

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

There is as yet no positive indication of a turn for the better in trade. But that should discourage no one. Things are certainly on the mend, and such a complete stoppage of work as now prevails in certain leading industries cannot long continue. That the business of a country with a population of 105,000,000 will remain indefinitely quiescent is unthinkable. And quite as surely is it out of the question to assume such a thing as regards the world's population of 1,500,000,000 people. The world's trade has been halted, but of course civilization must go on. The march of business, the preoccupation of the modern man, will be resumed. It is only a question of time. And signs are not wanting that the way is being prepared for this great event. The tendency of money rates throughout the world is downward. Prices and wages are also falling. The trend is towards a reduction of costs, an ultimate stabilization of values and a return to normal production and consumption, to the end that pre-war civilization may be restored, and the three primary wants of mankind, food, clothing and shelter, once more put easily within their reach. Civilization partly broke down when production and consumption ceased to function normally. Large masses of the world's populations, not excepting people in the United States, could not buy what they needed. But this cannot and will not continue.

A return to the frenzied activity of the late war period is out of the question and not to be desired. But things should soon improve, since it does not seem possible they can get any worse. Both the United States and the world at large are passing through the convalescing stage, and before long there should be evidence of a new vim and a new spirit, as well as renewed strength.

Gold mining results in the Transvaal for June 1921, while upon a slightly higher per diem basis than in May, were, nevertheless, below the outcome for the same period of all earlier years back to and including 1910. Furthermore, for the half-year ended June 30, 1921, the production is the smallest in eleven years, and current indications hold out no tangible hope of improvement in the yield in the immediate future. As received by cable this week, the production for June 1921 was 678,490 fine ounces, against 715,927 fine ounces in 1920 and 702,379 fine ounces in 1919, and for the six months reached only 3,928,601 fine ounces, against 4,104,846 fine ounces and 4,147,484 fine ounces, respectively, one and two years ago, 4,631,867 fine ounces in 1916, and 4,640,430 fine ounces in 1913—the high record for the period. The falling off from 1920 in the Transvaal, it will be observed, is 176,245 fine ounces for the six months, and advices from Rhodesia, West Africa, etc., denote that results there collectively are also running behind last year. For the whole of Africa, consequently, the decline in gold output for the half-year is approximately 200,000 fine ounces. In Australasia, too, production is running behind last year, and the same is true of India. Based, therefore, upon the foregoing data, it seems safe to assume that unless there should be increased yields from mining in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, the output from the mines of the world in 1921 will fall somewhere about 500,000 fine ounces below that of 1920.

The foreign trade statement of the United States for June 1921, made public this week, while covering an export total slightly greater than that for the preceding month, furnishes a result that falls very much below the outward movement of the corresponding period a year ago, and not greatly in excess of one-third of that of 1919. For June 1919 the merchandise exports were \$928,379,203, and the belief was then expressed that for the time being the zenith of our exports had been reached, and this has since been fully confirmed, the nearest approach to that total having been the \$819,556,037 of the following March. But very full aggregates continued to be recorded until quite recent months, and even the current total is very much heavier than that of any month prior to the time the trade of the country began to feel the stimulus of the demand created by the war in Europe.

The total of exports for June 1921 is reported at \$340,000,000, this comparing with \$629,376,757 in 1920 and the enormous \$928,379,203 aggregate of 1919. For the full fiscal year ended June 30, the commodity exports, moreover, cover a value of only \$6,519,365,734, against the high record total of \$8,108,988,663 in 1919-20, and \$7,232,282,686 in 1918-19. Concurrently, imports have also fallen off materially, having been for the month of June only \$198,000,000, or the smallest total since November 1916, and not much greater than the level reached at times before the war. Comparison is with no less than \$552,605,534 in 1920 and \$292,915,543 in 1919. For the twelve months there has been, as in the exports, a very decided contraction as compared with 1919-20—\$3,666,769,537 comparing with \$5,238,352,114—but there is a gain of approximately 570 million dollars over 1918-19. With both imports and exports decreased in about the same amount, the favorable or export balance for the fiscal year 1920-21 differs but little from that of 1919-20—in fact, is \$2,850,596,197 against \$2,870,636,549—but shows a decline from two years ago of 1,286 million dollars. Further large imports of gold in June served to increase to \$512,602,046 the net inflow of the metal for the latest fiscal year, against a net outflow of \$315,880,406 in 1919-20. We defer further reference to the results until next week, when our usual review of the foreign trade for the fiscal year will be published.

A truce has been declared in Ireland. It began last Monday, July 11, at noon. Friday, July 8, may prove to have been a truly eventful day in the history of the Irish situation. Then it was that Eamonn de Valera sent a letter to Premier Lloyd George, accepting the latter's invitation for a conference in London relative to a settlement of the Irish problem. The "President of the Irish Republic" said in his letter of acceptance that "the desire you expressed on the part of the British Government to end the centuries of conflict between the peoples of these two islands and to establish relations of neighborly harmony is the genuine desire of the people of Ireland." Promptly, upon the receipt of the letter, an official statement was issued from Downing Street, in which it was made known that "arrangements are being made for hostilities to cease from Monday next, July 11, at noon." De Valera's letter was made public at 9 o'clock last Friday night in Dublin, an hour after the adjournment of the conference of Sinn Fein and Unionist

leaders, at which General Macready was present. The Dublin correspondent of the New York "Times" said that "his appearance, dramatic as it was, was a signal for a remarkable demonstration." The correspondent also said that the people of Dublin manifested great interest in the conference, but that after it was over "the crowds outside the Mansion House melted away in perfect order and apparent relief." The Dublin representative of the New York "Tribune," in his account of the gathering, said: "Crowds knelt in Dublin's streets to-day about the Mansion House, telling their beads as the hour struck for the opening of the conference there. On the eve of the peace of centuries, the rank and file of the Irish people stood quietly awaiting hopefully for word that the strife was to end. It was a commonplace, volatile Irish crowd, as enthusiastic in the roles of pacifists as British troops here found them when armed with guns, giving no quarter and asking none. Many volunteers of the Republican army who have hidden their identity for months were active in the street crowds to-day. British troops and the Black and Tans, on the other hand, were conspicuously absent."

As early as a week ago this afternoon the London correspondent of the Associated Press cabled that the statement had been made there on good authority that "Premier Lloyd George stated he will accept Eamonn de Valera's proposal of yesterday and meet the Irish Republican leader to discuss the basis for a formal conference." He added that "the meeting will probably occur next week." Word came from Dublin Sunday morning that the Irish truce terms had been agreed upon at the British Military Headquarters in that centre at 3 o'clock the afternoon before. The substance of the terms, on behalf of the British Army, was published in the "Irish Bulletin," official organ of the Dail Eireann. Prominent among the stipulations was the assertion that "all provisions of the truce apply to the martial law area, just as for the rest of Ireland." On behalf of the Irish Republican Army it was agreed, first of all, that "attacks on Crown forces and civilians cease."

The London correspondent of the New York "Times" cabled last Saturday night that "hope is expressed to-night that Eamonn de Valera will be seen in Downing Street before the end of the coming week." Lord Midleton, upon his return to the British capital from the important Dublin conference, was quoted as saying "I think that the terms sent by De Valera will be acceptable to Lloyd George." The former issued a proclamation to his people, which began as follows: "Fellow Citizens—During the period of truce each individual soldier and citizen must regard himself as the custodian of the nation's honor. Your discipline must prove in the most convincing manner that this is a struggle of an organized nation."

The radical element in Ireland would not be running true to form if it did not cause disorder somewhere on the eve of a truce. Monday morning it became known here, through an Associated Press cablegram from Belfast, that rioting had broken out in that city Saturday night. The disturbance continued through the day, Sunday, and in the afternoon was said to have become so serious that "the military had to be summoned to restore order. At 10 o'clock Sunday night the casualty list showed that fifteen persons had been killed and nearly a

hundred wounded." The correspondent said that "according to police accounts the firing at patrols by Republicans precipitated the outbreak." Several times during the week reports of fresh disorders came to hand.

Sunday evening Premier Lloyd George sent the following telegram to Eamonn de Valera: "I have received your letter of acceptance, and should be happy to see you and any of your colleagues whom you may wish to bring with you at Downing Street any day this week. Please wire the day of your arrival in London." It became known here Monday afternoon, through cable dispatches from London, that Thursday of this week had been fixed for the meeting. It was stated that at that time the place had not been designated.

Word came from Dublin early Monday that the truce actually had gone into effect at noon of that day. The Sinn Fein delegation, headed by De Valera, left Dublin for London on Tuesday. In London dispatches on Tuesday it was said that the conference would take place at No. 10 Downing Street, the British Premier's official residence. De Valera and his party arrived at Euston Station, London, Tuesday evening, and, according to all the dispatches from that centre the next morning, was given "a great reception." The other members of the party were: Arthur Griffith, Vice-President of the Sinn Fein; Austin Stack and R. C. Barron, both Irish members of Parliament, as peace envoys, and Lord Mayor O'Neill of Dublin, Count Plunkett and Erskine Childers. They were driven to the Grosvenor Hotel in a motor car said to have been sent by Premier Lloyd George. The New York "Times" correspondent observed that the hotel is "only a stone's throw from Buckingham Palace." De Valera issued a message to the English people in which he said "there is no reason why the people of these two islands should continue at enmity. It is simply a question of recognizing justice as a necessary foundation of peace." Definite announcement was made in an Associated Press cablegram from London Wednesday evening that "the first meeting between Premier Lloyd George and Eamonn de Valera will be held at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, at 10 Downing Street, the Prime Minister's official residence." The author of the dispatch said also that "Irishmen closely in touch with the Sinn Fein declare the question whether there is to be peace or continuation of the war in Ireland will be decided in Dublin." Continuing to outline the situation, he asserted that "Mr. De Valera and his colleagues will listen attentively to any suggestion made by the British Premier or other British statesmen in London, and will discuss freely with them the way to a settlement, but the Irish Republican Parliament, these Irishmen say, will decide whether any of the proposed solutions are acceptable to the Irish people."

The British Premier retired to his country-place, Chequers Court, on Wednesday, to prepare the statement with which he opened the conference on Thursday with De Valera. The New York "Tribune" correspondent cabled Wednesday evening that even then "both the British Premier and the Irish Republican leader have decided definitely on the lines their policies will take, and there is every reason to expect that the preliminary negotiations will result in a satisfactory agreement." No associate of either leader was present at the meeting, which lasted from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. At the

conclusion the following statement was issued: "The Prime Minister of Great Britain and the 'President of the Irish Republic' talked together alone at No. 10 Downing Street this afternoon until after 7 o'clock. A free exchange of views took place and their relative positions were defined. They agreed to meet again at 11:30 o'clock." Later the Premier conferred with his colleagues in the Government, made a report on discussions with De Valera to King George, and late in the evening made a speech at a dinner of the Liberal Coalitionists. The conference was resumed yesterday morning, and lasted for an hour and a half. The following statement was issued soon after the Irish leader left the British Premier's official residence: "A further conversation between Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. De Valera took place this morning in Downing Street, and will be resumed at a later date, probably Monday." At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon Sir James Craig, the Ulster Premier, went to Downing Street to confer with Lloyd George. London dispatches last evening stated that the belief prevailed there that substantial progress had been made in the peace negotiations.

Sunday night in Washington an announcement was made by the State Department, which naturally has caused a great amount of comment and discussion the world over already, and which may result in a new world order. We have reference, of course, to the statement that President Harding had informally asked Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan to participate in a conference on limitation of armaments, to be held in Washington. It was set forth, also, in the official announcement that "all matters" pertaining to the Pacific and Far Eastern problems would be considered. A copy of the State Department announcement was made public in London by the American Embassy Sunday evening, and was well received at once, according to London cable advices the next morning. The representative at that centre of the New York "Herald," commenting on the announcement, said that it was communicated "immediately" to Premier Lloyd George and other Government officers, who were week-end guests of the former at Chequers Court, his country-place. He added that "while it would be too much to say that Premiers Lloyd George, Meighen, Smuts, Massey and Hughes did a snake dance on the lawn, almost any other description of their expressions of pleasure would fall short of the fact, according to one person who returned from Chequers this afternoon. It also is probable that the Premiers and Mr. Harvey discussed the subject." Announcement had been made previously of the fact that the American Ambassador was a visitor at Chequers Court during the day. The London "Times" said editorially Monday morning that "there can be no doubt that President Harding's conference proposal will be gladly and promptly accepted by the British Government, with the full concurrence of the Dominions, in the spirit in which it has been made." Speaking Monday afternoon in the House of Commons on President Harding's invitation, the Prime Minister said in part: "I need not say that we welcome with the utmost pleasure President Harding's wise and courteous initiative. In saying that, I speak for the Empire as a whole. The world has been looking to the United States for such a lead. I am confident that the House will esteem it as an

act of far-seeing statesmanship and will whole-heartedly wish it success. No effort will be lacking to make it so on the part of the British Empire, which shares to the full the liberal and progressive spirit inspiring it." The editorial comment in the London newspapers as early as Monday afternoon and evening was said to have been "most favorable." The Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" cabled Tuesday morning that Premier Briand, in behalf of the French Government, would accept President Harding's invitation to the disarmament conference, and that if he should be in power when it is held would attend himself. On Monday he was given a vote of confidence, 512 to 114, by the Chamber of Deputies "on the question of the reduction of credits for the army in the Near East." There were rumors that Premier Lloyd George would head the British delegation, but it was suggested that this would depend largely upon his engagements at home. The correspondent added that, while the French favored the general idea of the proposal, probably they would stipulate reservations. He asserted that "the first and foremost reserve in the minds of the French is that they will not radically reduce their army so long as they have no other guarantee than that army against aggression by Germany, and no other guarantee that Germany will pay the reparations account. The second and much less important reserve is that France sees in the disarmament conference proposed by President Harding death to the League of Nations, and France does not wish the League to die just yet."

The Berlin representative of the New York "Times" said that "though uninvited and having little left to disarm, Germany is taking a tremendous interest in President Harding's call for a disarmament conference, which the German press features as the biggest news of the day." According to the Washington correspondent of the New York "Herald" Tuesday morning, "there is no information here indicating that Japan has made known her attitude. The nature of the conference hinges largely upon her willingness. Discussion regarding the attitude of Japan was coincident with a fuller realization of the superior importance attaching to the consideration of the Far Eastern and Pacific questions, which may be said to include disarmament. Necessarily Japan is vitally interested in this feature and will approach the conference with a realization of its far-reaching importance to her." In a Washington dispatch Tuesday evening it was said that "favorable responses are understood to have been received to-day from all but one of the Powers to which the United States suggested a conference on reduction of armaments and related questions." Premier Briand was said to have announced in the Chamber of Deputies during the day that "the Government would eagerly accept President Harding's invitation." A Washington correspondent of the New York "Evening Post," in a long dispatch on the probable character and scope of the conference, said in part: "In the view of the Administration, as further developed to-day, the only practicable way to accomplish anything in the way of limitation of armaments is to do away with sources of friction. That is the compelling reason why the problems of the Pacific have been put on the forefront of the discussion at the coming conference on disarmament to be held in Washington at the call of the President." The dispatches from Washington

and foreign capitals Wednesday morning indicated that already Great Britain, France, Italy, China, and possibly Japan, had accepted President Harding's invitation. It developed on Thursday that the Tokio Government wanted more time to consider the matter, but London dispatches stated that undoubtedly she would accept. According to the advices yesterday morning she has signified her willingness to discuss disarmament, but has not committed herself as to the Pacific. Armistice Day, Nov. 11, is said to be favored in Washington for the opening of this important gathering. The Washington correspondent of the New York "Herald" said that "the United States will be well pleased if the conference should result in a new and permanent association of nations, distinct from the League of Nations."

On Wednesday the London "Times" editorially attacked Premier Lloyd George and Lord Curzon on their fitness to serve as delegates to the proposed disarmament conference. Lord Northcliffe also gave an interview to the United Press in which personally he took much the same ground. As a result the British Government issued orders that "the representatives of not only the London 'Times,' but also the 'Daily Mail' and the 'Evening News,' which are likewise controlled by Lord Northcliffe, shall be denied access to the information given out to the press generally at the Foreign Office and by the Prime Minister's secretaries at 10 Downing Street." Commenting upon the action of the Government, the "Evening News" said: "With the views expressed by the 'Times' about the Prime Minister and Lord Curzon we have no concern. We have views of our own on those subjects, and express them as seems required, but to acquiesce in the suggestion that papers which feel it necessary to criticise the Government of the day, or particular members of that Government, or particular Government departments, may legitimately be deprived, as a penalty, of information commonly dispensed to the press generally is to strike one more blow at that last safeguard of popular liberty, the independence of the press." Aside from the criticisms in the "Times" editorial, London dispatches made it clear that the prevailing opinion was against the Premier heading the British delegation. Lord Northcliffe, on Thursday, dictated a statement relative to the attitude of the Government toward his papers, in which he displayed more than his customary venom; he said in part: "My newspapers and many others maintain that our delegates should not be professional politicians, and that they should not be chosen of necessity from the members of this discredited Government or of one party. For, saying that Curzon was the wrong man to go, my newspapers have been cut off from their supply of news by Curzon and Lloyd George, although these men spend half their lives angling for newspaper support and badgering tame millionaires to buy it for them. They know nothing about the management of newspapers. They do not realize that if the Government attacks one newspaper the other newspapers come to its help. My newspapers, therefore, now present exactly as good a share of Government news as the others, and for several reasons. One is that the Government offices are always leaky where news is concerned, and another is that other publishers come to my rescue, knowing that I should come to theirs if they were similarly attacked. It is a petty business and reveals the size of the poli-

ticians who are trying to get to Washington. Curzon, though nominally Foreign Minister, is usually described as Lloyd George's first footman."

M. Doumer, French Finance Minister, a week ago yesterday afternoon presented to the Chamber of Deputies a single budget for 1922. It is intended to take the place of the present triple budget. Special attention was drawn in a Paris cablegram to the fact that he had reduced the total of the budget by more than 2,500,000,000 francs in comparison with the last budget. He estimated the running expenses of the Government at not to exceed 25,496,000,000 francs. Receipts from taxes and customs are expected to cover the requirements, with the exception of about 3,000,000,000 francs. The Finance Minister suggested that the deficiency could be made up "by a series of consolidating loans."

No change has been noted in official discount rates at leading European centres from 5% in Berlin and Belgium; 6% in London, Paris, Rome, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Madrid, and 4½% in Holland and Switzerland. In London there has been a further lowering in the private discount rate which is now 4⅞% for short bills and 5⅞% for three months, as against 5@5⅜% a week ago. Call money in London is now quoted at 4%, in comparison with 4¼%, the previous quotation. So far as can be learned, no reports have been received by cable of open market discounts at other centres.

The Bank of England in its weekly statement announced another nominal gain in gold, amounting to £4,578, while owing to a curtailment of £1,153,000 in note circulation, total reserve was increased £1,157,000, to £18,867,000, as against £17,091,857 last year and £28,257,025 in 1919. Moreover, the proportion of reserve to liabilities was advanced to 12.20% in comparison with 11.90% last week and 12.44% a year ago. A decline of £56,000 was reported in public deposits. As against this, however, other deposits expanded £5,923,000. Loans on Government securities registered the large increase of £12,205,000, but loans on other securities were reduced £7,490,000. Threadneedle Street's gold holdings total £128,373,661, which compares with £122,879,497 in 1920 and £88,703,675 the year previous. Loans on other securities aggregate £77,612,000, in comparison to £78,622,562 and £82,405,961 one and two years ago, respectively. Note circulation now stands at £127,955,000. A year ago the total was £124,237,640 and £78,896,650 in 1919.

The clearings through the London banks for the week were £593,174,000, against £859,230,000 last week and £733,220,000 in this week last year. We append herewith a tabular statement of comparisons of the different items of the Bank of England return:

	1921. July 13.	1920. July 14.	1919. July 16.	1918. July 17.	1917. July 18.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation	127,955,000	124,237,640	78,896,650	55,368,775	39,517,425
Public deposits	19,664,000	17,671,411	24,914,569	38,212,040	47,755,170
Other deposits	134,964,000	119,622,526	112,622,742	134,797,874	124,711,196
Government securities	76,005,000	59,438,583	44,690,505	55,777,632	45,487,661
Other securities	77,912,000	78,622,562	82,405,961	105,227,950	112,664,895
Reserve notes & coin	18,867,000	17,091,857	28,257,025	29,580,097	31,125,125
Coin and bullion	128,373,661	122,879,497	88,703,675	66,498,872	53,192,550
Proportion of reserve to liabilities	12.20%	12.44%	20.54%	17.10%	18.62%
Bank rate	6%	7%	5%	5%	5%

The Bank of France continues to report small gains in its gold item, the increase this week being 231,000

frances. Aggregate gold holdings now stand at 5,520,736,200 francs, comparing with 5,588,603,902 francs on the corresponding date last year, and with 5,556,289,601 francs the year before; of these amounts 1,948,367,056 francs were held abroad in 1921 and 1,978,278,416 francs in both 1920 and 1919. During the week silver gained 363,000 francs, while Treasury deposits rose 505,000 francs. General deposits showed an increase of 13,795,000 francs. Note circulation dropped 111,610,000 francs, bringing the total outstanding down to 37,555,470,000 francs, as against 38,101,972,740 francs at this time last year and 34,976,725,280 francs in 1919. On July 30 1914, just prior to the outbreak of the war, the amount was only 6,683,184,785 francs. Comparisons of the various items in this week's return with the statement of last week and corresponding dates in 1920 and 1919 are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Gold Holdings—	Changes for Week.	Status as of—		
		July 14 1921.	July 15 1920.	July 17 1919.
	Frances.	Frances.	Frances.	Frances.
In France.....Inc.	231,000	3,572,369,144	3,610,325,486	3,588,011,185
Abroad.....	Unchanged	1,948,367,056	1,978,278,416	1,978,278,416
Total.....Inc.	231,000	5,520,736,200	5,588,603,902	5,566,289,601
Silver.....Inc.	363,000	274,925,495	247,483,930	301,206,364
Bills discounted.....Dec.	37,908,000	2,708,782,298	1,848,130,393	874,290,048
Advances.....Dec.	60,340,000	2,068,587,000	1,952,548,951	1,268,338,153
Note circulation.....Dec.	111,610,000	37,555,470,000	38,101,972,740	34,976,725,280
Treasury deposits.....Inc.	505,000	23,437,000	168,428,223	90,178,417
General deposits.....Inc.	13,795,000	2,703,190,000	3,194,301,555	3,060,097,491

In its statement issued as of July 5 the Imperial Bank of Germany shows that gold was reduced 3,000 marks and total coin and bullion 140,000 marks. Treasury notes declined 1,634,039,000 marks. Bills discounted, in sharp contrast with the enormous expansion of the preceding week, were cut 8,481,443,000 marks, while deposits decreased 3,228,909,000 marks. Note circulation was again expanded, this time 518,131,000 marks. Advances increased 11,285,000 marks and notes of other banks 586,000 marks. Decreases were shown of 2,377,000 marks in investments, 81,950,000 marks in other securities, and 311,402,000 marks in other liabilities. The Bank's stock of gold stands at 1,091,560,000 marks, against 1,091,680,000 marks in 1920 and 1,114,520,000 marks a year earlier. Note circulation has reached the huge total of 75,839,226,000, as compared with 54,045,260,000 marks a year ago and 29,817,460,000 marks the year preceding.

From the Federal Reserve Bank statement, issued late Thursday afternoon, it will be seen that although the system as a whole continues to add to its gold reserves, the local bank sustained a small loss of the precious metal. The system reports a gain in gold of \$15,000,000, while the bill holdings (representing borrowing at the banks) were reduced \$103,000,000. The ratio of cash reserves was slightly higher, namely 61.6%, against 60.0% last week. Federal Reserve note circulation was reduced \$68,000,000, the New York Reserve Bank contributing over \$30,000,000 of this. Bills discounted at the New York Reserve Bank fell off \$29,000,000. The ratio of reserves gained 1.9% to 68.7%.

The outstanding feature of last week's statement of the New York Clearing House banks was a heavy curtailment in both loans and deposits. The former item was reduced \$74,947,000, while net demand deposits fell off \$108,590,000, to \$3,645,740,000. This is exclusive of Government deposits to the amount of \$154,023,000, a decline for the week of

\$16,627,000. Other changes included an increase of \$12,041,000 in cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank, to \$81,537,000 (not counted as reserve), a gain in reserves in own vaults of State banks and trust companies of \$981,000, and a decrease in reserves kept in other depositories by State banks and trust companies of \$296,000. Member banks, for the first time in three weeks, increased their reserve at the Reserve Bank, namely, \$8,977,000, and this, coupled with the drawing down of deposits brought about a gain in surplus of \$23,845,930; so that excess reserves now stand at \$34,057,690, against \$10,211,760 a week earlier. The figures here given for surplus are on the basis of 13% reserves above legal requirements for members of the Federal Reserve system, but not including cash in vault to the amount of \$81,537,000, held by such banks on Saturday last.

Somewhat earlier in the week than was generally expected, the quotation for call money in the local market displayed a rising tendency. It did not go above 6% for renewals and 6½% for new loans. In some circles it was suggested that the movement of funds to the interior for the harvesting of the crops already was in larger volume than had been realized, except by the bankers here and in the West. The other factors mentioned in the firmer tendency of call money were the necessary preparations for the retirement by the Government of \$132,886,500 5½% Certificates of Indebtedness and for the July 15 disbursements by the corporations. The former involved the calling in by the Government of a large amount of its funds from depository banks here and in other centres. These institutions in turn found it necessary to call loans to some extent. Careful observers of the money market suggested yesterday that if the general tendency were not toward greater ease unquestionably the rates for call loans would have been several points higher this week, in view of the transactions to which reference has been made. With the Government requirements out of the way temporarily, and the mid-month interest and dividend disbursements made, easier conditions are looked for until it becomes necessary to prepare for the Aug. 1 payments. Considerable attention was given in the financial district yesterday to dispatches from Washington, which stated that in the near future the Federal Reserve banks were likely to reduce their rediscount rates further, and that this step would be taken with the full approval of the Federal Reserve Board. The time money market continues practically unchanged. Those who have been most insistent in their predictions of permanently easier money assert that the banks may be expected to put out more money on time in the near future. The bond houses are still giving their chief attention to the placing with investors of issues that they have had in hand for some little time rather than to the offering of new ones, except in the case of municipal issues where the demand is apparently active enough to absorb considerable bodies of new obligations from week to week.

Dealing with specific rates for money, call loans during the week covered a range of 5½% to 6½%, as against 5½% to 6% last week, for both mixed collateral and all-industrial loans alike. On Monday 6% was the high, with 5½% the low and renewal basis; Tuesday there was an advance to 6½%, and loans

renewed at 6%, which was also the minimum figure. On Wednesday a flat rate of 6% was quoted. Call rates again stiffened on Thursday and a maximum figure of 6½% was quoted, although renewals continued to be negotiated at 6%, the low. On Friday there was no range and the high, low and ruling figure was 6%, the only rate quoted. The immediate cause for the firmness was the withdrawal of Government funds to the extent of \$66,000,000 to meet Certificates of Indebtedness maturing on the 15th. In time money the situation remains essentially unchanged. A few loans for moderate amounts were negotiated in the shorter maturities, but the market generally speaking was a dull affair, with 6% quoted for all periods from sixty days to six months, the same as a week ago, up till Friday (yesterday) when an advance to 6½% took place. Some loans on Liberty bonds were effected at 5¾% in the early part of the week. Transactions in the aggregate, however, reached very moderate proportions.

Mercantile paper rates remain at 6¼@6½% for sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character, the same as last week, with names less well known at 6½@6¾%. Moderate activity was reported, with out of town institutions still the principal buyers.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances figured for a fairly large turnover, considering the tightening in the call market. A good demand was reported from both local and country banks, also individual investors. New York savings institutions were among the principal buyers. The undertone was steady and quotations continued at last week's levels. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council has been advanced to 6%. The Acceptance Council make the discount rates on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve Bank 5⅝ bid and 5⅜ asked for bills running 120 days; 5½@5¼ for ninety days, 5½@5¼ for sixty days, and 5⅜@5½ for thirty days. Open market quotations are as follows:

SPOT DELIVERY.

	90 Days.	60 Days.	30 Days.
Prime eligible bills.....	5¼@5¾	5¾@5¼	5¾@5¼

FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.

Eligible member banks.....	5¾ bid
Eligible non-member banks.....	5¾ bid
Ineligible bank bills.....	6¾ bid

There have been no changes this week in Federal Reserve Bank rates. The following is the schedule of rates now in effect for the various classes of paper at the different Reserve banks:

DISCOUNT RATES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS IN EFFECT JULY 15 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 stock paper maturing 91 to 180 days
	Treasury notes and certificate of indebtedness	Liberty bonds and Victory notes	Otherwise secured and unsecured			
Boston.....	6	6	6	—	6	6
New York.....	6	6	6	—	6	6
Philadelphia.....	6	5¾	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	6	6	6½	6	6
Minneapolis.....	6	6	6½	6	6½	6½
Kansas City.....	6	6	6	6	6	6
Dallas.....	6	6	6	6	6	6
San Francisco.....	6	6	6	6	6	6

Note.—Rates shown for Kansas City are normal rates, applying to discounts not in excess of basic lines fixed for each member bank by the Federal Reserve Bank. Discounts in excess of the basic line are subject to a 1% increase in the discount rate for the first 100% by which the amount of accommodation extended exceeds the basic line, and thereafter to an increase of 2%.

Trading in sterling exchange this week has been marked by sharp fluctuations, with the trend during the greater part of the time toward distinctly lower levels. Following a weak opening, selling for foreign account was resumed on a liberal scale, offerings of commercial bills began to come on the market in larger volume and, last but not least, cable quotations from London came sharply lower. As a result of this combination of unfavorable circumstances demand rates broke sensationally, losing approximately 6 cents, to 3 62¼, the lowest level since January of this year and a decline of more than 37 cents from the rates recently prevailing. Selling on the part of speculative interests also figured prominently in the downward movement. On Tuesday there was an almost equally sensational upturn. Prices shot up to 3 65⅝, a gain of about 3½ cents. London sent higher quotations and several large banking institutions came into the market as buyers. Bankers, however, attached little significance to the rise, regarding it as a purely natural reaction from a rather too violent decline. In any event the improvement proved of short duration, since on Wednesday, after a period of irregularity when rates moved uncertainly, fresh declines were recorded, with the close 3 62¼.

A feature of the late dealings was the appearance on the market of a considerable quantity of commercial bills against shipments of grain and cotton. Although the general movement in this direction is not expected for some little time to come, bankers are of the opinion that in the course of the next few weeks "futures" covering cotton and grain may be expected to come on the market in sufficient volume to depress the exchanges. Present indications are, it is claimed, that exports of both of these commodities are to be large this season.

One explanation of the weakness in sterling on the London market, which operated so powerfully in depreciating exchange values at this centre, was that British interests were again selling for the purpose of accumulating dollar credits incidental to the payment of maturing United Kingdom notes, larger imports and preparations for reparations settlements. Market observers appear to take widely divergent views as to the extent of the decline in exchange levels which is likely to accompany the seasonal movement of the crops. It is pointed out by some that between July and November last year sterling fell from within a fraction of \$4 00 to \$3 35. Others claim that underlying conditions have greatly improved and that should the much-talked-of Government financing plans actually come to pass, it ought to be possible to maintain sterling at materially higher levels than a year ago, though it is freely conceded that the tariff bill now under discussion constitutes an element of uncertainty likely to have an important bearing upon the future course of prices.

As regards quotations in greater detail, sterling exchange on Saturday last was heavy, and prices broke sharply under persistent selling, freer offerings and lower cable rates from London: demand bills declined 3⅝ cents to 3 66¼@3 68¼; cable transfers to 3 66¾@3 68¾, and sixty days to 3 60⅞@3 62⅞. On Monday increased weakness developed, and demand, on continued selling both domestic and foreign, declined to 3 62¼@3 63¾, cable transfers to 3 62¾@3 64¼, and sixty days to 3 56⅞@3 58⅞. The downward movement was halted on Tuesday and rates rallied more than 3 cents to 3 65⅝ for demand;

the low was 3 62 $\frac{7}{8}$, while cable transfers ranged between 3 63 $\frac{3}{8}$ @3 66 $\frac{1}{8}$ and sixty days at 3 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ @3 60 $\frac{1}{4}$; higher London quotations and an improved inquiry were given as reasons for the recovery. Wednesday's market was irregular and some of the gains of the previous day were lost; demand bills covered a range of 3 63 $\frac{1}{8}$ @3 64 $\frac{7}{8}$, cable transfers 3 63 $\frac{3}{8}$ @3 65 $\frac{3}{8}$ and sixty days 3 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ @3 59 $\frac{3}{8}$; selling was again in evidence, while a feature of the dealings was the offering in large volume of bills against cotton and grain exports. Further reaction downward was noted on Thursday, with a fractional decline to 3 63@3 63 $\frac{3}{4}$ for demand, 3 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ @3 64 $\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers and 3 57 $\frac{1}{4}$ @3 58 for sixty days. On Friday the market ruled dull and weak; demand was again lower at 3 62@3 62 $\frac{5}{8}$, cable transfers at 3 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ @3 63 $\frac{1}{8}$ and sixty days at 3 56 $\frac{1}{4}$ @3 56 $\frac{7}{8}$. Closing quotations were 3 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ for sixty days, 3 62 $\frac{1}{4}$ for demand and 3 62 $\frac{3}{4}$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 3 61 $\frac{5}{8}$, sixty days at 3 54 $\frac{1}{4}$, ninety days at 3 52 $\frac{5}{8}$, documents for payment (sixty days) at 3 54 $\frac{1}{2}$, and seven-day grain bills at 3 60 $\frac{1}{2}$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 3 61 $\frac{5}{8}$. Gold continues to arrive in heavy volume. The week's shipments include about \$5,525,000 on the Mauretania from London, \$1,700,000 on the Lapland from Antwerp, \$770,000 on the Carmania from London, 99 cases of gold on the La Savoie from France, 27 boxes of bar gold on the Olympic from Southampton, and 5 boxes on the Noordam from Holland. Miscellaneous amounts from South America and elsewhere were as follows: 3 cases on the Guillen Sorolla from Spain; 29 cases on the Hog Island from Turkey; 1 case on the Calamares from Central America; 19 packages of gold bars, gold dust and silver coin, also platinum, and 22 bars of gold, on the Colon from South Pacific ports, and gold to the amount of \$225,000 on the Frednes from Cartagena. The Callao has brought from Argentina 12 packages of silver coins and U. S. currency, the Matura 7 packages of gold and gold dust from Bolivia, the Tirivies from Cartagena 3 packages of bar gold and gold coin, the Leo 4 cases from Barcelona, the American from Hamburg with 172 cases of silver bars, the Monterey from Vera Cruz with 48 packages of gold and currency and the El Rio from Colombia with 19 gold bars. Gold bars to the amount of \$1,175,000 are expected on the Aquitania soon from London.

Continental exchange followed the course of sterling and sharp losses were recorded at nearly all important European centres. Exchange on Paris broke to 7.71 for checks, though subsequently recovering to 7.89. Belgian currency, after a decline to 7.57, moved up 16 points to 7.73. Italian lire were also heavy and the quotation sagged off to 4.48, a loss of 55 points from the high level of last week. Later there was a rally to 4.62; all, however, without specific activity to account therefor. In the final dealings prices again sagged off and some of the gains were wiped out. In the case of reichsmarks, pronounced weakness was also indicated, and for a while Berlin checks dropped to as low as 1.26 $\frac{1}{2}$. With the general improvement noted in the other exchanges on Tuesday, exceptionally lively bidding for marks developed, which sent the price up promptly nearly 10 points. This sudden accession of activity and strength was said to be due to the receipt of private advices from Berlin to the effect that Germany had secured a loan in Holland for 150,-

000,000 gold marks. It was also stated that negotiations were in progress for the establishment of credits and later officially announced that a \$20,000,000 credit for grain imports had been arranged by the German Grain Commission. Rumors, however, that the German Government was about to seek a loan in this market and to offer seized property in the United States as collateral were emphatically denied. The concensus of opinion seems to be that under present conditions no permanent improvement to higher levels for German exchange need be looked for. Latest reports from Berlin indicate an increased deficit in the new budget, while it is now thought highly improbable that revenues will be collected to anything like the amounts previously estimated. On the other hand, reports persist that internal conditions in Germany are far better than is generally supposed and that trade relations with other nations are being resumed to a degree impossible in countries unable to compete with German prices and production costs. While the decline in most cases emanated from London, it was not infrequently aggravated by the unloading of speculative holdings. Announcement that the War Finance Corporation has agreed to make an advance of another \$1,000,000 to a Western bank for the purpose of financing the exportation of provisions to Europe attracted a good deal of attention, and since the statement of the head of this organization that the Corporation stood ready to assist other interests besides cotton exporters, it is understood that representatives of various agricultural lines are preparing to take the necessary steps for receiving Governmental aid in financing shipments to foreign markets. The movement is now expected to extend to wheat, corn and possibly wool, along the lines followed in the cotton industry.

