison, Bloomington, Cairo, Danville, Decatur, Galesburg, Jacksonville, Peoria, Topeka and Wichita.

Freight rates on the interurban lines were increased, effective Aug. 26, 40% on interstate traffic and 35% on State traffic.

**Improvements.**—The more important improvements were as follows: (a) At Decatur, completed a 2500 KVA frequency changer; steel tower transmission line from the Riverton Power House to Decatur, 33 miles; capacity of the water gas plant was increased 40%. (b) At Bloomington, a 2500 KVA turbine with condenser and cooling pond. (c) At Cairo, superheaters on all the boilers and a water treating system in the boiler plant. (d) At Champaign, a new water gas set, gas house rebuilt and made fireproof. (e) At Jacksonville, a 1250 KVA turbine and cooling pond; stokers and superheaters installed on the boilers; capacity of water gas plant increased 20%. At Galva, Atchison and Topeka, new boilers were installed, etc. (f) At Des Moines, the 10,000 KW turbine installation was about half completed. Four 500 H.P. boilers with stokers and superheaters were installed. A steel tower transmission line was constructed, as an extension to the existing line, 15 miles from Prairie City, to connect with the present line to Knoxville. (g) At Galesburg, a new water gas set in a new fireproof building. (h) At Jefferson City, the capacity of the water gas plant was increased 20%. (i) At Danville, a motor driven blower. (j) At La Salle, a gas booster was installed.

Twenty new lightweight cars, designed for one-man operation, were placed in service at Galesburg. Six of these cars were added at Decatur, six at Champaign, and eight at Topeka.

**Population.**—The 1920 census, conducted by the U. S. Gov., shows that the cities served directly by the utilities of the company have a population of 1,750,000, which is an increase of 250,000 over the 1910 census, or approximately 17%.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Interurban lines.....	7,175,661	5,930,523	4,740,079	4,609,896	3,993,836
City lines.....	4,673,948	3,997,349	3,351,256	3,198,056	3,110,811
Gas.....	1,248,666	1,074,947	1,282,104	1,035,169	923,642
Electric.....	6,977,212	5,733,746	4,887,743	4,295,501	3,689,852
Heat.....	529,074	487,531	412,779	383,092	341,380
Water.....	7,857	15,815	15,636	15,152	14,476
Miscellaneous.....	728,412	516,672	571,405	504,004	492,450
<b>Gross earnings.....</b>	<b>21,350,831</b>	<b>17,756,584</b>	<b>15,261,003</b>	<b>14,040,750</b>	<b>12,566,447</b>
<b>Op. exp. &amp; taxes.....</b>	<b>15,496,602</b>	<b>12,544,181</b>	<b>10,966,998</b>	<b>9,149,176</b>	<b>7,489,797</b>
<b>Net from oper.....</b>	<b>5,854,229</b>	<b>5,212,403</b>	<b>4,294,005</b>	<b>4,891,694</b>	<b>5,076,650</b>
Bond interest.....	3,270,582	3,134,255	3,125,759	3,082,121	3,603,417
Depreciation.....	1,001,339	627,729	611,159	650,704	505,565
Bond discount.....	107,108	115,025	92,124	82,140	65,283
<b>Dividends:</b>					
Pref. div. (6%).....	437,370	437,370	437,370	432,750	428,130
Pref. sub. cos.....	837,345	806,050	754,502	637,420	637,420
Common div.....			(4)92,480	(3)368,732	(3)367,584
<b>Balance.....</b>	<b>sur200,485</b>	<b>sur91,974</b>	<b>def819,389</b>	<b>def362,174</b>	<b>sur106,670</b>
<b>P. &amp; L. surplus.....</b>	<b>1,245,457</b>	<b>1,078,074</b>	<b>1,060,346</b>	<b>1,726,008</b>	<b>1,667,643</b>

⌘ Balance for the year is shown before deducting \$33,101 in 1920 and \$74,245 in 1919 for miscellaneous profit and loss items.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.
<b>Assets—</b>				
Stocks of sub. cos.....	22,391,025	22,400,563	Preferred stock.....	7,259,500
Adv. to sub. cos. &c.....	3,717,487	2,774,641	Common stock.....	12,331,000
Accts & notes rec.....	279,743	111,957	Debentures.....	4,562,000
Stores on hand.....	277,832	212,235	Accts & notes pay.....	1,349,308
Cash in bank.....	68,872	164,408	Accrued accounts.....	63,275
Discount on bonds.....	105,579	111,097	Surplus.....	1,245,457
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>28,840,540</b>	<b>25,774,901</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>26,840,540</b>

—V. 112, p. 1617.

Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.

(Report for Fiscal Year ended March 31 1921.)

Chairman Guy E. Tripp, Pittsburgh, May 19, wrote in substance:

**Income.**—Sales billed aggregated \$150,980,106, (against \$136,052,092 in 1919-20, \$89,529,442 in 1916-17, and \$50,269,240 in 1915-16).

The cost of sales was \$138,774,085 (against \$120,972,262 in 1919-20 and \$40,839,344 in 1915-16). This item includes all expenditures for patterns, dies and new small tools and sundry other betterments and extensions; also depreciations of property and plant, inventory adjustments and depreciations and all selling, administration, general and development expenses and all taxes.

The net manufacturing profit amounted to \$12,206,022 (contrasting with \$15,079,830 in 1919-20 and \$17,461,690 the year 1916-17. Other income aggregated \$3,679,464 consisting of interest, discount, royalties, &c., \$3,078,735 and dividends and interest on sundry stocks and bonds owned, \$600,729, making the gross income from all sources for the year 1920, \$15,885,486, out of this was paid interest on bonds and notes payable, \$2,764,648 and miscellaneous, \$503,302. The net income available for dividends and other purposes was therefore \$12,617,535 (as against \$15,206,341 in 1920 and \$18,079,889 in 1917).

There is included in cost of sales a charge of \$5,315,196 for depreciation and adjustment of inventories which were valued as of Dec. 31 1920, at cost or current market value, whichever was lower. An appropriation for a special Contingent Reserve of \$5,000,000 has also been made from surplus to provide for further possible shrinkages and adjustments in the inventories. The amount accrued for Federal taxes is based upon statements prepared and filed with the Federal authorities.

**Orders.**—The volume of orders booked reached its maximum in August 1920, and although thereafter somewhat reduced, continued large until December when there came a sharp drop. The monthly volume of orders since then has remained at about the level reached in December which was between \$8,000,000 and \$9,000,000. Shipments continued in large volume so that on April 1 1921, the balance of unfilled orders was reduced to \$65,621,000.

**Surplus.**—The surplus as of March 31 1920, was \$43,435,763. This was increased by the Net Income for the year, \$12,617,536, to a total of \$56,053,299, against which the following charges and appropriations have been made: (1) \$5,984,894 for dividends declared quarterly during year at rate of 8% p. a.; (2) \$5,000,000 special contingent reserve as aforesaid for further possible shrinkages of inventories; (3) \$2,803,125 covering the discount and expenses in connection with the issue in Nov. 1920, of \$30,000,000 10-year gold bonds.

After deducting these items the surplus as of March 31 1921, is \$42,265,280.

**Property and Plant.**—This account shows an increase for the year of \$9,361,404. Certain additions of the manufacturing plants which were planned during the year 1919-20, were completed during the current year. An important extension was made to the works at Lester, Pa., where the manufacture of steam turbines, condensers and apparatus for marine propulsion is now concentrated, thereby making available at East Pittsburgh, Pa., additional manufacturing space for electrical apparatus. An additional lamp factory was erected at Indianapolis, Ind. Extensions were made to the plants at Milwaukee, Wis.; Bloomfield, N. J.; Bridgeport, Conn.; Mansfield, Ohio, and East Springfield, Mass.

Your company also subscribed for \$2,500,000 of the capital stock of The International Radio Telegraph Co., payments therefor to extend over a period of two years and by the terms of a patent license agreement with said company acquired exclusive rights under the patents of that company for the manufacture of apparatus for all purposes and the use thereof for all other purposes than commercial wireless communication for the public. (See V. 111, p. 1478, 1865.)

The investment referred to above represents the main item of the increase in your investments during the year.

The recession of business will permit a substantial reduction in inventories and notes payable during the ensuing year.

Number of Stockholders.—20,077 March 31 1920; 24,412 March 31 1921.

**CONSOLIDATED RESULTS FOR YEARS ENDING MARCH 31.**

[Including Westinghouse Machine Works since merger June 15 1917.]

	1920-21.	1919-20.	1918-19.	1917-18.
Sales billed	150,980,106	136,052,092	160,379,942	95,735,407
A cost of sales	138,774,084	120,972,262	129,271,556	80,225,937
Net earnings	12,206,021	15,079,830	31,108,387	15,509,470
Other income				
Interest and discount	3,078,735	464,574	379,955	308,835
Int. and div. received	600,728	1,004,752	1,106,508	903,559
Miscell., royalties, &c.	See above.	252,008	136,800	112,870
Total income	15,885,486	16,801,164	32,731,648	16,834,733
Deductions from Income				
Int. on bonds and debts	2,764,648	384,279	378,804	303,917
Int. on notes payable		895,616	1,891,478	1,108,046
Miscellaneous interest	503,302	314,932	6,512	17,089
Federal taxes			15,395,846	
Miscellaneous (net)			19,186	
Preferred dividends	(8%) 319,896	(8) 319,896	(7) 279,909	(7) 279,909
Prof. divs. for Red Cross				(1/2) 19,994
Common dividends	5,664,998	5,665,003	4,956,876	4,956,876
Common dividend rate	(8%)	(8%)	(7%)	(7%)
Com. div. for Red Cross				(1/2) 354,070
Total deductions	9,252,844	7,579,722	22,928,611	7,039,900
Balance, surplus	6,632,642	9,221,442	9,803,037	9,794,833
Previous surplus	43,435,763	35,947,732	26,404,695	18,105,298
Exp. re-issue of 10-yr. bds	2,803,125			
Contingency reserve	5,000,000			
Adjustments, &c.		1,733,411		1,495,436
Profit and loss, surplus	42,265,280	43,435,763	36,207,732	26,404,695

Includes factory cost, embracing all expenditures for patterns, dies, new small tools and other betterments and extensions, depreciations of property and plant, inventory adjustments and all selling, administration, general and development expenses, and also in 1920-21, 1919-20 and 1917-18, all taxes; in 1918-19 all taxes except war taxes.

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31.**

	1921.	1920.	1921.	1920.
<b>Assets—</b>				
Property & plant	48,708,477	39,347,074		
Investments	16,624,717	13,216,532		
Cash	11,311,326	6,956,735		
Cash with agents	1,013,211	842,900		
Cash for redemp. certs., bonds, notes & for int. and dividends	40,992	166,594		
Notes receivable	7,697,712	2,532,020		
Accts' receivable	34,551,600	28,380,519		
Inventories	80,724,389	63,018,123		
Other assets	5,692,093	5,273,763		
<b>Liabilities—</b>				
Preferred stock	3,998,700	3,998,700		
Common stock	70,813,950	70,813,950		
Fund debt (West. Ing. Mch. Co.)	6,168,000	6,300,000		
7% gold bonds	30,000,000			
5% bonds	107,000			
Long-term notes		7,500		
Real est. mtges.	60,000	90,000		
Notes payable	20,775,000			
Accts' payable	6,651,602	15,192,539		
Iqt., taxes, &c., accr., not due	4,341,472	9,424,945		
Dividends accr'd	1,496,253	1,496,253		
Adv. pay. on cont.	8,580,674	4,722,210		
Unp. deb. cts., &c.	40,992	166,594		
Sub. to secur.	2,882,689			
Reserve	8,102,904	4,085,866		
Profit and loss	42,265,280	43,435,763		
Total (each side)	206,264,518	159,734,320		

Contingent liability on foreign drafts, acceptances, &c., \$601,674.—V. 112, p. 1749.

**Ingersoll-Rand Company.**

(Annual Report for Fiscal Year ended Dec. 31 1920.)

**INCOME ACCOUNT.**

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Calendar Years—				
Total income	\$5,841,191	\$8,116,551	\$10,800,765	\$9,674,182
Depreciation	\$1,184,199	\$1,156,726	\$983,167	\$858,582
Reserve for Federal taxes	x721,063	1,892,918	6,000,000	3,452,815
Interest on bonds	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Div. on pref. stock (6%)	151,518	151,518	151,518	151,518
Common (cash)	1,089,630	1,089,595	1,089,580	3,268,600
Common dividend rate	(10%)	(10%)	(10%)	(30%)
Special reserves			110,426	123,000
Surplus from consol'n of subsidiary company			Cr. 730,928	
Balance, surplus	\$2,644,780	\$3,775,794	\$3,147,002	\$1,769,667

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.**

	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.
<b>Assets—</b>				
Property account	11,357,121	10,668,075		
Pat's, licenses, &c.	903,667	756,000		
Inv. in mfg. cos.				
Incl. treas. stock	1,450,460	969,331		
Inventories	17,459,766	13,568,491		
Accts' receivable	5,532,939	5,295,186		
Bills receivable	623,757	1,070,562		
Agents cash bal.	136,773	101,235		
Marketable secur.	1,508,616	3,445,165		
Cash	1,643,612	1,855,272		
Deferred charges	65,879	128,695		
<b>Liabilities—</b>				
Preferred stock	2,525,500	2,525,500		
Common stock	10,900,035	10,900,035		
1st M. 5% gold bds	1,000,000	1,000,000		
Accounts payable	2,417,918	1,704,556		
Bills payable	1,050,000			
Bond int. accrued	25,000	25,000		
Prof. div. payable	75,759	75,759		
Taxes accrued	718,585	1,840,000		
Reserves—				
Depreciation	2,467,967	2,975,249		
Patents & license	756,000	756,000		
Depr. in foreign exchange	100,000	100,000		
Spec. inv. res'v'e	570,000	570,000		
Prem. on cap. stock		669,000		
Surplus	18,075,825	14,716,914		
Total	40,682,589	37,858,013	Total	40,682,589

x Market values (including treasury bonds at face value).—V. 110, p. 2295.

**Swift International Co.**

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1920.)

Prest. Edward F. Swift, Chicago, May 13, wrote in sub.:

**Results.**—As is well known, business conditions during the year under review were extremely unsettled and this was particularly true in some of the European countries which are normally large consumers of our products. The markets for by-products, including hides, oils, tallow, &c., suffered extreme declines during 1920. Exchange was also decidedly unfavorable, and, considering all of the adverse conditions encountered during the year, the results of the business may be taken as satisfactory.

**Outlook.**—Inventories and accounts have been taken at market value and we are in position to take full advantage of any improvement that may occur in the demand for our products.

**Improvements.**—The La Plata Company is now remodeling its power plant, which when finished will be thoroughly up to date.

No new construction work has been undertaken, as for the present it is thought best to postpone for future consideration any prospective plans for extensions or enlargements.

**Dividends.**—The shareholders at the meeting held this date [in Buenos Aires] declared two dividends of \$1.30 gold each, payable Aug. 23 1921 and Feb. 21 1922, out of profits for the year 1920.

**Stockholders.**—On Dec. 31 1920 the company had 21,281 shareholders.

**PROFIT AND LOSS SURPLUS ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.— ARGENTINE GOLD.**

	1920.	1919.
Surplus at end of previous year	\$22,912,384	\$20,988,230
To reserve account	158,993	419,765
Directors' and auditors' fees	9,200	9,200
Balance of previous surplus	\$22,744,190	\$20,559,265
Dividends paid during fiscal year	3,731,040	5,596,560
Net earnings for year	\$19,013,150	\$14,962,705
Surplus	\$4,143,128	\$7,949,679
	\$23,156,278	\$22,912,384

**BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 (IN ARGENTINE GOLD).**

	1920.	1919.	Liabilities—	1920.	1919.
<b>Assets—</b>			Capital (1,500,000 shares \$15 gold each)	\$22,500,000	\$22,500,000
Stock invest. book value Dec. 31	53,421,098	51,189,342	Sundry creditors	29,628,469	30,988,993
Sundry debtors	22,433,991	25,626,742	General reserve	578,758	419,765
Cash in bank	8,417	5,057	Surplus	23,156,278	22,912,384
Total	\$75,863,506	\$76,821,141	Total	\$75,863,506	\$76,821,141

—V. 111, p. 1860.

**Philadelphia Company—Pittsburgh.**

(Advance Statement for Year ending Dec. 31.)

The text of report will be cited further another week.

The report of Duquesne Light Co. will be found below.

**CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT.**

[Includes the Equitable Gas Co., Pittsburgh & West Virginia Gas Co., Allegheny Heating Co., Philadelphia Co. of West Va., Monongahela Natural Gas Co. and Phila. Oil Co., but excl. Phila. Oil Co. in 1917.]

(Transactions between companies eliminated.)

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917-18.
Gross earnings	\$16,566,669	\$13,774,501	\$13,109,967	\$11,332,440
Oper. expenses	6,680,115	6,679,285	4,401,150	5,022,009
Taxes	618,107	513,715	394,327	859,961
Depreciation	2,609,935	523,142	381,113	282,633
Net earnings	\$6,658,512	\$6,058,359	\$6,067,537	\$5,167,837
Divs. and int. received	2,209,850	1,868,606	1,439,384	2,030,163
Int., discount, rents, &c.	70,650	201,434	220,411	693,925
Total income	\$8,939,018	\$8,128,399	\$8,573,538	\$7,891,925
Interest on bonds, &c.	\$2,253,942	\$2,325,029	\$2,097,992	\$2,131,868
Other inc. charges	1,011,886	828,626	450,615	412,359
New wells, lines, &c.	258,226	1,078,678	1,269,307	1,207,583
Preferred dividends	776,164	1,015,085	476,743	477,519
Common dividends	(6%) 2,576,364	(6) 2,576,434	(6) 2,576,364	(6) 2,288,842
Balance, surplus	\$2,062,436	\$2,044,546	\$1,702,516	\$764,169
Previous surplus	\$11,775,148	\$11,570,603	\$8,976,226	\$8,209,014
Additions to profit & loss	559,621		553,174	3,042
Total	\$14,397,205	\$11,775,149	\$11,231,916	\$8,976,225
Deduct. fr. profit & loss	562,676		29,451	
Total p. & l. surplus	\$13,834,529	\$11,775,149	\$11,202,465	\$8,976,225

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.**

[Incl. the Phila. Co., Equitable Gas Co., Allegheny Heating Co., Monongahela Natural Gas Co., Pittsb. & W. Va. Gas Co., Phila. Co. of W. Va. and Phila. Oil Co. All inter-company items eliminated.]

	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.
<b>Assets—</b>				
Gas rights & l'ces.	1,344,654		Common stock	42,943,000
Oil & gasol. r'gts.	1,422,075		Cum. pref. stock	14,631,150
Gas & oil wells	5,475,032		Non-cum. pt. stk.	1,442,450
Compress'g stations, &c.	45,277,433		1st M. & coll.	2,727,000
Pipe lines	2,239,357		Cons. mtge. & coll. trust 6s	14,167,000
Real est., build-ings, &c.	6,850,476		1st ref. & coll. trust 6s	20,000,000
Stocks & bonds of Phil. Co.	20,037,708	20,003,708	10-year conv. gold deb. 6s	9,794,000
Nat'l gas cos.	1,300,000	1,286,500	3-year 6% sec. gold notes	9,580,000
Oil companies	1,286,000	1,286,000	P. & W. Va. G. Co.	10,000,000
Artif'l gas cos.	4,745,783	4,682,234	Coll. tr. 6% bds	450,000
El. l. & p. cos.	19,465,900	18,483,560	Affiliated cos.: Accts' payable	71,792
Street Ry. cos.	17,401,709	17,401,543	Temp'y loan, &c.	25,000
Stocks	11,787,128	11,788,228	Accrued rent	41,813
Bonds	636,000	17,000	Notes payable	3,150,000
Misc. cos.	2,400,000	2,400,000	Accts' &c. pay.	754,190
Affiliated cos.: Notes receiv'le	2,976,378	2,854,246	Consumers' adv.	612,955
do in treas.	828,002	715,001	Unpaid div. scrip	933
Temp'y loans	82,418	405,478	Miscel. liab.	3,191
Accts' &c. rec.	230,000	230,000	Accr. Taxes	834,361
U. S. Lib. bonds	608,334	1,182,479	Bond interest	170,258
Cash	58,762	2,532,473	Int. on debts and notes	321,116
Special deposits	2,151,751	1,871,420	Other liab'ls.	29,348
Oth. investments	1,671,420	1,411,		

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT.

(Including Beaver Co. Light Co., Diamond Light & Power Co., Pennsylvania Light & Power Co. and the Midland Electric Light & Power Co.)

	Cal. Year 1920	Cal. Year 1919	9 Mos. Dec. 31 '18	Year end. Mar. 31 '18
Gross earnings	\$15,005,172	\$11,917,567	\$8,737,717	\$9,842,395
Operating expenses	10,180,137	7,454,830	5,197,369	6,384,526
Taxes	512,623	323,065	209,888	748,286
Net earnings	\$4,312,412	\$4,139,672	\$3,330,461	\$2,709,582
Other income	497,817	474,759	46,423	102,571
Gross income	\$4,810,229	\$4,614,431	\$3,376,884	\$2,812,153
Rentals, &c.	\$11,659	\$303,250	\$436,107	\$578,846
Interest on funded debt	1,045,916	793,361	274,576	153,584
Interest on unfunded debt	14,704			
Depreciation			679,328	371,370
Discount, &c.		272,809	398,536	38,569
Miscellaneous			12,670	25,488
Prem. on secur. sold, &c.	Cr. 3,713	Cr. 11,456	Cr. 155	Cr. 390
Adjustments	Cr. 96,658			
Book values written off			5,890	\$ 2,000
Preferred dividends	410,133	446,398	309,879	414,503
Common dividends	1,458,080	1,458,080	1,139,130	1,457,969
Amortization	508,708	408,144		
Other deductions	138,883	103,972		
Balance, surplus	\$1,022,034	\$819,479	\$120,923	def\$236,767
Profit and loss surplus	\$3,056,693	\$2,034,660	\$1,215,181	\$1,094,259

BALANCE SHEET (ALL INTER.-CO. ITEMS ELIMINATED) DEC. 31.

	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.
<b>Assets—</b>			<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Prop. & franchises	27,018,584	23,726,366	Com. stk., par 100	18,226,000
Prop. used in other public services	2,765		Pref. stk. 7% cum.	5,941,000
Required sec.	156,362	1,384,773	Pa. Lt. & P. (stk.)	50
Sinking fund	5,458	308	1st M. coll. trust	
Other investments	4,593	164,911	30-year 6s.	31,718,500
Stocks & bonds of other companies	9,891,249	9,843,772	3-yr. 6% Sec. Gold Notes, July 1'18	11,000
Adv. to affil. cos.	7,019,062		Beaver Co. Lt. Co. 1st & Ref. M. 6s	642,500
U. S. Treas'y cfts. of indebtedness	150,000		Valley Elec. Co. 6s	130,500
U. S. Liberty bds.	230,000	230,000	Govt. advs. in aid of construction	578,000
Accts of affil. cos.			Affil'd cos.' accts.	259,700
Notes rec'le. b.	1,571,580	1,232,822	Accounts payable	1,736,651
Accts receivable	184,276	45,850	Consumers' advs.	199,713
Temp ry loans	675,000	2,365,000	Miscellaneous	104,205
Cash	3,240,358	1,587,338	Taxes	395,901
Special deposits	9,275,501	13,886,484	Rentals	17,141
Accts receivable	1,779,108	1,308,683	Int. on fund. debt.	951,555
Materials & supp.	1,599,603	1,037,422	Int. on employees' stock subscrip'ns.	58,716
Unexpired insur.	84,407	18,329	Res. for pref. div.	103,967
Prepaid accounts	14,627	14,643	Deferred accts. &c.	58,586
Deferred accounts	3,305,484	3,160,174	Reserves	2,723,381
Excess of book val. over par value of com. cap. stocks	616,526	616,526	Profit & loss surp.	3,056,691
			Surplus invested in fixed capital	399,502
<b>Total</b>	<b>66,674,547</b>	<b>60,773,407</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>66,674,547</b>

b Including those due from the Philadelphia Co. c Includes Beaver County Light Co. bonds, \$135,247; and Valley Electric Co. bonds, \$21,115.—V. 112, p. 2087.

Austin, Nichols & Co.

(Annual Report for the Fiscal Year ending Jan. 31 1921.)

President C. W. Patterson, Mar. 30 1921, says in subst.:

Earnings have been sufficient to provide for our Preferred stock dividends for the year after absorbing into our current year's operations those declines brought about for our merchandise inventories by the readjustment of commodity values which has had its effect on all mercantile and industrial organizations. Our inventories on hand Dec. 31 1920, representing approximately 45 days' supply, show a reduction for the year of \$1,200,000, after giving consideration mainly to the inventories of the Wilson Fisheries Co., previously represented in the balance sheet in the investment account, but now for the first time consolidated with our other inventories.

Acquisition.—In Nov. 1920 we acquired the minority holdings of the Wilson Fisheries Co. This acquisition accounts principally for the increase in the plants and equipment, the company interest in these fisheries formerly shown as an investment now being consolidated with its other assets.

Outlook.—For the year just past our volume of sales showed an increase of 12 1/2%. As evidenced by our merchandising since Jan. 1 last, I feel that the consumer realizes that proper price levels have been reached and is therefore willing to buy again in usual quantities. The volume of business in sight permits me to view with satisfaction the probable result for this year.

INCOME ACCOUNT.

	1921.	1920.
Profits for the year	\$391,024	\$1,616,469
Less—Provision for Federal taxes	Not shown	352,000
Dividend on Preferred stock	385,000	257,826
Surplus for the year	\$6,024	\$1,006,642

y Profits for 1920 include all sundry adjustments.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JAN. 31.

	1921.	1920.	1921.	1920.
<b>Assets—</b>			<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Plant & equip., less depreciation	3,875,945	1,403,287	7% Cum. Pref. stk.	5,437,300
Wilson Fisheries Co.		1,063,028	Common (150,000 shs., no par val.)	3,221,014
Inventories y	6,946,786	6,058,891	Bills payable	6,192,733
Accts rec., less res.	3,359,409		Accounts payable	620,785
Bills receivable	50,599	4,997,131	Special deposits	43,202
Misc. investments	13,701	23,642	Taxes	382,000
Cash	1,710,072	1,577,256	Surplus	631,454
U. S. bonds		172,126		
Empl. stock subs.		59,592		
Deferred charges	189,615	174,551		
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,146,488</b>	<b>15,529,506</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>16,146,488</b>

x Total capital stock, \$8,658,314, includes: (a) 150,000 shares, \$100 each, of authorized 7% cum. Preferred; of this 55,000 shares, or \$5,500,000, are issued, less \$62,700 held in treasury; and (b) the balance is represented by 150,000 shares of Common stock without par value, \$3,221,014. y At cost or below, less reserve.—V. 112, p. 1401.

Standard Gas & Electric Co., Chicago.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1920.)

Pres. H. M. Bylesby, Chicago, April 12, wrote in subst.:

Results.—Gross, as well as net, revenue of the company for the year is the largest in the company's history. Increased interest charges reflect the prevailing higher rates paid upon the company's debt as funded the latter part of 1919. Preferred dividend was increased as of Aug. 31 1919 to its original and maximum rate of 8% per annum.

The company's surplus for the year, after all charges as above, and after setting aside \$90,000 for amortization of debt discount, equals 5 1/2% upon the \$12,679,550 par value common stock outstanding.

As in previous years, the company includes in its earnings statements only such amounts as have actually been received by it or are in the process of collection in due course of business. As in 1919, no part of the current surplus earnings of Shaffer Oil & Refining Co. appears in the company's earnings; the Shaffer Co. again retaining such surplus earnings to meet the demands of its own business.

Shaffer Oil & Refining Co.—This subsidiary during 1920 had gross earnings of \$12,194,242 and net earnings of \$3,696,674. Federal taxes, fixed charges and preferred dividends amounted to \$1,586,760, leaving a balance of \$2,109,914 for depletion, depreciation, amortization and surplus purposes. No dividend on common stock was paid. The company's business is growing satisfactorily. The Shaffer report for 1920 is now in preparation.

COMBINED EARNINGS OF COMPANY'S UTILITY SUBSIDIARIES FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

The increase in gross earnings, amounting to \$5,194,095 for the year, is the largest annual increase so far attained by your company's subsidiaries—and while a portion of such increase is due to increased rates, the growth in volume of business was by far the more important factor. This is indicated by the increase in electrical energy sold. Electrical output sold in 1920 increased 12.86% over 1919. Operating expenses continue at an abnormal rate, but fuel, heretofore one of the principal factors of increased costs, is beginning to show a tendency to decline in many localities, although on the Pacific Coast fuel oil has actually advanced.

The composite operating ratio of 1920 was 65.28%, 1911 to 1917 averaging 53.34%. This would prove that on the whole, in order to have subsidiaries show the same ratio of net earnings as shown prior to 1917, additional increases in rates, rather than decreases, should be the matter of present consideration. Recent increases granted certain of your subsidiaries by regulatory bodies prove the validity of this argument.

Proposed Construction Work.—During 1921 it is planned to enter upon a somewhat larger construction program than has prevailed during the past few years, during which all construction work was held down to a minimum. It is proposed to develop one hydro-electric station on the Pacific Coast, and to enlarge the generating plants in certain other communities. Financial arrangements to cover the enlarged construction program are in the process of consummation.

Financial.—As of Dec. 1 1920 your company sold its holding of common stock of the Ottumwa Railway & Light Co. to the Northern States Power Co. This sale was made upon the assumption that the business of the Ottumwa territory could best be handled through a combination with the Northern States Power Co.'s organization, and was based upon an appraisal by independent engineers.

Redemption of Securities of Public Utility Subsidiaries.—The 1920 aggregate sales of pref. stocks and other securities within the respective territories served by the subsidiaries, amounted to \$8,439,400, par value, an increase of \$3,588,300 over 1919—the previous record year. There is included in the 1920 transactions an aggregate of \$6,231,400 of Preferred stocks. It is estimated that at least 20,000 new local stockholders have, so far, been added to the ownership lists of your public utility subsidiaries by the introduction of the "customer ownership" movement.

[Detailed reports of the respective public utility subsidiaries are furnished in the pamphlet report, including comparative earnings statements and balance sheets as of Dec. 31 1920.]

INCOME AND PROFIT AND LOSS, CALENDAR YEARS.

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
<b>Earnings—</b>				
Interest on (owned) Bonds	\$530,000	\$555,450	\$307,169	\$374,772
Notes & accts receiv.	155,035	93,116	94,489	93,066
<b>Dividends on (owned)—</b>				
Preferred stock	496,871	442,423	372,834	293,278
Common stock	1,685,869	1,705,108	780,304	850,914
Profits from sale of securities (net)	134,665	10,514	2,419	8,312
Interest accrued			22,896	
Tax refunds	151,240	179,377	38,455	
Services rendered and other operations				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,153,690</b>	<b>\$3,040,988</b>	<b>\$1,618,567</b>	<b>\$1,620,343</b>
General exp. and taxes	77,077	80,092	43,640	54,292
Net earnings	\$3,076,613	\$2,960,896	\$1,574,927	\$1,566,051
Profit on bonds owned (called for redemption)				100,000
Gross income	\$3,076,613	\$2,960,896	\$1,574,927	\$1,666,051
Interest on bonds	\$401,278	\$344,080	\$370,492	\$370,492
do coll. trust notes	52,165	143,497	404,019	404,019
do on pref. stk scrip.	11,547	15,681	16,845	16,845
do funded debt	1,167,160			
Miscellaneous interest	115,380	89,541	12,926	1,389
Amortization, &c.	90,000		see below	
do sink fund notes		28,778		
do 20-yr. gold notes		410,472		
Balance, surplus	\$1,704,073	\$1,967,114	\$788,743	\$873,305
Previous surplus	1,923,588	1,318,576	1,291,930	1,171,701
Revaluation of securities of subsidiary cos.		1,174,516		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,627,661</b>	<b>\$4,460,206</b>	<b>\$2,080,673</b>	<b>\$2,045,006</b>
Divs. paid in cash (8%)	\$990,388	\$857,036	\$648,172	\$648,172
Accrued		82,532	58,925	58,925
Common capital stock		1,532,050		
Amortization, &c.		65,000	55,000	55,000
Interest on bonds				Cr. 9,021
<b>Total, surplus</b>	<b>\$2,637,273</b>	<b>\$1,923,588</b>	<b>\$1,318,576</b>	<b>\$1,291,930</b>

COMBINED EARNINGS OF COMPANY'S PUBLIC UTILITY SUBSIDIARIES FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
<b>Gross Earnings—</b>				
Electric department	\$22,715,081	\$18,715,053	\$15,778,942	\$13,439,985
Gas department	7,492,736	6,534,702	5,990,106	4,407,668
Steam department	687,372	672,859	512,151	488,540
Telephone department	141,549	128,068	121,817	117,622
Street railway dept.	1,210,361	1,013,843	849,806	808,626
Water department	60,402	57,504	60,828	42,269
Ice department	44,732	36,109	30,636	36,577
<b>Total gross earnings</b>	<b>\$32,352,232</b>	<b>\$27,158,137</b>	<b>\$23,344,286</b>	<b>\$19,341,587</b>
Operating expenses	\$16,233,211	\$13,350,707	\$11,451,531	\$8,299,124
Maintenance charges	2,309,822	1,797,198	1,352,717	1,082,723
Taxes	2,578,457	2,029,785	1,690,177	1,436,415
Net earnings	\$11,230,741	\$9,980,446	\$8,849,861	\$8,523,326
Interest on funded debt	\$5,770,246	\$5,308,823	\$4,965,438	\$4,605,378
Dividends, common		731,719	695,513	497,013
Preferred	3,544,161	2,542,920	2,320,513	2,015,696
Amort. of bond discount	349,671	256,545	196,740	184,262
Balance, surplus	\$1,566,664	\$1,140,439	\$672,114	\$770,667
Aggregate gross balance of earnings retained in surplus or allocated to depreciation reserve	1,593,227	1,166,369	686,899	946,590

CONSOLIDATED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.
<b>Assets—</b>			<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Securities owned	44,239,411	43,481,838	Preferred stock	12,379,850
Sinking funds	74,959	74,840	Common stock	12,679,550
Cash	102,863	123,661	Conv. 6% S.F. bds.	6,730,500
Notes receivable			22-Yr. 6% g. notes	7,110,450
Sub. & affil. cos.	589,868	734,534	2-Yr. 7% Conv. S. F. Sec. notes	3,888,500
Sundry notes	26,359	144,097	3-Yr. 7% Coll. Tr. notes	620,000
Accts. receivable			Notes payable	1,617,632
Sub. & affil. cos.	2,169,828	1,349,352	Accounts payable	842,779
Sundry debtors	90,814	36,967	Accrued int. &c.	242,648
Acer. int. & divs.	233,030	1,184,075	Div. acer. Pf. stk.	82,532
Sub. cos. special	2,035,764		Sub. cos. special	2,035,704
Office turn. & fixt.	1	1	Surplus	2,637,273
Deferred charges	1,274,530	1,325,773		
<b>Total</b>	<b>50,867,399</b>	<b>48,455,087</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>50,867,399</b>

The Standard Gas & Electric Co. is guarantor for the principal and int. of bonds of proprietary and subsidiary companies now outstanding as follows: Mississippi Val. Gas & Elec. Co. Coll. Trust Bds. due May 1 1922. \$5,000,000 Shaffer Oil & Refining Co. First Mtge. Convertible 6% Sinking Fund gold bonds, due June 1 1929. 13,106,700

Total. \$18,106,700

a The company holds \$2,035,704 proprietary, subsidiary and affiliated companies' obligations arising from notes given, endorsed and discounted, and from treasury Preferred capital stock and 20-Year 6% gold notes loaned per contra.

b Not including \$2,238,000 stock in treasury (of which \$1,500,000 has been pledged to secure notes payable, and \$115,000 has been loaned as noted below.)

c Inclusive of \$188,000 issued for dividend on Preferred stock not yet claimed by stockholders.—V. 112, p. 1290, 2091.

**Savage Arms Corporation, New York City.**  
(4th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1920.)

Pres. Wilfred L. Wright, N. Y., Feb. 17, wrote in subst.:

**Consolidated Statement.**—The balance sheet of Dec. 31 1920 represents the condition of the Savage Arms Corporation and its subsidiary, the J. Stevens Arms Co., the entire capital stock of which is owned by the Savage Arms Corporation. Inventories have been priced at cost or market, whichever was lower. Values as shown are conservative, and in accordance with Treasury Department tax rulings. Reserves set up from earnings of past years have been sufficient to care for the reduction in values.

**Federal Taxes.**—Federal examiners of tax returns, including munition taxes, have examined the books of the company during 1920, but a complete investigation will probably require several months. While there may be some additional assessments for 1917, there should also be substantial offsets by reason of additional claims for 1918 and 1919.

**Dividends.**—The continuance of the dividends on the common stock after the third quarter of 1920 were not considered justified, and a resumption of such dividends, as well as those on the 2d Pref. stock will await an improvement in general business and reduction in notes payable.

**New Fire Arms.**—The company has placed on the market during 1920 several new models of fire-arms, including a high-grade repeating shotgun.

**Work on Automobile Parts Suspended.**—The development of the rear axle referred to in the last annual report was suspended before large expenditures had been made on this product. This suspension was advisable on account of the indicated depression in the automotive industry. The production of our roller bearings was well under way when the demand ceased and all our contracts were suspended.

**Purchase Notes.**—The purchase of the entire capital stock of the J. Stevens Arms Co. from the Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co. early in 1920 was made primarily to round out our sporting arms business and give a complete line of fire-arms to the selling organization (V. 110, p. 1754). This purchase has been justified by results. Notes of this company to the Westinghouse Co. [\$1,125,000], as shown on the balance sheet, indicate the remainder due on account of the purchase price of \$1,500,000. The payments so far made, amounting to \$375,000, are offset by dividends declared by the J. Stevens Arms Co. to the extent of \$350,000.

**Outlook.**—The company is at present suffering from the general depression, but particularly because our peace business before the war was very small in comparison with our present plant capacity. There is no doubt, however, but that the company will benefit as conditions improve, and while the year 1921 opens with orders, commitments and payrolls at a low point, it is hoped by further economies, and with a reasonable resumption of buying, to show a substantial improvement during 1921.

**INCOME ACCOUNTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.**

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
a Total earnings.....	\$379,191	\$2,344,792	\$8,758,753	\$5,844,244
Depreciation (in 1918 including super-deprec.)	261,422	312,670	899,632	616,495
Bond interest.....	-----	-----	24,397	63,630
Reserves for State & Fed'l taxes & contingencies.....	-----	519,698	6,460,238	3,669,000
Dividends.....	b749,392	b868,919	537,051	459,147

Balance, sur. or def., def. \$631,622 sur. \$643,504 sur. \$837,435 sr \$1,035,971

a The year 1920 includes earnings of J. Stevens Arms Co.  
b Dividends shown for 1919 and 1920 include extra dividends of 5% each on the Common stock, amounting to \$387,400, declared from surplus in Oct. 1919 and Jan. 1920. Dividends paid in 1920 were: 6% on the Pref. stock, amounting to \$13,332, and 9 1/2% in all on Common stock, \$736,600.

**BALANCE SHEET OF DEC 31 (IN 1920 INCL. J. STEVENS ARMS CO.)**

	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.
<b>Assets—</b>			<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Plant.....	\$5,783,178	5,249,779	First Pref. stock.....	See "z"
Patents, licenses, rights & goodwill	1,061,633	1,063,332	Second Pref. stock	z222,200
Investments.....	303,633	455,000	Common stock.....	z7,748,000
Inv. in & adv. to cons. & affil. cos.	1,217,353	432,004	Dividend payable.....	387,400
Cash.....	186,120	575,000	Accts & notes pay. 1,986,204	931,106
Accts & notes rec. y. 1,064,489	1,487,980	-----	Purch. notes (acct. J. Stevens Arms Co.)	z1,125,000
Inventories (cost or market)	3,884,043	3,608,855	Adv. on contracts.....	86,944
Deferred.....	129,236	87,985	Reserves.....	452,845
U. S. bonds, &c.....	1,145,500	1,222,467	Surplus.....	2,095,437
Claims (U. S. Govt).....	-----	-----		2,719,677
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>13,629,686</b>	<b>15,327,962</b>	<b>Total</b> .....	<b>13,629,686</b>

x After deducting reserve for depreciation and amortization, \$4,878,800.  
y After deducting notes receivable discounted, \$201,505.  
z The \$1,125,000 purchase notes are payable \$125,000 quarterly beginning Jan. 1 1922. First payment secured by First Pref. Capital stock.  
The company owns the entire \$500,000 First Pref. stock, \$38,500 of the \$260,700 2d Pref. and \$1,491,300 of the \$9,239,300 Common stock.—V. 112, p. 855, 477, 1524.

**Otis Steel Co., Cleveland, Ohio.**

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1920.)

President G. Bartol, in the report to be presented at the stockholders' meeting, May 26, says in brief:

**Results.**—This report includes the first full year's operation of the Cleveland Furnace Co.'s properties, which were taken over as of Oct. 1 1919; one of the two blast furnaces having undergone extensive repairs, went into blast in March. With this exception both furnaces were operated the entire year.

The year began with orders in excess of capacity of all the plants. The full estimated output of the blast furnaces for the year was sold at profitable prices. The outlook for rolled products and steel castings was also extremely good. A combination, however, of unfavorable conditions, culminated in October with a rapid falling off in prices and production of almost all steel products. The general depression still continues.

**Inventory Adjustments.**—The year ended with unusually large inventories of raw material as well as an accumulation of pig iron and other products, due to the above causes. These, together with large commitments, unavoidable under the circumstances, became subject to drastic price readjustments, and a large part of the profits earned in the first nine months of the year were written off in the accounts for the full twelve months. A total of \$1,185,291 was written off in the adjustment of inventory to a fair market price as of Dec. 31 1920, or cost, whichever was lower. Since then there has been a further decline in market value.

The sum of \$625,000 was charged to general reserve, and the balance of \$560,291 has been charged against the operating profits of the year.

**Depreciation.**—The sum of \$765,337 has been reserved for depreciation of plants, which is in full proportion to the amount written off in previous years, and certain unusual expenses have also been deducted.

**Profits.**—The gross operating profit of \$3,158,558 is reduced by the various overhead charges and expenses to a final net profit of \$1,141,088.

**Construction, &c.**—During 1920 \$2,539,313 was expended in construction and considerable amounts in unusual repairs to bring all the plants up to the highest condition.

The new eight-sheet mill plant at Riverside Works is nearly completed and ready for operation.

A sintering plant is now being completed at the blast furnaces to prepare flue dust for the furnaces, and stokers are being put in at Riverside Mills to burn coke breeze for the production of steam. There is a large accumulation of both these materials, which have not been included in the inventory, as we had no equipment capable of using them.

**Coal Mine, &c.**—The difficulty of obtaining low volatile coal for our coke ovens became so great that in September an operating mine in the West Virginia Pocahontas field was bought and operated for our own benefit through the year. This property contains in the seam now being worked, about 2,500,000 tons of recoverable coal of excellent quality, or enough to supply the requirements of our present plant of such coal for about 20 years. There are also other seams of coal on the property not as yet developed. A considerable sum has also been expended in the acquisition of an interest in the Mesaba Cliffs Iron Mining Co. for the purpose of increasing our own source of supply of iron ore.

[The public accountants April 12 wrote: "All ascertained liabilities a Dec. 31 1920 have been provided for, including the liability for Federal taxes included with reserves.]

Information obtained by us was to the effect that the company was obligated at Dec. 31 1920, for the purchase of materials at an amount approximately \$275,000 in excess of the market prices of such commodities at the date named. Sales orders and contracts for future delivery of pig iron were made at prices considerably higher than the market at the same date.

The comparative income account was given in "Chronicle" of May 14, p. 2090.

**BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.**

	1920.	1919.		1920.	1919.
<b>Assets—</b>			<b>Liabilities—</b>		
Land, bldgs., mach., goodwill, &c.....	\$15,519,146	13,632,611	7% cum. pref. stk.	8,830,600	4,830,600
Cash.....	219,637	760,851	Com. stk. (no par)	-----	-----
Lib. bonds & acsr.	-----	-----	411,668 shs. decl. value, \$5.....	2,058,340	2,058,340
Interest.....	59,193	449,481	Notes payable.....	2,150,000	1,750,000
Marketable secur.	123,780	139,162	Accts pay. & acsr.	2,839,312	2,262,727
Trade accts rec.	71,197	23,175	Dividend payable.....	154,536	84,536
Accts rec., less res.	2,426,771	1,874,219	Clev. Fur. 6% bds.	-----	77,500
Adv. on contracts.....	-----	97,097	Deferred items.....	137,386	237,190
Inventories.....	9,064,597	6,425,969	Reserves (incl. Fed. taxes)	5,728,040	6,375,659
Inv. in other cos.	1,278,556	704,377	Surplus incl. in reorganization.....	5,653,540	5,737,387
Misc. accts reciv.	61,011	29,574	Profit & loss, surp.	1,854,782	1,289,921
Deferred charges.....	582,646	567,344			
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>29,406,535</b>	<b>24,703,859</b>	<b>Total</b> .....	<b>29,406,535</b>	<b>24,703,859</b>

—V. 112, p. 2090.

**(S. H.) Kress & Co., New York.**

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1920.)

**INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS (INCL. SUB. COS.)**

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
<b>Calendar Years—</b>				
Stores operated Dec. 31.....	145	145	144	144
Sales.....	\$28,973,847	\$25,244,131	\$21,160,111	\$17,633,100
Incr. over prev. year.....	(14.77%)	(19.30%)	(20%)	(17.08%)
Net profit.....	\$960,855	\$2,075,826	\$1,158,717	\$1,465,461
Ratio to sales.....	(3.31%)	(8.22%)	(5.47%)	(8.31%)
Res'v for contingencies.....	Cr. 258,352	-----	-----	-----
Divs. on 7% Pref. (7%).....	239,464	258,330	264,828	280,000
Divs. on Com. stock.....	(4%) 480,000	(4%) 480,000	(2%) 240,000	-----
Balance, surplus.....	\$499,743	\$1,337,496	\$653,889	\$1,185,461
Of above to red. P.F. stock	662,500	446,800	260,000	-----

x After providing for Federal excess profits tax and income tax.

**COMBINED BAL. SHEET DEC. 31 (INCL. S. H. KRESS CO. OF TEX.)**

	1920.	1919.		1920.	1919.
<b>Assets—</b>			<b>Liabilities—</b>		
Real estate, &c.....	\$274,867	102,473	7% cum. pref. stk.	-----	-----
Goodwill, leaseholds, &c.....	12,000,000	12,000,000	(auth. \$5,000,000)x3,337,500	x3,337,500	x3,553,200
Furniture & fixt.....	1,499,782	1,370,477	Common stock.....	12,000,000	12,000,000
Improv'ts, &c., on leased property	862,470	655,089	Accounts payable.....	-----	-----
U. S. Gov't secur.	143,450	2,278,550	for mds., &c.....	604,453	1,312,168
Cash in banks, &c.	2,065,825	2,023,056	Reserve for taxes.....	-----	-----
Cash for pref. div.	62,181	65,450	Incl. Fed. excess profits, &c., taxes	500,975	1,200,555
Inventories.....	4,004,947	3,531,594	Res. for red. of inv.	-----	300,000
Mds. purch'd, &c.	520,755	980,813	Pref. div. payable.....	-----	-----
Sundry accounts.....	111,282	77,722	Jan. 1.....	62,181	65,450
Prepaid expenses.....	178,292	65,675	Current surplus.....	y5,218,742	4,718,998
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>21,723,851</b>	<b>23,150,401</b>	<b>Total</b> .....	<b>21,723,851</b>	<b>23,150,401</b>

x Issued, \$4,000,000; retired and canceled, \$662,500; balance, \$3,337,500.  
y An appropriated surplus applied to redemption of Preferred stock amounted to \$662,500, leaving general surplus of \$4,556,241.—V. 112, p. 1622.

**Wickwire Spencer Steel Corporation.**

(Annual Report—For Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1920.)

Pres. T. H. Wickwire, Worcester, Mass., March 1 1921, writes in substance:

After the report of June 30 1920 your business made good progress until November, and then along with the whole industry and practically every kind of business activity, conditions changed, new orders nearly ceased and everything slowed up to such an extent that in December operations totaled about 50% and at the present time are about 40% of normal. Combined with the slowing up, all prices dropped and it became necessary to reduce wages and curtail expenditures of all kinds, and on our Jan. 1 inventory to write down to market prices all materials where the market price was under the cost of production or purchase price, at which they are nominally carried, which reduced the inventory about 10%.

The advantages of the consolidation were very plainly demonstrated and the properties are in a very much better physical condition than when combined and capable of a largely increased production. This condition has been brought about by the expenditure of approximately \$865,000 on plant extensions and \$2,100,000 on maintenance and repairs, this last item being approximately 10% of the total plant values.

The company's holdings in mining companies have been appraised by the American Appraisal Co. at a sound value, after necessary depreciation, of \$2,097,882.

Due to the large number and extremely diversified products of your company which are used in practically every kind of business activity, we look forward to a business revival at as early a date as any manufacturing company.

Our accounts are now being audited by Ernst & Ernst.

The income account for 1920 was given in V. 112, p. 1525.

**BALANCE SHEET.**

	1 '20	June 30 '20		Dec. 31 '20	June 30 '20
<b>Assets—</b>			<b>Liabilities—</b>		
Plant.....	73	20,431,701	Common stock.....	1,650,000	1,650,000
Stock in mt.....	1,166	559,186	Preferred stock.....	7,500,000	7,500,000
Cash.....	1,399,826	1,231,196	Bonds.....	12,650,000	12,500,000
Sec'l.....	84,793	83,013	Notes payable.....	4,230,000	1,675,000
Notes.....	119,901	117,772	Ore contracts pay.....	54,385	-----
Trade & business.....	95,259	63,682	Sundry payables.....	5,764	526,298
Accts recivable.....	3,046,506	4,180,846	Accounts payable.....	1,050,168	1,463,238
Sundry recivables.....	44,553	89,937	Accrued charges.....	98,555	176,594
Adv. to mining cos.....	544,806	346,282	Res'v for deprec.....	2,095,386	1,563,718
Inventories.....	8,919,150	7,715,367	Res'v for Fed. tax	103,475	-----
Organization exp.....	-----	1,276,679	Surplus.....	8,545,121	9,515,205
at's, goodwill, &c.....	1,658,749	202,871			
Deferred charges.....	270,871	274,541			
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>37,992,854</b>	<b>36,570,055</b>	<b>Total</b> .....	<b>37,992,854</b>	<b>36,570,055</b>

—p. 1525.

**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.

**Wages—Reduction July 1.**—(a) The R.R. Labor Board on May 17 announced that on June 1 it would grant lower wage scales for unskilled labor, effective July 1; and (b) would on June 6 take up the question of reducing all R.R. wages for roads seeking same. Union labor is said to contemplate legal measures to obstruct or delay any reduction, and locomotive engineers and switchmen at recent conventions have voted against submitting to any changes, but unskilled labor on some lines has already accepted lower wage scales. Justification for wage cuts. See "Current Events" above and "Times" May 18, p. 1; May 19, p. 1; May 20, p. 17; "Sun" May 19, p. 23.

(c) Reduction also pending on Canadian roads. "Times" May 19, p. 1. Detroit & Mackinac, a "first class" road, by agreement with its men, reduced all its wages 20% several weeks ago. "Ry. Review" May 14, p. 754.

**Rates.**—The I. S. C. Commission on May 18 decided that the railroads in Arizona must on July 15 increase their intra-State freight and passenger rates to the inter-State level. Like orders were promulgated May 10 for the North Dakota R.R.s. and in Montana as to increased passenger rates. The State of North Dakota protests. "Fin. Am." May 19, May 18 and May 12.

**Rate reductions:** (a) Ch. & N. W. Ry., Chicago to north. Wisc. points, "Fin. Am." May 19. (b) Ala. Tenn. & Nor. R.R., 16-2-3% cut on pass fares, "Times" May 18, p. 24. (c) Pitts. & Lake Erie, to New England, &c., 15c. per ton on coal, to meet Penn. R.R. competition. "Ry. Age" May 18.

**Federal Rail Loss Estimated Tentatively by Senator Cummins** at \$1,800,000, or \$600,000,000 More Than by Director-General.—(a) "Times" May 14, p. 8. "Ry. Age" May 13, p. 1120. (b) Claims filed against U. S. now aggregate \$633,708,281, and may reach \$1,250,000,000.

**Hearing on Valuation Protests.**—The I. S. C. Commission has announced hearings by Examiner H. H. Hartman as follows: (a) At Baltimore Hotel, Kansas City, Mo., May 25, on protests by K. C. Sou. Ry., Ark. West. Ry., Fort Smith & Van Buren Ry., K. C. Shreveport & Gulf Ry., K. C. Shreveport & Gulf Term. Co., Maywood & Sugar Creek Ry., Fort Arthur Canal & Dock Co., Poteau Valley R.R. and Texarkana & Fort Smith Ry. (b) At Federal Building, Los Angeles, June 6, on protest of San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake R.R. Compare "Eng. News-Record" May 12, p. 818 to 821.

**Analysis of R.R. Operations.**—"Startling comparisons on basis of equated locomotive day." "Ry. Review" May 14, p. 729 to 735.

**Final Settlement of U. S. With 16 Roads.**—See "U. S. R.R. Administration." Terminal Plans.—(a) Port of N. Y. development plans. "Ry. Review" May 14, p. 743; "Times" May 1, p. 19; (b) N. Y.-N. J. vehicular tunnel dispute, "Times" May 11, p. 21; May 8, p. 3; May 7, p. 10; May 4, and May 2, p. 17. (c) Portland, Ore., negotiations for new Union Pass. Terminal. "Eng. News-Rec." May 19, p. 871. (d) Improvements recommended at Chicago by John F. Wallace, Commissioner. Idem, p. 845.

**N. Y. City Must Begin Work on Tunnel to Staten Island Within Two Years.**—"Times" May 15, p. 9.

**Cars Loaded for Week ended May 7.**—The total was 718,025, which was 3,972 less than for the week ended April 30, and 125,000 below 1920 and 35,000 under 1919. Increases were reported for grain and grain products, live stock and ore. Coal cars totaled 143,323, being 1,687 less than in the previous week and 28,835 below 1920. An increase in bituminous coal was more than offset by a falling off of 7,800 cars in anthracite coal. Loadings of merchandise and miscellaneous freight decreased 4,700 cars.

**Idle Cars.**—The total number of idle cars was 471,922 on May 8, compared with 482,352 on May 1, a decrease of 10,430. Surplus box cars numbered 174,227 and idle coal cars, 220,259 (decrease, 3,810), a decrease of 9,184 since May 1.

**N. Y. City Loses Fight Against New Transit Board.**—"Sun" May 17, p. 1. Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of May 14.—(a) R.R. gr. ss. and net earnings for March, p. 2026. (b) R.R.s. answer charge of inefficiency, p. 2040 to 2043. (c) S. L. Barker's financial plan, p. 2043. (d) Mr. Kruttschnitt shows how Federal experiments with "Govt. ownership" produced prohibitive labor costs, and suggests remedies, p. 2044 to 2046. (e) N. Y. Central R.R. stock dividend in 1889 and wages, p. 2046.

**Ashtabula (O.) Rapid Tran. Co.—Municipal Ownership.** Unless the city purchases the property before the fall the road will be sold for junk and the tracks torn up, according to Charles Currie, one of the receivers. According to Mr. Currie, the company has reduced the selling price of the property \$81,000 from the price of \$296,000 at which it was offered to the city at the time the deal for it was first contemplated, and after which the electors of the city voted a \$350,000 bond issue to buy the road and procure additional equipment and make necessary repairs. The last proposal of the receivers is that they will dispose of the property for \$215,000.—V. 111, p. 1750.

**Atlantic & St. Lawrence RR.—Coupons.** The shareholders are informed that the company has been required by the U. S. Government to pay income tax upon the rental payable by the Grand Trunk Ry. of Canada, and in consequence the balance in hand available for payment on account of the coupon due March 15 is £2 8s. 1d. (instead of the £3, the amount of the coupon) from which English income tax was deducted.

The American income tax payable is at the rate of 60 cents for each \$100 share, this being equal to 11s. 11d. on £6, payable on each £100 share by the Grand Trunk Railway by way of rental for the year 1920. The Atlantic & St. Lawrence RR. has no funds out of which to pay the coupon except rental payable under the lease, and the Grand Trunk company has been advised that they are not liable under the terms of the lease to pay the American income tax.—V. 27, p. 147.

**Baltimore & Ohio RR.—Bonds Authorized.** The I. S. C. Comm. recently authorized: (1) the company to issue \$2,782,000 Ref. & Gen. Mtge. bonds, series B, and to pledge these bonds from time to time as collateral security for certain note or notes that it may issue.

(2) The following 9 subsidiaries to issue various bonds and deliver them upon the order of the B. & O. to trustees under certain mortgages: (1) Schuykill River East Side RR. \$104,500 Ref. & Gen. Mtge. 5s; (2) Balt. & Phila. RR. \$11,500 Ref. & Gen. Mtge. 5s; (3) Balt. & Ohio RR. Co. in Pa. \$49,000 Imp. Mtge. 5s; (4) Wheeling Pitts. and Balt. RR. \$42,500 Ref. & Gen. Mtge. 5s; (5) Fairmont Morgantown and Pitts. RR. \$23,000 Ref. & Gen. Mtge. 5s; (6) Pittsburgh & Western RR. \$80,000 Ref. & Gen. Mtge. 5s; (7) Pittsburgh Jct. RR. \$380,000 Ref. & Gen. Mtge. 5s; (8) Balt. & Ohio & Chicago RR. \$34,000 Ref. & Gen. Mtge. 5s; (9) Balt. & Ohio Southwestern RR. \$670,000 Imp. Mtge. 5s.—V. 112, p. 1023, 743.

**Barcelona Trac., Lt. & Power Co., Ltd.—Coupons.** The holders of the 7% Prior Lien "A" bonds are notified that interest coupon No. 12, due and payable June 1 1921, will be paid on and after that date at Bank of Scotland, 30 Bishopsgate, London, England, and at Canadian Bank of Commerce, 23 King St. West, Toronto. Payment will be made in Toronto in Canadian currency at the current rate of exchange.

The holders of 5½% First M. 50-Year bonds are also notified that, in accordance with the reorganization scheme approved by the holders of the above bonds on Dec. 19 1918, 1% will be paid at the Bank of Scotland, 30 Bishopsgate, London, England, and at Canadian Bank of Commerce, 23 King St. West, Toronto, on or after June 1 1921, in full discharge of the half-year's interest, due on that date against surrender of coupon No. 19.

Coupons of the face value of 10s. will accordingly entitle holders to receive 4s. and coupons of the face value of £2 10s. will entitle holders to receive £1. Payment will be made in Toronto in Canadian currency at the current rate of exchange.—V. 112, p. 468.

**Bridge Operating Co.—City's Right to Run Cars Upheld.** Justice Kelby, sitting in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn on April 2 decided that New York City through its Commissioner of Plant and Structures, has the right to operate trolley cars across the Williamsburg Bridge. Justice Kelby announced that he would later appoint three commissioners to consider the payment to be made the Brooklyn City RR. for the construction of a cross-over across that company's tracks at the Brooklyn end of the bridge.—V. 112, p. 651.

**Canadian Pacific Ry.—No Financing Here.** Pres. E. W. Beatty announced May 14 that the company having made all requisite financial arrangements through the sale in London of 4% Perpetual Consolidated Debenture stock, the company will not be in the market with any securities for a considerable time. See V. 112, p. 2082, 1976.

**Caraquet Ry.—Sale to Canadian Government.** The holders of \$500,000 (£100,000) 1st Mtge. 20-Year 6% Debentures made by the company dated Aug. 20 1884, were to vote March 14 on authorizing the sale of the property of the Debentures of the company (now amalgamated with the Gulf Shore Ry. under the name of the Caraquet

& Gulf Shore Ry.) to exercise the powers of sale conferred by the Deed of Trust with respect to such portion of the amalgamated railways as may be included in the mortgage, and for the purpose of authorizing the trustee to confirm the acceptance of the offer of \$200,000 made by the Canadian Government for the property of the Caraquet & Gulf Shore Ry. including the portion subject to this mortgage.

**Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.—Div. Deferred—Ann'l Report.** The directors on May 20 deferred action on the usual dividend of 2% for the current half year. Disbursements at the rate of 4% per annum were made from 1917 to 1920, both incl. An official statement says: "The company deferred action on the dividend of 2% which is due at this time." President W. J. Harahan is quoted as stating that the directors had simply decided to defer action until the trend of conditions had been more clearly demonstrated.

See income account published on a preceding page.—V. 112, p. 1976.

**Chicago Milw. & St. Paul Ry.—Acquisition Approved.** The stockholders have approved the purchase of the Chicago Terre Haute & Southeastern RR.—V. 112, p. 1976, 1859.

**Chicago & North Western Ry.—Equipment Trusts Sold.**—White, Weld & Co., New York, have sold at prices to yield from 6.50% to 6.35%, according to maturity, \$5,436,000 6½% Equipment Trust Gold Certificates, of which \$2,232,000 Series "J" and \$3,204,000 Series "K" (see advertising pages). The bankers state:

Series "J" are to be dated Mar. 1 1921. Due \$186,000 annually each Mar. 1, 1925 to 1936 incl. Int. M. & S.

Series "K" are to be dated April 1 1921. Due \$267,000 annually, each April 1, 1925 to 1936 incl. Int. A. & O. Denom. (both series) \$1,000 (c\*). Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., New York, and Edwin S. Marston, trustees.

**Security.**—Series "J", 20 freight locomotives, 500 ore cars, 50 caboose cars. Series "K", 20 freight locomotives, 20 passenger locomotives, 250 refrigerator cars. All the equipment is new and of standard design. The cost of that to be under Series "J" is \$2,803,642, and of that to be under Series "K" is \$4,016,898. Certificates of both series maturing in 1922 to 1924, incl., will be cancelled so that the certificates now being offered represent about 80% of cost. The balance of cost is paid in cash by the company. All Governmental authorities having jurisdiction have approved the issue. V. 112, p. 2082.

**Chicago Terre Haute & Southeastern RR.—Acquired.** See Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. above.—V. 112, p. 1143, 561.

**Cin. Newport & Covington Lt. & Tr. Co.—Decision.** Judge A. M. J. Cochran in the U. S. District Court at Covington, Ky., recently handed down a decision holding that South Covington & Cincinnati Street Ry. has a perpetual franchise on certain streets in Fort Thomas, Ky., and that an ordinance passed by the Board of Trustees of Fort Thomas on Feb. 16 1917, by which it was sought to compel the company to pay rentals on Mt. Pleasant, Dundee and Highland Avenues is void.

The suit was filed by the railway against the town of Fort Thomas three years ago, seeking an injunction to prevent the collection of rentals on the thoroughfares mentioned. Judge Cochran held the certain grants made by the Highland Park Land Company were legal and that the company had installed tracks on some of the streets before they were used as thoroughfares in the town of Fort Thomas.—V. 112, p. 1616.

**Cincinnati Traction Co.—Accounts Adjusted.** A settlement of accounts between the company and the Interurban Ry. & Terminal Co. has been approved in the Common Pleas Court. Under the agreement the traction company secures title to the former interurban tracks and overhead wires in the former villages of Pleasant Ridge and Kennedy Heights. The traction company is to pay the Interurban \$5,000 in cash and cancel \$49,000 of receiver's certificates issued by the Interurban in favor of the Cincinnati Traction Co. ("Electric Railway Journal.")—V. 112, p. 1865.

**Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis Ry.—Notes.** The I. S. C. Commission has authorized the company (1) to issue under date of April 1 1921, its promissory note for \$2,500,000, payable to and endorsed by it, and payable six months after date at office of J. P. Morgan & Co., New York, with interest at the rate of 6% per annum; (2) to pledge as collateral security for said note not exceeding 30,547,500 francs, of its 4% 20-year European loan of 1910 bonds; and (3) to make said bonds payable at its office in N. Y. in dollars at the rate of \$1 for 5.1813 francs.

In 1910 the company issued and sold to Morgan, Harjes & Co., fr. 50,000,000 4% 20-year European loan of 1910 bonds. In Sept. 1919, desiring to take advantage of the favorable rate of exchange then prevailing company purchased through J. P. Morgan & Co. 30,547,500 francs of said bonds. Such purchases were made between Sept. 24 1919, and July 31 1920. The company borrowed \$3,000,000 from J. P. Morgan & Co. and associates for this purpose, and gave therefor its 6% promissory notes, maturing Oct. 1 1920, and secured by the bonds so purchased. At the maturity of these notes the applicant paid \$500,000 on account thereof, and gave in renewal of the balance its six months 6% promissory note, dated Oct. 1 1920 said bonds continuing pledged as security therefor. It now proposes to issue the above note and to apply the proceeds thereof in discharge of such indebtedness; said bonds to continue in pledge as security for the note.—V. 112, p. 1977, 1865.

**Columbus & Ninth Avenue Ry.—Substituted Trustee.** The Columbia Trust Co., 60 Broadway, N. Y. City, has been appointed Substituted Trustee of the First Mtge. 5% gold bonds.—V. 111, p. 73.

**Connecticut Co.—Legislation Affecting Delinquent Taxes.** In an effort to clean up in six years, if possible, a debt of over \$2,000,000 owed the State of Connecticut by street railway companies in back taxes, the Finance Committee of the Connecticut Legislature has reported a bill requiring such companies to pay to the State Treasurer each year half their annual net income in addition to the taxes for that particular year. It is required that this obligation to the State be fulfilled each year before street railway companies affected may declare dividends on capital stock.

The first payment of half the net income, plus current taxes, will be due July 15 1922, and annually thereafter a payment will be due for the year ending Dec. 31 preceding. Companies which within six years subsequent to July 15 1922 liquidate their entire obligations to the State for taxes past due will be charged interest at the rate of 4½% a year. Companies which fail to clear up their debt to the State within the six-year limit will be required to pay interest of 8% a year on the unpaid taxes.

The major portion of deferred street railway taxes is due the State from the Connecticut Co. It is stated, whose present debt is approximately \$1,800,000.—V. 112, p. 1977.

**Cumberland County Power & Light Co.—Bonds Offered.**—Kiddier, Peabody & Co., Boston, and Charles H. Gilman & Co., Inc., Portland, Me., are offering at 100 and int. \$600,000 5-Year Coll. Trust 8% bonds.

Dated June 1 1921, due June 1 1926. Fidelity Trust Co., Portland, Me., trustee. Int. payable J. & D. in Boston, or Portland, Me. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000 (c).

**Data from Letter of President H. M. Verrill.** Company.—Does the entire electric light, power and street railway business in Portland, Me., and vicinity, and through subsidiaries the electric light, power and gas business in Biddeford and Saco; also electric light and power business in Sanford, Westbrook, Gorham, Old Orchard, Kennebec, Kennebunkport, York, Wells, &c.

Owens and operates five water power plants located on the Presumpscot and Saco rivers, and also a steam station in Portland, total capacity of power plants 29,385 e. h. p.

**Purpose.**—To retire \$614,000 7% notes maturing June 1.

**Security.**—Secured by deposit of the following securities: \$400,000 Cumberland County Power & Lt. Co. 1st & Ref. 5s, 1942. 86,000 Portland RR. 1st Lien & Consol. 5s, 1945.

426,000 Androscoggin & Kennebec Ry. 1st Pref. Cum. 6% stock. 490,000 Androscoggin & Kennebec Ry. 2d Pref. 5% stock.

The Androscoggin & Kennebec Ry. stocks are represented by certificates of beneficial interest under a voting trust which provides for the redemption upon the system of approximately \$900,000 for improvements within a period of 3 to 5 years from Dec. 31 1919.

Earnings of Company and Subsidiaries 12 Months ending March 31 1921.	
Gross earnings	\$3,219,300
Oper. expenses (incl. \$211,000 deprec.)	\$1,868,438; taxes, 2,111,213
Portland RR. rentals (int., div., &c.)	262,393
Discount on securities, &c.	8,129
Interest on Cumberland C. P. & L. Co. and underlying cos.	328,190
Int. on York C. P. Co. and underlying companies	70,906
Surplus	\$438,467

**Cumberland Street Ry.—Foreclosure Sale.**—Foreclosure sale has been fixed for June 24. See United Traction & Electric Co. in V. 112, p. 2085.—V. 108, p. 1610.

**Delaware Lackawanna & Western R.R.—Plan for Segregation and Sale of Coal Properties for \$60,000,000—To Declare 100% Stock Dividend—Rights to Subscribe for New Coal Company Stock.**—The company has notified its stockholders that the Glen Alden Coal Co. of Pa. has offered \$60,000,000 for the road's anthracite coal properties, and that a contract of sale will be executed if approved by the stockholders on July 21. The stockholders will also vote on that date on increasing the capital by \$45,000,000, and if authorized a 100% stock dividend will be declared.

#### Digest of Resolution Adopted by Managers, July 29 1920.

Whereas, the stockholders on Aug. 29 1918 authorized the board of managers to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any of the real or personal property now taken over by the Government under the Federal Control Act, on such terms as the board should approve. Now, therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the officials be authorized to segregate the coal properties of the company and transfer the same in such manner and for such consideration as shall be approved by the executive committee, to the end that the company shall be divested of its ownership of said properties, and to take any and all steps, and to make, issue and deliver any and all deeds, leases, agreements, assignments, assurances of title or other instruments in writing that may be necessary to accomplish the desired result.
2. That the officials be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed, upon the segregation, transfer and conveyance of said coal properties, forthwith to accept on behalf of the company all of the provisions of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and to take such steps and execute and file with the proper officials of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania such documents as may be necessary to that end.
3. That the company shall (subject to the approval of the I.-S. C. Commission), upon the acceptance of the provisions of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as aforesaid, increase its capital stock by an amount equivalent to the surplus of the company, or to such part of said surplus as the Commission may authorize to be transferred to the capital account, and thereupon issue and distribute, in the form of a stock dividend, such new stock to its stockholders pro rata according to their respective stock holdings at the time of such distribution. [The I.-S. C. Commission on April 20 last approved of the issuance of \$45,000,000 additional capital on stock (V. 112, p. 1740), which is to be issued as a 100% stock dividend if the increase in stock is approved by the stockholders on July 21.]

#### Further Data from Letter of President W. H. Truesdale, May 16 1921.

A contract for the sale of the anthracite coal properties of the company to the Glen Alden Coal Co. has been prepared and will also be submitted to you at such special meeting for approval. The proposed consideration therefor is the sum of \$60,000,000, with interest at 4%, to be secured by a purchase money mortgage upon the real estate conveyed. [For rights to subscribe to new coal company stock, &c., see Glen Alden Coal Co. below.] Compare V. 112, p. 1740, 1865.

#### Denver & Rio Grande R.R.—Further Protest.

Arthur M. Wickwire, 149 Broadway, N. Y., as counsel for the stockholders' protective committee, has sent to Hon. Edgar E. Clark, Chairman of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, a letter dated May 16, saying in brief:

"The stockholders' protective committee further objects that the new company, to which it is proposed to transfer the Denver & Rio Grande properties, is not organized under the laws of either Colorado, Utah or New Mexico, where the railroad is located, but under the laws of Delaware, located about 2,000 miles away. The charter is a legal anomaly, and the company is what is known as a 'tramp' corporation. It is not organized under the provisions of the Delaware laws governing railroads operating in Delaware, but under the provisions applicable to ordinary business corporations, with power to own and operate railroads only outside the State of Delaware. It is subject to none of the safeguards that railroads organized for operation within the State of Delaware are subject for the protection of the stockholders, the bondholders, the adjacent land-holders, and the public. Compare V. 112, p. 2082, 1865.

#### Detroit & Ironton R.R.—Extension, &c.

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to construct a standard-gauge steam railroad, approximately 15 miles long, extending southward from Springwells or Fordson, Mich., 8 miles west of the Detroit city hall, to a connection with the Detroit Toledo & Ironton R.R. This road will connect with the Detroit Terminal R.R. on the north, which will give it a connection with the other steam railroads at Detroit.

The company's application to acquire by lease the Detroit Toledo & Ironton R.R. has been assigned for argument on May 27. The Detroit & Ironton R.R. was organized in 1920 by Henry Ford and acquired control of the Detroit Toledo & Ironton R.R. on July 15 1920 by the purchase for cash of approximately 98% of the Adjustment Mtge. bonds and the Pref. and Common stock. The price paid was \$600 for each \$1,000 bond and \$5 and \$1 for each share of the Pref. and Common stock respectively (V. 111, p. 492, 294). In other words, Mr. Ford paid approximately \$4,576,800 for the Adjustment 5s, \$300,000 for the total issue of Pref. and \$65,000 for the total issue of Common stock.

#### Detroit Toledo & Ironton R.R.—Lease, &c.

See Detroit & Ironton R.R. above. Arthur S. H. Jones, New York, recently offered for sale at 75 and int. \$75,000 D. T. & I. R.R. 1st Mtge. 5s.—V. 112, p. 1024.

#### Detroit United Ry.—Stock Issue Approved.

The Michigan P. U. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$375,000 stock for payment of the 2½% stock dividend recently declared. Application has been made to list the stock on the N. Y. Stock Exchange.—V. 112, p. 2082.

#### East St. Louis & Suburban Co.—Wage Reductions.

Pending a wage settlement before a board of arbitration, East St. Louis & Suburban Ry. and East St. Louis Ry. on May 1 reverted to the wage scale that was in effect prior to May 1 1920. The receivers of the Alton Granite City & St. Louis Traction Co. also notified employees that wages will revert on May 15 to the scale in effect prior to May 1 1920.

The interurban employees, who have been receiving 59½c. an hour, are reduced to 53c. They asked for an increase to 85c. The city linemen have been receiving 70c. an hour, and are reduced to 46 and 50. They requested an increase to 90c.—V. 112, p. 1977.

#### Eastern Massachusetts St. Ry.—Arbitration Board Cuts Wages 12½% Retroactive to May 2.

By a unanimous vote the State Board of Conciliation and Arbitration has arrived at the conclusion that it is justifiable to reduce the wages of the men employed by the company, and announces its decision to that effect. The reduction amounts to 12½%, and the present differential of 5c. an hour in favor of the operators of one-man cars is to remain. The trustees of the company had decided upon a reduction of 20% and to retain the 5c. differential.

In their presentation of the case the men demanded that the one-man car operators be paid 15c. an hour more than the conductors and motormen of two-men cars. Seniority, as interpreted in the old agreement, is abolished. This rule, under which the company was compelled to discharge the last man hired and restore to service in the same order of seniority when more help was needed, was insisted upon very strongly by the union. The company argued that it impaired the service.

The decision is binding on both sides, as they had agreed in advance to abide by it. It is understood that over 90% of the trackage of the system is operated now on a one-man car system.

**Fares Reduced.**—Following the reduction in wages the trustees announced a reduction of fares to go into effect early next week.

Fares between Revere and Boston have been dropped from 15 to 10 cents, and between Lynn and Boston from 30 to 20 cents. In Lynn 17 tickets will be sold instead of 15, for \$1; in Salem 15 instead of 14, and in Quincy 15 instead of 13.

In the Melrose-Woburn division the old rate of 13 tickets for \$1, with an 8-cent rebate, has been discontinued, and 14 rides for \$1 with a 7-cent rebate substituted. The single cash fare remains at 10 cents. In Wakefield a special trip ticket provides for 14 rides for \$1, good between Wakefield Square and Greenwood Station.

Four zones have been created between Arlington and Stoneham, each with a cash fare of 5 cents, but with a minimum of 10 cents. Reduced rate tickets will not be accepted. Between Woburn and Medford the cash fare has been reduced from 20 cents to 15 cents and special tickets have been withdrawn.

Brockton gets a new rate of 14 rides for \$1, with a 5-cent rebate, instead of the old 13 ride for \$1 with an 8-cent rebate. The cash fare from Montello to Campello, which runs through the city, has been reduced from 20 cents to 10 cents.

In Lowell and Lawrence the 13-ride ticket, with an 8-cent rebate, has been substituted by a 15-ride ticket with an 8-cent rebate. From Lawrence to Haverhill the cash fare has been reduced from 40 cents to 25 cents, and in Haverhill a ticket rate of 13 rides for \$1 has been provided.

No changes are made on the through fare from Mattapan to Brockton, and citizens of Hyde Park are not afforded any relief.—V. 112, p. 2083, 1977.

#### Evansville Indianap. & Terre Haute Ry.—U.S. Loan.

The I. S. C. Commission has approved a loan of \$400,000 for a period of 15 years at 6% to enable the company to provide itself with additions and betterments to its lines. The loan is secured by \$400,000 30-year 1st mtge. 7% bonds.—V. 112, p. 1977.

#### Fort Wayne Van Wert & Lima Traction Co.

Passenger fare rates on the company's lines operating between Lima, O., and Fort Wayne, Ind., are to be increased 10% beginning June 1.—V. 112, p. 469.

#### Georgia & Florida R.R.—Receivers' Certificates.

The I.-S. C. Comm. recently authorized the receivers, W. R. Sullivan, L. M. Williams and J. F. Lewis, (1) to issue \$1,600,000 8% receivers' certificates (\$800,000 designated Series "A" and \$800,000 Series "B"), dated Jan. 31 1921 and due Jan. 31 1924; (2) to pledge the \$800,000 Series "A" certificates with the Secretary of the Treasury as security for a loan of \$800,000 from the United States.

(3) To sell \$600,000 of Series "B" certificates at par; and (4) to distribute \$200,000 of Series "B" certificates as payments on account pro rata of the uncertificated debt of the receivers incurred prior to Jan. 1 1921. The two series of certificates are co-equal as to rights and privileges, and will be a first lien and claim upon all the property with the exception of the property covered by the following outstanding bonds: Milen & Southwestern R.R., \$212,000; Georgia & Florida Terminal Co., \$200,000, and Augusta Southern R.R., \$400,000. These properties were acquired subject to the liens of the outstanding bonds, and these bonds cannot be superseded by receiver's certificates. Compare V. 112, p. 849.

#### Grand Trunk Ry. of Canada.—Government Control.

At the meeting May 12, at which the shareholders ratified the agreement between the management and the Canadian Government, which provides for the transfer of the control of the railway to the Government this month, Sir Alfred Smithers said:

"We only decided to recommend the new contract after receiving Premier Meighen's letter recognizing fully our right of appeal. The directors, in their view of the rejection of evidence of the physical value of the company's properties, are of the opinion that the arbitrators must disagree in their award, and if so the directors believe an appeal is vital to the interests of the shareholders. Obviously an appeal cannot be concluded within four months. Believing in the impossibility of any government taking over in property on a finding which is other than the only basis for payment, the Board believes that should either party desire to exercise the right of appeal recognized in Premier Meighen's letter, the Government must grant the necessary extension of time, particularly as the Government, being in full control of the property, would not be prejudiced by any necessary delay."—V. 112, p. 2083.

#### Hocking Valley Ry.—Div. Deferred—Annual Report.

The directors on May 19 deferred action on the regular semi-annual dividend of 2% which is usually paid in June on the outstanding \$11,000,000 Capital stock, par \$100.

President W. J. Harahan stated that the directors had simply decided to defer action until the trend of conditions had been more clearly demonstrated.

The annual report is cited in full on other pages.—V. 112, p. 744.

#### Holyoke (Mass.) Street Ry.—To Operate Buses.

The Department of Public Utilities has approved the petition of the company that it acquire, own and operate for the transportation of passengers within the city of Holyoke motor vehicles not running upon rails or tracks.—V. 112, p. 2083.

#### International Ry., Buffalo.—Unskilled Employees Wage.

Effective May 1 1921, the rates of wage of unskilled employees will be reduced to rates ranging from 40 to 54½ cents per hour. The trainmen in the passenger service will continue at the same rate of pay viz: 55, 58 and 60 cents per hour. Trainmen employed on trolley express, flat and work cars and trainmen operating "one-man cars" in Lockport will be the same as those paid in Buffalo, viz.: 55c., 58c., 60c. per hour.—V. 112, p. 1866.

#### Kansas City Clay County & St. Joseph Ry.—Rate Inc.

Passenger rates on the company's lines were recently increased 25% by order of the Missouri P. U. Commission.—V. 112, p. 469.

#### Kansas City (Mo.) Rys.—Rerouting in Effect.

Rerouting under the Beeler plan was begun on the system on May 1. The ordinance providing for the readjustment had been passed by the City Council and was approved by the P. U. Commission with little controversy or opposition. In the first few days of operation of the lines on which rerouting was begun there was no complaint, and there was the expected improvement in efficiency and economy. Rerouting will probably cover a period of several months. ("Electric Ry. Journal.")—V. 112, p. 2083.

#### Kansas City Southern Ry.—New Director.

W. C. Loree of New York, has been elected a director to succeed John J. Mitchell of Chicago, who resigned in compliance with the provisions of the Clayton Act.—V. 112, p. 1978, 1617.

#### LaFayette (Ind.) Service Co.—Organized.

This company, which some time ago took over the LaFayette section of the Fort Wayne & Northern Indiana Traction Co., has announced its permanent organization as follows: Pres., Walter L. Haehnen, Phila.; V.-Pres., Clyde W. Reed, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Sec., Treas. and Gen. Mgr., R. W. Levering, LaFayette, Ind. ("Electric Ry. Journal.")

#### Levis County (Que.) Ry.—May Liquidate.

Following a recent disastrous fire which destroyed almost all the cars and equipment as well as the shops, the company may decide to liquidate its assets including the insurance payable and go out of business. H. E. Weyman, Gen. Mgr., says: "The value of the property destroyed allowing for depreciation is figured at \$240,000, of which \$37,000 is deducted as the value of salvage by the insurance adjusters, leaving the company \$203,000. The money received from the insurance will not replace the property loss by 50%, necessitating a new investment of about \$100,000."

#### Los Angeles & Salt Lake R.R.—\$2,500,000 Notes.

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to issue at par, prior to Jan. 1 1922, not to exceed \$2,500,000 unsecured promissory notes, payable one year after date, with int. at not to exceed 7%.

The company estimates that its total cash requirements for other than operating expenses will exceed its net income for the current year by \$6,332,460, as follows:

Additions, betterments and new equipment	\$2,738,985
Interest requirements	2,535,433
Taxes	1,058,042

To apply on the above items company has set aside \$600,000, and its estimated net income from operations for the ten months ending Dec. 31 1921 before deducting taxes, is \$3,200,000. The estimated deficiency to be met from other sources therefore amounts to \$2,532,460. To meet this deficiency, the company proposes to obtain loans from two of its stockholders, William A. Clark and the Oregon Short Line RR., as the necessity may arise. The above mentioned notes are to be issued to evidence these loans.—V. 112, p. 1978.

**Lynchburg Trac. & Light Co.—Val'n of \$4,900,000.**  
A. L. Drum & Co., engineers, Chicago, have filed with the Virginia Corporation Commission a final report on the cost of reproducing and developing the properties. The valuation was made in accordance with the principles set forth by the Corporation Commission in its opinion of March 18 1921, acknowledging the application for increase in light and power rates. The summary of the valuation is given in the "Electric Railway Journal" May 14, as follows:

Summary of Cost of Reproducing and Developing Property as of Feb. 1 1921.

Physical Property—	Railway Dept.	Elec. Light Dept.	Gas Dept.	Total.
Est. cost to reproduce physical property as of Dec. 31 1916, based on avge. prices, years 1912-1916, incl.	\$1,328,998	\$1,714,295	\$582,806	\$3,626,099
Est. cost to reproduce physical property as of Dec. 31 1916, based on 10.8% normal apprec'n to Feb. 1 '21.	1,472,530	1,899,438	645,749	4,017,717
Actual cost of add'ns to prop. Jan. 1 '17 to Feb. '21	49,470	73,224	112,464	235,159
Total cost to reproduce physical property as of Feb. 1 1921	\$1,522,000	\$1,972,662	\$758,213	\$4,252,876
Developmental Costs—				
Expenditures for obsolete equipment & construction	\$134,503	\$95,770		\$230,273
Cost to unify system	73,794	94,328	\$31,878	200,000
Loss of int. during operation	93,654	119,715	40,456	253,826
Total developmental costs	\$301,951	\$309,813	\$72,334	\$684,099
Total cost of reproducing and developing property	\$1,823,951	\$2,282,476	\$830,548	\$4,936,976

—V. 106, p. 2757.

**Minn. St. P. & Sault Ste. Marie Ry.—To Acquire Road.**  
The company has been authorized by the I.-S. C. Commission to acquire the property of the Wisconsin & Northern by purchase and to issue its 5% Consol. gold bonds to the amount of \$2,671,000 in part payment.—V. 112, p. 1283.

**Missouri Kansas & Texas Ry.—U. S. Loan.**  
Authority to issue \$450,000 of 6% equipment notes, to be pledged with the Secretary of the Treasury for a Government loan of \$450,000, has been requested in an application filed with the I.-S. C. Commission by C. E. Schaff, receiver of the Mo. Kan. & Texas Ry. Co. of Texas. The loan, it is stated, will be used in acquiring 300 tank cars.—V. 112, p. 1978.

**Monongahela Power & Ry.—Pref. Stock Subscriptions.**  
Subscriptions to the \$4,580,275 6% cumulative convertible pref. stock (par \$25), which has been offered to the stockholders of record May 9 at \$19 per share, are payable 25% in cash with subscription and the remainder in three equal installments, due, respectively, on June 30, July 31 and Aug. 31 1921. Subscriptions are payable either at company's office, Fairmont, W. Va., Guaranty Trust Co., 140 B'way, N. Y. City, or Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co., Baltimore. Interest at rate of 6% per annum will be charged against the subscriber on all past due installments of purchase money. Compare V. 112, p. 2083, 1978.

**Narragansett Pier RR.—Taxpayers Aid Road.**  
The taxpayers of the town of Narragansett on May 9 voted to appropriate \$5,000 to cover in part the deficit incurred by the road in its operation during the past year.  
The taxpayers of South Kingstown in March last voted \$10,000 to help cover the deficit incurred in 1920.—V. 111, p. 1852.

**National Railways of Mexico.—Equipment.**  
It is stated that Francisco Perez, Director-General of Mexican Railroads, is negotiating with the Baldwin Locomotive Works for locomotives for the National Railway Lines of Mexico. The deal, it is said, will require an expenditure of \$5,000,000 or more. The American Locomotive Co., and the Lima Locomotive Co., it is stated, also are negotiating for the order. The Mexican Government is reported to have available 16,000,000 pesos (normally \$3,000,000) for new equipment for the lines.  
Director Perez is quoted: "The strike of railroad employees has cleared up. All the men we need are now at work and normal operation of the railroad is being reflected in the industries. The situation at no time was as serious as painted. There is no shortage of equipment other than locomotives. I have already purchased 97 locomotives, 91 from the Illinois Central and 6 from the Southern Ry., and these, together with those that will be delivered under the new contract, will cover our needs for some time."—V. 112, p. 1741.

**New York Chicago & St. Louis RR.—Notes.**  
The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to pledge and repledge, from time to time, all or part of \$1,036,000 of 2d & 3d mtge. bonds, Series A, now held in treasury, as collateral security for short-term notes.—V. 112, p. 2075.

**Northern Ohio Traction & Light Co.—Plan Approved.**  
The stockholders on May 16 ratified the new financing plan outlined in V. 112, p. 1741, 1866, 1978, 2084.

**Pawtuxet Valley Electric St. Ry.—Foreclosure Sale.**  
Foreclosure sale has been fixed for June 21. See United Traction & Electric Co. in V. 112, p. 2085.—V. 108, p. 1611.

**Pennsylvania RR.—Asks Authority to Purchase Pittsburgh Fort Wayne & Chicago Ry. Stock.**  
The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Comm. for authority to purchase from the Pennsylvania Co. for \$34,000,000 the stock of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Ry., and to assume liability of the Pennsylvania Co., which had issued \$33,239,000 of its guaranteed trust certificates which were secured by the deposit of the stock. The Pennsylvania RR. also agrees to pay \$761,000 to the Pennsylvania Co. in cash, that being the difference between the amount of the certificates and the stock.—V. 112, p. 1987.

**Pittsburgh Fort Wayne & Chicago Ry.—**  
See Pennsylvania R. R. above.—V. 110, p. 78.

**Public Service Ry., N. J.—Emergency Fare Denied.**  
The New Jersey P. U. Commission has denied the company a 10-cent fare as an emergency rate. The company's case is still being considered by the Board to determine a permanent rate based upon a valuation of the properties.—V. 112, p. 1867.

**Puget Sound Traction, Light & Power Co.—Decision.**  
In a memorandum handed down in the Federal Court at Seattle, Wash., Judge E. E. Cushman has denied the motion of the city of Seattle to dismiss the suit of the Puget Sound Power & Light Co. to enforce specific performance of the city's contract for the purchase of the railway system for \$15,000,000. The complaint, which the city moved to have dismissed, would also prevent any taxpayers from suing the Power Co. in the Superior Court, or in any court other than the United States Court of the district. The suit of the Power Co. was filed in Feb. following a suit in the Superior Court brought by a number of taxpayers seeking to prevent the city from payment of gross revenues of the railway into a special interest fund, until the expenses of maintenance and operation had been paid.

The Power Co. was not named as a defendant in this suit. It immediately brought suit in the Federal Court and obtained a temporary restraining order to prevent the city from using any of the revenue in the interest fund for any other purpose than the payment of interest on the \$15,000,000 bonds. The taxpayers in the Superior Court obtained a temporary restraining order against the City Treasurer that prevented him from paying the gross revenues of the line into the interest fund, but this was dismissed on hearing. On Feb. 21 the temporary restraining order was obtained by the Power Co. in the Federal Court to prevent diversion of the gross revenue of the railway to any fund until after the interest on the bonds was paid. The affidavit of the City Treasurer setting forth the payment of the money was used by the city in its motion for dismissal in the Federal Court case. ("Electric Railway Journal.")—V. 112, p. 1144.

**Rhode Island Suburban Ry.—Foreclosure Sale.**  
Foreclosure sale has been fixed for June 24. See United Traction & Electric Co. in V. 112, p. 2085.—V. 112, p. 653.

**St. John & Quebec Ry.—Province Fund Debts.**  
Premier Foster of the Province of New Brunswick, explaining the Act respecting the St. John & Quebec Ry., stated that the first clause of the bill provided for the funding of debts incurred during construction of road.  
This would include \$134,449 paid out of consolidated revenue, for interest during construction, and \$42,000 outstanding on Oct. 31 1920 for capital expenditure, besides \$73,000 needed to clean up outstanding accounts. The maximum amount to be bonded, therefore, under the first clause, was \$250,000. There was a suit pending with the Bank of British North America in which \$33,000 was involved, and claims not yet arbitrated upon amounted to \$25,000, and when provision was made for those amounts he hoped it would be the last.  
The second clause provided for the funding of the net interest charged up to Oct. 31 1920, amounting to \$252,351, which amount had been paid by the Province after its share of the earnings had been deducted. The third clause would provide for the balance of three years' interest at the rate of \$250,000 per year, making a total of \$750,000 up to the end of 1922.—V. 98, p. 1786.

**St. Louis El Reno & Western Ry.—Receiver's Certifcs.**  
The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized Arthur L. Mills, receiver, to issue and sell at par \$15,000 7½% receiver's certificates, to be dated Feb. 12 1921 and to mature 9 months thereafter.—V. 112, p. 1742.

**Southern Pacific Co.—Guaranty—Los Angeles Term'l Plan.**  
The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to guarantee the payment of principal and interest on \$364,000 1st Mtge. 5% bonds of Houston East & West Texas RR.

The California RR. Commission on April 26 ordered the four roads entering Los Angeles, viz.: Southern Pacific, Santa Fe, Los Angeles & Salt Lake and Pacific Electric to proceed with the Plaza union terminal. The order directs that (1) a joint engineering committee, to supervise and direct the construction of the union depot, be selected within 30 days after May 20 1921, when the order becomes effective; (2) that plans covering the necessary grade changes be filed within 60 days, and (3) that plans for the union depot be filed within 6 months. The work can be completed within five years, the Commission states.  
See also "Electric Railway Journal" May 7.—V. 112, p. 1979.

**Tennessee Central RR.—Hearing on Sale.**  
The hearing on the order of sale of the road came up in the Federal Court at Chattanooga, Tenn., May 7, but on application of a committee of creditors, which has been working out a plan of reorganization, the hearing was passed up until May 21.

The committee reported the I.-S. C. Commission had agreed to loan the road \$1,500,000 and that the proposed new issue of bonds, \$3,100,000, had all been disposed of except \$900,000 which the committee expected to sell in New York. The Government has filed a claim of \$650,000 loaned to the road during the war. ("Railway Review.")—V. 112, p. 1868.

**Toledo St. Louis & Western RR.—U. S. Loan, &c.**  
The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$692,000 6% receiver's certificates and to pledge them with the Secretary of the Treasury as security for a loan of like amount from the United States. The loan was advanced to aid the company in providing certain equipment and additions and betterments, the estimated cost of which is \$880,000.—V. 112, p. 1979.

**Toronto (Ont.) Ry.—City Starts Suit.**  
A writ had been issued against the company to enforce payment of the deferred percentages due the city of Toronto, which amount to about \$1,250,000.—V. 112, p. 933.

**Twin City Rapid Transit Co.—New Trolley Law.**  
The "Electric Railway Journal" May 14 touches on some of the features of the new Minnesota trolley law.—V. 112, p. 1979, 1279.

**Utah Ry.—To Extend Line.**  
The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to construct a line of road in Uintah County, Utah, 19.36 miles long, from its present terminus at Watson, Utah. Present line extends from Mack, Colo., to Watson, Utah, 68.46 miles. Company was organized in 1903, and entire capital stock, except directors' qualifying shares, is owned by Barber Asphalt Paving Co. Proposed extension will cost about \$1,464,381.—V. 104, p. 1703.

**United States RR. Administration.—Final Settlement of Claims.**  
The Director-General of RRs. announces that final settlements have been reached with the following cos.

Missouri & Illinois Bridge & Belt RR., \$13,559; New York Connecting RR., \$1,395,000; Lake Superior & Ishpeming RR. Co., \$140,000; Muskingum, Marquette & Southwestern Ry., \$90,000; Kansas City Mexico & Orient RR., \$250,000; Cambria & Indiana, \$70,000; Great Northern Ry., \$6,500,000; Texas Midland RR., \$100,000; Gulf, Texas & Western, \$40,000; Northern Pacific, \$9,000,000; Des Moines Union Ry., \$330,000; Bessemer & Lake Erie, \$3,050,000; Western Pacific, \$1,200,000; Ulster & Delaware, \$390,000; Jay Street Terminal, \$290,000 and Clinton & Oklahoma Western, \$75,000.

The Administration announced that the payment of these claims on final settlement is largely made up of balance of compensation due but includes all other disputed items between the railroad companies and the Administration arising out of the 26 months of Federal control.—Compare also V. 112, p. 163, 471, 1145, 1979.

**Utah Power & Light Co.—Rehearing Denied.**  
The Utah Supreme Court has denied the application of the Utah Copper Co. and 17 other large users of electric power for a rehearing in connection with its decision on Feb. 25 sustaining the Utah P. U. Commission in its special contract case, whereby all existing special power contracts of its customers in Utah were declared discriminatory and ordered placed on standard schedules (V. 112, p. 933). The case was appealed to the Supreme Court by the consumers on the ground that the Commission had no authority to change any of the terms of the contracts because they were entered into prior to the creation of the Commission.  
In denying the rehearing the Court made it plain that it was not deciding as to the fairness of the rates, but as to the right of the Commission to change the terms of existing contracts. The denial of the rehearing leaves the way open for appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court.—V. 112, p. 1145, 933.

**Wabash Railway.—New Director.**  
C. G. Edgar of Detroit has been elected a director to succeed Guy E. Tripp, who resigned to comply with provisions of the Clayton Act.—V. 112, p. 2085, 1861.

**Western Allegheny RR. Co.—Promissory Notes.**  
The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to issue from time to time within a period of not exceeding two years \$100,000 demand notes to cover certain obligations and to provide funds for the maintenance of service as necessity may require.—V. 108, p. 1612.

**Washington Ry. & Electric Co.—Government Ownership.**  
Representative Keller of Minnesota, a member of the District of Columbia Committee has introduced a bill providing for Government acquisition, ownership and operation of all the street car systems in the District. Other bills now before Congress provide for the merger of the systems.—V. 112, p. 1868.

**West Virginia Northern R.R. Co.—Not Suspended.**

Several of the company's employees resigned on Jan. 21 1921, on account of a slight reduction in wages. Traffic was interrupted to a certain extent for one day, but company had at all times enough men to properly handle all traffic that was offered for movement. The statement that the company had suspended operations was therefore erroneous.—V. 112, p. 654.

**Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry.—Earnings—Report.—**

Calendar Years—	1920.	1919.	1918.
Coal.....	\$6,975,411	\$4,011,821	\$5,399,337
General freight.....	8,516,853	6,670,264	6,571,023
Passenger.....	895,241	677,876	485,488
Miscellaneous.....	1,564,752	1,240,878	1,136,320
Total operating revenue.....	\$17,952,257	\$12,600,839	\$13,592,172
Net, before taxes.....	\$1,834,468	\$1,731,301	\$2,326,321

† Includes 2 months' Federal and 10 months' corporate.  
The company has issued, under date of Feb. 1 1921, a pamphlet report for the fiscal years ending Dec. 31 1918 and 1919. This report shows no operating statement, but gives in addition to the balance sheets for Dec. 31 1918 and 1919 the corporate income account for the years ended on those dates, based on the "grossly inadequate standard return" certified by the I.-S. C. Commission, no agreement having been reached as yet with the Director-General regarding additional amounts claimed as just compensation. The corporate income account as aforesaid shows for 1919 net after fixed charges \$306,636 as against \$300,295 for year 1918.—V. 112, p. 1868.

**Wichita Northwestern R.R.—U. S. Loan.—**

Decision of the I. S. C. Commission in favor of a loan of \$371,000 to the company by the U. S. Government will enable the company to pay its obligations to the Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City, which holds a first mortgage on 80 miles of the road. To obtain past due indebtedness of \$250,000 the Trust Company has filed a foreclosure suit against the company. (Topeka "Capital")—V. 112, p. 1400.

**Wisconsin & Northern R.R.—Change in Ownership.—**

See Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry. above.—V. 112, p. 1284.

**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.

**Steel and Iron.—**The "Iron Age" on May 19 reported in brief: "Producers are now quite unanimous in seeing only a few weeks ahead of a slackening in the activities of automobile works which have been the chief basis of hope recently. Steel works are running at 30 to 35% of capacity, on the average, and some important companies put the amount of new business at about one-third normal bookings."

"The Steel Corporation, which had a poor average of new business in March and April, has found its orders since May 1 running nearly 30% more than the average for the two preceding months. This is better than most independent companies are doing and is due in part to current exports. The Steel Corporation has taken two Japanese rail orders amounting to 11,000 tons. The Peking & Mukden inquiry for the same amount is still pending, and bids for 10,000 tons for the Argentine Government railways are to be opened this week."

"The railroads are even less disposed than earlier in the year to receive deliveries on orders placed with steel mills. Five important Eastern lines have laid no rails this year, despite the rails delivered. One line has had 60,000 tons in storage."

"Slightly better business in wire products has resulted in the starting up of the Joliet rod mill after long idleness. The large producers are quoting \$3 25 on wire nails. The recent concession from this price has come chiefly from Southern Ohio."

"Offers to sell Swedish and Spanish ore at prices much below those prevailing on Lake Superior ores have been made in the East, but as furnaces have large stocks on hand, no buying has been done."

"A striking cut of \$10 a ton was made by one company in bidding on 900 tons of 16-inch pipe for Akron, O., \$45 per ton, base, Birmingham."

"A number of independent steel makers have broken away from the basic 8-hour day idea so that no overtime rate is allowed for more than 8-hour labor, the result being a 9% reduction in common labor in that 10-hour pay, instead of 11-hour pay, is given for 10-hour work. The Frick Coke Co. has restored practically the same scale that obtained in Nov. 1917, representing a reduction of 25 to 35% from the rate adopted Sept. 1 1920."

**Coal.—**The "Coal Age," New York, May 19, reported in brief: "Despite the slow but steady gains in production of bituminous coal, there is little optimism in the trade. The present gains are attributable to two factors—sustained demand in the West and Middle West for domestic lump and increasing demand for foreign bunker coal and exports offshore. The two largest consumers, the railroads and the steel industry, are not in the market for more than their current needs, which are much below normal."

"Retail coal merchants are buying both soft and hard coal to the limit of their yard capacity, while prices are easy. Coal-burning weather has helped move both anthracite and bituminous coal to the householders' cellars."

"Briefly, prices at tide are tending upward, in the Middle West and in New England downward, in the Far West they are stationary, and in the Southwest prices are strong."

"Foreign demand for coal is gaining, after six weeks of the British strike. The demand so far evidenced is for bunker coal, either for loading at our ports or for bunker supplies at foreign stations. No appreciable call is yet recorded for industrial coal in foreign countries that can be traced to shortages of British coal. It may be six months before the full effect of the loss in foreign markets of around 10,000,000 tons of coal (if the strike is over by the end of May) will be felt in this country. The seamen's strike on this side has not so far seriously interfered with coal shipments. A million tons of coal to the Northwest would not ordinarily be considered such a large accumulation, but with so little ore and grain coming down and so few boats available, it is becoming a matter for serious consideration."

"Tidewater shipments increased during April, the total being 3,041,000 net tons, or 213,000 more than for March and the heaviest dumped since January. During the week ended May 7 export dumpings were 226,159 net tons at the Hampton Roads piers, or a decline of 4,554 tons for the week. Bunker coal, on the other hand, increased 44,254 tons, or 47%. The seamen's strike is delaying somewhat the movement at Tide—at this writing there are several ships in the harbor unable to proceed because of the lack of crews. Prices have strengthened a trifle; Pocahontas and New River are quoted \$6 25@6 50 gross tons f.o.b. Hampton Roads."

"Lake dumpings for the week ended May 16, as reported by the Ore & Coal Exchange, Cleveland, were 718,567 net tons of cargo and 19,215 tons of fuel coal. The total for the season now amounts to 2,572,862 tons, as compared with only 19,083 tons for the same period in 1920."

"New England all-rail movement for the first week of May was 2,457 cars, only a few less than for the preceding week but over 800 less than 1920. There was a sharp slump in production of anthracite during the week ended May 7. The total output was 1,633,000 net tons, 312,000 tons short of the figure for the last week of April. Purchasing of domestic sizes for storage is proceeding actively. Retailers and shippers are calling attention to the increase in price which probably will come July 1, due to the Pennsylvania State tax of 1 1/2% on the mine price of all anthracite produced, effective that date."

**Coal and Coke Production (Net Tons), as Estimated by U. S. Geological Survey.**

To May 7—	1921—Week—1920.	1921—To Date—1920.
Bituminous.....	7,296,000 9,167,000	136,352,000 180,171,000
Anthracite.....	1,633,000 1,891,000	31,978,000 30,105,000
Coke.....	70,000 370,000	2,915,000 7,744,000

**Oil.—**Pennsylvania crude reduced May 19 from \$3 50, to which it was recently advanced, to \$3 25, agst. \$3, the low for 1921, \$6.10 the high price of 1920, and \$2 97 Jan. 1 1917. Corning, Somerset and Cabell have also been reduced 15 to 25c. Kerosene at N. Y. City was reduced May 16 from 4 cts. per gal.

**U. S. Gasoline Record for March 1921 (in Gallons).**

	1921.	1920.	Exports	1921.	1920.
Stocks, Mar.	1,680,540,351	562,996,489		48,053,125	47,724,056
Production.....	419,795,390	367,137,678		346,164,548	256,020,539
Imports.....	6,925,410	3,474		3,713,043,480	626,393,046

Stocks at 713,043,480 gallons Mar. 31 were, it is said, the largest on record. Deliveries of marine fuel oil as ascertained by the American Petroleum Institute from companies engaged in the marine fuel oil business and from the U. S. Navy show that in 1920 44,487,319 barrels were delivered for ships' bunkers, as compared with 27,102,616 barrels in 1919, an increase of 64.1%. The navy took 6 millions against 8.9 millions in 1919. "Oil, Paint & Drug Reporter" supplement May 16, p. 10.

**Foreign.—**(a) U. S. position as to Mesopotamian oil fields, Idem, Apr. 25, p. 9. (b) Mexico suspends issuance of oil permits till Art. 27 of Constitution is finally passed upon. Idem. (c) Djambi oil fields—Dutch reply not satisfactory to U. S. Govt., Idem May 16, p. 9; "Times" May 27, p. 19; Apr. 30, p. 1. (d) British coal strike increases oil consumption, "Times" May 15, Sec. 8, p. 6. (e) Petroleum in Venezuela, "Eng. & Min. Journ." Feb. 19, p. 354.

**Commodity, &c., Prices.—**At wholesale, new low records for the year were made this week as follows: (a) Lard May 17 \$9 60, against \$3 85 Jan. 7 1921 and \$23 50, the high point for 1920, Jan. 9. (b) Butter May 19 28 1/2c., against 57c. Jan. 3 1921 and 77c., the 1920 maximum, April 24. (c) Eggs, 22 1/2c. May 19, against 79c. Jan. 17 1921 and 89c. Dec. 10 1920. Philadelphia milk prices reported down 2 cents to 1c. a quart May 18. Automobile prices cut by three additional makers, Dort, 8%; Hupmobile, 11%; Maxwell, 15%. ("Bost. N. B." May 20.)

Crack prices are reported to be gradually declining. While the range of price over the country is \$12 to \$25, the composite price for 142 concerns was \$18 25 per 1,000; for 126 concerns in May, \$16 97. "Times" May 15, Sec. 9, p. 1.

**Marine Strike.—**This strike is believed to be waning. From May 1 to May 15 496 American vessels sailed from Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific ports, against 142 held in port through lack of crews. "Times" May 17, p. 3.

**Wages Reduced, &c.—**(a) U. S. Cast Iron Pipe & Fdy. reduced wages 15% at Addyston, O., on or about May 17. (b) Pressed Steel Car announces that on June 1 it will abolish the 8-hour day and reduce the wage for common labor to 35 cts. (c) Cambria Steel on June 1 will reduce salaries, cut unskilled labor from 35 to 30 cts. an hour, and drop punitive wages for overtime. "Times" May 19. (d) Republic Iron & Steel Co. on May 16 abolished punitive overtime for more than 8 hours' work.

(e) The U. S. Steel Corp. wage cut went quietly into effect May 16. As to other cos., see "Times" May 17, p. 22.

**Taxation Matters.—**(a) U. S. Supreme Court holds that unearned increment cannot be included as invested capital in reckoning excess profits tax. See "Current Events" above and "Times" May 17, p. 1. (b) Same court holds that inheritance taxes paid under State laws cannot be deducted in determining net value for Federal estate tax. Idem, p. 3. (c) Stockholders under Massachusetts Trust Agreement held liable for debts by jury in 61st District Ct. at Houston, Tex., in case of President of Houston Trust & Savings Bank vs. 90 Stockholders of Noble Oil & Ref. Co. (d) Representative Longworth on May 18 introduced a joint bill to put into immediate effect the rates on the permanent tariff schedule, i. e., as soon as the bill is introduced in the House, in order to protect industry pending final enactment. "Times" May 19, p. 17. The tariff bill, it is said, may be submitted June 1.

**Pittsburgh Basing Point Case.—**"Iron Trade Review" May 5, p. 1175 to 1180; "Iron Trade Review" May 19, 1367.

**Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of May 14.—**(a) Imports and exports in April, p. 2008; also British figures, p. 2014. (b) Crop report of May 1, p. 2008. (c) Commercial failures in April, p. 2009. (d) British coal strike, p. 2014. (e) Blindness of labor unionism—Judge Gari's speech, p. 2020. (f) Shipping strike, p. 2025, 2038.

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**Abitibi Power & Paper Co.—Strike.—**

See International Paper Co. below and in V. 112, p. 2088.—V. 112, p. 1400.

**Alabama Power Co.—Approves Financing Plan.—**

The stockholders on May 12 approved the plans changing the authorized 400,000 shares of common stock and the unissued 90,000 shares of pref. stock (par \$100) into no par stock and also authorized a new bond issue of \$25,000,000.

**Statement of President Thomas W. Martin.**

The financial program was adopted in view of the new hydro-electric development of Mitchell dam and other developments of the company.

The company has found it necessary to authorize the issuance of new bonds bearing a higher face rate of interest, as, on account of the present high interest rates, the bonds heretofore authorized will place a handicap upon the company in view of its intended developments.

The preferred stock which has been sold and subscribed for, was not changed, and the new preferred stock to be sold to the public under the plan adopted will pay the same dividends and will be in all respects of equal value as that heretofore sold.

The company has sold during the past eight months about 10,000 shares of its pref. stock to the public in this State, and authority was given the company to proceed with the sale of an additional 10,000 shares at the same price of \$93, paying the same dividend as heretofore.

The entire program has been approved by the Alabama P. S. Commission. See also V. 112, p. 1743.

**American Bosch Magneto Corp.—Notes Offered.—**

W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., and Hornblower & Weeks, New York are offering at 98 1/2 and int. to net over 8.15%, \$2,500,000 8% Sinking Fund Gold Notes (see Adv. pages).

Dated June 1 1921, due June 1 1936. Int. payable J. & D. at First Nat. Bank, Boston, trustee, and New York Trust Co., New York, without deduction for any Federal normal income tax not in excess of 2%. De nom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c\*). Red. at 105 and int. on any int. date upon 30 days' notice. Company or any subsidiary, while notes are outstanding, shall not create any mortgage (other than a purchase-money mortgage) on any of its properties nor create any funded debt ranking equal or superior to these notes except a mortgage on improved real estate in N. Y. City, not in excess of 60% of its value.

**Sinking Fund.—**Minimum annual sinking fund will provide for the retirement of \$2,000,000 of notes, prior to maturity.

**Data from Letter of President A. T. Murray, May 18.**

**Business.—**Manufactures magnetos, starting and lighting systems, battery ignition systems and spark plugs, which are used as standard equipment by over 250 of the standard motor truck, tractor, automobile, farm machinery and marine engine manufacturers.

**Capitalization, after This Financing—**

15-Year 8% Gold Notes.....	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Capital stock (without par value).....	100,000 sh.	96,000 sh.

Unfilled Orders.—At beginning of 1920 had on books unfilled orders amounting to \$5,442,381. As of Dec. 31 1920 unfilled orders amounted to \$6,299,228. During the year shipments from the plant totaled 340,751 magnetos, as compared with 207,069 in 1919, and the value of 1920 shipments was \$8,805,339, as compared with \$5,982,668 in 1919.

**Earnings.—**Average annual net earnings for 5 years ended Dec. 31 1920 were \$802,792, or at rate of more than 4 times annual interest requirements on these notes. In no year during this period were net earnings less than 2 times interest requirements. (See report for 1920 in V. 112, p. 934.)



The projected financial statement (V. 112, p. 1393) as at Dec. 31 1920, shows the surplus of constituent companies as \$26,548,448.  
The directors are Roy M. Wolvin, (Pres.); J. W. Norcross, Montreal, Que.; D. H. McDougall, (V.-Pres.); New Glasgow, N. S.; W. D. Ross, H. B. Smith, Sir Wm. McKenize, Toronto, Ont.; Galen L. Stone, Boston, Mass. C. S. Cameron is Secretary and Treasurer, and A. McColl, Asst Sec. Head office, Sydney, N. S. Executive officers, Montreal.—V. 112, 2086.

**British International Corp. of Del.—Offer to Stockholders of Anglo-American Commercial Corp.—Terms of Exchange of Stock—Status, &c.—**

The British International Corp., a Delaware corp., with an authorized capital of 25,000 shares Series "A" stock and 25,000 shares Series "B" stock of no par value, has offered to purchase the stocks of the foreign corporations owned by the Anglo-American Commercial Corp., and offers the stockholders of the latter company an opportunity to exchange their stock for stock of the British company.  
Series "A" stock is entitled to divs. of \$1 a share each year before Series "B," and after Series "B" has received a similar div. both series share equally. Has no voting power except in div. default. Is entitled to \$10 per share in dissolution and after Series "B" receives a like amount both share equally. Each share of Series "B" is entitled to one vote, and if Series "A" divs. are in default each share of Series "A" and Series "B" is entitled to one vote each while default lasts.

**Terms of Exchange, Good Until June 15 1921.**

- (1) For each share of Pref. stock of the Anglo Corporation surrendered and payment of \$10 there will be issued 2 shares of Series "A" stock and ½ share of Series "B" stock of the British Corporation.
- (2) For each 10 shares of Common stock of the Anglo Corp. surrendered and payment of \$10 there will be issued 2 shares of Series "A" stock and ½ share of Series "B" stock of the British Corporation.
- (3) For each share of Pref. stock of the Anglo Corp. surrendered without subscribing for additional shares there will be issued one-tenth of one share of Series "A" stock of the British Corporation.
- (4) For each 100 shares of Common stock of the Anglo Corporation surrendered without subscribing for additional shares there will be issued one share of Series "A" stock of the British Corporation.

**Further Data from Letter of President H. S. Dudley.**

After extended negotiations with the receivers and a committee appointed by the court, the court has authorized this company to purchase from the receivers of the Anglo-American Commercial Corp. (V. 111, p. 1952) all the stock of two of its subsidiaries, viz.: River Plate Commercial Co., Inc., with office in Buenos Aires, and Compagnie Commerciale Nord Americaine, with office in Paris.

The purchase provides that all debt of these companies to New York banks and the Anglo American corporation be cancelled, with the exception of a \$10,750 note of the River Plate company payable 6 months from date of the closing of this purchase to the Irving National Bank, New York. This company has also secured from the receivers of the Anglo American an option for 6 months to purchase for \$35,000 103,195 shares (par \$1) out of a total of 140,000 shares of Anglo American Commercial Corp., Ltd., London. The English company has two subsidiaries, all the stock of which it owns, one in Antwerp, Belgium, and the other in Cologne, Germany, the organization of both of these offices having been taken over from the Anglo American Commercial Corp. of New York.

The receivership of the Anglo American only directly affected the New York company and its branch offices in Yokohama and Antwerp. The English, Argentine and French corporations were not directly affected by this action and remained going concerns. The English company has been in a good financial position throughout the period of the receivership and has been largely instrumental in holding the organization on the Continent and in South America in operation.

By exercising this option in conjunction with the purchase of the stock of the Argentine and the French companies this corporation will in effect automatically control the organization formerly operated by the Anglo American corporation, taking over only a small part of the liabilities which are amply covered by the assets which will be obtained by this transaction.

The assets of the Anglo American Commercial Corp. are insufficient to pay the creditors in full. There will be nothing left for the stockholders.

**Calgary Gas Co., Ltd.—To Be Taken Over.—**

The company will be taken over by the parent company, the Canadian Western Natural Gas, Light, Heat & Power Co., Ltd. The latter will sell gas to Calgary consumers dating from midnight May 31 next. The price will be \$1.35 per 1,000 cu. ft. less a 10-cent discount, or \$1.25 net for cooking gas and 85 cents less 10 cents discount or 75 cents net for heating furnace gas.—V. 100, p. 1081.

**California Petroleum Corp.—Quarterly Earnings.—**

March 31 Quarters—	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Gross earnings	\$1,872,896	\$1,338,137	\$1,137,664	\$853,466
Operating expenses	686,762	469,463	320,552	198,279
Net. after oper. exp.	\$1,186,134	\$866,674	\$817,612	\$655,187
Dep. rec., deplet., &c.	252,392	219,353	182,921	—
Interest on bonds	12,681	28,804	22,958	24,552
Minority interest	—	—	2,594	7,814
Reserve for Federal taxes and contingencies	184,339	91,820	64,079	—
Bal. avail. for divs.	\$736,723	\$526,674	\$545,060	\$622,821

a Before deducting \$182,079 (1 3/4%) for Pref. divs. and \$46,892 for provision for redemption of Pref. stock and bonds of sub. cos. at 5 cents per bbl. Balance carried to profit and loss surplus March 31 1921, \$507,752. Compare V. 112, p. 1392.

**Cambria Steel Co.—Omits Quarterly Dividend—Wages.—**

The directors on May 18 decided to omit the quarterly dividend usually paid in June on the \$45,000,000 capital stock, par \$50. The quarterly dividend was reduced in March last from 1 1/2% to 1%. Quarterly dividends of 1 1/2% each and extras of 1/2 of 1% each were paid in the four quarters of 1920.

An official statement, May 18, says in substance: "Operations for the first four months of 1921 have shown a substantial loss. The immediate trade outlook is not promising."

"In view of these conditions and the need of conserving our resources, the board of directors decided that the interests of the company would be best served by omitting payment of any dividend at this time."

It is reported that a general wage reduction affecting every department of the company, together with a revision of the salary schedule, has been announced. The reduction, the second since Nov. 1920, will be effective June 1 and, it is stated, will bring wages back to the 1917 level. Common labor will be cut from 35 to 30 cents an hour. Payment of time and a half for all overtime in excess of eight hours will be discontinued.—V. 112, p. 1981, 1286.

**Canada Foundries & Forgings, Ltd.—No Pref. Div.—**

The directors on May 13 decided to defer payment of the quarterly dividend on the Preferred shares. It is understood that the output of the company has been curtailed to a marked extent by the falling off in orders from large customers incidental to the business depression. The directors in February last omitted the Common dividend usually paid at that time.—V. 112, p. 747.

**Canada Steamship Lines, Ltd.—Plan Approved.—**

The shareholders on May 14 approved the financing plan outlined in V. 112, p. 2087.

**Canadian Cottons, Ltd.—Earnings.—**

March 31 Years—	1920-21.	1919-20.	1918-19.	1917-18.
Total sales	\$11,231,103	\$11,148,439	\$10,828,326	\$7,573,777
Total income	\$867,805	\$1,838,443	\$1,563,103	\$1,126,126
Bond interest, &c.	188,607	177,660	209,700	209,700
Pref. dividends (6%)	219,690	219,690	219,690	219,690
Common dividends (8%)	217,240 (6 1/2%)	176,508	162,930	122,197
Depreciation	200,000	400,000	400,000	290,000
Res. for special replace.	—	400,000	200,000	—
Other reserves	5,674	10,000	15,000	10,000
Balance, surplus	\$36,595	\$454,586	\$355,784	\$274,539

**Canadian Western Natural Gas, Lt. & Pow. Co., Ltd.**

See Calgary Gas Co., Ltd., above.—V. 105, p. 2386.

**Charcoal Iron Co. of America.—Earnings—Operations.**

The quarterly report for the three months ending March 31 1921 shows a loss for the quarter of \$86,846, compared with a deficit of \$157,265 in the last quarter of 1920.

Since March 15 1921 both Ashland and Manistique operations have been entirely discontinued and the only plant at which the company now is at all active is at the Yale mine, which is being operated on part time for the purpose of carrying out ore contracts.—V. 111, p. 1664.

**Cheswick Power Co.—Colfax Power Plant.—**

See Duquesne Light Co. below.—V. 111, p. 1372.

**Chino Copper Co.—Quarterly Report.—**

Results for Quarters ending March 31—	1921	1920.	1919.
Operating loss	\$122,949	Cr\$737,605	\$218,255
Miscellaneous income	69,812	72,122	44,813
Net operating loss	\$53,137	sur\$809,727	\$173,441
Distribution to stockholders	—	326,243	652,485

Balance, surplus or deficit—def\$53,137 sur\$483,484  
The operating loss for the first quarter of 1921 is based on a price for copper of 13.13c. per pound, compared with 14.45c. per pound for the fourth quarter of 1920.—V. 112, p. 1981, 1870.

**Cities Service Co.—Common Stock Increased.—**

The company has filed with the Secretary of State of Delaware a notice of an increase in the Common stock from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000.—V. 112, p. 1981.

**Consolidated Gas Co. of N. Y.—Reduces Rates.—**

The company has announced that beginning Aug. 1 the rate for gas will be reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.25 per 1,000 cu. ft. At the same time the rates charged by the Northern Union Gas Co. and the Central Union Gas Co. will be similarly reduced. This reduction in rates is possible as the result of the lower cost of gas oil.

The Bronx Gas & Electric Co., another subsidiary of the Consolidated is charging \$1.50 and this rate will be maintained indefinitely. The New York & Queens Gas Co. is charging \$1.25 plus a service charge of 75 cents a month, which, the company states, is not sufficient to meet operating costs to say nothing of any return on the investment. The rate probably will be increased.—V. 112, p. 1744.

**Consolidated Water Power & Paper Co.—Bonds Sold.**

—First Wisconsin Co., Milwaukee; Lee, Higginson & Co., Marshall Field, Gore, Ward & Co., and First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, have sold at 97 1/2 and int., to yield 7.85%, \$3,000,000 1st Mtge. 7 1/2% Sinking Fund Gold bonds (see advertising pages).

Dated May 2 1921, due May 1 1931. Int. payable M. & N. in Chicago and New York without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c\*). Callable as a whole on any int. date or in part for sinking fund on any Nov. 1 beginning 1922, at 105 through 1923; at 104 during 1924 and 1925; at 103 during 1926 and 1927; at 102 during 1928 and 1929 and at 101 during 1930. Sinking fund, beginning Nov. 1922, sufficient to retire over 80% of this issue before maturity. First Wisconsin Trust Co., Milwaukee, Trustee.

**Data from Letter of Pres. Geo. W. Mead, Wisconsin Rapids, May 14.**

Company.—Incorp. in 1894 as Wisconsin Water Power Co. and in 1920 name changed to present title. Company is one of the largest producers in the country of newsprint paper, wall paper and high-grade sulphite fibre, being also an important manufacturer of paper towels, napkins, tissues, wrapping paper and other paper products.

Mills, &c.—Has 3 mills on Wisconsin River, situated at Wisconsin Rapids, Biron and Stevens Point, and a fourth at Appleton, Wis., on the Fox River; combined daily capacity 250 tons of newsprint, 35 tons of heavy wrapping paper, 40 tons of tissues, napkins, towels and high-grade sulphite paper, and 50 tons of high-grade Mitscherlich ("slow cook") sulphite fibre, together 375 tons per day. Wall paper is included in the newsprint tonnage, as it is made on the same machines. Company also produces daily 250 tons of ground wood pulp and 85 tons of sulphite fibre going into its own finished product, and other raw materials for its own use. Supplies City of Wisconsin Rapids with light and power and sells part of the power developed by a subsidiary, Oneida Power Co., at Stevens Point, to local public utility.