The official London check rate on Paris closed at 46.56, against 46.63 a week ago. Sight bills on the French centre finished at 7 79 $\frac{1}{4}$, against 7 92 $\frac{1}{2}$; cable transfers 7 80 $\frac{1}{4}$, against 7 93 $\frac{1}{2}$; commercial sight at 7 77 $\frac{1}{4}$, against 7 90 $\frac{1}{2}$, and commercial sixty days 7 71 $\frac{1}{4}$, against 7 84 $\frac{1}{2}$ last week. Antwerp francs closed at 7 58 for checks and 7 59 for cable transfers, against 7 78 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 7 79 $\frac{1}{2}$ the preceding week. Closing quotations for Berlin marks were 1 33 for checks and 1 34 for cable remittances. Last week the close was 1 32 and 1 33. Austrian kronen were heavy and established a new low, finishing the week at 00.13 $\frac{3}{4}$ for checks and 00.14 $\frac{3}{4}$ for cable transfers, in comparison with 00.15 and 00.16 last week. Lire closed at 4.50 for bankers' sight bills and 4.51 for cable transfers. This compares 4 73 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 4 74 $\frac{1}{2}$ the week before. Exchange on the mid-European Republics was irregular and weak with Czecho-Slovakian currency at 1 34, against 1 33 $\frac{3}{4}$, Bucharest at 1 43, against 1 48; Poland at .05 $\frac{1}{2}$, against .05 $\frac{1}{2}$, and Finland at 1 70, against 1 70 a week earlier. Greek drachma declined to 5 45 for checks, recovered to 5 60, but finished at 5 45, with cable transfers at 5 50, against 5 65 and 5 75 last week. The temporary improvement was attributed mainly to reports that the Government had succeeded in arranging for a new loan of 150,000,000 drachmas with the National Bank of Athens, which is expected to negotiate a private loan from English bankers.

Movements in exchange on the former neutral centres closely paralleled those at other Continental centres. Considerable activity was noted in the form

of selling which was said to originate with German authorities who are drawing on their balances in preparation for further reparation payments. This was particularly conspicuous in the case of guilders which broke to 31.80 for a time. Swiss francs were heavy, declining to 16.48, while Scandinavian rates showed marked irregularity and closed at substantial declines in most cases. Spanish pesetas also lost ground with a drop to 12.53 for checks. Spanish newspapers continue to discuss the depreciation in Spanish currency and freely lay the blame for the situation upon the Government authorities who instead of exporting at least some part of the large stocks of gold held are allowing the matter to drift.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam closed at 31.86, against 32.55; cable transfers 31.91, against 32.60; commercial sight bills at 31.81, against 32.50, and commercial sixty days 31.45, against 32.14 a week ago. Final quotations on Swiss francs were 16.52 for bankers' sight bills and 16.54 for cable transfers. A week ago the close was 16.75 and 16.76. Copenhagen checks closed at 15.70 and cable transfers 15.75, against 16.48 and 16.53. Checks on Sweden finished at 21.00 and cable transfers 21.05, against 21.65 and 21.70, while checks on Norway closed at 13.30 and cable transfers at 13.35, against 13.94 and 13.96 the previous week. Spanish pesetas closed at 12.82 for checks and 12.84 for cable transfers. Last week the close was 12.83 and 12.85.

CABLE BUYING RATES FIXED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANK. JULY 8 1921 TO JULY 14 1921, INCLUSIVE.

Table with columns: Country and Monetary Unit, Neoc Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York, Value in United States Money. Rows include EUROPE (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, etc.) and ASIA (Hongkong, Shanghai, etc.).

* April 7 1921, Norway, krone, .1607.

As to South American quotations, no improvement was noted, and there was a further decline to 29.12 1/2 for Argentine checks, with cable transfers at 29.25, against 29.62 and 29.75. Brazil declined to 10.37 1/2 for checks, but rallied and finished at 10.50, with cable transfers 10.62 1/2, in comparison with 10.50 and 10.62 last week. No special importance is attached to this fresh outbreak of weakness, which is still considered as due to unfavorable trade conditions. The committee appointed to liquidate merchandise in South American ports reports the total of undelivered goods to amount to not much over \$65,000,000, instead of the \$100,000,000

previously reported. This is explained in part by the fact that some goods have been returned to American exporters. Chilean exchange finished at 10.37 1/2, against 10.62 1/2, and Peru at 3.85, against 3.90.

Far Eastern exchange was as follows: Hong Kong, 50 1/4 @ 50 1/2, against 50 @ 50 1/4; Shanghai, 71 @ 71 1/2, against 70 1/2 @ 70 3/4; Yokohama, 48 1/2 @ 48 3/4, against 48 @ 48 1/4; Manila, 46 @ 46 1/2 (unchanged); Singapore, 44 @ 44 1/2, against 45 @ 45 1/4; Bombay, 24 @ 24 1/4, against 24 1/4 @ 24 1/2; and Calcutta, 23 3/4 @ 24, against 24 1/2 @ 24 3/4.

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$8,043,944 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending July 14. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$8,804,009, while the shipments have reached \$760,065, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Table with columns: Week ending July 14., Into Banks., Out of Banks., Gain or Loss to Banks. Row: Banks' interior movement.

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.

Table with columns: Saturday, July 9., Monday, July 11., Tuesday, July 12., Wednesday, July 13., Thursday, July 14., Friday, July 15., Aggregate for Week. Rows: \$ values.

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

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

Table with columns: Banks of, July 14 1921., July 15 1920., Gold., Silver., Total. Rows: England, France, Germany, etc.

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

PEACE—AT LAST!

How strange are the ways of law-makers! The very date of the armistice grows hazy in the memory—and at last we are at peace! "Technical" war is over! A shell-shocked people has been convalescent for these many, many moons, but the Government as physician has still been in charge of the case. The recuperative forces of nature have been at work eliminating the poisons of enmity, building

up the broken industrial tissues, clearing and sweetening the mind, and the patient now goes forth by official permission to resume the old relations with antagonists in a world-war. Could anything better illustrate the growing powers of Government over the very lives and activities of *free* peoples? It is said now that diplomatic relations will be resumed—and, as a consequence, trade. Yet the very temper of or citizenry has long been changed—and hot, intolerant hate has already become a negligible quantity.

Nothing more firmly proves the rash and foolish process of insensate war than the slow coming of Governmental peace. No more did this people make war than this people have made national peace. Not that there was not considerable and insistent demand for war—but looking at the haste of Congress in declaring a state of war to exist and the delay in declaring that that state no longer exists, Congress has not been an entirely faithful interpreter of either popular feeling or will. Mr. Bryan has been right in his contention that it ought to be as easy to make peace as to make war. More might be said. It ought to be as hard to make war as it is now to make peace—as far as Government is concerned. But the citizenry cry All Hail! to this last act of a “representative” form of Government.

True, our activities absorb us because they contain as a result of the waste of conflict hitherto inconceivable burdens. There is a certain indifference to this slow accomplishment. We note that no bells are ringing, no whistles blowing; there is no wild rejoicing in the streets, as was the case when the news of the armistice came. But the deeper heart of the people is glad. Now, at last, we may go forward; at last we may meet and greet in fraternal spirit a former enemy—we may “shake hands” with a former foe over the officially bridged chasm. And with the new condition there ought to be a solemn dedication to the spirit of peace for all the future with all the nations. For peoples *may* live and love without the permission or direction of our formal laws.

We speak, of course, some weeks after the fact. But is there not in this very circumstance a reminder that peace is an ever-present reality, a continuous process. We need not speak of the words we so often use in matters of lesser moment—forget and forgive. We declare only that peace is a vital, living thing. It is static; but from that static store of calm issues, if we but will it so, a dynamic energy that restores the human mind and purifies the human heart. Surely now, one may boldly declare himself a pacifist? Would one now be loyal to country who would agitate for another war? This declaration of peace is but the benediction that soothes and blesses as a people passes once again out into the sunlight of endeavor, the “God-be-with-you” after these intervening years since conflict ceased in which the better nature makes confession and receives its own absolution. No people thoroughly liberated from the ensuing entanglements of that world-war can now have the heart to renew the struggle. And it is not altogether because an enemy has been conquered; it is not that there is popular doubt as to the righteousness of a cause; it is not because idealism, even, failed—it is because in the sacred calm of the soul of mankind there is the universal consciousness that war in the abstract sense is futile and wrong.

Can we keep this spirit in the ascendant, can we make peace *live*? It is the greatest duty of this age, and of every age. We talk of the power of education, and none should deny it. Yet it is not so much education as consecration. Men need not be educated in the modern sense to love one another. The greatest Peacemaker of the ages knew little of governmental forms, of constitutions and civil statutes, of domestic and foreign trade, of congested cities under conditions such as now prevail, of international relations, of labor unions and combinations of capital, yet as a mere boy He was able to debate with the learned Sanhedrin over the laws of God. If we may define religion in its broadest, most comprehensive sense as reverence for the Spirit of Good and devotion to the welfare of mankind, then peace is a religious issue and not a political one. The economics of individualism that has brought forth our advanced civilization in the fear (love) of God is not against it but for it—a sustenance and mainstay.

How, then, shall we live this *new peace* that has come to us after this unparalleled war? Must it not be by the greater personal consecration of every man to the religion of peace—which is love for fellow-men? Must not envy depart with chauvinism? Must there not be a demand that liberal representative Governments shall love—as neighbor loves neighbor, under the sacred Sermon on the Mount? Looking upon personal prayer as aspiration more than petition must not every well-wisher of his kind *pray* for peace in his daily contact with his fellows, in his daily thought for those remote. All constructive processes are well. But under them all and in them all, must ever abide renouncement of self in espousal of others, the bearing, if need be, of some degree of injury, lest a greater evil follow its righteous removal.

THE PRESIDENT ON THE SOLDIER BONUS.

President Harding has the present week gone before Congress and very courageously undertaken to define his position on the Federal Soldier Bonus proposition. In a special address to the Senate, remonstrating against any attempt to pass a bonus bill, at least at this present time, the President has taken his stand with Secretary Mellon. Without re-stating the figures presented by the Secretary concerning the outlook for the country's finances, he calls attention to the fact that we are now carrying along (instead of funding) our floating debt by short loans at 5¾%, which is a piece of improvidence and shiftlessness that ought to set all serious people thinking. Enacting this bill “in the midst of the struggle for readjustment and restoration would hinder every effort and greatly imperil the financial stability of the country; moreover, this menacing effort to expend billions in gratuities will imperil our capacity to discharge our first obligations to those we must not fail to aid.” This is strictly true, and to reply to it by repeating indefinite assertions that the cost will not be so much as some think and that we can take care of it easily enough, savors more of mere petulance than of the seriousness which should possess legislators.

Those “first obligations” are due to those who have suffered in the war, and the President cites some work already done in discharge of that duty, a duty certain to be halted or hindered by any such attempt as he is now opposing. In the War Risk

Insurance, 813,442 claims had been filed, up to July 7, of which 747,786 had been adjudicated, at an expense of \$471,946,762. There have been requested 887,614 medical examinations, and less than 14,000 await medical action; 26,237 disabled soldiers have been "hospitalized," and in Government-controlled hospitals 6,000 available beds are without occupants. In allotments and allowances, \$578,465,658 has been paid out, and nearly four billions of Government insurance are in force. In vocational training and rehabilitation of disabled soldiers, 107,824 have been enrolled to date; 75,812 are in training, with pay, at a maximum cost of \$160 a month; 8,208 are in training without pay, at \$35 a month for tuition and support; 4,000 have finished their training and have returned to gainful employment; their earnings average \$1,051 a year before entering the service, and they are now averaging \$1,550 despite all drawbacks. For this work Congress has appropriated 65 millions for the current year, but the contemplated average of 95,000 disabled for training in the year before us will require 163 instead of 65 millions.

There have been individual stories of incompetent handling and of apparent indifference and neglect, and doubtless some such cases will always occur in such a work; but these figures show that something has been actually done and is now doing, and also indicate the line of the country's duty, for "every obligation is to the disabled and dependent," and it will be folly and shame to imperil it for any gratuity to others. On the side of duty plainly before the country, the President says that with the increase of availability to training, the estimated additional outlay of 468 millions annually until the pledge of training is fully discharged "suggests neither neglect nor ingratitude; it is more than the entire annual cost of the Federal Government for many years following the Civil War, and challenges every charge of failure to deal considerably with our nation's defenders." On the side of the menace of the pending bill, he thinks no thoughtful person "is ready for added compensation for the healthful, self-reliant masses of our great armies, at the cost of a Treasury break-down, which will bring its hardships to all the citizens of the Republic; its enactment now would in all probability so add to our interest rates that the added interest charge on new and refunded indebtedness may alone exceed the sum it is proposed to bestow."

What the President asks is only postponement, not the final burial which the monstrosity deserves. But postponement probably means only to the regular session to begin in December, and there are some factors in the situation which should be very seriously noted and remembered. One is that the persons who have been pushing for the bonus seem unconvinced and sullenly unchanged; a few Senators even grumble that the President had no right to intervene, as though he were not thereby complying with a constitutional mandate, and we are also told that the American Legion protested against recommitment of the bill and will keep up the fight for it. The other factor is the moral obliquity and business recklessness which alone could give the bill such evident support as it has in Congress, and also the apparent indifference to it shown by the country. There have been some protests from the press, for the "Chronicle" has not been left to battle single-handed; there have been protests by busi-

ness organizations, and there have probably been some direct communications from home to Congressmen which have escaped mention in the clamor of propaganda; yet all these combined do not make the condemnatory response which should come from the American people. The lack of such response ought to set us thinking; the fact that we do not seem to be moved ought to move us, since indifference to danger magnifies that danger.

At the most, the bill is only scotched by delay, not killed. To assume that its demerits make its enactment quite impossible would be a hazardous mistake. The fact that such a thing is seriously offered and pushed—and (most ominously) is not irresistibly condemned forthwith—ought to ensure such a condemnation without delay.

FRANCE RENEWING HER STRENGTH.

Of all countries involved in the late war France suffered most, physically speaking; it is therefore of special interest, now that recent action has brought our own country back to a status of technical peace, to know how far France has "come back." Eugene Schneider, head of establishments at Creusot and elsewhere, for whom the "Herald" vouches as that country's largest individual employer of labor and the greatest captain of industry, has been talking to the Paris representative of that journal about the present condition and industrial outlook of France.

He is optimistic, and if the reports of his own agents concerning the war-devastated regions are neither partial nor too roseate, his optimism is justified. When the armistice was signed, he says, only 1,944,000 inhabitants were in those regions, against 4,679,000 before the war, but now 4,100,000 have regained their homes; of 293,000 homes which were damaged, only 13,000 remain unrepaired, and more than one-half of the devastated districts has been again made productive. The strictly industrial figures are not less surprising. In 1919, says M. Schneider, France's coal output was 22,476,000 tons, and in the year just completed this has risen to over 25,000,000; the output of iron ore has risen from 9,422,000 to over 13,000,000; her pig iron from 2,412,000 to nearly 3,000,000 tons, notwithstanding the chaotic conditions in the latter part of 1920. Last year, he further says, the imports nearly equaled those of 1919, but the exports doubled, and in the first quarter of 1921 the commercial balance showed nearly a billion francs on the export side. Again, the number of unemployed has at no time exceeded 84,800 (in April last) and now is not more than 60,000. Aside from the condition of the once devastated regions, says M. Schneider, "France is to-day in a better condition than any other of the belligerent nations, and this is generally recognized since the fixing of the German annuities by the London agreement."

Granting, of course, that this is an individual opinion as respects comparative present condition and prospects, the report as to the re-populating of the devastated districts receives strong confirmation when we turn back to some remarkable testimony now only a year old. There had been a dismal story that some French engineers had declared that large sections of the areas which had suffered most were hopelessly ruined, the soil itself being so far gone that only the slow processes of Nature through a half-century or more could restore it.

But one American observer, speaking to an American committee headed by Miss Anne Morgan, affirmed the contrary. He went to France with a belief, founded on his own experience with dynamite in agriculture, that the French engineers and the agriculturists who accepted their deductions were over-hasty. He visited one of the worst spots in the Aisne war zone, "Red Monkey Plateau," which had been taken and retaken eighteen times, so that the soil was overturned from two to five feet deep, and not even a trace of a former cellar wall remained. At the foot of the hill, he said, the French experts were still insisting that nothing could ever grow there again, but this was the refutation which met his eyes:

"When we reached the top we found ourselves wading through the richest red clover I have ever seen. The leaves were as big as silver dollars. Alfalfa covered the deepest holes.

"I will say this for the French: they were prompt to admit their error. Within two days the order condemning this territory was revoked, and 4,000 people returned to their homes in one day. It appears that the plowing done by the shells brought to the surface the deep soil which contains valuable materials of which the top soil, used for generations, had been depleted. Riding through France, one can trace the lines of the trenches, now filled in and planted, by the richer, darker green of the wheat growing in the deep-plowed soil."

Now the ordinary observer might have been deceived by lack of thoroughness and competence of his investigation, or by his benevolent optimism; but Mr. Fullerton was safe from such ways of error. For when the Long Island Railroad came under control of the Pennsylvania, the head of the former road decided that Long Island needed to be "discovered," and he set Mr. Fullerton, then a journalist and an expert amateur photographer, at what we call in these days "publicity" work. But as he had also an agricultural bent and an agricultural experience, he enlarged his work. He selected, at a spot in the interior, several acres of the most unpromising land discoverable, where little except "scrub" had grown or apparently ever would grow, and he went at the job of making the wilderness blossom, in company with his equally enthusiastic wife. They brought fatness out of sterility. Their "market baskets" may still be remembered by those who saw or ate their contents; he averred (and this was ten years ago) that 300 bushels to the acre were a common and 400 an occasional yield of potatoes, also that the Island, underlaid with fertile material and abounding in hidden water-courses, will grow almost everything not absolutely tropical.

As for dynamite as a potential constructive agent, in 1911 the Pennsylvania Road issued an illustrated pamphlet of 112 pages on that subject. To somebody had occurred the happy thought that dynamite would as willingly "lift" stumps as anything else, and when the test was made it was found to not only lift out the stump but to shatter it into small bits; further trial showed that cellars could be best "dug" by judicious handling of dynamite, which will also make ditches, holes for fence-posts, etc. Three men, with 250 pounds of this sudden agent, can "dig" 1,000 feet of ditch in three days, and for getting through hard-pan and making the most suitable bed for setting out trees it was found exactly adapted.

"The desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose . . . in the wilderness shall waters break out, and

streams in the desert; and the parched ground shall become a pool and the thirsty land streams of water." So the ancient roll of the Prophet Isaiah tells us it shall be when the promised Kingdom of God shall come on this unhappy old earth. The degenerating monarchy which sowed the wind that fell in whirlwind upon amiable and hapless Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette had been supported by the long-habituated and patient industry, intense saving, and extreme thrift of the French peasantry; those same characteristics of the rural common people were what saved France in 1871 and later, and confounded the intent of Bismarck to lay on France a burden under which she could not again rise to her feet; and now, in this almost cataclysmic time, when to many it has seemed a fulfillment of prophecy to believe the end of the world at hand, there is a promise of recovery, and of a recovery even larger because destruction has been so apparently sweeping. We are now beginning to think and to speak with some confidence of "peace," notwithstanding the clash of weapons and the clanging of angry voices still disturb the air. Taking in all the globe, and despite the habit of giving bad news at least the greatest prominence and reiteration as "news," we have still grounds—indeed, increasing grounds—for encouragement and even for optimism. Progress has been made towards recovery and prosperity, notably in this past year. Troubled though we still are, we have vantage points for confidence in the future, and one of those which should be especially cheering is that France, our old friend and ally, is finding herself and renewing her strength.

THOSE WHO "STAND AND WAIT"—READINESS TO RESUME BUSINESS.

Against the huge task of gathering the harvest—stands midsummer with its "madness." In sweltering cities the tides of life run low. And the longing for a "vacation" is one phase of a "return to normal." For man, in the earlier years of our country's history, was not so closely bound in the chains of a conventional commerce. He had less of care, and could more easily "break away," where a "routine" seems now to hold him. Hence his "midsummer madness" is by way of an extreme. Loosed from his desk and office, he rushes into amusements that prove often more tiresome than the task he forsakes. It is a natural reaction to the self-inflicted slavery of modern business. Follows—a depression—things are not what they seem—the violence of the vacation is succeeded on a return to vocations by a sort of distrust and fear.

We introduce this homely picture for the purpose of suggesting an economic truth—some would call it a "psychological" one, though its nature takes on more of the philosophic. And the truth is this: We have all been, by frantic efforts at resumption, unconsciously searing our consciences with the feeling that somehow we are derelict in our endeavors. Rushing from the inaction of war to the renewals of peace we have come to believe that more is expected of us than we have the ability to accomplish. We look upon "the times" and find they are slow—our efforts run toward miraculous remedies that do not stand the test—we seem to be striving harder than ever and making less progress—the very riot of our thoughts and plans brings upon us a sort of hopelessness.

Here we discover that worry is the foe of work. If we put one word into the poet's phrase and say "stand fast and wait," we will have a complete meaning—and one more easily understood. Just as the vacationist works too hard—so we worry too much over our recuperative processes in industry. We have all lived long enough after the war to better understand some of the conditions of its aftermath. True, in a way, a very bad way often, we have been using our heads more than our hands. But we have been using them in a frenzy of impatience to get "back to normal." When in fact the "normal" lies not in a complete change of life and environment—but in using our powers in the old way, content to await the outcome—which can never fail us.

We forget in the heyday of our progress how many long years of constant endeavor went into its making. We tore it to pieces by war, and we refuse to count time as a necessary element in reconstruction. We are all "better off" than we believe we are. In our own case, as a people, we have everything we ever had to fall back upon. We speak of course of institutions and instrumentalities, not possessions—either of life or fortune. And the untold advantage that accrues to us in this is that these forces, though time must elapse in resumption, when they do resume have a volume and momentum of production accumulated through these same long and formative years. We have, then, no cause for depression—so long as we are conscious of being at work!

When a team of horses is urged too strongly to pull an extraordinarily heavy load, often they do not "pull together." The driver, in his impatience over the seesaw movement of the horses, sometimes grows impatient and uses the whip. Not seldom it avails little. Then comes a rest—and finally, with the usual milder forms of encouragement, there is a "concerted movement" and the load, moving slowly at first, goes on its way. It means very little to us, if we will only reason calmly, that industries vary at the present time in the percentages of their activity. We cannot have complete resumption until we are able to "get together" for the new start. Frenzied efforts upon the part of one of our chief industries to move the whole load by its own energy serves to increase the disorder, and in fact must fail.

There is another common phrase we may call into use—it is that of "marking time." This is done in order to be ready when the call of "forward march" does come. It has an economic application we do well to heed. Not "business," by our countless concerns, according to the fulness of past years—but vigilant readiness to resume at full capacity, and efficient service according to current demands, should be our purpose. There is coming a time when, by the settling processes of natural law, the conviction will become common to the world's industrialists, that the "worst is over," that economy has done its work, that the inroads and injuries of war have been repaired, and that there is no longer any reason why in confidence the concern may not go forward under "full steam."

We offer these commonplace thoughts in the "dull season" of the year for the reason that if true they may serve somewhat to stimulate reflection and analysis and lead us all to renew in good time our quest of the "better way" because encouraged by the reappearance of elements we have overlooked. It is said of the politician that he finds, at times,

the occupation of "sawing wood" his most profitable occupation. He is not idle in thought or deed, though it is mere "summertime" between campaigns. He is wary, watchful, and working—though the latter is not his usual canvass for votes. In some such way, we think, the business man may go on with his enterprise, pushing it as far as it will bear, feeling that "good times" approach, and *he* is ready!

THE "CONSUMING DESIRE FOR WEALTH."

In the old fable the tortoise won the race. It had a definite goal; it plodded along, conscious of its own limited powers of locomotion; it attempted nothing spectacular; but, in our modern language, it "got there just the same"! We sometimes grow excited over certain "get-rich-quick" schemes that fleece the public, and go so far in our corrective methods that we pass laws which put really onerous limitations on legitimate corporations. Yet we hardly realize the fact that the spirit of getting rich quickly is an obsession of our times. We are unwilling plodders—aye, even reluctant workers. It is placing no ban upon the full exercise of energy to demand that it shall have caution and persistence. And it is true that the very evenness of production and equality of distribution are best sustained by pouring our industrial energies into the commercial stream at as near a constant ratio as it is possible to attain. But we are too often influenced by the desire for sudden and extraordinary riches.

We think there is enough in this matter to engage philosophic consideration. Involved in it is the bane of profiteering. Men actuated by the law of complete service to the end of sufficient and constant profits do not profiteer in business. On the other hand, business conducted with no thought but that of attaining in the shortest time great wealth *may* profiteer. Not only is the moral fibre of trade broken, but the chances men take, which often go wrong, tend to disorder our commercial affairs. This is one phase of our subject. But dismissing this quasi-moral side, the goal of great wealth in a few years involves a fever of excitement that reacts upon the stability of our business as a whole. We are not willing to take the sure, steady, safe, road. We come to demand the whole for a part of a price of the whole. And we embrace fervidly every factitious aid and circumstance. We envy our neighbor's wealth, without studying the means of its attainment.

Almost, it would seem, these fraudulent schemes are but an outgrowth of a deeper fault, though it be an unconscious one, the fault of a failure to make haste slowly, to serve fairly and fully for a just and an average rate of compensation. We enter here, we know, a field broad and overgrown with complications. Nevertheless, there *is* a right principle for the conduct of all business. And we cannot escape the giving of full service for either profits or wages as measured by the needs and demands of the particular period of time in which we live. We are finding no fault with the urge of ambition for *better* service. But when a business, taking undue advantage of onerous circumstances, strives to exact ten years' price in profits for five years' pay in service, when it wholly ignores the time element in service, it becomes an unconscious profiteer. And this is just what occurs when trade is conducted solely to attain quickly great wealth.

We are considering a matter broad in its application. Undoubtedly the war intensified our social desire for great personal wealth. And it follows that much of our discontent is due to witnessing these vast fortunes piled up through the adventitious necessities of war. But we were constantly as a people growing into the condition of measuring success in life, and in the business life, by the size of the fortune attained. We would not deny to any man the ambition to be rich. And when we lay down the law of service, we thereby enact the law of slow and constant accumulations. How often do we say "no man can get rich on a salary" or on wages. Yet we cannot eliminate salaries and wages from our economic scheme. Nor is it quite sufficient to offer to a man the soothing syrup of "duty well done." We must see that unceasing work for work's sake, and for the good that is always to be performed, must be a guiding factor in the economic equation.

We have our lesson in the growth we witness in nature. We cannot hasten the coming of the harvest. Sowing, cultivating, reaping, these are unchangeable steps. The grain germinates, the leaves of the corn appear, then the ear and the full corn in the ear. The glad bounty rests upon the constancy of the law. And a powerful and strong business enterprise grows in the same way. The corporation comes to our aid through the combination of the smaller integers of capital. We simply sow a larger field with good grain. But when we seek to hasten the harvest by the mere power of force we fail to follow the law. And though we may seem to "make money rapidly," barring the failures which ensue from overproduction or underconsumption, and the hazards we incur that too often follow our miscalculations, we are really enjoying a fictitious prosperity, out of which the constancy of time and equability of demand will take toll.

This is one of the matters of chief importance in business now. We are unwilling to resume the slower methods of normal times because we are too much enamored by the fortunes acquired through the forcing processes of war. Prices mounted so rapidly we are unwilling to accept ordinary profits now. Wages climbed so fast we are afraid we will starve now under even limited reductions. It is an attitude, a feeling, that ends in discontent, doubt, despair. Now time is nothing in one sense, and everything in another. A life lived for service cannot be suddenly stopped by retirement on a fortune. A business which grows by service according to need cannot suddenly become an overshadowing monopoly. The law of service requires that employment and enterprise be continuous. And this compels the constancy of each. And when constant under need there must be the slowness of a great mass moving.

Coming to the personal side of the matter observance of the law will prevent "overreaching," "spreading out too far," and many attendant disasters, which injure others as well as those who succumb. We fail in our suggestions herein if we do not make clear the principle of plodding. It does not lessen growth and legitimate expansion of business, but acts as a regulator. It may be a matter impossible of control. None, however, can fail to see its potency when business men come to understand that there is danger in growing too fast, in getting the power of riches too soon. What we have

always called "periods" of prosperity and of depression are due largely to excessive pressure that sooner or later must be accounted for by reversal. And for the requirements of this particular time appreciation of the law of business—living according to the demands of the ultimate consumption, will steady many an enterprise and point out the winning factor of caution and constancy in effort.

THE FARMERS IN CONTROL IN CANADA.

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Unless the drift of Canadian political feeling can be diverted by such new strategy as the tariff protectionists may possibly put into play, it now appears impossible to ward off the virtual control of Dominion policies by the Agrarian party following the next general election in 1922 or 1923. A recent election at Medicine Hat, Alberta, gave such a swamping turn-over for the farmers' candidate that the Government champion lost his deposit. Both rural and urban sections declared for the policies of the organized farmers. With a few exceptions, the Government has not been successful in its appeals through bye elections.

It is not that specific charges of inefficiency or corruption have been made or sustained that has influenced the results. The honesty of the present Government is seldom impugned. The cause of disaffection is to be found in a new quarter. Hitherto, the Ontario farming constituencies in large degree have been of a conservative mind, rallying to the cry of fiscal protection. To-day, not only in Ontario but throughout the West, intensive political education through the Council of Agriculture has had the effect of severing the old bonds between the rural vote and official Liberal and Conservative parties. There is now an excellently managed Farmers' Party, which is probably safe in claiming 80% of the Canadian farmers as supporters of its candidates and policies. They control the Governments of Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, and are rapidly uniting the farmer vote in the Maritime Provinces, if not in Quebec.

The significance of this altogether unique political development, as concerns Canada's experience, is that the control of Dominion seats in sufficient number by the Agrarians at the next election will mean automatically a sharp correction in the country's present fiscal policies. The farmers, according to their platform, are openly distrustful of the methods used in building up Canadian industries by relatively high tariff protection. Their fight will be made almost wholly upon their claims of unfair treatment of the Canadian consumer by the Canadian manufacturer and upon their plea for an increased British preference and aggressive encouragement of such primary producers as farmers, miners, fishermen and the makers of forest products. They are also committed to the principle of reciprocity in natural products with the United States, and have by no means renounced it, even in face of the new array of United States tariff imposts.

THE HALF-YEAR'S FAILURES RECORD.

Decreased activity in business and falling prices for commodities continue to find their natural reflection in the periodic statements of commercial failures. In other words, under such conditions the number of defaults increases and the volume of liabilities materially augments, whereas with the situ-

ation reversed, as in 1919 and the early part of 1920, mercantile disasters drop to exceptionally low levels. Latterly the number of failures has shown a decreasing tendency, although continuing much above the corresponding periods of recent previous years. In fact, the number of defaults reported for June 1921 was the smallest of any month since November last, but at the same time nearly double that of the same period in 1920 and close to three times the 1919 total. In the matter of indebtedness, the month's total is not only the lightest in seven months, but only a little greater than for June 1920.

For the half-year ended June 30, the insolvency exhibit is quite naturally under the conditions that have prevailed, an unsatisfactory one—not so much in the number of firms forced to the wall as in the volume of liabilities involved. It is true that the relation, numerically, between this and last year was close to 3 to 1, but in 1916 and 1915 the showing in this particular was poorer than now. The sum of the debts for the six months is by far the heaviest on record, exceeding by 122 million dollars the total reported for the same half-year in 1915 and running 102 millions ahead of the last half of 1920. There is, nevertheless, a favorable feature to the current exhibit, and that we find in the fact that the showing for the second quarter, both as regards number of disasters and amount of debts, is much better than for the first period.

The mercantile defaults in all lines in June 1921 are reported by Messrs. R. G. Dun & Co. at 1,320, covering liabilities of \$34,639,375, against 674 and \$32,990,965 last year, 485 and \$9,482,721 two years ago, 804 and \$10,606,741 in 1918, and 1,160 and \$57,881,664 in 1914—the latter the heaviest June indebtedness ever reported, and largely due to the Claffin failure. In all the divisions into which the failures are segregated the number was greater than a year ago, but among brokers, agents, etc., the amount of money involved was decidedly less. Last year the liabilities in that division amounted to no less than \$19,485,599, whereas the current year's total is only \$6,166,184.

For the half-year there were 9,035 failures, involving debts of \$310,671,604 in 1921, against 3,352 and \$86,743,876 last year, 3,463 and \$68,710,886 two years ago, and 12,740 and \$188,587,535 in 1915—this latter total the heaviest on record up to 1921 for the first half-yearly period. In the last half of 1920, however, the liabilities were somewhat heavier—\$208,377,929. The insolvencies among manufacturers showed a considerable increase in number, as contrasted with 1920—from 901 to 2,017—and the indebtedness rose more than four-fold, or from \$24,016,377 to \$100,355,679. Needless to say, all lines shared more or less in the increase, but it is most in evidence in machinery, lumber, clothing and the miscellaneous branches grouped under "all other." In the trading division, an even greater rise in the number of defaults occurred, and the same is true of the liabilities, 6,494 failures for \$121,261,784 comparing with 2,140 for \$24,269,247. In the brokerage, agents, etc., division, an extraordinarily heavy total of debts is reported for the six months, reaching \$89,054,141, against only \$38,458,252 last year, which in turn was the heaviest aggregate on record up to now.

Banking suspensions of the half-year reflecting the adverse business situation were decidedly more numerous than a year ago—144 against 17—and involved \$41,411,765 against \$5,612,000. The South

and the Far West felt the strain most severely, the liabilities of suspended institutions in Texas, Georgia, Florida and Mississippi accounting for 12 millions of the above aggregate, North Dakota $4\frac{3}{4}$ millions, Nebraska $3\frac{1}{2}$ millions, and Washington $8\frac{1}{2}$ millions, with totals of 1 million or a little above in Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Idaho and Oregon. Geographical analysis of the six months' commercial failures reveals the fact that in all the various divisions into which they are segregated by Messrs. R. G. Dun & Co. the insolvencies were greater in number than in 1920, and the liabilities also in excess, with the augmentation on the Pacific, however, very slight.

In the Dominion of Canada the first half of 1921 witnessed a marked expansion in the number of failures, as contrasted with 1920, due in greatest measure to stress in the Province of Quebec. Briefly, there were 1,033 defaults in the Dominion in the six months, covering debts of \$33,170,405, comparing with 415 and \$7,636,633 last year, 385 and \$9,316,645 in 1919, and 501 and \$8,654,694 in 1918. In manufacturing lines, liabilities of \$14,814,979 contrast with \$4,590,476 last year; traders' debts of \$16,080,255 with \$2,557,351, and those of brokers, etc., of \$2,275,171 with \$488,806. Indicating the strength of the banking position in Canada, the elapsed portion of 1921 has been free of failures among the financial institutions of the country. In fact there have been none since 1915.

GOLD AND SILVER PRODUCTION AND MOVEMENT IN 1920.

In stating that the production of gold from the mines of the world in 1920 showed a diminution as compared with the amount for the preceding year, we are simply repeating a statement we had been obliged to make in each of the four previous years. In these earlier years, however, no other outcome was looked for. With conditions quite generally more or less disturbed or chaotic as a result of the war in Europe it was considered natural that the output of gold should steadily decline in 1916, 1917 and 1918. On the other hand, some improvement was hoped for with hostilities at an end. But conditions in 1919 were not favorable for improvement, for then, as in 1918, shortage of labor and in considerable degree its lack of efficiency, as well as high cost of production, were operative in the more important fields, and disorder in Russia and Mexico militated against any revival of activity in mining operations in those countries. As a matter of fact increase in gold production in 1919 was confined to Canada and to several localities elsewhere of decidedly limited output, whereas all the larger producers reported more or less important declines, with the falling off in the world as a whole about 900,000 fine ounces. The causes operative in 1919 were in large measure responsible also for the further decline in production in 1920 of some 872,690 fine ounces, carrying the world's total down to a level nearly 5,800,000 fine ounces below the high record production of 1915, and leaving it the smallest of any year since 1904.

Higher cost of production has been, of course, a very important element in reducing the volume of output, and particularly in districts where the grade of ore mined is low. Efforts to relieve the situation by allowing a premium on the product were, moreover, quite generally ineffective. This applies more

particularly to South Africa, the output from the mines of the Transvaal running below that of 1919 in volume, although, due to the fact that the price obtained during the year ranged from £5 2s 6d to £5 17s 6d, instead of the standard value of £4.2478 per fine ounce, the gross return to the producer was not much under that of the previous year. In the United States, Representative McFadden introduced a bill last summer, the intent of which, through the imposition of a tax of 50 cents per pennyweight of fine gold for all gold manufactured, used or sold for other than coinage or monetary purposes, was to provide a fund from which there should be paid a bonus of \$10 per fine ounce to the producers of new gold. The proposition, however, met with strong opposition and the bill made no progress.

The adverse factors working to cause a reduction in the yield of the world's premier producing field—the Witwatersrand district of South Africa—were shortage of labor and the lower grade of ore encountered in many of the leading mines, and the first influence accounts for the poorer result in the smaller fields adjacent thereto. Throughout the year the labor force was too small to permit the normal working of the mines, and complaints of the inefficiency of many of those employed (the natives, of course) was not lacking. The year opened with the number of Kaffirs at work somewhat greater than at the beginning of the previous year and there were further accessions in the first few months, encouraging belief that the labor problem was in process of solution. But, beginning with May, the force steadily declined in number, month by month, and at the close of the year stood at only 159,671, or much the smallest force in upwards of a decade, only excepting December of 1918 and 1913, and comparing with 166,155 in December 1919 and 209,438 at the end of 1915.