**Capitalization Outstanding (Upon Completion of Present Financing).**

First (closed) Mtge. 7 1/2% Sinking Fund gold bonds, this issue—\$3,000,000  
x Capital stock, par \$100—1,600,000  
x Has a book value in excess of \$400 per share. Divs. have been paid continuously since 1906, present rate being 12% p. a.

Purpose.—To retire \$640,500 Serial 6% bonds outstanding, and for additional working capital.

Earnings.—Net profits available for bond interest, after all expenses, and before Federal taxes, for the past 5 years have averaged \$1,758,936, or 7.8 times the \$225,000 annual interest requirements on this issue. After Federal taxes, net profits averaged \$1,087,943, or 4.8 times these interest requirements. Earnings for 1920 were well in excess of these averages. Earns, thus far reported in 1921 are at a rate above these averages.

**Consolidated Balance Sheet Feb. 28 1921, After This Financing.**

Assets—	Liabilities—
Properties & plants, less depreciation & depletion res'v'e	First Mtge. 7 1/2% bonds—\$ 3,000,000
Invest. in affil., &c., eos.	Capital stock—1,600,000
Acc'ts and notes receivable	Accrued items not yet due—53,804
Inventories	Reserve for 1920 Fed. taxes—1,550,000
Miscellaneous	Reserve for est. Fed. taxes, accr'd in Jan. & Feb. 1921.
Cash	payable in 1922—105,000
Prepaid exp. & miscellaneous	Compensation insur. reserve—9,473
	Surplus—4,860,268
Total (each side)	\$11,178,545

**Copper Export Association, Inc.—New Officers.—**

R. L. Agassiz, President of Calumet & Hecla Mining Co., has been elected President, succeeding John D. Ryan of the Anaconda Copper Co., who declined re-election. Mr. Ryan will continue on the executive committee.

F. H. Brownell, Vice-President of the American Smelting & Refining Co., has succeeded Simon Guggenheim, President of that company, as Chairman of the Board. See V. 112, p. 635.

**Cuban-American Sugar Co.—Dividend Decreased.—**

A dividend of 50 cents per share has been declared on the outstanding \$10,000,000 Common stock, par \$10, along with the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% on the Preferred stock, both payable July 1 to holders of record June 15. Dividends of \$1 per share were paid in Jan. and April last, as compared with \$1.75 per share paid July 1 and Sept. 30 1920.—V. 112, p. 1620, 1287.

**Davis-Daly Copper Co.—Quarterly Report.—**

Quarter ending March 31—	1921.	1920.	1919.
Ore returns	\$244,966	\$433,079	\$201,065
Miscellaneous revenues	8,009	31,683	12,854
Total receipts	\$252,975	\$464,762	\$213,919
Development expense	\$29,271	\$49,885	\$88,674
Mining cost	118,815	219,093	109,944
Equipment	5,800	28,870	3,449
General expenses	59,882	\$57,630	17,289
Balance	\$39,206	\$109,283	\$3,563

x Including U. S. income and capital stock tax.—V. 112, p. 1148.

**Dayton Power & Light Co.—Earnings, &c.—**

Calendar Years—	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Gross earnings	\$3,734,487	\$2,932,868	\$2,430,728	\$1,880,618
Total income	933,802	1,093,498	802,079	624,407
Charges, &c.	551,175	660,288	500,163	305,979
Preferred dividends	208,821	193,561	179,553	177,750
Balance, surplus	\$223,807	\$239,649	\$122,363	\$140,678

The \$265,000 Dayton Elec. Light Co. 1st Mtge. 5s, due March 1 last, were paid off at maturity.—V. 111, p. 2329.

**(E. I.) du Pont de Nemours & Co.—\$35,000,000 Bonds Sold.**—The syndicate headed by J. P. Morgan & Co., which offered the \$35,000,000 10-year 7½% Gold Bonds, announced that the issue has been oversubscribed.

**Provisions of Issue.**—The indenture will provide: (1) That except in the case of purchase money mortgages and of pledges in the usual course of business for terms not exceeding 6 months, company will not place any lien upon any of its property without thereby ratably including these bonds; (2) That company will at all times maintain net current assets equal to not less than 150% of the bonds outstanding; (3) That company will not pay any dividends if thereby the amount of total current assets shall be reduced to less than 125% of current liabilities plus the amount of its bonds outstanding; and (4) That company will not pay or distribute to its stockholders any of the \$25,000,000 bonds or notes or any of the \$20,000,000 8% pref. stock of du Pont American Industries, Inc., or the proceeds of any sale of such bonds or stock, except that after the said \$25,000,000 notes of the du Pont American Industries, Inc., shall have been paid, company may use the said preferred stock, or the proceeds of any sale thereof, to retire debenture stock or for any other purpose.

**Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1920 (Adjusted to reflect sale of \$35,000,000 bonds)**

<b>Assets—</b>		<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Cash.....	\$14,709,230	Accounts payable.....	\$8,633,828
Inv. in short-term notes & marketable securities.....	1,507,509	Accr. div. on deb. stock.....	1,059,432
Accounts receivable.....	17,326,277	Notes payable.....	1,220,000
Notes receivable.....	1,718,668	Def. liabilities & credit items.....	4,477,863
Claims rec. from U. S. Govt. (less advances).....	2,013,410	10-year 7½% bonds.....	35,000,000
Materials and supplies.....	28,137,213	Adv. from controlled cos.....	7,286,297
Finished products.....	23,959,735	Debenture stock issued.....	70,629,050
Deferred debit items.....	1,949,287	Common stock issued.....	63,378,335
Advances to controlled cos.....	10,629,802	Res. for deprec., &c.....	8,540,233
Securities held for perm. inv. du Pont Amer. Industries, Inc.:	13,766,502	Res. for contingencies.....	10,475,874
(1) 10-yr. notes.....	25,000,000	Surplus.....	69,659,748
(2) Pref. stock.....	20,000,000		
(3) Common stock (at cost).....	28,065,434		
Realty, not incl. plant real est. Perm. inv. in mfg. property, incl. real est. plants & equip. Pat's trad mks & good-will.....	1,049,175		
	66,947,322		
	23,580,308	Total (each side).....	\$280,359,871

**Listed.**—The New York Stock Exchange has admitted to the trading list the above bonds when issued.

See Annual Report for calendar year 1920 in V. 112, p. 1139 and compare offering of \$35,000,000 10-yr. 7½% bonds in V. 112, p. 2087.

[Among the Chicago houses offering the \$35,000,000 10-year 7½% gold bonds at 100 and int. is the Standard Trust & Savings Bank, 110 South Clark St.]—V. 112, p. 2087.

**Duquesne Light Co.—Annual Report.—Debentures Offered.**—Harris, Forbes & Co., Lee Higginson & Co. and Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., New York, are offering at 98½ to yield over 7.65% \$10,000,000 15-year 7½% Conv. Gold Debentures (see advertising pages).

Dated July 1 1921. Due July 1 1936. Int. payable J. & J. in New York without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Penn. 4 mill tax refunded. Callable on any int. date on 90 days' notice in blocks of not less than \$500,000 at 107½ and int. to and incl. July 1 1922; thereafter at premium becoming ½ of 1% less for each year of expired life. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c). Chase Nat. Bank, N. Y., trustee. **Convertible.**—Convertible par for par, from July 1 1923 to July 1 1934 incl., into 8% Cumul. Pref. "B" stock.

**Data from Letter of A. W. Thompson, President of the Company. Earnings of Co. and Subsidiaries—Inter-Company Charges Eliminated Year ended March 31 1921.—(See annual report for 1920 on a preceding page.)**

Gross earnings.....	\$17,000,406
Net, after oper. exp., incl. current maint. and taxes.....	5,013,293
Annual int. charges: (a) mtge. bonds (incl. rentals), \$2,200,896; 7½% debentures (this issue) \$750,000.....	2,950,896

Balance..... \$2,062,397

**Physical Property.**—System includes 7 electric generating stations, installed generating capacity about 215,200 k. w. The Brunot Island plant is one of the largest and most important power plants in the country having a present rated generating capacity of 120,000 k. w., to which it is expected 40,000 k. w. spare capacity will be added.

Current of the Duquesne Light Co. system is distributed through 185 sub-stations over 9,759 miles of electrical conductor. A large part of Pittsburgh is served by underground lines, the Duquesne system having altogether 921 duct miles of underground conduit. There are now in service 129,672 customers' meters and current is being supplied to 120,835 customers. Present connected load approximates 332,230 k. w. and for the year ended March 31 1921, the electrical output of the system was 745,660,960 k. w. h.

**Cheswick Power Co.**—To meet the increasing demand for power, a large new generating station is now under construction by the Cheswick Power Co. (incorp. in 1919 by interests closely allied with Duquesne Light Co.) This new plant, known as the Colfax power plant, will be acquired in fee ownership by the Duquesne Light Co. in connection with the present financing. The Colfax Power plant located on the Allegheny River at Cheswick, Pa. will, it is proposed have an ultimate capacity of 300,000 k. w. while the present construction includes buildings, intake tunnels, &c., for a plant of 120,000 k. w. capacity, of which the first 60,000 k. w. capacity was recently placed in operation.

The completion of the additional capacity by the second unit of 60,000 k. w. at the Colfax Power plant and the proposed spare unit at the Brunot Island plant will increase the present rated generating capacity of 215,200 k. w. of the Duquesne Light system by about 28%.

<b>Capitalization</b>	<b>Authorized</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>
Common stock (8% dividends).....	\$25,000,000	\$18,226,000
Preferred stock "A" (7% Cum.).....	y	5,765,300
Preferred stock "B" (8% Cum.).....	x25,000,000	None
7½% Convertible debentures due 1936 (this issue).....	10,000,000	10,000,000
1st mtge. & coll. trust 6% bonds, 1919.....	100,000,000	31,718,500
Bonds of leased and sub. cos. out with public.....	y	2,017,600

x Sufficient of this Pref. "B" stock will be reserved to provide for conversion of the 7½% debentures. The 7% Cum. Pref. "A" stock will have priority over the 8% Cum. Pref. "B" stock as to assets, dividends, &c.

y Closed at present aggregate amount outstanding.

Compare V. 109, p. 176; V. 111, p. 298 and annual report for 1920 on a preceding page.—V. 112, p. 2087.

**Eastman Kodak Co. of N. J. & Sub. Cos.—Report.**

**Profit and Loss and Surplus Account for Calendar Years.**

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Net profits, after taxes.....	\$18,566,211	\$18,326,188	\$14,051,969	\$14,542,567
Preferred dividends (6%).....	369,942	369,942	369,942	369,942
Common dividends (40%).....	7,865,840	(40)7819,110	(45)8792,280	(30)5861,520

Balance, surplus..... \$10,330,429 \$10,137,136 \$4,889,747 \$8,311,105  
The balance sheet of Dec. 31 1920 shows total assets of \$92,782,035 (against \$88,718,113 Dec. 31 1919). This includes property account, \$31,030,658, and also current assets of \$60,584,307, notably cash, \$6,526,581, and inventories, \$31,560,322. Offsets include, with other items: (a) Current liabilities, \$11,441,042; accounts payable, incl. provision for Federal taxes, \$2,765,327, and notes payable (since paid), \$1,600,000, against \$5,749,231 on Dec. 31 1919; (b) Common stock, \$19,664,600; and also (c) Pref. stock, \$6,165,700; (d) Common stock, \$19,664,600; and also (d) profit and loss surplus, \$52,339,336, against \$42,008,907 on Dec. 31 1919.—V. 112, p. 1621, 656.

**Elder Steel Steamship Co., Inc.—Notes Offered.**

Mention was made in these columns in V. 112, p. 2087, of the offering at 98 and int. of \$1,000,000 8% Secured Gold Notes, due Oct. 1 1929 by Baker, Avling & Young, Boston. A circular further shows: Int. payable A. & O. in N. Y. City at New York Trust Co., trustee. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Company has agreed to set aside \$125,000 annually out of net earnings to retire these notes.

**Capitalization (after this financing)**—1st mtge. serial 7% gold bonds, due 1922-30 (V. 110, p. 1529) \$1,935,000; secured 8% notes (this issue) \$1,000,000, Capital stock, (no par value), 50,000 shares. Company has no bank loans.

**Security.**—Secured by the S. S. Deerfield and West Catanage subject only to the first mortgage bonds. Company covenants that no div. shall be paid on the stock while any notes of this issue are outstanding.

**Earnings (as reported by the Company) for year 1920.**

Gross receipts.....	\$2,760,115
Operating expenses, incl. insurance.....	1,456,875
Administrative & general expenses.....	112,116
Bond and note interest.....	218,745
Balance avail. for bond red., taxes, deprec., amort., &c.....	972,379

In the past 6 months, \$500,000 notes and \$215,000 bonds have been retired. See V. 112, p. 2087.

**Elk Basin Consol. Petroleum Co.—Stock Offered.—Earnings.**

President Fred W. Freeman, Denver, May 14 says: In order to take care of the outlays in connection with the enlarged programme for development of production and for the increase of refinery capacity the directors have determined to offer to stockholders of record on May 23 subscription rights at par (\$5) for 20% of their holdings, payable in full on June 10 1921.

The annual report for the calendar year 1920 just issued shows: Profit for the year 1920, \$2,019,732; Deductions: Res. for depletion and depreciation, \$776,754; res. for Federal taxes, \$203,461; res. for insurance, \$7,390; dividends paid, \$825,417; surplus for year, \$206,711; tax adjustment, \$45,508; surplus Dec. 31 1919, \$1,167,472; total surplus, \$1,419,691; adjustment of accounts as result of consolidation, \$706,471; profit and loss, surplus Dec. 31 1920, \$713,220.

On Dec. 31 1920 the outstanding capital stock was \$9,000,000; current assets, \$4,297,174 (incl. cash, \$1,250,540, U. S. Liberty bonds, \$150,000, and material and supplies, \$1,929,761), and current liabilities, \$2,342,231, being \$1,565,096 notes payable and \$777,135 accounts payable.—V. 112, p. 1981.

**Elwell-Parker Electric Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.**

The bankers named below recently offered at 100 and div. \$600,000 8% Cum. Pref. (a. & d.) stock. Red. all or part at 110 and div. on 30 days' notice. Annual redemption, beginning in 1922 of at least 5% of the issue of preferred stock is provided. Div. Q.-J.

Business established in 1893. Now manufactures a complete line of electric industrial trucks and tractors.

Net profits after depreciation, Federal taxes and interest charges for the year ended June 30 1917, \$174,416; 1918, \$165,488; 1919, \$168,954; for the 6 months ended Dec. 31 1919, \$101,665, and for the calendar year 1920 \$245,002. President M. S. Towson.

**Bankers Making Offering.**—Union Trust Co., Borton & Borton, Tillotson & Wolcott Co., United Security Co., Cleveland.

**(H. C.) Frick Coke Co.—Wage Reductions.**

Beginning May 16 a new wage scale was put into operation by the company. The wage cut, which amounts to 25 to 35%, affects about 25,000 men of the entire Connellsville region.

The new scale, with a comparison of the scale which was adopted Sept. 1 1920, shows that for a 9-hour day outside laborers will be paid \$3 30 instead of the present \$5 40; track layers will receive \$5 55, instead of the present \$7 55; assistant track layers \$4 75, instead of \$6 75; mine laborers \$4 55, instead of \$6 55; pick miners \$2 65, instead of \$3 24; fire bosses \$7, instead of \$8 80. Coal loaders will be paid \$1 65, instead of \$2 10 for 100 bushels, and hand drawers \$1 51, instead of \$2 60 for 100 bushels.—V. 107, p. 505.

**General Motors Corp.—Permanent Financing of Acquisition of Durant Interest by E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.**

See E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. above and in V. 112, p. 2087.—V. 112, p. 1871.

**Glen Alden Coal Co., Scranton, Pa.—Stockholders of Delaware Lackawanna & Western RR. Given Right to Subscribe to New Coal Co. Stock, &c.**

Pres. William W. Inglis in a letter to the stockholders of the D. L. & W. RR., dated May 16, says:

The Glen Alden Coal Co. has offered the D. L. & W. RR. the sum of \$60,000,000 for its anthracite coal properties, to be paid as per terms of contract of sale, with interest at 4%. [To be secured by a purchase-money mortgage upon the real estate conveyed.] A formal contract of sale has been prepared to be executed upon your approval. The Glen Alden Coal Co. was incorporated in Pennsylvania in 1866.

We propose to merge the company with the Diamond Anthracite Coal Co., a Pennsylvania corporation which we also control, and, by action in conformity with Pennsylvania laws, increase the number of shares of the capital stock of the merged companies to 846,000 shares, of no par value.

We shall offer this stock to the stockholders of the Delaware Lackawanna & Western RR. Co. of record June 15 1921, on the basis of one share of Glen Alden Co. stock for each share of Railroad company stock, at \$5 per share, payable on or before Aug. 20 1921. Arrangements have been made with the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., New York City, to act as transfer agents, and with the First National Bank of New York to act as registrar of the stock.

On or before June 20 next subscription blanks will be mailed to all stockholders of record June 15 1921, for the number of shares to which they may subscribe, in accordance with the foregoing plan.

This company will be operated by officials now employed in the coal mining department of your company, the Vice-President and Manager of such department having been selected as its President. [See also Delaware Lackawanna & Western RR. above.]

**Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Akron.—Readjustment Plan Declared Operative—Voting Trust.**

An official announcement May 16 says:

The plan of readjustment, dated Feb. 1 1921, has been declared operative (V. 112, p. 656), and, pursuant thereto, the company has created and sold the First Mtge. Bonds, Debentures, and Prior Preference Stock, as contemplated by the plan, and has been reorganized under Ohio no par value law.

The committees have caused the Preferred Stock and Common Stock represented by them to be transferred to Voting Trustees, as follows: (1) Preferred Stock.—E. G. Wilmer, A. H. Scoville and W. A. Phillips, voting trustees, and Union Trust Co., Cleveland, O., depository. (2) Common Stock.—Fred S. Borton, C. R. Erwin, E. E. Mack, Russel L. Robinson and F. A. Seiberling, voting trustees, and Union Trust Co. of Cleveland, O., is depository.

Voting trust certificates are now ready for delivery in exchange for stock certificates duly endorsed in blank: (a) the Preferred either at Union Trust Co. of Cleveland or Guaranty Trust Co., New York; (b) the Common either at the Union Trust Co. of Cleveland or Central Union Trust Co., New York.

The company will cause the necessary stock transfer stamps to be affixed. It is intended to make application in due course for the listing on the New York Stock Exchange of the voting trust certificates for both issues. [The N. Y. Stock Exchange has admitted to trading \$50,000,000 temporary 1st mtge. 20-year 8% sinking fund bonds, due May 1 1941, previously traded in on a when-issued basis.]

**Deposits \$18,000,000 to Pay Credit Extended by Bankers.**

The company has deposited with the Central Union Trust Co. \$18,000,000 for payment of a credit for that amount extended last October by a group of New York bankers headed by Goldman, Sachs & Co. The credit matured on May 15.

**New Management—Seiberling Sever Official Relations.**

Edward G. Wilmer, formerly V.-Pres. of Steel & Tube Co. of America, has been appointed President, succeeding F. A. Seiberling, whose resignation was part of the readjustment program.

The new directors are: J. P. Cotton, of McAdoo, Cotton & Franklin; P. W. Litchfield, Akron; Grayson M. P. Murphy, N. Y. City; J. R. Nutt, Pres. Union Trust Co., Cleveland; Robert C. Schaffner, of A. G. Becker & Co., Chicago; A. A. Schlesinger, Pres. Steel & Tube Co. of America; G. M. Stadelman, Akron; Ralph Van Vechten, V.-Pres. Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, and Edgar G. Wilmer.

Messrs. Stadelman and Litchfield are to continue with the company as Vice-Presidents. H. H. Springfield is Treas. and Charles A. Stillman, Sec.

F. A. Seiberling, former President, issued the following: "My brother, C. W. Seiberling, and myself sever our official relation with the company and control of the business passes into the hands of the

bankers, as provided in the reorganization plan. Both of us continue our interests as the company's largest stockholders. For 22 years we have labored together with a loyal staff of as able men as can be found in any business organization in this country. What has been achieved the community knows.

"The nation-wide slump in business last fall brought the business to the verge of disaster. Since that hour I have had but one purpose—to save the company from a receivership. That was accomplished and the new management inherit a business soundly financed and with the finest working organization of any business in the rubber industry.

"My successor is E. G. Wilmer, a young man of fine legal training and broad experience in operating business."—V. 112, p. 2088.

### Granby Consol. Mining, Smelting & Power Co., Ltd.

	Years ending June 30			
Year end	1918-19	1917-18	1916-17	1915-16
Gross income	\$6,684,123	\$6,561,099	\$11,644,310	\$12,259,185
Operating costs	6,323,813	6,660,054	7,519,491	6,909,854
Interest, &c.	507,775	1,200,884	582,195	320,079
Expenses, taxes, &c.	539,546	4764,570	2,015,491	1,250,267
Loss	\$687,011	\$984,409	*\$1,527,133	*\$3,768,985
Other income				197,225
Deficit	\$687,011	\$984,409	*\$1,527,133	*\$3,966,210
Dividends		1,312,537	1,500,042	1,349,962
Balance, sur. or def.	def \$687,011	def \$2,296,945	sur \$27,091	sur \$2,616,248
Profit and loss surplus	\$497,298	\$1,124,409	\$3,429,417	\$9,434,039

a Includes depreciation \*surplus.—V. 112, p. 937.

### Great Western Power Co.—Bonds Pledged—Caribou Plant

The California RR. Commission has granted the company permission to issue \$2,205,000 1st & Ref. M. Series B 7% bonds to be pledged as security for its Gen. M. Conv. 8% bonds.

In addition, company has made a second application for permission to issue and pledge \$1,295,000 more Series B 7%.

The granting of this second application will complete the pledge of \$3,500,000 of these underlying bonds as security for the first series of a like amount of general mortgage 8s.

Earnings, as reported by the company, for the year ended Feb. 28 1921, are sufficient to authorize the issuance of \$1,065,000 more series B 7s, the pledge of which will bring the total pledged bonds up to \$4,565,000, or over 90% of the amount necessary to complete the pledge as security for the \$5,000,000 general closed mtge. 8% convertible issue.

The San Francisco "News Bureau" states that the opening of the Caribou power plant at Bechen took place May 7. This unit adds 59,000 h.p. to the facilities of northern California. It has been 23 months in construction and cost \$15,000,000. The project, it is said, will close five of the company's steam plants and save 1,350,000 barrels of oil annually. The company has a \$200,000,000 hydro-electric plant outlined.—V. 112, p. 1982, 1287

### Hercules Powder Co.—Quarterly Report.

Quarters end	Mar. 31—1921	1920	1919	1918
Gross receipts	\$2,828,238	\$4,786,630	\$6,674,785	\$8,800,872
Net earnings aft. dep., &c.	def \$2,401	632,023	302,881	1,328,056
Prof. div. (1 1/4%)	116,652	93,625	93,625	93,625

Balance, surplus, def \$179,053 \$538,398 \$209,256 \$1,234,440

The balance sheet as of March 31 1921 shows total assets of \$30,825,499, against \$31,354,613 on Dec. 31 1920. This includes property account, \$16,964,012, and also current assets of \$13,861,487, notably cash, \$1,379,669; Liberty bonds, \$2,608,390; accounts receivable, \$2,371,964, and inventories, \$6,423,261. Offsets include with other items (a) current liabilities, \$564,359; bills and accounts payable, \$465,507, against \$885,745 on Dec. 31 1920 and outstanding securities, viz.: (b) Pref. stock, \$6,724,400; (c) Common stock, \$7,150,000; and also (d) p. & l. surplus, \$14,577,608, against \$14,971,161 on Dec. 31 1920.—V. 112, p. 1982.

### Holly Sugar Corp.—To Create \$5,000,000 Bonds.

The stockholders will vote May 31 on creating an issue of \$5,000,000 mtge. bonds, to be dated May 1 1921, or such later date as determined by the directors, and to mature in not to exceed 15 years, to bear interest at not in excess of 8% per annum, all as the stockholders shall approve or as the directors shall determine.—V. 112, p. 1745.

### Hood Rubber Co.—New Financing Contemplated.

It is reported that the company is contemplating the issuance of \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 notes for the purpose of paying off bank loans and for working capital.—V. 112, p. 938.

### Illinois Pipe Line Co.—Dividend Increased.

A semi-annual dividend of 8% has been declared on the outstanding \$20,000,000 capital stock (par \$100), payable June 30 to holders of record May 31. In Dec. last, 10% was paid, while in June 1920 and in June and Dec. 1919 8% each were paid.—V. 112, p. 1404.

**International Fur Exchange, Inc., St. Louis.—Affairs Explained by President—Plans for Reorganization Are Being Considered.**—President P. B. Fouke in a letter to the stockholders dated May 10 said in substance:

**Reason for Present Condition.**—The present unfortunate condition has been directly brought about by the sudden and violent collapse in the spring of 1920, of the wholesale market for furs, a condition which in large measure still continues.

The first public auction sale (subsequent to the formation of the company) held in Sept. 1919, was a marked success, the aggregate sales being \$12,000,000 out of about \$15,000,000 offered. Substantially all of the furs sold were taken up and paid for.

At the second public auction sale, held in Feb. 1920, the aggregate sales were about \$22,000,000 out of about \$27,000,000 offered. The failure, however, of purchasers of about half in value of the furs sold to take up and pay for them contributed directly to the present situation.

The public auction sale held in May 1920 was unsuccessful, the aggregate amount of furs sold being less than \$3,000,000 out of \$38,000,000 offered.

**Operating Company's Advances.**—In accordance with the custom of the public fur auction business, followed for many years in the United States and elsewhere, International Fur Exchange (the Missouri Operating Co.) made large advances to dealers who had sent in furs to be sold at the auction sales, and also extended credit to the purchasers at the auction sales. Due to the extremely sudden and violent depression in the trade, and the failure of the May sale and the failure to collect advances to creditors, the Operating Company found itself in June 1920 heavily indebted for moneys which it had borrowed to enable it to make advances and payments to the shippers. These advances and indebtednesses were secured by the furs shipped to and bought from the company, possession of which furs the company retained.

Approximately 65% of any losses with respect to furs sold at the Feb. and May auctions were to be assumed by Lloyds and other insurers.

**Debt to Banks Consolidated.**—The debt owing by the Operating Company to banking institutions was consolidated in the form of an acceptance credit of a little over \$23,000,000, effective July 20 1920, for 90 days. In addition, an arrangement was made to finance the debt of the purchasers at the May sale by borrowing about \$2,000,000. As collateral security for the acceptance credit, the Operating Company assigned all of its claims for advances made to shippers whose furs were not sold at the auctions and all its claims against purchasers at the Feb. auction. It also gave other collateral, including certain furs which it owned. The face amount of the assigned claims was about \$23,000,000 and the Feb. 1920 and prior sale price or shippers' invoice value of the furs held by the Fur Exchange as collateral therefor was listed at about \$36,000,000. The obligation of the Operating Company in respect of the acceptance credit was guaranteed by the Holding Company and by its principal common stockholders.

**Purchasers in Bankruptcy—Shrinkage of Collateral.**—Many of the purchasers at the Feb. and May sales indebted for furs then purchased, and many of the dealers who received advances on furs shipped to those sales but which were not sold, are in financial difficulties or have become bankrupt. The value of the claims assigned as collateral for the acceptance credit is now estimated to be less than the amount of the acceptance credit. Moreover, the shrinkage in value of the furs held by the Fur Exchange, as above stated, for collateral, has been so great that in Feb. 1921 the collateral, remaining after clearances of approximately 20% of the total, could not be valued at more than about \$10,000,000.

**February 1921 Sales.**—The net sales at the Feb. 1921 auction amounted to about \$7,877,000, in addition to which the Operating Company bought in furs valued at \$2,167,000 in the belief that better prices may be realized later. The May 1921 sale was passed over, as it was thought inadvisable to hold it, owing to business depression, etc.

**Reduction of Operating Co.'s Debt.**—As a result of the liquidation which has taken place thus far the operating Company's debt, consolidated in the form of the above-mentioned acceptance credit of July 20 1920, has been reduced from \$23,187,584 to \$15,763,017 as of Mar. 26 1921.

**Assets and Liabilities.**—Including the accrued interest and other current liabilities, the total debt as shown by the consolidated balance sheet of International Fur Exchange, Inc., as of Mar. 26 1921 was \$18,065,604. The current assets, as nearly as can be determined, were \$3,863,167 as follows:

Cash	\$1,666,791
Notes receivable	995,636
Accounts receivable, considered good	2,942,249
Inventory (incl. furs bought in at Feb. 1921 sale), believed to be on conservative valuation	2,684,359
Inventory—joint account	574,132

**Apparent Deficit \$9,200,000.**—Against the [apparent] deficit of \$9,200,000, the Operating Company has claims against purchasers on prior sales amounting to \$4,850,157, of which \$2,042,586 represents amounts owing by concerns now bankrupt. Against approximately 65% of the loss arising out of this account, the Operating Company holds insurance policies issued by Lloyds and other insurers. In addition, there is owing to the Operating Company deficit accounts, resulting from advances to shippers, amounting to \$7,405,142, of which \$2,061,800 is owing by concerns now bankrupt. These items are not insured and there seems to be no possibility of avoiding a very heavy loss in the final settlement of the items. It is believed that the fur concerns which thus far have survived bankruptcy will in many instances be able to meet the claims, but there is no present prospect that the ultimate collections will be sufficient to satisfy the above debt.

**Other Assets.**—The only other assets shown on the consolidated balance sheet are made up of real estate investments, in which the estimated equity is valued at \$225,000, and stocks, miscellaneous accounts, &c., \$200,000, and investments in the stock of subsidiary companies which own valuable trade names, the combined assets being of insufficient value to meet the indebtedness. The Operating Co. recently disposed of its stock in and claims against the Gibbins & Lohn Dressing & Dyeing Co., which company was operating at a loss, for \$400,000 cash, which enabled the reduction of liabilities to that extent.

**Acceptance Credit Renewed.**—The acceptance credit agreement, the first which has taken place, therefore, the Operating Company's debt, consolidated in the form of the above-mentioned acceptance credit of July 20 1920, has been reduced from \$23,187,584 to \$15,763,017 as of Mar. 26 1921, renewal of which expired on Apr. 18 1921, has been renewed until June 2 '21.

**Reorganization.**—Holders of substantial amounts of both Preferred and Common stocks have been informally conferring as to the possibilities of a reorganization plan. Efforts to bring about this result are being continued.—V. 112, p. 1029.

### International Paper Co.—Strike—Suit against "Globe."

Some of the companies affected by the strike of May 1 and May 11, and whose plants are closed down, are Fort Francis Paper Co., Spanish River Pulp & Paper Co., Cliff Paper Co., Sherman Paper Co., St. Maurice Paper Co., Pettibone-Cataract Paper Co., Hanna Paper Co., St. Regis Paper Co., Abitibi Power & Paper Co., International Paper Co., Union Bag & Paper Co.

The Commercial Advertiser Association, publishers of the New York "Globe & Commercial Advertiser," filed in the Federal Court May 17 a suit for \$500,000 damages for alleged loss of circulation and advertising against the International Paper Co., Pres. Philip T. Dodge and George F. Steele, who was Secretary of the Newspaper Manufacturers' Association. This loss, the complaint says, was undergone during 1915-16-17, when, it is contended, American and Canadian manufacturers formed the Newspaper Manufacturers' Association, and eliminated competition, curtailed production and charged excessive prices for newspaper paper. The plaintiff holds this to be a combination in restraint of trade. Under the Clayton amendment to the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, punitive damages totaling \$1,500,000 and costs are demanded.—V. 112, p. 2088.

### International Shoe Co. (of Del.), St. Louis.—Large Shoe Merger—W. H. McElwain Co., Boston, Merged with International Shoe Co.—Announcement was made on May 17 of the merger of the above companies.

The merger brings together 32 shoe factories of the International Shoe Co. in Illinois, Kentucky and Missouri; 3 tanneries of Kistler, Lesh & Co., Boston, recently merged with the St. Louis concern (V. 112, p. 1872), and which operates tanneries in Pennsylvania and North Carolina; 10 shoe factories, 2 tanneries and 4 shoe materials factories of the W. H. McElwain Co., located in New Hampshire. The combined sales of the two companies in 1920 were more than \$128,000,000. The net tangible assets of the combined companies approximates \$40,000,000.

The merger is to be accomplished through exchange of securities, and it is stated that there will be no public financing.

**Extracts from Statement by J. F. McElwain, Pres. W. H. McElwain Co.** The merger is the result of a long standing kinship of purposes and idealism between the two companies and of the desirability of solving jointly the problems of the future. Both have striven to make shoes at the lowest possible cost by methods of manufacturing and distribution which have placed them in the lead in their respective spheres.

The companies do not compete except on the fringes of their respective lines. The International, through its strong distributors, Roberts, Johnson & Rand, Peters Shoe Co. and Friedman-Shelby Co., all of St. Louis, have developed an outlet for their product throughout the West excelled by none. We believe that, merged, we can make more shoes and make them better for less money.

### Extracts from Statement by F. C. Rand, Pres. Internat'l Shoe Co.

Our sales have grown more rapidly than our manufacturing capacity. Throughout the dull period of the past six months the company has not closed down a factory and is now producing more pairs of shoes a day than at any other time in its history. Although we have increased our manufacturing by building one or two, and sometimes three, factories a year since 1914, our production has not kept up with the increasing business.

W. H. McElwain Co. have been for a number of years the largest producers of shoes in New England in their particular field of shoemaking. About 65% of their production has been sold in New York, Pennsylvania and the North Atlantic Coast States, including New England. They have also enjoyed a large business from retailers in large cities, a field not heretofore developed to a large extent by the International Shoe Co.

The W. H. McElwain Co. has present factory capacity of 40,000 pairs of shoes per day, made in 10 highly specialized, modern factories. Along with these shoe factories, sole leather and upper leather tanneries are owned and operated. With this added strength the International Shoe Co. is prepared to produce 120,000 pairs of shoes daily and at the same time the several tanneries of the company will be producing leather in quantities second only to one other tannery in America.

The International Shoe Co. was incorp. in Missouri in 1911 and reincorp. in Delaware March 16 1921. Authorized capital, \$25,000,000 8% Cum. Pref. stock and 1,400,000 no par value Common shares. Outstanding at latest accounts, \$12,250,000 Pref. and 765,000 shares Common.

The W. H. McElwain Co. was incorp. in 1911. Business founded in 1895. Capital outstanding, \$3,500,000 Common, \$7,100,000 1st Pref. and \$2,700,000 2d Pref.—V. 112, p. 1288, 1872.

### Interstate Iron & Steel Co.—New Bond Issue.

A. G. Becker & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co. and A. B. Leach & Co., it is stated, have purchased a new issue of \$4,000,000 1st Mtge. 20-Year 8% Sinking Fund bonds, which will shortly be offered to the public at par. The purpose of the financing, it is said, is to retire \$1,787,000 1st Mtge. 6% serial bonds and provide additional working capital.—V. 112, p. 2088.

### Island Oil & Transport Corporation.—Earnings.

Consolidated earnings statement 3 months ended March 31 1921 shows: Gross sales of oil, \$3,633,942; net sales of oil, \$3,175,671; cost of sales, \$1,728,517; gross income from sales, \$1,447,153; other income, \$7,728; net income from operation, \$1,454,881; deductions, \$249,737; surplus for period, \$1,205,145.—V. 112, p. 1150.

### Jewell Belting Co., Hartford, Conn.—New Vice-Pres.—

Ralph I. Poucher has been elected as a Vice-President.—V. 112, p. 475.

**Kelly-Springfield Tire Co.—Notes Listed.**

The New York Stock Exchange has admitted to the list \$10,000,000 10-year 8% sinking fund notes, due May 15 1931, when issued. See offering in V. 112, p. 2088.

**La Belle Iron Works.—Supreme Court Decides that Unearned Increment Cannot be Included as Invested Capital in Reckoning Excess Profits Tax.**

The decision handed down by the U. S. Supreme Court on Monday is covered fully under "Current Events" on a preceding page. The decision says in part: "Under provisions of 1917 law, company was entitled to a deduction of 7% upon its invested capital. The company stated its invested capital at \$26,322,904, and before computing its excess profits tax deducted 7% of said sum, or \$1,842,603. "Said invested capital, as stated by the company, included \$10,105,400, representing the part of its capital invested in its ore lands, which were acquired prior to 1904 for \$190,000. Further developments showed the value of lands was greatly increased between the date of purchase and 1912. In that year the company increased the valuation of its land on its books by adding \$10,000,000, and carried that sum to surplus, and declared a stock dividend of \$9,915,400, representing said increase. Thereafter this sum had been treated as part of its invested capital. "This was disallowed by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, reducing invested capital of company from \$26,322,907 to \$16,407,507. Commissioner assessed additional tax of \$1,081,184, which was paid under threat of execution and levy on its property for failure to do so. Company filed March 17 1920 a claim for refund."—V. 111, p. 291, 299.

**(W. H.) McElwain Co., Boston.—Merger with Int. Shoe. See International Shoe Co. above.—V. 112, p. 1983.**

**Magnolia Petroleum Co.—Stock Offered to Stockholders.**

The trustees have authorized that the remaining unissued capital stock (about \$2,649,000 of the authorized capital of \$120,000,000) be offered for subscription at par (\$100 per share) as follows: (a) For a period of 20 days from May 13 to stockholders for cash to be paid the Treasurer, W. C. Proctor, P. O. Box 1667, Dallas, Tex., on or before July 15 1921, 2% of stock owned by each stockholder of record May 13, each stockholder being entitled to subscribe for a purchase a full share whenever he is entitled to a fractional share. If the 2% subscription is not paid for on or before July 15, the subscription shall be void. (b) All stock remaining not subscribed for or issued to stockholders on June 2 1921, and all stock not paid for before July 15, shall be sold to employees at par (\$100), to be paid for within two years from July 5 1921 in equal quarterly installments with int. at rate of 6% per annum on the unpaid principal, payable quarterly. Employees entitled to subscribe for such stock shall be those recommended by the Manager of the department in which employees are working. Title to employees' stock shall remain with trustees for the full period of two years with no right of sale in the employee and with the provision if the employee leaves the service his right to such stock ceases and such money as he has paid in shall be refunded without interest upon his leaving. None of the stock shall be issued prior to July 16 1921, and shall not be entitled to participate in any dividends that might be declared and paid prior to July 16 1921.—V. 112, p. 1972.

**Marland Oil Co. of Del.—Listing.**

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of: (1) \$4,000,000 (auth. \$7,000,000) temporary 10-yr. 8% sinking fund participating gold coupon bonds Series A, due April 1, 1931. (See offering in V. 112, p. 1746.) (2) 703,631 outstanding shares (auth. 2,000,000 shares) Capital stock, no par value, with authority to add (a) 88,470 shares on official notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding certificates of deposit held by stockholders of Marland Refining Co. and Kay County Gas Co. who have deposited their stock in these companies with authority to add; (b) 8,183 shares on official notice of issuance in exchange for 163,674 shares of the Capital stock of Kay County Gas Co. (par \$1) at the rate of one share of the holding company for 20 shares of Kay County Gas Co., and (c) 33,759 shares of the holding company on official notice of issuance in exchange for 337,598 shares of the Capital stock of Marland Refining Co. (par \$5) at the rate of one share of the holding company for 10 shares of Marland Refining Co., with authority to add (d) 100,000 shares on official notice of issuance to holders of stock subscription warrants under the provisions of the 10-year 8% participating bonds each \$1,000 bond of which carries a detachable warrant entitling the holder thereof to subscribe to 25 shares of the holding company's stock on or before April 1 1931, at the rate of \$40 per share, with authority to add (e) 20,000 shares on official notice of issuance for sale at the rate of \$40 per share to Marland Refining Co. and Kay County Gas Co. for use by said companies in fulfilling salary and stock contracts with their employees, making a total applied for 954,043 shares. Compare offering of bonds and consolidated statement of earnings and tentative balance sheet in V. 112, p. 1735, 1746, 1983.

**Mason Valley Mines Co.—Earnings.**

Income Account for Year 1920.				
Calendar Years—	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Gross profit.....	\$13,229	\$124,038	\$261,490	\$500,323
Expenses.....	45,589	33,894	42,448	106,557
Net profits.....	def. \$32,360	\$90,144	\$219,042	\$393,766
Other income.....	28,544	35,335	26,583	1,986
Total income.....	def. \$3,816	\$125,479	\$245,625	\$395,752
Interest, taxes, &c.....	56,249	136,235	67,423	37,474
Balance.....	def. \$60,065	def. \$10,754 sur.	\$178,202 sur.	\$358,276

The company, it is stated, had no production in 1920.—V. 110, p. 1093.

**Maxwell Motor Co.—Payments Called—Sale Confirmed.**

The reorganization committee of which Walter P. Chrysler is Chairman gives notice that payment to the Central Union Trust Co., depository, on or before June 1, of the unpaid balance of the Class "A" and Class "B" stock specified in the outstanding subscription warrants issued in pursuance of the plan and agreement of the reorganization dated Sept. 1 1920 has been called. Holders of subscription warrants are required to make the payment within the time limit and failure to do so will forfeit all rights of purchase under the subscription warrants and under the plan, and all amounts paid upon the subscription warrants; and all subscription warrants in respect of which such failure to pay shall be made will thereupon become void. The sale of the properties has been confirmed by Judge Tuttle in the Federal Court at Bay City, Mich., after the reorganization committee elected to enter an appearance and become liable individually to protesting preferred stockholders of the old company. Judge Tuttle had given the attorneys two options, the other being that 180,000 shares of Class "B" stock be set aside in the reorganized company and placed in control of the Court for the purpose of allotting it to the interveners. Judge Tuttle dismissed the petitions of the interveners who attempted to prevent confirmation of the sale.—V. 112, p. 2089.

**Merck & Co.—Annual Report.**

Income account for 1920 and six months ending Dec. 31 1919 was given in the issue of April 2 1921, page 1405.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.					
1920.		1919.		1920.	
<b>Assets—</b>					
Cash.....	217,356	460,940	Pref. stock—35,000		
Government bonds.....	165,000	335,000	shs., 8% cum., par		
Acc'ts rec., less res'v'e	634,257	1,217,726	value \$100.....	3,500,000	3,500,000
Notes rec., less res'v'e	1,777	1,535	Com. stock: 40,000		
Inventories.....	2,332,409	1,830,833	shs., no par value;		
Advanced for mdse.....	14,505	33,322	declared value.....	200,000	200,000
Accrued interest.....	3,064	3,310	Accounts payable.....	101,435	162,040
Miscellaneous.....	29,938	28,256	Consignments.....	1,828	32,663
Stocks owned in sub-			Sundry liabils. (incl.		
companies.....	y81,565	13,000	Fed. taxes in '20).....	70,525	106,012
Real est., bldgs., &c.			Notes payable.....		650,000
less depreciation.....	1,496,145	1,430,820	Reserve for conting's	130,000	500,000
Prepaid ins., tax., &c.	16,171	33,645	Surplus.....	988,400	662,304
C'dwill tr.-m'ks, &c.	1	1			
Def'd foreign acc'tr.		424,630			
Total.....	4,992,189	5,813,021	Total.....	4,992,189	5,813,021

x At cost or market, whichever is the lower. y Incl. company's Preferred stock purchased for retirement.—V. 112, p. 1405.

**Merritt Oil Corp., Denver, Colo.—Annual Report.**

Net earnings for the calendar year 1920 were \$2,401,994 before deducting for depletion, depreciation and taxes, which have not been finally determined. There has been set aside for depletion and depreciation \$1,390,282, and for taxes \$75,000 leaving a net profit for the year of \$936,712 before deducting dividends amounting to \$757,515. In addition to the above the reserves for depletion and depreciation were adjusted and increased \$1,125,034 of which amount \$222,310 was charged to surplus account and the balance \$902,723 to the various property accounts. The net production of the Merritt Co. after deduction of royalties, and The Ohio Oil Co.'s one-half of its joint operations, was 1,124,435 barrels. V. 110, p. 2188.

**Middle States Oil Corp.—Extra Dividend.**

An extra dividend of 1% has been declared on the outstanding capital stock in addition to the usual quarterly of 3%, both payable July 1 to holders of record June 10. Extra dividends of 1% each were paid in Jan. and Apr. last.—V. 112, p. 1983.

**Midvale Steel & Ordnance Co.—Sub. Co. Omits Div.**

See Cambria Steel Co. above. For sub. co. earnings for calendar year 1920, see "Chronicle" of May 7, page 1981.—V. 112, p. 2089, 1983.

**Moline (Ill.) Plow Co.—First Pref. Div. Deferred.—Second Preferred Dividend Omitted.**

The directors on May 10 decided that cash dividends on the First Pref. stock, payable June 1, be deferred, and that cash dividends on Second Pref. stock, payable June 1, be omitted. Compare V. 112, p. 939, 1974.

**Morgan Engineering Co., Alliance, O.—To Incr. Cap.**

The stockholders, it is reported, will vote May 21 on increasing the capital from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000, the increased stock to be divided into \$3,500,000 common and \$1,500,000 pref.—V. 105, p. 903; V. 111, p. 300.

**National Brick Co. of Laprairie, Ltd.—Reorganization.**

The bondholders will vote June 15 on effecting a reorganization of the company whereby the present issue of bonds will be wiped out by exchanging them for 7% Cum. Pref. stock. The bondholders will receive an amount of Preferred stock at par equal to the par value of their bonds and scrip and all interest overdue thereon to May 1 1921. The reorganization has been forced as a result of the falling off in demand for the company's products during the fall of 1920. The net operating profits for 1920 amounted to only \$30,103. As a result of cancellations and falling of in business, considerable advances which had been secured for manufacturing operations were not repaid and are still outstanding. Further working capital is required to finance the repayment of these advances and the reopening of the plant. In this extremity it has been decided to wipe out the outstanding bonds by exchanging them into preferred stock, and making an issue of \$750,000 6% 30-year 1st mtge. bonds to be used as collateral for a loan to provide working capital and meet pressing obligations. The issue of preferred stock will be made through increasing the capital stock (all Common) from \$2,000,000 to \$5,500,000, the \$3,500,000 new stock being preferred 7% cumulative. The bonds outstanding amount to \$2,319,100 and bear 6% interest. In April 1919 there was a reorganization effected whereby the bondholders agreed to accept three years' scrip in lieu of interest for that period, and to have payments of interest deferred until Oct. 1922, and even then the company was not to be considered as in default so long as 2% was paid as interest. The new plan arranges for the funding of the scrip and arrears of interest on the bonds by payment in preferred stock, raising the amount to cover all from the \$2,319,100 to \$3,500,000.—V. 108, p. 1614.

**National Transit Co.—Annual Report.**

Income Account for Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31.				
	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Net earnings.....	\$2,703,424	\$2,723,025	\$1,620,963	\$820,405
Dividends paid.....	(20%) 1,908,750(40)	2545,000(16)	1018,000(8%)	509,000
Miscellaneous.....	706,890	60	5,710	2,510
Balance, surplus.....	\$87,784	\$177,965	\$597,253	\$308,895

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.				
1920.		1919.		
<b>Assets—</b>				
Pipe line plant.....	8,088,279	8,077,627	Capital stock.....	6,362,500
Other investments.....	7,197,823	7,644,087	Current liabilities.....	148,159
Cash.....	361,838	193,908	Accr. deprec. plant	4,142,368
Acc'ts receivable.....	2,651,638	1,046,361	Other items, incl.	6,011,836
Deferred assets.....	65,667	35,124	tax liability.....	3,176,494
Unadjusted debits.....	5,472	15,737	Corporate surplus.....	4,541,196
Total.....	18,370,717	17,005,844	Total.....	18,370,717

—V. 112, p. 751, 67.

**Nevada Consolidated Copper Co.—Earnings.**

Quarter end. Mar. 31—			
	1921.	1920.	1919.
Net gain.....	loss \$6,634	\$215,583	loss \$111,159
Dividends.....		499,864	749,796
Balance, deficit.....	\$6,634	\$284,281	\$860,955

—V. 112, p. 1873, 1747.

**New Cornelia Copper Co.—New President.**

Gordon R. Campbell, formerly Secretary, has been elected President, succeeding Charles Briggs.—V. 112, p. 2089.

**New England Power Co.—Bond Offering.**

The company invites proposals for the purchase of all or any of \$1,200,000 5% 1st mtge. bonds, being part of an issue which was authorized by the Massachusetts Board of Gas & Electric Light Commissioners July 26 1917. Proposals in writing will be received until May 21 1921 at office of company, 50 Congress St., Boston, Mass., addressed to Richard Y. FitzGerald, Clerk. Price at which bonds will be sold is subject to approval by Mass. Department of Public Utilities and by the directors.—V. 112, p. 1873.

**New York Air Brake Co.—Dividends.**

After the meeting of the directors May 18, President Starbuck stated that it was the unanimous recommendation of the directors that the dividend be made at the annual rate of 5%, but inasmuch as the company had already paid on March 26 2½%, the action on the remainder would be taken up at the regular August dividend meeting. The dividend of 2½% declared three months ago will, therefore, be considered as covering the first half of the current year, and if present expectations are fulfilled, a dividend of 1½% will be declared at the August dividend meeting, thereby placing the stock on a 5% annual basis. The stock has been on a 10% annual rate since March 1919; in 1917 and 1918 divs. of 20% each were paid; in 1916, 11½%; 1913 to 1915, 6% each year; 1912, 1½%; 1911, 4½%; 1910, 3%; 1908-09, nil; and from 1899 to 1907, 8% yearly.—V. 112, p. 1393.

**New York Edison Co.—To Appeal Coal Surcharge Case.**

Assistant Corporation Counsel Devery of N. Y. City has filed an application in the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court for permission to appeal to the Court of Appeals at Albany from the recent decision of the Appellate Division which reversed Justice Cobalan's order enjoining the company from making a coal surcharge on its bills for electric light service.—V. 112, p. 1983.

**New York & Queens Gas Co.—No Reduction.**

See Consolidated Gas Co. above.—V. 111, p. 2049.

**New York Telephone Co.—Capital Increase.**

The company has filed a certificate at Albany of an increase in its authorized capital from \$200,000,000 to \$250,000,000.—V. 112, p. 1983, 1974.

**North American Pulp & Paper Companies Trust.—Time Extended.**

The time for the deposit of Common shares under agreement, whereby the proportionate amount of Preferred and Common shares of Saguenay Pulp & Paper Co. stock to which the trust shares are entitled, may be sold at \$6 (U. S. funds) per share for the Common shares of the trust so deposited has been extended to June 15.—V. 112, p. 1873.

**Nunnally Co. (of Delaware).—Earnings.**—Earnings for the quarter ending March 31 amounted to \$56,084, it is reported, before Federal taxes and depreciation.—V. 111, p. 1858.

**Otis Elevator Co.—Circular as to Stock Divs.**—Chairman W. D. Baldwin in a circular of May 5 says in substance:

"The authorized Common stock was increased at the annual meeting April 19 1920 by 50,000 shares of \$100 each, the same to be issued from time to time as may be determined by the board.

"The directors on May 4 1921 declared a stock dividend of 50% upon the outstanding [\$9,485,200] Common stock [payable July 1 to holders of record June 15].

"The total authorized capitalization is now \$6,500,000 Preferred stock (all issued and outstanding) and \$15,000,000 Common stock.

"The surplus and undivided net profits arising from the business as of Dec. 31 1920 was \$6,190,277, and the 50% stock dividend upon the outstanding Common stock will call for the distribution of 47,426 shares, or \$4,742,600 (making a total of \$14,227,800 Common outstanding.—Ed.)

"The company has paid regular 6% dividends upon the Preferred stock since its organization in 1898. No dividends were paid on the Common stock until 1903, when 2% dividends were inaugurated. This rate was increased in 1907 to 3%; in 1911 to 4%; in 1914 to 5%, and in 1920 to 8%, with an additional 2% paid on Jan. 15 1921." See V. 112, p. 2090, 1983.

**Owens Bottle Co.—Quarterly Earnings.**—The report for the first quarter of 1920 shows: Manufacturing profits and royalties, \$649,412; other income, \$284,457; total income, \$933,869; expenses, interest, &c., \$365,680; Federal tax, \$65,000; surplus, \$503,189.—V. 112, p. 2090, 1623.

**Pacific Mail Steamship Co.—No Dividend.**—The directors on May 18 voted to omit the semi-annual dividend of 10% usually paid in June.

Extra dividends of \$1 per share (20%) have been paid semi-annually, together with the regular dividend of 10% from June 1918 to June 1920, inclusive. In Dec. last an extra of 10% was paid in addition to the regular semi-annual dividend.—V. 112, p. 1151.

**Paraffine Companies, Inc.—Control by Ruberoid Co.**—See Ruberoid Co. below.—V. 109, p. 1855.

**Pennsylvania Utilities Co.—To Be Reorganized.**—

Application for a charter of incorporation for the Pennsylvania Edison Co. was filed on Mar. 28 with the State Department at Harrisburg, Pa. The company will succeed the Pennsylvania Utilities Co. and will issue no par value shares to the present holders of the \$100 par value stock. The Metropolitan Edison Co. owns a majority of the outstanding capital stock.

Co-operating with the company, nearly all holders of outstanding notes of the Pennsylvania Utilities Co. have agreed to cancel the notes they now hold and, with the consent of the P. S. Commission, accept stock of the new company in place of the notes.—V. 111, p. 1859.

**Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co.—Dividend Outlook.**—

President Samuel Insull, commenting on rumors of dividends on the stock, says: "Statements made recently in the press as to immediate dividend resumption are without foundation. Company is engaged in paying off, from month to month, a large floating debt accumulated during period of excessive operating costs and low selling price in bringing property up to proper standard. It will be late this fall before question of dividends can be considered by directors, and, if action is taken then, dividend will probably be small at the start, and will be on a quarterly basis." Compare V. 112, p. 1747, 1874.

**Quincy (Copper) Mining Co., N. Y. & Mich.—Earnings.**—

Calendar Years—	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Refined copper, lbs.-----	19,216,070	19,476,320	19,948,965	22,195,577
Gross income-----	\$3,210,113	\$3,861,998	\$4,857,085	\$6,350,510
Net income, def. \$193,051-----	\$593,879	\$1,205,427	\$2,916,092	\$2,916,092
Construc., renewals, &c.-----	337,690	177,282	342,383	406,795
Dividends-----	(4%)110,000	(16)440,000	(34)935,000	(72)1980,000

Balance, deficit----- \$640,741 \$23,403 \$71,956 sur. \$529,267  
—V. 112, p. 940.

**Republic Iron & Steel Co.—Common Dividend Omitted.**—

The directors on May 18 voted to omit the dividend on the \$30,000,000 Common stock usually paid in August.

Chairman John A. Topping, May 18, said in substance: "As profits for the year to date are substantially below dividend requirements and future earnings very uncertain the directors concluded it would be unwise to continue dividends on the Common stock, and therefore further disbursements were suspended."

The regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% has been declared on the Pref. stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June 17.—

Dividend Record—	'11.	'12.	'13.	'14.	'15.	'16.	'17.	'18.	'19.	'20.	'21.
On Preferred-----	1	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4
On accumul.-----	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 1/2
On Common-----							6	6	6	6	7 1/2

x In Feb. and May, quarterly dividends of 1 1/2% each were paid.—V. 112, p. 1747, 1624.

**Riordon Co., Ltd.—\$5,000,000 Bonds Offered to Stockholders—Status—Earnings for 1920—Balance Sheet, &c.**—

The stockholders are offered the right to subscribe at 90 and int. to \$5,000,000 10-year 8% Mtge. & Collateral Trust bonds as follows: 10% on application and the balance after allotment, as follows: 20% of the bonds allotted on allotment; 25% of the bonds allotted on July 2 1921, and 35% of the bonds allotted on Aug. 1 1921.

All subscribers will be entitled to receive 75% of the par value of the bonds so subscribed and paid for in fully paid up 7% Cumul. Convertible (2d) Pref. stock which have been provided by the holders thereof for this purpose and deposited with Montreal Trust Co.

Description.—Dated June 1 1921; due June 1 1931. Red. all or part at any time at 110 and int. on 90 days' notice. Int. payable J. & D. at Bank of Montreal, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Halifax and St. John. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c\*). Montreal Trust Co., Montreal, trustee. (Compare V. 112, p. 2090.)

Further Data from Letter of Committee, Montreal, May 6 1921.

New Directors.—At the suggestion of Royal Securities Corp. and United States bankers and others interested, the board was reconstituted by election of the following: F. P. Jones, Gen. Mgr. of Canada Cement Co.; Geo. M. McKee, Gen. Mgr. of Donnacora Pulp & Paper Co.; F. N. Southam, V.-Pres. of Wm. Southam & Sons, Ltd., and Fred E. Bronson, President of Bronson Co.

Sales, &c.—Combined sales of this company and its subsidiaries, Gaineau and Ticonderoga companies, for the year 1920 amounted to approximately \$24,000,000. Current year's logging operations of Riordon and Gaineau companies involve an expenditure of over \$8,000,000. The position of company is fundamentally sound, provided additional working capital can be furnished at once.

Properties, Mills, &c.—Properties, mills and timber lands of company and subsidiaries are the largest and most valuable of their kind in Canada under one control. Timber limits have an area of about 12,000 sq. miles, estimated to contain 25,000,000 cords of pulp wood and 1,200,000,000 ft. of standing white pine. Company and subsidiaries control developed and undeveloped water powers having an estimated capacity of over 200,000 h.p., situated close to timber areas. Company is largest producer of bleached sulphite pulp and the Gaineau Co. is the largest manufacturer of pine lumber in Canada.

Present capacity of mills at Kipawa, Hawkesbury and Merriton approximately 110,000 tons of bleached sulphite pulp p. a. Extension of the capacity at Kipawa by another 20,000 tons p. a. is far advanced and this increase can be made effective with little expense when finances of the company and the market for product justify the completion of this construction, which, for the present, has been discontinued.

Capacity of the sawmill at Calumet approximates 10,000,000 ft. board measure of lumber and it is proposed to operate this mill to capacity during the present season.

Pref. Dividend.—The soundness and value of company's business is unquestioned. Economy in operations and discontinuance of construction as far as possible is being instituted. It requires but working capital to insure the continued operation, and when justified by the cash position the Pref. dividends which are cumulative will undoubtedly be paid.

Earnings for Calendar Years—	1918.	1919.	1920.
Profits-----	\$1,651,259	\$1,958,791	\$4,624,630
Depreciation, depletion, &c., reserves-----	544,609	573,763	954,042
Bank interest-----	98,116	136,812	255,913
Bond interest-----	121,971	313,055	358,300

Net profits----- \$886,563 \$935,161 \$3,077,375  
For the calendar year 1920 the Gaineau Co., Ltd., earned, after all interest on borrowed moneys, mortgages, &c., but excluding interest on its debt to Riordon Co., \$474,000, from which will have to be deducted income tax for 1920 and any allowances which should be made for depreciation.  
The net earnings of the Ticonderoga Pulp & Paper Co. for 1920 after depreciation of \$139,221 and bank and bond interest of \$64,585, amounted to \$218,971.

Balance Sheet March 31 1921.	
Assets—	Liabilities—
Land, bldgs, timber limits, &c.-----	8% First Preferred shares-----
Invest. in Gaineau Co., Ltd.-----	10,000,000
Investments in other cos.-----	7% Preferred shares-----
Investments held in trust-----	27,000,000
Trade accts. rec. (less reserve)-----	Common shares-----
Other accounts rec., & invest.-----	8% 20-year gold bonds, 1940-----
Cash-----	6% 30-year debts., 1942-----
Unexpired insurance-----	6% 10-Yr. Gen. M. bds., 1929-----
Interest on timber limit mortgages-----	Mtges. on properties purch.-----
Undistributed repairs and construction expenditures-----	Bank loans (secured)-----
	Trade payables-----
	Accrued liab. & Govt. taxes-----
	Bond interest accrued-----
	Div. on Pref. due April 1-----
	Other current liabilities-----
	Reserves-----
	Surplus-----
Total (each side)-----	\$79,619,940

Contingent Liabilities.—In respect of payments on Gaineau properties, \$478,554; bills under discount, \$214,236; Ontario Government housing loan, \$125,000.

x O'Brien properties—two notes of \$500,000 each due Sept. 1921 and 1922, respectively, and note for \$700,000 due Sept. 1923. \$1,700,000. Dominion Bank properties—two notes for \$100,000 and \$200,000, respectively, due Sept. 1922 and Sept. 1923. \$300,000. Bronson properties—balance payable April 1 1925, \$650,000. Other property mtges., \$34,500.

y For depreciation, \$1,411,272; for insurance, &c., \$255,959; for foreign exchange, \$314,578; special reserve for contingencies and depreciation of properties as at date of organization, \$2,902,051.

inventories of logs, finished products, materials and supplies are valued at cost, the question of any revision in value has been left over for consideration until close of fiscal year. Compare V. 112, p. 2090.

**Ruberoid Co. (Formerly Standard Paint Co.), N. Y. City.—Bonds Offered.**—Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, and Hambleton & Co., New York, Baltimore, &c., are offering at 100 and int. \$1,000,000 1st Mtge. 15-Year 8% Sinking Fund gold bonds.

Dated May 1 1921, due May 1 1936. Int. payable M. & N. at Chase National Bank, New York, trustee, or Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Penna. 4-mill tax refunded. Red. all or part at 107 1/2 and int. on any int. date up to and incl. May 1 1922, the redemption premium decreasing 1/2 of 1% p. a. thereafter. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 (c\*).

Provisions.—Trust indenture will provide: (1) a sinking fund commencing May 1 1922 to retire each year until 1928 5% of the greatest amount of bonds outstanding, such percentage to be increased to 7 1/2% thereafter; (2) company will maintain net current assets equal to the amount of bonds outstanding; and (3) proceeds of any sale of the pledged stock will be forthwith applied to the retirement of bonds of this issue outstanding.

Data from Letter of V.-Pres. H. F. Gillespie, N. Y. City, April 21

Company.—Business began in 1886 under name of Standard Paint Co. name changed to present title in March 1920. Originally business was limited largely to manufacture of preservative and insulating paints, varnishes and waterproof compounds, but in 1893 was extended to manufacture of felt base "prepared" roofing, which has since enjoyed a worldwide distribution under the trade name "Ruberoid." Subsequently manufacture of shingles of like material was developed. Plants located at Bound Brook, N. J., and Joliet, Ill.

Paraffine Cos., Inc.—Controls the Paraffine Companies, Inc. (27,552 shares of 7% Cum. Pref. stock and 51,510 shares of Common stock pledged), engaged in a similar industry on the Pacific Coast, with principal office in San Francisco. Owns and operates a felt mill, asphalt refining plant, plants for making boxes, crates, barrels and iron drums and seven mills for the manufacture of paper and board, with a capacity of 80,000 tons per annum. Net earnings of the Paraffine Cos. for year ended June 30 1920, after reservation of \$900,000 for Federal taxes, are reported as \$1,515,135, equivalent, after providing for 7% on Pref., to \$12 per share on its outstanding 91,675 1/2 shares of Common stock. For 6 months ended Dec. 31 1920 net earnings before Federal taxes are reported as \$1,778,825.

The Ruberoid Co. also owns a controlling interest in companies located in Canada, Great Britain and Europe which distribute Ruberoid products.

Purpose.—Proceeds are to be used to reduce current indebtedness.

Net Earnings after Federal Taxes and All Reserves—Calendar Years.

1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
\$337,750	\$415,744	\$397,459	\$272,015	\$535,962

Capitalization (after This Financing)—Authorized. Outstanding

Capital stock (par \$100; divs. have been paid continuously since 1889)-----	\$5,000,000	\$4,996,200
First mortgage 15-year 8% bonds-----	1,500,000	1,000,000

**San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds Offered.**—Harris, Forbes & Co., Blyth, Witter & Co. and H. M. Bylesby & Co., New York, are offering at 87 and int., to yield about 7.30%, \$2,750,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. 6% gold bonds. The bankers state:

Dated March 1 1921, due March 1 1939. Optional at 105 and int. on any int. date prior to Mar. 1 1926; thereafter at 104 and int. to Mar. 1 1929; thereafter at 103 and int. to Mar. 1 1932; thereafter at 102 and int. to Mar. 1 1935; thereafter at 101 and int. to Sept. 1 1938. Int. payable M. & S. at Harris, Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, and Bank of California, San Francisco, trustees, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000 (c\*).

Company.—Operates without competition in the City of San Diego, Calif., and vicinity, furnishing gas and electricity to a population (1920 census) of 101,977. Has modern and well maintained gas and electric generating plants, together with comprehensive distributing systems. Company has just put into operation an additional steam generating capacity up to 19,450 k. w. The gas plants have a daily capacity of 6,125,000 cu. ft.

Capitalization, after This Financing—Authorized. Issued.

Preferred stock (cumulative) 7%-----	\$10,000,000	\$2,045,200
Common stock-----	10,000,000	2,972,500
First Mortgage 5s, March 1 1939-----		x5,130,000
First & Refunding 6s (present issue)-----	50,000,000	2,750,000
Collateral Trust Notes, 6%, July 1 1923-----		x550,000
x \$688,000 additional 1st M. bonds pledged as security for the \$550,000 Collateral Notes.		

Earnings (as Officially Reported) for Year Ended April 30 1921.

Gross earnings-----	\$3,092,524
Net after oper. exp. incl. taxes and maintenance-----	\$913,346
Annual bond interest charge (including Secured notes)-----	454,500

Balance----- \$458,846

Comparative Statement of Earnings, Years Ended April 30.

	1911-12.	1913-14.	1915-16.	1917-18.	1919-20.
Gross-----	\$336,455	\$1,345,269	\$1,501,248	\$1,783,752	\$2,336,828
Net-----	434,044	637,826	721,707	724,890	848,549

Bond Issue.—Secured by a first mortgage on the newly acquired power plant of the San Diego Gas & Electric Co. [a new corporation which acquired the power plant of the San Diego Electric Ry.], of 8,200 k. w. capacity, and further secured by direct mortgage on all the remaining or hereafter acquired property, rights, &c., subject only to the outstanding First (closed) tge. 5s of 1939.

Of the proceeds of this issue, \$750,000 will be held by the trustee for future construction, against which no bonds may be issued. After this amount has been expended for additional property, escrow bonds will be issuable for 75% of the cost of extensions and additions, providing annual net earnings have been 1 1/2 times annual interest charge on all outstanding and proposed bonds.—V. 112, p. 1874, 1151.

**Seneca Copper Corp.—To Increase Stock—Acquires Int.**—The stockholders will vote June 7 on increasing the authorized capital from 250,000 shares to 350,000 shares, no par value. With a portion of the new stock it is proposed to buy an interest in the Lake Milling, Smelting & Refining Co., now owned by the Hancock Mines.

It is reported that the corporation recently sold to a private banking syndicate 25,000 shares of treasury stock at \$15 a share. The stock, it is said, has all been placed by the syndicate.

President J. Parke Channing May 11 says in part: "In view of the excellent developments upon Seneca proper and particularly upon the Gratiot section of the property, and in order that the plans of development and production now under consideration may be effected, and that the company shall be in a position to take advantage of such plans to the ultimate end that it may be placed on an adequate earning basis, the directors have recommended the authorization of an additional 100,000 shares of Common stock of no par value. In the event of such authorization, the directors believe that these shares may be issued to the advantage of the company as conditions and requirements warrant."—V. 112, p. 477.

**Simms Petroleum Co.—Earnings (incl. Sub. Cos.)—Consolidated Income Statement for Calendar Year 1920 and Preliminary Consolidated Statement for Three Months Ended March 31 1920.**

	1st Qu. 1921.	Year 1920.
Production (barrels).....	293,779	1,134,376
Gross revenue.....	\$659,855	\$3,896,902
Operating expenses, &c.....	473,049	2,576,116
Operating profits.....	\$186,906	\$1,320,786
Other income.....	55,392	331,714
Gross income.....	\$242,298	\$1,652,500
Rentals, interest, &c.....	59,823	225,349
Balance.....	\$182,475	\$1,427,151
Depreciation.....	98,558	305,028
Other income charges: abandoned leases, depletion, &c., in 1920.....		2,097,098

Balance, surplus or deficit..... sur (a) \$83,917 df b \$974,975  
 a Before depletion and abandoned leases. b Total p. & l. deficit Dec. 31 1920 amounted to \$2,426,300, after adding p. & l. deficit Jan. 1 1920, \$388,227, and after loss on Sibley-Tidewater pipe line project and loss from operations under lease Milliken refinery.—V. 112, p. 1874.

**Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp.—New President, &c.**—Earl W. Sinclair has been elected President succeeding H. F. Sinclair, who becomes Chairman of the Board. John R. Simpson of Boston and A. C. Woodman of Phila. have been elected Vice-Presidents.—V. 112, p. 1625.

**Spanish River Pulp & Paper Co.—Strike.**—See Internat. Paper Co. above and in V. 112, p. 2088.—V. 112, p. 1151.

**Standard Motor Construction Co.—Annual Report.**

Calendar Years—	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Net profits.....	\$155,171	\$1,076,149	\$1,662,125	\$1,855,376
Dividends.....	(10%) 180,000	(5) 90,000	(4) 723,000	(16) 288,000
Estimated taxes.....	11,000	430,000	1,100,000	865,000

Balance, sur. or def. def \$35,829 sur \$556,149 def \$128,125 sur \$702,376  
 x In 1918 there were 40% additional dividends paid out of accumulated surplus.—V. 110, p. 2083.

**Standard Oil Co. of Ohio.—Extra Dividend.**—An extra dividend of 1% has been declared on the Common stock, along with the regular quarterly dividend of 3%, both payable July 1 to holders of record May 27. Like amounts have been paid quarterly since January 1920.—V. 112, p. 1406.

**Standard Tank Car Co.—Additional Stock Offered—Earnings for 1920—Tentative Balance Sheet March 31 1921.**

The stockholders on April 14 authorized an increase in the Common stock from 100,000 shares to 150,000 shares, capital stock, no par value. All stockholders of record April 14 were given the right to subscribe to 25,000 shares of the increased stock in proportion to the stock already owned at \$35 per share. The remaining 25,000 shares is to be held in the treasury for corporate purposes. The right to subscribe expired May 15. The unsubscribed stock will be sold to the public on priority of application as and when issued.

The purpose of the issue is to increase the working funds of the company and to take care of a number of customers who have from time to time made application for the stock.

*Net Earnings of Company and Its Predecessors, Calendar Years.*

	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
Net earnings available for equipment guarantees.....	\$1,562,186	\$1,594,318	\$1,579,255	\$1,723,527
Federal taxes.....	810,521	620,319	592,122	est. 416,860

Balance avail. for divs. \$751,665 \$973,999 \$987,133 \$1,306,667  
 Balance Sheet March 31 1921, Giving Effect to the Sale of 25,000 Shares.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Land, bldgs., mach., &c.....	8% Preferred stock.....
Investments.....	Common stock (125,000 shares, no par).....
Patents, good-will, &c.....	Surplus.....
Cash.....	Car trust certificates.....
Liberty bonds.....	Current liabilities.....
Accts. & notes receivable.....	Reserve for Federal taxes.....
Inventories.....	
Deferred charges.....	
Equity in Coll. Tr. cfs.....	
Sinking fund for retirement of Ser. "P. D." cfs.....	
Tank cars (2,729).....	

Compare offering of \$1,550,000 Equip. Trusts in V. 112, p. 1874.

**Steel & Tube Co. of America.—Definitive Bonds.**—Dillon, Read & Co. announce that interim receipts for General Mtg. Sinking Fund 7% Gold Bonds, Series "O," may now be exchanged for definitive bonds upon surrender of the receipts at office of Central Union Trust Co., 80 Broadway, New York.—V. 112, p. 752, 380.

**Studebaker Corporation.—Production—Unfilled Orders.**—President A. R. Krskine states that the company produced and sold 10,000 cars in the first six weeks of the second quarter of this year and that unfilled orders on hand call for 7,600 cars. The company, it is stated, is now producing 340 cars per day and according to schedule will turn out approximately 8,000 cars in June.—V. 112, p. 1984.

**Tennessee Stave & Lumber Co.—Serial Bonds Offered.**—Baker, Fentress & Co. (successors to Lyon, Gary & Co.), Chicago are offering, at prices to yield 8%, 400,000 7% 1st mtg. serial gold bonds. Dated Jan. 15 1921. Due semi-annually July 15 1922 to July 15 1930. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 (c\*). Int. payable J. & J. a. Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago. Callable at 101 and int. Auth., \$750,000. Bonds are secured on properties and securities valued at \$2,000,000.

**(John R.) Thompson & Co., Chicago.—Earnings.**—Net income for the first four months of 1921, it is stated, amounts to \$524,342, as against \$358,335 in 1920.—V. 112, p. 1290, 1164.

**Tide Water Oil Co. (Incl. Sub. Cos.)—Quar. Report.**—The income account published in last week's "Chronicle" (page 2092) shows an operating loss of \$941,957 and after adding other income (\$244,918), a loss of \$697,039 before deducting depreciation and depletion charges. The company states that "the losses in the first quarter of 1921 are due

to the adjustment of inventories of crude oil and its products to the market at the close of the quarter, as well as to the liquidation in the quarter of the inventories carried forward from December at December valuations."

*Comparative Consolidated General Balance Sheets, Mar. 31 '21 & Dec. 31 '20.*

Mar. 31 '21		Dec. 31 '20.		Mar. 31 '21		Dec. 31 '20.	
Assets—		Assets—		Liabilities—		Liabilities—	
a Property acct.....	44,786,439	44,137,017	Cap. stk. (par \$100).....	9,726,100	9,725,900		
Investments.....	5,392,924	5,053,190	6 1/2 % gold bds.....	112,000,000	—		
Cash.....	1,353,460	1,221,436	Bank loans.....	2,900,000	7,500,000		
Liberty bonds.....	1,857	1,857	Notes payable.....	1,173,476	4,894,686		
Accts. & notes rec.....	4,950,905	6,218,834	Accounts payable.....	1,848,774	3,488,145		
Crude oil & prod.....	16,130,829	18,872,477	Accrued taxes.....	1,683,515	2,345,147		
Materials & suppl.....	4,246,052	2,020,318	Stock subscrip'ns.....	3,639,787	219,103		
Due from affil. cos.....	4,670,451	2,530,145	Deferred liabilities.....	617,239	198,696		
Deferred items.....	728,929	238,153	Res. for conting.....	3,607,918	3,414,331		
			Surplus.....	14,771,532	18,162,724		
			Sub. cos. minority stock, &c.....	293,505	344,696		

Tot. (each side) \$2,261,846 80,293,428 Total \$2,261,846 80,293,428  
 a After deducting, in 1921, \$16,602,338 for depreciation reserve, as against \$15,451,165 in 1920. b These bonds were offered in Feb. last (see V. 112, p. 569).

Note.—Current working assets March 31 1921 aggregated \$31,353,553; current liabilities, \$7,605,765.—V. 112, p. 2092.

**Tonopah Extension Mining Co.—Earnings.**

March 31 Years—	1920-21.	1919-20.	1918-19.
Gross receipts.....	\$1,255,321	\$1,056,753	\$1,630,279
Expenses, taxes and depreciation.....	1,025,984	741,398	1,114,770
Net income.....	\$229,337	\$315,355	\$515,509
Other income.....	32,279	31,298	21,591
Total income.....	\$261,616	\$346,653	\$537,100
Depreciation, &c.....	197,633	156,756	172,382
Dividends.....	258,542	321,178	192,407
Net deficit.....	\$194,559	\$131,281	sur \$172,311

—V. 110, p. 2393.  
**Transue & Williams Steel Forging Co.—Sales.**—Sales in April, it is stated, showed a substantial increase over preceding months and were 70% in excess of the total for the entire first quarter of this year.—V. 112, p. 1525, 468.

**Trenton Potteries Co.—Earnings.**—After deducting reserve of \$131,791 for Federal taxes, &c., \$26,800 for depreciation and \$40,283 for discount and bad debts, net profit for the calendar year 1920 amounted to \$329,358.—V. 112, p. 1875.

**Union Bag & Paper Co.—Strike.**—See Internat. Paper Co. above and in V. 112, p. 2088.—V. 112, p. 1275.

**United Retail Stores Corp.—Common Dividend No. 4.**—The directors declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$1 50 per share on all the outstanding Common shares of stock of all classes payable July 1 to holders of record June 15. This is the first quarterly dividend declared on the stock, and compares with an initial cash dividend of \$3 per share paid in Feb. 1920 and 2 stock dividends of 5% each paid in Common stock in Aug. and Nov. 1920. There are outstanding, it is stated, 633,102 Class "A" shares, no par, and 160,000 founders' shares, no par. See annual report published in "Chronicle" Mar. 5, p. 930.—V. 112, p. 1032.

**U. S. Food Products Corp.—New Director—Status.**—Thomas A. Clark succeeds James E. Broadhead as a director. President George Q. Palmer, on May 18, stated that the earnings have improved since Jan. 1 1921, and future prospects are bright. It is reported that the Liberty Yeast Co., a subsidiary, which in 1920 lost about \$700,000, is now operating at a profit, and that the preserve and molasses branches of the business are doing well. The company, it is stated, has no plans for long-term financing, and has reduced its bank loans from \$6,000,000 (as at Dec. 31 1920) to \$4,500,000. President Palmer states that the company anticipates no difficulty in taking care of these loans, which do not fall due until June 14.—V. 112, p. 2080, 19.

**United States Steamship Co.—No Shipping Board Vessels—Balance Sheet.**

Admiral Benson, Chairman of the U. S. Shipping Board, says: "At the present time there are no Shipping Board vessels under operation by either the United States Steamship Co. or the United States Transport Co. All vessels previously operated by those companies and owned by the Board have been recently withdrawn."

Attempts have been made by the Morse interests to effect a merger of the U. S. Steamship and U. S. Transport companies, and these have led to attempts on the part of the stockholders of the former company to force some information from the management.

Some time ago the company issued a balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1920, from which very little information can be gleaned. The balance sheet follows:

Assets.—Cash, receivables, investments in sub. cos., \$4,043,306; Hudson Navigation Co., \$1,955,700; Virginia Shipbuilding Corp., \$6,500,000; Groton Iron Works—Noank plant, \$2,500,000; Groton Iron Works—Groton plant, \$6,500,000; U. S. Ship Co. p., \$6,000,000; total.....	\$27,500,000
Liabilities.—Accounts and notes payable, \$1,828,274; capital stock, \$25,000,000; capital surplus, \$680,732; total.....	\$27,500,000

Among the claims which Secretary Campbell mentioned in his statement to the shareholders was one for more than \$1,500,000, alleged to be due the Hudson Navigation Co., now in receiver's hands; over \$2,000,000 claimed to be due the Noank yards and an amount greater than \$11,000,000 alleged to be due the Groton yard. The Virginia Co. has also filed claims against the Government for several millions of dollars claimed to be due on contracts for shipbuilding.

The New York offices of the U. S. Steamship Co. have been closed and transferred to Augusta, Me.—V. 112, p. 1749.

**Utah Copper Co.—Quarterly Earnings.**

Quar. end. Mar. 31—	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Gross product, lbs.....	23,641,224	27,257,546	28,971,089	40,788,171
Net profits.....	def \$53,616	\$2,291,012	def \$12,948	\$2,571,318
Rents, &c.....	269,332	329,452	119,085	238,845
Nevada Consol. div.....		250,125	375,188	1,000,500
Total net profits.....	\$215,716	\$2,870,589	\$481,324	\$3,810,664
Loss on Govt. bonds sold.....	\$305,544			
Dividends paid.....	1,624,490	2,436,735	2,436,735	4,061,225

Balance..... def. \$1,714,318 sur. \$433,854 df. \$1,955,411 df \$250,561  
 —V. 112, p. 1875, 1749.

**(V.) Vivaudou, Inc.—New Directors.**—Morton S. Stern, Ralph H. Aronson, J. W. Kerbin, Carl L. Nelson and J. S. Weed have been elected directors, succeeding Sol Wexler, S. M. Schatzkin, H. A. Schatzkin, Stephen Hexter, C. C. Guth and B. W. Frazier.—V. 112, p. 941, 57.

**Waldorf System, Inc.—Dividend Increased.**—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the Common stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June 20. This compares with divs. of 25 cents per share each paid in Jan. and April last. The regular quarterly dividends of 25 cents per share were declared on the Pref. and First Pref. stocks, both payable July 1 to holders of record June 20.—V. 112, p. 856.

**Wash.—Idaho Water, Light & Power Co.—Notes Offered.**—The company is offering at par and int. \$200,000 8% 1st Mtg. 5-year gold notes dated April 1 1921, due April 1 1926. Int. payable A. & O. Callable at 105 and int. on any int. date. Denom. \$500 and \$100 (c\*). Authorized, \$300,000. Guaranty Bank & Trust Co., Seattle, Wash., trustee.

Secured by a first mortgage on the electrical distributing systems in Lewiston, Idaho, and Charleston, Wash.—V. 108, p. 2534.

For Other Investment News, see page 2205.

## Reports and Documents.

### THE HOCKING VALLEY RAILWAY COMPANY

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1920.

Columbus, Ohio, April 21 1921.

#### To the Stockholders:

The Twenty-Second Annual Report of the Board of Directors, for the fiscal year ended December 31 1920 is herewith submitted.

The average mileage operated during the year was 350.2 miles. The mileage at the end of the year was 350.2 miles.

#### \*RESULTS FOR THE YEAR.

Operating Revenues.....	\$14,949,528 92
Operating Expenses.....	13,764,929 11
Net Operating Revenue.....	\$1,184,599 81
Taxes.....	798,879 04
Operating Income, Taxes deducted.....	\$385,720 77
Compensation under contract with Director-General of Railroads.....	461,302 11
Equipment Rents (Net).....	957,645 68
Miscellaneous Income.....	337,563 25
Rentals and Other Payments.....	\$2,142,231 81
Income for the year available for interest.....	\$2,079,441 83
(Decrease \$410,916 75, or 16.50%)	
Interest (83.37% of amount available).....	1,733,646 02
(Increase \$273,155 45, or 18.70%)	
Net Income for the year.....	\$345,795 81
(Decrease \$684,072 20, or 66.42%)	

\* The foregoing includes only the results of operation for the ten months from March 1 1920 upon which date the Director-General of Railroads returned your Company's properties.

#### RETURN ON PROPERTY.

The following table shows the amount of return to your Company from transportation operations only, upon its investment in road and equipment at the termination of each year of the five year period ended December 31 1920. The road having been operated in 1918, 1919 and January and February 1920 by the United States Railroad Administration, the compensation payable by the Government has been used for those years and for January and February 1920 in lieu of the operating and other items corresponding therewith:

Year ended	Property Investment.	Total Operating Income. (Including hire of equipment and other items.)	Per Cent of Return.
December 31:			
1920.....	\$53,356,347 92	\$1,802,110 54	3.38
1919.....	49,036,318 18	2,425,691 11	4.95
1918.....	48,057,539 03	2,598,474 64	5.41
1917.....	46,237,480 24	3,060,174 97	6.62
1916.....	45,198,144 03	3,052,123 37	6.75
Average.....	\$48,377,165 88	\$2,587,714 93	5.35

#### FINANCIAL.

The changes in funded debt shown by balance sheet of December 31 1920, as compared with December 31 1919, consisted in the payment of \$180,000 on equipment trusts; and in the addition of \$2,811,000 face amount of 6% fifteen-year equipment trust obligations hereinafter referred to.

The Annual Report for 1919 referred to the arrangements made during 1920 with the Director-General of Railroads to fund the indebtedness of your Company to the United States Government for equipment acquired during Federal control. The Six Per Cent Equipment Trust Notes, Series 32 and 32-A, issued during the year for this purpose, amounted to \$2,811,000. The amount of additional notes to be given under the Trusts referred to has not yet been finally determined, but is not expected to exceed the sum of \$37,000.

Under Section 210 of the Transportation Act provision is made for loans to carriers for necessary additions and betterments and equipment and to meet maturing obligations. Under this provision the Inter-State Commerce Commission during the year authorized a loan to your Company, for its additions and betterments program for 1920 and 1921, amounting to \$1,665,000, the loan to run for ten years with interest at six per cent, and to be secured by pledge of \$2,220,000, face amount, of your Six Per Cent General Mortgage Bonds, Series A. On account of this loan your Company has received since the close of the year 1920 the sum of \$1,053,000, secured by pledge of a proportionate amount of the collateral referred to, and the residue of the loan will, it is anticipated, be advanced during

the year 1921. Apart from the consummation of this loan your Company, by reason of the prevailing high interest rates and the general business depression, does not at present contemplate any new financing during the year 1921. Should conditions change materially some further financing may be advisable. Your Company is fortunate in having no funded debt maturities, (except annual payments on equipment trust obligations), prior to the maturity of its Five-Year Six Per Cent Secured Gold Notes due March 1 1924.

An analysis of the property accounts will be found on pages 16 and 17 [pamphlet report], by reference to which it will be seen that additions and betterments were made during the year to the net amount of \$4,312,473.95, of which \$767,935.24 was added to cost of road, and \$3,544,538.71 was added to cost of equipment.

During the past twelve years your Company's net addition to property accounts has been as follows:

Equipment.....	\$7,776,195 71
Additions and Betterments.....	7,292,847 72
	\$15,069,043 43

#### GENERAL REMARKS.

The equipment in service December 31 1920 consisted of:

Locomotives owned.....	123	Decrease	10
Locomotives leased under equipment trusts.....	28	Increase	20
Locomotives held under other form of title.....	10	Increase	10
Total.....	161	Increase	20
Passenger train cars owned.....	72	No change	
Freight train and miscellaneous cars owned.....	12,819	Decrease	122
Freight train cars leased under equipment trusts.....	2,498	Increase	499
Freight train cars under special trust.....	47	No change	
Total freight train and miscellaneous cars.....	15,364	Increase	377

The changes during the year in accrued depreciation of equipment account were as follows:

Balance to credit of account December 31 1919.....	\$3,108,541 40
Amount credited during year ended December 31 1920, by charges to U. S. Government.....	\$98,812 52
Amount credited by charges to operating expenses.....	392,012 43
Amount credited by adjustment of charges to this account in 1919.....	5,309 16
	\$496,134 11

Charges to account, for:

Accrued depreciation on equipment retired during year—126 freight cars and 10 locomotives.....	46,818 43
	449,315 68

Balance to credit of account December 31 1920.....	\$3,557,857 08
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The lengthening of two bridges over the Scioto River in connection with the flood protection plans of the City of Columbus, referred to in last year's report, was completed. Nine miles of additional second track were placed in service on the Toledo Division between Meredith and Owens; and the construction of approximately 6.7 miles of second track between Marion and Morral is well under way. A passing track one mile in length was constructed south of Marion. The telephone dispatching and message circuit from Logan to Pomeroy was completed and placed in service. Coal crushing plants in connection with fuel stations at Walbridge, Carey, Parsons and Nelsonville, which were commenced during the year, were well under way and will be completed in a short time. New track scales, of greater length and capacity, were completed at Walbridge. Track scales, of heavy capacity, were completed at Dundas. New track scales, of greater length and capacity, were well under way at Nelsonville and New Straitsville. Concrete floors were provided in the old portions of enginehouses at Walbridge and Parsons. A boiler washing system was installed at Walbridge, the boiler room was extended, and two additional boilers installed. The boiler washing system at Parsons was enlarged and two additional boilers were installed. A shelter shed of reinforced concrete and timber construction was erected over the platform at Marion Union Station. Fifteen motor cars for track forces were received and put into service.

The revenue coal and coke tonnage was 11,690,123 tons, an increase of 21.5%; other revenue freight tonnage was 3,595,739 tons, an increase of 21.2%. Total revenue tonnage was 15,285,862 tons, an increase of 21.5%. Freight revenue was \$14,616,676.75, an increase of 50.6%. Freight train

mileage was 1,302,291 miles, an increase of 27.0%. Revenue ton miles were 1,974,051,120, an increase of 31.4%. Ton mile revenue was 7.40 mills, an increase of 14.6%. Revenue per train mile was \$11,224, an increase of 18.6%. Revenue tonnage per train mile was 1,516 tons, an increase of 3.5%; including Company's freight, the tonnage per train mile was 1,543 tons, an increase of 3.1%. Tonnage per locomotive, including Company's freight, was 1,290 tons, an increase of 3.3%. Revenue tonnage per loaded car was 46.4 tons, an increase of 7.4%. Tons of revenue freight carried one mile per mile of road were 5,636,925, an increase of 31.4%.

There were 1,382,134 passengers carried, an increase of 18.1%. The number of passengers carried one mile was 47,643,637, an increase of 8.5%. Passenger revenue was \$1,359,410.37, an increase of 10.7%. Revenue per passenger mile was 2.853 cents, an increase of 2.0%. The number of passengers carried one mile per mile of road was 136,047, an increase of 8.5%. Passenger train mileage was 623,033, an increase of 7.1%. Passenger revenue per train mile was \$2,182, an increase of 3.3%; including mail and express it was \$2,551, an increase of 7.4%. Passenger service train revenue per train mile was \$2,653, an increase of 8.1%.

There were 3,550 tons of new 100-lb. rails, equal to 22.6 track miles, and 46 tons of new 90-lb. rails, equal to .33 track miles, used in the renewal of existing main tracks.

The average amount expended for repairs per locomotive was \$8,471.87, an increase of 32.4%; per passenger train car \$2,031.32, an increase of 69.6%; per freight train car \$290.12, an increase of 78.4%.

The increases in wages of employees made by the United States Railroad Labor Board during the year (and other increases made as result thereof) increased the year's cost of operation approximately \$1,092,000. These increases are in addition to the increases of \$625,000 in 1917, of \$1,762,000 in 1918, and of \$338,000 in 1919, mentioned in last year's report.

At midnight February 29, 1920, the United States Government restored to your Company its properties which had been operated by the Director-General of Railroads since December 28, 1917. The corporate income figures in this report for the months of January and February are based upon the compensation under the contract with the Director-General of Railroads, the main details of which were given in the Annual Report for 1919. Since the date of the return of your property the income figures represent the actual results of operation. Settlement with the Director-General, for the balance of compensation due your Company and for other matters arising out of Federal control, has not yet been effected due to the complicated nature of the accounts and the necessity of a joint check thereof. Your directors hope to fund, as provided by the Transportation Act, all or at least the greater part of the charges for additions and betterments during Federal control, estimated at \$2,583,802.72. In addition to the balance of compensation unpaid there may be additional amounts due your Company in respect of under-maintenance of its properties by the Director-General of Railroads, and on account of difference in quantities of materials and supplies on hand at the beginning and end of Federal control. These items are not yet determined.

As explained in the previous annual report, your directors voted to accept the guaranty provided by the Transportation Act, for the six months March 1st to September 1st, 1920. No accrual has been made for any amount payable on account of this guaranty for the reason that it has not been practicable at the time this report is issued to finally compute and agree with the Inter-State Commerce Commission upon the amount due.

Shortly before the close of the guaranty period increased rates granted by the Inter-State Commerce Commission became effective. The average increase in freight rates for your Company amounted to approximately 40%. During the last four months of the fiscal year the volume of business handled by your Company was large, and with the increased rates its earnings were gratifying, notwithstanding the large increase in operating expenses due to the increased wages granted by the United States Railroad Labor Board and to the high cost of fuel and other materials and supplies. Since January 1, 1921, the volume of business has fallen off very substantially, and this will be reflected in an unsatisfactory showing for the year 1921. Your directors and officers are making every effort to meet the resulting loss of revenue by administering your property with the utmost economy consistent with safety and reasonably adequate service. Negotiations have been instituted with your employees looking to a readjustment of existing rates of pay and working conditions, but it is probable that in many cases these questions must be submitted to the Railroad Labor Board for final decision. The attitude of the Inter-State Commerce Commission and of the public authorities generally who are charged with the administration of the provisions of the Transportation Act, has been helpful, and your directors are hopeful that with the revival of business, which is certain to come sooner or later, your property will again show satisfactory results.

Your directors regret to announce the death on July 12, 1920, of Frank Trumbull, Chairman of your Board for many years, President of your Company from July 1, 1918, to

December 31, 1919, and a Director of your Company until a short time before his death. Your directors also regret to report the death on November 3, 1920, of George W. Stevens, President and a Director of your Company since 1910, except during the period of Federal control. Appropriate resolutions of regret and appreciation were adopted by your directors with reference to the deaths of these two invaluable officers.

Effective December 7, 1920, W. J. Harahan was elected President and a Director of your Company.

Appreciative acknowledgment is hereby made to officers and employees for their efficient services during the year. By order of the Board of Directors.

W. J. HARAHAN, *President.*

H. E. HUNTINGTON, *Chairman.*

### GENERAL BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1920 (Corporate).

ASSETS.		
<i>Property Investment—</i>		
Cost of Road.....	\$33,405,515 25	
Cost of Equipment.....	19,328,709 92	
		\$52,734,225 17
<i>Securities of Proprietary, Affiliated and Controlled Companies—Pledged—</i>		
Stocks.....	\$108,088 66	
Bonds.....	300,000 00	
		408,088 66
<i>Securities of Proprietary, Affiliated and Controlled Companies—Unpledged—</i>		
Miscellaneous.....		206,652 31
<i>Other Investments—</i>		
<i>Miscellaneous Investments—Securities—</i>		
Pledged.....		280,000 00
<i>Securities—Issued—Pledged—</i>		
General Mortgage 6% bonds (see Contra)....	9,600,000 00	
		\$6,228,9 14
<i>Working Assets—</i>		
Cash.....	\$3,311,871 68	
Traffic Balances.....	867,160 46	
Agents and Conductors.....	49,028 81	
Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable.....	804,398 76	
<i>United States Government:</i>		
Unpaid Standard Return Accrued.....	1,470,756 88	
Interest Accrued on above.....	201,929 87	
Unpaid Additional Compensation.....	21,774 19	
Other Working Assets.....	9,466 07	
		\$6,736,386 72
<i>Materials and Supplies.....</i>		
<i>Securities in Treasury—Unpledged—</i>		
Stocks.....	\$501 00	
Bonds (Includes \$183,000 00 General Mortgage 6% Bonds—see Contra).....	509,800 00	
		510,301 00
<i>Deferred Assets—</i>		
<i>Advances to Proprietary, Affiliated and Controlled Companies.....</i>		
Advances, Working Funds.....	\$56,278 30	
Insurance paid in advance.....	4,018 60	
Cash in Sinking Funds.....	6,425 81	
Special Deposit with Trustee—Mortgage Fund.....	650 74	
Cash and Securities in Insurance Reserve Fund.....	17,894 61	
United States Government.....	54,101 18	
Other Deferred Debit Items.....	5,210,864 47	
	818,689 74	
		6,168,923 45
		16,265,173 30
Total.....		\$79,494,139 44
<b>LIABILITIES.</b>		
Capital Stock.....		\$11,000,000 00
<i>Funded Debt—</i>		
<i>First Consolidated Mortgage</i>		
4½% Bonds, 1909.....	\$16,022,000 00	
First Mortgage C. & H. V. RR. 4% Bonds, 1948.....	1,401,000 00	
First Mortgage Cols. & Tol. RR. 4% Bonds, 1955.....	2,441,000 00	
Five-Year 6% Secured Gold Notes, 1924.....	7,500,000 00	
	\$27,364,000 00	
Equipment Trust Obligations.....	3,431,000 00	
		30,795,000 00
<i>General Mortgage 6% Bonds, not in hands of public (see Contra), 1949.....</i>		
		\$41,795,000 00
<i>Working Liabilities—</i>		
Traffic Balances.....	\$999,802 78	
Audited Vouchers and Wages Unpaid.....	1,842,486 97	
Miscellaneous Accounts Payable.....	319,747 13	
Matured Interest, Dividends and Rents Unpaid.....	374,250 00	
Other Working Liabilities.....	41,902 08	
		\$3,578,188 96
<i>Deferred Liabilities—</i>		
<i>Unmatured Interest, Dividends and Rents Payable.....</i>		
Taxes Accrued.....	\$294,245 83	
Operating Reserves.....	659,537 87	
Accrued Depreciation—Equipment.....	864,020 02	
United States Government.....	3,557,857 08	
Other Deferred Credit Items.....	7,979,138 60	
	871,935 34	
		14,226,734 74
<i>Appropriated Surplus—</i>		
<i>Additions to Property through Income since June 30 1907.....</i>		
Funded Debt Retired through Income and Surplus.....	\$181,409 11	
Reserve Invested in Insurance Fund.....	131,331 90	
Other Reserves.....	54,132 13	
Appropriated surplus against contingent liability for freight claims.....	41,909 30	
	13,279 33	
		\$422,061 77
<i>Profit and Loss—</i>		
Balance.....	9,689,153 97	
		10,111,215 74
Total.....		\$79,494,139 44

For comparative income account see Company's statement under "Annual Reports" on a previous page.

## HAVANA ELECTRIC RAILWAY, LIGHT & POWER COMPANY

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1920 FOR SUBMISSION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS CALLED FOR MAY 19 1921.

To the Stockholders:

Your Directors beg to submit their Ninth Annual Report.  
The Gross Earnings for the past five years were as follows:

1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
\$6,017,708 59	\$6,989,599 33	\$8,176,544 76	\$9,397,452 46	\$11,477,937 27

A condensed statement of the results of the operations during the same five years is:

	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
Gross Earnings	\$6,017,708 59	\$6,989,599 33	\$8,176,544 76	\$9,397,452 46	\$11,477,937 27
Operating Expenses and Taxes	2,443,885 33	3,385,469 83	4,376,655 63	4,979,685 22	6,448,451 78
Net Income	\$3,573,823 26	3,604,129 50	\$3,799,889 11	\$4,417,767 24	\$5,029,485 49
Miscellaneous Income (Net)	144,561 49	149,754 70	140,894 91	64,538 26	47,783 85
Total Net Income	\$3,718,384 75	\$3,753,884 20	\$3,940,784 02	\$4,482,305 50	\$5,077,269 34
First Charges	1,297,093 23	1,138,623 30	989,138 16	979,710 79	968,759 31
Net Profits from Operation and Miscellaneous Income	\$2,421,291 52	\$2,615,260 90	\$2,951,645 86	\$3,502,594 71	\$4,108,510 03
Out of the Net Profits from Operation and Miscellaneous Income for the year under review, namely:					\$4,108,510 03
There has been set aside as Reserve for Depreciation					1,222,987 38
Leaving a Balance of					\$2,885,522 65
The Balance at Credit of Profit and Loss Account January 1 1920 was					3,158,503 32
Total					\$6,044,025 97

and the following disposition was made thereof:

Amortization of Bond Discount and Expenses	\$24,250 04
Provision for Sinking Fund in respect to English Bonds of Compania de Gas y Electricidad de la Habana	14,500 00
Provision for Sinking Fund in respect to the Consolidated Mortgage Bonds of the Havana Electric Railway Company	120,195 17
Provision for Sinking Fund in respect to the General Mortgage Bonds of Havana Electric Railway, Light & Power Company	99,572 62
Dividends paid during the year (6% on the Preferred and Common Shares)	2,155,609 38
Profit and Loss Account—Balance carried forward to 1921	3,622,898 76
Total	\$6,044,025 97

The following is a summary of the operation of the various Departments during the year 1920:

Departments—	Gross Earnings from Operation.	Operating Expenses and Taxes (not including First Charges).	Per Cent of Gross Earnings.	Net Earnings from Operation.	Per Cent of Gross Earnings.
Electric Railway	\$5,079,734 53	\$3,559,026 86	70.06	\$1,520,707 67	29.94
Electric Light and Power	4,564,576 73	1,671,351 15	36.62	2,893,225 58	63.38
Gas	1,786,675 82	1,176,214 15	65.83	610,461 67	34.17
Omnibus	46,950 19	41,859 62	89.14	5,090 57	10.86
Total	\$11,477,937 27	\$6,448,451 78	56.18	\$5,029,485 49	43.82

Your attention is invited to the accompanying detailed report of the General Manager, from which you will see that the growth of your Company's business was greater than in any preceding year, notwithstanding that all Departments suffered from scarcity of labor of all kinds, and from the difficulty of obtaining an adequate supply of materials for both current consumption and permanent installation.

The uncertainty and irregularity in the receipt of materials, especially of anthracite coal, have been a cause of anxiety throughout the year.

The prevalence of high prices and increase in the rate of wages paid to labor have also increased the operating expenses; nevertheless, the gain in Net Earnings has been larger than ever before. The Gross Earnings from Operation of the entire property were 22.14% greater than in 1919; the total Operating Expenses, 32.9% greater; the total Net Earnings from Operation, 11.9% greater, and after deducting United States and Cuban taxes the gain was 13.8%. These figures must impress upon you the fact that the results obtained speak most highly of the efficiency, loyalty, and hearty co-operation of the officers and personnel of your Company, to whom we express our sincere appreciation and thanks.

The unrest among wage-earners that led to the two short sympathetic strikes during 1919 continued in 1920, and increased as the year advanced, notwithstanding the fact that your Company voluntarily increased wages by 29% in the first seven months of the year. In the latter part of July, 1920, the carmen presented demands which could not be granted, as the terms were so unreasonable that they really amounted to transferring ownership of the Company from you to the Carmen's Union; and on August 7 they declared a strike. Rumors were put into circulation that the strike had been prearranged between the Company and the Carmen's Union to force the Government to consent to increase the rate of fare. The absurdity of the possibility of such an agreement was communicated by your General Manager to the authorities both in person and in writing. All carmen on strike were considered to have left your Company's employ, and steps were taken to replace them. Progress along this line was made daily and complete service re-established on August 21. All but about three hundred of the old carmen, considered undesirable, were taken back at the rates of pay they had rejected—convinced that increasing wages and the increasing prices, with the public bearing the burden, cannot go on forever, and cannot bring about reduction in the high cost of living, which latter was the basis advanced for their demands.

This was the first strike against your Company since its organization, and the first in the history of the railway division since 1906. It is to be regretted that the gross earnings of the railway decreased during the strike period, but it is hoped that the old employees of the Company are now aware of the danger of letting strangers run their organization. The cry for increased wages had become a semi-annual habit, and a two-cent increase in fare would only

have satisfied the demands of about 50% of your employees, for the time being, and the remainder were only awaiting the outcome of the struggle to make like requests.

We recognize that the same reasons which induced the authorities in the United States to permit street railway, electric light, and gas companies to increase their rates are much more applicable in Cuba, on account of the higher costs due to ocean freights and import duties. The desire of your Company, however, to contribute in bringing about cheaper living costs is the primary reason why we are still working on a five-cent fare with right to one transfer, and why we are still charging the same rates for electric light and gas as were established twenty years ago.

From the report of the General Manager you will note that—

Gross receipts from all sources for 1920 were	\$11,525,721 12
The total deductions for operation, maintenance and accrued taxes were	6,448,451 78
The total expenditure for construction account was	1,150,653 35
Customs duties on Imports into Cuba were	172,675 11
Other Cuban taxes paid amounted to	136,962 28
United States taxes paid	219,361 49

Special attention is invited to the following data pertaining to the Railway service:

The total number of passengers carried was	97,019,389
Passenger car miles were	13,668,249
Passenger earnings per car mile were	3549

The Electric Light and Power Department has contributed 57.6% of the total Net Earnings of the Company. The increase in Gross Earnings from electric light and power during 1920, over 1919, were substantially equivalent to the entire Net Earnings from this source five years ago. But it must be remembered that the average cost of steam coal delivered during 1914 at the plant was \$4.50 per ton, whereas during 1920 it was \$15.18 per ton; and that the wages of common labor in the same period increased to the unprecedented extent of over 240%.

The Gas Department also advanced in relative importance. The most interesting fact in the 1920 operation of this Department is the reduction in operating expense relative to the output and the notable improvement in operating ratio during a year when the price of coal and gas-oil and the rates of wages, which constitute the principal elements of expense in the manufacture and distribution of gas, were higher than ever before.

The new 2,310,000-gallon steel tank purchased from the Sinclair Oil Company was completed and in readiness for use when the oil shipment was due. A platform scale of 20 tons capacity was installed, and a new 14-foot diameter Hinman drum type station meter has been contracted for. This meter, together with the new drum ordered for the existing 14-foot meter, will more than double the meter capacity at the Gas Works. The business of this Department is steadily increasing and the manufacturing capacity must be enlarged during the coming year.

The project for the improvement of the Harbor frontage of the Gas Works property, etc., referred to in our last year's report, was approved and authorized by the President of the Republic of Cuba, and preparations are being made to

construct a reinforced concrete wharf, 341 feet long, in conjunction with a similar wharf that the Havana Central Railroad Co. is to build in line with it, and adjoining it at the westerly end.

The continuous construction of cars prevented the remodeling of the railway shops, which must be reorganized and extended. Thirty-two new passenger cars were finished and eighteen more were nearly completed at the end of the year; while nine passenger cars were reconstructed, making approximately one new car per week. It has become apparent that the increase of passengers relative to car miles is too large. Accordingly, designs for an improved passenger car are now being worked out. The outstanding features thereof are an increased capacity, less dead weight and a decrease in time required for construction. It is expected that early in 1921 one of the new cars will be ready for trial.

Your Power Plant has continued to operate reliably and economically. The total net output was 76,764,351 k.w.h., and 73,874 tons of coal were consumed, equal to 2.156 lbs. per k.w.h.

None the less, the necessity of adding to the electric generating capacity in the Consolidated Power Plant referred to in our Report for 1919 was made more evident by the increase of 18.7% in output over 1919.

In May, 1920, contracts were made with the Westinghouse Electric International Company to furnish two 25,000-k.w. turbine generator units and auxiliaries, and it is expected that one of the units will be shipped about August, 1921, the other about April, 1922.

Your present Power Plant was started in 1914, but all of the three generating units were not ready till the end of that year. The output of 1920 was 82% more than in 1915, and if the increase of output in 1921 equals that of 1920, the end of that year will find the generators now in service with about all they can properly do. So it is hoped that by then the first of the two new units will be ready for service.

It is with great sorrow that your Board of Directors is called upon to record the death, on April 25, 1920, of Mr. David T. Davis, First Vice-President, General Counsel, and a Director of your Company, and the death, on August 23, 1920, of Don Emeterio Zorrilla, Second Vice-President and Director.

To each member of the Board Messrs. Davis and Zorrilla had endeared themselves, both by their genial personality and by the most valuable services rendered to your Company in faithful devotion to its affairs since its organization.

The vacancy in the Board of Directors as Vice-President and as General Counsel, occasioned by the death of Mr. Davis, was filled by your Board of Directors through the election, May 27, 1920, of Mr. R. R. Loening; and the Second Vice-Presidency, made vacant by the death of Mr. Zorrilla, was filled by the election, on October 14, 1920, of Mr. Antonio San Miguel, formerly the Third Vice-President. Mr. Dionisio Velasco of your Board was elected, October 14, 1920, Third Vice-President to succeed Mr. San Miguel. Mr. Zorrilla's place on the Board of Directors remained unfilled during the year.

Messrs. Davis, Symmes & Schreiber, of New York, were appointed Associate Counsel, May 27, 1920.

The accounts of your Company, as in former years, are audited monthly by Messrs. Deloitte, Plender, Griffiths & Co., and accompanying this report will be found the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account as of December 31, 1920.

For the Board of Directors,

F. STEINHART, *President.*

Havana, Cuba, April 21, 1921.

HAVANA ELECTRIC RAILWAY, LIGHT & POWER COMPANY  
(Incorporated under the Laws of the State of New Jersey, U.S.A.)

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31 1920.

ASSETS:

Properties, Plant and Equipment, as per December 31 1919 Report	\$57,084,626 06	
Net Additions during Year	1,150,653 35	
Investments (At Cost)		\$58,235,279 41
Current Assets—		312,861 88
Cash in Banks and on Hand	\$994,162 31	
Accounts and Notes Receivable after providing for Bad and Doubtful Debts	2,282,369 01	
Materials, Merchandise and Supplies on Hand	1,649,256 99	
Materials in Transit	660,348 62	
Payments in Advance, Deferred Assets and Charges, &c.—		5,586,136 93
Advance Payments on Contracts	\$296,636 34	
Insurance Paid in Advance, Deferred Charges, &c.	39,464 34	
Capital Stock of Havana Electric Railway, Light & Power Company	\$17,522 74	
Held in Reserve in respect of the following:		
Capital Stock of Havana Electric Railway Company, Outstanding:		
To be exchanged for Capital Stock of Havana Electric Railway, Light & Power Company	\$14,975 00	
Capital Stock of Compania de Gas y Electricidad de la Habana, Outstanding:		
To be exchanged for Capital Stock of Havana Electric Railway, Light & Power Company	2,547 74	
		17,522 74
		<u>\$64,470,378 90</u>

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock—		
Authorized and Issued:		
Common:		
150,000 Shares, par value \$100 00 each, fully paid and non-assessable	\$15,000,000 00	
Less: Held in Treasury:		
516.54 Shares, par value \$100 00 each	51,654 00	
		\$14,948,346 00
6% Cumulative Preferred:		
210,000 Shares, par value \$100 00 each	\$21,000,000 00	
Less: Held in Treasury:		
215.23 Shares, par value \$100 00 each	21,523 00	
		20,978,477 00
		<u>\$35,926,823 00</u>
Funded Debt—		
As per Schedule attached hereto		18,481,690 71
Bank Loans—		
(Paid off since close of fiscal year)		700,000 00
Current Liabilities—		
Accounts Payable	\$575,525 35	
Dividends and Interest due but unpaid	94,577 73	
Accrued Interest on Bonds	285,105 90	
		955,208 98
Deferred Liabilities—		
Being Consumers' and other Deposits, &c.		582,071 05
Reserves for Taxes (Estimated)		456,445 21
Special Reserve		524,040 61
Reserve for Depreciation		2,076,121 24
Corporate Surplus—		
Profit and Loss Account—Credit Balance as per Statement herewith	\$3,629,898 76	
Funded Debt retired through Income and Surplus:		
Consolidated Mortgage 5% Gold Bonds of Havana Electric Railway Company	\$702,000 00	
Thirty-seven Year English 5% Mortgage Bonds of Compania de Gas y Electricidad de la Habana	156,116 63	
General Mortgage 5% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds of Havana Electric Railway, Light & Power Company	89,000 00	
		947,116 63
Sinking Fund Reserves:		
Consolidated Mortgage 5% Gold Bonds of Havana Electric Railway Company	127,274 17	
General Mortgage 5% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds of Havana Electric Railway, Light & Power Company	63,688 54	
		190,962 71
		<u>4,767,978 10</u>
		<u>\$64,470,378 90</u>

CONDENSED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1920.

	Railway Department.	Light & Power Department.	Total.
Gross Earnings from Operation	\$5,126,684 72	\$6,351,252 55	\$11,477,937 27
Operating Expenses	3,495,568 34	2,583,565 30	6,079,133 64
	<u>\$1,631,116 38</u>	<u>\$3,767,687 25</u>	<u>\$5,398,803 63</u>
Deduct—			
Taxes, U. S. A.	\$91,949 80	\$123,000 00	\$214,949 80
Taxes, Cuba	10,000 00	141,000 00	151,000 00
Trigo Annuities	3,368 34		3,368 34
Interest on Funded Debt	553,986 36	408,317 39	962,303 75
Interest on Bank Loans	3,227 78	3,227 78	6,455 56
	<u>\$662,532 28</u>	<u>\$675,545 17</u>	<u>\$1,338,077 45</u>
	<u>\$968,584 10</u>	<u>\$3,092,142 08</u>	<u>\$4,060,726 18</u>
Deduct—			
Reserve for Depreciation	\$381,396 45	\$841,590 93	\$1,222,987 38
	<u>\$587,187 65</u>	<u>\$2,250,551 15</u>	<u>\$2,837,738 80</u>
Add Miscellaneous Income—			
Interest on Deposits and Securities, less Loss on Securities Sold, &c.			\$13,352 88
Rents			34,430 97
			<u>\$47,783 85</u>
			<u>\$2,885,522 65</u>
Deduct—			
Amortization of Bond Discount and Expenses		\$24,250 04	
Provision for Sinking Fund of 37-Year English 5% Mortgage Bonds of Compania de Gas y Electricidad de la Habana		14,500 00	
Provision for Sinking Fund of Consolidated Mortgage 5% Gold Bonds of Havana Electric Railway Company		120,195 17	
Provision for Sinking Fund of General Mortgage 5% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds of Havana Electric Railway, Light & Power Company		99,572 62	
		<u>258,517 83</u>	
Net Profit for the Year			\$2,627,004 82
Balance at Credit of Profit and Loss Account Jan. 1 1920			3,158,503 32
			<u>\$5,785,508 14</u>
Dividends Paid—			
On Preferred Shares:			
May 15 1920 on \$20,978,477 00 at 3%	\$629,354 31		
Nov. 15 1920 on \$20,978,477 00 at 3%	629,354 31		
			\$1,258,708 62
On Common Shares:			
May 15 1920 on \$14,948,346 00 at 3%	\$448,450 38		
Nov. 15 1920 on \$14,948,346 00 at 3%	448,450 38		
			896,900 76
			<u>2,155,609 38</u>
Balance carried to Balance Sheet			<u>\$3,629,898 76</u>

Note.—A Moratorium was declared by the Government of the Republic of Cuba on October 10 1920, and is still in force.

We have verified the above Balance Sheet as at December 31 1920 and the accompanying Profit and Loss Account for the year ended at that date, with the books of the Company, and subject to the sufficiency of the Reserve for Depreciation, we certify that, in our opinion, they correctly set forth, respectively, the financial position of the Company as at December 31 1920 and the results of the Operations for the Year.

Edificio de la Lonja 511-13.  
Havana, Cuba, April 20 1921.

DELOITTE, PLENDER, GRIFFITHS & CO., Auditors.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE RAILROAD COMPANY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 1920.

RICHMOND, VA., May 17, 1921.

To the Stockholders of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company: The Board of Directors of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company respectfully submits the following report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1920:

MILEAGE.

Miles owned December 31 1919	4,758.26
Miles not owned but operated for owner or under lease and trackage contracts	146.27
	4,904.53
Miles owned but not operated by this Company	10.88
Miles operated December 31 1919	4,893.65
Miles added during the year	
Transfer of switch connection at Contentnea	0.04
Tampa Southern Railroad (operated for owner)	
Palmetto to Bradentown	2.08
Gillett to Senanky	6.50
	8.62
Less	
Tampa Southern Railroad:	
Gillett to Senanky (not opened for traffic)	6.50
Spurs to mills and factories taken up	7.45
	13.95
	5.33
Total miles operated December 31 1920	4,888.32
Average mileage operated during year	4,889.76
Mileage owned December 31 1920	4,750.85
Double-track mileage December 31 1920	345.12

CORPORATE INCOME ACCOUNT.

	1920.	1919.
Operating Revenues (Sept. 1 to Dec. 31 1920, inclusive)	\$25,304,073 77	
Operating Expenses and Taxes (Sept. 1 to Dec. 31 1920, inclusive)	22,367,303 06	
Net Operating Revenues (Sept. 1 to Dec. 31 1920, inclusive)	\$2,936,770 71	
Uncollectible Railway Revenue (Sept. 1 to Dec. 31 1920, inclusive)	50,436 66	
Railway Operating Income (Sept. 1 to Dec. 31 1920, inclusive)	\$2,886,334 05	
Standard Return for use of road (Jan. and Feb. 1920)	1,684,187 36	
Standard Return for use of road (Year 1919)		\$10,180,915 15
Railway operating income guaranteed under Section 209, Transportation Act, 1920, March 1 to Aug. 31 1920, inclusive	5,478,458 01	
Other Income	5,203,803 56	3,935,389 23
Gross Corporate Income	\$15,252,782 98	\$14,116,304 38
Corporate Expenses, January and February 1920, and War Taxes, Jan. 1 to Aug. 31 1920, inclusive	326,797 18	
Corporate Expenses and Taxes (Year 1919)		595,993 49
	\$14,925,985 80	\$13,520,310 89
Interest, Rentals and Other Deductions	7,241,830 05	6,332,773 79
Net Corporate Income	\$7,684,155 75	\$7,187,537 10

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends were declared as follows during the year: To Preferred Stockholders, 5% \$9,835 00 To Common Stockholders, 7% \$4,801,034 00

PROPERTY INVESTMENT AND RATE OF RETURN.

The following statement shows, for each year, the amount of investment, the amount of net income applicable to bond interest, dividends, improvement of property and strengthening of credit, and the rate of return which such net income represents on the amount of investment:

Period.	Book Value of Property Investment.*	Income Applicable Per Cent to Bond Interest, Dividends, Improvement of Property and Strengthening of Credit.	Per Cent of Investment.
Year ended June 30 1912	\$205,319,088 67	\$12,785,780 55	6.23
" " " " 1913	217,284,946 62	13,757,970 85	6.33
" " " " 1914	222,149,101 91	13,105,934 81	5.90
" " " " 1915	223,054,678 32	10,333,861 37	4.63
" " " " 1916	223,598,709 32	13,812,079 94	6.18
" " Dec. 31 1916	224,903,273 71	15,973,105 02	7.10
" " " " 1917	229,296,365 74	17,192,960 09	7.50
" " " " 1918	232,996,828 09	13,598,536 15	5.83
" " " " 1919	237,916,076 92	13,520,310 89	5.68
" " " " 1920	239,638,230 99	14,925,985 80	6.23
Annual Average	\$225,615,730 03	\$13,900,652 55	6.16

\* Does not include either Cash or Material and Supplies. † For the purpose of comparison, "Property Investment" figures for 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919 and 1920 are revised to conform to the Classification of the Inter-State Commerce Commission in effect from 1910 to 1914, and, therefore, are not the same as shown in the "General Balance Sheet" below.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

In order to provide for payment of certain equipment, additions and betterments and for the general purposes of the Company, it was deemed advisable to issue \$6,000,000 of Ten-Year Secured 7% Gold Notes, which will mature May 15, 1930. The indenture securing said Notes is dated May 15, 1920, and there has been deposited with the Trustee thereof, as collateral security for said Notes, \$10,000,000 par value of your Company's General Unified Mortgage Series "A" 4½% Bonds heretofore held in the Treasury. The said Notes were sold at 96 and interest, net to your Company.

There were no other changes in the Company's securities held by the public.

GENERAL REMARKS.

As stated in the Eighty-Sixth Annual Report, your railroad continued to be operated by the United States Railroad Administration during the months of January and February, 1920, and at 12:01 a.m., March 1, 1920, was returned to the management of your own officers, and operated by them during the six months from March 1 to and including August 31, 1920, under the guaranty provided in the Transportation Act of 1920. The operations of your property from September 1, 1920, have been for the sole account and entire responsibility of your Company.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission in July, 1920, granted to the carriers in the territory (Southern Group) through which your lines run an increase of approximately 25% in freight rates, except on interregional shipments, which carried an increase of 33 1/3% and of 20% in passenger rates, with a surcharge on Pullman car passengers. The increased rates so authorized for the Southern Group should in theory have produced sufficient revenue on a volume of traffic about equal to that moved in a constructive year ended October 30, 1919, to cover all costs of operation and a balance equivalent to approximately 6% on the value, as fixed by the Commission, of the transportation property of all carriers in said Group. The authority for this increase, however, followed an order previously issued by the Railway Labor Board, under which increased wages were retroactively put into effect, making an addition to the payroll of your Company at the rate of approximately \$7,500,000 per annum. The full and immediate benefit of the increase in rates was not received by your Company owing to the refusal of several of the State Railroad Commissions in your territory to permit the increased rates to promptly go into effect, and the general decline in business, which began in the month of August, 1920, and consequent decrease in the volume of traffic over your lines, from that on which the increased revenue was expected to be derived, has, in connection with the enormously increased taxes and cost of fuel, labor and materials, resulted in net revenues from railway operations far less than the equivalent of a return of 6% on your Company's investment for transportation purposes. It is now clearly apparent that the cost of operation will have to be materially reduced in order to secure the operating income contemplated in the Transportation Act of 1920.

Comparison of the total number of employees and monthly operating payrolls at various dates before, during and after Federal operation is given below:

	Number Employees.	Payroll.
December 1916	19,170	\$1,172,065 14
December 1917	19,305	1,432,701 62
February 1920	24,460	2,908,600 17
August 1920	25,215	3,713,066 61
March 1921	21,980	2,968,814 11

The total amount of payrolls for the years 1916, 1917 and 1920, compared with the operating expenses for those years, is as follows:

Year Ended—	Payrolls.	Operating Expenses.	Ratio of Payrolls to Operating Expenses.
December 31 1916	\$13,381,873 73	\$24,060,605 21	55.62%
December 31 1917	15,421,470 42	29,773,994 91	51.79%
December 31 1920	40,199,926 32	68,943,731 65	58.31%

In 1916 the Company had a total operating payroll of 19,170 employees, it moved 2,514,243,295 tons of freight one mile and had a total operating payroll cost of \$13,381,873.73.

In 1920 it moved 3,290,282,723 tons of freight one mile, had a total operating payroll cost of \$40,199,926.32, and in August that year had 25,215 employees.

From December, 1916, to December, 1920, freight rates were advanced approximately 60%.

The above figures reduced to per cents show:

- An increase in the number of employees of 31.5%
- An increase in the number of tons one mile of 30.9%
- An increase in the operating payroll cost of 200.4%
- An increase in freight rates of 60.0%

From December, 1920, to February, 1921, or in two months, the tons moved one mile show a decrease of 10% (based on daily movement) or at the rate of 60% per annum, bringing the amount of freight moved below the normal amount due to move had pre-war conditions not been interrupted by the world war.

Increases in wages were, of course, necessary to meet the increase in the cost of living, but included in the increased payrolls are large sums for which your Company receives no adequate return in service performed and which have been imposed on your Company by the working rules and reclassifications of employees contained in the National Agreements made by the Director-General during Federal Control, and by the General Orders promulgated by the Director-General. The Railway Labor Board on April 14,

1921, has, as of July 1, 1921, abrogated the National Agreements governing rules and working conditions, and it is hoped that, by agreements to be negotiated direct with your Company's employees and by reductions in wages in conformity with the decrease in the cost of living, reasonable reductions in payrolls will be effected without any measure of injustice or unfairness to your employees. Your officers are making every effort to secure proper economies in expenditures for fuel, cross-ties and other materials, and in this connection there will also be noted above a decrease in the number of employees from 25,215 in August, 1920, to 21,980 in March, 1921.