Unrest among the native workers developed on two or three occasions during 1920, but while this quite naturally was a hindering influence, no serious strikes resulted. A strike of between 30,000 and 40,000 natives at the close of February was of only about a week's duration, and a cessation of work in one mine occurred in the first week of April. Shortly after the turn of the half year the South African Amalgamated Engine Drivers' and Firemen's Association made demands for a 48-hour week and overtime pay that the Chamber of Mines refused to accede to, and a strike occurred that was called off August 25.

Production of gold from the mines of the Rand started out in January less than for the same month of 1919, and each month thereafter, excepting June and July, the output bore the same relation to the previous year and quite generally the results were smaller also than in all earlier years back to but not including 1910. The full year's production was the smallest in a decade, falling below 1919 by 161,686 fine ounces and running under the high record of 1916 by 1,021,774 fine ounces. Furthermore, the yield of outside districts of the Transvaal was 14,233 fine ounces less than a year earlier. Rhodesia, too, reported a contraction in production for the year of 39,757 fine ounces, and the result in West Africa, Mozambique, Madagascar, etc., was under that of 1919. For the whole of Africa, therefore, the output for 1920 is estimated at 9,149,035 fine ounces, or 225,105 fine ounces less than in the previous year,

392,989 fine ounces below 1918, and 1,564,066 fine ounces smaller than the high record of 1916. This contraction, however, has in no sense affected Africa's pre-eminence as a producer of gold, its yield for 1920 exceeding by a clear margin that of all others combined.

In the United States, too, high cost of production was a considerable handicap to gold mining operations, this being a notable fact as regards Alaska, where low-grade ores predominate. Under ordinary conditions the large tonnage produced acts as an offset to the low percentage of gold secured therefrom, but with recent high operating costs and low relative market value of the mineral products—copper, silver, etc., as well as the more precious metal—profits in many instances have been entirely absorbed, so that there has been no incentive to undertake new ventures. This being the case there was a quite noticeable decrease in the amount of gold secured from the mines of Alaska in 1920, according to the joint estimate issued by the Geological Survey and the Director of the Mint. It is not to be inferred, of course, that the decrease is in any way an indication of the early exhaustion of the gold resources of the region. On the contrary, it is intimated officially that Alaska contains enormous potential reserves of gold and other minerals, and that depression of the mining industry there is only temporary. What was true of Alaska in 1920 was equally so of all other large producing sections in the country, the official estimate denoting that in California, Colorado, South Dakota, Montana, Arizona, Nevada and Utah, the year's product was well below that of 1919, and consequently for the whole country the preliminary approximation shows the loss in yield in the late year was 523,611 fine ounces, making the total output of the mines the smallest since 1895.

Turning to India we note that the returns at hand which, though only partial, furnish a basis for drawing fairly correct conclusions, indicate that there was a further moderate contraction in the volume of gold mined in 1920 and the same is to be said of Australasia. Furthermore, such information as is at hand from China, Japan, etc., is of much the same tenor. Nor is there any good reason to believe that with the situation little better than chaotic in Russia any progress was made in gold mining. Europe, as a producer, is of little or no importance since in no year has production run much if any above 100,000 fine ounces. The South and Central American countries collectively have shown some progress in gold production in recent years, but not enough to encourage hopes of their yield to any material extent offsetting the loss elsewhere. The only countries in fact that, according to current advices, increased their yield of the metal in 1920 were Canada and Mexico. A carefully compiled estimate for the Dominion has been issued, but it makes the year's production only nominally greater than in 1919. The situation in Mexico has shown considerable improvement. At least that is the conclusion we draw from official data furnished by the Department of Mines of the Republic for the first six months of 1920, which indicated an increase in the output of gold for the period of some 30,000 ounces—an insignificant amount as compared with the diminution in production elsewhere.

The following detailed compilation of the gold product of the world will enable the reader to trace

the variations in the contributions from the several sources of supply since 1890. Corresponding information from 1886 to 1890 will be found in Volume 110 of the "Chronicle," page 2000; from 1871 to 1886 in Volume 70, page 256, and from 1851 to 1871 in Volume 54, page 141, or in the 1887 issue of the "Financial Review."

GOLD.—PRODUCTION IN THE WORLD—OUNCES AND VALUES

Year	Production (Ounces)	Value (Dollars)
1920	16,790,367	\$2,784,834,427
1919	15,130,000	\$2,787,714,306
1918	14,985,494	\$2,787,714,306
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1892	14,985,494	\$2,787,714,306
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a feature of this review for a considerable period of years, is still beset with hindrances and uncertainties. Prior to the war, with conditions normal, our investigations met with very satisfactory results and were gratifyingly accurate, but during the war, and even in 1919 and to a lesser extent in 1920, data essentially necessary have not been readily and promptly obtainable, though it is hoped that with the passing of another year the remaining hindrances will be largely if not wholly removed. More or less important changes occurred during 1920 in the gold stocks of the various European banks, the net result being a fairly large addition to the holdings as a whole. The Bank of Germany, which showed a reduction in its stock in 1919 in the large amount of 295 million dollars, or over one-half of the total, made a slight gain in the late year. The Bank of France, on the other hand, suffered a loss of 9½ millions, and there was a slight falling off in the Netherlands and Norway. The Bank of Spain, however, gained some 6½ million dollars in 1920, Italy close to 2½ millions, and the banks of Sweden, Belgium, Switzerland and Denmark collectively 4¼ millions. The Bank of England, moreover, added to its stock no less than 180 million dollars. Consequently, the European banks combined expanded their stock of gold in 1920 by 183 million dollars, this following a loss in 1919 of 197 millions and increases of 214 millions in 1918 and 89 millions in 1917.

The visible stock of gold in the United States, as compiled by the Treasury Department, on the other hand, decreased during the year \$2,879,879, the general stock in the country at the close of 1920 being reported as \$2,784,834,427, against \$2,787,714,306 on January 1. This decrease, despite a seeming addition of 156 million dollars to the available supply of gold in the country during the year—49½ millions production of the mines for the twelve months and \$106,652,410 net imports for the period—which the takings for use in the industrial arts would account for only in lesser part. But this addition to the supply was apparent rather than real, as of the gross imports of the year—\$428,743,618—131 million dollars simply represented the transfer from abroad to the United States of gold held by foreign agencies of the Federal Reserve banks and already included in their reserves, but not made a part of the general stock in the country, as reported from month to month by the Treasury Department. Therefore, to correctly show the gold situation in the United States, the 134 million dollars held abroad by the Federal Reserve banks on Jan. 1, 1920, and so earmarked, should be added to the stock in the country reported by the Treasury Department, as of that date, giving an aggregate of 2,922 million dollars, and the holdings at the close of the year should be increased to 2,788 millions by the addition of the 3 millions. Thus it appears that the decrease in the United States stock during the year actually was 134 millions, instead of the 278 millions referred to above.

Summarizing the results for the European banks and the United States we have a net gain in gold holdings in the amount of 49 million dollars, and this leaves 298 million dollars, the lodgment of which in 1920 is yet to be traced in order to account for the year's new supply. This it is possible to do with apparent reasonable accuracy. In addition to the items already referred to, the net exports from

* For figures from 18 6 to 1880 see Vol. 110 page 2020.
 For figures from 1871 to 1885 see Vol. 70, pages 256 to 260.
 1851 to 1871 see Vol. 54, P. 141 to 144 of 1887 Financial Review.
 The ounces in the foregoing table for any of the countries given may be turned into dollars by multiplying by 20.6718. The value in pounds sterling may also be ascertained by multiplying the ounces by 4.2478. Thus, according to the above, the product in Africa in 1920, stated in dollars, is \$187,327,022, and in sterling £38,865,100.

As summarized above, the yield of gold from the mines of the world in 1920 was approximately 16,790,367 fine ounces, valued at \$347,087,107 (at the nominal value of \$20.6718 per ounce) or a falling off of 872,690 fine ounces, or \$18,040,075, from the previous year, and a decrease of 1,772,649 fine ounces, or \$36,643,847, from 1918. Moreover, as noted above, the aggregate output was the smallest of any year since, but not including, 1904. It is worth noting that from the high record production of the various leading producers—Africa, Australasia and the United States—the 1920 product of Africa exhibits the least falling off, both in actual volume and in percentage. Furthermore, since 1904, the year of next lowest yield to 1920, the amount contributed by Africa has increased no less than 4,985,494 fine ounces, or over 120%, while that from all other sources has fallen off 4,934,575 fine ounces, or nearly 40%. The great dependence of the world upon Africa for its new supplies of recent years is therefore very evident.

While improvement in some respects is to be noted since the ending of the war in Europe, the tracing of the annual yield of gold in the world to its place of ultimate lodgment, which has been made

Great Britain to various countries outside of Europe and the United States furnish a total of no less than \$157,000,000, made up of 110 millions to India, 17 millions to the Straits Settlements, and 30 millions to South America, etc. Furthermore, there is yet to be added the net movement from the United States to South America, Mexico, the West Indies, Far East, etc., of 263 millions, of which no less than 155 millions to Japan. In this way we get an aggregate of 469 millions instead of the 347 millions we started out to trace, and there is still to be included the industrial consumption of the world—gold used in manufacture of jewelry, etc., of approximately 120 millions, carrying the total up to \$589,000,000. But there are very important offsets, as we shall now attempt to point out. In the first place, the Bank of England reported a gain in gold holding during the year of 180 million dollars in the face of net exports of the metal from the country of 204 million dollars, the difference being a matter of 384 million dollars, which was apparently extracted from invisible home stocks. But deducting from it the 157 million exports, given above and included in the 589 million total, we have 227 millions as the net amount to be allowed for. Furthermore, there was received in Great Britain, Sweden and the United States from Russia an aggregate of 16 million dollars. These two items give an aggregate of 243 millions, and, deducting this sum from the 589 millions given above, we have a remainder of 346 million dollars, a total in virtual agreement with the year's production of the world as compiled by us.

A leading and important incident of the year was the continuation of and further advance in the premium paid for gold in the London market. At the close of 1919 the price stood at 109s. 8½d., as against the standard or fixed value of fine gold of 84s. 11.45d., but by February 5 had worked up to 127s. 4d., or a premium of slightly over 50%. This level, however, was not maintained, as thereafter there was a quite steady decline to April 2, when the quotation was 102s. 7d. (20.9% premium). This proved, however, to be the lowest point reached during the year. Subsequently the general trend was upward, the price standing at 122s. 4d. on November 8, but dropping to 116s. 1d. by the close of the year. The average for the twelve months was 112s. 11.52d. After the close of 1920, with a rise in the rate of sterling exchange in New York on London, the price of gold in London declined and on May 19 was down to 102s. 8d. Since then there has been some appreciation in the price, and at the present time (July 15) it rules at 113s. 4d., or 9s. under the high of last November.

Silver also ruled very high in London during most of 1920, but gradually fell off in price and closed only a little up from the low of the year. Starting off at 76d. per ounce, the price moved upward to February 11 when, at 89¼d., the highest quotation ever recorded for the white metal was reached. From that level the tendency was downward in the main, the lowest quotation of the year—38⅞d.—having been reached in Dec. The close was at 40⅞d., with the average for the 12 months about 55d. Prior to the current year the highest point reached for silver in London was 79⅞d. in 1919 and 62½d. in 1864. The extreme low of which there is record was 21 11/16d. in 1902. In passing we would note that purchases of silver by the United States Treasury

under the operations of the Pittman Act down to Dec. 31 1920 totaled 29,232,639 ounces.

Official Details from Gold-Producing Countries.

From the returns we have obtained from the mines, mint bureaus and other official and semi-official sources, respecting gold mining in 1920, we are able to deduce the following:

United States.—A further considerable decline in the production of gold in the United States is indicated by the preliminary estimate issued jointly by the Bureau of the Mint and the Geological Survey, the yield being put at 523,611 fine ounces under that of 1919 and 925,767 fine ounces less than in 1918. The output is, in fact, the smallest since 1895, and practically all the producing States except Arizona and the Philippines share in the falling off from the preceding year, with the losses in Colorado and California the heaviest, having been 127,512 fine ounces and 149,619 fine ounces, respectively. The gain in Arizona offsets to only a partial extent the contraction of 1919. The ounces and values as estimated for each State in 1920 contrast as follows with the final figures for 1919 and 1918:

Gold Production.	GOLD PRODUCTION IN UNITED STATES.					
	1920.		1919.		1918.	
	Fine ozs.	Value.	Fine ozs.	Value.	Fine ozs.	Value.
Colorado	368,298	\$7,613,400	495,810	\$10,249,300	615,558	\$12,724,700
California	692,019	14,305,300	841,638	17,398,200	311,945	16,784,400
Alaska	380,034	7,856,000	481,984	9,963,500	455,920	9,424,700
South Dakota	203,243	4,201,400	255,889	5,289,700	324,083	6,699,400
Montana	88,971	1,839,200	116,918	2,416,900	158,704	3,280,700
Arizona	239,118	4,943,000	222,965	4,609,100	270,078	5,585,000
Utah	100,446	2,076,400	109,661	2,266,900	152,526	3,153,000
Nevada	171,968	3,554,900	225,384	4,659,100	324,134	6,700,440
Idaho	22,509	465,300	34,085	704,600	33,930	701,400
Oregon	46,687	965,100	53,029	1,096,200	61,228	1,265,700
New Mexico	22,417	463,400	28,319	585,400	33,237	68,700
Washington	7,198	148,800	11,436	236,400	16,143	333,800
South'n States	415	8,600	334	6,900	756	15,620
Other States	51,694	1,068,600	41,176	851,200	62,537	1,292,760
Totals	2,395,017	\$49,509,400	2,918,628	\$60,333,400	3,320,784	\$68,646,700

Africa.—A further moderate loss in the yield of gold from the mines of Africa in 1919 is revealed by the returns. In all but two months of the year there was a smaller output in the Witwatersrand district than in the corresponding periods of either 1919 or 1918, and in every instance the production was less than for the same time in either 1917, 1916 or 1915, and very much so in most cases. For the twelve months the contraction compared with 1919 is 161,686 fine ounces and compared with the high record mark of 1916 no less than 1,021,774 fine ounces. The results for the Rand monthly for the last seven years are appended:

Ounces.	WITWATERSRAND DISTRICT—FINE OUNCES.						
	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
January	621,902	689,817	759,852	756,997	694,191	662,205	653,842
February	597,545	653,213	727,346	696,955	637,571	621,188	607,918
March	657,708	727,167	768,714	760,598	677,008	694,825	689,645
April	655,607	717,225	728,399	717,598	697,733	676,702	667,926
May	689,259	737,752	751,198	753,351	720,539	706,154	681,551
June	688,232	727,924	725,194	732,799	708,908	682,603	699,199
July	703,136	742,510	783,485	731,848	716,010	705,523	718,521
August	684,607	749,572	752,949	731,405	719,849	686,717	683,604
September	677,063	749,235	744,881	712,881	686,963	680,359	665,486
October	703,985	769,798	764,489	724,846	667,955	705,313	645,819
November	685,450	753,605	756,370	698,271	640,797	657,845	618,525
December	669,075	755,101	748,491	697,137	630,505	681,833	617,549
Totals	8,033,569	8,772,919	8,971,359	8,714,686	8,198,029	8,111,271	7,949,585

Districts of the Transvaal outside of the Rand proper also showed some decline, the yield as reported having been 204,587 fine ounces against 218,820 fine ounces in 1919. In Rhodesia, too, production fell off—from 596,632 fine ounces to 556,875 fine ounces. Finally, the contributions of West Africa, Madagascar, Mozambique, &c., were apparently below those of 1919. Consequently, for the whole of Africa the yield was 225,105 fine ounces below that of 1919 and 392,989 fine ounces less than in 1918. The subjoined table, which covers the progress in gold mining in all districts of Africa since 1886, is given without further explanatory comment:

Year—	AFRICA'S GOLD PRODUCTION—FINE OUNCES.					
	Witwatersrand		Other		Total	
	Ounces.	£	Ounces.	£	Ounces.	£
1887 (part yr.)	28,754	122,140	—	—	28,754	122,140
1888	190,266	808,210	50,000	212,390	240,266	1,020,660
1890	407,750	1,732,041	71,552	303,939	479,302	2,035,980
1895	1,845,138	7,837,779	270,060	1,146,906	2,115,138	8,984,685
1900	395,385	1,679,518	166,922	709,051	562,307	2,388,569
1905	4,706,433	19,991,658	788,040	3,347,436	5,494,473	23,339,094
1911	7,896,802	33,544,036	1,469,199	6,240,863	9,366,001	39,784,899
1912	8,753,568	37,182,795	1,541,086	6,546,225	10,294,654	43,729,020
1913	8,430,998	35,812,605	1,609,420	6,837,083	10,040,418	42,649,688
1914	8,033,569	34,124,434	1,775,371	7,541,421	9,808,940	41,665,855
1915	8,772,919	37,265,605	1,825,492	7,754,324	10,598,411	45,019,929
1916	8,971,359	38,107,900	1,741,742	7,398,572	10,713,101	45,506,472
1917	8,714,686	37,017,628	1,667,267	7,082,217	10,381,953	44,099,845
1918	8,198,029	34,823,017	1,343,995	5,709,593	9,542,024	40,332,610
1919	8,111,271	34,455,723	1,262,869	5,364,371	9,374,140	39,820,094
1920	7,949,585	33,769,836	1,199,450	5,095,264	9,149,035	38,865,100

On the other hand, for the month of May now, instead of a gain, we have an actual decrease, the falling off amounting to \$13,214,331, or 2.89%. This loss in the gross revenue attests the severity of the depression in trade through which the country is passing and the consequent shrinkage in the volume of traffic moving over the railroads. The fact that there is a decrease in the gross for May as against an increase in April would seem to indicate that, relatively, trade depression in May was more severe than in April and that we believe is in accord with the truth and with popular experience. We need hardly say that the trifling decrease of 2.89% in the gross, as compared with May of last year, comes far from measuring the intensity of the trade depression prevailing. As everyone knows, the railroads are operating the present year under much higher rate schedules, both passenger and freight, than was the case twelve months ago.

Except as modified in special instances, the rate advances authorized by the Inter-State Commerce Commission at the end of last July and put into effect toward the close of August, are still in force. These rate advances were of large proportions, the roads in Eastern territory being granted authority to raise their freight rates 40%, those in the Southern and the Mountain Pacific groups 25% and those in the Western group 35%, besides which the carriers received permission to advance passenger fares 20%, Pullman rates 50% and excess baggage and milk rates 20%. As has been many times pointed out by us, it was estimated at the time these rate increases were authorized that they would add \$1,500,000,000 to the annual gross revenues of the roads, or \$125,000,000 per month. Of course, this estimate was predicated on the idea that the volume of traffic would be maintained. Instead of that, the traffic has undergone enormous contraction. This last will explain why so far from the gross revenue for May having risen compared with the same month of last year \$125,000,000 (which would have been the case, approximately, had the volume of traffic been maintained) there is an actual loss of \$13,214,331. The wide disparity between the two results not only evidences the falling off in traffic but affords striking testimony to its extent. To state the situation in a nutshell, the increase in rates has served to offset the loss in revenue resulting from the shrinkage in traffic, except for which fact the decrease in gross earnings would have been many times the \$13,214,331 actually recorded.

It happens that the \$13,214,331 loss in gross has been attended by a saving in expenses in the very considerable sum of \$58,054,141, thus leaving the improvement of \$44,839,810 in the net to which allusion has already been made. Like the loss in gross, the saving in expenses is larger than appears by the face of the figures. At the same time last year that rates were advanced, wages were also raised under an order of the United States Railroad Labor Board. On the authority of the Labor Board itself, the effect of the wage award was computed to add \$600,000,000 a year to the annual payroll of the roads, or an average of \$50,000,000 a month. Had other things remained the same, therefore, operating expenses (our figures do not include the taxes) for May would have increased \$50,000,000 instead of recording \$58,054,141 decrease. On the other hand, with the falling off in traffic, it became possible to effect a great reduction in the force of employees and

the saving in that way served to offset the increase from the higher wage schedules. Obviously, however, the disparity between the two sets of figures is too wide to be accounted for by a reduction in the number of employees alone, and accordingly there is warrant for the conclusion that growing efficiency of operations is now being attained and that by degrees the managers are once more regaining control of their expense account. The comparative results for the two years are as follows:

Month of May— (201 Roads)—	1921.	1920.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (—).	
	\$	\$	\$	%
Miles of road.....	235,333	231,916	+417	0.18
Gross earnings.....	444,028,885	457,243,216	—13,214,331	2.89
Operating expenses.....	379,146,072	437,200,213	—58,054,141	13.28
Net earnings.....	64,882,813	20,043,003	+44,839,810	223.72

While it is very satisfactory to find the improvement in net earnings here disclosed, the fact should not be overlooked that comparison is with very low totals of net a year ago. In May 1920 our compilation of earnings was a very unfavorable one by reason of the great augmentation in operating expenses disclosed, and as a matter of fact these high operating costs had been a feature of the returns for many previous years, too. Railroad operating conditions in May 1920 were such as to render out of the question any other than an unfavorable result. The so-called "outlaw" strike, which had served so seriously to interfere with railroad operations in April, continued with greatly aggravated consequences in May. The congestion of traffic and tying up of freight, and the embargoes thereby imposed on traffic movements, with the shortage of cars, eventually produced a situation so desperate that on May 20, on the recommendation of the railway executives themselves, the Inter-State Commerce Commission exercised the emergency powers granted to it under the new Transportation Act and arranged for the distribution of cars without regard to ownership. In these circumstances, railroad operations not only were difficult but costly, and accordingly it was no surprise to find that although gross earnings increased \$38,629,073 over the amount for May of the previous year, the augmentation in expenses reached no less than \$61,001,464, leaving a loss in net of \$22,372,391. Moreover, as already stated, the 1920 decrease in net was merely one of a series of losses in net that had been continuing through successive years. As indicating how expenses had been mounting up, it is only necessary to note that in May 1919, though gross earnings increased as compared with 1918 in amount of \$35,132,305, the augmentation in expenses reached \$69,091,093, leaving a diminution in the net in amount of \$33,958,788. Similarly for May 1918 our compilations registered \$31,773,655 increase in gross, but \$14,459,024 decrease in net, owing to an increase of \$46,232,679 in expenses. For the three years combined, therefore, the loss in net for this single month was \$70,790,203, in face of an increase in gross earnings of \$105,535,033. Expenses in the three years for this month increased \$176,325,236. Even prior to 1918 rising expenses were a feature of the returns, though not of course to anywhere near the extent which subsequently developed. In the following we show the May comparisons for each year back to 1906. We give the results just as registered by our own tables each year, though in 1908 and prior years a portion of the railroad mileage of the country was unrepresented in the totals owing to the refusal at that time of some of the roads to furnish monthly figures for publication.

Before the war the United Kingdom was the great creditor nation. Year by year we had a surplus of exports over imports, including of course under the head of exports those services which are generally summarized as invisible exports, and we lent or invested this surplus in foreign countries. Our foreign investments steadily grew down to 1914; when it is estimated that they amounted in value to no less than £4,000 millions. The capital we lent was practically all employed in the development of the natural and industrial resources of the countries in which it was invested, and thus its use supplied the borrower with the means of paying the interest upon it. If we lent money, for instance, in the Argentine to build a railway, we facilitated the export of Argentine products, and the profit made in that country furnished the borrowers with the means to pay the interest on our loan. They did not send us money, but wheat, beef and other products were exported from the Argentine, and the proceeds of the sale of these articles enabled the borrowers to discharge their liability.

Although we were much the greatest creditor nation, we were not the only one. France stood second to us, and behind France, Germany, Holland, Belgium and some other States of less importance as creditors. It will be noticed that the foreign trade of these countries showed them on balance to be exporters of manufactured goods and importers of raw materials and food. The reason for this distribution of trade is not difficult to discover. The rate of profit on manufacture has been higher than on the production of food and raw materials, and highly developed manufacturing nations have been able to accumulate savings year by year which they lent to less advanced countries with natural resources still awaiting development. The loans, though measured in money, have of course actually been effected by the export of commodities.

Before the war the United States was probably the principal debtor nation. She is now a great manufacturing nation, but the fact that in the past she incurred heavy external obligations is no exception to the rule that borrowing countries are primarily exporters of food and raw materials. Her pre-war debt to foreign countries, estimated at over £800 millions, was incurred in the development of her railways and industrial plants at a time when food and raw materials were of vastly greater importance in American trade than the production of manufactured goods. As the United States developed her manufactures, she reduced her borrowing abroad until probably even before the war she had ceased to borrow on balance. The United States is still a great exporting country of wheat, cotton and some other raw materials, but she is now also a great exporter of manufactured goods, and apart from the war would in ordinary course have become a lending rather than a borrowing nation.

India, Australia, Canada, South Africa, South America, China, are still borrowers. They still need capital to develop their resources in the production of food and raw materials, and for many years yet must continue to borrow. But the ambition of every nation is to develop its manufacturing power, and in the ordinary course of their progress probably all these countries will tend towards equilibrium.

Foreign investment by this country, which has a history of at least two centuries, had resulted by 1914 in a debt due to us from all over the world of £4,000 millions. In that year France owed about £1,700 millions and Germany about £1,000 millions. The debts due to the other creditor nations were much smaller in amount and not of sufficient importance to call for any special mention. It is interesting to note the extent to which it was possible for the creditor countries to make use of their foreign debt during the war. We were able to realize about £1,000 millions, which we spent mainly in paying for American products. France and Germany also used up a considerable part of their foreign investments, and there is no doubt that the purchasing power which had been accumulated in these three countries through their loans abroad was an invaluable resource to them in paying for indispensable imports which they could not have obtained either on credit or by sending exports in exchange.

Before I pass to the new relationship of creditor and debtor which has arisen between States in consequence of the war, let me remind you again that up to this time the creditor nations were those which for a long period of years had been the most developed in manufacture. They had lent part of their surplus of manufactured goods to foreign nations whose productive power was increased thereby, and had received interest in the form of food and raw materials. The debts between nations created by the war bear no resemblance to the earlier obligations we have been discussing. In the first place, they have been incurred between Governments; they have not arisen out of normal trade relations and have been unaccompanied by any development of the productive power of the debtor. Next, whereas the former debtors were all countries which produced a surplus of food and raw materials, the new debtors are for the most part manufacturing countries in which the production of food and raw materials has been insufficient for their own requirements and which will seek to discharge their debts by the export of manufactured products. Finally, the new debts of individual countries are of a magnitude far greater than anything of which we have any experience. Germany, the heaviest debtor, is required to pay £6,750 millions, while the United States, which, as I have already said, was the greatest pre-war debtor, owed no more than £800 millions.

Here then we have a new state of things, something which is bound to exercise a profound influence on the economic conditions of the whole world. Debts between nations cannot be paid without important consequences to industry in the countries concerned. Our own experience demonstrates the truth of this proposition. The interest on the loans, which we made all over the world before the war, was paid to us by the export of food and raw materials. Two consequences followed: the supply of raw materials fostered the growth of our manufactures; the great import of food led to a steady decline in our agricultural industry. British agriculture was brought into competition with the cheap food imported from countries the development of which was made possible by our loans, a competition which enabled only the more flourishing part of our domestic agriculture to pay its way. Our experience was the experience also of France and Germany, though the play of economic cause and effect was more certain and obvious with us as our system of free imports gave it unhampered scope.

Before we consider the economic effects of the new debts let us first look at their magnitude. I am going to take the figures in £ sterling, assuming the £ to have its full gold value. As you are aware, the £ today is at a discount, and the true figures, except in the case of the debts due to us, will consequently be about 25% higher than I now state them. Germany's debt for reparations is assessed at £6,600 millions, and she has a further net liability of £150 millions, making a total of £6,750 millions. The debt due to the United States Government in respect of obligations arising out of the war, including arrears of interest but excluding the Russian debt, is about £2,240 millions, of which the United Kingdom is responsible for £948 millions, and France and Italy, the other principal debtors, about £760 millions and £369 millions respectively. France also owes this country £557 millions and Italy owes us £476 millions. There are a number of lesser amounts due to this country, and France is also a creditor on inter-Allied loan account. I have left Rus-

sia, owing to the exceptional circumstances of that country, entirely out of calculation.

All the debtor countries that I have named are exporters of manufactured goods and the considerations affecting international trade which apply to any one of them are applicable in a greater or less degree to them all. Germany, however, is so much the largest debtor, and the consequences involved in the payment of her debt are therefore so much more striking that I feel I can make best use of the time at our disposal if I invite your attention to the German case. The amount of Germany's liability I have already stated to you. We have now to look at the prescribed method of payment, the conditions which must exist in order to make payment possible and the consequences which must ensue to international trade.

First, as to the terms of the reparations scheme. Germany is called upon in the first instance to pay £100 millions a year. She is further required to charge a duty of 26% upon her exports. The sum of £100 millions and the proceeds of the export duty will be applied to the payment of 5% interest and 1% sinking fund on successive issues of bonds which the German Government is bound to make up to a total of £6,600 millions. The service of the first two bond issues for interest and sinking fund will call for £150 millions annually. When the receipts from the payment of £100 millions and the export duty exceed this amount, further issues of bonds will be made until the total of £6,600 millions has been reached. There is some latitude left to the Reparations Commission in respect of the initial payment of £100 millions a year, as they may, if they please, call upon the German Government to deliver any particular class of goods to the value of this amount. As to the rest of Germany's payment, an export duty is apparently to be the means of supplying the necessary funds.

Thus Germany has to make to her foreign creditors a minimum payment of £150 millions a year and a maximum of nearly £400 millions a year. It is obvious that she can only find the means to pay by the sale of goods abroad, or by rendering services to foreign nations through her shipping, banking and insurance; in other words, she must pay by her visible or invisible exports. Quite different considerations arise according as to whether Germany pays by the export of goods or by services, and it will be necessary to deal with each case separately.

If Germany pays by visible exports she must, in order to make the minimum payment of £150 millions, sell goods abroad to the value of nearly £200 millions and receive for internal consumption an import only of £50 millions, which is hardly conceivable in view of the need to import raw materials. In order to enable Germany to meet her final liability of close on £400 millions a year, her exports must amount to not less than £1,200 millions. German foreign trade could not be expanded to this point and such a large exportable surplus could not be maintained unless wages were kept extremely low by comparison with those paid in competing countries. Laborious and efficient industry would not suffice of itself; there would have to be a rigid cutting down of the standard of living among the working classes, and this condition would have to be continued until the reparations debt was paid.

The first question that arises is, Will the German working classes consent? So far as can be judged at present, the answer must be that they will. At this moment wages in Germany—I speak of course of real wages—are not more than half those paid in this country, and yet the German workman is laboring for long hours with great efficiency and with apparent contentment, or at any rate acquiescence. We may perhaps find the reason for this industrial docility in the superiority of his present lot over his recent conditions. During the war all classes in Germany suffered great privations in consequence of the blockade. We remember to what straits they were reduced—clothes made of paper, food substitutes of every kind, an almost complete absence of fats, very little oil, and indeed general privation such as no other people suffered. Though the German workmen may be ill paid now, by comparison with what he endured in the war he is tolerably well off.

But will not the German workman, whatever his temper to-day, insist upon a higher standard of living as trade expands and the great industrial firms grow prosperous? Undoubtedly he would in normal circumstances. A nation cannot long retain the advantage in competition of a low cost of production obtained from relatively low wages. We saw, in fact, in Germany herself, when after 1870 she rapidly developed her productive power, that wages, which stood far below the English level at the beginning of the period, had very nearly reached equality with ours before the war. But the conditions in the present instance are not normal. Germany has to pay a heavy external debt, and the Government, the press and employers will unite in telling the workman that if he does not work for low wages the debt cannot be paid and foreign invasion will ensue. The assertions of the German press will be enforced by the declarations of the statesmen on the Supreme Council, who threaten him with renewed occupation of territory and a blockade of German ports if the payments of debt are allowed to fall into arrear. Active revolt is hardly to be looked for; and provided he receives such bare means of subsistence as will maintain his energy, it is possible that he will submit until the national obligation is discharged.

We have already considered the magnitude of the debt and the conditions which must exist in order to render its payment possible. It may happen that the scheme of reparations will break down, and the task may prove beyond the power of Germany to fulfill. But we are bound to take account of the possibility that she may in fact be able to pay, and should this be the case, it is necessary for us to direct our attention to the effect upon foreign trade and in particular upon our own.

In 1913 Germany had an export trade amounting in value to £505 millions, of which about £320 millions represented manufactured goods. If we compare the foreign trade of this country with that of Germany before the war, we cannot fail to notice the extent to which both countries produced for export similar articles and sold them in competition with each other in the same foreign markets. Forty per cent of German exports consisted of iron and steel products, machinery and parts thereof, woollen and cotton goods and coal, while 70% of our own exports were of those articles. Other manufactured goods accounted for a further 23% of German exports, while food, raw materials and partly manufactured goods made up the remaining 3%. The two countries were by far the greatest exporters of manufactured and partly manufactured goods. In 1912 the total export of articles of this class from all the manufacturing countries of the world amounted to not more than £1,300 millions. Of this total the United Kingdom and Germany alone were responsible for £700 millions.

Thus it will be seen that Germany has been our great competitor for the world's trade in manufactured and partly manufactured goods. It is true that the export duty of 26% will compel her in future competition with us to produce goods at 74% of the cost of corresponding goods in this country, but, if the wages now current in Germany are not raised, she will be able to do this, particularly in the case of articles manufactured from raw materials she herself produces and finished articles on which the charge for labor is a high proportion of the whole cost. It is impossible,

however, to say how long Germany can maintain these labor conditions and, if payment by means of visible exports were her sole means of complying with the terms of the reparations scheme, it might very easily happen that she would soon be in default.

But Germany has another resource open to her. She can pay by invisible exports. She can pay by her profits on shipping, and international banking and insurance business, all of which she can carry on without being tide by any crippling export duty. Let us observe the effect of the reparations scheme upon German invisible exports, that is to say, upon trades which form a large part of our own commercial strength.

The reduction in wages due to the compulsory payment of a 26% export duty will not be confined to the trades engaged in export business. Wages in every industry will be similarly depressed, and the basis of cost in Germany will be universally below ours. The effect on her shipping industry is obvious. Ships will be built and manned on the German basis of cost, but the freight and passenger rates will be on the international level. The export duty of 26% will in fact constitute a bonus or preference of 26% in favor of German shipping. The same will be true of banking and insurance business. The cost of carrying on business of this kind in Germany will be far below that in other countries, which will allow German bankers and insurance companies a considerable margin to give away in the rates they charge.

Germany's difficulty will lie in meeting her obligations in the first year or two. It takes time to build ships and to get trade going, but, if she can find the £150 millions required from her this year and next, it is probable that by the third year her industry will be running with such energy and volume as will enable her to meet the demands upon her. The whole interest of the German Government and of the powerful industrial magnates will be centred upon Germany paying. For the Government it will mean freedom from molestation whilst the country recovers her solidarity and strength. For the industrial magnate it will mean cheap labor and a large output. His rate of profit may be reduced, but the huge volume of production must still give him a big return. It is indeed only upon a profitable basis that any business can be carried on. The burden of the debt will be borne mainly by the German workman, whose real wages, as distinguished from his money wages, will never be allowed to rise. The power of control will lie in the hands of the Government, which can always avail itself of the resource of issuing additional paper money so as to guard against any such improvement in the workman's standard of living as would endanger successful competition with the rest of the world.

The conclusion to which I am driven by this examination of the German debt and the method of payment prescribed by the reparations scheme is that if Germany is able to meet her obligations she will in doing so gravely impair our own international trade. Her highly developed manufacturing and commercial power brings her into direct competition with us more than any other nation in the world, and, whether she pays through visible or invisible exports, it is our trade that will be mainly affected. If on the other hand she fails to meet her obligations, we shall be thrown back again into the condition of political unsettlement which is so perilous to European peace and so harmful to a trade revival.

I cannot pass on without anticipating and answering an objection which may be taken to this argument. It will perhaps be said, "Here's a paradox! If Germany pays her debt to us, it is argued that it will benefit German trade and injure ours. It has always been urged that it is good for our trade that we should buy in the cheapest market. Now that Germany is forced to offer us a market in which we can buy for nothing, we are told that our trade will suffer."

For my part I think the paradox is capable of simple explanation. It is not the payment of the German goods which constitutes an injury to our trade, but the German capacity to pay us. We force labor conditions on the German people which enable them in competition with us to produce goods of every kind cheaper than we can. They must do this in order to pay their debt and we insist upon the payment of the debt under threats of the occupation of territory and of a blockade. Thus we compel our trade rivals to live under conditions which enable them to undersell us in every foreign market. We shall receive, it is true, our share of the German indemnity, which at its maximum would be about £80 millions a year, but the conditions which enable Germany to pay us this amount will enable her to imperil our export trade which, including invisible exports, is now well over £1,100 millions a year.