The following figures present an illustration of the remarkable changes in cost of certain materials since 1916:

	1916.	1917.	1920.	April 1921.
Brake beams, each	\$2 35	\$5 25	\$6 45	\$6 45
Journal bearings, 100 lbs	18 50	23 50	20 25	12 00
Polts, machinery, per 100	1 09	1 09	1 63	96
Journal boxes, each	3 00	4 10	9 50	7 75
Brick arches, each	32 30	50 00	50 00	42 30
Body bolsters, 100 lbs	3 75	8 50	9 75	8 00
Castings, malleable, 100 lbs	4 50	7 00	11 25	12 75
Castings, steel, 100 lbs	7 00	12 00	14 00	9 70
Couplers, each	19 75	45 80	47 55	39 05
Hose, air brake, per foot	28	50	67	48
Pig iron, per ton	16 00	46 50	43 25	25 00
Paint, gallon	92	1 20	1 99	1 20 1/2
Lumber, cypress, 8x16, per thousand	26 50	30 00	80 00	50 00
Lumber, cypress, 7x8, per thousand	18 00	21 00	50 00	33 00
Lumber, pine, 3x10, per thousand	16 00	20 00	45 00	30 00
Lumber, 1-inch pine boards, per thousand	11 50	15 00	27 50	19 00
Cross-ties, cypress, firsts, each	40	55	1 60	50
Coal, bituminous, per ton, f.o.b. at the mine	1 01	2 74	3 65	2 75

Claim has been filed with the United States Railroad Administration covering matters arising from the Federal control period, including amounts for under-maintenance of road property and equipment, but no settlement has as yet been made. Partial payments aggregating \$5,000,000 have been made to your Company since the close of the year.

There has also been filed with the United States Government, and not yet settled, claim on account of operations for the Guaranty period, covering all items audited or estimated at the date of the claim. Supplemental statements will be filed if necessary to cover items subsequently audited found to be due by or to the Government, from whom partial payments aggregating \$4,900,000 have been received since the close of the year.

There has been executed as of February 1, 1921, an agreement and lease (Philadelphia plan) known as "Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Equipment Trust Series D," under which your Company has agreed to lease from the Safe Deposit & Trust Company of Baltimore, Trustee, the following equipment:

- 25 Light Pacific locomotives,
- 5 Switch locomotives,
- 25 Passenger coaches,
- 200 Phosphate cars,
- 500 Box cars, and
- 400 Coal cars, which have been contracted for and

nearly all delivered, except 100 phosphate cars not yet ordered. The estimated cost of the above-mentioned equipment is \$6,220,000, and the trust agreement provides for the issue by the Trustee of \$4,500,000 6 1/2% share certificates, maturing in fifteen equal annual installments of \$300,000 each, the last of which will be due on February 1, 1936. The dividends on and principal of said certificates when due are payable under the lease by your Company as rental for the use of the said equipment, and upon the full payment thereof title to the said equipment will be transferred to your Company.

During the year, there was completed that portion of the Ellenton Belt—Saw Grass Spur, of the Tampa Southern Railroad, from Gillett to Senanky, Florida, a distance of 6.50 miles, and freight service on part of said line was inaugurated on January 12, 1921.

Work on the extension of the Haines City Branch to Immokalee, Florida, which was suspended in 1918, has been resumed, and it is expected that the line from Goodno to Immokalee, a distance of 26 miles, will be completed and placed in operation during the present year.

The field work in the valuation by the Inter-State Commerce Commission of your Company's railroad property has been completed, and the tabulating and accounting will probably be completed and preliminary reports served on your Company early in 1922.

Attention is called to the following statements submitted as a part of this [pamphlet] report:

- Transportation and Roadway Operations.
- Equipment.
- Additions and Betterments charged to Cost of Road.
- Increase in Cost of Road and Equipment.
- Accounting Department Statistics.
- Statements covering operations during twenty-six months' period of Federal control.

The Board of Directors acknowledges its appreciation of the support of the patrons of the Company and of the services of its officers and employees.

J. R. KENLY, *President.*

H. WALTERS, *Chairman.*

For Comparative General Balance Sheet, Income Account, &c., see Annual Reports in Investment News Column.

**Western Quebec Power Co., Ltd.—Bonds Offered.**

Balfour, White & Co., Montreal, recently offered at 88.23, to yield 8 1/4%, \$200,000 6 1/2% 1st Mtge. Sinking Fund bonds. Dated April 1 1921, due April 1 1931. Int. payable J. & J. at Merchants Bank of Canada, Montreal or Toronto, or New York in N. Y. funds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c\*). Red. all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 105 and int. Bankers Trust Co., Montreal, trustee. Beginning April 1 1923 there will be an annual sinking fund equivalent to 3% of the bonds outstanding.

**Capitalization Outstanding.**—Common shares, \$350,000; 7% Cum. Pref shares, \$50,000; 6 1/2% 1st Mtge. bonds (this issue), \$200,000.

**Company.**—Was incorp. under Canadian laws. Has purchased entire assets of North River Electric Co., Ltd., and Vaudreuil Electric Co., Ltd. The former generates power at Carillon on the North River and supplies the district from Rigaud to Grenville with power and light. The latter purchases its power from the Cedar Rapids Manufacturing & Power Co. on advantageous contract and supplies the district from Cedars to Dragon. The two systems are now being linked up to make one continuous system extending from Cedars to Grenville, which gives the company, including distribution system, some 100 miles of line. R. W. Barclay, Pres. & Managing Director.—V. 112, p. 1749.

**Wheeling Steel Corporation.—Decision.**

See La Belle Iron Works above.—V. 112, p. 1973.

**White Eagle Oil Marketing Co.—Equip. Trusts Offered.**

Commerce Trust Co., Kansas City, are offering, at prices ranging from 100 and int. to 99.20 and int., to net from 8% to 8.20%, according to maturity, \$500,000 Equip. Trust 8% gold certificates, unconditionally guaranteed, prin. and divs., by White Eagle Oil & Refining Co. Issued under the Philadelphia plan.

Secured by 410 modern steel tank cars of 8,000 and 10,000-gallon capacity, having a present value of 70% more than the amount of this loan.

Proceeds will be used to install the Burton process of oil refining under license from the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, at the plant of the White Eagle Oil & Refining Co., Augusta, Kan. This installation is substantial; completed, and it is expected will be in full operation on or about July 1.

**White Eagle Oil & Refining Co.—Guaranty.**

See White Eagle Oil Marketing Co. above.—V. 112, p. 478.

**White Oil Corporation.—Quarterly Statement.**

Comparative Profit and Loss Statement (Including Subsidiaries).					
Quarters ending	1920.	1921.	Quarters ending	1920.	1921.
Mar. 31—	\$	\$	Mar. 31—	\$	\$
Sales	2,182,628	1,990,565	Total (incl. misc.)	88,510	222,935
Cost of sales	2,114,845	1,772,856	Interest	20,847	53,738
Inc. from oper.	67,783	217,709	Net earnings	67,662	169,197

The balance sheet as of Mar. 31 shows total assets of \$41,107,154. This includes properties, less reserves, \$31,184,085; investments, \$574,810; value of securities of subsidiary companies in excess of par value, \$6,054,415; inventories, \$1,611,499; notes receivable, \$744,887; and cash, \$659,473. Offsets include, with other items, capital stock outstanding (681,965 shares), \$22,937,123; purchase money obligations, \$2,019,178; accounts payable, \$812,069; notes payable, \$2,292,859; and surplus as of Mar. 31 1921, \$12,809,496. Compare V. 112, p. 1525.

**(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—Business—Outlook.**

C. F. Valentine, Sec. & Treas., May 19 said: "Despite the trade depression of the past few months, business has remained good and sales have increased. The outlook for the future is bright. Business conditions are improving and I believe we are now on the road to normal, although the process is slow."—V. 112, p. 1525.

**York (Pa.) Mfg. Co.—Dividend Increased—No Extra.**

A semi-annual dividend of \$6 per share has been declared on the stock, payable June 1 to holders of record May 20. This compares with semi-annual dividends of \$4 and extra of \$6 per share paid in Dec. 1919 and in June and December 1920.—V. 111, p. 1861.

CURRENT NOTICES

"Elements of Bond Investments" is the title of a book by A. M. Salski, Ph.D., bond expert of the firm of Lage Bros. & Co., and formerly lecturer and instructor on corporation finance and economics at Johns Hopkins and New York Universities and Union College. This volume contains "a concise explanation of the principles of sound investment, prepared for the use of the security salesman and private investor." Among the topics dealt with are fundamental principles of investment, financial statements, the field of investment, classification of investment bonds, and the most important groups of bonds dealt in regularly.

—Brunley, Chamberlin & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, 15 Broad St., New York, announce that Henry C. Knox, formerly Treasurer American Brake Shoe & Foundry Co., has been admitted as a special partner. Besides Mr. Knox, the firm consists of Frank E. Brunley, John B. Chamberlin, Alexander P. Gray Jr., and Henry G. Lapham, special.

—Ingraham & DuBosque announce the formation of a partnership to deal in Government, municipal, railroad, public utility and industrial bonds, with offices at 43 Exchange Place, New York City. The firm is composed of Louis H. Ingraham and Clayton DuBosque, both formerly associated with the banking firm of Montgomery & Co. at 14 Wall St.

—Ford, Bacon & Davis, 115 Broadway, New York, and 58 Sutter St., San Francisco, announce that owing to increased business in the Philadelphia district they have found it necessary to open an office in Philadelphia at 1421 Chestnut St. under the management of H. V. Coes.

—Jelke, Hood & Bolles, 40 Wall St., New York, announce that they have established a department for dealing in New York City, New York State, Federal and Joint Stock Land Bank Bonds, under the management of Edward Canfield and Webster W. Canfield.

—Rae H. Rogers and Wm. Brandriss, both members of the New York Stock Exchange, have formed a partnership under the name of Rogers & Brandriss, with offices at 165 Broadway, for the transaction of a general investment and brokerage business.

—The Metropolitan Trust Co. has accepted the appointment as trustee under trust deed of the National Guaranty Credit Corp. to secure an issue of Collateral Trust gold notes.

—The United States Mortgage & Trust Co. has been appointed Registrar of the Capital stock of the Rose of Sharon Oil Co. and Transfer Agent of the Capital stock of the Air-O-Mix Co.

—M. J. Hoey & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, announce the appointment of Mr. Guy Wendell Burns as Manager of their uptown office, 516 Fifth Ave.

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—The Columbia Trust Co. has been appointed transfer agent of the First Pref., Managers' Pref. and Common stocks of the Fowler Fisheries Co.

—The Farmers Loan & Trust Co. has been appointed Transfer Agent of the stock of the Glen Alden Coal Co.

# The Commercial Times.

## COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

New York, Friday Night, May 20, 1921.

A moderate, or only fair business at best, is being done, and some lines are quiet. Almost everywhere there is more or less of a waiting policy. There is a desire to go slow, pending the clearing up of the general situation at home and abroad. Politics in Europe are disturbing. The Silesian question, British politics, the British coal strike, the possibility of a cotton strike in Lancashire, the unseasonably cold weather over much of this country, all tend to slow down business activities. Collections are slow. Iron and steel are dull and more or less depressed. Export sales in many lines are only about 50% of those of a year ago. The automobile trade is slackening and prices are declining. Building activity is not up to what it was looked for some time ago, though it is better than might be expected, considering the strikes which are hampering it. In the clothing trades, which recently were in very good shape, there is less activity, owing mainly to the backwardness of the season. Food prices have reached new low levels, especially those for dairy products. Retail trade in country districts lags. Trade in silks is smaller. The shipping strike hurts business on the Pacific Coast and has more or less militated against commerce on this side of the Continent also. The growth of spring wheat has been somewhat retarded by cool weather, but on the whole the plant looks very well. Kansas needs rain, however, and wheat to-day jumped 4 to 7 cents. The stock market has declined, and this has had a more or less sobering effect in general business circles.

On the other hand, the monetary situation is easing, credits are relaxing, and it is not quite so hard to do business. The way is being paved in a financial sense for a revival of trade later on. Another factor of supreme importance is the decision of the Railway Labor Board to reduce the wages of unskilled railway workers. The amount of the reduction has not yet been announced. The popular notion is that it may be something like 12%, and it is said that 200,000 men will probably be put to work as soon as the wage rates have been determined. Later on the question of skilled railroad workers' wages will be taken up. They will have to be reduced. The imperative need of the times is a reduction in costs and one of the biggest items in costs is wages. A reduction will mean increased employment and more income for workers and a better outlook generally for all concerned. It would mean in the end lower freight rates and larger business, leading gradually to a return to normal prosperity.

Meantime trade is best in the Middle West. Retail trade is largest in the big cities. Woolen goods are well sold up to the fall; some cotton goods are sold up to September. Southern cotton mills are resuming work on full time. Fall River is making big sales of print cloths. Crop reports in the main are favorable, despite recent cool weather. Beneficial rains have fallen in Texas. It is warmer in the cotton belt. The leather trade is active, and there is more demand for shoes at the West, though this branch of trade remains quiet in the East, partly owing to high prices. Retailers still maintain a high level of charges, which delay the movement back to normal conditions. There are signs of an increasing consumption of raw cotton, noticeable for the first time this week. New England woolen mills are busy. A better demand for export has advanced the price of copper, and lead and tin are also higher. Petroleum is lower, with production well up to its maximum. Taken for all and all, American trade is in a waiting attitude pending a reduction in costs and a settlement of strikes at home and abroad. London dispatches express hope of an early ending of the coal strike, and also gratification at the mingled candor and friendliness of Ambassador Harvey's speech at the dinner of the Pilgrims' Society in London on May 19, in which he made it plain that this country adheres to Washington's doctrine of friendly relations with foreign nations and entangling alliances with none.

Retailers still block the way to a return to activity in trade. The New Bedford cotton manufacturers, in a public statement, say that "until the retailer, and particularly the small retailer, is willing to forget what he paid for the goods he has on hand and will sell on a basis of what he could replace for to-day, the benefit of the reductions made by manufacturers cannot reach the consumer and cannot react to the benefit of the mills and workers in the shape of greater demand. The greater distribution so much needed to put the industry on a full-time basis is being held up by the failure of retailers in general to follow the example of some of the leading department stores, in cleaning out all stocks on hand at prices in line with the lower levels quoted to-day by the manufacturers. The measure of value to-day is replacement cost, not what the distributor paid for the goods. The retailer eventually will have to accept this basis, and the sooner he does so, the sooner he will remove one of the chief obstacles in getting the mills back to full-time operation and getting his own business back to normal volume of turnover."

The building trade strike in New Bedford was ended on May 16, the workers accepting cuts in wages. A reduction in wages of union moulders in Greater Boston became effective May 16 with the consent of the unions involved. The cut amounted to about \$1 for an eight-hour day. A wage cut of 15% has been accepted by workers on railway ferries operating on Lake Michigan. Boston street-car men have accepted a 12½% cut in wages. In Rhode Island, at least, the woolen and worsted industry is back nearer to normal than is the cotton industry. The silk industry, too, has shown a remarkable improvement during the past few weeks. The Mount Hope Spinning Co., Warren, R. I., manufacturers of tire fabrics, has resumed full-time operations. Many North Carolina cotton mills have resumed full time. The Woodstock Cotton Mills, at Anniston, Ala., which have been closed for four months, have resumed operations on a six-day basis. Cotton mills at Gadsden, Ala., have resumed work after having been idle for some months. Some Cohoes, N. Y., mills are working on longer time. Union leaders will announce their decision regarding the calling of a strike among Southern cotton mill workers at the close of this week. They may decide not to call a strike. Mill owners do not expect one.

Wholesale prices in this country for April showed a decline of 5% from March and 42% from April, 1920, in figures announced by the Department of Labor. Retail prices of food fell 2.7%. Sauerbeck's index number declined 7.2 points during April, the total standing at 169.8, compared with 177.2 at the end of March. Textiles was the only item which showed a gain during April, which was an increase of 1 point. The monthly report of cold storage holdings in New York State show a big increase in meat, cheese and eggs. The Boston Rubber Shoe Co., of Malden, Mass., announced a shut-down from May 27 to July 5.

The leaders of the marine engineers expressed the belief that the settlement of the marine strike was in sight. Ship officers have acknowledged, it is said, their willingness to accept a cut in wages. The printers' and pressmen's strike in Philadelphia showed little change yesterday. Striking pressmen at the Curtis Publishing plant were told to return to work by noon May 19 or have their places filled. Shoe workers in Rochester, N. Y., have agreed to a permanent mediator and wage adjustment by an arbitration board.

The tariff bills were moved a step forward on May 18 in Congress. The House of Managers agreed to reduce the period of Federal control of dye importations from six to three months. Secretary of Commerce Hoover told the convention of the National Association of Manufacturers that "it will be a fateful day in the history of the world if it abandons the basic policies of the open door and equal opportunity." The Illinois State Legislature has passed the bill providing for licensing of the Chicago Board of Trade. If signed by the Governor and upheld by courts, it will place the grain market under control of the State Board of Agriculture and impose other conditions which will prohibit operation. This was the opinion expressed when word of the legislative action was spread through the pit. The bill had the backing of the rural legislators. The possibility that the Board might be moved to Milwaukee, Kansas City, Minneapolis or St. Louis, or some other leading grain centre, was discussed by the traders.

As a result of the refusal of dock workers in Antwerp to load coal destined for England, 400,000 tons are tied up there and all freight yards are choked. British coal miners are said to be anxious to settle the strike.

LARD quiet and easier; prime Western \$10 30@10 40; refined to the Continent 11.90c.; South American 12.15c.; Brazil in kegs 13.15c. Futures declined under increased stocks, dullness of trade and packers selling. A new "low" was reached in the price. Hedge sales were a noticeably depressing factor. To-day prices declined and ended lower for the week by 25 points.

### DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery.....cts.	9.55	9.40	9.25	9.27	9.37	9.35
July delivery.....	9.80	9.70	9.55	9.57	9.70	9.63
September delivery....	10.15	10.00	9.87	9.90	10.00	9.95

PORK dull; mess \$25@25 50; family \$30@32; short clear \$22@25. May closed at \$17 25, a rise for the week of 20c. Beef also dull; mess, \$16@18; packet, \$17@18; family, \$18@20; extra India mess, \$26@28; No. 1 canned roast beef, \$3 00; No. 2, \$5 60; Cut meats quiet but steady; pickled hams 10 to 20 lbs., 20½@20¾c.; pickled bellies 10 to 12 lbs., 15½@17c. Butter, creamery extras, 29¼@30c. Cheese, flats, 13@17½c. Eggs, fresh gathered extras, 27c.

COFFEE on the spot in rather better demand and firmer; No. 7 Rio, 6½c.; No. 4 Santos, 8¼@9¼c.; fair to good Cucuta, 10@10½c. Futures advanced slightly with Brazilian markets firm on Government support. Scattered long liquidation, partly for Cotton Exchange interests, tended to impede the advance. Trading has been in the main small. The Brazilian Government, it is rumored, will buy and carry a quantity, reaching, if necessary, 2,000,000 bags. There is no speculative snap in coffee, however. Some think prohibition has helped or will help coffee; that more coffee is being drunk to-day than ever before. To-day prices declined a trifle, but ended with May 11 points higher for the week and July a single point lower.

May ---- cts. 5.71 @ 5.73 | July ---- cts. 5.89 @ 5.90 | Dec. ---- cts. 6.75 @ 6.76  
 Sept. ---- cts. 6.28 @ 6.29 | Mar. ---- cts. 7.05 @ 7.07

SUGAR quiet; centrifugal, 96-degrees test, Cuban and Porto Rican, 5.02c. Futures declined with trade light and the supply large. Small sales were made at 5.12c., duty paid. A small lot of Peru in port sold at 3.764c. c.i.f., or 5.02c. delivered at New York. On Jan. 1 the quantity of refined on hand is stated to have been 200,000 tons; meltings first four months, 11,136,000 tons; beet sugar sold first four months, 400,000; sold to the trade without refining through New Orleans, 9,000 tons; total supply to May 1, 1,754,000 tons, against 1,703,000 tons in 1920; less exports 76,000 tons, available for home consumption first four months, 1,669,000 tons, against 1,455,500 last year. These are the figures of the "Federal Reporter." It adds there is now in Cuban shipping ports a stock of 1,210,000 tons, with estimated further receipts to come of 1,150,000 tons. Unsold domestic beet sugars, it is said, amount to 400,000 tons and refiners' and importers' stocks of raw sugar total 270,000 tons. Porto Rico and Hawaii will have available for the remainder of the year, it is estimated, 630,000 tons. Some sugars will come from the Philippines and other countries, and in October the new domestic crops will be on the market. These are the figures of those who doubt the stability of even the present low prices. Receipts at Cuban ports last week were 135,500 tons, against 131,891 in the previous week, 123,785 in the same week last year and 158,960 two years ago; exports, 74,525 tons, against 48,493 a week previous, 124,054 last year and 112,883 two years ago; stock, 1,216,280 tons, against 1,155,255 in the previous week, 668,749 last year and 1,126,367 two years ago. The number of centrals grinding was 191, against 195 in the previous week, 98 in the same week last year and 176 two years ago. Exports included 60,705 tons to United States Atlantic ports, 5,892 to New Orleans and 7,928 to Europe. It is pointed out that the receipts, exports and stocks in Cuban ports show that despite enormous handicaps, producers have not hesitated to work at their fullest capacity. Receipts and stocks in Cuban ports show that we are rapidly overtaking the crop figures of the last two years. It points, some declare, to not much less than 3,700,000 tons for Cuba. Advices from the beet-growing countries of Europe report a prospective yield of 4,000,000 tons, or 500,000 tons more than the present crop. To some these things look like formidable obstacles to an advance. The "Louisiana Planter" says:

The cane sugar markets have yielded step by step to the tactics of the trio of American sugar refining interests that evidently dominate the whole sugar industry of the Western world, making it the cheapest source of supply for nearly all the countries that are in need of sugar. There has been a constant battle between the Cuban Finance Commission and the American sugar refining interests, as to which one should give way, no matter what agreement may have been entered into among the parties to this heroic conflict.

Later in the week the demand increased somewhat. The slowness of the progress on the emergency tariff caused more or less uneasiness and militated against trade in refined sugar. To-day prices of futures declined slightly, ending 25 points lower than a week ago.

May ---- cts. 3.53 @ -- | July ---- cts. 3.59 @ 3.61 | Dec. ---- cts. 3.35 @ 3.37  
 Sept. ---- cts. 3.65 @ 3.67

OILS.—Linseed firmer on the strength of flaxseed and a rather better inquiry. On the whole, however, business is still quiet, but crushers claim that the price is much below the cost of production. Leading producers quote 70@73c. per gallon, and the opinion is widespread that higher prices will be seen before long. Less than carloads were quoted at 73@76c., and five barrels or less at 75@78c. Coconut oil: Ceylon, barrels, 9¼@10c.; Cochin, 10¼@11c. Olive, \$1 35@81 60; soya bean, edible, 8@8½c. Lard, strained winter, 87c. Cod, domestic, 45c.; Newfoundland, 48c. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, 3,500 barrels. May closed at 7.28@7.45; June 7@7.35; July at 7.33@7.35; August at 7.40@7.58; September at 7.69@7.70; and October at 7.83@7.90; spot 7.10. Spirits of turpentine 69c. Common to good strained rosin \$5 20.

PETROLEUM quiet and lower; refined tanks, wagon to store 14c. On the 18th inst., the Standard Oil Co. announced a reduction of ¾c. in the export price of kerosene and gasoline in cases, the former being quoted at 35¼c. and the latter at 19@20c. It is supposed that this reduction is due to the lower costs of casing the oil. Domestic and foreign demand is below expectations. Fuel and gas oils are heavy and stocks continue to accumulate. The demand for gasoline has improved a little owing to the more favorable weather. Stocks are large of this also. Motor gasoline to garages (steel bbls.) was quoted at 26c.; motor gasoline U. S. Navy specifications, 19½c.; export naphtha in cargo lots 21c.; 63 to 66 deg., 24c.; 66 to 68 deg., 25c. The production of oil in California during April was 338,981 bbls. a day, showing an increase of 1,298 bbls. as compared with March. Shipments in April totalled 300,877 bbls. daily, or an increase of 5,451 bbls. over March. Total shipments from the fields during April were 9,026,200 bbls.; stocks, 25,356,769 bbls. Development work is more active now than it has been for a good many years past. There were 695 active drilling wells, in April, the largest since Sept. 1911, and 148 new rigs were erected. Fifty-eight new wells were completed during April with an initial daily production of 18,470 bbls. The daily average oil production in the Gulf Coast field last week was 109,685 bbls. a gain of 4,570 according to the Oil City Derrick. The North Central Texas output shows a daily average increase of 4,865 bbls. over the previous week.

Pennsylvania.....	\$3 25	Indiana.....	\$2 13	Strawn.....	\$1 50
Corning.....	2 00	Princeton.....	2 27	Thrall.....	1 50
Cabell.....	1 91	Illinois.....	2 27	Healdton.....	1 00
Somerset, 32 deg. and above.....	1 70	Plymouth.....	1 50	Moran.....	1 50
Ragland.....	1 25	Kansas & Okla. home & abroad.....	1 50	Henrietta.....	1 50
Woooster.....	2 55	Corsicana, light.....	1 25	Caddo, La., light.....	1 75
Lima.....	2 33	Corsicana, heavy.....	75	Caddo, crude.....	1 00
		Electra.....	1 50	De Soto.....	1 65

RUBBER quiet and more or less depressed. Smoked ribbed sheets remain at 16½c.; July-September was quoted at 17¼c.; July-December, 17¼c., and October-December, 18¼c. Para was quiet at 18c. for up-river fine. Centrals were dull at 7½c. for Corinto.

OCEAN FREIGHTS remained for the most part slow, with rates as a rule none too steady in the present big supply of tonnage. Latterly grain tonnage has been in rather better demand with rates reported steadier. Coal tonnage is said to be more active, but it is hinted that rates are being shaded.

Charters included 17,000 quarters grain from Montreal to Rotterdam 7s. 3d. May; 30,000 quarters to United Kingdom 6s. 4½d., with options May; 30,000 quarters from a Gulf port to Antwerp 7s. 6d. May; 12,500 quarters from Montreal to Southampton 7s.; other United Kingdom ports 7s. 3d. option Atlantic range loading 3d. less May 31st; one round trip in transatlantic trade 1s. delivery United States prompt; coal from Atlantic range to Rio Janeiro 86; to River Plate 86; heavy grain from San Lorenzo to United Kingdom-Continent 40s. May; coal from Philadelphia to Bangor, Me., \$1 75 and discharge; heavy grain from Concepcion to United Kingdom 47s. 6d.; linseed 3s. 9d. extra prompt; coal from North Atlantic to River Plate \$5 75 May; lumber from Columbia River to South Africa 30; heavy grain from San Lorenzo to United Kingdom-Continent 42s. 6d. July; coal from Northern range to River Plate \$5 75 May 5-20; 32,000 quarters grain from Gulf to West Coast United Kingdom 7s. 6d., East Coast 7s. 7½d. May; coal from Hampton Roads to European ports 6s. 10d. prompt.

TOBACCO has remained for the most part quiet. Perhaps there has been somewhat more inquiry, but as a rule manufacturers are not inclined to buy freely. In other words, they stick to the waiting policy; they are buying only to supply immediate requirements. And there is no lack of tobacco here. Supplies are ample. During April some 18,500,000 lbs. of tobacco were sold in Kentucky, it was said, at an average price of 8½c. per lb. The weekly Government report says that good progress was made in transplanting tobacco in Tennessee, and this work was begun in Kentucky. Growth was slow owing to cool weather in central and northern tobacco districts.

COPPER advanced on a good foreign demand and the firmness of the London market. Domestic demand is light, however. Export sales of late, it is intimated, have been made on the basis of 13¼c. per pound, c. i. f. Europe. Large interests quoted 13¼c. for May-June and 13½c. for July, while business could be done with smaller agencies, it is said, at 13½@13¼c. for May. Tin steady but quiet at 33c. for spot. Lead steady but quiet. Spot is quoted at 5@5½c. Zinc quiet and lower at 4.85@4.90c. for spot St. Louis.

PIG IRON has been dull and depressed. Eastern Pennsylvania iron sold at \$23.50 for 1.75 to 2.25 per cent. silicon at the furnace. It is intimated that \$23. valley would be accepted on good sized orders. The vehicular tunnel under the Hudson River will want it is understood 110,000 tons of 1.75 to 2.25 per cent silicon iron. It is said that foundries which expect to cast segments for this work are asking the price of iron for October delivery. Furnaces do not care to quote so far ahead. Iron is dull and competition is keen. Prices are said to be down \$5 to \$7 below estimated costs.

STEEL remains quiet, and there is a notion in the trade that it may remain so for some time. A falling off in the demand from automobile works is expected. The demand for sheets has already decreased. American railroads are not buying much. Wire products are in somewhat better demand. The Joliet rod mill has started up after being closed for some time. Wire nails are quoted at as high as \$3 25, though in southern Ohio this is shaded. Steel works are running on the average only 30 to 35% of capacity. The U. S. Steel Corporation is doing more business than recently. The foreign inquiry has increased somewhat and sales were reported of 30,000 tons of rails, 1,000 cars, 78 locomotives and other railroad equipment. Trade in the main is slow and the tendency has been to reduce prices. That is an outstanding feature.

WOOL has been in light or only moderate demand. The higher grades are fairly steady; the lower, i. e., average and inferior, are down in price. London closed at top prices in the recent surprisingly favorable public sales. The mill situation in the United States is reported to be healthy without great activity. Western trade is light. Growers are disinclined to accept the low bids of Eastern dealers, but they are selling some of the smaller clips, it is said, at 14c. to 18c. or higher for choice light shrinking clip. The Jericho wools of Utah, amounting to some 600,000 to 700,000 pounds, have been sent, it appears, to Boston on consignment against a reported advance of 14c. a pound. The War Department will offer the 3,000,000 pounds of the total of 6,000,000 pounds withdrawn from offering for the March 10 sale. These wools, it is said, do not compete especially with domestic wools, being suitable at the moment, it is asserted, for the carpet trade. South American markets are steadier.

The stock in this country on Jan. 1st according to the Agricultural Department was 469,244,000 lbs. including 243,038,000 lbs. held by dealers, 172,794,000 by mills, 51,005,000 by the United States Government and 2,407,000 by the British Government. The report shows that the Government holdings were reduced by about 50% during

the year 1920 and that at the close the stock of 51,005,000 lbs. included 75% of foreign wools of quarter-blood or lower. The British Government is reported as having still in this country 2,407,000 lbs. of grease wool. On Jan. 1st dealers held 188,822,000 lbs. of grease wool, 27,814,000 lbs. scoured, 14,352,000 pulled and 12,050,000 tops and noils; total 243,038,000 lbs. Mills held 119,766,000 lbs. of grease wool, 17,291,000 scoured, 6,895,000 pulled and 28,842,000 tops and noils; total 172,794,000 lbs; the United States Government held 37,607,000 lbs. grease wool, 9,444,000 lbs. scoured and 3,954,000 pulled; total 51,005,000. The British Government held 2,407,000 lbs. all wool in the grease.

The Bureau of Markets, United States Department of Agriculture, has after a silence of four months resumed reports on the wool consumption of the manufacturing industry in this country, covering the months of December 1920 and January, February and March 1921. It had been reported that the Bureau was to drop the monthly wool consumption report, but the new Administration has apparently concluded to continue it. The figures show a steady improvement in the woolen trade since December. Each of the four months given shows less wool consumed than in the similar month in the year previous, but the disparity is steadily decreasing. The loss in consumption on a percentage basis for each of the nearer months as compared with the figure for twelve months previous is as follows: Dec., 65%; Jan., 58%; Feb., 43%; Mar., 30%.

The Director of Sales of the War Department has reduced the original amount of wool to be offered to the public through auction at Boston next week 50% and only 3,000,000 will be placed on sale. The decision was reached following a careful survey of the wool market, when it was realized that to put into trade and commercial channels at this time as much as 6,000,000 pounds, the market, at the present time, would be endangered.

COTTON.

Friday Night, May 20 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 131,551 bales, against 138,041 bales last week and 133,247 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1920 5,627,796 bales, against 6,476,714 bales for the same period of 1919-20, showing a decrease since Aug. 1, 1920 of 848,918 bales.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	6,941	15,049	20,078	6,808	12,106	8,006	68,988
Texas City	---	---	---	---	---	1,494	1,494
Houston	---	---	---	---	---	240	240
Port Arthur, &c.	---	---	---	---	---	1,983	19,320
New Orleans	4,477	2,304	4,382	2,639	3,535	1,983	2,737
Mobile	2,199	136	63	134	28	237	4,233
Gulfport	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Jacksonville	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Savannah	3,039	2,557	6,037	2,126	1,744	2,478	17,981
Brunswick	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Charleston	1,358	496	406	84	539	151	3,034
Wilmington	283	354	499	231	135	330	1,832
Norfolk	1,475	681	2,341	900	1,169	923	7,489
N'port News, &c.	---	---	---	---	---	---	18
New York	---	993	---	---	---	---	993
Boston	22	195	35	---	51	---	303
Baltimore	---	---	---	---	---	---	800
Philadelphia	155	291	511	53	714	305	2,029
Totals this week.	19,949	23,056	34,352	12,975	20,021	21,198	131,551

The following shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1920 and stocks to-night, compared with the last year:

Receipts to May 20.	1920-21.		1919-20.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1920.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1919.	1921.	1920.
Galveston	68,988	2,676,369	12,916	2,036,709	413,705	213,575
Texas City	1,494	37,001	1,182	335,053	17,623	32,548
Houston	---	379,574	---	70,284	---	---
Port Arthur, &c.	240	60,623	4,508	26,199	---	---
New Orleans	19,320	1,255,920	14,887	1,241,540	419,299	334,815
Gulfport	4,233	9,993	---	---	---	---
Mobile	2,797	89,266	1,720	256,566	19,030	5,250
Pensacola	---	4,672	---	15,795	---	---
Jacksonville	---	---	---	13,832	1,604	4,033
Savannah	17,981	574,199	6,501	1,233,388	190,380	78,584
Brunswick	---	12,045	200	157,437	2,079	11,400
Charleston	3,034	79,717	392	440,382	256,456	247,015
Wilmington	1,832	81,142	92	142,683	35,018	44,834
Norfolk	7,489	255,518	2,553	331,501	112,188	58,422
Newport News, &c.	18	1,924	---	4,258	---	---
New York	993	27,758	3,974	23,131	137,283	46,504
Boston	303	32,292	986	41,515	10,705	3,384
Baltimore	800	41,450	1,365	87,072	4,265	6,142
Philadelphia	2,029	8,333	---	19,369	7,484	6,160
Totals	131,551	5,627,796	51,276	6,476,714	1,627,119	1,092,666

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Galveston	68,988	12,916	28,538	9,756	15,995	26,916
Texas City, &c	1,734	5,690	5,766	876	---	1,753
New Orleans	19,320	14,887	43,934	17,045	8,756	20,201
Mobile	2,797	1,720	959	2,001	444	5,318
Savannah	17,981	6,501	11,444	8,632	3,156	10,060
Brunswick	---	200	---	4,000	1,500	5,000
Charleston	3,034	392	4,150	608	706	1,956
Wilmington	1,832	92	3,332	1,384	230	3,359
Norfolk	7,489	2,553	4,636	895	8,970	8,288
N'port N., &c.	18	---	48	---	---	267
All others.	8,358	6,325	1,580	3,659	1,195	2,222
Total this wk.	131,551	51,276	104,387	48,856	40,952	85,340
Since Aug. 1.	5,627,796	6,476,714	4,769,565	5,376,614	6,350,376	6,605,237

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 74,417 bales, of which 12,617 were to Great Britain, 366 to France and 61,434 to other destinations. Exports for the week and since Aug. 1 1920 are as follows:

Exports from—	Week ending May 20 1921.				From Aug. 1 1920 to May 20 1921.			
	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	9,567	---	29,317	38,884	668,596	288,379	1,142,969	2,099,944
Houston	---	---	---	---	162,924	54,111	162,539	379,574
Texas City	---	---	---	---	10,096	5,129	7,575	22,800
San Antonio	---	---	---	---	---	---	30,150	30,150
Port Arthur	---	---	---	---	2,198	---	---	2,198
Port Nogales	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,550	1,550
El Paso	---	---	---	---	---	---	2,130	2,130
New Orleans	---	366	12,212	12,578	284,281	66,330	480,589	831,200
Mobile	---	---	2,661	2,661	21,975	6,750	23,180	51,905
Gulfport	---	---	4,233	4,233	---	---	9,993	9,993
Jacksonville	---	---	---	---	2,800	---	110	2,910
Savannah	---	---	4,100	4,100	144,738	46,497	172,245	363,480
Brunswick	---	---	---	---	11,079	---	---	11,079
Charleston	---	---	---	---	18,407	---	5,999	24,406
Wilmington	---	---	---	---	1,500	---	73,201	74,701
Norfolk	2,000	---	500	2,500	52,648	---	19,375	72,023
New York	100	---	450	550	7,712	8,126	52,744	68,582
Boston	---	---	---	---	3,617	119	8,081	11,817
Baltimore	---	---	---	---	---	426	3,998	5,670
Philadelphia	---	---	300	300	---	---	2,259	2,673
Los Angeles	950	---	---	---	950	8,214	---	22,275
San Fran.	---	---	250	250	---	30	67,096	67,096
Tacoma	---	---	6,511	6,511	---	---	88,681	88,681
Port'l'd, Ore.	---	---	---	900	---	---	50,478	50,478
Total	12,617	366	61,434	74,417	1,401,625	476,717	2,429,792	4,308,134
Tot. 1919-20	44,478	517	19,089	64,084	2,893,649	525,482	2,446,445	5,865,576
Tot. 1918-19	70,046	2,000	30,270	102,316	1,925,937	623,096	1,688,779	4,237,812

In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named. We add similar figures for New York.

May 20 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.	
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Cont'l.	Coast-wise.		
Galveston	48,748	11,558	10,190	55,263	4,000	129,759	283,946
New Orleans	11,978	4,437	4,529	11,148	448	32,540	386,759
Savannah	14,000	---	---	45,000	500	19,500	170,880
Charleston	---	---	---	---	800	800	255,656
Mobile	7,040	100	---	1,025	---	8,165	10,865
Norfolk	---	---	---	---	2,100	2,100	110,088
New York *	200	---	400	100	---	700	136,583
Other ports *	5,000	---	6,000	---	---	11,000	67,778
Total 1921.	86,966	16,095	21,119	72,536	7,848	204,564	1,422,555
Total 1920.	36,261	3,707	39,059	45,473	14,400	138,900	953,766
Total 1919.	73,707	1,000	---	31,280	6,158	112,145	1,152,862

\* Estimated. a Japan.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been on a very small scale, and fluctuations have been correspondingly restricted. Certain irregularity has been noticeable, but latterly the drift has been downward, owing mainly to a better weather-map. Also the stock market has fallen, and this has had a certain effect. The West has been selling coincident with the passage by the Illinois Legislature of an Act hostile to trading in grain futures. This caused a certain amount of uneasiness in Chicago and traders there have at times sold cotton as well as wheat. An Arkansas member of Congress has introduced a similar bill against trading in cotton futures. This has had no particular effect here, if any at all, but naturally it does not make for greater cheerfulness among those who have been looking for higher prices for cotton. Other factors inimical to cotton prices of late have been the continuance of the British coal strike and the fact that Lancashire cotton mill workers refuse to accept a reduction in wages of 30%. Still other adverse features have been the Silesian dispute, the increasing troubles in Ireland, the disturbed state of British politics, and, coming nearer home, the dullness and weakness in spot markets at the South, easier basis, and the fact that the weekly government report on Wednesday was more favorable than had been generally expected. Japanese interests have sold to some extent, and so also have Liverpool concerns. The latter have sold near months and also October. Another factor worthy of note is that the South has continued to sell, though not always on a large scale. For the most part its sales have been moderate, but the point is that it has been a persistent seller. New Orleans has of late been quite a steady seller, also. Wall Street, as stocks declined, has also sold.

But the declines on no one day have been great. In the main it has been simply a dribbling out of long cotton from disgusted holders, rather than large liquidation. And the season continues backward. It is believed to be two to three weeks late. In most parts of the South recent cold, wet and frosty weather has caused a good deal of replanting. In some sections replanting has had to be done two or three times. The stands, moreover, are to a large extent reported to be poor. In other words, the season is not beginning well. That seems clear enough. Moreover, foreign exchange has been rising, especially francs, although sterling has also shown noticeable strength recently. Credits are easing in this country. Southern banks are more disposed to give accommodations. The War Finance Corporation is making efforts to promote exports. And it is noticeable that exports, though not large, are steady, precluding, it is suggested, a larger outward movement later on. Also London speaks hopefully of the possibility of an early set-

tlement of the coal strike. It is recalled that the railway and transport workers of Great Britain refused to strike recently. In this country textile trades are gradually improving. North Carolina mills are resuming full time. In some other parts of the South increased production is noted. Fall River has made large sales of print cloths. In a single day 80,000 pieces were sold there. The total for the week is put at 180,000 pieces, or 360,000 in two weeks. Some carded yarn mills at the South are sold for two months ahead.

And although the American consumption in April was not only small compared with March, and looked far worse when compared with the April totals in recent years, it showed, nevertheless, a big gain from the low figures in the latter part of 1920. The sales of 180,000 to 200,000 pieces of print cloths at Fall River last week are regarded as possibly a prelude to a better absorption of raw cotton by the mills. They were the largest sales for months past. Some are looking for better exports before long, what with a recent rise in the rates of foreign exchange and the fact that the Government shows a disposition to aid in financing European trade with long credits. The War Finance Corporation has announced its approval of a further advance of \$2,000,000 to assist in the exportation of cotton to warehouses in foreign parts, of which approximately \$1,600,000 has been advanced against the cotton actually exported. This financing of cotton shipments will assist, it is pointed out, in keeping a sufficient supply contiguous to points of consumption. The cotton has been consigned to Liverpool, Havre, Trieste, Genoa, Venice and Bremen. A new application for an advance of \$1,000,000, in connection with exports to Liverpool, Havre, Genoa, Bremen and Kobe, Japan, was approved. Another application for an advance of \$1,000,000 to finance the exportation of cotton from American interior points and American ports, under contracts calling for shipments from October to December, inclusive, has also been approved. To-day prices advanced after a small early decline. London cables were hopeful as to an early ending of the British coal strike. Fall River's activity was a cheering factor. The closing showed the week's loss regained. May and July ended 1 point higher than last Friday. Middling on the spot, which at one time during the week was 20 points higher than last Friday, ended unchanged, to-day's price being raised 20 points to 12.65c.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

May 14 to May 20—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling uplands	12.55	12.65	12.85	12.65	12.45	12.65

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

1921. c.	12.65	1913. c.	12.00	1905. c.	8.30	1897. c.	7.75
1920.	43.00	1912.	11.50	1904.	13.15	1896.	8.31
1919.	31.75	1911.	16.10	1903.	12.15	1895.	7.12
1918.	26.25	1910.	15.25	1902.	9.44	1894.	7.19
1917.	21.10	1909.	11.80	1901.	8.06	1893.	7.75
1916.	13.20	1908.	10.90	1900.	9.75	1892.	7.38
1915.	9.75	1907.	12.15	1899.	6.25	1891.	8.94
1914.	13.60	1906.	11.95	1898.	6.44	1890.	12.25

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 10 pts dec.	Barely steady			
Monday	Quiet 10 pts adv.	Steady	700	700	
Tuesday	Steady 20 pts adv.	Steady	100	100	
Wednesday	Quiet 20 pts dec.	Barely steady	600	600	
Thursday	Quiet 20 pts dec.	Quiet			
Friday	Steady 20 pts adv.	Firm			
Total			1,400	1,400	

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, May 14.	Monday, May 16.	Tuesday, May 17.	Wed day, May 18.	Thursd y, May 19.	Friday, May 20.	Week.
May—							
Range	12.28-42	12.28-38	12.38-58	12.37-65	12.18-32	12.08-41	12.08-58
Closing	12.30	12.38	12.57	12.37	12.18	12.41	
June—							
Range	12.50	12.65	12.72	12.55	12.40	12.50	12.30-72
Closing	12.50	12.65	12.76	12.55	12.40	12.50	
July—							
Range	12.67-85	12.68-90	12.94-06	12.78-08	12.61-80	12.52-80	12.52-08
Closing	12.71-72	12.87-88	13.01-02	12.78-80	12.63-64	12.78-80	
August—							
Range	12.98	13.09	13.23	13.00	12.83	13.00	12.98
Closing	12.91	13.09	13.23	13.00	12.83	13.00	
September—							
Range	13.05	13.30	13.43	13.45	13.14	13.28	13.45
Closing	13.05	13.30	13.43	13.22	13.14	13.28	
October—							
Range	13.25-41	13.24-53	13.56-68	13.45-73	13.32-48	13.25-50	13.24-73
Closing	13.27	13.50	13.63	13.45-46	13.34-35	13.48-50	
November—							
Range	13.46	13.65	13.80	13.62	13.51	13.67	
Closing	13.46	13.65	13.80	13.62	13.51	13.67	
December—							
Range	13.54-69	13.54-85	13.90-00	13.80-01	13.69-82	13.61-85	13.54-01
Closing	13.54-57	13.85-85	13.99	13.80	13.69-70	13.84-85	
January—							
Range	13.70-80	13.67-95	14.00-11	13.96-14	13.80-95	13.72-92	13.67-14
Closing	13.67	13.95	14.10	13.91	13.80	13.97	
February—							
Range	13.80	14.09	14.24	14.05	13.95	14.12	
Closing	13.80	14.09	14.24	14.05	13.95	14.12	
March—							
Range	13.92-02	13.96-24	14.27-40	14.21-43	14.10-20	14.01-24	13.92-43
Closing	13.92-93	14.24	14.38-40	14.21	14.10	14.28	

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks, as well as the afloat, are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday), we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

May 20—	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Stock at Liverpool	992,000	1,184,000	516,000	303,000
Stock at London	2,000	11,000	12,000	22,000
Stock at Manchester	94,000	192,000	74,000	51,000
Total Great Britain	1,088,000	1,387,000	602,000	376,000
Stock at Hamburg	30,000	14,000		
Stock at Bremen	167,000	60,000		
Stock at Havre	146,000	331,000	170,000	142,000
Stock at Rotterdam	12,000		4,000	1,000
Stock at Barcelona	115,000	91,000	63,000	8,000
Stock at Genoa	28,000	163,000	73,000	3,000
Stock at Ghent	31,000			
Total Continental Stocks	529,000	659,000	315,000	154,000
Total European stocks	1,617,000	2,046,000	917,000	530,000
India cotton afloat for Europe	67,000	118,000	26,000	29,000
American cotton afloat for Europe	272,461	308,254	261,462	136,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat for Eur'e.	81,000	61,000	40,000	79,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	270,000	111,000	327,000	296,000
Stock in Bombay, India	1,275,000	1,223,000	1,049,000	660,000
Stock in U. S. ports	1,627,119	1,092,666	1,265,007	1,303,888
Stock in U. S. interior towns	1,519,729	1,076,708	1,318,265	984,341
U. S. exports to-day	8,349	2,600	25,069	43,338
Total visible supply	6,737,658	6,039,228	5,228,803	4,061,567

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

American	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Liverpool stock	606,000	903,000	325,000	141,000
Manchester stock	79,000	172,000	48,000	14,000
Continental stock	448,000	564,000	287,000	210,000
American afloat for Europe	272,461	308,254	261,462	136,000
U. S. port stocks	1,627,119	1,092,666	1,265,007	1,303,888
U. S. interior stocks	1,519,729	1,076,708	1,318,265	984,341
U. S. exports to-day	8,349	2,600	25,069	43,338
Total American	4,560,658	4,119,228	3,529,803	2,763,567

East Indian, Brazil, &c.—

	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Liverpool stock	386,000	281,000	191,000	162,000
London stock	2,000	11,000	12,000	22,000
Manchester stock	15,000	20,000	26,000	37,000
Continental stock	81,000	95,000	28,000	12,000
India afloat for Europe	67,000	118,000	26,000	29,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat	81,000	61,000	40,000	79,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	270,000	111,000	327,000	296,000
Stock in Bombay, India	1,275,000	1,223,000	1,049,000	660,000
Total East India, &c.	2,177,000	1,920,000	1,699,000	1,298,000
Total American	4,560,658	4,119,228	3,529,803	2,763,567

Total visible supply

	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Middling uplands, Liverpool	6,737,658	6,039,228	5,228,803	4,061,567
Middling uplands, New York	7.42d.	26.14d.	19.38d.	20.88d.
Middling uplands, New York	12.65c.	41.00c.	31.55c.	27.30c.
Egypt, good sakes, Liverpool	18.00d.	77.00d.	30.05d.	31.40d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool	12.00d.	50.00d.	30.08d.	39.00d.
Broach, fine, Liverpool	7.55d.	21.85d.	17.25d.	20.15d.
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool	8.05d.	22.85d.	17.50d.	20.40d.

\* Estimated.

Continental imports for past week have been 31,000 bales. The above figures for 1921 show a decrease from last week of 770 bales, a gain of 698,430 bales over 1920, an excess of 1,508,855 bales over 1919 and a gain of 2,676,091 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 May 20 1921.				Movement to May 21 1920.			
	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks May 20.	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks May 21.
	Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.		
Ala, Birm'g'm a	346	20,279	100	5,694	25,856		3,321	
Eufaula	100	9,103	115	4,501	5,855		1,661	
Montgomery	252	48,345	452	29,841	131	71,420	295	
Selma	140	32,619	422	16,646	8	38,432	49	
Ark., Helena	373	48,819	1,078	12,422	45	31,466	219	
Little Rock	4,767	198,909	4,519	70,642	284	184,930	3,460	
Pine Bluff	1,130	126,650	4,814	69,737		78,954		
Ga., Albany	10,648	106,507			9,687		9,822	
Atlanta	2,045	135,386	2,800	41,337	620	154,269	2,500	
Augusta	4,360	157,100	5,030	35,876	2,005	258,634	4,381	
Columbus	5,480	340,437	7,288	138,540	6,479	529,399	12,236	
Macon	1,191	45,857	1,243	15,531	709	211,654	3,808	
Rome	627	28,726	778	7,564	100	54,185	300	
La., Shreveport	517	90,069	1,713	64,321	124	76,120	274	
Miss., Columbus	95	9,585	452	2,613		17,253		
Clarksdale	187	108,860	2,337	54,609	800	139,391	43,800	
Greenwood	175	90,572	1,187	38,555	200	108,707	1,700	
Meridian	304	24,558	171	13,540	100	35,926	225	
Vicksburg	12	12,535	654	12,285		18,014	369	
Yazoo City	54	28,373	38	11,532		32,921		
Mo., St. Louis	15,036	701,066	15,285	29,847	18,164	717,422	16,198	
N. C., Gr'nshoro	448	24,882	424	9,315	50	47,979	250	
Raleigh	312	6,050	390	332	590	14,171	600	
Okla., Altus	3,649	96,289	4,541	16,476				
Chickasha	1,647	72,297	1,937	9,979		11,620		
Hugo		17,700	200	3,034		24,787		
Okla., Muskogee		60,589				37,089		
S. C., Greenville	2,102	77,899	2,255	26,683	600	136,350	900	
Greenwood	128	20,241	230	9,598		15,104		
Tenn., Memphis	14,930	846,930	23,242	319,107	14,561	1,119,973	18,350	
Nashville		967	12	1,323		1,483		
Tex., Abilene	576	46,970	5,501	3,199	119	57,726		
Brenham	110	11,311	186	4,052		6,751		
Clarksville		22,850	400	7,800				

**OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.**—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

	1920-21		1919-20	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
May 20—Shipped				
Via St. Louis	15,285	683,997	16,198	712,467
Via Mounds, &c.	4,662	224,170	4,246	390,591
Via Rock Island	848	33,547	547	21,143
Via Louisville	622	57,733	1,026	100,385
Via Virginia points	3,998	116,517	5,214	200,921
Via other routes, &c.	23,489	404,246	11,347	432,261
<b>Total gross overland</b>	<b>48,904</b>	<b>1,520,210</b>	<b>38,578</b>	<b>1,857,768</b>
Deduct Shipments				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.	4,125	109,833	6,325	171,087
Between interior towns	4,278	40,501	276	65,979
Inland, &c., from South	2,564	270,952	7,040	230,819
<b>Total to be deducted</b>	<b>10,967</b>	<b>421,286</b>	<b>13,641</b>	<b>467,885</b>
<b>Leaving total net overland†</b>	<b>37,937</b>	<b>1,098,924</b>	<b>24,937</b>	<b>1,389,883</b>

† Including movement by rail to Canada. a Revised.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 37,937 bales, against 24,937 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 290,959 bales.

	1920-21		1919-20	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
In Sight and Spinners' Takings				
Receipts at ports to May 20	131,551	5,267,796	51,276	6,476,714
Net overland to May 20	37,937	1,098,924	24,937	1,389,883
Southern consumption to May 20	60,000	2,394,000	75,000	2,968,000
<b>Total marketed</b>	<b>229,488</b>	<b>9,120,720</b>	<b>151,213</b>	<b>10,834,597</b>
Interior stocks in excess	123,677	659,788	124,182	274,661
<b>Total in sight during week</b>	<b>205,811</b>		<b>127,031</b>	
Total in sight May 20		9,780,508		11,109,258
North. spinners' takings to May 20	62,168	1,643,398	57,723	2,590,610

† Decrease during week. a These figures are consumption; takings not available.

**Movement into sight in previous years:**

Week	Bales.	Since Aug. 1	Bales.
1919—May 23	150,495	1918-19—May 23	9,959,713
1918—May 24	136,683	1917-18—May 24	11,012,911
1917—May 25	109,030	1916-17—May 25	11,875,379

**WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.**—Reports to us by telegraph from the South this evening indicate that the weather has been more favorable during the week. In some portions of the Atlantic and Eastern Gulf districts there has been rather too much rain, but elsewhere the precipitation has been light as a rule or dry weather has prevailed. Planting has progressed well and is completed over most of the area.

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer		
Galveston, Texas	2 days	0.01 in.	high 88	low 68	mean 78
Abilene	1 day	0.11 in.	high 92	low 58	mean 75
Brenham	1 day	0.08 in.	high 88	low 62	mean 75
Brownsville		dry	high 90	low 66	mean 78
Cuero		dry	high 92	low 60	mean 76
Dallas		dry	high 88	low 60	mean 74
Henrietta	2 days	0.65 in.	high 87	low 55	mean 71
Huntsville		dry	high 87	low 60	mean 74
Lampasas	1 day	0.70 in.	high 88	low 46	mean 67
Longview		dry	high 88	low 58	mean 73
Luling	1 day	1.50 in.	high 90	low 60	mean 75
Nacogdoches	1 day	0.06 in.	high 89	low 52	mean 71
Palestine		dry	high 88	low 58	mean 73
Paris	1 day	0.06 in.	high 91	low 55	mean 73
San Antonio	3 days	0.74 in.	high 88	low 60	mean 74
Taylor		dry	high	low 62	mean
Weatherford	1 day	0.03 in.	high 89	low 55	mean 72
Ardmore, Okla.	2 days	0.85 in.	high 85	low 48	mean 67
Altus	1 day	0.15 in.	high 90	low 43	mean 72
Muskogee	1 day	0.06 in.	high 88	low 52	mean 70
Oklahoma City	2 days	0.64 in.	high 86	low 52	mean 69
Brinkley, Ark.		dry	high 89	low 44	mean 67
Eldorado	1 day	0.72 in.	high 89	low 46	mean 68
Little Rock		dry	high 85	low 54	mean 70
Pine Bluff		dry	high 89	low 55	mean 72
Alexandria, La.	1 day	0.15 in.	high 91	low 57	mean 74
Amite	1 day	1.50 in.	high 86	low 55	mean 71
New Orleans	2 days	0.05 in.	high	low 55	mean 74
Shreveport		dry	high 88	low 56	mean 72
Columb, Miss		dry	high 90	low 49	mean 69
Greenwood		dry	high 89	low 54	mean 71
Oklona		dry	high 88	low 54	mean 71
Vicksburg	1 day	0.02 in.	high 87	low 55	mean 71
Mobile, Ala.	Weather more favorable in the interior but higher temperature is needed to hasten the growth of the plant. The crop is clean and has a fairly good stand				
Decatur	3 days	1.63 in.	high 84	low 59	mean 72
Montgomery	2 days	0.72 in.	high 82	low 63	mean 72
Selma	1 day	0.50 in.	high 87	low 59	mean 73
Gainesville, Fla.	1 day	2.53 in.	high 87	low 54	mean 71
Madison	6 days	3.89 in.	high 84	low 65	mean 75
Savannah, Ga.	4 days	1.86 in.	high 81	low 61	mean 71
Athens, Ga.	3 days	0.76 in.	high 85	low 52	mean 69
Augusta	2 days	1.85 in.	high 83	low 57	mean 70
Columbus	3 days	0.97 in.	high 87	low 53	mean 70
Charleston, S. C.	5 days	4.30 in.	high 78	low 62	mean 70
Greenwood	3 days	2.12 in.	high 80	low 50	mean 65
Columbia	4 days	3.61 in.		low 52	mean
Conway	4 days	1.74 in.	high 82	low 55	mean 69
Charlotte, N. C.	4 days	1.28 in.	high 83	low 47	mean 65
Newbern	4 days	2.91 in.	high 80	low 52	mean 66
Weldon	3 days	2.52 in.	high 87	low 41	mean 64
Dyersburg, Tenn.		dry	high 83	low 47	mean 65
Memphis		dry	high 85	low 52	mean 69

**NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.**—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton markets for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, May 14	Monday, May 16	Tuesday, May 17	Wed. day, May 18	Thurs'day, May 19	Friday, May 20
May	11.90	12.05	12.13	11.93	11.82-85	11.91-92
July	12.40-42	12.55-57	12.65-66	12.40-42	12.30-32	12.36-39
October	12.92-93	13.14	13.25-26	13.07-09	13.98-00	13.05-06
December	13.18	13.42	13.54	13.39	13.29	13.40
January	13.23	13.49	13.59	13.49-52	13.38	13.50
March	13.48-52	13.74	13.92	13.80	13.72	13.81-82
Tone						
Spot	Steady	Quiet	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady
Options	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady

**COTTON CONSUMPTION AND OVERLAND MOVEMENT TO MAY 1.**—Below we present a synopsis of the crop movement for the month of April and the nine months ended April 30 for three years.

	1920-21.	1919-20.	1918-19.
Gross overland for April	169,476	128,534	184,171
Gross overland for 9 months	1,390,191	1,745,893	1,813,015
Net overland for April	129,615	90,426	151,390
Net overland for 9 months	997,919	1,301,156	1,519,586
Port receipts in April	455,750	403,343	348,815
Port receipts in 9 months	5,248,776	6,310,684	4,443,648
Exports in April	350,341	467,766	454,953
Exports in 9 months	4,101,252	5,639,172	3,921,872
Port stocks on April 30	1,453,041	1,179,998	1,261,240
Northern spinners' takings to May 1	1,539,530	2,436,254	1,637,762
Southern consumption to May 1	2,287,000	2,745,000	2,729,000
Overland to Canada for 9 months (incl. in net overland)	127,045	164,744	162,678
Burnt North and South 9 months	1,042	993	6,992
Came into sight during April	751,365	744,858	669,145
Amount of crop in sight May 1	9,216,695	10,706,929	9,422,214
Came in sight balance of season		1,510,623	2,180,420
Total crop		12,217,552	11,602,634
Average gross weight of bales	519.27	506.06	512.09
Average net weight of bales	494.27	481.50	487.09

**OUR COTTON ACREAGE REPORT.**—Our cotton acreage report will probably be ready about the 17th of June. Parties desiring the circular in quantities, with their business cards printed thereon, should send in their orders as soon as possible, to ensure early deliver.

**QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.**—Below are the closing quotations of middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Week ending May 20	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed. day	Thurs'day	Friday
Galveston	11.90	12.00	12.10	12.00	11.90	11.90
New Orleans	11.88	11.88	11.88	11.88	11.75	11.75
Mobile	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
Savannah	11.75	11.75	11.75	11.75	11.63	11.63
Charleston	11.50	11.50	11.25	11.25	11.25	11.25
Norfolk	11.50	11.50	11.63	11.50	11.50	11.50
Baltimore	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50
Philadelphia	12.80	12.90	13.10	12.90	12.70	12.90
Augusta	11.25	11.38	11.50	11.38	11.13	11.13
Memphis	11.75	11.75	11.75	11.75	11.75	11.75
Houston	11.65	11.80	12.00	11.80	11.65	11.80
Little Rock	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50
Dallas	11.05	11.15	11.25	11.10	11.00	11.00
Fort Worth	11.20	11.20	11.30	11.10	10.95	11.10

**WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.**—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons, from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings, or amounts gone out of sight, for the like period.