Is there then no means of recovering anything from Germany without harm to ourselves? The opinion I believe in this country is practically unanimous that Germany ought to pay to the utmost limit of her power to repair the damage she did in the war, and there would be a deep sense that justice was not being done in the world if she were not made to suffer materially for the material injury she has inflicted on others. It is a difficult question to answer, but for my part I cannot help thinking that there is a way open to the Allies by which payment by Germany can be made to contribute to our own prosperity. The way lies along the road of our experience. I troubled you at the beginning of this address with an account of the pre-war debts due to the creditor countries and I laid stress upon the fact that the interest on these debts was paid by the export of raw materials and food. Nothing stands in the way of Germany being required to send to this country and France and the rest of the Allied countries, to each according to its requirements, articles such as coal, timber, potash, sugar, all of which Germany produces in great quantities. It would mean undoubtedly that much German capital and labor would have to be withdrawn from manufacture and devoted to the production of the materials required by the countries to which she is indebted, but this is a penalty which German industry might very properly be called upon to pay. I know that by means like these no such figures of value could be reached as those which settled Germany's ultimate payment of nearly £400 millions a year. But at least there would be no disturbance of British trade and there would be no external pressure keeping down German wages to a point which would ensure successful competition with us in foreign trade. Germany's manufactures and shipping, so far from being benefited, would be at this disadvantage in competition with ours that her ability to devote capital and labor to them would be largely restricted.

I am emboldened to make this suggestion by the fact that to a certain extent it can be adopted under the existing reparations scheme. The Reparations Commission has power to call for payment by Germany of any kind of goods to the value of £100 millions a year. All I propose is that this power should be exercised and that Germany should not be left at liberty to provide this sum by selling all over the world such goods as she pleases. The effect upon German wages would be to depress them, but not to anything like the extent that must follow upon the 26% export duty, and the advantage which Germany would derive in foreign trade competition with us from her lower wage level would be greatly diminished. It might well indeed happen that this advantage would be fully counterbalanced by the obligation imposed upon her to furnish the Allies with so much food and raw materials.

The time at my disposal is exhausted and yet I have been unable to do more than mention the debts due by France, Italy and ourselves to the

United States and the French and Italian obligations to us. Perhaps it is as well that your patience in listening to me is not to be further tried, as any discussion of inter-Allied obligations must raise delicate questions which no one but a responsible Minister could handle without danger of overstepping the limits of prudence. This much, however, I can say: the considerations which apply to the German debt are equally applicable to the debts of the other nations, though the economic forces must be less obvious in their operation and less momentous in their results where the field for their exercise is so much more limited.

RETURN OF AMERICAN DOLLAR SECURITIES BY BRITISH TREASURY.

The British Treasury is making arrangements, subject to unforeseen circumstances, for the return of a further list of securities to holders in October, 1921. The three months' notice required by the Deposit Scheme will be issued at the proper time, and it will then be no longer possible, in view of the arrangements for packing, shipment, and reception in London to accept instructions for release of these securities in New York. We have heretofore from time to time made public the lists of such securities as scheduled for return to the British owners. (See V. 112, p. 2591, 2248, 1684, 1463, 514; V. III, p. 2371, 1801, 743, 243.)

From the "Stock Exchange Weekly Official Intelligence" of London, for June 27, we take the following list of securities, which will be returned on Oct. 1, viz.:

BONDS.

- Argentine External, 3½%, 1889.
- Argentine 4%, 1900, Laws 3378 and 3885.
- Argentine Treasury Conversion 5%, 1887.
- Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. Transcontinental Short Line First Mortgage 4% Bonds, 1958.
- Atlanta & Charlotte Air Line First Mortgage 4½% Bonds, 1944. Series "A."
- Bangor & Aroostook RR. First Mortgage 5%, 1943.
- Beech Creek RR. Second Mortgage 5%, 1936.
- Brooklyn Rapid Transit First Mortgage 4%, 2002. Certs. of Deposit.
- Chesapeake & Ohio, Richmond and Allegheny Division First Consolidated 4%, 1989.
- Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville Refunding 6%, 1947.
- [Dominion of Canada 4% Registered Stock, 1940-60. See last paragraph below.—Ed.]
- East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia First Mortgage 5%, 1930.
- Hudson and Manhattan First Lien and Refunding Mortgage 5%, 1957. Series "A."
- Illinois Central RR. First Mortgage 3½%, 1951.
- Illinois Central RR. First Mortgage 4%, 1951.
- Kentucky Central Railway First Mortgage 4%, 1987.
- Lake Erie & Western RR. First Mortgage 5%, 1937.
- Lehigh Valley Coal Company First Mortgage 5%, 1933.
- Mississippi Central RR. First Mortgage Sinking Fund 5%, 1949.
- Mobile & Birmingham RR. Prior Lien 5%, 1945.
- New Orleans City & Lake RR. First Mortgage 5%, 1943.
- New York Railways Thirty-Year Real Estate and Refunding Mortgage 4%, 1942.
- Norfolk & Western Divisional First Lien and General Mortgage 4%, 1944.
- Oregon Short Line Consolidated First Mortgage 5%, 1946.
- Pacific Light & Power Co. First Mortgage Guaranteed 5%, 1942.
- Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. First Mortgage Collateral Trust Sinking Fund 5%, 1937.
- Reading Co. and Philadelphia and Reading Coal & Iron General Mortgage 4%, 1997.
- St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba First Consolidated Mortgage 4%, 1933.
- Seaboard Air Line First Refunding Mortgage 4%, 1959.
- Seaboard Air Line Adjustment Mortgage 5% Income Bonds, 1949.
- Toledo, St. Louis & Western Prior Lien 3½%, 1925.
- United States Steel First Mortgage Sinking Fund Collateral Trust 5%, 1951. Series "A."
- Utah Light & Power Co. First Mortgage 5%, 1930.
- Winston-Salem Southbound Railway First Mortgage 4%, 1960.

SHARES.

- Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Company of Baltimore, Stock.
- Minneapolis, St. Paul & S.S. Marie, 4% Leased Lines.
- Union Pacific, Common.

In the "London Gazette" of 28th June, the British Treasury gave notice of the confirmation of this preliminary announcement as to the return on 1st October, 1921, of the above bonds and shares, and further announced in respect of the three issues of shares that the Treasury Register will in each case close one calendar month before the date specified and no further transfer can then be accepted.

The "London Gazette" of 28th June also contained a notice by the National Debt Commissioners that the Treasury has decided to exercise the option, under Clause 3 of the Scheme B, of returning the Dominion of Canada 4% Registered Stock, 1940-60 (including Bearer Certificates) remaining on deposit, as on 1st October, 1921, from which date the additional allowance will cease.

PROPOSALS BY GREAT BRITAIN FOR CANCELLATION OF ALLIED DEBTS.

At the further hearing which was held this week before the Senate Finance Committee on the bill of Senator Penrose designed to give Secretary of the Treasury Mellon broad powers looking to the refunding of the Allied debts, important documents were presented showing that the proposal that the United States cancel the Allied war debts was officially made by Great Britain. One of these proposals was em-

bodied in a letter from the British Prime Minister, David Lloyd George to President Wilson under date of Aug. 5 1920, while the other was contained in a cablegram in Feb. 1920 from Austen Chamberlain, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, to B. C. Lindsay, representative of the British Treasury in the United States, this cablegram having been turned over to Assistant Secretary of the Treasury R. C. Leffingwell. Premier Lloyd George's letter, as read in the Committee's proceedings on July 15 by Senator Watson, follows:

I come now to the other question I wish to write to you about, and that is the knotty problem of Inter-Allied indebtedness. Indeed, I promised Mr. Rathbone (the American unofficial representative on the Reparations Commission) long ago that I would write to you about it, but I have had to put it off for one reason and another till now.

The British and French Governments have been discussing during the last four months the question of giving fixity and definiteness to Germany's reparations obligations. The British Government has stood steadily by the view that it was vital that Germany's liabilities should be fixed at a figure which it was within the reasonable capacity of Germany to pay, and that this figure should be fixed without delay because the reconstruction of Central Europe could not begin nor could the Allies themselves raise money on the strength of Germany's obligation to pay them reparations until the liabilities were exactly defined.

After great difficulties with his own people, M. Millerand found himself unable to accept this view, but he pointed out that it was impossible for France to agree to accept anything less than it was entitled to under the treaty unless its debts to its allies and associates were treated in the same way.

This declaration appeared to the British government eminently fair, but after careful consideration they came to the conclusion that it was impossible to remit any part of what was owed to them by France except as part and parcel of all around settlement of inter-Allied indebtedness.

I need not go into the reasons which led to this conclusion, which must be clear to you. But the principal reason was that British public opinion would never support a one-sided arrangement at its sole expense, and if such one-sided arrangements were made it could not fail to estrange and eventually embitter the relations between the American and British people, with calamitous results to the future of the world.

You will remember that Great Britain borrowed from the United States about half as much as its total loans to the Allies, and after America's entry into the war it lent to the Allies almost exactly the same amount as it borrowed from the United States. Accordingly the British Government has informed the French Government that it will agree to any equitable arrangement for the reduction or cancellation of inter-Allied indebtedness, but that such arrangement must be one that applies all around.

As you know the representatives of the Allies and Germany are meeting at Geneva in a week or two to commence discussions on the subject of reparations. I recognize that in the midst of a Presidential election and with Congress not in session it is impossible for the United States to deal with this question in a practical manner, but the question is one of such importance to the future of Europe and, indeed, to the relations between the Allied and associated powers that I should very much welcome any advice which you might feel yourself able to give me as to the best method by which the whole problem could be considered and settled by the United States Government in concert with its associates at the earliest possible moment that the political situation in America makes it possible.

There is one other point which I would like to add. When the British Government decided that it could not deal with the question of the debts owed to it by its allies except as part and parcel of an all around arrangement of inter-Allied debts, the Chancellor of the Exchequer told Mr. Rathbone that he could not proceed any further with the negotiations which they had been conducting together with regard to the postponement of interest on the funding of Great Britain's debt to America.

I should like to make it plain that this is due to no reluctance on the part of Great Britain to fund its debt, but solely to the fact that it cannot bind itself by any arrangement which would prejudice the working of any inter-Allied arrangement which may be reached in the future. If some method can be found for funding the British debt which does not prejudice the larger question the British Government would be glad to fall in with it.

The cablegram which also figured in the Committee's proceedings on the 15th inst. read:

Turning to the more general considerations, it is evident that a financial crisis in America would greatly endanger the incipient recovery of Continental Europe. It is impossible to foresee the consequences. With the Continent a prey to bankruptcy and anarchy and the United States unable to provide credits of any sort owing to the internal crisis the world's position would be indeed serious. If I may venture on what I fear is controversial ground I may say that it is largely because of these dangers that we should welcome a general cancellation of inter-governmental war debts. The moral effect would be even a greater practical change, and fresh hope and confidence would spring up everywhere. The existence of these international debts deters neutrals from giving assistance, checks private credits, and will, I fear, prove a disturbing factor in future international relations.

A letter of transmittal forwarded to Assistant Secretary Leffingwell with the cablegram was made public on Thursday as follows:

February 9 1920.

Dear Mr. Leffingwell:

I sent a telegram to London after our conversation at the Metropolitan Club the other day and I have now received a message from the Chancellor of the Exchequer, a copy of which I inclose to you herewith, and which I hope you may find interesting.

Believe me, dear Mr. Leffingwell,

Very sincerely yours,

R. C. LINDSAY.

Regarding the above correspondence, and the testimony at Thursday's session of the committee, the New York "Tribune" in special Washington advices said:

Secretary Mellon indicated the British proposals had not met with the favor of this Government. He held that cancellation of the debts was out of the question, although he indicated that arrangements would be made to allow suitable time for repayments.

The testimony of Secretary Mellon was delayed by a discussion between members of the committee as to making public the secret correspondence on the foreign loans which was furnished the Judiciary Committee of the Senate by former Secretary of the Treasury Houston at the close of the last Administration.

The committee finally decided to ask the Judiciary Committee for the correspondence and Secretary Mellon agreed to have a Treasury expert index it for the use of the committee.

In response to questions by members of the committee, especially by Senator Reed, Secretary Mellon said not another dollar would go out of this country in foreign loans. The Secretary explained that France, Greece, Czecho-Slovakia and Liberia have credits with the United States, but settlement of their claims would involve only "book-keeping transactions." He explained that representatives of these nations would turn the money back to the United States as soon as it was paid over to them.

In our issue of June 25, page 2692, we gave some figures presented by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, bearing on the foreign indebtedness to the United States. During the discussion of the soldier bonus bill in the Senate on July 11, Senator Norris had read into the "Record" the following letter to him from Secretary of the Treasury Mellon dealing with the loans extended to foreign governments by the United States.

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

Washington, June 24 1921.

My Dear Senator—I am in receipt of your letter of the 23d inst. in which you ask for certain information concerning loans made by this Government to foreign Governments.

Under the Liberty Bond Acts the cash advances made by the Secretary of the Treasury to foreign Governments as at the close of business June 23 1921 were as follows:

Belgium.....	\$349,214,467 89
Cuba.....	10,000,000 00
Czechoslovakia.....	61,256,206 74
France.....	2,997,477,800 00
Great Britain.....	4,277,000,000 00
Greece.....	15,000,000 00
Italy.....	1,648,034,050 90
Liberia.....	26,000 00
Rumania.....	25,000,000 00
Russia.....	187,729,750 00
Serbia.....	26,780,465 56
Total.....	\$9,597,518,741 09

Of which the following repayments have been made:

Great Britain.....	\$110,681,641 56
France.....	46,714,861 81
Rumania.....	1,794,180 48
Belgium.....	1,522,901 66
Cuba.....	974,500 00
Serbia.....	605,326 34
Total.....	\$162,293,411 85

For the above-mentioned loans this Government holds demand obligations of the respective foreign Governments now bearing interest at the rate of 5% per annum.

The following are the amounts of interest heretofore paid by each of the foreign Governments on advances made to it by the United States Treasury:

Belgium.....	\$10,907,281 55
Cuba.....	1,282,369 54
Czechoslovakia.....	304,178 09
France.....	129,570,376 13
Great Britain.....	245,557,185 50
Greece.....	784,153 34
Italy.....	57,598,852 62
Liberia.....	861 16
Rumania.....	263,313 74
Russia.....	4,832,354 46
Serbia.....	636,059 14
Total.....	\$451,736,985 21

On the net principal sum of this debt, which amounts to \$9,435,225,329 24, interest accrued and remaining unpaid thereon up to and including May 15 1921 amounts to \$922,550,143 22. Interest has been paid in full on obligations of the Governments of Cuba and Greece.

The proposed bill vesting the Secretary of the Treasury with power to proceed with the refunding of the Allied debt was referred to in our issues of June 25, page 2691 and July 2, page 18. On July 13, Senator Borah read in the Senate a report from the "London Times" saying that it was proposed to postpone the payment of interest on the British debt to the United States for fifteen years. He asked for information from members of the Finance Committee, and Senator Smoot said that he knew of no such agreement or understanding, but that a demand for the immediate payment of interests charges would be disastrous not only to Europe, but to American commerce.

Senator Borah declared that it would be necessary for those behind the refunding bill to say what they proposed to do before they could get the measure through the Senate.

On July 8, the "Wall Street Journal" printed the following Washington advices:

According to information received here, the Chancellor of the Exchequer of Great Britain, when asked in the House of Common recently whether France, Italy, Belgium and the other Allies, whose obligations have been increased in the last twelve months, are paying the interest on these loans, replied that with minor exceptions, no interest is actually being paid, the amount charged on account of interest being added for bookkeeping purposes to the capital outstanding.

GERMAN CREDITS PROPOSED IN NEW YORK ON ACCOUNT OF REPARATIONS.

According to reports in local banking circles Germany plans to pay the reparations payment of \$185,000,000 due Aug. 31 through credits which are being established in New York. Various accounts of this appeared in the daily

papers yesterday (July 15) and one of these, from the "Journal of Commerce" we quote as follows:

Preparations being made by Germany for the reparations payment on Aug. 31, amounting to \$185,000,000, are believed in the financial district to indicate that a considerable part of this amount will be remitted in dollars. The Allied Reparations Commission has announced that other currencies would be acceptable in view of the unsettlement of the exchange market at the time of the last settlement here, but in the opinion of many bankers payment in dollars would be most desirable from the standpoint of both debtor and creditor.

Negotiations being carried on here by Germany cover credits applicable to reparations payments as well as to provide for grain purchases and in some quarters the accommodations arranged between now and the end of August are expected to reach \$75,000,000 or more. Due to the fact that some of the conversations now in progress may be overlapping—a point on which present information is not precise—this figure may prove excessive.

Two credits of \$5,000,000 each have already been arranged with local bankers for Germany's benefit, one being a grain financing operation and the second applicable to reparations account. The bankers were not prepared yesterday to state the terms or other conditions of these credits, but they are understood to be the forerunners of others of greater size. No new developments were reported yesterday in connection with the other grain credits under discussion. Closing of the \$9,000,000 is said to be delayed pending adjustment of a slight hitch, while the status of the \$25,000,000 is variously characterized. Information regarding the \$20,000,000 credit to be established jointly here and in London was scant, although one version is that the grain to be financed will be paid for in sterling drafts to a maximum of £5,000,000.

Joint Guarantee Required.

A feature of all the credits under negotiation, according to the bankers, is that they will be guaranteed jointly and severally by the principal German banking institutions and houses. The credits for reparations account, it was asserted, will be secured in various ways, chiefly (1) by German holdings; (2) deposit of marks in Germany with a margin sufficient to safeguard against decline; and (3) such exports of German commodities as may come under Government control.

The credits being arranged to finance purchases of grain, cotton and other commodities in this country are mostly acceptance operations, the term being sufficiently short to make the paper eligible for rediscount at the Federal Reserve banks, it was indicated yesterday.

The credits which Germany is seeking, bankers pointed out, cannot properly be considered as separate units, but rather as parts of one big operation, designed to cover Germany's requirements, both for reparations payments and other needs. They will all contribute to facilitating the meeting of German obligations during the remainder of the year and will tend to spread the requirements out, it was explained.

The reason why Germany is expected to pay a substantial proportion of the next reparations amount in dollars is that the dollar is the only stable currency at this time. Were Germany to purchase now the currencies of other nations in preparation for the settlement, these might have declined in value by the date of payment, when the prevailing quotation will determine the amount to be paid. Germany will then have to cover this difference. Similarly, the Allies might experience a loss in converting such currencies to meet their needs after the payment, whereas the American dollar, backed by the gold standard, offers a medium of payment without these disadvantages.

Another reason for expecting the deposit here is that Germany has lately been largely increasing her balances on this side.

Cash Payments Heretofore.

Until now Germany has been paying for grain, cotton and other products which she has purchased here recently in rather large volume in cash upon presentation of documents at Dutch port, according to bankers interested in the trade. The necessity for cash payments will be cleared up by the establishment of the projected credits.

In granting accommodations to Germany to finance her exports from this country. New York bankers have lagged behind London financial institutions, bankers said. The latter started some time ago to extend credits in a cautious way and have recently broadened these operations. At first the deposit of marks up to a value of 110% of the credit was required in German banks, a 50% cash payment required and 50% payment accepted in bills running one, two and three months. Latterly, as confidence has increased, the London banks are reported to have been granting straight three months credits, without other security than the guarantee of German institutions.

On July 14 in reporting that Germany was conducting four sets of negotiations with banking groups in this country for credits aggregating \$49,000,000 to cover purchases of grains and other foodstuffs expected to be made here, the "Journal of Commerce" added in part:

Coincident with and as a part of one of these negotiations a credit of \$10,000,000 is being discussed in London.

Discussions regarding a credit of \$9,000,000 are reported as being the nearest completion. This advance, it was learned, is under consideration between the Getreide Einfuhr-behle, the German Government department of foodstuffs supplies, and a banking group understood to include among others, the International Acceptance Bank, the Chase National Bank, the Bankers Trust Company and the First National Bank of Boston. The terms contemplated are stated to provide for the payment of \$3,000,000 down upon arrival at German ports of the grain which is being financed, the remainder to be covered by \$6,000,000 ninety-day acceptances, possibly with renewal features.

Joint Negotiations.

The largest credit which is now under negotiation between Germany and local banking interests is for \$25,000,000. The opinion was expressed yesterday that if this was arranged it might prove sufficient to Germany's requirements at this time, but in general the view is that Germany will take all the credit which may be available. A third group is involved in negotiations being carried on jointly in this city and London and calls for accommodations to the extent of \$10,000,000 at each centre. Five million dollars is the aggregate of the credit which is being arranged with still a fourth group.

The completion by Germany of the payment of its first installment of reparations payments was referred to on several occasions by us, the more recent items having appeared in our issue of June 4, page 2359, and June 11, page 2473. On June 28 announcement was made of the second reparations payment by Germany—this amounting to 44,000,000 gold marks. On that date a copyright cablegram to the New York "Times" from Paris said:

The Reparations Commission announces that Germany has redeemed the second of the twenty \$10,000,000 three-month Treasury notes she handed over on June 1. The first was paid up about two weeks ago.

To-day's payment was made in form the equivalent in European currencies of 44,000,000 marks gold. This payment in European currencies instead of dollars, in which the initial payments were made, is in accord with the recent decision of the Reparations Commission.

The decision of the principal allied European countries (approved by the Reparations Commission) to permit the payment in European currencies of the reparations amounts still owing by Germany was made known in a copyright cablegram to the New York "Times" from Paris June 25. Yesterday (July 15) copyright advices from Paris to the same paper said:

A solution of the reparations problem, which is the chief bone of contention between France and Germany and the greatest obstacle to European peace, has just been found. It is the work of the committee that carried on the negotiations begun between M. Loucheur and Dr. Rathenau six weeks ago at Wiesbaden.

Significantly enough, this news only became public after the adjournment of Parliament, which, owing to the Nationalist majority, doesn't quite approve "business" efforts to bring France and Germany together on a peaceful footing.

The agreement as decided by the committee will form the subject of a report to be addressed within forty-eight hours to the French and German Governments, which will then place on it the seal of ratification. But this is expected to be a formal matter, as the negotiators on both sides enjoyed the confidence of their superiors who are only too anxious to find a solution of the far-reaching problem of reparations.

Briefly, the basis of the whole scheme is the formation of a body that will put French buyers in relations with German producers. This means that France at last has accepted the principle that Germany pay reparations in kind rather than in cash. Hitherto France has refused to accept this, with the result that peace in Europe has been hanging on the edge of the precipice of impossibility. For Germany obviously cannot pay cash.

As matters will stand if the present agreement is accepted, any Frenchmen who suffered war damage will notify this body to be created what he needs—anything from reinforced concrete to ersatz Yale locks. German producers will be called on to send the goods required. In return they will receive bonds to be liquidated in marks by the German Government. The latter doubtless will raise money by taxation from the producers, so that in the long run Germany will be paying, all right, but will not be ruined in the process.

That alone is enough to show the importance of this agreement. But that is not all. One of the most potentially troublous questions between France and Germany to-day is, on one side, the German boycott of French goods, and, on the other, the new "hole in the West," as the Germans call the free access of French goods into the Rhineland due to the Allied tariff sanctions.

The French seizure of Dusseldorf, Ruhrort and Duisburg is from a business viewpoint comparatively unimportant. What really matters is that thereby the French can introduce goods on German soil without paying duties. But according to the new agreement, the Germans in return for the French acceptances of the principle of payment of reparations in kind will lower the tariff barriers against French imports up to a certain quota. The French correspondingly promise not to flood the Rhineland—whence the permeation of militarily unoccupied Germany is practically unpreventable—with their products.

Thus the genuine foundations for an economic peace have been laid between the two countries. True, the military sanctions still hold good. But they are a matter of moral rather than practical concern and doubtless will be removed as soon as the relations between France and Germany are improved by this economic accord.

HOLLAND BANK GRANTS CREDIT TO REICHSBANK.

Under date of July 13, Associated Press advices from Berlin said:

The Reichsbank announces that through the intermediary of the Amsterdam branch of the Mendelssohn banking house a credit amounting to 150,000,000 gold marks has been granted the Reichsbank and that negotiations are in progress with reference to further similar credits.

The Reichsbank statement says these credit operations will so enlarge the measures being taken by the Government that fulfillment of the reparations demands falling due Aug. 31 may be considered assured. Further reparations payments in bills of exchange during the present year therefore will not be necessary, the statement adds.

The present operation is reported here to be the first of a series of similar undertakings which the German Government, through the Reichsbank, is negotiating with private banks abroad. The Government's action meets with the entire approval of the financial experts in Berlin, who interpret it as proof of the Imperial Bank's continued unimpaired credit abroad, as well as faith by foreigners in the economic future of Germany.

The official statement fails to reveal the identity of the Dutch sources which advanced the first 150,000,000 marks or the terms under which the credit was made.

That the move was wholly of private origin is indicated in editorial comments on the loan, although the Reichsbank, by virtue of its functions as the governmental banker, naturally officiated as the Government's agent. The Mendelssohn Bank, through whose Amsterdam branch the present operation was negotiated, ranks as the wealthiest of German private banks.

That the Reichsbank in the present instance should be able to realize on its credits abroad to the extent involved is cited here as effectually disproving rumors in circulation that it would have to resort to a moratorium as a result of Germany's entangled financial situation since the revolution. Financial experts predict a prompt improvement in the quotation of the German mark as a result of the Dutch credit.

They cite the quick recovery of the mark on the Bourse when the dollar was quoted at 80 marks, but later was listed officially at a trifle under 77.

The plans of the Reichsbank for liquidating the foreign credits now being negotiated include accelerated purchases of gold and silver and a general movement to induce exporters to issue invoices on the basis of foreign exchanges, thus enabling the bank to come into increased possession of foreign moneys with which reparations indemnities can be met.

ADVERTISING CONCESSIONS IN BERLIN TO BE PAID ON DOLLAR BASIS.

The Associated Press in Berlin advices June 27 said: Advertising concessions granted by the municipality of Greater Berlin hereafter will be paid for on a dollar basis. A contract concluded between

the city and a private firm for use of the public signboards specifies the American equivalent of three million marks for the contract or on the basis of the prevailing exchange rate, \$39,000.

In adopting the American dollar as the basis of payments the city purposes to protect itself from losses accruing through further depreciation of the mark and will unload the risk on contracting parties. The municipality now is selling all available advertising space in an effort to secure all the money possible for the municipal exchequer.

GERMANY TO RELEASE SEQUESTERED AMERICAN PROPERTY.

It was made known on June 23 by the State Department at Washington that advices had been received by it from the German Government announcing the decision of the latter to release the remainder of sequestered American properties. Requests for the release of this property, it is stated, should be addressed to the Information Office of the Alien Property Custodian in Berlin at Verlaengerichte Hedemapitz Strasse eleven.

The Department had previously been informed that, in compliance with the provisions of the ordinance of the German Government of Jan. 11 1920, regarding the repeal of certain war measures and the release of alien property held by the Trustee of Enemy Property, the German Government had been releasing some of the property in the control of that official, upon the application of the legitimate owner. It is the understanding of the Department, however, that American cash holdings have not been generally released up to the present time.

An Associated Press cablegram from Berlin June 23 the had following to say in the matter:

In making formal announcement to-day that all American property held by the German Government would be released immediately, the Foreign Office said much of such property already had been restored, but that certain credits and securities were still held. This was because Germany was unable to know whether the United States would adopt the same system of accounting as that provided for in the Versailles Treaty, the announcement declared.

Consequently, it added, Germany in returning American property was running the risk of having to make double payments, but nevertheless the Government had decided to turn over all American property immediately to save the owners further trouble, facilitate a resumption of German-American trade and establish the inviolability of private property.

GERMAN TECHNICAL WORKERS AGAINST EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

On June 25 the New York "Evening Post" printed the following foreign correspondence to it from Berlin, under date of June 6:

At the annual convention of the Association of Technical Workers in session here it was unanimously decided that the eight-hour working day is a failure and cannot possibly be retained in Germany.

The eight-hour day was made legal and compulsory immediately after the Armistice. It is to that the German Government ascribes the fact that the German railroads lost approximately 17,000,000,000 marks last year.

The working day before the war was twelve hours, and economists claim that the German laborer, unaccustomed to four hours of leisure every day, cannot stand up under the strain; he goes in for dissipation, at the end of which he is unfit for real work of any kind.

BASIS FOR PAYING GERMAN DEBTS.

On June 13 the "Journal of Commerce" printed the following from Leipsic under date of May 30:

Leipsic, May 30.—A decision of importance for foreign creditors of inhabitants of Germany has been filed by the Supreme Court of Germany (in Reports II. 13-20). The German Civil Code provides that all debts owing to foreigners shall be paid in German money except where payment in foreign currency has been agreed on. If the agreement or other instrument merely names a sum in foreign money, but contains no proviso relating to the money standard in which the obligation shall be discharged, the amount must be transformed into marks.

Time of Payment.

This must be done "at the time of payment" and "the place of fulfillment," the law states. There was a question whether the "time of payment" was to be interpreted as the time when the debt became due or when it was actually discharged. The court holds that the foreign creditor must receive the exact amount of his claim, and, therefore, the foreign exchange value of the mark on the day when the debt is actually liquidated must govern the transaction.

Another interesting decision respecting foreign exchange values was filed by the Landgericht I. at Berlin. A German firm indebted to the Deutsche Bank for a sum expressed in English money had in 1915 satisfied the claim of the Bank on the basis of 20.60 marks to the pound, but at the same time an agreement was made that the final accounting should take place as soon as the pound sterling was again quoted on the Stock Exchange of Berlin. On Feb. 2 1920 English money for the first time after the war was officially quoted in Berlin, and the rate was 317.50 marks to the pound. The Deutsche Bank then demanded the difference between 20.60 marks and the after-war quotation, but the debtor refused payment.

Outcome of Suit.

In the suit then instituted by the Bank the court decided that a ruling for the plaintiff would be against public policy and that, as the defendant had argued, the Bank must be satisfied with an accounting on the basis of the first quotation of the pound sterling in a neutral market after the English moratorium had expired. This would be 21.94 marks to the pound, reported from Amsterdam. The case will come before the Reichsgericht for final adjudication.

HOARDERS OF CERTAIN GERMAN 50-MARK BILLS MAY SUSTAIN LOSS.

Under the above head the New York "Evening Post" had the following to say in a special cable dispatch from Berlin, July 13, copyrighted by the Public Ledger Co.:

Americans who are hoarding German paper currency for a rise may have to take a loss if part of their hoarding is in 50-mark bills. Two issues thereof of 1918 date, some time ago withdrawn from circulation on account of extensive forgeries, have either lost or are about to lose their value entirely. One hundred and sixty millions worth of the two issues still are outstanding.

The Government now has given a last warning to holders that none will be redeemed after July 31. Bills of these issues found their way abroad in large quantities, their circulation coinciding with the period when German war profiteers and other tax dodgers were making every effort to smuggle wealth abroad to avoid heavy taxes on capital, and considerable amounts are understood to have been stored away by foreigners.

Treasury officials estimate that of eighty billions of paper in circulation, ten to fifteen millions are held abroad in consequence of exchange speculation in German marks or purchases by foreign business men planning to use them to meet bills for German exports.

CUBAN CONGRESS MEETS JULY 18 TO ENACT MEASURES TO REHABILITATE TREASURY—PROPOSED LOAN.

The signing of a proclamation by President Alfredo Zayas calling the Cuban Congress in extraordinary session beginning July 18, was made known on July 8. Havana dispatches reported President Zayas as stating that the call resulted from the necessity of enacting legislation to normalize the nation's affairs. The dispatches also stated:

Specific measures recommended will be submitted in special messages by the President. They will be drafted at conferences scheduled to begin next Monday between the President, Major-General E. H. Crowder and a mixed commission from both Houses of Congress.

On the 12th inst. it was announced that measures to rehabilitate the Cuban national treasury would receive the right of way at the extraordinary session, the decision having been arrived at at the meeting of the mixed Congressional Commission on the 11th inst. The press advices said:

Questions relative to floating a loan, disposing of the sugar surplus, taking steps to balance the production of the principal products of the country with consumption, and, finally, the building of homes for the working classes, will take a secondary place in the agenda of Congress.

As to the plans for the issuance of bonds to cover the Government deficit, the Associated Press in a dispatch from Havana July 14 said:

An agreement to issue enough bonds to cover the deficit confronting the Government, estimated at more than \$45,000,000 was reached at to-day's meeting of the mixed Congressional commission with President Zayas. Another measure the conference decided to bring to the attention of the special session of Congress meeting July 18 is restriction of immigration.

Amplifying the official statement given out after the meeting, Jose M. Cortina, Secretary of the Presidency, stated that the bonds to meet unpaid floating indebtedness would be issued in the form of an interior loan of \$50,000,000 at 6%. He asserted that the loan would help retrieve the present economic crisis, but that the means the Government planned to adopt to aid the sugar industry would be entirely distinct from its measures to wipe out the deficit.

Salient features of the report submitted yesterday by Sebastian Gelaber, the Secretary of the Treasury and made public to-day, were that the Government's income for the fiscal year 1921-1922 would not exceed \$66,990,000 and that reduction in the budgets of every department would be necessary. The Secretary is quoted as having told the meeting that his investigations already had shown a deficit compared with former administrations of \$36,000,000 with the probability that it would be increased by \$10,000,000.

A report to the effect that unofficial advices at Washington indicated that a tentative plan to adjust the financial situation in Cuba and pave the way to a loan by American banks had been arranged and might be expected to reach the State Department in a few days appeared in the "Journal of Commerce" of July 13, what the latter had to say emanating from Washington, and being in part as follows:

The plan, according to best advices, is one calculated to relieve the present complicated state of credits in Cuba and enable the banks to straighten out the involved and almost helpless condition of business on the island. It is understood that the proposed plan has been submitted to Major General Crowder, who is in Havana as the representative of this Government and engaged in making a careful survey of the whole field with a view to bringing about a solution of the problem.

It is stated that General Crowder has not given the plan his approval officially, but has advanced the comment that it presents elements of distinct advantage.

Outline of Plan.

The idea is to base a loan of \$75,000,000 by American banks to the Cuban Government on a tax on the sugar crop, which would take care of payments of principal and interest. Under Government auspices a corporation similar to our War Finance Corporation would be created to absorb by purchase 1,000,000 tons of sugar and withdraw it from the market to sell as the price might justify.

This corporation would be administered by any American banking commission, through which the proceeds of the sugar tax would be liquidated in extinguishment of the loan. The involved planters would be able from the loan to get funds to take up their obligations now in the banks, and thus the general banking situation would be cleared up. In the meantime the United States Government would be expected to maintain a friendly cooperation with the Cuban Government for the purpose of insuring a balance of revenue over regular normal expenditures.

This proposition, which, as stated, is thus far entirely informal and unofficial, has brought forward another complication which may portend further difficulties in the situation. The Cuban Government has observed

that the Fordney tariff bill proposes the repeal and abrogation of the proviso of Article X of the Cuban reciprocity treaty. This proviso is to the effect that "while this convention is in force no sugar imported from the Republic of Cuba and being the product of the soil or the industry of the Republic of Cuba shall be admitted into the United States at a reduction of duty greater than 20% of the rates of duty thereon as provided by the Tariff Act of the United States approved July 24 1897, and no sugar the product of any other foreign country shall be admitted by treaty or convention into the United States while this convention is in force at a lower rate of duty than that provided by the Tariff Act of the United States approved July 24 1897.

Tariff Difficulty.

The aim of this repeal as it is interpreted by the Cubans is to widen the foreign market of supply for the United States and remove the preferential market enjoyed for nearly a score of years by Cuba. The competition of Porto Rican, Dutch, Philippines and other crops with the growing pressure from the Louisiana and the American beet sugar crop would militate strongly against the nearby absorption of Cuban sugar here.

The outcome is at present not easy to see, but it might happen that the Cuban Government would take it into its head, as it could under the terms of the treaty, to denounce the treaty. Then the shoe would be on the other foot. Cuba is a large market for a vast amount of our production, especially of agricultural implements, tools and machinery, together with an endless list of manufactures with which the Cuban people long since got into the habit of supplying themselves from our markets.

In a later account from Washington the same paper stated that no proposition for a loan of \$75,000,000 had been made officially to the State Department, though it was added "the idea may have been discussed unofficially with representatives of the Cuban Government or New York bankers." It was further said to have been indicated that Gen. Crowder had not given his approval to any definite plan suggested by Cubans or Americans. The "Journal of Commerce" also had the following to say in its advices from Washington July 14:

Approval by the United States of a Cuban loan to relieve the financial distress in that republic awaits the success of the Budget Committee in balancing the income and expenditures of the Cuban Government, it was learned to-day at the State Department. Various suggestions have been made to this Government for assistance to Cuba in the present serious situation. A decision has been held up pending the result of the efforts started by the Cuban authorities.

We likewise reprint from that paper the following cablegram to it from Havana July 14:

President Zayas conferred for more than four hours last night with the mixed Congressional Commission which has been studying measures of relief from Cuba's present financial and economic situation. The following was given out officially after the conference had ended:

"General Crowder, especially invited by the President, was present at the meeting as personal representative of President Harding. General Crowder stated that in accepting the kind invitation extended by President Zayas he came with the object of giving the Commission information on the subject of certain problems connected with the pending negotiations between the Government of Cuba and the United States as to possible economic aid to Cuba and a revision of the reciprocity treaty. With reference to this, General Crowder said he had instructions from his Government to state that he was in a position to assist in any satisfactory manner in the solution of the actual economic troubles of Cuba. He added that this willingness was inspired by a sincere sympathy toward Cuba and by his warmest wishes to be of some usefulness in the field of cordial relations between Cuba and the American nation, which he represents.

"After making several interesting suggestions with reference to the subject in hand, he left the conference stating that he was willing to continue his co-operation with the Commission if called upon in any affair based on his declaration mentioned above.

"The Commission resolved that President Zayas, in his first message to Congress in extraordinary session on Monday next, should ask approval for the customs law, whereby the executive power be authorized to raise to 30% the import duties from countries that do not give favorable treatment to Cuban products."

EFFECT IN CHINA OF THE BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE FAILURE.

Under the above head "Commerce Reports" of July 11 published by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce, Washington, says:

According to a cablegram from Commercial Attache Julean Arnold, dated at Peking, July 7, the failure of the Banque Industrielle de Chine has temporarily shaken the confidence of the Chinese in other foreign (non-Chinese) banks resulting in runs on some of their branches in China, but these runs are being met and, without doubt, will subside in the course of a few days. Meanwhile silver exchange advanced considerably, but already Shanghai quotations have receded again. The China Bankers' Association is negotiating an arrangement to redeem the Chinese notes issued by the Banque Industrielle de Chine at par through a loan of \$2,200,000 Mexican to the Banque Industrielle de Chine for this specific purpose.

The Banque Industrielle de Chine was formed in 1913 for the purpose of assisting in the financing of industrial and railway expansion in China. Although the bank was nominally a Franco-Sino institution in that two-thirds of the original capital was supplied by important French capitalists and banks and one-third by the Chinese Government, it is most essentially a French institution, since the capital supplied by the Chinese Government had been lent to that Government by the French promoter of the scheme. The bank obtained contracts for building the Pukow harbor and the construction of a railroad of 1,000 miles in the South, and on May 5 1921, completed an agreement with the Peking municipality for the construction of tramways in the city of Peking.

In Nov. 1919, its authorized capitalization was increased to 250,000,000 francs, but its subscribed capital only increased from 75,000,000 francs to 150,000,000 francs, of which only half, however was paid up.

It has had offices in Peking, Shanghai, Hankow and Tientsin for a number of years and recently opened an office at Mukden, Manchuria. It has also had agencies at Saigon and Haiphong in French Indo-China, and has recently established offices in Yokohama and New York City.

It was on June 30 1921 that the bank suspended payments and was authorized in Paris to make adjustments with its creditors, the failure being undoubtedly the result of the extreme drop in the value of silver and the

inability of its creditors to meet their obligations to the bank in consequence thereof.

The suspension of the bank was referred to in these columns July 2, page 40, and July 9, page 150. On July 8 Associated Press dispatches from Paris said:

Premier Briand, after a hot debate to-day, was supported by the Chamber of Deputies by one of the smallest majorities he has received when he demanded that discussion by the Chamber of the difficulties of the Industrial Bank of China be deferred. The question of confidence, however, was not involved.

M. Briand said negotiations with China, which previously had failed, now were under way to support the bank to save France's prestige in the Orient.

As to the profits of the bank in New York, the "Wall Street Journal" of July 8 had the following to say:

News from Paris and London indicates that sentiment is growing in favor of supporting the Banque Industrielle de Chine. The affairs of the bank are in the hands of a friendly administrator, a member of the French courts. The business will not be wound up if there is any possible way out of the present trouble. The chief difficulties in the way of helping the bank seem to be entirely of a partisan political nature.

The New York Bank Examiner, after a preliminary examination of the books, has found that the local branch of the bank was operated at a profit, despite obligations forced upon it by the transactions of other branches.

The affairs of the Banque Industrielle de Chine in London are in the friendly hands of the London Joint City & Midland Bank. British sentiment, it is believed, will urge the support of the bank. It is pointed out that there was nothing culpable in either the management or activities of the bank. There were decidedly few banks, in any country, doing an international business, which have not been compelled to take losses as a result of the sudden, world-wide fall in values of commodities and the universal demoralization of exchange.

It cannot be asserted positively that the institution will weather the storm but all signs point strongly that way. Premier Briand stated before a gathering of French Senators at the Luxembourg Palace that there was still hope of averting a complete crash, which, if allowed to come, would bring the final deficit to 500,000,000 francs. The original figure was given as between 300,000,000 and 400,000,000. Should absolute suspension become imperative, Chinese customers, whose deposits are said to aggregate 400,000,000 francs, would be the heaviest losers. Such a catastrophe would inflict harm upon the commercial prestige of France in China and Indo-China.

The capital of the bank was raised to 150,000,000 francs shortly after the armistice of November. This capital was not fully paid up. The Chinese Government has 25,000,000 francs of this capital, fully paid, and is ready to put another 25,000,000 francs, besides giving other assistance, as for instance, in conjunction with the Bankers' Association of Peking, the Chinese Finance Ministry announced that funds will be advanced to redeem the outstanding bank notes of the bank "in order to maintain the trade relationship between China and France without interruption."

ACCOUNTS TO BE MADE IN SILVER DOLLARS AT AMOY, CHINA.

"Commerce Reports" of July 7 stated:

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation of Amoy has issued a notice, writes Consul A. E. Carleton, to the effect that after May 31 1921, no more accounts will be kept in Spanish currency or chopped yen, and that all such accounts will be transferred at par to "silver dollars, local currency." During the war and in consequence of the scarcity of silver in China, most of it having been shipped to India, the Spanish currency remained at about par with Hongkong currency, while the silver (chopped) yen went to a very high premium. For some years the Republican dollar and the chopped yen have been at par in the market. Not long ago the Chinese banks and others in China changed completely from taels to silver dollars and nearly all transactions were in silver dollars, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation being the only institution of any importance keeping accounts in Spanish dollars. Taking advantage of the par values of Spanish dollars and silver, the bank makes this change, which is also possible because the export of the local silver dollar is now feasible. Although the chopped yen is real, it might in time become, like the Spanish dollar, a book unit only; therefore the bank is discontinuing keeping its accounts in chopped yen as well. In the future the "dollar"—that is, the "market dollar"—will mean the same coin or class of coins, whatever that may be.

NEW CHINESE ROAD ISSUE MAY GIVE DOMINATION OF MANCHURIA TO JAPAN.

A copyright cablegram to the Chicago "Tribune" from Peking July 9 was published as follows in the New York "Times" of the 10th inst.:

A decision to issue bonds for a total of 25,000,000 taels (roughly, \$20,000,000 at the normal rate of exchange) was reached at a meeting of the directors and shareholders of the Chinese Eastern Ry. held in this city.

Bonds to the amount of 11,000,000 taels will be given to the Chinese Government for the old debt of 5,000,000 taels, with the compound interest pending since the 1907 balances were sold in the open market.

It is expected that all the bonds will be purchased by the Japanese, who will thus gain complete control of the line, which will be pledged as security, since the offer of a loan of 20,000,000 yen by the Japanese was refused. Russian consent to the bond issue is believed to be due to a desire for Japanese protection in northern Manchuria, as the Russian directors are devotees of the old regime.

The Chinese Government may sell the bonds granted it because of the financial straits in which it finds itself, thus making the Japanese interest the full amount of 25,000,000 taels. Opposition is now developing to the sale of any bonds granted to the Chinese Government.

By obtaining control of the Chinese Eastern Ry. the Japanese will have virtual domination of all Manchuria.

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS IN SWEDEN.

Brown Brothers & Co. have received a letter from their correspondents, the Skandinaviska Kreditaktiebolaget, Stockholm, Sweden, which deals with current conditions in Sweden, and also discusses the outlook for trade there. Extracts from this letter follow:

It is quite clear that Sweden and its industry have not been able to avoid the crisis which is at present invading most countries, especially

those which resolutely try to stop further inflation and stabilize the price level. A feature which is of special difficulty for Sweden is the falling off of the important export of wood which otherwise at this time of the year attains very large figures. The sales have hitherto been very insignificant and as yet there are no signs of a returning activity. Also the position of other industries in Sweden, as in other countries, is not very satisfactory at present. However, a not insignificant export of paper is still going on. The ore export has likewise been rather considerable during the past months of the year. April even shows a record figure of 450,000 tons for the export of ore via Narvik. The export for April amounted to 68,800,000 kroner, whereas the import was 105,000,000 kroner. The excess of the import is thus 36,700,000 kroner, which means a considerable improvement of the trade balance as compared with the same month last year, when the excess of import was 103,200,000 kroner. At the same time the export was 163,700,000 kroner.

With regard to the money market, this has hitherto showed a very great resisting power. In spite of the fact that all values on 'change have been falling continually for months back, and in spite of the general industrial situation, no serious failures have occurred. Of course, there has been a sifting out of a number of war enterprises, but hardly anything more.

It must not be forgotten that Sweden, perhaps, in a higher degree than most countries, has very sound business and banking conditions based on traditions extending over many decades, and that Sweden has been spared the economic devastations of the war, even if it has not been able to avoid the consequences of the inflation. Further, it owns inexhaustible supplies of raw materials, necessary for the whole world, which may sink in price and for a time be dispensed with, but for which there will always sooner or later be a demand.

In the last place Sweden is, of course, dependent on the general development of the world market. If the agreement between the Entente and Germany should really prove to lead to an improvement of the international position, and if the trade relations with Russia and the countries of Central Europe could be re-established in a durable way, there is every reason to suppose that this will react in a favorable manner also on the economic conditions of Sweden. It seems as if the crop will be satisfactory, and consequently the import of grain and sugar may be reduced to a minimum.

The note circulation is constantly diminishing. At present it amounts to about Kr. 630,000,000, as against upwards of Kr. 800,000,000 a year or two ago. The discount rate is at present 6½%. It is not improbable that we shall have to expect a further reduction of this rate. [Since the above letter was written the rate has been reduced to 6%.—Ed.]

INDUSTRIAL FAIR IN NORWAY.

An opportunity of becoming acquainted with Norwegian firms and products will be given American business men attending Norway's industrial fair, to be held at Christiania Sept. 4 to 11 this year. The fair is the second of its kind in Norway. The first industrial fair was held in the beginning of September of last year in the grounds of the Akershus Fort at Christiania and the results showed that the fair had been a decided success. The total number of visitors was 64,000, of whom about 8,000 were buyers. Many visitors came from the United States and other overseas countries, and the direct sale of the fair represented a total amount of above 9 million kroner. At the industrial fair this year American business men probably will be particularly interested in the following products represented: Canned goods, smoked herring, salted mackerel, hides and skins, train and herring oils, herring meal, fertilizers, wood pulp and cellulose, paper, matches, chemicals, &c. Information about the industrial fair may be secured by applying to the Trade Intelligence Bureau of Norway (Norges Oplysningskontor for Naeringsveiene), Christiania, Norway.

SPANISH PAPER SAYS DEPRECIATION OF EXCHANGE DUE TO STORING OF GOLD BY GOVERNMENT.

Cablegrams to the daily papers from Madrid, July 11, are authority for the following:

Discussing the question of exchange, the *Espana Economica y Financiera* calls attention to the fact that the peseta is quoted at 7.70 to the dollar, and says that the fault, for the most part, for such depreciation of the peseta lies with the Government. Instead of exporting a portion of the large stock of gold stored in the cellars of the Bank of Spain, thereby improving the situation, declares the paper, the Government allows the matter to drift.

It argues that the existence of such stock of metal is useless, since, in spite of it, the peseta continues to fall, and concludes:

"If matters follow the same course as they have up to the present the Minister of Finance will find great difficulty in even starting an effort to reconstitute the National finances, which will be in bad condition, while those charged with the country's economic interests display an utter lack of reflection and precision."

LOAN TO GREEK GOVERNMENT.

An Athens cablegram, July 11, said: The government to-night announced the conclusion of a new loan from the National Bank of 150,000,000 drachmas.

M. Maximos, director of the National Bank, planned to leave for London to endeavor to arrange a private loan from English bankers.

GREEK GOVERNMENT RESTRICTS DEALINGS IN EXCHANGE.

The "Wall Street Journal" July 13, said:

The last few months have witnessed violent fluctuations in Greek exchange. The market has become extremely sensitive, owing to continued hostilities with Turkey. Drachmas declined from above 10 cents a few months ago to below 5 cents. Later they rallied to about 6½ cents, but now appear to be on another downward movement, being quoted at less than 5½ cents.

These wide fluctuations are attributed in a large extent to speculation. The Greek National Assembly, recognizing this, has passed a law providing

for the establishment of an institution, in some respect similar to the Italian Institute, to regulate the purchase and sale of foreign exchange.

It is the purpose of this institution not only to purchase and sell foreign exchange and bank notes but also to transfer capital under whatever form, viz., by securities, coupons, foreign bank-notes, &c.

The institution has taken the form of a syndicate of banks. Dealing in foreign exchange is not now allowed in the case of banks, bankers and kindred firms not members of the syndicate.

The most important details of the organization and its purpose are as follows: Capital is furnished by syndicate banks. Syndicate will carry on business through the head offices, branches and correspondents of its member banks throughout the country. It fixes the daily rates of exchange for purchase and sale for all parts of the Kingdom. Syndicate approves under certain specified conditions sale of foreign exchange by participating banks. The first banks in the syndicate are the National Bank of Greece, the Bank of Athens the Orient Bank and the Ionian Bank, Ltd. Other banks may also enter. Practically all of the bigger banks are expected to join.

Purchase and sale of "future" exchange is restricted to cover imports and exports of goods.

CHILEAN SENATE PASSES 75,000,000 PESO LOAN BILL.

According to Santiago (Chile) press dispatches July 13 the Senate in special session on that date definitely passed a bill authorizing the Government to place either in Chile or abroad a loan of 25,000,000 pesos in gold and 50,000,000 pesos in paper currency at 8% for five years. This reduces the amount asked by the Government exactly one-half. The advices also state.

The loan probably will be taken immediately by local banks and will serve to cover the arrears in the governmental finances caused by the decreased duties received for nitrate exportation.

The passage of the bill by the Chilean Chamber of Deputies was referred to in our issue of Saturday last, page 132.

CHILE'S BUDGET FOR 1922—PROPOSED LOAN OF 100,000,000 PESOS.

It was announced on June 15 that President Alessandri had sent to the Chilean Congress the budget for 1922, which totals 320,000,000 pesos currency and 65,500,000 pesos gold. A Santiago press dispatch of June 15 from which this is learned, also stated.

The budget shows the deficit in the Treasury is expected to reach 121,500,000 paper pesos in 1922, this condition being due to the small amount of nitrate being exported. The President's message recommends the prompt passage of taxation laws, which have been pending for some time. Included in this legislation are bills providing for an income tax and taxes on inheritances, industrial and commercial profits, and the sale of nitrate land. Congress is assured that rigid economies have been adopted which, during the coming year, will assist the country to bear the burden and eventually bring about a reduction in taxes.

In his annual message to Congress, submitted at the convening of the joint session on June 1, President Alessandri reported that international commerce had reached 1,246,000,000 pesos gold in 1920, which was made up of 455,000,000 pesos in imports and 791,000,000 pesos in exports. The press advices at that time also stated:

The message reported that the external debt had been reduced to 28,350,732 pounds and that the internal debt, constituted mainly of currency bills, reached 155,000,000 pesos. This debt is guaranteed by gold deposits and 95,000,000 pesos in bonds and Treasury notes, the message said.

President Alessandri made special mention of the railroad loan recently negotiated in the United States, referring to it as a new tie in commercial relations destined to strengthen the cordiality of the American people, "whose greatness is recognized throughout the world."

Referring to financial matters, the message said the present financial crisis of the Government was due to the deficit of 1919, which, added to the deficit of 1920, at present totals 99,000,000 pesos, paper, and 14,000,000 pesos, gold. The resources of the Government have been curtailed, due to the lack of sales of nitrate, and this situation will cause a further deficit of approximately 90,000,000 pesos during the present year. Authority was asked to negotiate a loan of 100,000,000 pesos, paper, and 1,000,000, gold, for the re-establishment of the financial situation and meeting the deficit in the Treasury.

CLOSING OF POPULAR BANK OF SANTIAGO, CHILE.

The closing of the Popular Bank, of Santiago, Chile, was announced in press dispatches from that city on June 19, which said:

The Popular Bank, founded in 1887, closed its doors yesterday and was declared bankrupt. It handled small commercial and industrial credits, its liabilities being about 10,000,000 pesos, with assets of about the same amount. It was decided to close the institution in view of the commercial and industrial conditions here.

TEXT OF RECENT PERUVIAN BANKING DECREE RESTRICTING USE OF CAPITAL OF BANKS.

On June 15 the Department of Commerce at Washington made public the following translation of the Peruvian decree of May 2 1921 restricting the use of the capital and deposits of Peruvian banks and of branches of foreign banks in Peru:

Whereas, The removal of the national capital from the country restricts productive investments within the country and the development of industries and causes an increase in the cost of living:

Whereas, It is the duty of the State to protect the investment of the national capital:

By virtue of the authority contained in Act No. 1967, and until the legislative power shall enact laws which will give elasticity to the paper currency.

It is decreed that (1) the banks, both Peruvian and foreign, are obliged to keep in their vaults or invested in the country the value of the declared capital of the former or the sums assigned to the latter at the time of their establishment in Peru. (2) The Caja de Ahorros and others of its class are included in this provision. (3) The Peruvian and foreign banks established within the republic are obliged to maintain invested within the country the total amount of funds deposited with them by the public in any form of account and may not employ in operations outside of the country any money excepting that which exceeds such total. (4) The fiscal inspector of banks shall take care to verify the monthly, semi-annual and annual balances made by the banks in the republic, fixing his signature to his approval for publication and other purposes; he shall institute an official file of authenticated copies of these balances and will record daily fluctuations in foreign exchanges, keeping a book containing exact statements of the changes and their causes; he will also establish a special file of the statutes, regulations and reports of the banks, as well as of all laws and dispositions pertaining to them since their establishment in Peru; he will compile the statutes and regulations of the banks established in the principal commercial cities of the world as a source of information; and he shall visit the banks whenever his presence there is necessary. (5) All the banks, the Stock Exchange, the Caja de Ahorros and in general all those that have to do with the fixing of foreign exchange shall at all times proceed according to the advice of the fiscal inspector of banks. (6) The Secretary of the Treasury will meet the expense incurred in carrying out this decree, charging the amount to the general budget.

In our issue of May 28 (page 2249) we referred to the fact that the Peruvian Government had refused to revoke the decree.

THE MEXICAN DEBT.

The Department of Commerce at Washington on June 14 reported the receipt of the following information from Commercial Attache Carlton Jackson at Mexico City under date of May 17:

The total debt of Mexico, as stated by the Secretary of Hacienda, Dec. 31 1920, amounted to \$426,791,555 Mexican currency (\$213,395,778 U. S. currency), of which \$423,291,555 was Federal debt and \$3,500,000 State debt. The following table shows the Mexican debt, in detail, as given by the Secretary:

	Amount.		Amount.
Foreign debt:		State debts:	
Municipal loan, 5% 1889	\$13,525,815	Dredging at Vera Cruz--	\$831,200
Consolidated, 5% 1889--	97,206,829	Dredging at Tampico,	
4% gold, 1904-----	74,312,801	Series 1 and 2-----	1,538,100
4% gold, 1910-----	101,898,810	Dredging at Mazatlan--	466,700
		Dredging at Puerto	
Total-----	\$286,944,255	Mexico, Vera Cruz---	664,000
Internal debt:			
Consolidated, 3%-----	\$42,028,800	Total-----	\$3,500,000
Red., 5%, Series 1 to 5--	94,318,500	Grand Total-----	\$426,791,555
	\$136,347,300		

The unpaid accrued interest on the issue of general redeemable mortgage bonds guaranteed at 4% to Oct. 1 1920 amounted to \$26,473,976. The Government alone is responsible for this interest. In addition to this amount of unpaid interest there is admitted accrued interest charges amounting to \$167,233,166.

The nominal capital of unpaid bonds for the liquidation of La Cia. del F. C. de Tehuantepec, amounts to \$4,000,000. Payment of interest is made when it becomes due.

ARGENTINA TURNS TO LONDON FOR ARBITRAGE OPERATIONS.

In its issue of June 29, the "Wall Street Journal" said:

J. H. Molder, Manager of the Banco Holandes de la America del Sud, who has just arrived in New York from Buenos Aires on a brief visit to study the causes of the fluctuation in exchange between the two cities, declares that there is no deeply underlying condition in the Argentine to justify the disturbance.

"It is very hard to understand the attitude which has developed on the part of New York bankers toward South America," said Mr. Molder, "especially during the past few months. It has become almost impossible to conduct exchange operations. We have been forced to turn elsewhere for our arbitrage operations—to London, Paris, &c., where we could feel confidence, and we found these markets broad and offering good opportunities to work at reasonable prices. It would seem that the American bankers have developed a condition of groundless fear. The demoralized, nervous, unstable and fluctuating condition of exchange is something we cannot quite make out in Buenos Aires.

"I speak for business as I know it in Latin America. There is no financial anarchy in Argentina nor anywhere else in South America. If there is anywhere a lack of faith and trust toward the banking and business interests of South America, it is, so far as I can see, confined to New York. The rest of the world does not show it.

"We have not stopped doing business, either at home or with Europe. We have not stopped importing nor exporting. Our imports are increasing from England; our exports to England are increasing. We are buying from Germany and the rest of Europe. We are selling to Continental Europe. There is no upset in our credit arrangements with these countries, neither is there any abnormal fluctuation in our transactions with them. But when it comes to arranging dollar credits, and dollar exchange, it is almost impossible to proceed.

"A great deal of export trade which might have developed between Argentina and the United States is forever lost. There was, to put it mildly, much unfairness practised upon the South American importers. But American bankers are in no way to blame for this.

"There is nothing in the international trade situation that I can discover to justify the hesitant, nervous character of exchange between here and Buenos Aires. Our internal conditions are calm and prosperous; our banks are sound and prosperous; our outstanding external obligations are small; our financial position is strong, and there is no inflation."

EXPORT OF ARGENTINE GOLD OPPOSED—EXCHANGE OF \$30,000,000 OF WOOL FOR RAILWAY MATERIAL.

President Irigoyen in a special message to the Argentine Congress on July 13 recommended an increase of exportation and a cutting down of imports for the purpose of adjusting

the adverse exchange situation. The press dispatches from Buenos Aires July 14 also said:

The President declared that the free export of gold would affect adversely the country's monetary supply and that it would not be wise to risk depleting the country's reserves.

Negotiations for the exchange of wool valued at \$30,000,000 for locomotives and railway material have been begun by the Government. It was said that German and Belgian banking houses, as well as local banks, were concerned in the transaction. President Irigoyen held a conference yesterday with the Administrator of the State Railways relative to the plan, but nothing was made public regarding their conversation.

The organization of a company to promote the export of Argentine products was decided upon yesterday by the Argentine Commercial Federation, the members of which are leaders in various lines of commerce and industry. The meeting at which this action was taken adopted a recommendation for the immediate sale of cereals, wool and hides at present prices. The export of gold for the purpose of regulating exchange was opposed at the meeting.

ESTABLISHMENT OF \$500,000 CREDIT FUND IN NEW YORK BY COSTA RICA.

Under date of July 13, press advices, from San Jose, Costa Rica, said:

Interest coupons from Government bonds issued against the foreign debt of Costa Rica have been exported to the amount of \$500,000 to New York for the purpose of establishing credits there. The Government intends to continue placing negotiable securities in New York for the purpose of maintaining a considerable sum of money there.

This step taken by the financial department of the Government has been followed by the introduction in the Chamber of Deputies of a bill providing for the establishment of a National bank. The institution would have a capital of \$8,000,000 to be jointly held by the Government and private citizens.

GUATEMALA ISSUES 70,000,000 NICKEL COINS.

Nickel coins to the amount of 70,000,000 have been put into circulation by the Government of Guatemala for the purpose of alleviating the shortage of currency occasioned by the withdrawal of gold coins from circulation, according to press advices from Guatemala City July 10, which also states:

The gold will be used in stabilizing foreign exchange. The Government has announced that the coining of nickel pieces, which is done in accordance with the law recently passed by Congress, will not alter the country's monetary system.

INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE APPROVES TER MEULEN PLAN OF CREDITS.

At its concluding session in London on July 1 the conference of the International Chamber of Commerce approved the ter Meulen plan and recommended the appointment of an international committee of bankers and business men to advance the plan. An Associated Press dispatch from London July 2 said:

An article by the financial editor of the London "Times" says the passage by the International Chamber of Commerce of a resolution supporting the international credit system proposed at the Brussels Financial Conference by Dr. U. ter Meulen, the Dutch banker, is most significant, "for it is well known the American delegates to the Congress had in their pockets an exports credit scheme of their own."

"No doubt," adds the writer, "the determining factor in the American decision was the fact that the ter Meulen plan is the only credit scheme which is linked with the equation of budgets and insures that the credits provided are used for essential purposes, and is accompanied by measures of reform. It therefore is natural to expect when the American delegates return to their own country they will urge on their fellow business men the advantages of the ter Meulen scheme, for much depends on the attitude which the Federal Reserve Board will take with regard to discounting bills drawn against the ter Meulen bonds."

It is well enough to say that at the World Cotton Conference, which closed at Manchester, England, on June 22, resolutions approving the ter Meulen credit plan were also adopted.

The other action taken at the concluding session of the conference of the International Chamber of Commerce was summarized as follows in a London cablegram of the 1st inst. published in the New York "Commercial":

The conference decided against the continuance of State control of industries, declared in favor of the enforcement of private enterprise and affirmed that the restoration of confidence among all nations is the most important work of the present time.

The conference condemned currency inflation and urged that all countries affected should decrease their issue of paper money, avoid contracting further external debts, at the same time removing restrictive financial measures such as those preventing the establishment of foreign banks. International disarmament was approved because the "world is unable to afford the continued competition and must reduce military and naval budget appropriations."

Regarding European debts to America and the German reparations payments the conference limited its action to the appointment of an international committee to study both problems.

Among other minor recommendations made by the conference were the following:

- Nations must economize in the use of fuel and raw materials.
- Abolition of export duties on raw materials.
- Abolition of double taxation, including the income tax.
- Speedy construction of a channel tunnel.
- Building of standard gauge railroads in Europe.
- Improvement in international communications by cable, telegraph and telephone.
- The creation of free zones and ports for the re-exportation of goods.
- Establishment of a uniform type of passport with the elimination of visas.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ST. LOUIS ON TER MEULEN CREDIT PLAN AND EXPORT FINANCE SCHEMES.

Discussing "Recent International Trade Developments," the Research and Statistical Department of the First National Bank in St. Louis, in its July circular makes reference to the conference of the International Chamber of Commerce, held in London from June 27 to July 1, and, besides discussing Governmental export finance schemes in general, undertakes to explain why the ter Meulen plan is attracting attention, and we quote herewith what it has to say on these subjects:

Governmental Export Finance Schemes.

Before entering into a discussion of the latest scheme for the financing of international trade, it might be well to review briefly some of the various Governmental efforts already made in this direction. America and the principal European countries, for some time past, have been making efforts to overcome the difficulties existing in the field of the international trade. The attempts already made have been largely limited to organizations with special powers for handling foreign trade. Experience has shown that these schemes have not only failed to reach the heart of the problem, but as a rule have been too complicated for business purposes.

In England, great hopes were placed with the Export Credit Scheme of the Over-Seas Trade Department, but in actual practice, it proved of little use to British producers. Under this plan, the British Government was prepared through the Export Credit Department of the Board of Trade to consider applications for advances up to 80% of the cost of goods to the seller. This Act provided that arrangements for advances should be made preferably to finance goods where the largest part of the cost was due to manufacturers in England. Advances were not to be made for the export of raw material or of surplus Government stores.

In the light of the results obtained by the service of this department in England, it appears that the same facilities that it afforded could just as well have been undertaken by existing organizations such as the banks. This scheme, like most of the others that have been proposed, took into consideration primarily the immediate interests of the exporters without concerning itself sufficiently with the way in which the debtor would ultimately pay his debts. Until a plan is proposed that will not be a mere palliative, but will create a constant current of business, little permanent value is likely to redound to trade and industry.

This failure has been one of the basic weaknesses in most of the Government measures for relief credits and the promotion of exports. Of the many proposals, such as the International Relief Credits Committee, the American War Finance Corporation, the Edge Law, the Webb-Pomerene Act, the British Over-Seas Trade Act, and the French National Bank of Foreign Trade, all have failed to meet the real needs of the situation. Their combined efforts have done but little to create a constant current of business which alone is of permanent value to trade and industry in the impoverished sections of Europe.

In the United States, the Edge Act was passed for the purpose of meeting the conditions produced by the abnormal international situation. To many it has been rather discouraging that almost sixteen months have elapsed since Congress passed the law and that so little of practical value has been accomplished as the result of this Act from which so much was expected. Under the provisions of this Law and the rulings of the Federal Reserve Board, Edge Corporations may function in one of two ways: either by the use of acceptance methods or by the issuance of their own debentures, based on holding of foreign securities. No single corporation, however, may function under both plans. Of the Edge Corporations that have actively engaged in business up to the present time, none have elected to conduct their affairs by the use of Acceptances. Apparently there has been hesitation on the part of these companies to attempt untried methods. The Foreign Trade Financing Corporation, while it is not yet actively engaged in business, is the only one that has chosen the debenture method. This method, while it has many points that are theoretically at least in its favor, is dependent for its success, to a large extent upon the attitude taken by the investing public in this country. Until the public, bankers, and business men become educated to the real financial needs of the situation, little of real value can be expected from Edge Law Corporations or any other proposed scheme of finance. The crux of the whole matter, as it relates to the practicability of the Edge Law Corporations, seems to depend upon their ability to market in this country debenture bonds secured by foreign promises to pay.

The Edge Act and most of the other export credit schemes are primarily means of shifting export credits within the exporting country, but make no arrangement for definitely assisting needy creditors in the importing country. The purpose of these export credit proposals has been fundamentally to enable the exporter to give longer credit terms through the facilities afforded by the various schemes in enabling the credit to be shifted from the exporter to either the Government or the investing public.

Why the ter Meulen Scheme is Attracting Attention.

As a consequence of the recognition of certain of these inherent weaknesses in the earlier Government measures for credit relief, there was proposed by the Dutch banker M. ter Meulen of Hope & Company, at the Brussels Conference, a scheme for facilitating the financing of trade between the impoverished countries of Europe and the rest of the world. This plan has been gaining in popularity since it was first proposed, and now gives promise of affording a practical means for solving one of the chief obstacles in the way of a resumption of international trade.

This scheme recognizes that an Export Credit scheme which provided for exporters no more security than could be put up by private individuals and which failed to embody plans for assuring the creditor of ultimate payment was not likely to prove very attractive at the present time. The ter Meulen scheme proposes to work through the League of Nations, its object being to facilitate the obtaining of credits by newly constituted States. The fact that the United States is not a member of the League is of no particular consequence to American importers. The important fact is that a responsible body will pass upon the value of the assets to be pledged by needy countries as a basis for obtaining credits. The plan proposes an international commission to operate under the auspices of the League of Nations. This commission would consist of bankers and business men of international repute, appointed by the council of the League. Sub-commissioners would be appointed with authority to handle affairs in participating countries. Countries wishing to borrow under this plan would be required to notify the Commission of the specific assets they would be prepared to assign as security for commercial credits to be granted by the citizens of exporting countries. The Commission would be authorized, after an examination of assets pledged, to determine their gold value which would form the basis of the credits to be granted. After this had been determined, the par-

ticipating Government would be authorized to prepare bonds to the gold value approved by the Commission, each in one specific currency to be determined on the issue of the bond. The questions of the maturity and the rate of interest to be borne by the bonds would be determined jointly by the participating Government and the Commission. The bonds would be secured by the assigned assets or the returns they yielded. These assets would be administered either by the participating Governments or by the Council of the League of Nations.

This plan has many advantages over those already proposed in that it would make possible the granting of credit in places where the security offered by the individual merchant would be inadequate. The ter Meulen plan really consists of three closely related credit operations. In the first place, there would be the ter Meulen bonds, secured by the assigned assets of the participating Government; second, the credit arrangement existing between the importer and his exporter in a foreign country, and third, the credit arrangement involved by a loan of the bonds by the Government to the importer. This last arrangement would, of course, be purely a matter to be arranged between the participating government and its own citizens, and would be of no importance to the exporter in the foreign country. Thus through these ter Meulen bonds an importer would have his credit strengthened by being able to pledge collateral that would assure a means of payment to the exporter at the maturity of the loan. The detailed terms of any credit arrangement would be a matter of agreement between the importer and the exporter, the particulars of which, according to the plan, would be registered with the Commission, which would satisfy itself that the period for which the credit was proposed to be granted was a reasonable one. Thus the date of maturity of the bonds would obviously have nothing to do with the maturity of the particular credit for which they might be used as collateral. As long as the conditions of the particular credit arrangement entered into between the importer and the exporter were being met, the pledged bonds would not actively enter into the transaction. Even the coupons as they matured would return to the participating Government. The pledged bonds would be of significance primarily in cases where the importer defaulted upon the terms of his credit. In such cases, the exporter or the institution with which they had been pledged would be free either to hold the bonds to maturity or sell them in order to indemnify the exporter in the foreign country. Any surplus resulting from such sale above the claims of the exporter would be returned to the issuing government. In substance, the ter Meulen scheme proposes a means whereby the available credit resources of the impoverished nations may be marshalled in such form as to be available in the credit markets of the world. It aims at interfering as little as possible with established commercial methods, endeavoring primarily to overcome such obstacles as appear to be the immediate stumbling blocks in the way of the resumption of European industrial activity. The Provisional Economic and Financial Committee appointed by the Council of the League which revised the original plan stated that, in its opinion, the existing situation was of such moment that this scheme should be given a fair trial as it offered promise of achieving success.

The International Chamber of Commerce is giving serious consideration to this plan. Its advantages are obvious. It does not interfere with existing methods or with plans already started to assist the financing of foreign trade in various countries. It is so flexible that it can easily adjust itself to any of the various plans already in operation. It is of value primarily because it places the doubtful credit of an importer in an impoverished country on a sound basis. It eliminates the one great obstacle to the resumption of trade—doubtful credits.

The ter Meulen scheme might prove valuable in more respects than one. Besides establishing a sound basis of credit for the needy importer, it would afford ample testimony that the situation in the impoverished countries of Europe is not as bad as some have painted it. The very fact that this proposal is plausible and workable in the opinion of bankers of unquestioned ability is a factor of the utmost importance. It shows that the European countries still have sufficient resources of their own to help themselves. While it may not be pleasant for them to pledge their last resources to put themselves on their feet, it is a great advantage to them and to the world at large that they can accomplish this on a business basis and not become the objects of international charity.

TER MEULEN CREDIT PLAN AS APPLIED TO COTTON EXPORTS.

A statement with reference to the application of the ter Meulen credit plan to cotton exports, has been made by Sir Drummond Fraser, B.K.E., joint Managing Director of the Manchester, Liverpool and District Bank, Fellow and Member of the Council of the Royal Statistical Society and the Institute of Bankers, who has been appointed organizer of international credits under the ter Meulen scheme. This statement appeared as follows in the New York "Times" of July 3:

"I have been asked to make a practical application of the ter Meulen scheme in international credits to a vital world industry—cotton—and more especially from the American significance. The cotton trade is now at a standstill because producers are unwilling to ship their goods on credit, and importers are unable to find the funds for cash payments in view of the insufficiency of exports and a highly depreciated currency.

"The International Financial Conference met in Brussels last autumn to consider, chiefly, the countries of Central Europe. Most of the impoverished countries are great consumers of raw cotton. Before the war they were the most important customers of cotton traders. To-day their trade is dead. The scheme of international credits now proposed is intended to restore the equilibrium of the commercial world on the basis of sufficient security. Some scheme for the extension of credit is essential. The United States, recognizing this, has moved forward, by nation-wide enterprise under organizations covered by the Edge law, in an effort to meet trade needs. The ter Meulen scheme carries this fundamental idea to the logical conclusion, to the development of international credits possessing both security and adaptability.

Private Arrangements Inadequate.

"Private arrangements for credit have been tried between the growers and spinners to furnish raw material on a financial credit basis. To an extent these arrangements were successful, but their success involved a Governmental interference which finally hampered instead of stimulated trade. Owing to fluctuations in both cotton and exchange the importers would have been unable to execute their contracts at a profit unless their Governments had prohibited the free import of all other cotton excepting that which was contracted for during the period of financing.

"What is wanted, of course, is the foundation and development of a lasting trade revival at the earliest possible moment and under normal condi-

tions. The organization of credits to this end must be free from the necessity of making fresh negotiations with the interested parties and with their Governments for each transaction.

"We have at our disposal a scheme which, if generally adopted, could provide a reservoir of credit which can be drawn against whenever the necessity arises.

The idea underlying the ter Meulen scheme is to collect certain specific assets in each country, which will be valued on a gold basis and against which bonds may be issued for a stated period. The bonds are to be at the disposal of the Governments of the countries to which the assets belong, but whenever a national of a country gives credit for the purchase of cotton abroad, he borrows from his Government a number of bonds on his private securities. These bonds will stand as collateral security for the needed credit.

How the Plan Works.