Cotton Takings. Week and Season.	1920-21.		1919-20.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply May 13	6,738,428		6,092,807	
Visible supply Aug. 1		4,956,257		4,792,018
American in sight to May 20	205,811	9,780,508	127,031	11,109,258
Bombay receipts to May 19	660,000	2,201,000	108,000	2,946,000
Other India shipp'ts to May 19	62,000	208,000	21,000	432,000
Alexandria receipts to May 18	616,000	555,000	2,000	750,000
Other supply to May 18†	83,000	339,000	4,000	209,000
<b>Total supply</b>	<b>7,025,239</b>	<b>18,039,765</b>	<b>6,354,838</b>	<b>20,238,276</b>
Deduct—				
Visible supply May 20	6,737,658	6,737,658	6,039,228	6,039,228
<b>Total takings to May 28. a</b>	<b>287,581</b>	<b>11,302,107</b>	<b>315,610</b>	<b>14,199,048</b>
Of which American	185,581	8,205,107	219,610	10,181,048
Of which other	102,000	3,097,000	96,000	4,018,000

† Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total includes the estimated consumption by Southern mills, 2,394,000 bales in 1920-21 and 2,968,000 bales in 1919-20—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 8,908,107 bales in 1920-21 and 11,231,048 bales in 1919-20, of which 5,811,107 bales and 7,213,045 bales American. b Estimated.

**BOMBAY COTTON MOVEMENT.**—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay for the week ending April 28 and for the season from Aug. 1 for three years have been as follows:

April 28. Receipts at—	1920-21.		1919-20.		1918-19.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay	72,000	1,976,000	87,000	2,625,000	51,000	1,844,000

Exports from—	For the Week.				Since August 1.			
	Great Britain.	Conti-nent.	Japan & China.	Tota.	Great Britain.	Conti-nent.	Japan & China.	Tota.
Bombay—								
1920-21	11,000	48,000	59,000	118,000	418,000	653,000	1,071,000	1,090,000
1919-20	25,000	23,000	48,000	76,000	370,000	1,404,000	1,774,000	1,844,000
1918-19	12,000	27,000	39,000	78,000	30,000	91,000	565,000	686,000
Other India								
1920-21	5,000		5,000	20,000	154,000	22,000	176,000	196,000
1919-20	9,000	6,000	15,000	44,000	140,000	207,000	34	

Exports (bales)—	1921.		1920.		1919.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool.....	3,427	91,177	1,750	244,537	7,985	171,214
To Manchester, &c.....		70,955	1,250	140,204		98,145
To Continent and India.....	4,291	110,325	2,250	125,425	742	119,904
To America.....	491	39,700	1,500	273,739	2,310	50,210
Total exports.....	8,209	312,157	6,750	783,905	11,037	459,473

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending April 27 were 106,253 cantars and the foreign shipments 8,209 bales.

**MANCHESTER MARKET.**—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market is quiet for both yarns and cloths on account of the Whitsuntide holidays. We give prices for to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Date	1921.						1920.					
	32s Cop Twists		8 1/4 lbs. Shirts Common to Finest		Cot'n Mid Upl's		32s Cop Twists		8 1/4 lbs. Shirts Common to Finest		Cot'n Mid Upl's	
Mar. 25	14 1/2 @	17 1/2	15 6 @	17 0	8.05	60 @	78	42 6 @	46 0		28.38	
Apr. 1	16 @	19 16 0	16 0 @	17 6	7.21	59 1/2 @	77	42 6 @	46 0		27.74	
8	16 @	19 16 0	16 0 @	17 6	7.28	60 @	76	42 6 @	46 0		28.03	
15	16 1/2 @	19 1/2 16 0	16 0 @	17 6	7.59	60 @	77	42 6 @	46 0		27.66	
22	16 1/2 @	19 1/2 16 0	16 0 @	17 6	7.24	60 @	77	42 6 @	46 0		26.18	
29	16 1/2 @	19 1/2 16 0	16 0 @	17 6	7.34	60 @	77	42 6 @	46 0		25.83	
May 6	16 1/2 @	19 1/2 16 0	16 0 @	17 6	7.71	55 @	76	42 6 @	46 0		26.63	
13	16 1/2 @	19 1/2 16 0	16 0 @	17 0	7.48	55 @	76	42 6 @	46 0		26.40	
20	16 1/2 @	19 1/2 16 0	16 0 @	17 0	7.42	53 1/2 @	76	42 0 @	45 6		26.14	

**SHIPPING NEWS.**—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 74,417 bales. The shipments in detail as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

Destination	Ship	Date	Bales
NEW YORK	To Liverpool	May 13—Cedric	100
	To Hamburg	May 19—Mt. Carroll	50
	To Piraeus	May 18—Kirktown	400
GALVESTON	To Liverpool	May 13—Bolivian	9,567
	To Bremen	May 12—Marne	6,053
	To Rotterdam	May 14—Radnorshire	5,638
	To Rotterdam	May 16—Maidy Court	7,870
	To Rotterdam	May 12—Marne	3,081
	To Antwerp	May 16—Skipton Castle	1,250
	To Ghent	May 16—Skipton Castle	1,600
	To Genoa	May 12—Calimeris	3,825
	To Genoa	May 18—Mexico	366
NEW ORLEANS	To Havre	May 19—Auditor	3,866
	To Bremen	May 18—Tampa	350
	To Rotterdam	May 16—Western Light	88
	To Tampa	May 18—Tampa	100
	To Gothenberg	May 16—Louisiana	500
	To Genoa	May 18—Nicolo II	3,000
	To Leghorn	May 18—Nicolo II	600
	To Japan	May 18—Hamburg Maru	2,950
	To China	May 18—Hamburg Maru	758
MOBILE	To China	May 16—Selma City	2,661
GULFPORT	To Hamburg	May 19—Coahoma County	4,233
SAVANNAH	To Bremen	May 18—Schenectady	4,100
NORFOLK	To Liverpool	May 14—West Lake	1,800
	To West	Quebec	200
	To Japan	May 20—Agammon	500
PHILADELPHIA	To Rotterdam	Apr. 28—Florence Luckenbach	300
LOS ANGELES	To Liverpool	May 13—Bakersfield	950
SAN FRANCISCO	To China	May 12—Nanking	250
SEATTLE	To Japan	May 10—Toyama Maru	1,738
	To Katori Maru	Apr. 7	6,511
PORTLAND	To China	May 17—West Navaria	900
Total			74,417

**LIVERPOOL.**—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	April 29.	May 6.	May 13.	May 20.
Sales of the week.....	21,000	15,000	16,000	8,000
Sales, American.....	15,000	12,000	10,000	5,000
Actual export.....	4,000	4,000	5,000	2,000
Forwarded.....	27,000	25,000	21,000	21,000
Total stock.....	958,000	986,000	990,000	992,000
Of which American.....	568,000	596,000	600,000	606,000
Total imports.....	17,000	43,000	32,000	25,000
Of which American.....	14,000	36,000	22,000	23,000
Amount afloat.....	162,000	164,000	150,000	151,000
Of which American.....	97,000	92,000	86,000	75,000

The tons of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12:15 P. M.			Dull.	Dull.	Dull.	
Mid. Upl'ds			7.50	7.47	7.42	
Sales.....			3,000	2,000	2,000	
Futures.....	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	Quiet	Idle	Quiet	HOLIDAY
Market opened			6@8 pts. decline.	1 pt. advance.	8@13 pts. decline.	
Market, 4 P. M.			Quiet	Quiet	Quiet	
			2@9 pts. decline.	2@8 pts. advance.	3@15 pts. decline.	

The prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

May 14 to May 20.	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12 m.	12 1/2 p. m.	12 m.	4 p. m.	12 m.	4 p. m.	12 m.	4 p. m.	12 m.	4 p. m.	12 m.	4 p. m.
May.....	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
June.....					7.90	7.85	7.87	7.90	7.82	7.75		
July.....					8.02	8.00	8.00	8.02	7.94	7.90		
August.....					8.18	8.17	8.20	8.22	8.14	8.10		
September.....					8.29	8.28	8.31	8.33	8.25	8.22		
October.....					8.38	8.38	8.41	8.44	8.36	8.34		
November.....					8.48	8.48	8.51	8.54	8.44	8.45		
December.....					8.54	8.54	8.58	8.61	8.54	8.53		
January.....					8.59	8.60	8.65	8.68	8.62	8.61		
February.....					8.62	8.64	8.68	8.72	8.66	8.65		
March.....					8.65	8.67	8.71	8.75	8.69	8.69		
April.....					8.68	8.70	8.74	8.78	8.72	8.73		
					8.71	8.73	8.77	8.81	8.77	8.78		

**BREADSTUFFS.**

Friday Night, May 20 1921.

Flour has latterly been firmer with a scarcity of hard winter flour. Moreover, exporters have shown more disposition to buy soft straights. They have actually taken a fair quantity recently for early shipment. It remains to be seen whether Europe will buy any such flour in any large quantity. Some rather doubt it. Mills are watching the situation sharply and should the demand increase for such flour there is no doubt that they would immediately raise their quotations. Exporters have also taken first clears for quick shipment. Naturally the advance in wheat has had some effect on the tone in the flour trade. This is the time when trading in new flour is apt to begin, but thus far mills have been disinclined to make prices. They are in doubt as to what new wheat is going to sell for and also as to what prices they can get for feed. There has been some domestic and foreign inquiry for new crop flour, but bids, it is intimated, have been rather low. As for the domestic trade, that has continued quiet. Buyers are still purchasing for immediate needs and for most part bidding their time, so far as the more distant requirements are concerned, though in a few cases purchasing rather more freely.

Wheat declined early in the week and then rallied on less favorable crop reports. Bearish factors included the passage of the Tincher bill by the House of Representatives, hampering trading in grain futures, and the Lantz Act in Illinois. On the 14th inst. prices fell early 2 to 3c., with May leading the decline. Not only unsettlement over Washington legislation, but the failure of serious frost to develop in the winter wheat belt as had been forecast caused selling. The Washington legislation, to be sure, was misinterpreted at first. While placing of a 20 cent a bushel tax on indemnity trading in futures, it does not tax contract trade. This led to a little more optimistic feeling, but the Act nevertheless tended to restrict business. Beneficial rains in Oklahoma, moreover, caused some selling. Private crop reports were at times rather more favorable. Official advices from Australia say the wheat crop of that country will be between 125 million and 130 million bushels, which is the largest since 1916-17.

On the other hand, receipts were moderate. Prices rallied when the market became oversold. Besides country offerings were small. And it is believed that hampering trading in futures is a stupid interference with the intricate mechanism of modern business which will sooner or later work out its own cure. In the Civil War period an Act was passed forbidding speculation in gold, something which on its face might seem to call for restrictive legislation if anything did, and yet the ink was hardly dry on the enactment before it had to be repealed with the acquiescence of the United States Government. Tinkering with economic laws as affecting the grain business it is believed will be found quite as mischievous and equally short-lived when the fact is made plain that it really restricts the market for the farmer by shutting the door in the face of a buyer—the speculator. It is not done in any other branch of trade. Apart from all this some export demand has prevailed. Chicago reports on the 14th inst. said that 1,500,000 bushels had been sold to Italy. This comprised five cargoes of American hard and Manitoba wheat for June shipment.

Later wheat rallied again on the continued strength at Winnipeg and rumors of 400,000 bushels taken for export. A good demand was reported in most positions. In Minneapolis there was a good cash demand. Offerings were light in Chicago. Considerable portions of Oklahoma and Kansas have had no rain and some reports from the Southwest continue to be had. The visible supply in the United States decreased last week 1,273,000 bushels bringing the total down to 11,150,000 bushels against 38,842,000 a year ago. The firmness of prices at Winnipeg has been an outstanding feature due, it is said, to the fact that farmers who were credited with owning the bulk of the 13,250,000 bushels in store at Fort William and Port Arthur refused to sell. This resulted in a certain congestion in the May position. The smallness of the stocks in Chicago also make the May option very sensitive especially as the quantity of wheat headed for Chicago seems to be small.

A summary of crop prospects in the world issued by the Department of Agriculture estimates the area sown to winter wheat in seventeen countries, including the United States, for 1921, as 99,400,000 acres. Secretary of Agriculture Wallace is opposed to changing the present Federal wheat grades on the idea that such change would result in confusion. Broomhall estimates that the world's supplies for the season was 696,000,000 bushels; shipped to date, 479,000,000; remainder 180,000,000, including 64,000,000 in North America, 28,000,000 in Australia and 8,000,000 in Manchuria and elsewhere. Originally North America had a surplus of 440,000,000 bushels; Argentina, 128,000,000; Australia, 88,000,000; India, 12,000,000; and Manchuria, &c., 28,000,000. Little change has taken place in crop conditions in Europe since last week. In general crop prospects in North Africa and throughout Europe are well maintained and are rather improving under generally favorable weather conditions. In Germany it is reported that crops are over the average and that the winter kill is negligible.

The Illinois State Senate passed a bill to place the operation of grain exchanges in the State under regulation by the

State Department of Agriculture. The bill now goes to the House. Senator Lantz said he would call up a companion bill to abolish trading in futures today. The action of the Illinois Legislature against grain futures trading leads New York people to discuss the possibility of a resumption of trading in grain here on contracts for Buffalo delivery. To-day May shorts were roughly handled the price being driven up to 1.60 a rise of 7 1/4 cents. July was up 4 1/2c. Stress was laid on the reports of drought in Kansas. May was at its highest premium over July i. e. about 36c. The ending was 8 1/2 to 16c. higher than a week ago the latter on May.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.**

No. 2 red	Sat. 168 3/4	Mon. 167 1/2	Tues. 166 1/2	Wed. 169	Thurs. 173 1/4	Fri. 182 3/4
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**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

May delivery	Sat. 143 1/4	Mon. 146	Tues. 146 1/4	Wed. 148 1/4	Thurs. 152 3/4	Fri. 159 3/4
July delivery	115 1/2	115 1/4	115 1/4	118 1/4	119 3/4	124 1/4

Indian corn declined early in the week some 2 to 2 1/4c. in sympathy with wheat. Besides, the cash demand was poor. Shorts were about the only buyers. Commission houses sold. Receipts were of fair size, and there was a lack of snap in the trading. Many have been looking on, awaiting further developments. The pressure to sell has not generally been great, but, on the other hand, stocks are very large; there is no disputing that fact. A supply more than four times as large as that of a year ago is not to be ignored. Still, it is also true of corn as it is of wheat that there has been a tendency at times to overdo the selling side. On a single day when wheat recovered an early decline of 3 to 4c., corn rallied. The incident, though nothing striking, was considered at least suggestive. And exporters have been inquiring on cables asking offerings of corn and rye on Tuesday or later. Last Monday—Whitmonday—was a holiday in many European countries. Latterly the weather has been better; that is, warmer in the Southwest, planting is being pushed, country offerings have been larger, receipts look like increasing and foreign and domestic demand has been small. The visible supply, it is true, decreased last week 1,349,000 bushels against only 473,000 in the same week last year, but the total is still 17,751,000 bushels, against only 4,056,000 a year ago. Hedging sales caused weakness. To-day prices declined with the country selling cash corn freely. The closing was 2 1/2 to 3c. lower than last Friday. Dry and warmer weather is hastening germination.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.**

No. 2 yellow	Sat. 80 1/4	Mon. 79 1/2	Tues. 79 1/4	Wed. 79 3/4	Thurs. 78 3/4	Fri. 79
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**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

May delivery	Sat. 60 3/4	Mon. 59 1/4	Tues. 58 1/4	Wed. 59 1/4	Thurs. 59	Fri. 58 3/4
July delivery	62 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 3/4	60 3/4
September delivery	64 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/4	64 1/4	63 3/4	63 1/4

Oats fell with other grain at times. Liquidation continued. It was not very heavy but the market was narrow and could not easily absorb the scattered selling. And the fact is always there that visible stocks are almost five times as large as those of a year ago, something that offsets the smallness of the present receipts. Still as with other grain so with oats the market has shown some tendency to become oversold and covering has now and then caused noticeable rallies despite the admitted narrowness of the trading. Latterly Southwestern crop news has been rather more favorable. Stocks are large and frost in some leading States was ignored as the demand was small. The visible supply last week decreased, it is true, 868,000 bushels against only 184,000 a year ago, but the total is even now 29,277,000 bushels against only 6,249,000 at this time in 1920. Hedging sales told somewhat on the price. To-day prices declined and then rallied slightly, and end 3/4c. @ 1c. lower for the week.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.**

No. 1 white	Sat. 51	Mon. 51	Tues. 50 1/2	Wed. 51	Thurs. 50 1/2	Fri. 51 1/2
No. 2 white	50 1/4	50 1/4	50	50 1/4	50	51

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

May delivery	Sat. 37 1/4	Mon. 36 3/4	Tues. 36 1/4	Wed. 37	Thurs. 36 1/4	Fri. 36 3/4
July delivery	39 3/4	38 3/4	38 1/4	39	38 3/4	38 3/4
September delivery	40 3/4	39 3/4	39 3/4	40 3/4	39 3/4	40 1/4

Rye advanced at one time in sympathy with a rise in wheat. There has also been a moderate demand for export, and late in the week 48,000 bushels were sold to foreign markets. On the whole, however, the market has lacked animation and striking features. Much of the time it has been quiet both for export and home consumption. At one time prices eased a little with home trade light and only a moderate export demand. The visible supply decreased last week 115,000 bushels, and it is now down to 1,605,000 bushels, against 11,221,000 a year ago. To-day prices advanced 2 1/2 to 5 1/2c., the latter on May, owing to the rise in wheat and the smallness of the stock. The ending was 5 to 8 1/2c. higher for the week.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

May delivery	Sat. 139 1/4	Mon. 139	Tues. 138 1/4	Wed. 140 1/4	Thurs. 142 1/4	Fri. 148
July delivery	110	110 1/2	110 1/4	112 3/4	114	116 1/2

The following are closing quotations:

**GRAIN**

<b>Wheat</b>		<b>Oats</b>	
No. 2 red	\$1 82 1/4	No. 1 white	51 1/4
No. 1 spring	Nominal	No. 2 white	51
<b>Corn</b>		No. 3 white	49
No. 2 yellow	\$0 79	<b>Barley</b>	
<b>Rye</b>		Feeding	66 @ 71
No. 2	1.58	Malting	76 @ 81

**FLOUR.**

Spring patents	\$8 60 @	\$9 00	Barley goods—Portage barley:	
Winter straights, soft	7 00 @	7 25	No. 1	\$6 75
Hard winter straights	8 50 @	9 00	Nos. 2, 3 and 4 pearl	7 00
Clear	6 25 @	7 25	Nos. 2-0 and 3-0	6 65 @ 6 75
Rye flour	8 25 @	8 75	Nos. 4-0 and 5-0	7 00
Corn goods, 100 lbs.:			Oats goods—Carload	
Yellow meal	1 85 @	2 00	spot delivery	5 80 @ 6 20
Corn flour	1 85 @	2 00		

**WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 17.**—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ending May 17, is as follows:

**COTTON.**—The weather conditions during the last week were somewhat more favorable to the cotton belt, but the crop on the whole shows but little improvement. The temperature averaged near the normal, but the nights were too cool for best growth and germination in most localities, particularly during the latter part of the week. Needed rains occurred in the eastern portion of the belt, where some localities have become very dry. Some improvement in cotton was reported from Florida and the crop made fairly good progress in South Carolina, except in the northwest portion. Progress continued in North Carolina, however, and the plants are growing slowly in Georgia, where stands are very poor. Some improvement was reported in a number of localities in the central portion of the belt and progress was very good in the southern half of Texas, but only poor to fair in the northern portion. Planting made satisfactory progress in the northwestern portion of the belt and germination has been fair to good. The early planted cotton is in poor condition in Arkansas, but shows improvement, while the late planted is very good. Planting is behind the average in Tennessee.

**WINTER WHEAT.**—The growth of winter wheat and other fall sown grains is somewhat retarded in the central and northern portions of the country by the cool weather during the latter part of the week, but conditions on the whole continued favorable for these crops. Local yellowing of winter wheat has been reported from several States east of the Mississippi River, particularly in the Ohio Valley, and some complaints of rust were received from southern Illinois; otherwise this crop continued generally in satisfactory condition east of the Mississippi River. The crop remains mostly in good condition also in the trans-Mississippi States. The weather was very favorable for grain crops west of the Rocky Mountains, where good progress was reported generally.

**SPRING WHEAT.**—The week was favorable also in the spring wheat belt and the crop continued to make good progress, except in a few localities where some harm has resulted from freezing or where moisture has been deficient.

**OATS.**—Harvesting of wheat and oats progressed in the Southern States under mostly favorable weather conditions, except in the Southeast, where some delay was occasioned by the heavy rain. Spring oats continued to show improvement.

**CORN.**—Both temperature and moisture conditions were mostly favorable for corn in the Southern States and some improvement was noted during the week, although the crop remains in a rather poor condition, due to previous unfavorable weather. It was too cool and wet in many central districts, where growth was slow and field work retarded. Much replanting is necessary in nearly all sections. Planting was in progress at the close of the week nearly to the northern limits of the country wherever the soil was dry enough for this work.

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.
	bb's. 196lbs.	bush. 60 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.	bush. 32 lbs.	bush. 48lbs.	bush. 56lbs.
Chicago	174,000	747,000	1,980,000	1,003,000	195,000	27,000
Minneapolis	-----	1,187,000	95,000	84,000	160,000	200,000
Duluth	-----	543,000	92,000	17,000	50,000	105,000
Milwaukee	34,000	154,000	96,000	169,000	201,000	77,000
Toledo	-----	154,000	54,000	80,000	-----	-----
Detroit	-----	23,000	25,000	66,000	-----	-----
St. Louis	70,000	687,000	464,000	580,000	10,000	2,000
Peoria	50,000	10,000	237,000	199,000	7,000	-----
Kansas City	-----	1,455,000	217,000	35,000	-----	-----
Omaha	-----	389,000	307,000	124,000	-----	-----
Indianapolis	-----	39,000	364,000	208,000	-----	-----
Total wk. '21	328,000	5,588,000	3,991,000	2,565,000	623,000	411,000
Same wk. '20	275,000	4,745,000	2,454,000	3,023,000	515,000	741,000
Same wk. '19	418,000	3,014,000	1,852,000	3,914,000	1,697,000	965,000
Since Aug. 1—						
1920-21	22,729,000	295,494,000	184,486,000	188,369,000	24,078,000	16,554,000
1919-20	16,717,000	388,934,000	171,247,000	178,129,000	28,149,000	30,917,000
1918-19	13,829,900	387,883,000	173,710,000	245,076,000	74,977,000	42,830,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended May 14 1921 follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	Barre s.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	190,000	654,000	134,000	334,000	158,000	116,000
Philadelphia	53,000	446,000	331,000	75,000	-----	74,000
Baltimore	26,000	369,000	954,000	11,000	1,000	179,000
N'port News	4,000	-----	43,000	-----	-----	-----
New Orleans a	65,000	800,000	50,000	52,000	-----	-----
Galveston	-----	600,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
Montreal	33,000	1,628,000	1,050,000	1,314,000	495,000	7,000
Boston	17,000	2,000	165,000	21,000	-----	-----
Total wk. '21	438,000	4,499,000	2,727,000	1,807,000	654,000	376,000
Since Jan. 1 '21	8,914,000	70,233,000	30,329,000	11,918,000	6,107,000	10,025,000
Total week '20	354,000	3,668,000	186,000	656,000	382,000	1,100,000
Since Jan. '20	7,492,000	39,213,000	6,854,000	13,727,000	4,845,000	17,382,000

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

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending May 14 are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	Peas.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels <sup>9</sup>
New York	454,461	102,788	153,166	196,674	66,467	31,345	1,200
Philadelphia	51,100	565,000	32,000	-----	79,000	-----	-----
Baltimore	168,000	711,000	26,000	2,000	34,000	59,000	-----
Newport News	-----	43,000	4,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
New Orleans	2,387,000	65,000	35,000	5,000	154,000	72,000	-----
Galveston	1,297,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Montreal	916,000	69,000	111,000	1,026,000	-----	109,000	-----
Total week	5,733,461	1,555,788	361,166	1,052,674	333,467	471,345	1,200
Week 1920	598,133	43,079	519,769	49,772	912,581	193,927	14,825

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 May 14 1921.	Since July 1 1920.	Week May 14 1921.	Since July 1 1920.	Week May 14 1921.	Since July 1 1920.
	Barrels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
United Kingdom.	185,199	3,625,584	3,393,159	88,250,079	336,000	12,999,782
Continent	143,785	6,027,879	2,326,819	207,638,210	1,180,788	22,784,788
So. & Cent. Amer.	12,000	1,016,255	30,000	3,486,311	26,000	492,343
West Indies	15,000	806,427	-----	50,500	13,000	1,030,832
Brit. No. Am. Col.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	29,769
Other countries	5,182	1,237,060	73,483	5,062,775	-----	145,043
Total	361,166	12,713,205	5,733,461	304,487,875	1,555,788	37,482,557
Total 1919-20	150,769	18,506,251	598,133	137,857,553	43,079	3,766,981

The world's shipment of wheat and corn for the week ending May 14 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 May 14.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.	Week May 14.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.
North Amer.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
Russ. & Dan.	8,454,000	386,131,000	279,839,000	1,498,000	39,078,000	2,713,000
Argentina	112,000	312,000	-----	923,000	12,266,000	-----
Australia	3,866,000	74,485,000	195,397,000	2,261,000	93,888,000	121,997,000
India	3,904,000	64,846,000	85,669,000	-----	-----	-----
Oth. countr's	-----	10,052,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total	16,336,000	536,056,000	562,816,000	4,882,000	149,105,000	126,460,000

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports May 14 1921 was as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.

United States—	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.	Oats, bush.	Rye, bush.	Barley, bush.
New York	554,000	270,000	603,000	82,000	199,000
Boston	-----	5,000	5,000	1,000	-----
Philadelphia	551,000	464,000	203,000	1,000	6,000
Baltimore	935,000	1,582,000	270,000	961,000	138,000
Newport News	-----	130,000	-----	-----	-----
New Orleans	1,237,000	374,000	120,000	40,000	12,000
Galveston	1,418,000	-----	-----	128,000	-----
Buffalo	666,000	1,853,000	1,938,000	35,000	110,000
Toledo	421,000	231,000	425,000	11,000	3,000
Detroit	17,000	21,000	53,000	21,000	-----
Chicago	474,000	6,115,000	9,582,000	28,000	187,000
"    afloat	-----	134,000	237,000	-----	-----
Milwaukee	49,000	251,000	266,000	75,000	122,000
Duluth	941,000	194,000	5,090,000	126,000	97,000
Minneapolis	1,738,000	255,000	8,150,000	26,000	638,000
St. Louis	47,000	358,000	259,000	3,000	4,000
Kansas City	676,000	3,649,000	314,000	15,000	-----
Peoria	1,000	176,000	63,000	-----	-----
Indianapolis	54,000	227,000	183,000	5,000	-----
Omaha	363,000	1,127,000	896,000	19,000	7,000
On Lakes	923,000	335,000	620,000	30,000	-----
On canal and river	85,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total May 14 1921	11,150,000	17,751,000	29,077,000	1,605,000	1,523,000
Total May 7 1921	12,423,000	19,100,000	30,145,000	1,722,000	1,783,000
Total May 15 1920	38,842,000	4,056,000	6,294,000	11,221,000	3,361,000
Total May 17 1919	33,726,000	3,560,000	19,136,000	13,797,000	10,977,000

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, 249,000 bushels New York, 150,000 Buffalo; total, 349,000 bushels, against 17,000 in 1920; and barley, New York, 58,000 bushels; Duluth, 1,000; total, 59,000 bushels, against 12,000 in 1920.

Canadian—	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.	Oats, bush.	Rye, bush.	Barley, bush.
Montreal	1,006,000	665,000	1,549,000	32,000	567,000
Ft. William & Pt. Arthur	13,250,000	-----	13,505,000	-----	2,296,000
Other Canadian	717,000	-----	9,000	-----	107,000
Total May 14 1921	14,973,000	665,000	15,063,000	32,000	2,970,000
Total May 7 1921	15,821,000	374,000	16,790,000	58,000	2,852,000
Total May 15 1920	11,805,000	9,000	4,172,000	769,000	1,839,000
Total May 17 1919	28,889,000	5,000	5,337,000	91,000	1,220,000

Summary—	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.	Oats, bush.	Rye, bush.	Barley, bush.
American	11,150,000	17,751,000	29,077,000	1,605,000	1,523,000
Canadian	14,973,000	665,000	15,063,000	32,000	2,970,000
Total May 14 1921	26,123,000	18,416,000	44,140,000	1,637,000	4,493,000
Total May 7 1921	28,244,000	19,474,000	46,935,000	1,780,000	4,635,000
Total May 15 1920	50,647,000	4,065,000	10,446,000	11,990,000	5,155,000
Total May 17 1919	62,625,000	3,565,000	24,473,000	13,888,000	12,197,000

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

New York, Friday Night, May 20, 1921.

Although the number of buyers in wholesale markets is still unusually large, reports as to the state of trade continue decidedly irregular. On the one hand, there are signs in some quarters of a marked subsidence of the previous urgent call for merchandise for immediate shipment. This is, of course, by no means universal, but it is general enough to make it clear that current retail trade is much less active in certain sections, including agricultural areas, where less money is being realized on crops, and large industrial districts, where unemployment is seriously curtailing buying power. The uncertain, and at times, unseasonably cool weather, has also been an obstacle. For certain lines, however, the demand for goods for immediate shipment is far in excess of productive capacity, and the persistent re-ordering of small lots makes it clear that jobbers and retailers are selling goods practically as fast as they are received. Another indication that rational improvement is under way is the good volume of orders received for future deliveries. It is evident that many retail merchants are anticipating their fall requirements with greater confidence. This is largely based on the easier financial situation and the belief that prices in primary markets will be steadily or strongly maintained, as the output of many large producers has been sold ahead for many months. Expectations of an early settlement of various political and economic questions here and in Europe also contribute to the better feeling. While some of these settlements involve lower wages, it is pointed out that the resultant reduction in costs of productions will lead to a healthier distribution, which will, in turn, be followed by increased production and a material decrease in unemployment. Thus smaller wages for the in-

dividual will be more than offset by increased aggregate earnings for the population as a whole.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—Trade reports have been decidedly spotty. Additional large sales have been made of some lines of colored cottons, but others have been virtually neglected. Although the orders from jobbers for wash goods and dress fabrics were smaller on account of the cool weather, the general impression was that the improvement in general conditions was making further progress. The persistent ordering of many varieties in small lots for immediate use indicates that distributors are actually in need of goods. Gingham checks, voiles and lawns are being ordered for immediate shipment in larger volume than printers can handle. From many quarters numerous repeat orders have been received for low-end draperies and cretonnes. Retail demand continues active for sheets and pillow cases, and in spite of the uncertain weather there is still a brisk call for ginghams, percales, plisses and tissues. Tissues, it is said, have been ordered so freely for quick delivery as to swamp the mills. Some of them have also secured a good business for next year. There is a better call for corded fabrics, but in contrast heavy staples, such as piques and poplins, are dull; and the denim market still feels the effects of sharp competition for business. The number of export orders for piece goods showed some enlargement—some of them involving larger quantities. It is stated that some of the Southern mills have sold enough special brown goods for South American trade to absorb their output for four months. There was much less activity in gray cloths, but prices were generally firmly held, and in some cases were slightly reduced. Staple print cloths sold for May-June, both sides being reluctant to go further. The majority of buyers were covering only immediate needs, although some sellers were disposed to offer for distant deliveries. This was not true of New England mills, few if any of them being free contract sellers, even to favorite customers. Some small advances were made in odd widths and counts, but standard constructions were without important change. Eastern mills sold 64 x 60s at 6 3/8c and 7c, while Southern goods were bought at 6 3/4c. As high as 8 1/2c was paid for spot 68 x 72s, although some Southern goods were to be had at 8c. That price was bid for June delivery, and it was claimed that sales were made for July-August on that basis. Bag manufacturers and converters have bought moderately of certain constructions of sheetings, and there has been a fair jobbing demand for branded brown goods. More interest was shown in lining cloths, and some effort was made to place long-term sateen orders at lower prices. There was also more inquiry from South America and the Near East and Far East. Some sellers were inclined to ask 1/8c or 1/4c advance. In fact, 6.15-yard goods sold at 6 5/8c. However, 5-yard goods were still available at 5 1/2c, and 5.50s at 5c; and toward the end it was intimated that 1/8c less would be accepted. Fine goods were quiet, although more small lots were placed of corded and combed lawns and of specialties for the converting trade.

WOOLEN GOODS.—The market for dress goods is inactive, as far as first-hand sellers are concerned, but jobbers report a steady call for a wide variety. This demand is chiefly for immediate delivery, and embraces small lots almost entirely. The orders for coatings include pile fabrics, velours and broadcloths. The suitings most in request are fine worsted twills, tricotines, tweeds and chevots. Among the fall goods serges and tricotines are popular. Although there is little life in men's wear, duplicate orders are quite numerous, a feature being the good demand for gabardine weaves for fall top-coats.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—The burlap market has continued extremely quiet. In fact, if possible, inquiry was even less active than it had been previously, in spite of the fact that the April shipments from Calcutta showed a marked falling-off, being only 45,000,000 yards, while advances were received to the effect that the four-day week in Calcutta mills would be continued to the end of Sept. Nevertheless, practically no interest was shown in future shipments. In the spot trade business was confined to small scattering lots. While heavyweights held relatively steady, a decidedly easier tone developed on lightweights. The latter were quoted early at 3.65c to 3.70c, but were later available at 3.45c. In fact, it was said that firm bids on a considerably lower basis had been accepted. Spot heavyweights were generally quoted at 4.15c to 4.25c, with rumors of sales at 4.10c. Late in the week numerous lower quotations were received from Calcutta, although there was a wide range of prices quoted. The general quotations for May-June shipments was 3.40c for lightweights and 4.25c for heavies, although some of the offers were said to be considerably less. The linen market still lacks anything like general activity. The retail trade is still buying only for immediate requirements. Many department store buyers are taking more cotton damasks, union toweling, etc., being evidently impressed with the idea that linen prices have not been deflated in keeping with cotton. Tariff uncertainty is still an obstacle to fresh business for import, but as soon as these doubts are removed importers expect more orders, as stock houses that supply the retail trade must replenish stocks.

## State and City Department

### NEWS ITEMS.

**Alabama.**—*Counties May Issue Interest Bearing Warrants Up to 40% of Revenue Exclusive of School Funds, Court Holds.* The Supreme Court of Alabama on May 12 rendered a decision in the case of L. L. Hendrix vs. M. M. Fountain Probate Judge of Wilcox County, and members of the Board of Revenue of Wilcox County to the effect that counties in Alabama may issue interest-bearing warrants up to 40% of the total revenue, exclusive of school funds, anticipated for the current tax year and regardless of any warrants protected by special funds. The Birmingham "Age-Herald" on May 13 said:

"Counties may issue interest bearing warrants up to 40% of the total revenue, exclusive of school funds, anticipated for the current tax year and regardless of any warrants protected by special funds, under a decision of the Supreme Court today in the case of L. L. Hendrix vs. M. M. Fountain, Probate Judge of Wilcox County, and members of the Board of Revenue of Wilcox County.

Hendrix, in a friendly suit, sought to prevent the County from incurring obligations in interest-bearing warrants, which would exceed 40% of the anticipated revenue when figured in connection with interest-bearing warrants against special funds, which had already been issued. The Court held that the legislature by an act of the special session of 1920 intended to give the counties the right to issue warrants up to 40%, regardless of the warrants against special funds, which had already been issued. However, it did hold that school funds could not be considered in arriving at the total permitted to be issued under the law."

**Atlanta, Ga.**—*Bonds Validated by Superior Court—Case to Be Taken to Supreme Court.*—The "Atlanta Constitution" on May 7 had the following to say in the matter:

Following the validation of the \$8,850,000 bond issue voted on by the citizens of Atlanta March 8, by Judge George L. Bell in the Fulton Superior Court Friday morning, Waiter R. Brown, Atlanta attorney, who attacked the legality of the bond election, announced that he would take the case to the Supreme Court.

Judge Bell's decision declaring the election legal and the issue valid, came at the end of a four-day hearing. The case will be carried to the Supreme Court immediately on a fast bill of exceptions in order that the status of the bonds may be established beyond dispute.

The fight on the legality of the bonds was based on the ground that the special election was conducted illegally and that the statute was violated when women were allowed to vote upon payment of a \$1 registration fee. It was also claimed by the intervenor that constitutional amendments passed in 1918 made illegal any bond election held at any time except at a general election.

Exhaustive arguments were made by Judge Arthur G. Powell and Robert B. Blackburn against the validation, while City Attorney James L. Mayson and Assistant City Attorney Jesse Wood, representing the city, and Attorney W. H. Terrell, representing the Solicitor-General, argued in favor of the validation. Judge Bell's order follows:

"The above cause coming on to be heard regularly for trial and no irregularities appearing from examination and inspection of all the proceedings concerning the bonds involved in this case, it appears that the city of Atlanta is, and lawfully was empowered to make and sell its proposed issues of bonds, and that by the ordinance of the Mayor and General Council of the city of Atlanta, approved on the 21st day of January 1921, the election was properly called thereon, to wit, March 8 1921, and that notice thereof was published as required by law, and at said election more than two-thirds of the voters voting therein, same being a majority of the total number of registered voters of said city, voted in favor of the issue and sale of the following bonds:

- "1. \$4,000,000 in bonds for public schools.
- "2. \$1,250,000 of bonds for the extension of the sewer system.
- "3. \$750,000 of bonds for the building of Spring Street Bridge.
- "4. \$2,850,000 of bonds for additions and improvements in the Department of Water Works.

"It further appearing that the results thereof were legally declared, and it is therefore hereby adjudged that each and all of said issues are legally authorized, it is further ordered and adjudged by the Court that the proposed bond issue for the city of Atlanta of the following bonds, to wit:

"1. \$4,000,000 in bonds of the city of Atlanta of the denomination of \$1,000 each bearing interest at the rate of 5% per annum, the principal of said bonds to be paid in thirty installments, beginning Jan. 1 1922, in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard of weight and fineness, the interest on the said bonds to be evident by coupons falling due semi-annually and to be paid in gold coin of the United States of the present standard of weight and fineness, the proceeds of said bonds to be applied exclusively for the public schools of the city of Atlanta.

"2. \$1,250,000 of bonds of the city of Atlanta, of the denomination of \$1,000 each, bearing interest at the rate of 5% per annum, the principal of said bonds to be paid in thirty installments, beginning Jan. 1 1922, in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard of weight and fineness, the interest on the said bonds to be evident by coupons falling due semi-annually, and to be paid in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard of weight and fineness, the proceeds of said bonds to be applied exclusively to the extension of the sewer system of the city of Atlanta.

"3. \$750,000 in bonds of the city of Atlanta of the denomination of \$1,000 each, bearing interest at the rate of 5% per annum, the principal of said bonds to be paid in thirty installments, beginning Jan. 1 1922, in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard of weight and fineness, the interest on the said bonds to be evident by coupons falling due semi-annually, and to be paid in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard of weight and fineness, applied exclusively for the building of the Spring Street Bridge.

"4. \$2,850,000 of bonds of the city of Atlanta, of the denomination of \$100 each, bearing interest at the rate of 5% per annum, the principal of said bonds to be paid in thirty installments, beginning Jan. 1 1922, in gold coin of the United States of America, of the present standard of weight and fineness, the interest on the said bonds to be evident by coupons falling due semi-annually and to be paid in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard of weight and fineness, the proceeds of said bonds to be used exclusively for additions and improvements in the Department of Water Works for the city of Atlanta.

"The case was originally set for hearing within the time required by law and has been brought forward from time to time by proper orders.

"Each and all said issues of bonds are hereby validated and confirmed, and are hereby adjudged conforming to the law in such cases made and provided, this 6th day of May 1921.

"GEORGE L. BELL,  
"Judge Superior Court, Atlanta Circuit."

**Brazil (United States of).**—*Bonds Offered in the United States.*—A syndicate composed of Dillon, Read & Co., Blair & Co., Inc., White, Weld & Co., the Union Trust Company, Pittsburgh, Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Continental and Commercial Trust & Savings Bank and the Union Trust Company, Cleveland, offered this week to investors at 97½ and interest to net 8¼% \$25,000,000 8% 20-year non-callable coupon external gold bonds of the United States of Brazil. Dated June 1 1921. Due June 1 1941. Denominations \$1,000 and \$500. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & D.) payable in United States gold coin at the office of Dillon, Read & Co. Bonds are exempt from all Brazilian taxes, present or future. The issue was immediately oversub-

scribed. Further information may be found in our department of "Current Events and Discussions" this week.

**Melville, Sask.**—*Compromise With Bondholders.*—Severe conditions says the "Monetary Times" of Toronto will be imposed upon the town of Melville, Saskatchewan, by an agreement with the bondholders and then adds:

"There has been very little expression of opinion by the ratepayers as yet, and until a public meeting is held the approval or disapproval of the agreement will not be known. It is understood that the town council has the privilege of making changes in the agreement submitting same to the bondholders for approval and it is altogether likely that several changes will be submitted for the bondholders' approval. The main points in the agreement are as follows:

On or before the first day of July 1921, the town shall issue its debentures to amount covering principal, interest in arrears, with interest on such arrears to the said first day of July 1921. The said debentures shall be dated as of the first day of July 1921, bearing interest at 6%, payable in 15 equal annual installments of principal and interest on the first day of July in each of the years 1922 to 1936, inclusive.

Between the first day of July 1921, and the 31st day of Dec. 1921, the town shall issue debentures to take care of principal and interest falling due in said period. The said debentures shall be severally issued and dated as of the date on which the said installments of principal and interest severally become due, shall bear interest at 6%, payable in 15 equal annual installments of principal and interest on the first day of July, in each of the years 1922 to 1936.

The debentures of the town to be from time to time issued pursuant to this agreement, shall be exchanged for and accepted in full satisfaction of the unpaid debentures and coupons maturing on or before the 31st day of Dec. 1921. The exchange of the said debentures in satisfaction for debentures in arrears or maturing before the 31st day of Dec. 1921, as aforesaid, is conditional upon the town carrying out the following terms and conditions.

The town will impose and levy in the year 1921, a tax rate of at least 55 mills and will impose a sanitation tax of five dollars (\$5) per annum on every household with a proportionately higher sanitation tax in respect of hotels or other premises larger than domestic residences. Subsequent to the year 1921, the town will impose and levy a tax sufficient to provide funds necessary to pay all debts of the town whether for operation, running expenses, principal or interest falling due within the year after making due allowance for the cost of collection for the abatement of taxes and for taxes that may not be collected, make the hospital in the town self-supporting, or dispose of wagons other than chemical engine used for fire protection purposes and discharge teamster now employed, limit the fire protection apparatus to a chemical fire engine to be operated by the janitor of the town hall, increase the rates of domestic users of electric light and power to 20 cents per kilowatt hour, reasonably increase the rates for electric power, provided that if the town is able to make any substantial reduction in the cost of operating its power plant, it may proportionately reduce the rates for electric light and power, close and cease to operate the town skating rink, unless the same can be made self-sustaining, cancel real estate subdivisions on which taxes are in arrears, and apply for special legislation to enable it to sell such lands. All moneys collected from taxes imposed after the first day of January 1922, in respect of debenture principal, interest or sinking fund shall be set aside and held in a special debenture trust account and shall not be used for any purpose other than the payment of principal, sinking fund, or interest on the town's debenture.

**Montana.**—*Law Providing for the Issuance of State Treasury Note Certificate Upheld by Supreme Court.*—The Montana "Record-Herald" on May 2 had the following to say concerning an opinion, by Justice Albert J. Galen of the Montana Supreme Court holding that the law passed by the special session of the 1921 Legislature, providing for the issuance of \$3,000,000 in State Treasury note certificates, is constitutional and that the issuance of the certificates will not create an indebtedness under Section 2, Article 13 of the Constitution (V. 112, p. 1651):

"Affirming the law of the recent special session of the legislature by which the State is to issue \$3,000,000 in treasury certificates—\$1,000,000 this year—the Montana Supreme Court in an opinion by Justice Albert J. Galen Monday morning ruled that these notes will not create an indebtedness under Section 2, Article 13 of the constitution.

This constitutional provision is that no liability more than \$100,000 can be effected without first having the law creating the debt approved by the voters.

The action was begun by Attorney General Wellington D. Rankin against the State board of examiners and Governor Joseph M. Dixon and Charles T. Stewart, secretary of State, a majority of the board, to compel them to advertise for the sale of these notes. The writ of mandate applied for is issued.

It is held by the court that the limitation in Section 2, Article 13 applies only to debts in excess of revenues available or provided for the appropriation years—that is, for the two years intervening between sessions of the legislative assembly, and not concurrent obligations of the State arising during such period of time for which revenues are actually available or provided.

"The constitutional limitation has reference to such a liability as singly or in the aggregate will obligate the State in an amount in excess of \$100,000 over and above cash on hand and revenues having a potential existence by virtue of existing revenue laws.

"Action to advertise the treasury certificates for this year are to be taken immediately. The loans are to be for a year at interest not exceeding 7½%. The funds will be used to meet the current obligations of the State.

**New Hampshire.**—*Law Regulating Investments by Savings Banks Amended.*—The 1921 Legislature passed an act amending the law regulating and limiting the investments of savings banks in New Hampshire. We give the act below showing the new matter in italics and the old matter to be eliminated in brackets:

Section 1. On and after the passage of this act savings banks and savings departments of banking and trust companies shall make investment of their funds in the following classes of securities only:

Sec. 2. For the purposes of this act a note shall be construed as a written promise of an individual, firm, corporation or voluntary association, signed by the maker, to pay a specified sum of money on demand or at a fixed or determinable future time, but not issued under indenture or deed of trust. A bond shall be construed as a note issued under indenture or deed of trust.

1. In notes or bonds directly secured by first mortgage on real estate situated within the State of New Hampshire; but no such investment shall be in a loan that exceeds 70% of the value of the real estate by which it is secured and not exceeding 75% of the deposits shall be so invested, *except by permission of the bank commissioners.*

2. In notes or bonds directly secured by first mortgage on real estate situated outside of New Hampshire but entirely within the United States, which at the time of such investment is improved, occupied and productive; but not exceeding 40% of the deposits shall be so invested, and no such investment shall be in a loan that exceeds 50% of the value of the real estate by which it is secured.

3. In notes or bonds directly secured by first mortgage on timber lands situated within the States of Maine and Vermont; but not exceeding 5% of the deposits shall be so invested and no such investment shall be in a loan that exceeds 50% of the value of the real estate by which it is secured.

4. In notes secured by collateral in which the bank is at liberty to invest, of a value at least 10% in excess of the value of the note, and in bonds secured by collateral in which the bank is at liberty to invest under paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and [7], 8, of Section 4, of a value of at least 10% in excess of the value of the note. The amount of any one class of securities so taken as collateral, added to that which the bank may own at the time, shall not exceed the total limit of investment in that class of security; but not exceeding 25% of the deposits shall be so invested.

5. In notes secured by collateral securities which are dealt in on the Stock Exchanges of Boston or New York, the Stock Exchange price of which shall at all times be at least 20% in excess of the amount due upon

the note, while held by the bank; but not exceeding 25% of the deposits shall be so invested.

6. In notes secured by any savings bank deposit book issued by any savings bank chartered under the laws of any New England State; or in notes secured by the depositor's pass-book of any building and loan association of this State, *provided* that the investment shall not be in excess of the withdrawing value of said pass-book.

7. In notes with two or more signers, or one or more indorsers, or in acceptances of member banks of the Federal Reserve System of the kinds and maturities made eligible for rediscount or purchase by Federal Reserve banks, or in notes of makers whose net assets are not less than \$250,000 and whose total indebtedness does not exceed 50% of their quick assets; but not exceeding 5% of the deposits shall be loaned to any one borrower on this class of security; and not exceeding 30% of the deposits shall be invested under the provisions of this paragraph, *provided* that, except in notes with two or more signers, no savings bank shall invest under this paragraph unless its guaranty fund is full and unimpaired and the total value of its assets as determined by the Board of Bank Commissioners shall exceed the amount of its deposits by at least 10%.

8. In bonds issued under the provisions of the Federal Farm Loan Act, but not more than five per cent of the deposits shall be so invested.

#### MUNICIPAL BONDS.

Sec. 3. For the purposes of this section a Municipality shall be construed as a county, city, town, village, district, precinct or other municipal corporation; a Municipal Bond shall be construed as an interest-bearing obligation of a government, State, province or municipality, to provide for the interest and principal requirements of which taxes may be levied on all taxable property within the confines of the obligor; Net Debt shall be construed as debt after deducting sinking funds available for the payment of such debt and the net outstanding debt created for supplying the inhabitants with water; Assessed Valuation shall be construed as the nearest preceding valuation of property for purposes of taxation; and population shall be construed as the number of inhabitants in accordance with the nearest preceding census taken under Federal or State authority.

Not exceeding 5% of the deposits shall be invested in the bonds of any one municipality, and not exceeding in the aggregate 10% of the deposits shall be invested in the bonds of the Dominion of Canada, its provinces and cities.

1. In the public funds of the United States, or those for which the faith of the United States is pledged to provide for the payment of the interest and principal.

2. In the authorized bonds and notes of this State, or of any of its municipalities.

3. In the authorized bonds or notes of any State or territory of the United States; and in the authorized bonds or notes of any city of the States of Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, or New York, whose net indebtedness does not exceed 7% of the last preceding valuation of the property therein for taxation; or of any municipality in said States whose net indebtedness does not exceed 5% of such valuation.

4. In the authorized bonds of any municipality of any other of the United States or territories whose net indebtedness does not exceed 5% of the last preceding valuation of the property therein for taxation; and in the authorized bonds of any city of 50,000 inhabitants of any of said States whose net indebtedness does not exceed 7% of the last preceding valuation of the property therein for taxation. *Provided*, that the bonds of any county, city, or town of less than 10,000 inhabitants, or of any school district or other municipal corporation of less than 2,000 inhabitants in any State or territory other than those named in paragraph 3 of this section shall not be authorized investments.

5. In the authorized bonds or notes of the Dominion of Canada and in bonds or notes the principal and interest of which are guaranteed by the Dominion of Canada.

6. In the authorized bonds of any province of the Dominion of Canada.

7. In the authorized bonds of any city of the Dominion of Canada, with a population of not less than 50,000, whose net debt does not exceed 7% of the last preceding valuation of the property therein for taxation.

#### OTHER BONDS, NOTES AND STOCKS.

Sec. 4. For the purposes of this section a Company shall be construed as a corporation or voluntary association organized under the laws of the United States or any State thereof and located and doing business principally within the United States; a Public Service Company shall be construed as a company doing principally a gas, electric light or electric power [or electric railway] business; Mortgage Bonds shall be construed as bonds secured primarily by direct and forecloseable lien on physical property owned by the obligor; Years shall be construed as calendar years, fiscal years or nearer periods of twelve months next preceding such investment; Net Income shall be construed as income after deducting operating expenses, taxes, insurance, rentals, guaranteed interest and guaranteed dividends and expenditures for maintenance; and Annual Interest shall be construed as interest actually paid in each year except that for the latest year it shall be construed as one year's interest on the total amount outstanding at the time of the investment.

Not exceeding 65% [75%] of the deposits shall be invested in securities authorized under this section; and not exceeding 5% of the deposits shall be invested in the securities of any one company, and not exceeding 10% [25%] of the deposits shall be invested in securities authorized by this section other than in bonds [and] notes, equipment securities, and receiver's certificates.

No investment shall be made in securities authorized under this section unless the net income of the company in question in each of the three years next preceding such investment shall have been not less than one and one-quarter (1 1/4) times the annual interest on the entire funded debt.

In the case of a company formed by the consolidation of two or more existing companies, the net income and annual interest for the years preceding such consolidation shall be the combined net income and annual interest of the consolidated companies.

The change of motive power by any steam railroad company, whether wholly or in part, shall not affect the eligibility for investment of any steam railroad obligations.

Subject to the foregoing, investments may be made as follows:

#### STEAM RAILROAD SECURITIES.

1. In bonds or notes issued or assumed by steam railroad companies and in mortgage bonds of companies controlled by such companies for the refunding of which mortgage bonds of such companies are specifically reserved, *provided* that in each of the three years next preceding such investment the net income of such companies shall have been either (1) not less than ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) and not less than one and one-half (1 1/2) times the annual interest on the obligations in question and all other obligations of correspondence or prior lien, or (2) not less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) and not less than one and three-quarters (1 3/4) times the annual interest on the obligations in question and all other obligations of corresponding or prior lien.

2. In mortgage bonds guaranteed as to principal and interest by such companies, *provided* that in each of the three years next preceding such investment the net income of the obligor company shall have been not less than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) and not less than one and one-half (1 1/2) times the annual interest on the obligations in question and all other obligations of corresponding or prior lien.

3. In the mortgage bonds of terminal or bridge companies guaranteed as to principal and interest by two or more such companies.

4. In equipment securities issued or guaranteed as to principal and interest by such companies or by the Canadian National Railways or constituent corporations of the system owned or controlled by the Canadian National Railways, or secured as to principal and interest through the medium of a trustee by a prior lien on equipment leased to such companies or the Canadian National Railways or its constituent corporations, *provided* such securities are issued for not exceeding in par value 85% of the cost of standard equipment and either (1) mature in approximately equal annual or semi-annual installments over a period [to not exceeding] beginning not more than six years and ending not more than fifteen years from the date of their issue, or (2) mature not more than fifteen years from date of issue and their payment at maturity is provided for by a like series of installment payments to be used for the purchase and retirement of certificates or as a sinking fund.

5. In the mortgage bonds of terminal or bridge companies guaranteed as to principal and interest, by two or more such companies.]

6. In the prior lien equipment obligations or equipment trust certificates issued by the National Railway Service Corporation or by any such corporation organized under act of Congress in pursuance of any equipment trust financed in whole or in part through a loan or loans made or approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission, *provided* such securities are issued for not exceeding in par value sixty per cent (60%) of the cost of standard equipment and either

(1) mature in approximately equal annual or semi-annual installments over a period beginning not more than six years and ending not more than fifteen years from date of their issue, or (2) mature not more than fifteen years from date of issue and their payment at maturity is provided for by a like series of installment payments to be used for the purchase and retirement of certificates or as a sinking fund.

6. In certificates of indebtedness, commonly termed "receiver's certificates," issued by a receiver of any steam railroad under authorization of the court having jurisdiction over such receiver.

7. In the dividend-paying capital stock of steam railroad companies of which the net income in each of the five years next preceding such investment shall have been either, (1) not less than ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) and not less than two [one and one-half (1 1/2)] times the annual interest on the entire funded debt, or (2) not less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) and not less than two and one-half times [twice] the annual interest on the entire funded debt, *provided* that the income of such companies applicable to dividends in at least four of the five years next preceding such investment shall have been not less than the current annual dividend requirements on the class of stock in question and all other classes of stock of prior preference; and that such companies in each of the five years next preceding such investment shall have paid dividends at the rate of not less than 4% per annum on the class of stock in question and all other classes of stock of prior preference; or in the dividend-paying stock of any steam railroad company that is leased to such company and whose dividends are guaranteed by such company.

#### PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES.

8. In mortgage bonds issued or assumed by public service companies and in mortgage bonds of companies controlled by such companies for the refunding of which mortgage bonds of such companies are specifically reserved, *provided* that in each of the three years next preceding such investment the net income of such companies shall have been either (1) not less than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) and not less than one and three-quarters times the annual interest on the obligations in question and all other obligations of corresponding or prior lien, or (2) in the case of street railways and [not less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) and not less than twice [in the case of other public service companies and not less than one and three-quarters (1 3/4) times] the annual interest on the obligations in question and all other obligations of corresponding or prior lien, or (2) not less than one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) and not less than twice the annual interest on the obligations in question and all other obligations of corresponding or prior lien] and in bonds or notes issued or assumed by public service companies, *provided* that in each of the three years next preceding such investment the net income of such companies shall have been not less than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) and not less than two times the annual interest on the obligations in question and all other obligations of corresponding or prior lien; *provided* that in all cases the principal franchise or franchises of such corporations shall not mature prior to the maturity of the obligations in question or that such companies operate under indeterminate franchises or permits and are subject to the regulatory supervision of a State commission of competent jurisdiction or that such companies operate under a franchise or permit in which the capital or investment value of the company's property is fixed or determined when such investment or capital value is in excess of the indebtedness represented by the above obligations or that in the case of electric railways not less than 75% of the mileage owned is located on private right of way.]

9. In the dividend-paying capital stock of senior preference of public service companies of which the net income in each of the five years next preceding such investment shall have been not less than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) and not less than [one and three-quarter (1 3/4) times] twice the annual interest on the entire funded debt, *provided* that the income [of such companies] applicable to the payment of dividends [in at least four of the five years next preceding such investment shall have been not less than the current annual dividend requirements on the class of stock in question] shall during such period of five years have averaged not less than twice the dividend requirement of such stock, and that such companies in each of the five years next preceding such investment shall have paid dividends at the rate of not less than 4% per annum on the class of stock in question, and *provided* that the issue of such stock has been authorized by a State commission of competent jurisdiction [and *provided* further that not exceeding 10% of the deposits shall be so invested.]

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE COMPANIES.

10. In the bonds or notes of public service and water companies organized under the laws of and located and doing business principally within the State of New Hampshire; *provided* the net income of such companies in each of the three years next preceding such investment shall have been not less than twice the annual interest on the obligations in question and all other obligations of corresponding or prior lien; and in the dividend-paying capital stock of senior preference of such companies, *provided* that the income of such companies applicable to dividends in at least four of the five years next preceding such investment shall have been not less than one and one-eighth times the current annual dividend requirements on the class of stock in question, and that such companies in each of the five years next preceding such investment shall have paid dividends at the rate of not less than 4% per annum on the class of stock in question.

#### TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANIES.

11. In bonds or notes issued or assumed by telephone, telegraph, or telephone and telegraph companies of which the net income in each of the five years next preceding such investment shall have been either (1) not less than ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) and not less than two times the annual interest on the entire funded debt, or (2) not less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) and not less than two and one-half (2 1/2) times the annual interest on the entire funded debt [but not exceeding 15% of the deposits shall be so invested.]

12. In the dividend-paying capital stock of senior preference of telephone, telegraph, or telephone and telegraph companies of which the net income in each of the five years next preceding such investment shall have been either (1) not less than ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) and not less than twice the annual interest on the entire funded debt, or (2) not less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) and not less than two and one-half (2 1/2) times the annual interest on the entire funded debt, *provided* that the income of such companies applicable to dividends in at least four of the five years next preceding such investment shall have been not less than the current dividend requirements of the class of stock in question, and that all companies to be eligible under this paragraph in each of the five years next preceding such investment shall have paid dividends at the rate of not less than 4% per annum upon the class of stock in question [but not exceeding 10% of the deposits shall be invested under the provisions of this paragraph.]

#### BONDS OR NOTES.

13. In bonds or notes issued or assumed by companies of which the net income in each of the five years next preceding such investment shall have been either (1) not less than ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) and not less than two times the annual interest on the entire funded debt, or (2) not less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) and not less than four (4) times the annual interest on the entire funded debt [but not exceeding 15% of the deposits shall be so invested.]

#### CAPITAL STOCK.

14. In the dividend-paying capital stock of senior preference, of companies of which the net income in each of the five years next preceding such investment shall have been either (1) not less than ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) and not less than twice the interest on the entire funded debt, or (2) not less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) and not less than four times the annual interest on the entire funded debt, *provided* that the income of such companies applicable to dividends in at least four of the five years next preceding such investment shall have been not less than the current dividend requirements of the class of stock in question; or if such companies have no funded debt then the income applicable to dividends in at least four of the five years next preceding such investment shall have been not less than one and one-fourth (1 1/4) times the current dividend requirements of the class of stock in question; and that all companies to be eligible under this paragraph in each of the five years next preceding such investment shall have paid dividends at the rate of not less than 4% per annum upon the class of stock in question. [Without the written approval of the Board of Bank Commissioners no investments shall be made under the authority of this and the preceding paragraph, and it shall be the duty of said board to furnish to the banks from time to time a list of such securities as are eligible for investment, but not exceeding 10% of the deposits shall be invested under the provisions of this paragraph.]

Sec. 5. In the bonds or notes [stock or certificates of interest] of any manufacturing company organized and doing business in the New England

States with an unimpaired capital of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) and in the stock or certificates of interest of such company; provided always that the company has earned and paid in each of the five years preceding such investment dividends of at least four per cent on its entire capital stock, and that its net indebtedness does not exceed fifty per cent of its unimpaired capital stock. In case of the issue not exceeding fifty per cent of its unimpaired capital stock, in addition to the foregoing requirements must have been sufficient in the next year preceding such investment to have paid the average rate of dividend for that year on both the outstanding stock and the new issue to make the stock of the company a legal investment. Not exceeding five per cent of the deposits shall be invested under the provisions of this paragraph; and no bank shall hold more than five per cent of the stock of any such company. [That has earned and paid regular dividends on its entire capital stock or certificates for each of the five years next preceding such investment, and whose net indebtedness does not exceed 50% of the amount of its unimpaired capital stock; but not exceeding 10% of the deposits shall be so invested; provided no bank shall hold more than 25% of the stock of any such company.]

Sec. 6. In the capital stock of any banking or trust company, or special deposits of guaranty savings banks incorporated under the laws of the State of New Hampshire and doing business therein; but the amount of such stock held by any savings bank as an investment and as collateral for loans shall not exceed one-tenth of the total capital stock or special deposits of such banking or trust company or guaranty savings bank, and not exceeding 10% of the deposits shall be so invested.