Supposing, for instance, an American cotton exporter wishes to resume his pre-war relations with an importing firm in an impoverished country of Europe, which is not in a position to pay for the shipment against documents, he would have to request the importer to borrow from his Government sufficient bonds to represent a collateral guarantee to satisfy the American exporter to whom the bonds would be handed over.

Two things then might happen: If he meets his liabilities when due, the exporter would release the bonds, which could be used again by the same or another importer for security in another transaction; or, the importer may not be able to pay at the expiration of the credit. The exporter may then hold the bonds until maturity—the terms of the bonds and the terms of the credit need not in any way coincide—or if he prefers he may at any time sell them, provided that before selling a reasonable opportunity be given to the issuing Government to repurchase them by paying to the exporter the amount of his claim. It seems to be that this meets every possible guarantee to the above-mentioned American exporter.

Objection may be made that such bonds may not easily be negotiated, and therefore that in case of default the exporter might have in hand nothing more valuable than a promissory note. The answer is a simple one. Ter Meulen bonds, under the scheme, represent a gold value of specifically pledged assets. The gold valuation of such assets is not to be made by the borrowing Government, but by an international commission which acts as trustee for the International Credits, and the commission reserves to itself the right to administer the pledged assets whenever it might think such administration ought not to be left in the hands of the National Government in question.

Central Europe Sound.

The scheme presents further advantages. The reservoir of credits may not always be practically at its highest level, because if such credits are properly handled—and provisions are made that they will be properly handled if only from the fact that they will be used solely for the import of essentials—they will constantly revolve, leaving at the disposal of the borrowing Government, without further inflation, a sufficient amount of bonds to enable them to carry on until normal trade is resumed.

I do not wish to appear too much of an optimist, but I must say that I have so complete a confidence in the possibilities of Central Europe that I believe trade with these countries can be restored to normality within a reasonable period. These countries will need help to begin with, and in my opinion they can get this help by pledging their assets against bonds established on a gold basis. Exporters will also have to help themselves. They cannot hope to return to normal conditions unless they increase their production. Production cannot be increased without the further development of distribution, and manufacturers cannot hope to dispose of their goods unless the wide gaps at present existing in the cycle of trade are filled. Undoubtedly some of the gaps are due to the political situation, but most of them are due to the lack of credit.

Reasonable and safe credit is within the reach of exporters, if only they will urge or request their eventual importers to guarantee their purchases with ter Meulen bonds.

COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY CRISSINGER FURTHER EXPOUNDS INTERNATIONAL TRADE BANKING PLAN

The proposal of Comptroller of the Currency D. R. Crissinger for an international banking plan, with a fictive unit of settlement, was dealt with further in an address by him at the annual convention this week of the Ohio Bankers' Association. Comptroller Crissinger's earlier remarks on the subject were addressed to the New York State Bankers' Association last month, and were given in full in our issue of July 2, page 20. The Comptroller in enlarging upon his previously expressed views stated this week that he has "been impressed that in the last few years the world has failed to make most effective use of its monetary gold," and he voiced the fear that "we are in a period in which that failure threatens to become even more serious." He declared that "the inflation of both currency and credits everywhere has been carried to such an extent that countries which have been compelled to export their gold and at the same time increase their paper circulation are able to maintain only the most nominal sort of a gold standard." Commenting on the fact that the "excessive depreciation of national money when employed in international transaction has added greatly to the difficulties of international trade." Comptroller Crissinger said: "The creation of a fixed unit of international settlement, would, I believe, produce the good results now that it has produced in other times of similar chaotic currencies. I think we may be reasonably confident that a united effort of the banking interests in the stronger countries would be capable of establishing such a pool of gold and of superior credit, representing the live and moving processes of commerce, as would insure the maintenance of such a unit of settlement and exchange." Mr. Crissinger, in stating that he had not attempted to develop the details of a specific plan, added: "That, I think, should be left to an international conference of thoroughly qualified men. I do feel that much could be gained from such a consideration if

the conferees were men willing to consider new expedients, to benefit by experience of the past, and to recognize the need of new measures to meet conditions which, if not new, are at least so widespread and so serious as to demand vigorous and constructive handling." The following is the Comptroller's speech in large part:

I purpose to present some of my reasons for believing that new instrumentalities of international exchanges are needed. I have heretofore presented some general ideas on this subject, and I propose today somewhat to develop them. As an Ohio banker of many years' experience, whose record of moderation and conservation may be familiar to some of you, I feel safe in outlining what I consider a useful and constructive program. You men know the kind of banker I have been; know the ideals I have upheld regarding the cooperative relationship between the bank and its community; know my conviction that that bank will prosper most which most constantly seeks to make itself a force for the prosperity of its community. So I feel that I may present my program for dealing with international exchange, in confidence that I will be accorded a fair and intelligent hearing, and will not be accused of financial heresies or economic radicalism.

I cannot too emphatically say that I do not believe deflation in currency and credits can go hand in hand with a regime of high interest rates, without imposing great and dangerous hardships upon the people. If that be financial heresy or economic treason, make the most of it.

Our farmers, stimulated by the government's appeals and by patriotic purpose to win the war, put their energies and resources into the production of world supplies and at the same time were denied by the government, in some instances, an open market, ruled by the free law of supply and demand in which to sell. They were not permitted to profiteer. Their profits were intended to be a fair recompense for services, but hardly for investment. The war's end found the farm machine producing more and more, and this production reached its maximum in the crop season of 1920. The order for deflation, for such it was construed to be, found granaries and warehouses bulging with farm products, produced at war costs, which were and are being sold, when buyers can be found at less than half their production costs. The result is the imposition of distress, of bankruptcy, upon farmers by millions. And this distress has been reflected in our industries.

So it should be, and is, our business now to open up markets for our surplus wares in order to ameliorate this condition. We must be mindful that to prosper our own people is our first duty. We might well concentrate anew on the thought that wealth chiefly comes from the soil, the rains, the kiss of a warm sun, and the sweat of honest toil.

How well I remember, as a young lawyer, the days of the '80's and early '90's, when family after family with haggard, tear-stained faces, stood before the auctioneer "in front of the west door of the court house" to see their homes sold to pay the principal of the mortgage and the accumulations of the eight per cent interest, plus commissions, that was then the going rate; driven to bankruptcy by a falling market for labor and farm products, and a high rate for money. Another such crisis must be avoided. Again I say that experience has shown us no time when the conjunction of low prices for commodities and labor, with high cost for money, brought anything but disaster to the people. We will be wise to remember that falling prices and high interest rates are never the twin sisters of prosperity; and no more for the banker than for the general public. High interest rates and prosperity were never bedfellows. Bankers will do well to have thought for the happiness and prosperity of the borrower, ever remembering that "the quality of mercy is * * * twice blessed; it blesses him that gives and him that receives."

In whichever direction one turns now-a-days there is to be seen the evidence that the commercial world needs such an adjustment of relationships among the currency systems as will make possible the earliest and most complete resumption of international trade. The importance of international trade is greater than in ordinary times, because so many countries which import food stuffs and raw materials have had their stocks exhausted; while those which export these commodities have accumulated great surpluses because of difficulty in sending them overseas and of negotiating necessary financial arrangements, in view largely of the disturbed condition of currencies.

Therefore, the resumption of domestic production almost everywhere largely depends on the ability to either dispose of surpluses now on hand or to finance the securing of raw materials to which labor may be devoted in order to turn out a further surplus of finished products.

All this is so obvious and fundamental that a statement of it is perhaps hardly necessary. But it can do no harm to emphasize the fact that there probably never was a time when domestic rehabilitation in all countries so much depended on the establishment of sound conditions in international trade. All over the world interchanges of vitally necessary commodities have been interfered with by disorganization of markets, the precipitate fall in prices, the inability of consignees to accept and pay for goods ordered in perfect good faith and delivered according to contract. Until means are found to effect these deliveries, it is going to be increasingly difficult either to bring about a resumption of industry or to provide the necessities of the people. We have come, in short, to a state of something like commercial paralysis, and every day that it continues makes the situation increasingly difficult to deal with.

Our own country is in the midst of a harvest season, garnering bountiful crops, which represent not only our own requirements for the coming year but a huge surplus for other countries urgently in need of them. We are already carrying over stocks of agricultural and other commodities. Industry is operating at a low ebb, buyers in every land being without money or a medium with which to pay.

I think we will be wise if we carefully consider, therefore, whether international commerce may not be considered somewhat by itself, and provided with special financial facilities of its own, independent and apart from the money systems of the different countries. For myself I may say frankly that I have become convinced that the exigencies of these times must be dealt with by processes more or less new, and adapted to deal with international trade. Many countries which are today peculiarly in need of international trade would in normal times be comparatively independent of it. As to our own country, it is certain that we never have known a time when there was so universal a realization of the supreme importance of opening foreign markets for our wares, and particularly our agricultural products.

Is it possible, then, to devise some mechanism of exchange, credit, or currency; or some combination of these elements, to give solidity and assurance to international trade in commodities? The entire volume of the world's international trade is, after all, only a small proportion of its entire commerce. Vastly the greater share of the world's business is domestic. Even the greatest import and export countries devote most of

their energies to the production of commodities which are consumed at home. So I am only asking for special means of dealing with perhaps ten per cent of the entire volume of world exchanges.

I have been impressed that in the last few years the world has failed to make most effective use of its monetary gold. I fear that we are in a period in which that failure threatens to become even more serious. There has been no real world-wide free gold market for a long time. The United States, by reasons of conditions which we understand so well that it is unnecessary to recount them, has drawn so much gold that many authorities believe we actually have more than is good for us; while everybody agrees that most other countries have less gold than they really need.

The inflation of both currency and credits everywhere has been carried to such an extent that countries which have been compelled to export their gold and at the same time increase their paper circulation are able to maintain only the most nominal sort of a gold standard. The real point is that the strong nations are trying to make inadequate stocks of gold serve to keep both their domestic and their foreign trade processes on a gold basis. Unless there is radical reorganization we will find that they are attempting the impossible. There simply is not enough gold to accomplish it.

It has been suggested that we might place the international trade, the imports and exports of the world, on a gold basis by establishing a sort of international credit and settlement system to which a sufficient share of gold should be devoted, to give these transactions a more uniform character and to prevent those violent fluctuations in exchange which render so dangerously uncertain all the processes of trade.

It would seem a crime against social order to impose upon the wants and needs of the destitute, excessive and constantly fluctuating rates of exchange, without sincere and intelligent effort to remove this burden, even at some sacrifice, when to do so would be so tremendously beneficial in advancing the prosperity of our own people as well as of others.

After a good deal of study of this process, I am of opinion that some special treatment might be accorded to international trading, so that it should be measured in terms of a single unit, especially supported by consolidated credit and ample guarantees of gold. The objection has been raised that, after all, this would not increase the stock of gold and that any plan which gets us or keeps us away from the gold basis is destined to failure. I think it is fair to answer that nobody suggests how to increase the supply of gold, so as to insure normal gold reserves. Moreover, nobody is going to bring forward a plan that will accomplish this. We may as well look that fact in the face, and deal with it frankly. The gold reserves of Europe and of most countries outside of Europe are altogether too low, and the gold reserve of the United States, as compared with other countries, altogether too high. Our present method of utilizing the world gold store is out of kilter. If this criticism is insisted upon, is not a world-wide gold standard impossible?

We are not getting as much or as effective work out of our gold as we ought to.

Again, it is objected that this plan would increase the paper money circulation, and therefore still further distort the relationship between the paper superstructure and the gold foundation. I think, however, that if we could put international trade on a firm and confidence-inspiring basis, we would be doing better with the gold than we are now doing.

As matters stand today, no matter how depreciated the money of a given country may be, it is more depreciated in international exchanges than in domestic business. The Russian ruble, for instance, has no value at all in international concerns, but, bad as it is, it continues to do the business of Russia. Likewise, the German mark, the Italian Lire and the Austrian Kronen, have suffered much greater depreciation away from home than at home. This excessive depreciation of national money when employed in international transaction has added greatly to the difficulties of international trade. The creation of a fixed unit of international settlement would, I believe, produce the good results now that it has produced in other times of similar chaotic currencies. I think we may be reasonably confident that a united effort of the banking interests in the stronger countries, would be capable of establishing such a pool of gold and of superior credit, representing the live and moving processes of commerce, as would insure the maintenance of such a unit of settlement and exchange.

Let it be assumed that such a plan has been carried into effect. Suppose that the fictive unit of settlement is an ounce of gold, which for the purposes of illustration, we may name the Ounce, with a Capital O. The Ounce would be represented by a substantial gold reserve, plus a safe share of carefully selected securities, preferably commercial paper, but perhaps to some extent, government or high-class municipals or utilities.

The new settlement system being established, the currencies of the different countries would take their places in various relationships to this international unit. The American dollar would probably head the list. Countries whose money was at a disadvantage because of depreciation would devote every possible effort to bring it up as rapidly as possible to parity with this international gold unit. There would be established immediately a definite standard of excellence, as an incentive to all countries with depreciated currencies, to reach it. I believe it would induce efforts to improve every currency system through deflation and a better distribution of the gold stocks which are now so lop-sidedly distributed.

It has been suggested that this plan would result in the new currency of international settlement, tending to flow in particularly large volume to the United States and other countries possessing superior currency systems. But this new international unit would be a yard stick, rather than a circulating medium. It would not be intended for circulation. It would be transferred by entries on the books of the bank of settlement, and represented in actual circulation by the currencies of the various countries.

If it be true that the United States and Great Britain, for instance, would tend to secure very large balances to their credit at the settlement bank in terms of the international unit, that would obviate the necessity for the physical transfer of gold. The gold would be freer to remain where it is most needed as a basis on which to restore the domestic currency system of each country. I have no fear of unfortunate effects from a system which would increase the confidence in international commercial operations, and prevent the continuation of the movement of gold to the United States. We do not need more gold, and we do need more markets. I believe such a system would bring about a better distribution and utilization of gold, stimulate international commerce, and relieve it of the element of exchange gambling. As to its effect on domestic currency systems, I believe that also would be good. Anything that will give security to international transactions, and thereby make it possible for the world to distribute the food stuffs and raw materials, will improve the economic condition of every country, particu-

larly our own country, and thereby make it possible to improve the domestic currency systems of all countries. Inevitably, I think, the tendency would be to pull up the currency system of each country toward a parity with the international unit.

I am dealing, in what I may say today, chiefly, with objections that have been raised or difficulties that have been suggested, in carrying out such a project.

I ought to say that in a very considerable volume of correspondence, of personal talks, and of intelligent comment in the press, there has been a great preponderance of approving observations. When I first ventured this proposal, it was with the expectation that it would get a far less cordial reception than has been given it. I am therefore encouraged to believe that there is a most encouraging disposition to attempt constructive plans.

This proposal is not offered as a substitute for other useful suggestions that have been brought forward; rather, as a complement to them. Thus, the ter Meulen plan which is lately receiving renewed attention in Europe would be the more useful and effective if this stabilization of exchange were in effect. The Edge Law bank plan for which Congress has made provision would articulate easily and successfully with such a program. Each would help the other. The excellent suggestion lately pressed by Eugene Meyer, the able and constructive director of the War Finance Corporation, for the creation of an international securities market would be the more easily workable and would itself be strengthened in actual operation, if this exchange and settlement plan were in force.

Sir Drummond Frazer, a skilled and learned British banker, no later than July 3, has given frank indorsement to the essentials of this program, in a recent discussion of means for applying the ter Meulen plan to the cotton trade. The Settlement Bank or Exchange Bank, which I propose would be the gravity center of the whole system, a simple, workable means of insuring the proper wise and appraisal of securities; for these securities, brought together from all parts of the world would be in part the credit basis of the settlement or Exchange institution.

The certainty that new currency units will finally have to be established in various central European countries in place of the hopelessly depreciated ones now in use there is recognized in all illuminated financial quarters. To begin by placing international trade on a sound basis by itself would be an excellent start and that is what I am proposing—no more.

Almost everything that can be said in criticism of this proposal, was said about Hamilton's plan to substitute a sound national currency for the demoralized currencies of the states, under the Washington administration. Substantially, every objection that has been raised, may be answered out of the history of the operations of the exchange banks of northern Europe and of the Mediterranean basin several centuries ago. The fundamental laws which govern these things do not change. They are as applicable today as they were in the Sixteenth century. We can well afford to consider the experience of earlier times and to benefit by it.

About a week after my first presentation of this suggestion before the New York Bankers, I was interested to note that Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska had introduced a bill, looking to the establishment of an international bank, to be called "The Bank of the Nations." While his plan is by no means parallel to mine, it does recognize the importance of stabilizing international trade and providing a uniform basis and international settlements. It is at least suggestive, that two men whose attitudes toward the money question have been so widely different as those of Senator Hitchcock and myself, should be now found taking the same general attitude toward the problem of today. Senator Hitchcock was in 1896 a vigorous supporter of Mr. Bryan, and the Bryan financial proposals of that year. I, on the other hand, having been a life-long democrat, found myself unable to support Mr. Bryan's financial proposals and was known as a gold democrat.

I do not believe that the financial evils of the world can be cured by the multiplication of money. I believe in the maintenance of the gold standard, and in its restoration just as fast and effectively as possible, where it is not now being maintained. I believe its restoration is certain to be slow and difficult, and that many countries will not for a long future again place their money on a parity with gold. I believe we will do well to recognize this inevitable situation and to seek a plan which will at least place the international transactions of the world on some uniform basis and thus do away with the risks and uncertainties that now so greatly hamper the absolutely necessary international exchange of products, to the great benefit of our own people. Many skilled and experienced financiers, both in this country and abroad, have given indorsement to the general proposal I have put forward. I cannot refrain from saying that I believe those who condemn it without a hearing, merely because it is new to them, are refusing to regard the world's present condition with that breadth of vision and frank recognition of facts that are absolutely necessary if we are to improve affairs.

I have not attempted to develop the details of a specific plan. That, I think, should be left to an international conference of thoroughly qualified men. I do feel that much could be gained from such a consideration if the conferees were men willing to consider new expedients, to benefit by experience of the past, and to recognize the need of new measures to meet conditions which, if not new, are at least so wide-spread and so serious as to demand vigorous and constructive handling.

Confusion of moneys and exchange is a legacy of the war. It is likely, in the years to come, to cost more in dollars and cents and world misery and distress than the war, unless constructive measures are thought out and put in force to correct this condition, which is bringing to many lands and many peoples unhappiness, suffering and social disorder. Will we hearken to the call and give thought to this most important step in the rehabilitation of world business? Our duty, our responsibility to our own people impels action.

FINANCING OF COTTON EXPORTS ARRANGED BY WAR FINANCE CORPORATION.

A statement in explanation of the action of the War Finance Corporation in advancing \$5,000,000 to the Staple Cotton Cooperative Association of Memphis to finance 100,000 bales of long staple cotton to be held in warehouses Cooperative Association for export, was issued on July 11 by Eugene Meyer, Jr., Managing Director of the War Financing Corporation. This advance was referred to in our issue of a week ago, page 138. In his statement of the

11th inst. Mr. Meyer notes that the Corporation "has steadily broadened its policy in order to meet the present emergency which exists in the marketing of agricultural and other commodities." This, while at first making advances to exporters only on cotton actually exported, it has widened the scope for the financing of exports of cotton shipped against deferred payment, or for shipment to warehouses in foreign distributing points to be held for marketing out of warehouses. Mr. Meyer states that if plans which have been adopted respecting the financing of long staple cotton could be carried out in connection with other types of cotton, it would be helpful in relieving the situation. The following is his statement of the 11th inst.:

The advance of \$5,000,000 to the Staple Cotton Cooperative Association of Memphis, approved recently by the War Finance Corporation, marks the adoption of a new policy by the Directors of the Corporation. The Corporation which was directed by the Congress to resume operations for the purpose of assisting in financing the exportation of domestic products by making advances to American exporters and American bankers, has steadily broadened its policy in order to meet the present emergency which exists in the marketing of agricultural and other commodities. At first, advances were made to exporters only on cotton actually exported under definite contracts of sale, but later, following conferences with cotton exporters and bankers in Washington, New Orleans, Atlanta, and New York, the Corporation announced its readiness to consider applications in connection with the exportation of cotton on any one of the three following plans:

1. For prompt shipment against deferred payments.
2. For future shipments within a reasonable time against either prompt or deferred payments, after arrival in foreign countries where goods were under definite contract for sale; or
3. For prompt shipment to warehouses in foreign distributing points to be held there on account of the American exporters and bankers for marketing out of warehouses.

The advance to the Staple Cotton Cooperative Association carries these plans a step farther. By its terms, the Association agrees that, out of the 100,000 bales of long staple cotton pledged as security, it will export within one year a quantity sufficient to repay the full amount of the loan out of the proceeds of export sales—the cotton to be held in American warehouses until the time is favorable for export. The advance represents approximately one-half of the present market value of the cotton and will run for a maximum period of one year, but may be repaid sooner as the cotton is exported and sold.

The Staple Cotton Cooperative Association comprises within its membership many of the leading cotton planters in the Delta District of the Mississippi. In fact, the owners and producers of 220,000 bales of long staple cotton, out of a total average yield of approximately 600,000 bales, have agreed to sell their cotton through this organization. The action of the Corporation will enable the Association to market its cotton in an orderly way during the current cotton year without unduly forcing sales.

If a similar plan could be carried out in connection with other types of cotton, it would be helpful in relieving the situation. Properly financed, it would insure the orderly marketing of the crop and make it unnecessary for the producers to dump on the market unduly large quantities of distressed cotton within a short period. But it would do more. It would help to stabilize the market so that the consumers of cotton would perhaps feel justified in replenishing their stocks which in most cases, are much lower than usual at this season of the year.

The War Finance Corporation stands ready to assist other organizations, as well as cotton exporters and banking institutions, in the same way that it has assisted the Staple Cotton Cooperative Association, provided the advances can be made upon a sound business basis and provided also that the Corporation may be definitely assured that the advances will be repaid from the proceeds of export sales within a year.

On July 8 Mr. Meyer sent a telegraphic inquiry to the Federal International Banking Co. of New Orleans asking if it would not be possible for the company, acting in conjunction with other banking institutions, to work out a plan so that the resources of the War Finance Corporation might be availed of in promoting the financing of cotton exports. Announcement of this was made as follows in a statement issued on July 8 by the War Finance Corporation:

The Managing Director of the War Finance Corporation announces that the following telegram has to-day been sent to the Federal International Banking Co. of New Orleans, La. This banking company was organized last winter in the South under the Edge Law through subscriptions from 1,400 Southern bankers and other subscribers for the purpose of promoting the financing of the export trade:

"You have no doubt seen the announcement that the War Finance Corporation has agreed to make an advance of five million dollars to the Cotton Co-operative Association of Memphis to assist in financing cotton to be held in American warehouses for export, within a year. This loan is considered absolutely safe business and helpful in promoting the orderly marketing of the crop in the territory in which this cotton is grown. In view of the fact that your company was formed by Southern interests to assist in the orderly marketing of cotton to foreign buyers, will it not be possible for you, acting in conjunction with other banking institutions, to work out a plan, using existing export organizations or forming, if necessary, a new export corporation for the purpose, so that the resources of the War Finance Corporation may be availed of in approximately the same way that has proved practicable in connection with the transaction just announced? The War Finance Corporation authorizes me to say that it stands ready to assist in financing such reasonable amounts of cotton on a sound business basis under any proper plan by which the War Finance Corporation may be definitely assured that the amount of its advances will be repaid through the export of the cotton, within a year."

Yesterday (July 15) Mr. Meyer announced that the following response had been received from the Federal International Banking Co. of New Orleans:

Will endeavor to work out plan which we think can be satisfactorily done whereby conditions you mention can be observed and considerable quantities of cotton dealt with.

This telegram, according to Mr. Meyer, has been followed up by a tentative proposition involving the financing of 25,000 to 50,000 bales of cotton for export.

ADVANCE BY WAR FINANCE CORPORATION TO FINANCE COPPER EXPORT.

The War Finance Corporation announced on July 9 that it had agreed to make an advance of \$145,000 to a banking concern for the purpose of financing the exportation of 500 tons of copper to Italy.

\$1,000,000 ADVANCED BY WAR FINANCE CORPORATION TO FINANCE EXPORTS OF PROVISIONS.

The War Finance Corporation announced on July 11 that it had agreed to make an advance of \$1,000,000 to a Western bank to assist in financing the exportation of provisions to European countries. This advance, it is stated, is in addition to a similar sum advanced for a similar purpose in the past two weeks.

LOAN OF \$50,000,000 BY WAR FINANCE CORPORATION OR FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD IN BEHALF OF AMERICANS IN BUENOS AIRES NOT POSSIBLE.

A report, contained in newspaper dispatches from Buenos Aires July 12, that the American Chamber of Commerce there had decided to seek a loan (up to \$50,000,000) from the War Finance Corporation or the Federal Reserve Board for the relief of American business in Argentina is said to have brought from officials of both bodies at Washington a statement on July 12 to the effect that neither was empowered to make such an advance. The following is the dispatch which came from Buenos Aires:

Officers and directors of the American Chamber of Commerce here have decided to cable the Department of Commerce at Washington asking if the War Finance Corporation or the Federal Reserve Board has the power to make a loan to the chamber or a similar body. The loan, if it could be secured, would be devoted to the relief of American business in Argentina, where American goods valued at millions of dollars are lying unaccepted and unpaid for.

This action was taken upon the initiative of Carlos Alfredo Tornquist, an officer in an important Argentine banking house. He proposed to the chamber that a loan up to \$50,000,000, to run from one to three years, be requested so as to aid importers of American goods in accepting and paying for merchandise at present in warehouses here or in purchasing needed American products. He declared this step would aid in returning the peso to its normal buying value and thus would benefit trade relations between the United States and Argentina.

The Chamber did not pass on the question of requesting a loan, but appointed a committee to study the matter, and decided to cable for information as to the possibility of such a step. During the course of the discussion of the matter yesterday it was pointed out that a considerable part of the American goods that were not accepted by Argentine merchants upon arrival had been disposed of.

\$50,000,000 POOL IN AID OF LIVE STOCK INDUSTRY.

While an announcement made public by the Treasury Department on July 11 stated that the banking pool formed to handle live stock loans would be in position to make loans this week, it was later indicated in reports here that the making of loans would not begin until the coming week. The Treasury Department's announcement follows:

Secretary Mellon announces that according to information received from Chicago the banking pool which has been formed to handle live-stock loans will be in a position to make loans during the week of July 11. It is understood that all differences have been satisfactorily adjusted, and that many applications for loans have been made and will be acted upon during the week. The committee expects to make advances aggregating at least \$1,000,000 the first week. The management of the pool will be under the direction of Mr. M. L. McClure, whose office will be open on Monday, July 11, in the Continental & Commercial National Bank Building, Chicago, and to whom all inquiries should be directed.

From the "Journal of Commerce" of the 14th inst., we take the following:

Funds have been advanced by some of the New York banks participating in the \$50,000,000 live stock credit subscribed jointly by New York and Chicago institutions which will enable loans from the pool to be made this week. A corporation with nominal capital, to be known as the Stock Growers' Finance Corporation, has been organized to administer the credit and its executive committee, which is vested with full authority to make loans, has already been constituted. M. L. McClure, president of the Drumm Commission Company, of Kansas City, is president and the active executive head of the corporation, the other members of the committee being Melvin A. Traylor, president of the First Trust & Savings Bank; John R. Washburn, Vice President of the Continental & Commercial National Bank; John Fletcher, Vice President of the Fort Dearborn National Bank; S. T. Kiddoo, President of the Live Stock Exchange National Bank, and Frank H. Connor, of Clay, Robinson & Co., all of Chicago.

The rate of interest to be paid on participations has been fixed at 6% and the loans to be made under the plan are limited to an 8% maximum discount rate and a maximum period of thirty months. New loans will be made up to July 1 1922, after which no call for additional funds upon the banks is permitted. The corporation can at no one time have discounted paper in excess of \$50,000,000 subscribed. The full board of directors, numbering fifteen, will be named by the participating banks and will include the members of the executive committee already chosen.

The basis of eligibility for rediscount at the Federal Reserve banks of the paper resulting from the credit's operation was one of the most difficult of the tasks for determination by the organizers. The procedure decided upon, which is unusual, may be summarized briefly as follows:

The actual cattle paper, which is eligible at the Reserve banks, will be taken for the money advanced by the corporation. All such paper received by it will be deposited with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, which will issue a custodian's receipt. The corporation will in its turn issue its receipt to the participating banks, bearing interest at 6%. A New York

bank desiring to rediscount its interest in the pool will take this receipt to the local Federal Reserve Bank, which will forward it to the Reserve Bank at Chicago. The latter will definitely allocate specific paper to the New York Reserve Bank, holding it as custodian. It will then return to the corporation the receipt received from the New York bank and reduce its custodian's receipt correspondingly. The New York bank will meantime have given a letter to the local Federal Reserve Bank tantamount to an indorsement of the paper specifically allotted for the purpose and will receive credit for the amount from the Reserve bank.

NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL BANK OF MINNEAPOLIS ON LONG TIME CATTLE LOANS BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS.

In discussing the subject of cattle loans and voicing its opposition to suggestions that the functions of the Federal Reserve Banks be extended to allow long time loans of that kind the Northwestern National Bank of Minneapolis, in its review for June said:

We have said that the source of our wealth is but little impaired, and we have made the qualification with the fact in mind that our herds of cattle are seriously depleted. Setbacks in the business of raising grain and produce are, roughly speaking, seasonal in duration; a depletion in cattle is more than seasonal in its effects, and therefore more difficult to cope with. Loans made to rehabilitate our herds necessarily run from 24 to 36 months, as it takes that long for growers to realize on their investment. Such long-time advances are in reality capital loans and as such, beyond the province of commercial banks and Federal Reserve banks to make. It is a primary principle of both of these classes of banks to keep their funds in a state of liquidity. The ordinary cattle loans, made for a period of six months for the purpose of carrying the grower over the feeding season, are quite different, and entered into to a prudent degree, are excellent loans for banks equipped to handle such paper. The combination of unfavorable circumstances which depleted the supply of beef cattle throughout the West has created an emergency. The suggestion has been made that the functions of the Federal Reserve banks be extended by law to allow long time loans on cattle. This however, would be a radical departure from the central purpose of this system. These banks are, as the name indicates, "reserve" institutions, and it would seem wise to avoid any move to weaken this reserve function by involving their resources in long-time loans. Much of our financial sluggishness during the last year or more has been due to the unforeseen non-liquidity of resources of commercial banks. Also to make liable to such outcome the reserve institutions, which chiefly saved our recent commodity panic from developing into a financial panic as has always heretofore been the case, would be deliberately undermining our strength.

The needs of the cattle industry of the country to place it on a comfortable basis, are unknown. \$100,000,000 might be sufficient, perhaps a half billion dollars. It is difficult to interest private capital in missionary work of this sort. To allow the industry to languish for several years for want of timely assistance, however, would be a serious economic waste. The method of procedure is hedged with difficulties. Loans made by means of a Treasury appropriation are open to objections. Politics intrude unpleasant possibilities; if advances are made to cattle men by the Government, the question arises why should they not also be made to grain and cotton farmers, to wool growers, to manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers or any other articulate class of people which has been hit in the readjustment process.

At any rate, if a government appropriation is made to furnish capital requirements of cattle men, it would seem that an agency for handling the advances, attuned to long-time financing, such as the War Finance Corporation or the Farm Loan banks, should be considered rather than the suggested Federal Reserve banks.

INTEREST RATES ADVANCED ON SHORT LOANS TO FARMERS.

Interest rates, charged by banks to farmers of the United States for short-time loans, averaged in April about 7.95% as compared with 7.61% a year ago and 7.75% in 1913 according to reports compiled by the Bureau of Crop Estimates, United States Department of Agriculture, based on figures received from country banks. The Department in its announcement says:

The main purpose of the inquiry was to ascertain the difference of the averages of the various States and sections, together with what changes have occurred since the previous investigation made by the bureau in 1913.

The reports show that in Georgia the average rate is 10.36%, which is the highest of any State average. This is about 73% higher than the lowest State average, 6%, reported from several North Atlantic States. The report shows that in 1913 the highest State average was almost 100% higher than the lowest average.

The figures generally indicate that the present spread in the different sections of the country is not quite as wide as formerly. In the nine North Atlantic States the average interest rate in April was 6.08%. In the eight South Atlantic States it was 7.43%. In the five North Central States east of the Mississippi River it was 7.04%. In the seven North Central States west of the Mississippi River it was 8.33%; in the eight South Central States it was 9.06%; and in the eleven far Western States it was 8.55%.

BANKERS' ASSOCIATION FOR FOREIGN TRADE.

The organization of the Bankers' Association for Foreign Trade has been undertaken by bankers of Cleveland, Detroit and Buffalo, for the purpose, it is announced by the Cleveland "Plain Dealer" of June 25, of aiding the development and maintenance of foreign trade. W. E. Guerin, Manager of the Foreign Department of the Guardian Savings & Trust Co. of Cleveland, who is the temporary President of the proposed body, is reported in the "Plain Dealer" as saying:

Membership is limited to bankers of the United States who are engaged in directing or engaged in work of foreign trade. The membership is limited to 100 and not more than two representatives from any bank may join.

Prosperity in the United States depends largely upon the development of our foreign trade and there is much to be done before business in this

country wakes up to the fact that it must get busy along this line or some of the foreign countries, principally Germany and England, will have all of the foreign trade within their grasp.

The organization of the Association will be perfected at a meeting to be held in Cleveland on Sept. 23. Besides Mr. Guerin, the others named as temporary officers are:

Vice-President, J. G. Geddes, Vice-President the Union Trust Co., Cleveland.

Secretary, R. P. Fraser, Manager Foreign Department, the Peoples State Bank, Detroit, Mich.

Treasurer, A. H. Seely, Assistant Treasurer the Marine Trust Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Directors: R. T. White, Manager Foreign Department the Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland; F. M. Horton, Vice-President Central National Bank Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland; Walter Winter, Manager Foreign Department Amns State Bank, Detroit, Mich.; L. F. Merz, Manager Foreign Department First & Old Detroit National Bank, Detroit, Mich.; R. P. Fraser, Manager Foreign Department the Peoples State Bank, Detroit, Mich.; Richard Drechsler, Vice-President Buffalo Trust Co., Buffalo, N. Y.; A. L. Eaton, Manager Foreign Department Manufacturers & Traders National Bank, Buffalo, N. Y.

EXPORTS BY WEBB-POMERENE LAW ASSOCIATIONS DURING 1921 TOTALED \$221,000,000.

A statement to the effect that, according to statistical reports filed with the Federal Trade Commission, it would seem that the Export Trade Act has been extremely beneficial to American exporters, was issued on June 23. It was announced that these reports show that during the year 1920 the total exports by the Associations operating under this Act amounted to \$221,000,000. The Commission also said:

Commodities of all sorts and kinds are exported to all corners of the globe by the forty-eight associations now operating under the Act.

Steel, copper and cement exported were valued at more than \$127,000,000, and were shipped to all parts of the world.

Lumber totaled about 344,500,000 feet. Pitch pine was shipped to Europe, South America, Central America and the West Indies; wainut to Mexico, Canada, England and the European continent. Principal shipments of redwood were consigned to Australia, and fir was exported to the United Kingdom, Cuba, Mexico, South America, Africa, Oceania and the Far East.

Milk, meat and other foodstuffs totaled in value approximately \$8,000,000, and were shipped to Great Britain, Europe, Cuba, Mexico, Central America and China.

The value of locomotives, machinery, pipes and valves and foundry equipment, including wood pipe and tool handles, is estimated at more than \$25,000,000. Textile machinery was exported chiefly to France, Spain and Italy. Large orders for locomotives are noted from Belgium and Rumania.

Paper was shipped to Europe, Asia, Africa and South America; phosphate rock to the United Kingdom, Europe and Japan.

Tanning materials were sent chiefly to the United Kingdom; alcohol to Europe, Asia and New Zealand, and alkali was exported to all parts of the world.

Various other commodities were shipped, including paint and varnish, soda pulp, furniture and office equipment, webbing and other materials, clothespins and general merchandise.

PROPOSED ASSESSMENT TO READJUSTMENT OF NEBRASKA BANK GUARANTEE FUND.

In reporting that plans have been instituted to effect a readjustment of the Nebraska bank guarantee fund, the Omaha "Bee" of June 14 said:

As a means of protecting and readjusting the State Bank Guarantee Fund Attorney-General Clarence Davis has sent out a questionnaire to all receivers of banks now in their hands. The paper asks for the amount of assets, deposits now on hand, amount paid to depositors, amount due depositors and the condition of assets.

H. E. Hart, Secretary of the Nebraska Trade and Commerce Bureau, stated that when the bank at Long Pine failed it was found necessary to pay depositors \$232,000 out of the guarantee fund, leaving approximately \$2,400,000. He said that this might be found to be below the minimum required by law, 1% of the total average deposits in State banks, thus requiring an assessment to raise the fund to the required amount.

The Pioneer State Bank of Omaha, which closed its doors recently, has reported that it may be able to take care of its obligations without State aid, he said.

Under the new program or readjustment of the fund the banks will be assessed pro rata to raise the necessary money. That means that after the amount to be raised has been determined each bank's delinquency will be determined and that bank assessed this amount, instead of the assessments being divided among the banks according to the average deposits carried, Mr. Hart stated.

NORTH DAKOTA BANKERS DISAPPROVE NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE METHODS.

A special dispatch to the New York "Times" from Grand Forks, N. D., June 30, said:

The North Dakota Bankers' Association at the closing session of the nineteenth annual convention here to-day adopted resolutions and went on record to condemn and disapprove of the method, the acts, the theories and the plans of the majority of the members of the present Non-Partisan League State Administration "as unwise, impractical, inefficient and uneconomic."

The Association then pledged itself "to use all lawful and honorable methods in its power to effect the dismissal of the State officials responsible for such conditions."

The resolutions were adopted, section by section, and the section pertaining to the present State Administration and the attitude of the bankers was adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

LEWIS G. HARRIMAN ON NEW YORK TRUST COMPANIES UNDER PRESENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS.

"The Position of New York State Trust Companies Under Present Economic Conditions," served as the title of an address by Lewis G. Harriman, Vice-President of the Fidelity Trust Company of Buffalo, before the New York State Bankers' Convention at Atlantic City on June 23. Mr. Harriman, in observing that "it is in times like these that the importance of a sound public opinion on financial questions is of tremendous importance, went on to say:

New York State Trust Company officials are doing a very real public service along these lines through publicity of the right sort, such as addresses, interviews and open letters. It would seem that even further efforts along these lines were justified. For many years bankers have been regarded too much as men set apart from their fellows and their activities in political or other discussion of a general character have been looked at with suspicion, and motives of self-interest alone were all too frequently attributed to them. The present and the coming years are presenting problems concerning the general welfare of society hinging largely on the proper handling of economic problems. To whom shall the public look for sound guidance if not to the leaders of financial opinion, who are usually the bankers, not only in the country as a whole, but in every individual city or community. Such leadership may serve not only to increase public understanding of the business situation, but also in a proper way to influence legislation where present statutes are either inadequate or tend toward unsound practices.

For example, our recent financial experiences have brought out clearly that the present Usury Law in New York State has presented an illogical legal obstacle to a proper handling of the credit situation. The purpose of limiting the interest rate to 6% was, of course, the protection of the borrower of small means—yet the question of such protection is not greatly involved in lending money for purely commercial purposes where a fair profit must be earned by the lender to permit of making the loan. The result of a strict following of the law would be to penalize the poorer man, the man with poorer collateral or other security to offer, for the risk taken in making a loan bears an inevitable relationship with the rate charged, and in times of stringency, when the corporation can get accommodation only at rates above 6%, the individual is handicapped in getting accommodation at all by the fact that banks make loans to such persons at the prevailing rate at their peril, or else resort to all sorts of methods, such as bonuses and commissions, to cover up the exact details of the transaction. A natural person should have the same privilege as the corporation—to borrow money on such terms as he can in a free market, paying a rate proportionate to the security he offers. A prejudice has been created against rates in excess of 6% and an incentive therefore established to falsify public records and to make mortgages, for example, on terms other than what they appear. The result is that in many cases the granting of credit has simply not been considered feasible and construction work for the general good of the public has been prevented. Mr. Purdy, of New York City, one of the leading authorities on such matters, is of the opinion that nine-tenths of all conveyances and a large percentage of mortgages recite untrue considerations. He also reminds us that there is no usury law in Massachusetts, and the records there show rates running up to 12%—yet no one seriously believes that the borrower in Massachusetts really pays more than in New York. There are cases where it may be entirely prudent for a man to pay 20% for a loan to save an enterprise from failure, nor is it in any way improper for one knowing the facts to take the risk of lending the money at 20%. The lender becomes a special partner in the enterprise, which perhaps is likely to produce a very substantial profit to the borrower, the lender often has to take a subordinate claim as against other claims for his advances, and very frequently the effect of his lending may be definitely to prevent disaster and do good economically from the standpoint of the public interest. There will be little reason to complain about the failure of New York State Trust Companies to help finance building operations if rates were adjusted to meet the market and not handled in an arbitrary and uneconomic way. Let us make the market free and public records honest. Certainly there could be no better time than the present to change this situation.

Questions of public policy in municipal finance should always find the trust company official in consultation. Sound advice is needed by many of our communities on such matters, particularly in times like these. The public credit is the cornerstone upon which our financial and investment structure rests, and guarding against over-expansion and extravagance is vital. Greater efforts to secure the payment of principal and interest of municipal obligations through trust companies, particularly in the case of the smaller communities, can hardly fail as an assistance toward business-like methods in public finance. It is disturbing to note that there are nearly a score of municipal defaults in the Dominion of Canada at the present time, and it is clear that avoidance of the remotest possibility of such an occurrence in this country is an important duty—business-like methods and a proper policy of economy are the requisites, and surely no one can be of greater help along these lines than the experienced trust company official.

During recent years the functions of the trust departments proper of trust companies have been enlarging in scope and importance and a new vision of what they should do and should mean to the institution as a whole has come to us. In the minds of many of us the work of a trust department has been considered incidental and a mere feeder to the business of the company as a whole. It is a question whether even yet the possibilities of service and profit are fully realized. Publicity and direct personal solicitation of business of this sort will ordinarily produce pleasingly quick and satisfactory results. Before such a gathering as this it is unnecessary to stress the advantages of trust company service in fiduciary matters, both to the corporation and to the individual, yet it is decidedly advisable to go further to "trade mark" the quality and ethics of our activities in this work just as in a somewhat parallel case savings banks have stressed the essential *safety* of funds deposited with them. We ought to have distinctly a professional attitude toward the trust business, with an extremely high standard of ethics in operation. One matter in this connection is of such importance as to warrant particular consideration at this time, and that has to do with the handling of the investment of trust funds. The moral and legal situation is clear, so far as the making of an incidental profit on such transactions is concerned. So many trust companies are now engaged in the investment business and are participants in syndicate offerings of new securities that the temptation is ever present to invest trust funds in such new securities, making it possible to make a substantial profit by so doing. There can be little question what the attitude of the public toward such a policy is—it immediately arouses a sort of suspicion of motives which is not conducive to building up personal trust business on the basis of the

highest degree of confidence. I would venture to urge the heads of New York State trust companies to examine carefully all the angles of this situation and to familiarize themselves with the practice of their institutions, so that the finger of suspicion cannot be pointed at us all owing to the failure of a few companies to live up to the proper code of ethics and practice in this matter.

As a matter of general policy it might not be out of place to suggest concretely that New York State trust companies should make it their standard practice never to invest trust funds in any securities in which they have the slightest interest, so far as commissions or the successful selling of new issues is concerned. There are occasions where this might work to the detriment of trusts in their care, but these cases are so few that there can be little question that a greater good would result from strict adherence to such a rule, for as soon as exceptions are permitted the door is immediately opened to temptations, abuses and unfriendly and perhaps justified criticism.

The amount of trust business in New York State which does not come to trust companies is both a challenge and an inspiration to us.

ROLLIN P. GRANT REPORTS PROGRESS IN BUSINESS READJUSTMENT—DEPOSITORS NOT QUITTERS.

Rollin P. Grant, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Irving National Bank of this city, following his return from a five weeks' trip to the Pacific Coast, expresses the view that the people of the United States are getting back to business and living standards based on fundamentals. According to Mr. Grant, they have come to realize the hard facts with which they are confronted, and have set to work with courage and determination to rehabilitate themselves and lay the foundation for a new and sane prosperity. Individuals, he says, are willingly giving up luxuries to which they have become accustomed, and are starting to build anew. During his tour Mr. Grant visited the principal cities of California, Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Utah, and talked with business men from many other States. In an interview regarding the impressions of his trip Mr. Grant on July 2 said:

Business and industry the country over are passing through a period of evolution in which, paradoxically, progress is being made by going backward. The superficialities and extravagances which marked our manner of living for several years have given way to a rigid economy in which there is apparent a determination by the individual to work out of the present difficult situation and to build from the ground up.

The farmer, to whom prosperity brought luxuries and other things to which he had not been accustomed, is going back to his farm with his family and willingly returning to where he was several years ago to start all over again. The economic fallacies, the high prices and all the things which accompany them are gone, and we now are laying the foundation for the future. When business again begins to move through its natural channels, it will be on a basis as firm and solid as concrete when compared to the uncertainties underlying the "boom" times of yesterday.

Everywhere the merchant and the buying public have made careful analysis of their needs, and are buying with great discrimination. This naturally reacts upon the jobber, the manufacturer and back to the producer, and commodities are moving very slowly. But when the present surpluses have been absorbed, new business will begin on a foundation that will be well-established and amply able to carry it on in a healthy, natural and stable manner. In this readjustment of fundamentals and foundations great progress already has been made.

Labor is now plentiful in all sections of the country. Some of the farming districts particularly report that workers are obtainable at a much lower wage than last season. It is estimated that the cost of raising wheat in the Northwest will be less than 70 cents a bushel this year, as compared with more than double that figure in 1920.

The rice industry furnishes an example of this process of evolution. At present rice is grown on large farms operated on a big scale. Many persons in the California rice district seem to think that a change is coming by which the larger tracts will be broken up into farms of 20 to 60 acres, conducted by families who do the work themselves.

The financial situation in the sections which he visited, Mr. Grant said, seemed generally to be quite sound. Even in districts where the depression has been felt most acutely, conditions are reported as showing improvement. He added:

One thing that particularly impressed me was the spirit of friendly co-operation manifested by the people at large toward their banks. In most sections the people realize that the banks have been exerting every effort under trying conditions to help carry on the business activities of their communities. In consequence, the general public, on more than one occasion, has shown in substantial form a sympathy for the bank that was over-pressed.

One instance particularly was brought to my attention. A bank in one Southwestern town was forced to suspend, and a run was started on two other institutions in the same place. The whole community at once rallied to the support of the threatened banks. Posters and dodgers were printed bearing the words, "We are depositors, not quitters." These were hung in store windows and on poles, and were attached to the sides of automobiles. In another section, the farmers offered to mortgage their farms to get money to put in deposit that they might bolster up their local bank.

JOHN G. LONSDALE ON WHEN THE CREDIT MAN SHOULD BE AN OPTIMIST.

In the Bulletin of the St. Louis Association of Credit Men, John G. Lonsdale, President of the National Bank of Commerce in St. Louis writes as follows:

There is no doubt about it: Business has been very sick; and, when such is an acknowledged fact with respect to any patient, the best we can hope for is a slow process of recuperation. Therefore, tempered optimism should be the order of the day in the commercial and industrial world, because, if the ordinary criteria can be accepted, the worst is passing, and forthcoming months will bring improvement, which, though slow, will still be appreciable.

The men who pass on credits should be among the first to take cognizance of any improvement, just as they were the first to heed the danger signals when bullishness ran riot in the days of inflation. The business concern which has successfully weathered the deflation that we have had for the

past year possesses elements of strength calling for special consideration. And there is not likely to be an early renewal of inflationary and speculative tendencies, because, as the Wall Street maxim goes, "There is no bear like a scared bull."

A little pat on the back, then, to your customers who have shown an inclination to play the game on the square under adverse conditions, will be not more than their due and will be remembered in the future. The average credit man acquires, in the course of time, the reputation of being a rather hard citizen. That's because he is a credit man, and must look for flaws. When the sun is flaming in the business heavens, he must wear blue glasses, lest he be blinded by the glitter of inflation and over-extension. But, when skies have become overcast, the credit man has an opportunity to reverse the usual procedure by perceiving the bright spots first, and lending encouragement to the erstwhile bulls who have become changed to growling bears. The day of such opportunity is here.

Let's all smile and hustle.

COMMERCIAL CREDIT INSTRUMENTS.

The summary of an exhaustive study of the subject of commercial credit instruments and practices in financing foreign trade, by Dr. George W. Edwards, is published in a 104-page booklet by the American Acceptance Council, 111 Broadway, New York City. The booklet contains the results of a survey of typical British and American cases of rights and liabilities arising out of commercial letters of credit, also a questionnaire study of the practice of American banks and exporters in financing foreign trade. In view of the dearth of published material on this important subject, the booklet should prove invaluable to bankers, importers and exporters as well as to students of the broad subject of foreign trade financing. Copies of the booklet may be had at nominal cost from the American Acceptance Council.

LOANS OF OVER \$6,000,000 BY FEDERAL LAND BANK OF CALIFORNIA.

In a recent address before the Utah Bankers' Association, W. D. Ellis, President of the Federal Land Bank of California, said the Land Bank has made loans to 2,100 Utah farmers aggregating \$6,123,000, and that Utah's proportion of the recent sale of Farm Loan bonds will amount to \$850,000. This is learned from the "Wall Street Journal" of June 28, which in Salt Lake City advices also said:

He stated further that of the total of \$18,000,000 in loans made by the Berkeley Bank there have been but two foreclosures. He said more bonds will be issued as soon as the investment market is able to take them, when additional funds will be available for long term farm credits.

A. W. Hendricks, President of the Joint Stock Land Bank of California, called on Utah bankers to support the new organization of the Utah-Idaho Joint Stock Land Bank. He said: "The bankers must realize that they are heavily indebted to agriculture, while the loans they make to farming interests comprise but a small proportion. If we bankers do not meet the needs of agriculture, banks will be set up beside us specifically dedicated to fulfilling the requirements of farm production. The Joint Stock Land Bank offers the commercial banks an opportunity to be of use to agriculture if the banks will content themselves with a smaller rate of interest. The banks can hold the bonds of the Joint Stock bank for a period. Is it not worth while to you to take a little loss in interest and protect the district?"

"The proposal of Senator Smoot, killed in Senate committee, that this tax exemption privilege be revoked, was uncalled for. You cannot reach the tax exempt privilege of any other bonds save through constitutional amendment, a course which financial and Government leaders have declared to be impossible."

NEW PENNSYLVANIA LAW REGULATING INSTALLMENT PLAN PURCHASES OF STOCKS AND BONDS.

The following is from the Philadelphia "Ledger" of June 22:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will put into effect a new law on Oct. 1 1921, and firms in the State which have developed businesses of selling securities on the partial payment plan are giving careful study to Bill No. 865, passed in the recent session of the Legislature and signed by Governor Sprout a few weeks ago.

Under the law the installment plan of selling stocks and bonds will be regulated and will come under the jurisdiction of the State Banking Commissioner. It provides that applications for licenses to sell securities under that plan must be made to the Commissioner of Banking, who shall investigate the condition and affairs of applicants and their general plan of operation.

Before obtaining the license applicants must deposit with the Commissioner cash, or bonds approved by the Commissioner with a clear market value of \$100,000 as security for the fulfillment of contracts. Annual reports of financial conditions of the individuals or firms must be made to the Commissioner. It further provides that the Commissioner shall exercise the same rights as are now or may hereafter be vested in him by law for the supervision and examination of banks, trust companies and other financial institutions.

FORMER COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY WILLIAMS IN CRITICISM OF ADMINISTRATION OF FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.

Former Comptroller of the Currency John Skelton Williams spoke anew in criticism of the administration of the Federal Reserve system in an address on July 14 before the Augusta (Ga.) Board of Commerce and the Georgia Press Association, at Augusta. Mr. Williams, commenting upon the fact that "we are not recovering as rapidly and as smoothly as we should have done," from the effects of the war, and "as our great Federal Reserve system was intended

to enable us to do," declared it as his opinion "that the partial failure is not the result of the Federal Reserve system itself, but is the fault of the administration of that system by individuals who have not measured up as they should have done to the great responsibilities imposed upon them." Mr. Williams further said: "The Federal Reserve Act is the finest tool for commercial protection and construction ever put in the hands of a Government and people. I believe that by awkward and inefficient handling it has been used to injure where it was intended to guard; to encourage and protect what it should have restrained and prevented. I believe it has been weakened and misdirected by the 'bureau disease,' a disease which I have described heretofore as 'bureau mania,' to which too often those entrusted with authority seem to become subject." Mr. Williams described the system as suffering from "bureau mania" in an address last April, referred to in these columns April 30, page 1810. In his speech the current week the former Comptroller said in part:

I question nobody's motives. The dismal, cold fact, as it seems to me, is that the Federal Reserve Act, which was designed to provide a system of banking and currency supply, pliable and elastic, adaptable to the variations of seasonal and sectional requirements and of supply and demand and commercial development, became stiff and inelastic, consequently oppressive and injurious, where it should have been helpful, and dangerously lenient where it should have been repressive.

I have studied the reports of the interest rates charged by the Government banks of all the other civilized countries of the globe, . . . and I think the records will show that the rates which certain small banks in Colorado, Kansas, Texas, Louisiana, Alabama and other States were charged by their Reserve banks in certain exceptional cases amounted to from two to five times as much as the rates charged by any Government bank in any civilized country on the globe.

These amazing rates are brutal—wholly without excuse. The Federal Reserve System should be made to refund in every instance every dollar of interest exacted in excess of 10%, if not in excess of 6%.

While small banks in the farming districts were being taxed in this manner, great banks in New York were being supplied with practically unlimited amounts of money at 5, 6 and 7%. The official record will show that while the Reserve Bank collected \$2,100 (equal to 8% of the bank's entire capital stock for twelve months) from a little bank in your adjoining State of Alabama, for the use of about \$112,000 for two weeks in crop-moving time, a year ago, a big bank in New York, whose funds were largely employed in speculative operations and deals, for the same cash consideration, or, say, \$2,100, was given the use of about \$800,000 for the same time.

The prodigality with which certain big banks disposed of the funds so unstintingly loaned them by certain Reserve banks may be illustrated by a loan of \$500,000 to a fisheries company made by a big Northern bank, which came to my notice. When I inquired what the security for the loan was, I was informed that the collateral was fish.

When I inquired where the fish were, I was informed officially that the fish had not been caught at the time the loan was made, but that they were supposed to be swimming in the oceans thousands of miles away; but that the corporation had promised to go fishing, and if they caught any fish, pack them and can them, and then put them in warehouses and then deposit the warehouse receipts as security for their loan, which, when I last heard from it, had not been paid or reduced.

Another week we hope to be able to give in greater detail Mr. Williams's speech, which is of considerable length.

TEXAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PETITIONS PRES. HARDING TO PENALIZE USE OF FEDERAL RESERVE ACT TO INFLATE OR DEFLATE VALUES.

In a resolution addressed to President Harding the Texas Chamber of Commerce urges that the authority of the Federal Reserve Board be limited to banking and that the use of its "power and influence for the purpose of inflating or deflating the value of commodities or services" be prohibited under severe penalties. The resolution, as adopted at the quarterly meeting of the Chamber at Dallas in June says:

President Warren G. Harding:

The Texas Chamber of Commerce desires to express to you approval and appreciation for:

1. Reviving the War Finance Corporation.
2. Your proposal to extend long-time credits to agricultural and livestock producers.
3. Recommending to Congress a repeal of the law permitting a graduated discount rate.
4. Adding the Secretaries of Agriculture and Commerce to the Federal Reserve Board.

Further to respectfully recommend:

1. That the authority of the Federal Reserve Board be limited to banking and prohibiting, under severe penalties, knowingly using its enormous power and influence for the purpose of inflating or deflating the value of commodities or services, or otherwise interfering with the inherent right of the citizens to labor, to engage in such business, to invest, to spend his savings as he may desire.
2. That the administration of the Federal Reserve System be made representative of the producing, commercial, industrial and transportation interests of the country.
3. That directors residing in Washington be confined to members of the Cabinet; that the non-resident directors be selected from the directors of the Federal Reserve banks, and that the Secretary of Labor be added to the Board.
4. That our banking and currency laws be enforced, or, if need be, amended to the above ends.

Finally, Texas producing, manufacturing and commercial interests have borne the burdens of unsettled economic conditions with patience and courage in the face of reduced income, shrinking values and increasing unemployment in the hope that your Administration would adopt and apply sound readjustment principles and policies restoring confidence in Govern-

ment by firm enforcement of existing constitutional law rather than awaiting new legislation, thus protecting our people from exploitation and reviving honest business, the basis of national prosperity. The people are with you. We respectfully urge action.

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD IN YEAR'S REVIEW ON RECOVERY FROM WAR CONDITIONS.

The extent to which American trade, industry and banking have been approaching equilibrium and preparing for recovery from conditions that developed out of the World War is emphasized in the statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board, on July 7 reviewing the development of the Federal Reserve system during the fiscal year just ended. As to the presentments of the Board, the New York "Times" of July 8, said:

The statement is a midyear critical analysis from the statistical standpoint, dealing with the character of conditions that have developed in the last year and illustrating the situation as affected by the process of restoring banking and financial soundness.

A similar analysis issued a year ago dealt with conditions up to what has since turned out to have been practically the peak of post-war expansion in banking and business. But developments in the last year have carried deflation to what seems to the board to be practically the limit, at least for the time, and exhibit in their full effect the factors whose consequences were seen only in an incomplete form a year ago.

The board regards the fiscal year just closed as having been a turning point in trade and industry, during which the fact has been fully recognized that a time of recession had arrived and, according to the board, facts now available indicate that the main elements in business and industrial recession have made their effects manifest, bringing fairly extensive realignments of relationships in the majority of lines. The fact is emphasized that the Federal Reserve system has steadily increased in numbers and in strength, and this has been in striking contrast with the decline in total resources which, while moderate, shows the reaction from the peak level of a year ago.

Banking Situation Abroad.

Dealing with the foreign banking situation, the board's analysis declare that banking institutions abroad have not shown the reduction either in notes or in deposits that has been observed in the United States and that "such changes as have occurred have apparently been sporadic and in a far less degree governed by definite influences." This is attributed to the fact that many European countries have relied more largely on banking aid than did the United States.

A significant feature of the announcement by the board is that the most interesting element of change in the portfolios of the reserve banks during the past year has been the lessening of the volume of war paper, which has fallen off to approximately \$648,000,000, and a gratifying feature of the post-war development of the nation's investment and financial mechanism has been the ability shown on the part of the public to absorb the outstanding obligations of the nation, both in short and long term form.

"The existence of substantial investment capacity," declared the board, "has laid the foundation for the absorption of Government bonds and certificates, while the policy of the Treasury Department in meeting market rates of interest has enabled both member and reserve banks, which had become large holders of war paper to reduce this element of their portfolios in a very material degree."

The board comments on the great flow of gold shipments to the United States which, it says, have been the result of the slackening and disorganization of trade and the disturbance of financial relationships.

"How far," says the board, "this inward gold movement will go can not now be predicted, but it should be noted that such importations even when entirely deposited in the Federal Reserve banks, are by no means the sole measure of their increasing liquidity."

Period of Steady Recession

"From early Autumn until practically the opening of Spring (1921)," the statement says, "there was a steady recession of prices, values and wages, and a period of corresponding readjustment throughout almost all branches of industry and in almost all countries of the world. In fact, the downward movement had set in earlier in some foreign countries than in the United States, many persons regarding Japan as having been the first country to feel the effect of the new business factors which were later to make themselves felt elsewhere."

"The Spring months of 1921 would seem, in the light of information now available, to be a period of approach to equilibrium in certain lines of business and of preparation for recovery from the depressed conditions that had developed. The changes referred to have in fact been practically world-wide. If any thing they have been less extreme or violent in the United States than elsewhere not only in banking and credit, but in production and trade generally."

"The year 1920-21 has been a period of reorganization. This reorganization with its effects has, like all great business changes, been directly reflected in our banking position and in the corresponding position of banking systems the world over. While it would appear that the present time the period of readjustment is drawing to a close, this does not necessarily mean that there will be no further movement or recession or that the readjustment process has completed itself. On the contrary, there are many factors which seem to make it sure that still further work in the direction of readjustment must be accomplished before even approximate stability can be arrived at."

The facts now available, however, would indicate that the main elements in business and industrial recession have made their effects manifest and that there have been in the majority of lines fairly extensive realignments of relationships. In all this process there has been nothing more noteworthy than the effect of readjustment upon our banking institutions."

Changes in Gold Holdings.

As to reserve changes, the board's announcement read: "As during the year 1919-20, so during the past year, the primary changes in the reserve situation of the United States have been due to alterations in gold holdings. The striking feature of the year has been the resumption of gold movement into this country, with the result that the gold reserves of Federal Reserve Banks have been increased to the extent of about \$493,000,000. The following brief table shows the movement of reserves as between the close of June 1921 and the corresponding date a year earlier:

	June 25 1920.	June 29 1921.	% Inc.
Total gold reserves.....	\$1,969,375,000	\$2,461,931,000	25.0
Legal-tender notes, silver, &c.....	139,230,000	163,527,000	17.5

"Changes in the gold position of the United States were of such significant

importance as to call for special review in the June 1921, issue of the bulletin where they were fully set forth."

An important feature of the report to the banking world is its analysis of the change in resources. It states that comparison between conditions existing during 1920 with those which have been attained at the close of June 1921, exhibit the following results with respect to reserves, earning assets and total resources of Federal Reserve banks:

Total Reserves—June 25 1920, \$2,108,605,000; Oct. 15 1920, \$2,154,911,000; June 29 1921, \$2,625,458,000.

Total Earning Assets—June 25 1920, \$3,183,275,000; Oct. 15 1920, \$3,421,976,000; June 29 1921, \$2,060,495,000.

Total Resources—June 25 1920, \$6,074,713,000; Oct. 15 1920, \$6,610,250,000; June 29 1921, \$5,242,041,000.

"As stated a year ago" the Board points out, "the capital of the Federal Reserve banks was figured as \$94,500,000 and total resources as \$6,075,000,000, whereas at the present time the corresponding figures are \$102,184,000 and \$5,242,041,000. The change in capital for the year has thus amounted to 8%, reckoning the condition at the close of June 1920, as a basis, while the aggregate of resources has fallen by approximately 14%. The advance in capital has, in former years, been due to the gradual growth of the actual capitalization of the members of the Federal Reserve system already admitted and in part to the movement of new members into the system. The net number of new national bank members admitted during the year ending June 1921, has been approximately 251, while their contribution to capital stock may be figured as \$813,050. To this may be added the sum of \$1,112,900 subscribed by the 268 newly admitted State banks and trust company members, the remainder of the increase in capital of Federal Reserve banks being due to the automatic enlargement of the stock ownership of former members due to additions to their capital stock and surplus."

"The fact that the system has steadily increased in numbers and in strength is in striking contrast with the decline in total resources which, although moderate, shows, as already remarked, the reaction from the peak level. This decline in resources has been due to the gradual reduction of the amount of reserve bank advances and is best reflected in the change in the item of total earnings assets, which was reported at the close of June 1920, as \$3,183,275,000, a figure which must be compared with a figure at the present time of approximately \$2,060,495,000.

"The decline of approximately \$1,120,000,000, thus reflected as the outgrowth of the year's operations in connection with earning assets, should be compared with the increases in the same item during the year ended June 30 1920, amounting to \$829,000,000. The volume of earning assets is therefore now very little less than it was at the close of June 1919.

"Bill holdings at the close of June 1920, were not far from \$3,000,000,000, while the situation at the close of June 1921, showed slightly more than \$1,800,000,000 in bills on hand. A falling off in round numbers of over one-third, or \$1,200,000,000 in bills held represents the results of operations during the past year. Included in this reduction, it should be noted, has been a decline in the bills secured by Government obligations, which have fallen from approximately \$1,300,000,000 at the close of June 1920 to approximately \$643,000,000 a year later.

"Other bills discounted amount, at the present moment, to a little less than they did a year ago, the net conclusion being, therefore, that to date the process of credit accommodation, so far as the Federal Reserve banks are concerned, has altered but little the amount of commercial paper discounted, but has taken effect primarily in the restriction of the loans collateralized by Government war obligations."

"Of special interest to the general student of banking are the changes in the volume of outstanding Federal Reserve notes as contrasted with changes in the deposit liabilities of the Federal Reserve banks. Comparing the figures given a year ago with those now compiled, it will be found that whereas at the end of June, 1920, the volume of Federal Reserve notes in circulation was approximately \$3,117,000,000, the total now in actual circulation is approximately \$2,634,000,000—a falling off in round numbers, therefore, of over \$480,000,000.

"As compared with this reduction in the circulating currency of the system is to be noted a fall in total deposits from approximately \$1,916,000,000 a year ago to \$1,686,000,000 on June 29 1921. Since there has been but little change in the volume of Government deposits during the year, the reduction which is thus shown to have occurred has taken place primarily in member bank reserve deposits and may be regarded as amounting to about \$191,000,000. The remainder of the decrease is partly due to the withdrawal of foreign Government deposits."

Why More Currency Appeared.

"This should be contrasted with a growth in deposits during the preceding year amounting to about \$14,000,000 and a growth in notes of approximately \$617,000,000. Attention was called a year ago to the fact that the immense increase in the note circulation during the year 1919-20 was undoubtedly due in some measure to the fact that a larger amount of circulating currency was required, because of the great advance in prices and the consequent necessity of carrying a larger supply of money in pocket with which to meet ordinary requirements. The recession in the total amount of notes in circulation may be ascribed to a movement exactly parallel, but opposite in direction."

"As prices have fallen the factors already referred to have lost in intensity while other factors, which have tended to enlarge the circulation of Federal Reserve notes—such as the process of substituting them for gold and silver and exporting them in large amounts to South American and West Indian countries—have ceased to operate. Indeed, in some cases the reserve flow has doubtless set in. The significance, therefore, of the situation is found in the fact that the reduction in outstanding circulation which has occurred represents a correspondence change in the actual use of notes by the public. The movement of the items 'notes' and 'deposits' may be followed to good advantage in the brief table which is herewith submitted:

Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation—June 25 1920, \$3,116,718,000; June 29 1921, \$2,634,475,000.

Total deposits of Federal Reserve banks—June 25 1920, \$1,916,086,000; June 29 1921, \$1,685,788,000.

Net demand deposits of reporting member banks—June 25 1920, \$11,347,041,000; June 29 1921, \$9,989,313,000.

CHANGES IN OFFICIAL STAFF OF HOUSTON BRANCH OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF DALLAS.

Floyde Ikard, Cashier of the Houston branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, has been appointed manager (effective August 1) of the Houston branch, succeeding E. F. Gossett, who, as stated in our bank items to-day, has been elected Vice-President and Cashier of the South Texas Commercial National Bank of Houston. L. E. Dignan will succeed Mr. Ikard as Cashier of the Houston branch of

the Dallas Reserve Bank. Mr. Dignan has been First Assistant Cashier of the branch, in which post he will be replaced by M. D. Jenkins, heretofore one of the Assistant Cashiers of the branch.

LYNN P. TALLEY RESIGNS AS DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF DALLAS.

According to the Houston "Post" of July 8, Lynn P. Talley and Sam R. Lawder have resigned as Deputy Governor and Cashier, respectively, of the Federal Reserve Bank at Dallas, to accept positions in the Security National Bank at Dallas.

F. A. DELANO APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF RICHMOND.

F. A. Delano, formerly a member of the Federal Reserve Board, has been appointed a Class C director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond for the term expiring Dec. 31 1921.

STATE INSTITUTIONS ADMITTED TO FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.

The following institutions were admitted to the Federal Reserve System in the week ending July 8:

	Capital.	Surplus.	Total Resources.
District No. 9—			
Kenyon State Bank, Kenyon, Minn.....	\$50,000	\$12,000	\$740,043
District No. 12—			
State Bank of Richmond, Richmond, Utah...	25,000	12,500	214,169

INSTITUTION AUTHORIZED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD TO EXERCISE TRUST POWERS.

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

The Peoples National Bank of Pulaski, Pulaski, Va.

PRESIDENT HARDING'S MESSAGE TO SENATE ON SOLDIER BONUS AND TAX LEGISLATION.

President Harding personally delivered in the Senate, on July 12, a message setting forth his opposition to the enactment of soldier bonus legislation at this time. Indications of the intention of the President to address the Senate on the subject were given last week, following Secretary of the Treasury Mellon's presentments to Congress, on the inadvisability, in view of the state of the Treasury's finances, of pressing soldier relief measures at this time. Reference to both Secretary Mellon's communication and President Harding's attitude was made in these columns last week, pages 138 and 139. In his message to the Senate this week the President points out that he has "commended the policy of generous treatment of the Nation's defenders." Every obligation, he says, "is to the disabled and dependent." He declares, however, that "the enactment of the compensation bill in the midst of the struggle for readjustment and restoration would hinder every effort and greatly imperil the financial stability of our country." He adds that "this menacing effort to expend millions in gratuities will imperil our capacity to discharge our first obligations to those we must not fail to aid." The President states that "if this measure could be made effective at the present time without disaster to the Nation's finances and without hindrance to imperative readjustment of our taxes, it would present an entirely different question than that which is before you." "I am fully persuaded," says the President, "that three things are essential to the very beginning of the restored order of things. These are the revision, including reduction, of our internal taxation, the refunding of our war debt, and the adjustment of our foreign loans." It is vitally necessary to settle these problems, President Harding declares, "before adding to our Treasury any such burden as is contemplated in the pending bill." The President further declares it "unthinkable to expect business revival and the resumption of the normal ways of peace while maintaining the excessive taxes of war. It is quite unthinkable to reduce our tax burdens while committing our Treasury to an additional obligation which ranges from three to five billions of dollars." Reference is made in the message to the prompt action of Congress in providing the emergency tariff and to the "good progress" which has been made "toward the much-needed and more deliberate revision of our tariff schedules." He says, however, "there is confessed disappointment that so little progress has been made in the readjustment and reduction of the war-time taxes." The President's remarks contain a resume of what has already been accomplished by way of Government soldier relief, the figures he presents suggesting, he says, "neither neglect nor ingratitude." "We never have, and never will," he states, "neglect the dependent

soldier." In adding that "the defenders of the Republic and the perils of war would be the last of our citizenship to wish its stability menaced by an individual pittance of peace," he observes that the enactment of a bonus bill now, "in all probability would so add to our interest rates that the added interest charge on new and refunded indebtedness may alone exceed the sum it is proposed to bestow." The following is the President's message in full:

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

There has come to my attention the pending unfinished business before the Senate, and it is an imperative duty to convey to you the probable effect of the passage at this time of the proposed act, providing for adjusted compensation to our service men in the World War. If this measure could be made effective at the present time without disaster to the nation's finances and without hindrance to imperative readjustment of our taxes it would present an entirely different question than that which is before you.

In a personal as well as a public manner, which ought to be a plight of good faith, I have commended the policy of generous treatment of the nation's defenders, not as a part of any contract, not as the payment of a debt which is owing, but as a mark of the nation's gratitude. Every obligation is to the disabled and dependent.

In such reference as has been made to general compensation there has been a reservation as to the earliest consistent time for such action if it is taken. Even without such reservation, however, a modified view would be wholly justifiable at the present moment, because the enactment of the compensation bill in the midst of the struggle for readjustment and restoration would hinder every effort and greatly imperil the financial stability of our country. More, this menacing effort to expend billions in gratuities will imperil our capacity to discharge our first obligations to those we must not fail to aid.

I am addressing the Senate directly because the problem is immediately yours as your unfinished business, but the Executive branch of the Government owes it to both Houses of Congress and to the country frankly to state the difficulties we daily are called upon to meet, and the added peril this measure would bring.

Our land has its share of the financial chaos and the industrial depression of the world. We little heeded the growth of indebtedness or the limits of expenditure during the war because we could not stop to count the cost. Our one thought then was the winning of the war, and the survival of the nation. We borrowed and loaned—individuals to the nation and the Government to other governments, and to those who served the nation, with little thought of settlement. It was relatively easy then, because national life was at stake.

In the sober aftermath we face the order of reason, rather than act amid the passions of war, and our own land and the world are facing problems never solved before. There can be no solution unless we face the grim truths and seek to solve them in resolute devotion to duty. After a survey of more than four months, contemplating conditions which would stagger all of us were it not for our abiding faith in America, I am fully persuaded that three things are essential to the very beginning of the restored order of things. These are the revision, including reduction, of our internal taxation, the refunding of our war debt, and the adjustment of our foreign loans. It is vitally necessary to settle these problems before adding to our Treasury any such burden as is contemplated in the pending bill.

It is unthinkable to expect a business revival and the resumption of the normal ways of peace while maintaining the excessive taxes of war. It is quite as unthinkable to reduce our tax burdens while committing our Treasury to an additional obligation which ranges from three to five billions of dollars. The precise figure no one can give. If it is conceivably true that only \$200,000,000 a year will be drawn annually from the Treasury in the few years immediately before us, the bestowal is too inconsequential to be of real value to the nation's defenders; and, if the exercise of the option should call for cash running into billions, the depression in finance and industry would be so marked that vastly more harm than good would attend.

Our Government must undertake no obligation which it does not intend to meet. No Government fiat will pay our bills. The exchanges of the world testify to-day to that erroneous theory. We may rely on the sacrifices of patriotism in war, but to-day we face markets, and the effects of supply and demand, and the inexorable laws of credits in time of peace.

At the very moment we are obliged to pay 5¼% interest for Government short-time loans to care for our floating indebtedness, a rate on Government borrowing, in spite of tax exemption, which ought to prevail in private transactions for the normal interest charges in financing our industry and commerce.

Definite obligations, amounting to \$7,500,000,000 in war savings certificates, Victory bonds and certificates covering floating indebtedness are to mature in the two years immediately following, and the overburdening of the Treasury now means positive disaster in the years immediately before us. Merest prudence calls out in warning.

Our greatest necessity is a return to the normal ways of peace activities. A modest offering to the millions of service men is a poor palliative to more millions who may be out of employment. Stabilized finance and well established confidence are both essential to restored industry and commerce.