Sec. 7. In the stock of any national bank or trust company located in the New England States or the State of New York, but not exceeding 10% of the deposits of a savings bank shall be invested in such stock; the amount of stock in any national bank or trust company in this State which may be held by any savings bank as an investment or as collateral security for loans shall not exceed 25% of the capital stock of said national bank or trust company; and the amount of stock in any national bank or trust company outside of this State which may be held by any savings bank as an investment or as collateral for loans shall not exceed one-tenth of the capital stock of said national bank or trust company.

Sec. 8. In the stock or certificates of interest, of any real estate corporation or association of this State and whose property is occupied and improved and is located in this State, whose capital stock is one hundred thousand dollars or more, provided the total indebtedness of such corporation or association does not exceed one-half of the capital stock actually paid in and remaining unimpaired, and provided such corporation or association has earned and paid regular dividends of at least 4% per annum upon its capital stock or shares for five years previous to such investment; but not exceeding 5% of the deposits shall be so invested.]

Sec. 8. Unless the guaranty fund of a bank is full and unimpaired and the value of its assets as determined by the Board of Bank Commissioners shall exceed the amount of the deposits by at least 5%, it shall be unlawful for it to invest in any stocks of paragraphs [6, 8 and 13] 7, 9, 10, 12 and 14, of section 4 or in any securities of Section 5 of this act without the written permission of the Board of Bank Commissioners; and whenever in the opinion of the Board of Bank Commissioners the condition of any bank or general financial conditions are such that the board deems it unwise for said bank to invest in said securities, it may by written order forbid such bank to make such investment, and it shall not thereafter be legal for said bank to make such investment until such order shall be revoked in writing.

Sec. 9. No savings bank shall expend in the purchase, construction or remodeling of any building and the construction of vaults, for the purpose, in whole or in part, of accommodating the business of such bank, a greater sum than the amount of its unimpaired guaranty fund and surplus except it is authorized to do so by the Bank Commissioners.

Sec. 10. Deposits of cash on call or subject to check shall be made in some national bank located in the New England States or in the cities of New York City and Philadelphia, or in some trust company incorporated under the laws of this State or Massachusetts, or in such company incorporated under the laws of the State of New York and located in New York City.

Sec. 11. In determining the percentage of deposits invested under the provisions of this act, previous investments held by the banks shall be included.

Sec. 12. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed; and this act shall take effect upon its passage. [Section 1 of Chapter 137 and Section 1 of Chapter 149 of the Laws of 1915 and Section 1 of Chapter 114 of the Laws of 1901 and all amendments thereto and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed and this act shall take effect upon its passage.]

**New Jersey.—Syndicate of Banks to Take State Bonds is Proposed at Banker's Convention.**—Following a conference of representatives from the New Jersey Banker's Association with State Comptroller Bugbee, it was announced, that a syndicate composed of New Jersey banks probably will absorb all the \$17,000,000 State bonds to be issued next month. Of the \$17,000,000 bonds which will be offered some time in June \$12,000,000 are soldiers' bonus bonds and \$5,000,000 bridge and tunnel bonds, the former to bear interest at not to exceed 5% and the latter at not more than 6%. Further reference to this will be found among the earlier pages of this issue in our department of "Current Events and Discussions."

**New Shoreham, R. I.—Court Orders Town's Debt Paid.**—The Providence "Journal" on May 12 had the following article concerning the suit brought by the Industrial Trust Co., against the town of New Shoreham:

"Judgment for \$158,294 11 in favor of the Industrial Trust Company against the town of New Shoreham was entered by Judge Chester W. Barrows in the Superior Court late yesterday afternoon, by agreement of counsel. This marks the first real step in settlement of the bond issue which has been under discussion for a long time."

In accordance with a stipulation filed in court, to which both sides agreed, execution of the judgment is to be stayed so long as the town of New Shoreham discharges its obligations under the agreement.

George H. Huddy, Jr., appeared for the bank, and Everett A. Kingsley of Westerly represented the town of New Shoreham. Mr. Huddy's motion for judgment was granted by the court, and then Mr. Kingsley filed a motion for stay of judgment until further order of the court, based on the stipulation filed. Mr. Huddy consented to this plan.

In reality, the terms of settlement convert the \$145,000 issue of sinking fund bonds into serial bonds. The plan provides that the town shall annually pay on the principal \$5,370 37 and interest. In the aggregate the interest of \$81,339 88, added to the principal, makes a total of \$226,339 88.

The action yesterday follows out the vote of the taxpayers of the island a week ago, and is the first decisive step on the part of the town to wipe out this old debt. The plan as adopted was suggested some time ago by Mr. Kingsley, who was then acting in an advisory capacity for the town.

Following the vote of a week ago, Town Treasurer Almanza J. Rose engaged Mr. Kingsley as counsel to proceed to reach an agreement with the bank in settlement of the debt. By the adoption of this plan the town saves considerable money in interest charges, amounting in the aggregate to nearly \$40,000.

The agreement provides that execution or other process for the enforcement of the judgment shall be stayed until any default shall be made in any of the payments set forth in the plan of settlement.

Under the agreement, the town will pay the back interest in three installments, \$4,000 on Aug. 15; \$3,000 on Oct. 15, and \$1,808 04 on Dec. 15. The principal and interest for this year, amounting to \$11,170 37 are to be made in two installments, \$8,000 between Sept. 15 and Oct. 1, and \$3,170 37 between Dec. 15 and Jan. 1.

**Oregon.—Constitutional and Other Propositions to Be Voted on.**—On June 7 the voters of Oregon will pass judgment on five State-wide measures, three of which, if approved, will amend the State Constitution. The Portland "Oregonian" describes the measures as follows:

The measure with relation to changing the Constitution as it pertains to legislative sessions provides that the regular sessions shall be lengthened from 40 to 60 days, and that the members shall receive \$5 a day instead of \$3 a day as at the present time. This compensation will apply to both regular and special sessions.

Provision is also made for limiting the time in which bills may be introduced, with the exception of appropriation and defense measures. Another section of the proposed amendment places the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House on the same pay basis as other members, and eliminates the present provision that "they shall receive an additional two-thirds of their per diem allowance as members."

No change is suggested in the amendment as to the length of special sessions.

The measure providing for the creation of a World War veterans' State aid fund authorizes the State to issue bonds to the extent of 3% of the assessed valuation of all property to raise money to be loaned in amounts of not more than \$4,000, or paid as a bonus of \$15 for each month of actual service to each honorably discharged resident of Oregon who served in the United States army, navy or marine corps between April 6 1917 and Nov. 11 1918. In no case, however, shall the amount of the bonus exceed \$500.

Provision also is made in this amendment for authority to levy an additional tax of two mills to pay principal and interest of such bonds and ratify any correlative legislative enactments.

The correlative enactments referred to in the proposed amendment include an Act passed by the 1921 Legislature providing that each qualified veteran of the World War may borrow from the State an amount not to exceed \$3,000, or accept a cash bonus in the sum of \$15 a month, based on his actual time of service, and not exceeding \$500. Operation of this Act is wholly dependent upon the approval of the constitutional amendment, which will provide the money necessary to finance the scheme of compensation.

The constitutional amendment fixes the maximum loan at \$4,000, while the legislative Act limits the amount a veteran may borrow to \$3,000. This conflict is not serious, however, other than the maximum amount a person may receive under the law will remain at \$3,000. For these loans the borrowers will be required to pay 4%, while repayment of the principal may be extended over a period of 40 years.

Another important measure is that authorizing the Governor to veto an emergency clause without impairing the remaining sections of the bill. At the present time the emergency clause serves two purposes. First, the bill becomes effective as a law as soon as it is signed by the Governor, while Acts not favored with the emergency clause do not become effective for 90 days. Second, the emergency clause prevents invoking the referendum against the measure.

Should this measure receive favorable consideration at the hands of the voters the tables will be turned, and a Governor will no longer be able to shelve an entire bill under the pretext that it was objectionable because of the emergency clause. Approval of the measure also will prevent the clause being used merely to halt the referendum.

The purpose of the so-called marriage bill, according to its author, is to prevent the birth of feeble-minded children. This law, if approved, will provide that all persons wishing to marry shall first undergo a mental and physical examination. If either or both should fail to pass the examination they would be prohibited from marrying unless one or both were sterilized.

Provision is made that in cases where applicants are refused marriage licenses under the provisions of the law, they may appeal to the county court, which would cause an examination to be made of the complaining person or persons by three competent physicians selected by the court. The judgment of these physicians would be final.

Under the proposed amended jury bill women would be allowed to sit as jurors. At the present time jury service in Oregon is limited to men. This service on the part of women, however, is optional, and they may be excused upon filing a satisfactory affidavit with the County Clerk of the county in which they are called. This measure provides that in criminal cases in which a minor under 18 years of age is involved, whether as defendant or as complaining witness, at least half of the jury shall be women. Local measures to be referred to the voters at the June election include salary bills in Wallawa, Umatilla and Wasco counties, and the Port of Portland organization bill.

**Saskatchewan, Canada.—Two School Districts Default in Payment of Interest.**—It was reported last week, says the "Montary Times" of Toronto in its issue of April 29, that the North Battleford School District and the Wilkie School District, both in Saskatchewan, are in default in coupon payments on their bonds. As in other instances of a similar character recently noted, the difficulties arise out of the inability of the municipalities in question to collect the taxes outstanding. Wilkie, with a population of 1,000, has debentures outstanding amounting to \$66,700, a bank debt of \$8,000, and an expenditure last year on school account of \$31,882. The town owes the school district \$41,423, which is composed largely of uncollected taxes. The town's debenture debt totals \$92,031, against which it has capital assets of \$105,610, and uncollected taxes aggregating \$59,552.

North Battleford School District has a debenture debt of \$151,836, and a bank debt of \$37,000. As against these obligations the schools have an equity in lands in lieu of taxes, of \$21,183, and taxes due amounting to \$75,281."

**South Carolina.—Legislature Adjourns.**—The South Carolina Legislature adjourned March 10 1921.

**Tennessee.—Legislature Adjourns.**—The Sixty-second General Assembly of the State of Tennessee adjourned sine die on April 11.

**Utah.—Legislature Adjourns.**—The Utah Legislature adjourned March 10 1921.

**Washington.—Bonds Under the Washington Donohue Road Act Are General Obligations.**—The "Pacific Banker" under date of May 5 prints the following letter concerning a recent decision of the State Supreme Court, holding that the bonds issued by counties under the so-called "Donohue-Road Act" are general obligations of those counties:

*Editor Pacific Banker, Seattle, May 2, 1921*

Of interest to investors in millions of dollars of county road bonds issued under the Donohue Road Act is the recent decision of the Washington Supreme Court that "bonds issued under the Donohue Road Act constitute general obligations of the issuing counties." This decision is a victory for investors in Northwestern municipal bonds, for bond houses handling these bonds and for the approving attorneys, Teal, Minor & Winfree of Portland.

The "Donohue Act" provides that benefits shall be assessed one-half to the county, one-fourth to the township or road district and the remaining one-fourth to the lands within the improvement boundary. It also provides for payment on the installment plan and provides for the collection of a separate fund into which all moneys derived from the above sources shall be paid. It is also provided that "those portions of expense to be borne by the county, townships or road districts shall be levied and collected as other taxes" and that the installments to be paid by the land owners, with interest on deferred payments, shall be placed on the assessment roll and collected "the same as other taxes are collected." A clause in the act provides that should there not be sufficient money in said improvement fund to make payment of any installment of interest of the bonds when due, said interest of bonds may be paid out of the general road or bridge fund or the current expense fund of the county as may be directed by the Board of County Commissioners.

Briefly the question at issue regarding these bonds has been whether they constitute general obligations of the issuing counties or were merely "benefit assessment" bonds, hinging upon the word "may." In the case in question that of W. F. Hardin vs. Klickitat County, et al., Teal, Minor & Winfree, attorneys, appeared as friends of the court and submitted a convincing brief. It was pointed out that a decision regarding the status of the Donohue Road Act bonds was necessary both from the viewpoint of the many investors in these bonds and as regards the issuing counties themselves.

This decision is important to the many investors and substantiates the judgment of the bond houses who have handled these bonds, particularly John E. Price & Company, Carstens & Earles, Lumbermen's Trust Company and Ferris & Hardgrove, and is a victory for the approving attorneys, who have consistently maintained that the spirit of the act was to make the bond issued under this act by counties for the construction of highways general obligations.

Very truly yours,  
JOHN E. PRICE & CO.  
By R. G. Emerson.

Wyoming.—Legislature Adjourns.—The Wyoming Legislature adjourned Feb. 19 1921.

**BOND CALLS AND REDEMPTIONS.**

**Denver (City and County), Colo.—Bonds Called.**—In pursuance of Section 47 of the Revised Charter, 1916, of the City and County of Denver, notice is given that sufficient moneys are in the hands of M. J. McCarthy, Manager of Revenue and Ex-officio Treasurer, to pay the following bonds:

- Storm Sewer Bonds.*
- Sub District No. 4, Capitol Hill Storm Sewer District No. 1, bond No. 19.
- Washington Park Storm Sewer District bonds No. 221 to 226, inclusive.
- Sub District No. 2, Washington Park Storm Sewer District, bond No. 17.
- Sub District No. 3, Washington Park Storm Sewer Dist., bonds Nos. 37 & 38
- Sanitary Sewer Bonds.*
- Part of Sub Dist. No. 6, East Side Sanitary Sewer Dist. No. 1, bond No. 16.
- Part of Sub Dist. No. 9, East Side Sanitary Sewer Dist. No. 1, bond No. 34.
- Sub District No. 10, East Side Sanitary Sewer District No. 1, bond No. 44.
- Seventh Avenue Special Sanitary Sewer District, bond No. 22.
- West and South Side Sanitary Sewer District, bonds No. 556 to 565, incl.
- Part "A" Sub Dist. No. 3 W. & S. Side San. Sewer Dis. bonds No. 85 to 87 in.
- Part "A" Sub Dist. No. 5, W. & S. Side Sanitary Sewer Dist. bond No. 29.
- Part "A" Sub Dist. No. 6, W. & S. Side San. Sewer Dis., bonds No. 22 & 23.
- Sub Dist. No. 10, West and South Side Sanitary Sewer Dist., bond No. 42.
- Sub Dist. No. 11, West and South Side Sanitary Sewer Dist., bond No. 27.
- Part "A" Sub Dist. No. 13, W. & S. Side Sanitary Sewer Dist., bond No. 10.
- Part "A" Sub Dist. No. 14, W. & S. Side Sanitary Sewer Dist., bond No. 56.
- Part "A" Sub Dist. No. 15, W. & S. Side Sanitary Sewer Dist., bond No. 24.

- Improvement Bonds.*
- Arlington Park Improvement District, bonds No. 140 to 146, incl.
- Capitol Hill Improvement District No. 6, bonds No. 114 to 119, incl.
- Capitol Hill Improvement District No. 7, bond No. 48.
- Cherry Creek Improvement District No. 3, bond No. 62.
- East Denver Improvement District No. 5, bonds No. 131 to 134, incl.
- East Denver Improvement District No. 7, bonds No. 34.
- East Side Improvement District No. 3, bonds No. 25 to 27, incl.
- East Side Improvement District No. 4, bonds No. 28 and 29.
- East Side Improvement District No. 5, bond No. 30.
- East Side Improvement District No. 6, bonds No. 42 to 45, incl.
- East Side Improvement District No. 8, bonds No. 44 to 46, incl.
- Montclair Parkway Suburban Impt. Dist. No. 1, bonds No. 112 to 114, incl.
- North Side Improvement District No. 7, bonds No. 19 to 24, incl.
- North Side Improvement District No. 9, bond No. 8.
- North Side Improvement District No. 14, bond No. 17.
- North Side Improvement District No. 16, bonds No. 38 and 39.
- North Side Improvement District No. 17, bonds No. 61 and 62.
- North Side Improvement District No. 18, bonds No. 43 and 44.
- North Side Improvement District No. 20, bond No. 32.
- North Side Improvement District No. 23, bonds No. 65 to 68, incl.
- North Side Improvement District No. 29, bond No. 19.
- Seventh Ave. Parkway Improvement District, bonds No. 39 and 40.
- South Capitol Hill Improvement District No. 2, bonds No. 104 to 107, incl.
- South Denver Improvement District No. 4, bonds No. 141 and 142.
- South Denver Improvement District No. 5, bond No. 107.
- South Denver Improvement District No. 7, bonds No. 40 and 41.
- South Denver Improvement District No. 8, bonds No. 56 and 57.
- South Denver Improvement District No. 11, bond No. 47.
- South Denver Improvement District No. 13, bond No. 5.
- South Denver Improvement District No. 15, bond No. 11.

- Park Bonds.*
- East Denver Park District, bonds No. 1846 to 1905, incl.
- Montclair Park District, bond No. 500.
- South Denver Park District, bonds No. 761 and 762.

- Surfacing Bonds.*
- Marion Street Parkway Surfacing District, bond No. 13.
- North Denver Surfacing District No. 1, bond No. 12.
- Park Hill Heights Surfacing District, bond No. 72.
- Seventh Avenue Parkway Surfacing District, bonds No. 29 and 30.
- South Capitol Hill Surfacing District No. 1, bond No. 18.
- Surfacing District No. 4, bonds No. 43 and 44.

- Paving Bonds.*
- Alley Paving District No. 19, bond No. 28.
- Alley Paving District No. 22, bonds No. 35 and 36.
- Alley Paving District No. 23, bond No. 27.
- Alley Paving District No. 24, bonds No. 31 to 33, incl.
- Alley Paving District No. 25, bond No. 28.
- Alley Paving District No. 26, bond No. 20.
- Alley Paving District No. 27, bond No. 26.
- Alley Paving District No. 29, bond No. 12.
- Alley Paving District No. 32, bond No. 20.
- Alley Paving District No. 33, bond No. 13.
- Alley Paving District No. 36, bond No. 11.
- Alley Paving District No. 43, bond No. 13.
- Alley Paving District No. 45, bond No. 10.
- Alley Paving District No. 50, bond No. 6.
- Alley Paving District No. 51, bond No. 6.
- Alley Paving District No. 52, bond No. 9.
- Alley Paving District No. 53, bond No. 10.
- Acoma Street Paving District No. 1, bonds No. 16 and 17.
- Broadway Paving District No. 4, bonds No. 59 to 61, incl.
- East Denver Paving District No. 2, bonds No. 25 to 27, incl.
- East Denver Paving District No. 4, bond No. 21.
- East Denver Paving District No. 5, bonds No. 33 and 34.
- East Denver Paving District No. 8, bond No. 32.
- Fourteenth Avenue Paving District No. 1, bond No. 15.
- Market Street Paving District No. 2, bonds No. 78 and 79.
- Montclair Parkway Sub. Paving Dist. No. 1, bonds No. 94 to 97, incl.
- North Denver Paving District No. 2, bond No. 12.
- West Colfax Avenue Paving District No. 1, bond No. 5.
- West Denver Paving District No. 3, bond No. 63.

- Sidewalk Bonds.*
- Dowington Sidewalk District, bonds No. 12 and 13.
- Hartman Sidewalk District, bond No. 16.
- Washington Park Sidewalk District, bond No. 21.

All such bonds are hereby called in for payment, and at the expiration of thirty days from the first publication of this notice, to-wit, on the 31st day of May 1921, interest on the bonds above described will cease.

Upon the request of the holders of any of the above bonds received ten days before the expiration of this call the undersigned will arrange for their payment at the Bankers' Trust Company, New York City, but not otherwise.

**BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS**  
this week have been as follows:

- AKRON, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—F. A. Parmelee, Director of Finance, will receive bids until 12 m. June 1 for the following 6% special assessment street impt. bonds:
- \$34,000 Carroll & Sumner Sts. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1921. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1922 to 1926, incl.; \$3,000, 1927 to 1930, incl.; and \$2,000, 1931.
- 19,500 Hillsdale Ave. bonds. Denom. \$500 & \$1,000. Date April 1 1921. Due \$2,000 yearly on April 1 from 1922 to 1930, incl.; and \$1,500, 1931.

- \$11,900 Ames Court bonds. Denom. \$1,000 & \$900. Date April 1 1921. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1922 to 1929, incl.; \$2,000, 1930; and \$1,900, 1931.
  - 7,400 Beech St. bonds. Denom. \$400, \$500 & \$1,000. Date April 1 1921. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1922 to 1926, incl.; \$500, 1927 to 1930, incl.; and \$400, 1931.
  - 4,700 Hart St. bonds. Denom. \$500 & \$200. Date April 1 1921. Due \$500 yearly on April 1 from 1922 to 1930, incl.; and \$200 April 1 1931.
  - 51,700 Hereford Drive bonds. Denom. \$1,000 & \$700. Date May 1 1921. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1922 to 1929, incl.; \$6,000, 1930; and \$5,700, 1931.
- Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the National Park Bank of New York. Cert. check for 1% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Director of Finance, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**ADAMS COUNTY (P. O. Decatur), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—It is stated that an issue of \$137,160 macadam road bonds was sold on May 18 as follows: \$66,000 to the Old Adams County Bank, the remainder, \$71,160, being taken in about equal portions by the City Trust Co. of Indianapolis the Peoples Loan & Trust Co. of Decatur and Charles Arnold of Freibie.

**ALBANY, Albany County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Elmer D. Gunn, City Comptroller, will receive bids until 11 a. m. May 26 for the following 5% coupon bonds:

- \$136,000 street impt. bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 & \$600. Due \$13,600 yearly on June 1 from 1922 to 1931, incl.
- 95,000 street impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$19,000 yearly on June 1 from 1922 to 1926, incl.
- 10,000 Albany Basin dredging bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 yearly on June 1 from 1921 to 1926, incl. This issue will be purchased by the Comptroller for the Water Sinking Fund.

Date June 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Cert. check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to Wm. J. Brennan, City Treasurer, required. Legality approved by Reed Dougherty & Hoyt of New York, and John J. McManus of Albany.

**ALLEN COUNTY (P. O. Fort Wayne), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—E. G. Kampe, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. May 28 for \$90,000 5% Schlandroff road construction bonds. Denom. 80 for \$850 and 40 for \$650. Semi-ann. int. (M. & N.). Due \$2,250 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1941 incl.

**ALTOONA, Blair County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—John P. Lafferty, Supt. of Accounts & Finance, will receive bids until 12 m. June 2 for \$300,000 5% bonds. Int. semi-ann. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$11,000, 1922 to 1941, incl.; and \$10,000, 1942 to 1949, incl.; all maturing after June 1 1936, being subject to call thereafter. Cert. check for 2% of the bid, required.

**ALVARDO, Marshall County, Minn.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$20,000 6% electric light plant bonds has been sold to the Minnesota Electric Distributing Co. of Minneapolis at par.

**ANDERSON, Madison County, Ind.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$25,000 5% Benzenbowe road-improvement bonds was recently sold, it is stated, to the Fletcher-American Bank of Indianapolis at par and accrued interest.

**ANDERSON, Anderson County, So. Caro.—BOND SALE.**—On May 17 J. H. Hillsman & Co. of Atlanta, were the successful bidders for the \$200,000 6% 20-year coupon bonds, dated June 1 1921—V. 112, p. 1893—at 96 and interest, a basis of about 6.36%.

**ARKANSAS (State of).—NOTE SALE.**—On May 9 the Bankers Trust Co. of Little Rock was awarded the \$350,000 coupon notes—V. 112, p. 1539—at par and interest for 6s. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1926 to 1940, incl., and \$20,000, 1941.

**ATHENS, McMinn County, Tenn.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The \$60,000 street-impt. and \$30,000 general-impt. 6% coupon bonds offered May 16—V. 112, p. 1999—were not sold, as there were no satisfactory bids received.

**ATLANTIC COUNTY (P. O. Atlantic City), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—E. L. Johnson, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 3 p. m. June 4 for an issue of \$242,000 6% coupon or registered road impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due June 1 1927. Cert. check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Legality approved by Geo. S. Clay of New York.

**AUBURN, Placer County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.**—The "San Francisco Commercial News" of May 9 says:

"A proposal to bond the city for \$80,000 with which to buy the city water works, now owned by the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. for \$60,000, and a park for \$20,000, will be voted on at an early date at a special election to be called for that purpose."

**AUGUSTA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Augusta), Butler County, Kans.—BOND SALE.**—On May 11 \$200,000 5% school bldg. bonds were sold to Vernon H. Branch of Wichita at 96, a basis of about 6.49%. Denoms. \$500 and \$1,000. Date April 15 1921. Int. A. & O. Due April 15 1924.

**AURORA, Beaufort County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed proposals will be received until 2 p. m. May 24 by Paul T. Sparrow, Town Clerk, for \$25,000 6% Gold Street construction bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O) payable at the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., N. Y. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1923 to 1937, incl., and \$2,000 1938 to 1942, incl. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company for \$500 payable to the Town Treasurer, required. These bonds are to be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage and Trust Company of New York City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the town officials and the seal impressed thereon. Legality will be approved by Chester B. Masslich of New York City, and J. L. Morehead of Durham, N. C., whose approving opinions will be furnished to the purchaser without charge. Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser at the office of said United States Mortgage & Trust Company in New York City on June 15 1921, or as soon thereafter as the bonds can be prepared, and must then be paid for in New York funds.

**BALTIC, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Chas. A. Ott, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 12 m. June 10 for \$8,990 5 1/2% coupon special assessment Cass St. Impt. bonds. Denom. 17 for \$500 & 1 for \$490. Date Mar. 1 1921. Int. M. & S. Due \$500 each six months from Sept. 1 1922 to Sept. 1 1930, incl.; and \$490 Mar. 1 1931.

**BELLPORT, Suffolk County, N. Y.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The issue of \$30,000 street impt. bonds, offered on May 3 at a rate not to exceed 5% (V. 112, p. 1893) was not sold.

**BELMONT, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.**—On May 18 the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston, submitting a bid of 100 679, a basis of about 5.10%, was awarded the following three issues of 5 1/2% tax-free coupon bonds offered on that date (V. 112, p. 2109):

- \$8,000 street construction bonds. Date April 1 1921. Due \$1,000 yearly on April 1 from 1922 to 1929, incl.
- 12,500 surface drainage bonds. Date April 1 1921. Due \$500 yearly on April 1 from 1922 to 1946, incl.
- 15,000 water bonds. Date May 1 1921. Due \$3,000 yearly on May 1 from 1922 to 1926, incl.

**BERESFORD, Union County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.**—Reports say that sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. May 23 by the City Auditor, for \$70,000 water-works bonds.

**BEXLEY, Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—S. W. Roderick, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 12 m. May 31 at the Market Exchange Bank in Columbus for the following 6% assessment bonds aggregating \$279,000:

- \$79,000 Euclaire Avenue improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$7,000 April 1 1922; and \$8,000 yearly on April 1 from 1923 to 1931 incl.
- 62,000 Dawson Avenue improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$6,000 yearly on April 1 from 1922 to 1929, incl.; and \$7,000 on April 1 in 1930 & 1931.
- 76,000 Stanberry Avenue improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000 Due \$3,000 yearly on April 1 from 1922 to 1925, incl. and \$4,000 yearly on April 1 from 1926 to 1941, incl.
- 48,000 Ashbourne Road improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 yearly on April 1 from 1922 to 1933, incl. and \$3,000 yearly on April 1 from 1934 to 1941, incl.

\$14,000 Ashbourne Place improvement bonds. Denom. \$700. Due \$700 yearly on April 1 from 1922 to 1941, incl. Int. payable semi-ann. (A. & O.) Cert. check for 5% of amount 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.

BLENCOE CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Blencoe), Monona County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—E. A. Shea, Secretary Board of Directors, will receive sealed or verbal bids at 2 p. m. June 2 for \$100,000 6% school fund bonds. Int. semi-ann. Cert. check for \$1,000 payable to the District Treasurer, required.

BLOUNT COUNTY (P. O. Maryville), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will receive until 1 p. m. June 7 by R. P. McReynolds, County Judge, for \$50,000 6% school bonds.

BOISE CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. (P. O. Boise City), Ada County, Ida.—BOND OFFERING.—Chas. S. Kingsley, Clerk of Board of Trustees, will receive bids until 8 p. m. June 13 for the purchase of an issue of gold coupon Central Unit Hill School Building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$275,000. Interest rate not to exceed 6% interest. Denom. to suit purchaser. Int. semi-annually. Due in 20 years subject to call at any time after 10 years at option of district. No bid for the purchase of bonds will be entertained unless the same is for par value thereof, with accumulated interest thereon to the date of delivery at the rate named in the bid and is accompanied by a certified check, irrevocable, for \$10,000, payable to the school district, required. All bids for bonds shall be made, unconditionally. Full abstract of all proceedings had touching the issuance and sale of the bonds will, on request, be supplied to each bidder for bonds by the Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the district without cost; and desired amendment of which said proceedings, or of the form of the record thereof, will be made by the Board of Trustees of the district as may be required by the purchaser, who will pay all expense of counsel in directing such further proceedings and amendments, if any, and who shall also provide the necessary blank Bonds for execution, as shall be required.

BOND SALE.—Recently \$125,000 high school annex Manual Arts building bonds were sold.

BOULDER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Boulder), Colo.—BOND ELECTION CONSIDERED.—J. A. Favis, president of school board is urging the calling of an election to vote upon issuing \$50,000 school bonds.

BRANFORD, New Haven County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—Town Treasurer, A. J. Harmout, will receive bids until 11 a. m. June 4 for \$149,000 6% tax-free coupon highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. Int. (J. & D.) due \$5,000 in 1928 and \$8,000 every other year from 1930 to 1964, incl. Cert. check for 2% of amount bid for, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within thirty days after award is made. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

The town reserves the right to redeem these bonds at any time at 105, the called bonds to be chosen by lot.

Bonded Debt, this issue only. Grand List, \$6,501,997.

The official notice of this bond offering will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

BRIARCLIFF MANOR, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On May 16 the \$40,000 5 1/2% registered Scarborough Road impt. bonds offered on that date (V. 112, p. 2110) were awarded to A. B. Leach & Co., of New York, at 101.07, a basis of about 5.59%. Date Mar. 1 1921. Due 4,000 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1925 to 1934, incl.

BRIDGEPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bridgeport), Harrison County, W. Va.—BOND OFFERING.—A. B. Teter, Secretary Board of Education, will entertain sealed bids at the Bridgeport Bank, Bridgeport, until 12 m. June 3 for \$30,000 6% high school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date May 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. Int. (M. & N.) payable at the Bridgeport Bank, Bridgeport, or at the Irving National Bank, N. Y. Due \$2,000 yearly on May 1 from 1926 to 1940, incl. Cert. check for 5% of the bid payable to the Board of Education, required. Validity of bonds has been approved by the Attorney General.

BROCKTON, Plymouth County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$200,000 temporary loan dated May 19 1921 and maturing \$100,000 on Feb. 20 and Mar. 20 1922, offered on May 17—V. 112, p. 2110—was awarded to the First National Bank at 5.71% discount plus a premium of \$1.50, it is stated.

BROWNING, Glacier County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—A. M. Shannon, Town Clerk, will sell at public auction at 8 p. m. June 20, \$60,000 6% coupon water bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. Int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the Town Treasurer or at option of holder at National Bank of Commerce, N. Y. Due July 1 1941 and redeemable in numerical order, annually, commencing July 1 1931. Each bidder is required to deposit a check fully certified by some duly authorized bank in the sum of \$2,000 payable to the Town Treasurer, required. Bidders shall satisfy themselves as to the legality of the bonds before bidding.

The official notice of this offering will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

BROWNVILLE, Jefferson County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—C. J. Patrick, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 7:30 p. m. May 23 for \$90,000 coupon water and sewer bonds, to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6%. Date Jan. 1 1921. Int. J. & J. Due \$3,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1922 to 1951, incl. Cert. check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village, required.

BROWNVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Brownville), Cameron County, Tex.—BOND REGISTERED.—An issue of \$175,000 6% 10-40 year bonds was registered on May 12 with the State Comptroller.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—During April the Sinking Fund purchased the following 4% bonds: \$20,000 grade-crossing bonds. Date Apr. 1 1921. Due April 1 1922 to 1941, incl. 3,772 21 local work bonds. Date Apr. 15 1921. Due Apr. 15 1922.

BURBANK, Wayne County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals for the purchase of \$3,500 6% 10-year electric light bonds will be received until 12 m. June 10 by Mayor R. C. Yost. Date April 1 1921.

BURLEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Burley), Cassia County, Ida.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The \$50,000 6 1/2% school funding bonds, awarded as stated in V. 112, p. 1894—answer to the following description. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Date April 15 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. Int. (A. & O.) payable in New York City. Due April 15 1941 optional April 15 1931.

Financial Statement. Actual value of real estate and personal property estimated. \$6,000,000 Assessed valuation. 4,800,000 Total bonded debt including this issue. 276,000 Population, estimated, 7,000.

BURLINGTON, Alamance County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—M. W. McPherson, City Treasurer, will receive sealed proposals until 2 p. m. June 3 for \$275,000 6% street-impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. Int. (J. & D.), payable in New York in gold, registerable as to principal. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$24,000 1923 to 1932, incl.; \$8,000 1933 and \$9,000 1934 to 1936, incl. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City of Burlington or M. W. McPherson, City Treasurer, required. Legal opinion by Chester B. Masslich of N. Y. The U. S. Mtege. & Trust Co. of N. Y. will prepare bonds and certify as to genuineness of signatures and seal. Delivery in New York on or about June 13 1921.

CADIZ, Harrison County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—W. H. Lucas, Village Clerk, will receive proposals until 12 m. May 28 for \$15,000 6% 5-10 year serial refunding bonds. Date June 1 1921. Int. semi-ann. Cert. check for \$500, required.

CALIFORNIA (State of).—BOND SALE.—According to newspaper reports the State Board of Control has purchased \$200,000 5 1/2% highway bonds, \$150,000 for the School Land Fund and \$50,000 for the Capitol Extension Interest and Sinking Fund. They were purchased at par and accrued interest.

CAMBRIDGE, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$300,000 temporary loan offered on May 16—V. 112, p. 2110—was sold on that day to the Central Trust Co. of Cambridge at 5.72% discount, plus \$2 25 premium. Date May 18 and maturing Dec. 1 1921.

CANTON, Haywood County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 2 p. m. June 2 T. A. Clark, Town Clerk, will receive sealed proposals for \$65,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date June 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. Int. payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$1,000 1922 to 1927, incl.; \$1,500 1928 to 1936, incl.; \$2,000 1937 to 1941, incl.; \$2,500 1942; \$3,000 1943 and 1944; \$3,500 1945 to 1948, incl.; \$4,000 1949; \$4,500 1950 and 1951. Certified check on some incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for required. The successful bidder will be furnished with the opinion of Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston and Charles N. Malone and G. A. Thomasson, both of Asheville, that the bonds are valid and binding obligations of the town of Canton. The town will furnish free of cost the bond forms.

CARBON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Price), Utah.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$50,000 5% 20-yr. school building bonds has been sold to the Palmer Bond & Mortgage Co. of Salt Lake City, E. H. Rollins & Sons and Bosworth, Chanute & Co., both of Denver, jointly, at 86.06, a basis of about 6.23%.

CATSKILL (P. O. Catskill), Greene County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Catskill Savings Bank was awarded at par and interest the following two issues of 5 1/2% bridge bonds, which were offered on May 16 (V. 112, p. 2110): \$15,000 bonds. Due yearly on Feb. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1922 to 1927, incl.; \$2,000 1928, 1929 and 1930; and \$3,000 1931. 11,000 bonds. Due yearly on Feb. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1923 to 1929, incl.; and \$2,000 1930 & 1931.

CENTER IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Cascade), Valley County, Ida.—BOND SALE.—On May 10 R. B. Robertson of Portland was the successful bidder for the \$80,000 7% irrigation construction bonds—V. 112, p. 1894.

CENTRAL CITY, Merrick County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$25,000 6% gas plant purchase bonds has been sold, it is stated.

CERRO GORDO COUNTY (P. O. Mason City), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. May 23 by Paul Weigand, County Auditor, for \$410,000 County road bonds. Date May 2 1921. Due yearly as follows: \$50,000 1922; \$60,000 1923 and \$75,000 1924 to 1927, incl.

CHAVES COUNTY (P. O. Roswell), N. Mex.—BONDS VOTED.—On May 3 the \$32,000 bridge bonds—V. 112; p. 1894—carried.

CHELSEA, Suffolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary loan of \$200,000 dated May 14 and maturing Dec. 19 1921 was recently awarded the First National Bank at 5.75% discount, plus a \$25 premium, newspapers report.

CHEYENNE, Laramie County, Wyo.—BIDS REJECTED.—BONDS SOLD LATER.—All the bids received on May 9 for the issue of \$500,000 6% sanitary and storm sewer bonds (V. 112, p. 1894) were rejected on May 13 because they were below par. The issue was sold later to a syndicate headed by E. H. Rollins & Sons at par and interest.

CHILLICOTHE, Hardeman County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—On May 3 by 118 "for" to 58 "against" \$110,000 water and sewer system bonds carried.

CLARKSVILLE, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—By 202 "for" to 1 "against" \$60,000 street paving bonds carried.

CLAYMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Claymont), New Castle County, Del.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids for \$250,000 6% school bonds will be received until 3 p. m. May 31 by J. Fred Parsons, Secretary of Board of Education. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. Int. J. & D. Due \$10,000 yearly on June 1 from 1922 to 1946 incl. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bid required.

CLAYMONT SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Claymont), New Castle County, Delaware.—BOND OFFERING.—J. Fred Parsons, Secretary of Board of Education, will receive bids until 3 p. m. May 31 for \$250,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. Interest payable semi-ann. (J. & D.) Due \$10,000 on June 1 from 1922 to 1946, incl. Cert. check for 5% of amount bid, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

CLINT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Clint), El Paso County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—On June 6, \$7,000, 6% 20-40 year (opt.) school bonds will be voted upon.

COITTSVILLE TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sciencetown), Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—C. F. Shipton, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive bids until 8 p. m. May 26 for \$14,000 6% bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 26 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. Int. (M. & N.) payable at the Commercial National Bank of Youngstown. Due \$2,000 yearly on May 26 from 1931 to 1937 incl. Cert. check on some insolvent bank in Mahoning County for \$1,000, payable to the above-mentioned Clerk, required.

COLON, Saunders County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—According to reports \$8,000 electric light bonds have been sold.

COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Opha Moore, City Clerk, will receive bids until 12 m. June 15 for the following 5 1/2% bonds: \$150,000 Scioto River bonds. Date March 15 1921. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 1 1941. 35,000 park bonds. Denom. \$5,000. Date March 15 1921. Due June 1 1936. 16,500 Olentangy River Park bonds. Denom. 1 for \$500 & 16 for \$1,000. Date March 15 1921. Due June 1 1941. 600,000 general waterworks bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. Due yearly on June 1, as follows: \$5,000 1923; \$45,000 1924; \$50,000 1925 to 1927, incl.; \$55,000 1928 to 1930, incl.; \$60,000 1931 to 1933 and \$55,000 in 1934. 100,000 street widening bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. Due Dec. 1 1941. 110,000 municipal light plant bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. Due June 1 1941. 250,000 street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,000 1927; \$34,000 1928; \$35,000 1929 to 1931, incl. and \$36,000 1932 to 1934, incl. 200,000 street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. Due June 1 1941.

At the same time bids are to be received for the following 5 1/2% assessment bonds, due Sept. 1 1931: Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. \$22,000 Ludlow Street bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. 5,000 Pearl Street Avenue bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. 9,000 McClelland Avenue bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. 28,000 Twelfth Avenue bonds. Denom. \$500. Date June 1 1921. 6,500 Chilcote Avenue bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. 12,000 Maynard Avenue bonds. Denom. \$5,000. Date June 1 1921. 5,000 Alley bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 25 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. interest on the first 7 issues payable in New York City and on the rest at the office of the City Treasurer. Cert. check for 2% of amount bid for, but not to exceed \$1,000, with any one bid, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Columbus), Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—E. L. McCune, Clerk-Treasurer of the Board of Education, will receive bids until 10 a. m. June 10 for \$1,500,000 5 1/2% school building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 15 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. Int. (J. & D.) payable at the office of the Treasurer of the Board of Education. Due \$150,000 yearly on June 15 from 1927 to 1936, incl. Cert. check for 1/2% of amount bid for, payable to the Board of Education, required.

COMANCHE, Comanche County, Okla.—BOND ELECTION.—On May 24 \$275,000 water, sewerage and electric light bonds will be voted upon.

COOK COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT (P. O. Chicago), Ill.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$500,000 4 1/2% tax-free gold coupon (with

privilege of registration) bonds has been sold to Ames, Emerich & Co. and Marshall Field, Glere, Ward & Co. of Chicago, for \$455,656 equal to 91,011, a basis of about 5.73%. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 15 1921. Semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable in Chicago. Due \$25,000 yearly on May 15 from 1922 to 1941, incl.

COOK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35 (P. O. Glencoe), Ill.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 8 p. m. May 28 by Arthur B. Rowell, Secretary of Board of Education, for \$60,000 5 1/2% school bonds. Date July 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in Chicago. Due \$6,000 yearly on July 1 from 1926 to 1935, incl. Cert. check for \$1,000, required. Legality approved by Wood & Oakley of Chicago. Purchaser to pay for printing of bonds.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Nueces County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$100,000 5% serial breaker construction bonds was registered with the State Comptroller on May 10.

CRAVEN COUNTY (P. O. New Bern), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—R. S. Proctor, Clerk of the County Board of Education, will receive sealed bids for the purchase, at not less than par and accrued interest, of \$100,000 6% coupon bonds until 12 m. June 6. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. Due June 1 1941. Cert. check or cash for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for payable to the above official, required. Purchasers must pay accrued interest from the date of the bonds to the date of delivery. The successful bidder will be furnished with the opinion of Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt of New York City, that the bonds are valid obligations of Craven County, and are payable out of the tax mentioned below. The bonds are to be issued under an act which authorizes the levy of an annual tax of not exceeding fifteen cents on the \$100 on all taxable property in said county for the purpose of paying the interest on these bonds and providing a sinking fund for their retirement at maturity. The assessed value of such taxable property is \$42,472,222.

CRESTON, Platte County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$8,500 electric light bonds has been sold, it is reported.

CROCKETT COUNTY (P. O. Alamo), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 6% coupon funding bonds, offered on May 10—V. 112, p. 1999—have been sold, it is stated.

CROWLEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12 (P. O. Ordway), Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election \$30,000 6% 10-20 year (opt.) funding bonds carried unanimously the vote being 11 to 0. These bonds have already been reported as being sold to Bosworth, Chanut & Co. of Denver, subject to being sanctioned at the said election. The notice of sale and election appeared in V. 112, p. 1186.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—E. G. Krause, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners, will receive bids until 11 a. m. to-day (May 21) for the following 2 issues of 6% coupon Solon Road improvement bonds: \$19,194 bonds. Denom. 1 for \$194 and 19 for \$1,000. Due each six months as follows: \$194, Oct. 1 1922; \$1,000, April 1 1923 to April 1 1928, incl.; and \$2,000, Oct. 1 1928 to April 1 1930, incl. 27,420 bonds. Denom. 1 for \$420 and 27 for \$1,000. Due each six months as follows: \$420, Oct. 1 1922; \$1,000, April 1 1923 to Oct. 1 1925, incl.; \$2,000 April 1 1926 to Oct. 1 1928, incl.; and \$3,000, April 1 1929 to April 1 1930, incl. Date May 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office on some bank other than the one making bid. Cert. check for 1% of amount bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received by E. G. Krause, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners, until 11 a. m. May 25 for \$49,136 6% coupon Solon Road bridge bonds. Denom. 1 for \$136 and 49 for \$1,000. Date May 1 1921. Int. semi-ann. Due each six months as follows: \$136 Oct. 1 1922; \$1,000 Apr. 1 1923 to Oct. 1 1940 incl.; \$2,000 Apr. 1 1941 to Apr. 1 1943 incl., and \$3,000 Oct. 1 1943. Cert. check on some bank other than bank making bid, for 1% of total amount bid payable to County Treasurer, required. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

DALLAS COUNTY (P. O. Dallas), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On May 9 \$225,000 5 1/2% 10-30 year hospital bonds were registered with the State Comptroller.

DANBURY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Port Clinton), Ottawa County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 6% school bldg. impt. bonds, which were authorized by the voters at the Mar. 8 election—V. 112, p. 958—have been sold to the State Industrial Commission of Ohio at par.

DARLINGTON, Lafayette County, Wisc.—BID.—The following is a complete list of the bids received on May 10 for the \$45,000 6% tax-free gold coupon First Street impt. bonds, awarded as stated in V. 112, p. 2111: First-Wisconsin Co., Milwaukee, bid par plus a premium of \$365 00. Drake Ballard Co., Minneapolis, bid par and asked an allowance of \$1,324 00 to cover costs of preparing bonds and providing legal opinion. Powell, Gosser & Co., Chicago, bid par and asked an allowance of \$1,777 00. Bolger, Mosser & Willaman, Chicago, bid par and asked allowance of \$677. Second Ward Securities Co., Milwaukee, bid a premium of \$25 00. Bankers Trust & Savings Bank, Minneapolis, bid par and asked allowance of 3% of face of bonds. All bidders offered to furnish printed bonds and the necessary legal opinion.

DAYTON, Montgomery County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On May 13 the \$450,000 6% coupon deficiency funding bonds (V. 112, p. 1895) were awarded to Eldredge & Co. for \$464,095, equal to 103,132, a basis of about 3.59%. Date May 1 1921. Due May 1 1931. The following is a complete list of the bids received:

Table with 4 columns: Bidders, Bid, Bidders, Bid. Includes entries for Eldredge & Co., Hornblower & Weeks, J. S. Bache & Co., Stacy & Braun, Wm. R. Compton, Field, Richards & Co., H. L. Allen & Co., Barr Schmelzler, Dayton Sav. & Trust Co., Ames, Emerich & Co., Redmond & Co., Blodgett & Co., Seasongood & Mayer, Weil Roth & Co., R. L. Day & Co., Hayden Miller, Harris Forbes, Nat'l City Co., Halsey Stuart & Co.

DEFIANCE COUNTY (P. O. Defiance), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 6% water works system bonds offered on May 17—V. 112, p. 1895—were awarded to the Merchants National Bank of Defiance, at par and interest. Date April 1 1921. Due \$3,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1930 to 1934, incl.

DEFIANCE COUNTY (P. O. Defiance), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. T. Miller, County Auditor, will receive bids until 1:30 p. m. May 26 for \$130,000 6% Bryan-Ft. Wayne Inter-County Highway No. 304 Road impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the County Treasurer's office, where bonds are to be delivered to purchaser on June 15. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1922 & 1923; \$12,000, 1924; and \$17,000, 1925 to 1930, incl. Cert. check for \$1,000, payable to the County Auditor, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest; blank bonds to be furnished by the County.

DICKINSON COUNTY (P. O. Abilene), Kans.—BOND SALE.—Recently \$260,000 5 1/2% 1-20 year road bonds were sold to D. E. Duane & Co., at par less \$5,902. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1921. Int. J. & J. In giving the notice of the offering in V. 112, p. 1782—we stated that the County would sell \$261,000 instead of \$260,000. This amount (\$261,000), however, came to us officially.

DOLGEVILLE, Herkimer County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On May 17 the \$15,000 6% Helmer Ave. and Elm St. impt. bonds, dated July 1 1921 and maturing \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1922 to 1936 incl.—V. 112, p. 2111—were sold to Sherwood & Merrifield at par and accrued interest.

DOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Dover Center), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—A. E. Weston, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive bids on June 13 for \$125,000 6% coupon school building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Interest payable semi-ann. (A. & O.). Due \$1,000 yearly for the first 3 years; \$2,000 yearly for the next 4 years; \$4,000 for the next 5 years; \$6,000 yearly for the next 5 years and \$8,000 yearly for the next 8 years.

DYER COUNTY (P. O. Dyersburg), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The \$670,000 6% 30-year bond offers on May 12—V. 112, p. 1895—have been sold to I. B. Tigrett & Co., Caldwell & Co., and American Securities Co., jointly, at par and accrued interest.

EAST CLEVELAND CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. East Cleveland), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$85,000 6% school bonds offered on May 16 (V. 112, p. 2000) were awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit, for \$86,506, equal to 101,771, a basis of about 5.85%. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 16 1921. Int. M. & N. Due May 16 1941.

EAST LIVERPOOL, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On May 12 the \$12,600 6% deficiency bonds offered on that date—V. 112, p. 1895—were awarded to the First National Bank of East Liverpool, at par and interest. Date May 1 1921. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1923 to 1927, incl.; and \$2,600, 1928.

EAST PITTSBURGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. East Pittsburgh), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—J. W. Elliott, Secretary of Board of School Directors, will receive bids until 8 p. m. June 6 for \$250,000 school bonds to bear 5%, 5 1/4%, or 5 1/2%, according to bids received. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1924 & 1925; \$3,000, 1926 & 1927; \$5,000, 1928 to 1931 incl.; \$8,000, 1932 to 1936 incl.; \$10,000, 1937 to 1941 incl.; \$12,000, 1942 to 1946 incl., and \$14,000, 1947 to 1951 incl. Cert. check for \$5,000, payable to the District Treasurer, required. Purchaser is to pay for printing of bonds.

EAST RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Princeton), Mercer County, W. Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Secretary Board of Education, will receive sealed proposals until July 1 for \$190,000 6% 5-20 year (opt.) school bonds. Date July 1 1921. Int. semi-ann.

ELBERTON, Elbert County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until May 25 by W. F. Jones, City Clerk and Treasurer, for \$35,000 water, \$15,000 electric and \$15,000 street 6% bonds. Cert. check for 5% required.

EL PASO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 (P. O. Fountain), Colo.—BOND ELECTION—SALE.—The International Trust Co. of Denver has purchased \$45,000 6% 15-30 yr. (opt.) school building bonds subject to being voted at an election soon to be called.

EMMETT IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Emmett), Gem County, Ida.—BONDS VOTED.—An issue of \$1,200,000 dam construction bonds has been unanimously voted.

ERIE COUNTY (P. O. Sandusky), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Reuben G. Elshardt, Secretary of Board of County Commissioners, will receive bids until 10 a. m. May 23 for \$40,000 6% L. C. H. 288 Milan-Elyria Road, Sec. "U" bonds. Denom. \$500. Date May 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the County Treasury. Due \$8,000 yearly from May 1 1921 to May 1 1931, incl. Cert. check on a local bank in Sandusky for \$500, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

ERIE COUNTY (P. O. Erie), Pa.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received on May 16 for the \$500,000 4 1/4% tax-free registered road bonds offered on that date—V. 112, p. 1895. Date April 15.

EUCLID, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received for the twenty-one issues of 6% coupon special assessment bonds, amounting to \$116,800, which were offered on May 9.—V. 112, p. 1782.

EVERETT, Middlesex County, Mass.—NOTE OFFERING.—Nathan Nichols, City Treasurer, will receive bids until 3 p. m. May 24 for \$300,000 notes, payable \$150,000 Nov. 21 and \$150,000 Dec. 21 1921. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston. These notes will be engraved under the supervision of, and certified as to their genuineness by the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston.

FAYETTE, Fulton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—C. D. Hause, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 7:30 p. m. June 2 for \$26,400 6% South Fayette Street impt. bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 & \$400. Date June 16 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the Village Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Mar. 15 as follows: \$2,000, 1923 to 1926, incl.; \$3,000, 1927 to 1931, incl.; and \$3,400, 1932. Cert. check on a solvent bank, for 5% 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.

FEGUS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Moore), Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,000 6% 10-15 year (opt.) school bonds offered on March 12—V. 112, p. 958—have been sold at par.

FLINT UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Flint), Genesee County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—A. J. Wildanger, Secretary of Board of Trustees, will receive bids until 12 m. May 31 for the following 6% bonds, aggregating \$2,560,000:

- \$1,460,000 high school bonds. Date March 1 1919. Due yearly on Mar. 1 as follows: \$50,000, 1924 to 1952 incl., and \$10,000, 1953. 100,000 school site bonds. Date Mar. 1 1920. Due \$25,000 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1926 to 1929 incl. 50,000 Dewey School addition bonds. Date Mar. 1 1920. Due \$25,000 on Mar. 1 1924 and 1925. 250,000 East Side School bonds. Date Sept. 1 1920. Due \$50,000 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1930 to 1934 incl. 200,000 Homedale School addition bonds. Date Sept. 1 1920. Due \$50,000 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1940 to 1945 incl. 250,000 Civic Park School bonds. Date Sept. 1 1920. Due \$50,000 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1935 to 1939 incl. 250,000 Durant School bonds. Date Mar. 1 1920. Due yearly on Mar. 1 as follows: \$25,000, 1953; \$50,000, 1956 to 1959 incl., and \$25,000 in 1960. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at City Treasurer's office. Legality approved by Wood & Oakley of Chicago. Cert. check for \$5,000, payable to "Flint Union School District," required.

FLORENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. May 31 by L. E. Lampton, County Clerk and Ex-officio Clerk Board of County Supervisors (P. O. Los Angeles) for \$23,000 6% school building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Due \$1,000 yearly on May 1 from 1922 to 1944, incl. Cert. check for 3% payable to the Chairman Board of County Supervisors, required.

FORT PIERCE, St. Lucie County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 8 p. m. June 1 W. R. Jackson, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids for \$80,000 6% public utility bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer or at the office of the U. S. Mfg. & Trust Co. N. Y. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1922 to 1926, incl.; \$2,000, 1927 to 1931, incl.; \$3,000, 1932 to 1936, incl.; \$4,000, 1937 to 1941, incl., and \$5,000, 1942 to 1947, incl. Cert. check for \$800 payable to the City Council, required.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Ralph W. Smith, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners, will receive bids until 10 a. m. May 28 for the following 6% road improvement bonds dated June 1 1921:

- \$70,000 Brown Road bonds. Due \$14,000 yearly on June 1 from 1927 to 1931, incl. 61,000 Poth Road bonds. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$13,000, 1927 and \$12,000, 1928 to 1931, incl. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) at the County Treasurer's office. Cert. check on a solvent national bank or trust company for 1% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

FREMONT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Canon City), Colo.—BONDS DEFEATED.—On May 2 the \$300,000 school bonds—V. 112, p. 1895—were defeated.

FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Fresno), Fresno County, Calif.—BONDS ALL SOLD.—We are advised that the \$2,000,000 6% tax free coupon bonds, which were recently offered to investors at par and interest have been all sold.

In an advertisement on a preceding page the offering of these bonds to investors by Cyrus Peirce & Co. of San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle, Oakland and Fresno appears merely as a matter of record.

FULTON, Oswego County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—L. A. Richardson, City Chamberlain, will receive bids until 8 p. m. June 3 for \$100,000 street improvement and \$25,000 extraordinary expense bonds.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Herman Bohning, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 12 m. June 7 for the following 5 issues of 6% coupon bonds:

\$4,625 90 East 139 Street sewer bonds. Denom. 3 for \$1,000 and 1 for \$1,628 90. Due on April 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1925, 1927 and 1929 and \$1,628 90 in 1931.

4,189 00 East 139 Street water main bonds. Denom. 3 for \$1,000 and 1 for \$1,189. Due on April 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1925, 1927 and 1929 and \$1,189 in 1931.

6,028 75 Cranwood Drive sewer bonds. Denom. 5 for \$1,000 and 1 for \$1,028 75. Due on April 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929 and 1930 and \$1,028 75 in 1931.

4,231 74 North Drive water main bonds. Denom. 3 for \$1,000 and 1 for \$1,231 74. Due on April 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1925, 1927 & 1929 and \$1,231 74 in 1931.

4,974 35 North Drive sewer bonds. Denom. 4 for \$1,000 and 1 for \$974 35. Due \$1,000 on April 1 in 1924, 1925, 1928 & 1930 and \$974 35 in 1931.

Date April 1 1921. Interest payable semi-ann. A. & O. Cert. check for 1% of amount bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**GILMANTON UNION FREE HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Gilmanton), Buffalo County, Wis.—BOND SALE**—An issue of \$21,000 6% school bonds has been sold locally.

**GLEN COVE, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING**—Charles P. Valentine, Commissioner of Finance, will receive bids until 3 p. m. May 23 for \$250,000 5% coupon sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the office of the Commissioner of Finance. Due \$5,000 on June 1 from 1922 to 1971, incl. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company, for 2% of amount bid for payable to the City of Glen Cove, required. The opinion of Messrs. Hawkins, DeLafield & Longfellow of New York City that the bonds are binding and legal obligations of the City of Glen Cove, will be furnished the successful bidder. The bonds are to be prepared by the United States Mortgage & Trust Company, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**GLOUCESTER, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN**—On May 18 a temporary loan of \$50,000 was awarded to the Gloucester National Bank at 5.58% discount. Date May 20 1921. Due May 1 1922.

**GRAND RAPIDS, Kent County, Mich.—BOND SALE**—The following three issues of 6% tax-free coupon bonds, offered on May 18 (V. 112, p. 2111), were awarded to the Old Colony Trust Co. and Edmunds Bros. of Boston at 100.061, a basis of about 5.98%:

\$180,000 street-improvement bonds. Due \$36,000 yearly on May 1 from 1922 to 1926, inclusive.

45,000 street-improvement bonds. Due \$4,500 yearly on May 1 from 1922 to 1931, inclusive.

25,000 sewer bonds. Due \$5,000 yearly on May 1 from 1922 to 1926, incl.

**GRAND RIVER DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 2, Grundy County, Mo.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS**—The \$225,000 6% tax-free bonds, awarded as stated in V. 112, p. 1052—are in denom. of \$1,000 and are dated May 2 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the Liberty Central Trust Co., St. Louis. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1922 and 1925; \$8,000, 1926; \$9,000, 1927 and 1928; \$10,000, 1929 and 1930; \$11,000, 1931 and 1932; \$12,000, 1933; \$13,000, 1934; \$14,000, 1935; \$15,000, 1936; \$16,000, 1937; \$17,000, 1938; \$18,000, 1939 and \$19,000, 1940 and 1941.

**GRANT COUNTY (P. O. Ephrata), Wash.—BOND SALE**—On Oct. 15 Keeler Bros., of Portland were awarded \$72,000 6% 1-10 year Donohue Road bonds at 100. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 15 1920. Int. semi-ann. PRICE PAID.—The price at which the Spokane & Eastern Trust Co. of Spokane acquired the \$45,000 6% Donohue Road bonds—V. 112, p. 2000—was par.

**HAGERSTOWN, Washington County, Md.—BOND OFFERING**—On May 31 the \$30,000 5% municipal water and \$20,000 5% municipal park bonds, bids for which were rejected at the recent offering—V. 112, p. 2111—will be reoffered. The \$30,000 will be disposed of by sealed bids and the \$20,000 at public auction.

**HALIFAX DRAINAGE DISTRICT, Volusia County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING**—Laurence H. Thompson, District Treasurer (P. O. Daytona) will entertain bids until 10 a. m. May 23 for \$177,500 6% bonds. Int. semi-ann. Due yearly as follows: \$5,000, 1925 to 1929, incl.; \$7,000, 1930 to 1933, incl.; \$8,000, 1934 and 1935; \$9,000, 1936 and 1937; \$10,000, 1938 and 1939; \$12,000, 1940 to 1942, incl.; \$15,000, 1943 and 1944, and \$14,500, 1945. Cert. check for \$1,000 payable to the district, required.

**HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Noblesville), Ind.—BOND SALE**—The Citizens State Bank of Noblesville was the successful bidder for the \$4,500 4½% Stanford gravel road impt. bonds offered on April 16—V. 112, p. 1434. Due \$450 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1926, incl.

**HAMILTON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Mays Landing), Atlantic County, N. J.—BOND SALE**—On May 11 the \$17,000 6% water supply system bonds offered on that date—V. 112, p. 1896—were awarded to the First National Bank of Mays Landing at par and accrued interest. Date April 1 1921. Due \$1,000 yearly on April 1 from 1923 to 1939, incl.

**HAMILTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Trenton), Mercer County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING**—W. A. Robins, District Clerk, will receive bids until 7:30 p. m. June 1 for \$100,000 6% coupon or registered school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the First National Bank of Trenton. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1923 to 1934, incl.; and \$4,000, 1935 to 1950, incl. Cert. check for \$1,000, payable to Harvey E. Rogers, Custodian, required.

**HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Findlay), Ohio.—NO BIDDERS**—There were no bidders for the \$9,500 6% road impt. bonds offered on May 11—V. 112, p. 2000.

**HARBISON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Haysville), Dubois County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING**—James G. Lansford, Township Trustee, will receive bids until 1:30 p. m. May 23 for \$22,600 5% school-building bonds. Denom. \$300 and \$500. Date May 23 1921. Semi-ann. int. (J. & D.). Due \$300 each six months from July 1 1922 to July 1 1936, inclusive.

**HEMPHILL COUNTY (P. O. Canadian), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED**—The State Comptroller on May 9 registered \$70,000 5% 5-20 year road bonds.

**HENDERSON COUNTY (P. O. Hendersonville), No. Caro.—BOND SALE**—The \$590,000 6% road and bridge bonds offered on April 25 (V. 112, p. 1654) have been sold to the Citizens' National Bank and the First Bank & Trust Co., both of Hendersonville, jointly at par. Date Apr. 1 1921. Due yearly on Apr. 1 as follows: \$10,000 1922 and \$20,000 1923 to 1950 incl.

**HENNEPIN COUNTY (P. O. Minneapolis), Minn.—BOND SALE**—On May 17 the Continental Trust & Savings Bank, Blodget & Co., Curtis & Sanger and Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc., were awarded the following bonds (V. 112, p. 2112) for \$727,909 60, equal to 100.54 and int., a basis of about 5.60%:

\$241,000 Cedar Ave. bridge bonds as 6s. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$16,000, 1926 to 1939 incl.; \$17,000, 1940.

483,000 Lyndale Ave. bridge bonds as 5½s. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$32,000, 1926 to 1937 incl.; \$33,000, 1938 to 1940 incl.

Date May 1 1921.

**HERKIMER, Herkimer County, N. Y.—BOND SALE**—On May 13 the First National Bank of Herkimer was awarded \$20,000 5½% refunding electric-light bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000 on May 1 1941 and 1942. The price paid was par.

**HILLSIDE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Elizabeth), Union County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING**—Proposals for the purchase of an issue of 5½% coupon or registered school bonds not to exceed \$105,000, will be received until 8 p. m. June 6 by A. G. Woodfield, District Clerk. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the Hillside National Bank. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1923 to 1931; and \$6,000, 1932 to 1941, incl. Cert. check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Education, required.

**HOUSTON, Harris County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED**—The State Comptroller on May 9 registered \$150,000 school-building and \$225,000 bridge 5% serial bonds.

**HUNTINGTON, Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND SALE**—On May 13 the issue of \$500,000 road impt. bonds offered on that date—V. 112, p. 2000—was awarded to Blodget & Co. and White, Weld & Co. of New York

at their joint bid of 100.87 for 5½s, which is on a basis of about 5.17%. Due yearly on July 2 as follows: \$15,000, 1925 to 1928, incl., and \$20,000, 1929 to 1950 incl.

**HUNTINGTON PARK UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS**—The \$50,000 5½% tax-free bonds, recently awarded to Blyth, Witter & Co., and Williams R. Staats Co., jointly, at par and interest—V. 112, p. 2000—are in denom. of \$1,000 and are dated June 1 1920. Int. J. & D. Due yearly from 1939 to 19-5, incl.

**JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Pascagoula), Miss.—BOND OFFERING**—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. June 6 by Fred Taylor, Clerk Board of County Supervisors, for the following 6% bonds:

\$95,000 Supervisors District No. 2 bonds. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$3,000 1922 to 1926 incl. and \$4,000 1927 to 1946 incl.

\*112,000 Supervisors District No. 3 bonds. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$3,000 1922 to 1926 incl., \$5,000 1927 to 1945 incl., and \$2,000 1946.

\*180,000 Supervisors District No. 4 bonds. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$4,000 1922 to 1926 incl. and \$8,000 1927 to 1946 incl.

Date July 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at Pascagoula or at Chase Nat. Bank, N. Y., at option of holder. Cert. check for 5% required. Legality of bonds will be approved by Jno. C. Thomson of N. Y. and opinion furnished successful bidder. Bonds to be furnished by purchaser and at purchaser's expense and delivered within 30 days after sale. The notice of the offering of the two issues marked (\*) was already given in V. 112, p. 2001. It is given again because additional details have come to hand.

**JACKSON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Flint), Steuben County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING**—Daniel C. Oury, Township Trustee, will receive bids until 10 a. m. May 28 for \$33,750 5% school-building and equipment bonds. Denom. \$250. Int. annually. Due \$2,250 yearly on May 28 from 1922 to 1936 incl.

**JAMESTOWN, Chautauqua County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING**—F. W. Hede, City Treasurer, will receive bids until 11 a. m. May 24 for the following registered bonds, to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6%:

\$35,051 93 paving bonds. Due \$3,551 93 June 1 1922, and \$3,500 yearly on June 1 from 1923 to 1931, incl.

24,534 91 paving bonds. Due \$2,934 91 June 1 1922, and \$2,400 yearly on June 1 from 1923 to 1931, incl.

17,500 00 bridge bonds. Due \$1,750 yearly on June 1 from 1922 to 1931, incl.

Date June 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the City Treasurer's office in New York Exchange. Cert. check for \$1,000, payable to City Treasurer is refunded with each issue.

**JUAB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Nephi), Utah.—BIDS REJECTED**—The bid of Bankers' Trust Co. of Denver of \$6,32, a basis of about 6.20%, for \$175,000 5% 20-year school-building bonds was rejected. Assessed valuation \$8,568,621. Bonded debt, including this issue, \$180,000.

**JUNIATA COUNTY (P. O. Mifflintown), Pa.—BOND OFFERING**—James Wilson, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners, will receive bids until 1 p. m. June 6 for \$60,000 5% bonds. Denoms. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$5,000 yearly on June 1 from 1922 to 1933, incl. All bonds outstanding June 1 1926 will be subject to call thereafter.

**KENTON, Hardin County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING**—L. G. Hayward, City Auditor, will receive bids until 12 m. June 11 for \$40,000 6% coupon deficiency bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due April 1 1931. Cert. check on a solvent bank for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 30 days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**KINGMAN COLONY DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Vale), Malheur County, Ore.—BONDS CERTIFIED**—The State Irrigation Securities Commission has certified \$7,000 drainage bonds.

**KINGS MOUNTAIN, Cleveland County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING**—Until June 1 Geo. F. Lovell, Town Clerk, will receive bids for \$56,000 street assessment and \$36,000 local impt. bonds. Date May 1 1921. Denom. \$1,000.

**LANSING, Ingham County, Mich.—BOND SALE**—The \$350,000 5% paving and sewer bonds (V. 112, p. 2001) have been awarded to Halsey, Stuart & Co. of Chicago, for \$336,560, equal to 96.16, a basis of about 6.45%. Due \$70,000 yearly on June 1 from 1922 to 1926, incl.

**LAVA HOT SPRINGS, Bannock County, Ida.—BONDS VOTED**—On April 29 by 115 "for" to 6 "against" \$65,000 water bonds carried.

**LAWRENCE COUNTY (P. O. Bedford), Ind.—BOND OFFERING**—Robert Pitman, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 1 p. m. May 26 for the following 4 issues of 6% road building and construction bonds:

\$35,500 Heltonville and Clear Spring road bonds. Denom. 20 for \$1,000 and 20 for \$775. Due \$1,775 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, incl.

8,500 Erie and Heltonville road bonds. Denom. \$425. Due \$425 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, incl.

12,900 Harrisburg and Springville road bonds. Denom. \$645. Due \$645 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931.

15,500 Fayetteville & Coxton Road bonds. Denom. \$775. Due \$775 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931.

Date May 16 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at County Treasurer's office.

**LIMA, Allen County, Ohio.—NO BIDS RECEIVED**—No bids were received at the offering of the 10 issues of 6% bonds and notes, aggregating \$883,366, on May 16. V. 112, p. 1896.

**LORRAINE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lorraine), Ellsworth County, Kans.—BOND SALE**—The Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita has purchased from this district an issue of \$50,000 5% school bonds.

**LOUISA COUNTY (P. O. Louisa), Va.—BOND OFFERING**—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. June 20 by F. B. Porter, Clerk of the Board of County Supervisors, for \$200,000 6% tax-free road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Due July 1 1931. Cert. check for \$1,000, payable to Lee Rosson, Chairman, required. Legality approved by Jno. C. Thomson, N. Y.

**LOWELL, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING**—Fred H. Rourke, City Treasurer, will receive proposals until 10 a. m. May 24 for the following 5½% coupon tax-free bonds:

\$80,000 permanent pavement bonds, payable \$8,000 yearly on June 1 from 1922 to 1931, inclusive.

60,000 macadam pavement bonds, payable \$12,000 yearly on June 1 from 1922 to 1926, inclusive.

20,000 yearly on water-main and departmental equipment bonds, payable \$4,000 yearly on June 1 from 1922 to 1926, inclusive.

20,000 sidewalk bonds, payable \$10,000 yearly on June 1 in 1922 and 1923.

Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & D.) payable at the First National Bank of Boston. These bonds are engraved under the supervision of the legality will be approved by Storey, Thorneike, Palmer & Dodge, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser.

All legal papers incident to these issues will be filed with said bank where they may be inspected at any time. Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser on or about June 1 at the First National Bank of Boston.

**LOWER MERION TOWNSHIP (P. O. Ardmore), Montgomery County, Pa.—BOND SALE**—The issue of \$300,000 5% tax-free coupon (with privilege of registration) highway bonds offered on May 17 (V. 112, p. 2001) was awarded to the Commercial Trust Co. at par and interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1921. Int. M. & N. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$25,000, 1922; \$40,000, 1923; \$45,000, 1924, 1925 and 1926; and \$50,000, 1927 and 1928.

**LYNDHURST TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lyndhurst), Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING**—Dominick J. Livelli, District Clerk, will receive bids until 8 p. m. May 25 for an issue of 6% coupon (with privilege of registration) school bonds, not to exceed \$210,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the First National Bank of Lyndhurst. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1923 to 1927, incl.; \$5,000, 1928 to 1941, incl.; and \$6,000, 1942 to 1961, 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, Blafeld & Longfellow of New York, a copy of whose opinion will be furnished to the purchaser; bonds are to be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon.

LYTTON CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lytton), San and Calhoun Counties, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—On May 10 Geo. N. Bechtel & Co., of Davenport, were the successful bidders on May 10 for \$125,000 6% coupon school-building bonds (V. 112, p. 2001) at par and interest. Date May 1 1921. Due May 1 1926. Bids will also be received from the White-Phillips Co., of Davenport; Ringheim, Wheelock Co. of Des Moines, and the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago.

MADISON, Madison County, Nebr.—BOND SALE.—The Omaha Trust Co. of Omaha, has purchased 7% serial Paving District No. 1 bonds amounting to about \$70,000.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Huntsville), Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—C. H. Pulley, President of the County Board of Revenue, will receive sealed proposals until 11 a. m. June 14 for \$200,000 5% coupon road bonds. Date July 10 1921. Int. J. & J. payable at New York or Chicago. Due July 10 1941. Cert. check for \$500 payable to Madison County, required. Bonded Debt (excluding this issue) May 12 1921 \$257,500. Floating debt (add) \$65,000 Sinking fund \$25,150. Assessed value 1921, \$26,186,344. State & County tax rate (per \$1,000) \$17 00.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Virginia City), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. June 7 by Geo. E. Gohn, County Clerk, for \$45,000 6% coupon highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer or at option of holder, at the Mechanics & Metals National Bank, N. Y. Due \$5,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1933 to 1941. Incl. and each bond redeemable at the option of County on the interest payment date occurring one year prior to maturity. Cert. check for \$1,000 payable to the County Treasurer, required. The bonds will be printed and furnished by the County and delivery of and payment for the bonds will be made within the days from date of sale at the office of the County Treasurer or at any financial center at purchaser's option and purchaser's expense. The approving opinion of Caldwell & Masslich of N. Y. as to legality of the bonds, will be furnished the purchaser without charge.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Jackson), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—J. T. Rothrock, Jr., County Judge, will receive bids until 11 a. m. June 6 for \$100,000 6% coupon tax-free road bonds. Date June 1 1921. Due June 1 1931. Int. semi-ann.

MAMARONECK, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Edgar L. Howe, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 8:30 p. m. May 31 for \$30,000 fire-house bonds not to exceed 5% interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1921. Due \$2,000 yearly on July 1 from 1925 to 1939 incl. Cert. check on an incorporated bank for 5% of amount bid for, required. Assessed valuation, \$11,141,450; total debt, \$936,746.

MANKATO SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Mankato), Blue Earth County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis, by submitting a proposal of 99.775 for 6s, acquired the \$200,000 high-school bonds on May 17 (V. 112, p. 1897). Date May 2 1921. Due May 1 1936, optional on or after May 2 1931.

MANVILLE, Niobrara County, Wyo.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—Further details are at hand relative to the sale of the \$25,000 6% 15-30 (opt.) water extension bonds, awarded to Sweet, Causey, Foster & Co. of Denver at par—V. 110, p. 1110. Denom. \$500. Date April 1 1920. Int. A. & O.

MARIETTA, Washington County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$10,965 6% funding bonds was recently purchased by the Sinking Fund Trustee at par.

MASON CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mason City), Cerro Gordo County, Iowa.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—Further details are at hand relative to the sale of the \$75,000 6% tax-free coupon school-building bonds awarded as reported in V. 112, p. 2113. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; Due May 1 1926.

MAYWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—PRICE PAID.—The paid by the Wm. R. Staats Co. of Los Angeles for the \$50,000 5 1/2% tax-free bonds—V. 112, p. 2001—was par and interest.

MEBANE, Alamance County, No. Caro.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—In connection with the offering of the \$170,000 6% gold street-impt. bonds, details of which appeared in V. 112, p. 2113, we are now in receipt of the following financial statement:

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation, 1920 \$2,641,983. Actual value estimated 3,250,000. Bonds outstanding, including this issue 345,000. Water bonds, included above 100,000. Special assessments to be levied applicable to the payment of this issue 130,000. The Town of Mebane has never defaulted in the payment of any of its debt.

MEEHAN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lauderdale County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—George F. Hand, Clerk of Chancery Court (P. O. Meridian) will receive proposals until 2 p. m. June 8 for \$5,000 school bonds.

MELROSE, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—Reports state that a temporary loan of \$75,000 due \$25,000 on Oct. 28, Nov. 10 and Dec. 15 1921 offered on May 17 was awarded to the Old Colony Trust Co. at 5.72% discount plus a premium of \$1 50.

MERCER COUNTY (P. O. Celina), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—E. G. Ungerer, Auditor and Clerk of Board of County Commissioners, will receive bids until 10 a. m. June 2 for the following coupon improvement bonds: \$18,000 5% Gehle Road bonds. Denom. 30 for \$500 and 10 for \$300. Due \$1,800 on July 1 each year from 1922 to 1931 incl. 16,000 5% Coates Road bonds. Denom. 20 for \$500 and 10 for \$600. Due \$1,600 yearly on July 1 from 1922 to 1931 incl. 11,500 5% Felters Road bonds. Denom. 10 for \$500 and \$10 for 650. Due \$1,150 yearly on July 1 from 1922 to 1931 incl. 9,000 6% Brunswick Road bonds. Denom. 10 for \$500 and 10 for \$400. Due \$900 yearly on July 1 from 1922 to 1931 incl. 11,500 6% bonds. Beaugher Road bonds. Denom. 10 for \$500 and 10 for \$650. Due \$1,150 yearly on July 1 from 1922 to 1931 incl. Date July 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. A deposit of \$100 is required.

MIAMI COUNTY (P. O. Troy), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On May 13 an issue of \$20,000 5% coupon street impt. bonds was sold to the City of Piqua at par and interest. Denom. \$500. Date April 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasury, required. Due \$2,000 yearly on April 1 from 1922 to 1931, incl.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY (P. O. New Brunswick), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. June 2 by F. William Hilker, for an issue of 6% coupon (with privilege of registration road impt. bonds, not to exceed \$262,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the County Treasurer's office; interest on registered bonds to be remitted in N. Y. Exchange. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$25,000 1923 to 1926, incl.; \$30,000, 1927, 1928 and 1929; and \$36,000, 1930 and 1931. Cert. check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—PRICE PAID.—Reports say the price paid on May 11 by Kalman Wood & Co. of St. Paul for the \$200,000 special park and parkway impt. and \$1,031,134 88 special impt. 5% tax-free gold coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds, which are dated May 2 1921—V. 112, p. 2113—was 94.58, a basis of about 5.81%.

BIDS.—The following bids were also received on May 11 for the \$350,000 5% sewer bonds, awarded as reported in V. 112, p. 2113: Remick, Hodges & Co. \$333,869 50. Northwestern Trust Co. \$329,805 00. Kalman, Wood & Co. 333,585 00. Estabrook & Co. 329,525 00. Curtis & Sanger 333,522 00. Wells-Dickey Co. 326,110 00. Guaranty Co. of N. Y. 332,315 00. Minnesota Loan & Trust 321,510 00. Paine, Webber & Co. 330,300 00.

MITCHELL COUNTY (P. O. Camilla), Ga.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No sale was made at a recent offering of \$200,000 road bonds.

MITCHELL, Scotts Bluff County, Nebr.—BOND SALE.—The Omaha Trust Co. of Omaha has purchased \$19,000 5 1/2% 5-20-year (opt.) water bonds at 85 and \$12,000 6% 10-20-year (opt.) internal improvement bonds at 92.

MONROE, Platte County, Nebr.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 8:30 p. m. May 23 J. T. Smith, Village Clerk, will receive sealed proposals for the purchase of \$4,400 6% 10-20-year (opt.) heating and lighting bonds. Denoms. 8 for \$500 and 1 for \$400. Int. annually.

MOOSIC SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Moosic), Lackawanna County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—George A. Barthwick, Secretary of Board of School Directors, will receive bids until 8 p. m. June 6 for \$40,000 5% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Int. semi-ann. Due \$2,000 June 1 1931, and \$10,000 June 1 in 1935 and 1941. Cert. check for \$500, required.

MOUNT PLEASANT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Nash County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. June 6 by L. S. Inscow, County Superintendent of Public Instruction (P. O. Nashville) for \$10,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date June 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y., and interest on fully registered bonds will be paid in New York Exchange. The bonds will be coupon bonds, registered as to principal or both principal and interest. Due \$500 yearly on June 1 from 1922 to 1941, incl. Cert. check or cash for 5% of the face amount of bonds bid for payable to J. N. Taylor, Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

MUSKEGON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Muskegon), Muskegon County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$100,000 5 1/2% public school bonds, dated May 15 1921 and due \$20,000 serially on May 15 from 1932 to 1935, incl., was recently sold to Fenton, Davis & Boyle, of Detroit, who are now offering them to investors at par.

NASHWAUK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Nashwauk), Itasca County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The State of Minnesota has been awarded \$600,000 school bonds.

NATCHITOCHE PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, La.—BOND SALE.—On May 16 the \$35,000 15-year serial school bonds—V. 112, p. 1785—were sold to Sutherland, Barry & Co., Inc., of New Orleans.

NATCHITOCHE PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6, La.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 15-year serial bonds offered on May 16—V. 112, p. 1785—have been sold to Sutherland, Barry & Co., Inc., of New Orleans.

NATCHITOCHE PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9, La.—BOND SALE.—The \$160,000 15-year serial school bonds offered on May 16—V. 112, p. 1785—have been sold to Sutherland, Barry & Co., Inc., of New Orleans.

NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT, Utah County.—BOND SALE.—On March 15 the Palmer Bond and Mortgage Co. of Salt Lake City were awarded \$70,000 6% bonds at 97 and interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1921. Int. M. & S. Due serially on March 1 from 1922 to 1926, incl.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY (P. O. Wilmington), Del.—BOND OFFERING.—James Ball, Chairman of the Finance Committee, will receive bids until 12 m. June 7 for all or any part of \$200,000 5 1/2% coupon bridge improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the Farmers Bank in Wilmington. Due on June 1 as follows: \$30,000, 1957 to 1960, incl.; \$35,000, 1961 & 1962, incl. and \$10,000, 1963. Messrs. Caldwell & Raymond of New York will certify as to the legality of these bonds. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Company or by the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Cert. check for 2% of face value of bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Bids are to be made upon forms to be furnished by the United States Mortgage & Trust Company or by the Commissioner of Finance.

NEWCOMERSTOWN, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Newcomerstown has purchased at par the \$42,500 6% special assessment Canal St. impt. bonds, which were offered unsuccessfully on Mar. 26—V. 112, p. 1436. Date Mar. 1 1921. Due \$2,000 each six months from Mar. 1 1922 to Sept. 1 1930, incl.; \$3,000 Mar. 1 1931, and \$3,500 Sept. 1 1931.

NEWPORT, Washington County, R. I.—BOND OFFERING.—John M. Taylor, City Treasurer, will receive bids until 5 p. m. May 26 for \$40,000 5% coupon gold Miantonomi Hill War Memorial bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable in U. S. gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness at the City Treasurer's office or the First National Bank of Boston. Due \$4,000 yearly on June 1 from 1922 to 1931 incl.

\* Said bonds are engraved under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the First National Bank of Boston; their legality will be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser. All legal papers incident to this issue will be filed with said bank where they may be inspected at any time. Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser on or about June 1 at the First National Bank of Boston.

NEWTON FALLS, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—H. G. Allen, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 12 m. June 9 for \$6,000 6% refunding bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Mar. 1 1921. Due \$500 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1922 to 1933 incl. Cert. check for \$500 required.

NEW YORK (State of)—BOND OFFERING.—James A. Wendell, State Comptroller, will receive bids at his office in Albany until 12. June 9 for \$41,800,000 5% tax-free gold coupon or registered bonds, as follows: \$20,000,000 Highway improvement bonds. Date Mar. 1 1921. Due \$400,000 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1922 to 1971, incl. 5,000,000 State Forest preserve bonds. Date Mar. 1 1921. Due \$100,000 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1922 to 1971, incl. 6,800,000 Barge Canal Terminals Construction bonds. Date Jan. 1 1921. Due \$136,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1922 to 1971, incl. 10,000,000 World War Bonus bonds. Date Mar. 1 1921. Due \$400,000 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1922 to 1946, incl.

Denoms. coupon bonds, \$1,000; and registered bonds \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$50,000. Cert. check on a solvent bank or trust company in Albany or New York, for 2% of par value of bonds bid for payable to the State Comptroller, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. We quote the following from the official advertisement: "As the bonds to be issued for the Improvement of Highways, the Construction of Barge Canal Terminals and the Acquisition of Lands for the State Forest Preserve are payable in 50 equal annual installments, all bids will be required in multiples of \$50,000,000, which sum will be deemed to include an equal face amount of bonds of each maturity. As the bonds to be issued for World War Bonus are payable in 25 equal annual installments, all bids will be required in multiples of \$25,000,000, which sum will be deemed to include an equal face amount of bonds of each maturity."

The official notice of this bond offering will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

NICOLLET, Nicollet County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until June 6 by W. E. Jensen, City Recorder, for \$10,000 6% impt. bonds. Date July 1 1921. Due July 1 1941.

NILES, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Homer Thomas, City Auditor, will receive bids until 2 p. m. June 8 for \$37,500 6% Mahoning Street impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 & \$500. Date April 1 1921. Int. semi-ann. Due \$5,000 yearly on April 1 from 1924 to 1930, incl., and \$2,500 April 1 1931. Cert. check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within ten days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

NORFOLK COUNTY (P. O. Dedham), Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$200,000 temporary loan dated May 17 and maturing Nov. 12 1921 offered on May 17—V. 112, p. 2113—was awarded to the Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co. at 5.50%.

**NORTH HEMPSTEAD (P. O. Manhasset), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Cornelius E. Remsen, Town Supervisor, will receive bids until 2 p. m. May 23 for \$49,000 park bonds, to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 5%. Denom. \$1,000. Int. M. & N. Due \$2,000 yearly on May 1 from 1930 to 1953, incl.; and \$1,000 May 1 1954. Cert. check on a New York State bank, for \$1,000, payable to the Town Supervisor, required.

**OBERLIN VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Oberlin), Lorain County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—J. E. Barnard, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive bids until 12 m. June 11 for \$250,000 6% coupon high-school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 11 1921. Int. (M. & S.) Due \$8,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1922 to 1946 incl. and \$10,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1947 to 1951 incl. Cert. check on a national bank doing business in Ohio for \$5,000, payable to J. E. Barnard, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**O'BRIEN COUNTY (P. O. Primghar), Iowa.—BOND SALE.**—On May 17 the \$750,000 5% coupon primary road bonds—V. 112, p. 2002—were sold to various contractors at par and accrued interest. Date May 1 1921. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$75,000, 1927; \$76,000, 1928 and 1929; \$83,000, 1930 and 1931; \$93,000, 1932 and 1933; \$95,000, 1934, and \$76,000, 1935. A bid of 92 was also received from the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport.

**OGDEN CITY, Weber County, Utah.—BOND SALE.**—Bosworth, Chaute & Co. of Deaver, were the successful bidders on May 16 for the \$30,000 refunding bonds—V. 112, p. 2113—at 99.91 for ts. The bonds will mature in 20 years redeemable after 10 years.

**OGDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ogden), Weber County, Utah.—BOND OFFERING.**—We are informed that \$150,000 school bonds are to be offered for sale during June.

**OLIVET INDEPENDENT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Olivet), Hutchinson County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.**—Until 2:30 p. m. May 27 G. Hoar, Clerk of School Board, will entertain proposals for the purchase of \$60,000 school bonds, at not exceeding 7% interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 15 1921. Int. semi-ann. Cert. check for \$6,000, required. These bonds were voted on April 16—V. 112, p. 2002.

**OREGON (State of).—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. May 27 by Roy A. Klein, Secretary of the State Highway Commission, at room 520, Multnomah County Court House, Portland, at 11 a. m. May 27 for \$1,000,000 State highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the State Treasurer or at the office of the fiscal agent of the State of Oregon in New York City. Due Oct. 1 1925. Cert. check for 5% of the par value of the bonds payable to the State Highway Commission, required. The legality of this issue has been passed upon by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston and their approving opinion will be furnished the successful bidder. Accrued interest from June 1 1921 to date of delivery of bonds will be added to the amount of the successful bid. The bonds will be printed, executed and ready for delivery about June 25 1921. The bonds will be sold to the bidder bidding the lowest rate of interest. The bonds are issued under authority of Chapter 6, Title 30, General Laws of Oregon and Chapters 245 and 348 of the Laws of 1921. Total Bonded Debt (including this issue) \$23,359,025. The assessed valuation of the State of Oregon for the year ending Dec. 31 1920, was \$1,040,839 12. This valuation represents about 65% of the wealth of the State. The State may tax itself to the amount of 2% of its assessed valuation for Rural Credit Farm Loan purposes and the constitutional limit for State Road purposes is 4% of its assessed valuation. The population of the State by the 1920 census is 783,285.

**OSKALOOSA COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9, Fla.—BOND SALE.**—On April 23 J. C. H. Corley of Crestview was awarded \$8,000 6% school building bonds at par. Denom. \$1,000 Date Jan. 17 1921. Int. J. & D. Due Jan. 17 1951.

**OTTER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Gassaway), Braxton County, W. Va.—BOND SALE.**—The \$39,000 6% school bonds, offered on April 16—V. 112, p. 1428—have been sold to the State of West Virginia at par and interest. Date Jan. 1 1921. Due \$6,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1926 to 1940, incl., optional on or after Jan. 1 1926.

**PATTERSON GRAMMAR SCHOOL DISTRICT, Stanislaus County, Calif.—BOND SALE.**—E. H. Rollins & Sons have purchased from this district an issue of \$60,000 6% bonds. Due serially on May 10 from 1923 to 1946, incl.

**PAULDING COUNTY (P. O. Paulding), Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$140,000 6% Inter-County Highway bonds offered on May 13—V. 112, p. 1898—were sold. Date April 1 1921. Due \$6,000 on April 1 and \$14,000 on Oct. 1 in the years 1923 to 1929, incl.

**PENSACOLA, Escambia County, Fla.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.**—F. D. Sanders, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. May 30 for \$30,000 3-year certificates of indebtedness, at not exceeding 6% interest. Denom. \$1,000.

**PITTSBURGH, Camp County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—On May 13 \$10,000 sewer and \$6,000 water works 6% 30-year bonds were registered with the State Comptroller.

**PITTSFIELD, Berkshire County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—On May 17 the temporary loan of \$300,000 dated May 17 and maturing Dec. 20 1921 (V. 112, p. 2114) was awarded to the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston on a 5.70% discount basis, plus a \$2.50 premium.

**PLATTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9, Wyo.—BONDS DEFEATED.**—An issue of \$100,000 school building bonds has been defeated.

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ventura County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed proposals will be received by L. M. Hollowell (P. O. Ventura) for \$15,000 6% gold school bonds until 11 a. m. May 27. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$1,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1921 to 1945, incl. Cert. or cashier's check for at least 2% of such bid payable to the above Clerk, required. Bonded Debt \$65,000. Assessed value 1920 \$2,700,000 Estimate Value \$7,500,000. Tax rate (per \$100) \$3.31.

**PONDERA COUNTY (P. O. Conrod), Mont.—BOND SALE.**—The Bankers' Trust Co. of Denver, has purchased \$150,000 6% 10-20 year (opt.) road bonds.

**PORTLAND, Cumberland County, Me.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—On May 20 a temporary loan of \$200,000, dated May 25 and maturing Oct. 4 1921, was awarded to the First National Bank of Boston at a 5.74% discount plus \$1 25 premium.

**PORT OF GRAYS HARBOR (P. O. Aberdeen), Grays Harbor County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.**—J. A. Vance, Secretary of Port Commission, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. June 1 for \$200,000 6% coupon bonds. Denom. \$500. Date June 1 1921. Int. semi-ann. Cert. check for 2% of the amount of bid, required. These bonds are part of an authorized issue of \$800,000.

**POTECASI SCHOOL DISTRICT, Northampton County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.**—P. J. Long, Superintendent of Schools (P. O. Jackson) will receive bids until July 2 (to be opened July 4) for \$10,000 6% school bonds.

**POWELL COUNTY (P. O. Dear Lodge), Mont.—BOND NOT SOLD.**—The \$25,000 Court house and \$50,000 highway 6% coupon bonds offered on May 9—V. 112, p. 2003—were not sold, all bids being rejected. The bonds will be reoffered at a later date.

**PRESCOTT, Adams County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.**—The White-Phillips Co. of Davenport has been awarded \$12,000 light and power plant bonds.

**RARITAN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Perth Amboy, Box 141), Middlesex County, N. J.—BIDS REJECTED—BONDS TO BE RE-OFFERED.**—On May 18 the \$250,000 6% coupon or registered school bonds offered on that date—V. 112, p. 1898—were not sold, as only one bid was received, and that was rejected. These bonds will be re-offered on June 1 bids to be received until 8:30 p. m. on that date.

**REDWOOD COUNTY (P. O. Redwood Falls), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.**—L. P. Larson, County Auditor, will receive bids until June 6 for \$130,000 County Ditch No. 49 bonds. These bonds were mentioned in V. 112, p. 1786.

**RICHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Columbia), So. Caro.—BOND SALE.**—We are unofficially informed that the National State Bank of Columbia

was the successful bidder on May 17 for the \$2,000,000 1-25 year serial highway impt. bonds, dated April 1 1921—V. 112, p. 2003—at 100.0233 for 6s, a basis of about 5.99%.

**RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20 (P. O. Lambert), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.**—Reports say that sealed proposals for the purchase of \$1,800 coupon bonds at not exceeding 6% interest, will be received until May 28 by J. J. Schmidt, District Clerk.

**RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT, Kern County, Calif.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The \$18,000 6% coupon school bonds offered on May 9—V. 112, p. 1898—were not sold, no bids being received. These bonds are still on the market.

**RIO ARRIBA COUNTY (P. O. Tierra Amarilla), N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.**—At 2 p. m. July 5 \$75,000 5% 20-30-year (opt.) road and bridge bonds will be offered for sale. Certified check for \$3,750 is required of bidders. Manuel Garcia, County Clerk.

**ROCHESTER, N. Y.—NOTE OFFERING.**—J. C. Wilson, City Comptroller, will receive bids until 2:30 p. m. May 24 for \$75,000 Over due tax and \$25,000 Brown Street Subway notes, payable in 4 months from May 27 1921 at the Central Union Trust Co. of New York, where delivery to purchaser will be made on May 27. Bidders must state rate of interest, designate denominations desired, and to whom (not bearer), notes are to be made payable.

**ROCK COUNTY (P. O. Janesville), Wis.—BOND OFFERING.**—Howard W. Lee, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10:30 p. m. May 26 for \$150,000 5% highway-impt. bonds. Denom. \$500. Date June 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due June 1 1926 and 1927. Certified check for \$2,000 required.

**ROCKDALE, Milan County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.**—An issue of \$40,000 street paving and water tower bonds is to be voted upon.

**ROGERSVILLE, Hawkins County, Tenn.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—No sale was made on May 10 of the \$15,000 6% water works and sewer bonds—V. 112, p. 2003.

**ROSEBUD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Forsyth), Mont.—BOND SALE.**—Reports state that Merchants Loan Co. of Billings has purchased \$25,000 6% school building completion bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1921. Due Jan. 1 1941 optional Jan. 1 1931.

**ROSELLE PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Roselle Park), Union County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—Walter G. Elicker, District Clerk, will receive proposals until 8 p. m. May 31 for an issue of 6% coupon (with privilege of registration) school bonds, not to exceed \$40,000. Denom. \$2,000 & \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Roselle Park Trust Co. Due \$2,000 June 1 1923, and \$1,000 yearly on June 1 from 1924 to 1961, incl. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company, for 2% of amount of bonds bid for payable to the Custodian of School Monies, required. Legality approved by Reed, Dougherty & Co. of New York; bonds to be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co.

**RUTHERFORD COUNTY (P. O. Murfreesboro), Tenn.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—No sale was made of the \$165,000 6% coupon bonds on May 17—V. 112, p. 1786.

**ST. LANDRY PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Opelousas), La.—BOND OFFERING.**—F. Octave Pavy, President of the Police Jury, will receive proposals until 11 a. m. July 5 for \$150,000 5% bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the office of Parish Treasurer or at the National Park Bank, N. Y., at the option of holders or purchasers. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1922 to 1926 incl.; \$3,000 1927 to 1931 incl.; \$4,000 1932 to 1935 incl.; \$5,000 1936 to 1940 incl.; \$6,000 1941 to 1945 incl.; \$7,000 1946, and 1945; \$8,000 1946 and 1947, and \$9,000 1948 to 1951 incl. Cert. check for 2 1/2% required. The purchaser will be required to defray cost of any legal examination or investigation in connection therewith that may be required by him.

**SALEM, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—On May 18 F. S. Moseley & Co. of Boston were awarded at 5.69% discount plus \$10 premium the temporary loan of \$300,000 offered on that date. V. 112, p. 2114. Date May 18 1921. Due Nov. 9 1921.

**SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Antonio), Bexar County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.**—On May 24, an issue of \$1,000,000 6% 1-40 year serial school bldg. and equipment bonds will be voted upon. Denom. \$1,000. Int. semi-ann. Net Bonded Debt \$1,350,000. Assessed value \$150,738,630. School tax rate (per \$1,000) \$50.00. Population (est.) 165,000. Paul H. Scholz, is Business Manager of the San Antonio Board of Education.

**SANTA MARIA, Cameron County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—An issue of \$45,000 6% serial water-impt. bonds was registered on May 9 with the State Comptroller.

**SAVANNAH, Andrew County, Mo.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$15,000 water works impt. bonds has been disposed of.

**SCOTLAND NECK, Halifax County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.**—On May 17 the \$250,000 6% gold street-impt. bonds (V. 112, p. 2114) were obtained at par and interest by the Scotland Neck Bank of Scotland Neck. Date Apr. 1 1921. Due yearly on Apr. 1 as follows: \$13,000 1923 to 1932 incl. and \$20,000 1933 to 1938 incl. There were no other bidders.

**SEVIER COUNTY (P. O. Sevierville), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed proposals will be received until 12 m. June 4 by H. D. Bailey, Clerk of County Court, for \$300,000 6% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. Due June 1 1941. Certified check for \$1,000, payable to the County Trustee, required.

**SIDNEY, Shelby County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—It is unofficially reported that \$200,000 6% 1 1/2-year (aver.) impt. bonds have been sold to the Citizens National Bank of Sidney for \$200,011 equal to 100.005 a basis of about 5.99%.

**SILVER BOW COUNTY (P. O. Butte), Mont.—BOND SALE.**—Reports say that \$600,000 6% funding bonds have been sold to W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo, this bond house first buying up a similar amount of warrants which were outstanding against this county at par and interest, and then exchanging the warrants for bonds.

**SIMPSON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Taylor County, W. Va.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids for the purchase of \$72,000 6% high-school bonds will be received until 12 m. June 3 by C. M. Bailey, Secretary Board of Education (P. O. 223 Latstetter Bldg., Clarksburg). Denom. \$6,000. Date May 1 1921. Int. M. & N. Due \$4,800 yearly on May 1 from 1926 to 1940 incl. Cert. check for 5% of bid, payable to the Board of Education, required.

**SIoux CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sioux City), Woodbury County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.**—The Northern Trust Co. of Chicago, Stifel-Nicolaus Investment Co. and Liberty Central Trust Co., both of St. Lou. s. were the successful bidders on May 16 for an issue of \$260,000 5% 20-year school bonds at 93.23, a basis of about 5.56%.

**SMITHFIELD, Cache County, Utah.—BOND ELECTION.**—On May 31, \$40,000 water bonds are to be voted upon.

**SOUTH ST. PAUL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. South St. Paul), Dakota County, Minn.—BOND SALE.**—The \$350,000 school bonds, which were recently voted—V. 112, p. 1437—have been sold to the Merchants Trust & Savings Bank at par for 6s.

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Springfield), Union County, N. J.—BOND SALE.**—It is reported that on May 19, \$70,000 6% 17-year (aver.) were awarded to J. S. Rippe & Co. of Newark at 101.03, a basis of about 5.90%.

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Clark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Alvie R. Smith, Clerk of Board of Education (P. O. R. F. D. No. 11, Springfield) until 7:00 p. m. May 31 for \$14,000 6% coupon school impt. bonds. Date March 1 1921. Denom. \$500. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the Farmers' National Bank of Springfield. Due \$500 each six months from March 1 1932 to Sept. 1 1945, incl. Cert. check on some solvent bank of 5% of face value of bonds, payable to Alvie R. Smith, District Treasurer, required.

**STARK COUNTY (P. O. Canton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—W. C. Schick, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners, will receive bids until

10 a. m. May 23 for \$29,500 6% Alliance-Limaville Road bonds. Date May 25 1921. Denom. 28 for \$1,000 and 1 for \$1,500. Due yearly as follows: \$1,000 from May 25 1922 to May 25 1930 and \$1,500 on May 25 1931. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at County Treasurer's office. Cert. check on a Stark County bank for \$500, payable to the Board of Stark County Commissioners, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**STORMS LAKE DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Windsor), Weld County, Colo.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. June 6 for the purchase of \$44,000 6% drainage bonds. G. H. Oiller, Sec'y.

**SUMNER COUNTY (P. O. Wellington), Kans.—BOND OFFERING.**—James H. Large, County Clerk, will receive sealed proposals until 2 p. m. May 27 for the following 6% 1-20 year serial bonds: \$97,000 Road District No. 1 bonds.

37,000 Road District No. 3 bonds. Int. semi-ann. Cert. check for 2%, required. Bonded Debt \$200,000: Assessed value \$72,000,000.

**SWAIN COUNTY (P. O. Bryson City), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received at any time by D. E. Nichols, Register of Deeds, for the purchase of \$50,000 bridge bonds.

**SWEDESBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Swedesboro), Gloucester County, New Jersey.—BOND OFFERING.**—Norris A. Denny, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive bids until 7:30 p. m. May 25 for the following two issues of 6% coupon bonds:

\$12,000 school lot No. 1 bonds. Date June 1 1921. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 yearly on July 1 from 1922 to 1945, incl. 4.00 school lot No. 2 bonds. Date June 1 1921. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 yearly on July 1 from 1922 to 1929, incl. Cert. check for 2% of amount bid for, required.

**SYLVAN WATER DISTRICT, Ore.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$26,800 impt. bonds has been sold to the Ladd & Tilton Bank of Portland.

**TENNESSEE (State of).—BOND OFFERING.**—The State Funding Board (P. O. Nashville) will receive sealed bids until 12 m. June 15 for the following coupon bonds:

\$625,000 school bonds at not exceeding 6% interest. Date Oct. 1 1920. Due Oct. 1 1960.

250,000 hospital bonds at not exceeding 6% interest. Date July 1 1921. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$16,000 1926 to 1940, inclusive, and \$10,000, 1941.

100,000 capital improvement bonds at not exceeding 5½% interest. Date July 1 1921. Due \$5,000 yearly on July 1 from 1926 to 1945, inclusive.

100,000 national victory memorial bonds at not exceeding 6% interest. Date July 1 1921.

Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the State Treasurer's office or at the fiscal agency of the State of Tennessee in New York City. All bonds are registerable as to principal and the last two issues are registerable as to both principal and interest. Certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the State Treasurer, required. Legality will be approved by Chester B. Masslich, of New York.

**TITUSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hopewell R. D. No. 1), Mercer County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—H. B. Peltenser, District Clerk, will receive bids until 2:30 p. m. May 28 for the purchase of \$2,500 6% school bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500.

**TONAWANDA, Erie County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—On May 18 the \$25,000 5½% coupon water bonds offered on that day (V. 112, p. 2115), dated July 1 1921, and maturing \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1927 to 1951, inclusive, were sold to Sherwood & Merrifield for 103.08, a basis of about 5.24%.

**TREMONTON, Boxelder County, Utah.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received, until May 25 for the \$10,000 water extension and \$15,000 sewer 6% 10-20 year (opt.) bonds by Lewis Brenkman, City Recorder. Date June 1 1921. These bonds were voted on May 3—V. 112, p. 1899.

**TUCSON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Tucson), Pima County, Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.**—At 10 a. m. June 16 \$750,000 6% serial high-school-building bonds will be offered for sale. Dated June 15 1921. Due \$75,000 annually from 1932 to 1941, incl. Denom. \$1,000.

**TUSCALOOSA COUNTY (P. O. Tuscaloosa), Ala.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. May 31 by Wm. W. Brandon, Judge of Probate, for \$75,000 road and \$75,000 bridge tax-free 20-year bonds. Int. semi-ann., payable in New York. Certified check for 2% required. Bids are invited for the purchase of said bonds on two interest bases, viz.: 1st, interest at the rate of 5% 2d., at rate of 6%.

This county has no floating debt. The notice of this offering was already given in V. 112, p. 2004. It is given again because additional data has come to hand.

**TWIN FALLS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Castle ford), Ida.—BOND SUIT.**—Newspapers state that suit has been filed to stop the issuance of \$65,000 school bonds, alleging irregularity.

**UNION TOWNSHIP, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—On May 17 the \$13,000 5½% tax-free school bonds offered on that date (V. 112, p. 1899) were awarded to Lyon, Singer & Co., of Pittsburgh, for \$13,020, equal to 100.154, a basis of about 5.48%. Date April 1 1921. Due April 1 1946.

**VALE, Malheur County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed proposals will be received until 11 a. m. May 31 by J. D. Rogers, City Recorder, for \$30,000 6% 20-year water bonds. Certified check for 5%, payable to John P. Houston, City Treasurer, required.

**VANDERBURG COUNTY (P. O. Evansville), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—On May 16, it is stated, the county sold an issue of \$100,000 road bonds to Clark & Maurer, of Boonville, at par and accrued interest.

**VENTNOR CITY, Atlantic County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received until 8 p. m. June 13 by James T. G. Hand, City Clerk, for an issue of 6% school bonds, not to exceed \$50,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1920. Int. A. & O. Due \$2,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1922 to 1946, incl. Cert. check on a National or State bank or trust company in New Jersey, for 2% of amount of bid, payable to Enoch S. Turner, City Treasurer, required.

**WAKE FOREST, Wake County, No. Caro.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.**—The following financial statement has been issued in connection with the offering on May 24 of the \$50,000 6% gold water bonds. Complete information of which appeared in V. 112, p. 2115.

*Financial Statement.*  
Assessed value of taxable property for 1920.....\$1,334,000  
Outstanding bonded indebtedness:  
Electric light bonds.....\$12,000  
Water bonds, including this issue.....155,000  
Sewer bonds.....20,000 \$187,000  
Estimated population 2,000, exclusive of Wake Forest College.

For the twelve months ending April 1 1921, the electric light plant yielded a net income, after paying for repairs and maintenance, over \$4,000. The Town has a sinking fund of over \$5,000 for the retirement of the electric light bonds. The Town of Wake Forest has never defaulted in the payment of any part of the principal or interest of any debt. There is no School District whose boundaries are practically coterminous with the Town of Wake Forest.

**WALWORTH COUNTY (P. O. Elkhorn), Wis.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. June 1 by Grant D. Harrington, County Clerk, for \$92,000 5% highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of County Treasurer. Due on April 1 as follows: \$150,000 in 1922, 1925, 1930 and \$142,000, 1935. Cert. check for 5%, required.

**WARD COUNTY (P. O. Barstow), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller on May 10 registered \$50,000 6% drainage bonds.

**WARE, Hampshire County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—The \$40,000 temporary loan, dated May 24 and maturing Nov. 10 1921 offered on May 17—V. 112, p. 2115—was sold on that date to F. S. Moseley & Co. of Boston at 5.80% discount.

**WARRICK COUNTY (P. O. Boonville), Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The \$12,980 4½% Chas. F. Martin et al, Boon Twp. road bonds offered on April 27—V. 112, p. 1659) were not sold.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—W. L. Taylor, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 1:30 p. m. May 31 for \$28,800 5% John L. Roby et al., Jackson Township road construction and improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,440. Date May 2 1921. Semi-ann. int. M. & N. Due \$1,440 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931.

**WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Jesus), Ga.—BOND SALE.**—Recently the Robinson-Humphrey Co. of Atlanta acquired \$200,000 road bonds.

**WEST ALLIS, Milwaukee County, Wis.—BOND SALE.**—The Wm. R. Compton Co. and Halsey, Stuart & Co., were the successful bidders on May 14 for the following 6% bonds—V. 112, p. 1787—for \$281,579.20 (100.54) and interest:

\$200,000 school bonds. Payable at the First National Bank of West Allis yearly as follows: \$10,000, 1923 to 1931, incl.; and \$11,000, 1932 to 1941, incl.

40,000 storm sewer bonds. Payable at the West Allis State Bank yearly as follows: \$2,000, 1923 to 1930, incl.; and \$4,000, 1931 to 1936, inclusive.

20,000 street impt. bonds. Payable at the West Allis State Bank yearly as follows: \$2,000, 1923 to 1929, incl.; and \$3,000, 1930 and 1931.

15,000 water bonds. Payable at the West Allis State Bank yearly as follows: \$1,000, 1923, 1924 and 1925; and \$2,000, 1926 to 1931 incl.

5,000 sewer bonds. Payable at the West Allis State Bank yearly as follows: \$1,000, 1923, 1924 and 1925, and \$2,000, 1926.

A bid of \$281,042 was also received from the Harris Trust & Savings Bank and the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank.

NEW LOANS

\$60,000

TOWN OF BROWNING

Glacier County, Montana.

"General Obligation Water Bonds"

Notice is hereby given that the town of Browning, Montana, will, on the 20TH DAY OF JUNE, 1921, at the hour of eight o'clock p. m., at the council rooms of the Town Council of said town in the town of Browning, Glacier County, Montana, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash one hundred twenty (120) coupon "General Obligation Water Bonds" of the denomination of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) each. Said bonds to bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable semi-annually on the 1st day of January and July of each year. Said bonds to bear date of July 1, 1921, to become payable twenty (20) years from date and redeemable in their numerical order, annually, commencing July 1, 1931; the principal and interest payable at the office of the Town Treasurer of said town or at the option of the holder at the National Bank of Commerce, New York City, New York. Each bidder is required to deposit a check fully certified by some duly authorized bank in the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) payable to the Town Treasurer of said town as a guaranty that he will take up and pay for said bonds as soon as the same are ready for delivery. That the Town Council hereby reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Bidders shall satisfy themselves as to the legality of the bonds before bidding.

Said bonds are known as "General Obligation Water Bonds" and are issued for the purpose of constructing and installing a plant for town water supply to be owned and controlled by the said town and the money to be derived from the sale of said bonds to be used exclusively for the purpose of constructing and installing said plant for water supply. A complete transcript of all proceedings touching the issue of said bonds will be furnished by the undersigned upon application by letter or wire.

Dated, May 9th, 1921.  
By order of the Town Council of the town of Browning, Montana.

A. M. SHANNON, Town Clerk.

NEW LOANS

\$160,000

TOWN OF BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT

Public Road Improvement Bonds

(SERIES OF 1921)

\$160,000.00 issue of bonds of the town of Branford authorized by Special Act of the General Assembly of Connecticut, entitled "An Act amending an Act authorizing the Town of Branford to improve Highways" approved May 10 1921, less eleven (11) bonds of the issue (Nos. 1-11 inclusive) which have been reserved by the Town under the provisions of the Act.

149 of these bonds, numbered from 12 to 160 both inclusive, are offered for sale. The par value of each bond is \$1,000 and they are NON-TAXABLE. Five (5) of these bonds mature in 1928 and eight (8) bonds mature each two (2) years thereafter in numerical order.

The bonds will be dated June 1 1921, interest coupons attached, and bear interest at the rate of six per centum (6%) per annum payable semi-annually on December 1st and June 1st.

The whole issue or any part thereof may be called by the town at one hundred and five (105%) per cent on any interest date after two years from date of issue, but the part so called must be called by lot.

The grand list of the town of Branford amounts to \$6,501,997. There is no other bonded indebtedness of the town.

Bids should be marked "Proposal for Public Road Improvement Bonds, Series of 1921," addressed to the Town Treasurer, Branford, Conn., and will be received until 11 o'clock a. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on JUNE 4th, 1921. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for 2% of the amount of the bid—which deposit will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders within five days after the award is made.

Bids will be opened at 11:30 a. m. on said day and award made to the highest bidder. Payment for the bonds, together with interest from the date of their issue, must be made by this successful bidder within thirty days after the award is made.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

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NEW LOANS

\$30,000,000

STATE OF MICHIGAN

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The undersigned will receive sealed bids at his office in the City of Lansing, Michigan, until the 15th DAY OF JUNE, A. D. 1921, up to 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, for the sale of thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000.00) of State of Michigan Soldier Bonus coupon bonds in denominations of \$1,000.00 each, to be issued by the State Administrative Board of the State of Michigan, pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 1 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan, first extra session 1921. Said bonds will be dated July 1, 1921, and will mature on the first day of July, 1951, and will bear interest at the rate of five and one-half per centum per annum, payable semi-annually. Both principal and interest are payable at maturity at office of the State Treasurer, Lansing, Michigan.

A certified check in a sum equal to one per cent of the amount of the bid, payable to the order of the State Treasurer of the State of Michigan, must be submitted with each bid.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

FRANK E. GORMAN,  
State Treasurer.

**WEBB COUNTY (P. O. Laredo), Tex.—BOND SALE.**—The \$290,000 5% road bonds, offered on April 30—V. 112, p. 1787—have been sold, it is stated.

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY (P. O. White Plains), N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The two issues of bonds offered on May 17—V. 112, p. 2112—were sold to Charles D. Barney & Co., Rutter & Co. and Sherwood & Merrifield, as follows:  
 \$802,000 5% coupon Bronx Parkway bonds for \$810,421, equal to 101.05, a basis of about 4.94%. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$21,000 yearly on June 1 from 1939 to 1976, incl.; and \$4,000 June 1 1977.  
 106,300 5½% registered county highway bonds for \$107,557 equal to 101.182, a basis of about 5.29%. Denoms. 1 for \$300 and 106 for \$1,000. Due \$6,300 June 1 1922, and \$10,000 yearly on June 1 from 1923 to 1932, incl.  
 Date June 1, 1921.

**WESTERLY, Washington County, R. I.—NOTE OFFERING.**—James M. Pendleton, Town Treasurer, will receive bids until 2 p. m. May 24 for the purchase at discount of \$30,000 sewer and \$30,000 revenue notes. Maturing \$30,000 on Nov. 2 and \$30,000 on Nov. 10 1921.  
 These notes will be engraved under the supervision of the Old Colony Trust Company, Boston and payable in Boston or New York. The Old Colony Trust Company will guarantee the signatures and will certify that the notes are issued by virtue and in pursuance of Act of 1916 C. 1449 and orders of the Town Council, the validity of which orders have been approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.  
 The legal papers incident to this issue will be filed with the Old Colony Trust Company, where they may be inspected.

**WESTFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—On May 13 a temporary loan of \$100,000, dated May 18 and maturing Oct. 10 1921, was awarded to Goldman, Sachs & Co. on a 5.78% discount basis.

**WEST RIVER SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Carlos City), Randolph County, Ind.—BOND SALE.**—On May 18, J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis was awarded the \$18,253 52 6% coupon school building offered unsuccessfully on Feb. 25—V. 112, p. 962.

**WHITLEY COUNTY (P. O. Columbia), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Mark W. Rhoads, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. June 10 for \$51,200 5% coupon Miles R. Estlick et al. road improvement and construction bonds. Denom. \$512. Date May 15 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$2,560 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, incl.

**WILKES COUNTY (P. O. Wilkesboro), No. Caro.—BIDS REJECTED.**—Reports say that all bids submitted on April 27 for \$275,000 coupon road bonds—V. 112, p. 1438—were rejected.

**WILLIAMSBURG, James City County, Va.—BOND SALE.**—The Peninsula Bank and Trust Co. of Williamsburg was the successful bidder at par on May 12 for the \$50,000 6% 10-35 year (opt.) tax-free street impt. bonds—V. 112, p. 2006.

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY (P. O. Georgetown), Tex.—BIDS REJECTED.**—All bids received for the \$100,000 5% 1-30 year serial bonds on May 9—V. 112, p. 2006—were rejected.

**WYOMING (State of).—BONDS VOTED.**—In complete returns from a special election held in Wyoming on May 10—V. 112, p. 1438—at which a proposal to issue \$1,800,000 5% highway bonds was submitted, indicate that the bond issue was authorized by a vote of 10 to 1.

**YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 30 (P. O. Canby).—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 9 a. m. May 31 by the District Clerk, for \$22,000 6% funding bonds, authorized by a vote of 136 to 12 on May 7. Due May 1 1936 optional May 1 1926.

**YOUNGSTOWN, Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—A. H. Williams, City Auditor, will receive bids until 12 m. June 6 for the following 6% bonds:  
 \$40,000 Ohio Ave. bridge bonds. Date May 2 1921. Due \$5,000 yearly from Oct. 1925 to Oct. 1932, incl.  
 20,000 Elm St. Ridge repair bonds. Date May 2 1921. Due \$4,000 yearly from Oct. 1925 to Oct. 1929, incl.  
 177,000 City's portion of street and district sewer bonds. Date May 2 1921. Due yearly as follows: \$17,000 on Oct. 1 1924 and \$20,000 on Oct. 1 from 1925 to 1952, incl.  
 3,000 Cross Walk and Sidewalk intersection repair bonds. Date June 1 1921. Due October 1 1925.  
 57,300 City's portion of street improvement bonds. Date June 1 1921. Due yearly as follows: \$5,000 on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1931, incl.; \$7,300 on Oct. 1 1932 and \$7,500 on Oct. 1 1933.  
 1,000 West Drive and Jackson Street entrance paving bonds. Date June 1 1921. Due Oct. 1 1922.  
 130 Oakland Ave. (Deficit) sewer bonds. Date Feb. 1 1921. Due \$26 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1925, incl.

1,290 Indianola Ave. (Deficit) paying bonds. Date May 2 1921. Due \$258 yearly on Oct. 1, from 1922 to 1926, incl.

Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the Sinking Fund Trustees. Bids for each block must be made separately. Cert. check on a solvent bank, for 2% of amount of each block payable to the City Auditor, required.

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**BROOKS, Alta.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.**—E. Harding, Secretary-Treasurer, will receive bids until May 25 for \$37,000 37-year school debentures.

**ETOBICOKE TOWNSHIP, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—An issue of \$45,000 debentures, it is stated, was sold to MacKay & MacKay on May 17 on a basis of about 6.40%.

**LETHBRIDGE NORTHERN IRRIGATION DISTRICT, Alta.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.**—C. R. Mitchell, Provincial Treasurer of Alberta, will receive bids until 12 m. May 26 for \$2,400,000 6% 30-year gold coupon debentures of the Lethbridge Northern Irrigation District. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 2 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the Imperial Bank of Canada in Toronto, Montreal or Edmonton or in New York City, at the option of the holder. Cert. check for \$20,000, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within thirty days of sale, at the Head Office of the Imperial Bank of Canada in Toronto.

**NEW FOUNDLAND (Government of).—BOND SALE.**—Dillon, Read & Co., and Lee, Higginson & Co. of New York, have purchased \$4,500,000 6½% gold coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds, issued for railway improvements and extensions, for other public works, and for naval and military expenses. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. Prin. and semi ann. int. (J. & D.) payable in U. S. gold coin at the Bank of Montreal in New York, in St. Johns, or in London, England, in sterling at par of exchange. Due June 30 1936.  
 Attention is called to the official advertisement of the public offering of these bonds by Dillon, Read & Co., and Lee, Higginson & Co., which appears on a previous page of this issue.

**PELEE TOWNSHIP, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.**—William Stewart, Township Clerk, will receive bids until May 28 for \$5,744 6% 20 installments drainage debentures.

**PEMBROKE, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.**—S. L. Biggs, Town Clerk-Treasurer, will receive bids until 3 p. m. May 25 for \$31,369 90 10-year installment local impt., \$14,696 82 20-year installment water works, and \$34,257 78 30-year installment water works 6% debentures.

**PETERSBOROUGH, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—The 2 issues of 6½ and 6¾% 20-year debentures offered on May 16—V. 112, p. 2116—were sold on that date to Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto. The two issues which amounted to \$230,000 were sold for \$233,060 equal to 101.33.

**PRESCOTT AND RUSSELL COUNTIES, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—An issue of \$200,000 6% 20 installment bonds, it is stated, was recently sold to R. C. Mathews & Co.

**RENFREW COUNTY (P. O. Pembroke), Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—On May 17, R. C. Mathews & Co. of Toronto were awarded the \$250,000 6% 20-year highway debentures offered on that date—V. 112, p. 2116—at 96.81 and accrued interest. Date May 6 1921. Due yearly on May 6 from 1922 to 1941, incl. The other bidders were:  
 A. E. Ames & Co. .... 96.56 | C. H. Burgess & Co. .... 95.54  
 Wood Gundy & Co. .... 96.50 | National City Co. .... 95.81  
 United Financial Corp. .... 96.715 | Dominican Securities Corp. .... 95.254

**SARNIA, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—On May 17, the 3 issues of 6 and 6½% paving and sidewalk debentures aggregating \$189,462 75 offered on that date—V. 112, p. 2116—were sold to the Dominion Securities Corporation of Toronto at 97.469, a basis of about 6.98%.

**SHAWINIGAN FALLS, Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—An issue of \$138,400 5½% 5-year bonds was recently sold to A. E. Ames & Co. at 95.916, it is stated.

**TORONTO, Ontario.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.**—Geo. H. Ross, Commissioner of Finance, will receive sealed tenders until 12 m. June 1 for \$5,000,000 6% coupon debentures issued on account of the acquisition and rehabilitation of the Toronto Railway Company. Denom., \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. payable in Toronto. Due beginning June 1 1925. Engraved bonds will be ready for delivery on or about June 10. Cert. check for 2% of amount bid, payable to the above Commissioner of Finance, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**YORK TOWNSHIP, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—On May 16, it is stated, an issue of \$210,652 6% 10-year cement sidewalk debentures was sold to A. E. Ames & Co. at 96.69 a basis of about 6.71%.

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A certified check in a sum equal to one per cent of the amount of the bid, payable to the order of the State Treasurer of the State of Michigan, must be submitted with each bid.

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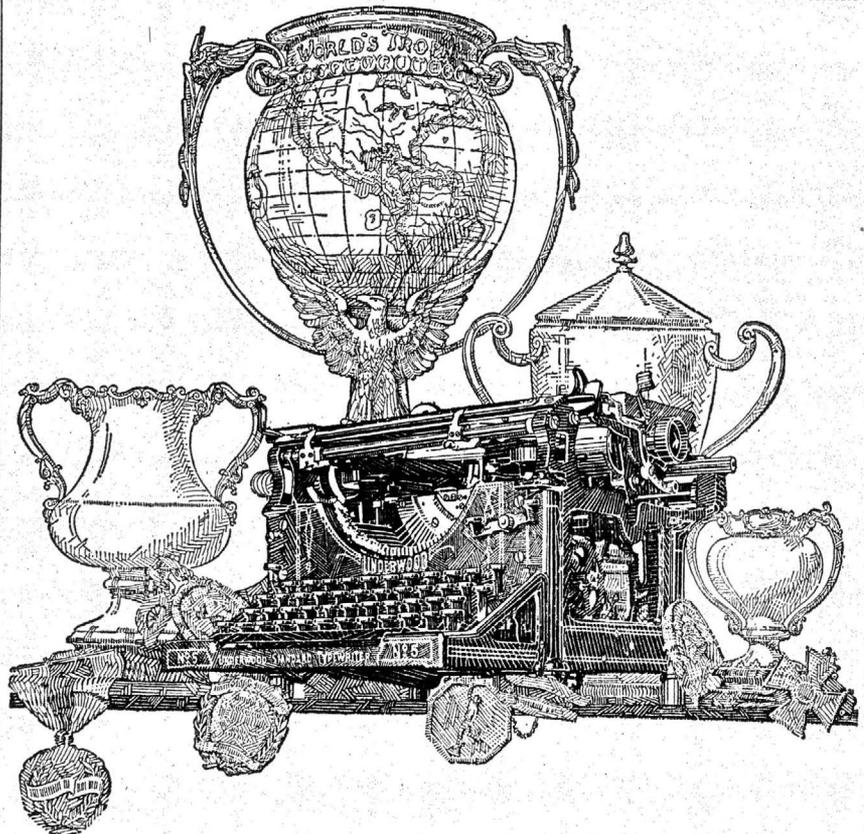
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