The slump which is now upon us is an inevitable part of war's aftermath. It has followed in the wake of war since the world began. There was the unavoidable readjustment, the inevitable charge-off, the unflinching attendance of losses in the wake of high prices, the inexorable deflation which inflation had preceded. It has been wholly proper to seek to apply Government relief to minimize the hardships, and the Government has aided wherever possible, and is aiding now, but all the special acts ever dreamed of, all the particular favors ever conceived, will not avoid all the distresses nor ward off all the losses. The proper mental state of our people will commit us resolutely and confidently to our tasks, and definite assurances as to taxation and expenditure will contribute to that helpful mental order. The only sure way to normalcy is over the paths nature has marked throughout all human experience.

With the approval of Congress the Executive branch of the Government has been driving toward that decreased expenditure which is the most practical assurance of diminished taxation. With enthusiastic resolution your administrative agents are making not only conscientious effort to reduce the call for appropriations, but to reduce the cost of Government far below the appropriations you have already provided. It is easy to believe that the only way to diminish the burdens which the people must pay is to cut the outlay in which public moneys are expended. War is not wholly responsible for staggering costs; it has merely accentuated the menace which lies in mounting cost of Government and excesses in expenditure which a successful private business would not tolerate.

I can make you no definite promise in figures to-day, but I can pledge you a most conscientious drive to reduce Government cost by many mil-

lions. It would be most discouraging to those who are bending their energies to save millions to have Congress add billions to our burdens at the very beginning.

Even were there not the threatened paralysis of our treasury, with its fatal reflexes on all our activities which concern our prosperity, would it not be better to await the settlement of our foreign loans? At such a time it would be a bestowal on the part of our Government when it is able to bestow.

The United States participates in none of the distributable awards of war, but the world owes us heavily, and will pay when restoration is wrought. If the restoration fails world bankruptcy attends. I believe the world restoration is possible, but only with honest, diligent work in productivity on the one hand, and honest and diligent opposition to needless public expenditure on the other.

If the suggested recommitment of this measure bore the merest suggestion of neglect or a hint of national ingratitude, I would not urge it. It has been my privilege to speak to Congress on our obligations to the disabled and dependent soldiers and the Government's deep desire to prove its concern for their welfare. I should be ashamed of the Republic if it failed in its duty to them. Neither armistice nor permanent peace puts an end to the obligations of Government to its defenders or the obligations of citizens to the Government. Mindful of these things, the Administrative branch of the Government has not only spoken, it has acted and has accomplished.

In view of some of the things which have been said, and very carelessly said, perhaps I ought to report officially some of the things which have been done. In the department of War Risk Insurance there have been filed up to July 7 1921 compensation and insurance claims numbering 813,442. Of these, 747,786 have been adjudicated at an expenditure of \$471,946,762.

There were 200,000 claims pending when the War Risk Department was reorganized late in April this year, and the number of pending claims has been reduced by 134,344. All work in this department will be current by the 21st of this July; that is to say, all action which the bureau may take on a given case will be current, though new claims are being filed at the rate of 700 per day.

There have been requested 887,614 medical examinations, and less than 14,000 await medical action. Up to July 7 there have been 26,237 disabled soldiers hospitalized, and in Government-controlled hospitals to-day there are 6,000 available beds without occupants. You are already aware of the progress made toward the construction of additional Government hospitals, not because we are not meeting all demands, but to better meet them and the better to specialize in the treatment of those who come under our care.

There has been paid out in allotment and allowances the sum of \$578,465,658, and nearly four billion of Government insurance is in force.

In vocational training and rehabilitation of disabled soldiers there have been enrolled to date 107,824 men. To-day there are 75,812 men who are training with pay, at the maximum cost of \$160 per month; 8,208 training without pay, but at a tuition and supply outlay of \$35 per month. Four thousand disabled men have completed their training and have been returned to gainful employment. These earned an average of \$1,051 per year before entering the army, and are earning to-day, in spite of their war disability, and in spite of diminished wage or salary levels, an average of \$1,550 per annum.

It is an interesting revelation and a fine achievement attended by both abuses and triumphs. Congress has appropriated \$65,000,000 for this noble work for the current year, but the estimated acceptance of training for the year before us contemplates an average of 95,000 disabled men, and the cost will be in excess of \$163,000,000, or nearly a hundred millions more than Congress has provided. This additional sum must be made available.

With the increase of availability to training, as recently urged upon Congress, the estimated additional expenditure will be \$468,000,000 per annum, until the pledge of training is discharged.

These figures suggest neither neglect nor ingratitude. It is more than the entire annual cost of Federal Government for many years following the Civil War, and challenges every charge of failure to deal considerately with our nation's defenders. I do not recite the figures to suggest that it is all we may do, or ultimately ought to do. It is inevitable that our obligations will grow and grow enormously. We never have neglected and never will neglect the dependent soldier, and there is no way to avoid time's remorseless classification.

Contemplating the tremendous liability which the Government will never shirk, I would be remiss in my duty if I failed to ask Congress to pause at this particular time, rather than break down our Treasury from which so much is later on to be expected. The defenders of the Republic amid the perils of war should be the last of our citizenship to wish its stability menaced by an individual pittance of peace.

I know the feelings of my own breast, and that of yours and the grateful people of this Republic. But no thoughtful person, possessed with all the facts, is ready for added compensation for the healthful, self-reliant masses of our great armies at the cost of a Treasury breakdown, which will bring its hardships to all the citizens of the Republic. Its enactment now, in all probability, would so add to our interest rates that the added interest charge on new and refunded indebtedness may alone exceed the sum it is proposed to bestow.

When Congress was called in extraordinary session I called your attention to the urgent measures which I thought demanded your consideration. You promptly provided the emergency tariff, and good progress has been made toward the much-needed and more deliberate revision of our tariff schedules. There is confessed disappointment that so little progress has been made in the readjustment and reduction of the war-time taxes. I believe you share with me the earnest wish for early accomplishment.

It is not expected that Congress will sit and ignore other problems of legislation. There are often urgent problems which must enlist your attention. I have not come to speak of them, though the reorganization of the war risk and vocational training, now pending, would hasten the efficient discharge of our willing obligations to the disabled soldiers.

But I want to emphasize the suggestion that the accomplishment of the major tasks for which you were asked to sit in extraordinary session will have a reassuring effect on the entire country and speed our resumption of normal activities and their rewards which tend to make a prosperous and happy people.

DISBURSEMENTS BY WAR RISK INSURANCE BUREAU OVER 226 MILLION DOLLARS.

The Government has to date made a total disbursement of \$226,486,891 in meeting both the compensation claims of former service men disabled by reason of wounds, injuries or disease incurred in the world war, and the death claims

of the dependents of those who made the supreme sacrifice, according to an announcement of Director C. R. Forbes of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance issued on June 27. The disbursements for disability have aggregated \$192,677,589 and the death disbursements \$33,809,301. For the month of May alone the total amount disbursed by the Bureau for compensation purposes was \$10,575,416, the monthly payments on disability compensation claims for that period amounting to \$9,145,288 and the monthly payments to the dependents of deceased soldiers amounting to \$1,430,128. Between June 1 and June 15 the Bureau mailed 221,612 checks to cover this disbursement to former service men. The increase in the number of claims filed with the Bureau, it is stated, has exceeded any estimate. The number of claims filed from the inception of the Bureau to May 1919 was 209,700 while on June 1 1921, the number in file was 631,980 showing an increase during that period of 422,280. The number of awards for death and disability for the first period was 41,073; the number of awards at the end of the second period was 323,415, an increase during the second period of 282,342. For the first period the ratio was one claim pending to every two filed; for the second period, the ratio was one claim pending to every eight claims filed.

WAR RISK INSURANCE GOES TO SOLDIER'S HEIRS NOT TO HEIRS OF DEAD BENEFICIARY.

War Risk Insurance, that is, term or contract insurance, issued by the Government as a war-time measure under the provisions of the War Risk Act, is payable to the beneficiary designated by the insured, but, should this beneficiary die the installments of insurance becoming payable after his death shall be distributed in like manner as the estate of the insured, descending to the soldier's heirs and not to the heirs of the beneficiary no matter whether a will may have been executed by that beneficiary to the contrary. This is the substance of the decision handed down by Federal Judge Whitmer in the case of Cassarello vs. United States, Scranton, Pennsylvania. Announcement of this is made by the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, which also says:

Lawrence Siegle, while in service in the United States Army, applied for \$10,000 insurance designating as beneficiary "stepbrother Patsy Gilette."

The insured died Oct. 29 1918. A question as to the identity of the beneficiary arose, he having been known as Patsy Gilette, Patrick Gillette, Patrick Chilant and other variations of the original Italian name.

Before it had been established that the designated beneficiary was a full brother of the insured soldier, the beneficiary died. He left a will naming Savino Cassarello as executor of his estate, empowered to collect the War Risk Insurance installments which had accrued, as well as those which should become due and to transmit these future installments to the beneficiary's wife and daughter.

To effect this the executor brought action against the United States. As to the installments which had accrued prior to the beneficiary's death and remaining unpaid at that time, there was no dispute. They passed according to the beneficiary's will as they were already due the beneficiary's estate. The contest had to do with the installments not yet payable when the beneficiary died and it was claimed by the executor that these also were a part of the beneficiary's estate.

The Court, however, decided, and thereby upheld an opinion of the General Counsel of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, that a beneficiary under the War Risk Act is entitled to insurance installments only so long as he lives and that thereafter the insurance installments must be distributed to those persons surviving the soldier who would be entitled to the soldier's estate under the laws of intestacy of the soldier's State of residence.

WILLIAM H. TAFT SWORN IN AS CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES.

William Howard Taft, former President of the United States, was sworn in as Chief Justice of the United States on July 11. The oath of office was administered by Associate Justice Hoehling, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, in the presence of United States Attorney-General Daugherty. The latter, in handing Mr. Taft his commission, said:

I now hand you, on behalf of the President, your commission as Chief Justice of the United States. It affords me great pleasure on account of our personal relations, but far above that I feel a security to the country, its Constitution, its laws and its people, in your installation in that high court.

The oath, read by Justice Hoehling, was repeated as follows by Mr. Taft:

I, William Howard Taft, do solemnly swear that I will administer justice without respect to persons and do equal right to the poor and to the rich, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as Chief Justice of the United States, according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the United States; and that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God.

Mr. Taft's appointment as Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, the fulfillment of a life long ambition

—was noted in our issue of July 12, page 28, and last week, page 140, we reported the signing of his commission. The swearing in of the new Chief Justice was delayed by reason of the argument incident to arbitration proceedings in Montreal of the Grand Trunk Railway. Mr. Taft having been a member of the arbitration board. The proceedings ended on July 8 after eight weeks of argument. Because of his new duties Mr. Taft has resigned as President of the English-Speaking Union.

FRANCE PROTESTS AGAINST CLAUSE IN U. S. EMERGENCY TARIFF LAW.

According to Associated Press advices from Paris the French Government on July 6 forwarded to M. Jusserand, French Ambassador in Washington, for transmission to the State Department there, a protest of the French Chamber of Commerce against the provision in the Emergency Tariff Law, calling for inspection by American agents of the books of French exporters for the purpose of determining the ad valorem duties to be collected by the United States. The Paris advices said:

French exporters are said to be greatly disturbed over this feature of the tariff measure and declare that under no conditions will inspection be tolerated. It is pointed out that such a privilege as the American law requests is not accorded even to the French Government except in unusual instances. The French in their protest say they are willing to give to Treasury Department agents full statements upon which the ad valorem tax can be based. At the office of the American Commercial Attache it was explained that the Treasury Department agents at Paris had made five hundred investigations of exporters' costs of production within the past year and the ad valorem duties collected at New York had been based upon these reports which consisted largely of voluntary statements by the exporters.

The American Chamber of Commerce at Paris considered the French protest at a meeting held this afternoon, and the matter was referred to the special tax committee. The opinion was expressed, however, that the bill probably would have to be modified, inasmuch as it would be virtually impossible to get the French exporters to consent to inspection of their books. It was further said that there was a feeling among American business men in France that the provision would be found impracticable, but that a compromise might be reached by having the French open their books to public accountants.

In stating on July 7 that conflicting statements come from leaders in the fight on the permanent tariff bill (which includes substantially the same clause embodied in the emergency law), following the announcement of the French protest, the newspapers in Washington dispatches said:

Chairman Fordney, of the Ways and Means Committee, declared the French attitude was based on a misunderstanding of the law.

Mr. Fordney said examination of the books of foreign importers was proposed as a last resort in determining valuation of imports. The emergency law, he said, authorized such an investigation only after customs agents had failed to find first, an American wholesale market value on the product; second, a wholesale market value in the country from which the goods come, and third, a wholesale value for the product in any other country.

PRESIDENT HARDING SIGNS THE NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL WITH THE BORAH DISARMAMENT RESOLUTION.

The House and Senate at Washington on July 11 adopted the conference report on the annual Naval Appropriation Bill, embodying the Borah resolution "authorizing and requesting" the President to call a conference on naval disarmament between the United States, Great Britain and Japan. The appropriation measure, providing for a personnel of 106,000 and carrying approximately \$410,000,000, was signed by President Harding July 12.

From July 1 to the 12th the Navy, technically, was being operated without funds, inasmuch as the appropriations provided in the previous annual naval appropriation expired on June 30, the last day of the fiscal year. The new measure had been reported out of conference the latter part of last month, but, due to disagreement over sundry amendments between the House and Senate, there was a deadlock, and the measure on June 30 was returned to conference. It was necessary, therefore, in finally adopting the conference report on the bill, for Congress to pass a joint resolution making the funds provided therein available as of July 1; that is to say, retroactive to that date. This resolution accompanied the appropriation measure when it was sent to the President and both were signed at the same time.

W. S. TOWER NAMED CHIEF OF STEEL DIVISION OF DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

On July 7 Secretary of Commerce Hoover announced the appointment of W. S. Tower of the Consolidated Steel Co. of New York as Chief of the Iron and Steel Industrial Division of the Department of Commerce. The appointment is made under the export industries appropriation of \$250,000, which became effective July 1. Mr. Tower was formerly

Director of the Division of Planning and Statistics of the U. S. Shipping Board.

HERBERT HOOVER SEES TURN OF CORNER IN DEPRESSION.

Observing that "there is a feeling of some uneasiness and even of pessimism regarding the future of our foreign trade, in which I do not participate," Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce declared this week that "we must not allow the present extreme industrial depression to obscure our view." He noted that "we have passed through several depressions since the Civil War and we have already turned the corner of this one." Secretary Hoover also made the statement that:

While many of the causes of the present depression lie within our own borders, yet there may be no recovery from these hard times for many years to come, if we neglect our economic relations abroad. Even if we lower our vision of civilization in this crisis solely to our own selfish economic interest, we are yet mightily concerned in the recuperation of the entire world. The hard times that knock at every cottage door to-day came from Europe. No tariffs, no embargoes, no navies, no armies can ever defend us from these invasions. Our sole defense is the prosperity of our neighbors and our own commercial skill. The recovery of our foreign trade can march only in company with the welfare and prosperity of our customers.

He likewise said:

There are indeed, many complexities arising out of our great expansion of our productive power and our suddenly born creditor position. I do not need say that we are confronted with a hundred difficulties, that we must be alert to steer our commercial policies against the winds of the world in an economic storm. We are suffering greatly in this immediate world-wide industrial depression. This depression is partly due to the war; it is partly due to our post-war boom, with its speculation, its extravagance, and its slackening of efficiency. The Government can help recovery by removing the obstructions to commerce and industry. But when all is done, the real cure for all depressions is courage and applied intelligence and the return to primary virtues of hard, conscientious toil and economy in living. On every side there is evidence that the vast majority of our whole nation is making again an effort in those directions equalled only by that of 1918, and the day some months ago when we entered this effort we fundamentally turned the corner of this depression. While our recovery may be slower than some may expect, nothing can prevent the prosperity of a country where the people have enlightenment, wish to work, wish to produce, and wish to do right by their neighbors.

We are not a nation of machines, and houses, factories, and railways. We are a nation of men, women and children. Our industrial system and our commerce are simply implements for their comfort and happiness. When we deal with those great problems of business and economics we must be inspired by the knowledge that we are increasing and defending the standards of living of all our people. Upon this soil grow those moral and intellectual forces that make our nation great.

Secretary Hoover's remarks were addressed to the National Shoe and Leather Exposition and Style Show (Inc.) at Boston on July 12 and besides the foregoing, he had the following to say in part:

The Noncombatant Countries.

Since the Great War began, the world outside the fighting states of Europe has gained mightily in wealth in standards of living, and in consuming power. Even omitting the United States, it has gained something like forty millions in population. The countries not directly affected by the war are indeed suffering from the general depression, but this depression with them is only the aftermath of the malevolent forces born of the past war booms. They have none of the deep economic wounds of the fighting states, and they will be quick to recover. During the war the productive capacity of these states, except possibly Japan, had no unusual increase because of their isolation through shortage of shipping.

Russia.

One of the economic shifts that affects the whole world profoundly is from Russia. Russia bore much the same relation to Western Europe before the war that the Mississippi Valley bears to our Northeastern States. Russia was one of the great food bases of the manufacturing countries of Western Europe, exchanging food for their fabricated products. These manufactured goods in turn were to some degree produced from our raw materials. Even at best it will be many years before Russian will have recovered. We are to-day the only great source of enlarged food production. Europe must and will draw from us a great proportion of food supplies that she formerly drew from Russia. I see no basic reason why we should not continue to export approximately the same large volume of foodstuffs that we have shipped abroad during the past 12 months. This item alone at even present prices would be triple our pre-war food exports, and would represent the equal of more than 60% of our whole pre-war export trade.

Another great but uncertain shift in world forces will arise out of Germany. The reparation payments must have a profound effect upon the whole economy of the world. Germany is to pay outside her borders to the Allies \$500,000,000, plus 26% export duty, or, say, a minimum of about \$750,000,000 per annum. Germany is left without much gold, foreign property, or foreign business earnings of consequence; therefore, these payments must be made mostly by the sale of manufactured goods outside her borders. But beyond the reparation payments, she must also sell goods abroad in the amounts necessary to buy her imports of food and raw materials. Any calculation based on the pre-war trade of Germany implies an enormous increase—perhaps more than doubling—of her pre-war exports. In view of the export duty and other payments, she must produce these goods for about one-half our production cost in order to take our markets. Such an increase in exports must be manufactured goods, and until the world consumption grows, these must be marketed in displacement of the goods of other industrial nations. We shall certainly feel the effects of this flow of goods that must be produced if she is to make reparation payments. On the other hand, Germany must take more raw materials from us for this purpose. In any event, the crowding in the market of German exports will affect her immediate neighbors more than ourselves, for 80% of her market, pre-war as well as in the future, must lie in Europe itself.

Other Changes among Combatant States of Europe.

The economic changes in the other combatant States in Europe obviously affects us also. The economic wounds given to them all by the war and peace will be long in healing. The sacrifice of skilled labor, of brains, and

of property will require a generation to cure. The hates of many newly liberated States must cool slowly, and their many new borders check the free flow of commerce. Many of these States possess masses of people who have suffered from exploitation and tyranny for generations. Their extreme reactions of Bolshevism and Socialism and nationalization are slowly dying out. Many governments have been unable to raise sufficient taxes to meet expenditures, and the ceaseless printing of currency carries destructive inflation. All of them except the enemy States bear the burden of greater military establishments than even before the Great War. All this must accumulate to decrease their productive power and to lower their standards of living.

In balance against this loss of productive power, their people over great sections are now coming to a full realization that they must work harder than ever before and that they must export commodities for all that is in them, in order that they may make exchanges for the bare margin of life. They will some of them receive payments from Germany in relief of their tax burdens. They are mobilizing the skill and the intelligence of their people to their economic salvation with the same diligence that they were mobilized in war. The great manufacturing States are straining every device of science and thought to the improvement of their industrial processes, to the simplification of products, to the elimination of waste—that they shall make every reduction in production costs. In reinforcement of their marketing machinery, many of the governments are stimulating the consolidation of banks and of manufacturing concerns. Governmental and government encouraged combinations are being created to control exports and imports to exploit foreign markets. They are seeking special concessions for development and trade throughout the world. Altogether these policies comprise a militancy in commercial expansion that compares with Elizabethan England.

The Effect Upon Us.

Any improvement in European production of manufactured goods will favorably affect our market for those raw materials such as cotton and copper, where we possess the final supplies. In considering the demands for such raw materials, we must remember that the manufacturing countries of western Europe have lost for a long time to come any great markets in Russia and Turkey; the population of Europe as a whole has not the consuming capacity for manufactured goods that it had before the war and, therefore, we must expect a less than pre-war consumption in the confines of Europe for their remanufacture of our raw materials. But on the other hand, they will find after this depression is passed that the markets of the rest of the world are larger than before the war. I am confident they will gradually return to pre-war demand for our cotton, copper, etc. Fortunately, our producers have realized this temporary situation and have vigorously reduced their production so that they should eventually realize better prices than at present.

It seems to me that it was inevitable that the balance of the forces at work in Europe would improve their ability in competitive manufactured goods. Their production costs were bound to be low, both by better organized industry and by lowered standards of living. Some of them are to-day through government subsidies, artificially low and will undoubtedly increase. If we analyze the effect of these forces on the market for our manufactured goods, either in Europe or in our much larger market outside of Europe, we quickly find two directions in which we occupy a position of some security. The first is in those exports of lower production costs which are the result of great repetitive production, which has its firm root in our enormous consumption. The second is in that large number of special manufactures in which the inventive genius and skill of our people have been developed beyond any country in the world. Your own industry of shoes and shoe findings is typical of these two characteristics. I believe we will recover and can hold our share of the market for these products after the present world depression.

As to our manufactures containing a large element of labor cost, in which we do not enjoy special advantages, we must look out and take measures of our own. We can no doubt devise tariff measures that will protect our domestic market. But if we are to hold to our foreign markets in this vast group of our manufactures, and thus to keep our people employed, we have several things to attend to. Fundamentally, we must get our production costs down. That lies only along the road of increased efficiency in our whole industrial machine. It means a willingness of our working people to put forth every effort that is in them consistent with health, proper family life and good citizenship. The surest road to a continued high wage, and the surest safeguard against unemployment is to remove every restriction on effort. This must extend from our mines to the railways, to the factories to the wharf, and to the ship. It means smaller margins of profit. It means that ultimately we must have much lower transportation rates. It means we must have better organized marketing machinery abroad under Americans themselves. It means the establishment of adequate short time credit machinery and much more care in foreign credit risks than our merchants have shown in the last 12 months. It means elimination of the great wastes in industry. For instance, in the Atlantic seaboard area alone, by the development of these great water powers and through economies by electrification generally, we could profitably save 30,000,000 tons of coal per annum if we had the courage to go at it. It means the Government must remove as quickly as possible those unnecessary domestic burdens upon commerce to which the Government is a party, by the reorganization of our tax system, the settlement of the tariff question, the reduction in Government expenditure through the reorganization of the Federal Government, through reduction of armament and through reduction of Shipping Board losses and by the settlement by the Government of the outstanding claims of our railways. It means we must cease trying to drive American shipowners off the sea with tax-paid shipping losses. We must carefully determine what particular trade routes we will maintain in development of our commerce over a period of years, and let our merchants know them. It means the Government must provide such information to commerce and industry, from both at home and abroad, as will enlarge its judgment. It means we must extend scientific research into the problems of waste, the perfection of processes, the simplification of methods that are beyond the ability of one manufacturer acting alone, and we must cooperate with industry to perfect these things. I am confident we can hold our markets, our higher standards of living and of wage if we will all put our backs into it.

The Shift in Credits.

Overriding all these questions of production and markets is one of credits. Our whole financial relation to the rest of the world has greatly shifted. From a nation owing some five billions of dollars to the rest of the world for moneys borrowed, the war has reversed our position so that the world, principally Europe, owes us to-day from thirteen to fifteen billions of dollars, of which about ten billions is due our Government. Before the war we had to export a surplus over our imports and beyond this had to contribute through remittances of immigrants, tourists, shipping, etc., great sums to pay interest upon our debts.

The reason for the piling up of this vast debt is of course, that we have not only loaned money to the Allies but have also since the war vastly increased the surplus of our exports, and the movement still continued to accumulate in our favor. Unless we would cease a large part of our war

increased productivity with all the resulting unemployment and losses of such a cessation, we must continue for some time to export in excess of our imports. Eventually the increase in our imports of tropical supplies, minerals and commodities that we do not ourselves produce, together with the spending of tourists and the investment of surplus capital abroad, etc., should overtake our export balance and establish a proper equilibrium. In the meantime, if we would maintain our economic position, we must continue to give credits to buyers of our goods and if we should demand interest or principal on our established loans we would nullify any benefits of such credits. I may repeat that if to-day we stop giving more credits and demand payment of interest on debts due our Government, our exports will further decline, and the decline will find its interpretation in more unemployment among our own people and more displacement of our industries.

The natural effect of our continued surplus of exports (although we have as yet made no demand for payment of interest on the Government debt), is that our dollar is at a premium over even the most stable currencies in the world. Thus the cost of producing our commodities is higher than in any other country. This does not so materially affect the export of those commodities of which we hold a final supply, such as the food supplies and our raw materials, or those articles in the manufacture of which we have unique ability. It does, however, partly block our exports of manufactured goods in which we directly compete with Europe. Exchange itself is not the cause but the effect. It bears the same relation to trade that the barometer does to the weather. It is but an indication of the movement of commodities and credit. Our high barometer means we need more credits outward or alternative we must send less goods out or take more goods in.

I may say in passing that I am confident that our debtors can eventually carry the debt due to us with ease, provided they have the time necessary for the healing of their economic wounds, that they succeed in the reorganization of their fiscal policies so as to balance their Government expenditure, and above all, that they secure disarmament and continued peace. Before the war the world carried a debt to a single European nation of twice the size of our foreign claims without knowing it, and with the renewed growth of the world's commerce and wealth our debt will be no burden. Our problem is the difficulties of our debtors during the few years until these blessings are attained.

All of my rightful and optimistic view that we will maintain the flow of our goods is based upon the assumption that we can wisely manage these credit problems. There is a general agreement that we must extend credit if we would market our surplus and rebuild our customers during these next few years of readjustment, but as to the methods there are many minds; there are those who would directly try to stabilize exchange back to parity; those who would create securities jointly guaranteed by the principal nations, either through international banks of issue, bonds or currency; those who would extend credits directly or indirectly from the United States Treasury to buyers of goods, in order to stimulate exports; and also those who have confidence that the processes of business will find their own way out.

Attempts to bring exchange to parity or to create international securities of any kind are open to the objection that they involve an element of inflation and that they practically open the gates of credit from the United States without regard to risk, how its purpose affects us or whether it really benefits the borrower. Loans from our Government direct to foreign governments or foreign merchants have a hundred objections and disagreeable entanglements which we learned well enough during the war. In all this maze of difficulty and the unsettlement over credits and debts, I would sum up that wisdom consists in knowing what to do next rather than debates upon perfection.

As necessary as the continued establishment of foreign credits are, if we are to maintain our large volume of export trade, we should not over-estimate the amount needed for legitimate trade for refinance and for reconstruction purposed. The amount is not so great as popularly supposed and will annually decline. I believe all trading States of consequence in the world can even now finance their imports of food supplies. The stronger of them can finance their imports of raw materials. We are, indeed, importing very much larger quantities of tropical produce than before the war and our own consumption of these commodities will continue to grow. The margin of credits needed beyond our imports in order to keep commerce alive for the present are, first, comparatively short term amounts to cover part of our exports of raw materials and distribution period of our manufactured goods and, second, constant refinance of debts or interest already owed to us.

In summary, on the production and marketing side of our commerce, we can say that our food exports should remain on a greatly enlarged scale; that the demand for our raw materials should slowly increase toward pre-war amounts; that in respect to our manufactures we should be able to hold special fields of repetitive production and ingenuity; that we will need to make a fight to hold the markets for manufactured goods where we come more directly into competition with the European manufacturer but that we can do it if we will work and apply our brains to it. On the financial side of our situation, I do not believe our world credit situation is at all so unsurmountable or that it requires extraordinary solutions.

I may repeat that we need to realize above all things, that even if we lower our vision of civilization in this crisis solely to that of our own selfish economic interest, we are mightily concerned in the recuperation of the entire world. There is an economic interdependence in the world that recognizes no National boundaries. The greatest jeopardy to the standard of living of our people is the lowered standards of Europe. Now that we have become a great debtor nation, we must learn that this great debt must be wisely directed so that we do not stifle both our own growth and the growth of others.

THE RETAILER IN HIS DEFENSE—THE WORM TURNS.

A letter has come to us taking exception to the remarks of Comptroller of the Currency Crissinger, who, in addressing the Electrical National Credit Association in Washington in May, deplored the practice among business men of canceling or repudiating orders when prices decline after the giving of orders. The Comptroller's address was given in our issue of May 21, page 2136. The following is the letter which we have received with regard to Mr. Crissinger's statements:

Athens, Ala., June 14 1921.

The Financial Chronicle, New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen—Referring to your issue of a few weeks ago wherein the speech of the Comptroller is given referring to the morals of the retailer in canceling, I enclose some exhibits of the manufacturer's morals.

The "Literary Digest" also quotes from high-standing publications laying the blame on the retailer for the present depression.

I enclose a comparison of wholesale and retail prices showing the present unadjustment due to the factories. To quote the National City Bank: "In order to get back prosperity the balance must be restored between producers of raw material and producers of finished products. One end of the industrial organization is up, the other down." The purchasing power of the farm half of the population of the United States is the lowest for many years, while the factory labor is double. This is no retailer's fault. Factory reductions are 10 to 25%. Farm products (including its labor) are 66 2-3%. Thus, how can half the population buy 75 cents worth with 33 cents?

The retailer cannot force down factory prices, to which must be added his profit. Why pick a few overcharging retailers to represent all? Why pick a few hypocrites in the church or in publications to represent all?

Let the politician and publication be brave enough to lay the blame where it belongs. Let them tell the unions if they wish farm products cheap, union labor must come off 50% too for an equal adjustment, so that the farm half of the United States can buy, and reinstate business, and put unemployment in the past. With much respect,

Yours truly,

I. ROSENAU'S SONS,
M. M. ROSENAU.

One of the inclosures in the above was the following:

April 1921—Pottery Co. mailed "Opportunity Card," quoting price on certain stock on hand, advising retailer to "Act quickly, as stock is limited."

April 11—I. Rosenau's Sons at once ordered the package, with the sentence: "In case this is not ready for shipment, cancel order."

April 18—Pottery Co. receipts order with statement: "Same shall have prompt attention."

April 22—I. Rosenau's Sons write: "We do not wish this on back order, and, if not ready, cancel order."

April 27—Pottery Co. send a Western Union message: "Shipment leaving our factory this morning; bill lading will follow."

May 6—I. Rosenau's Sons write: "We will not accept shipment; order given you 25 days since was for at once. Your message that you mailed bill of lading 10 days ago is too thin; we never received it."

May reply of Pottery Co.: "We are indeed sorry that through an error in our shipping department the information given you in our telegram of April 27 was not carried out in accordance therewith."

Such conduct by a poor victim of a policeman would be classed "A base liar and impostor." For a factory it is not even called "immoral."

The following is enclosed as Exhibit E:

	—Wholesale—		—Retail—	
	1920.	1921.	1920.	1921.
1 bbl. flour	\$12 50	\$9 00	\$14 00	\$10 00
100 lbs. sugar	22 50	7 75	30 00	8 00
1 bush. potatoes		1 75	6 00	2 00
100 lbs. rice		6 25	16 00	6 50
27 lbs. salt pork		4 75	9 00	5 00
5 lbs. coffee		1 00	2 00	1 00
50 lbs. lard		4 50	14 00	5 00
	\$35 00	\$35 00	\$91 00	\$37 50
20 yds. unbleached sheeting 4—4	\$4 50	\$1 50	\$5 00	\$2 00
20 yds. bleached sheeting, 4—4	6 50	3 00	9 00	4 00
1 pair man's shoes, best calf	10 50	9 00	12 00	7 50
1 pair woman's shoes, best kid	7 75	6 50	10 00	8 00
1 gent's suit	32 50	22 50	45 00	25 00
1 woman's suit	35 00	27 50	40 00	25 00
	\$96 75	\$70 00	\$121 00	\$71 50

Prices above in an inland town with one railroad, where trade is dependent on farmers, whose \$121 00 above has now shrunk to \$40 00.

Still another of the "exhibits" is given herewith:

May 26 1921.

G. E. K. Shoe Mfg. Co. sell I. Rosenau's Sons, Oct. 1919.

Spring low cut shoes for delivery February and March.

They deliver them the last of May (after spring sales are gone).

The manufacturer's rule is: "No countermands nor returns after shoes are cut." Of course they are "cut" almost immediately on receipt of order.

The consequence: The retailer must pay for this \$2,000, carry them (75%) to the following year with loss of profit, interest, and loss in reduced prices.

EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS ABANDONING GRAIN PURCHASING REGULATIONS.

According to Secretary of Commerce Hoover, most of the European Governments have abandoned their regulation of grain purchases. A statement to this effect was made by Mr. Hoover on June 30, and he indicated that of the normal grain exports from the United States approximately 20% are supplied to the countries which will continue consolidated purchases after the present harvest. His other observations are set out as follows:

The Department of Commerce is able to announce the following situation with regard to controlled or centralized purchasing of grain, and in some cases other foodstuffs, in American markets by European Governments.

In Great Britain the Royal Wheat Commission is in liquidation. Consolidated foreign buying of all food has been abandoned and individual merchants are now supplying the trade.

In France it is expected that government purchasing will be abandoned by Aug. 1.

The Italian Government is still buying principal grain imports and will probably continue through next year. At present negotiations are being carried on between merchants and the Government and the basis of discussion being to allow merchants to buy 20% of the imports and the Government to buy 80%.

In Germany, consolidated purchase of the most important imported food supplies will probably continue throughout next year. In Holland all control has been removed. In Belgium, government food purchases have ceased except in wheat and refrigerated meat, which will probably be decontrolled toward the end of August.

In the other minor states partial or full control of foreign purchasing will remain in the hands of the Governments.

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GREAT BRITAIN TO DISCONTINUE AGRICULTURAL SUBSIDY.

In reporting the proposed discontinuance by the British Government of the farmers' subsidy, Associated Press advices from London, July 4, said:

The serious state of the country's finances was emphasized in the House of Commons to-night when Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen, President of the Board of Agriculture, and Sir Robert Stevenson Horne, Chancellor of the Exchequer, admitted the impossibility of continuing the agricultural subsidy. Both of them said, in effect, that the Government had decided it must get rid of every vestige of the war policy of control and subsidies.

The Chancellor declared that he must bluntly tell the House it was impossible to continue an expenditure of this kind with the other colossal commitments.

The President of the Board of Agriculture made his statement moving the second reading of a bill to repeal the Agricultural Act, passed last December, which guaranteed minimum prices to the farmer for his produce and was estimated to entail a subsidy amounting to from £20,000,000 to £30,000,000 yearly.

Sir Arthur explained that the Government never contemplated such a sudden heavy fall in prices, which would, if the Agricultural Act were maintained, involve the Government in a heavy yearly subsidy. Therefore, he said, instead of paying the farmers guaranteed prices for their produce, as provided under the Agriculture Act, the Government proposed, by repealing the bill, to pay the farmers this year a composite sum of £3 per acre for wheat and £4 for oats, which would mean a Government expenditure of between £15,000,000 and £35,000,000 this year. Thereafter the payments would cease altogether.

Sir Arthur declared it was intended to substitute voluntary conciliation councils for the compulsory wage board established by the Agriculture Act, and that the farmers would be warned they could not return to pre-war conditions by making drastic cuts in wages.

RECORD PRICE FOR BREAD IN SPAIN.

Under date of July 12 a press cablegram from Madrid said:

The bakers of Spain have raised the price of bread from 66 to 85 centimes a kilogram, a figure never exceeded during the war. At the same time potatoes cannot be obtained for less than 45 centimes per kilogram and olive oil has jumped enormously. Thus all the articles forming the main food of a large majority of the people have been increased in price.

There is widespread discontent among the people and protests arrive frequently at the Government and municipal offices. "El Imparcial" declares to-day the Minister of Public Works is solely responsible for the rise in the cost of living in consequence of his giving permission for the exportation of oil, rice and other foodstuffs whenever requested to do so, with the immediate result that hoarders have been able to demand any prices they desired for provisions remaining in their hands.

REDUCTION IN BELGIAN COTTON MILL WAGES.

A Brussels press dispatch June 16 said:

An agreement has been reached between the cotton mill owners and operatives under which the wages of the operatives will be the same as they were in January 1920.

The spinners accepted a 13% cut in wages, while the weavers and other employees took a reduction of between 18 and 20%.

DENIAL BY FEDERAL SUGAR REFINING COMPANY OF CAMPAIGN AGAINST CUBAN SUGAR.

Correspondence passing between Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce and Claus A. Spreckels, President of the Federal Sugar Refining Co., regarding reports of a campaign against Cuban sugar has been made public during the week. The several letters, as made public by Mr. Spreckels, follow:

Washington, July 1 1921.

Federal Sugar Refining Co., New York City:

Gentlemen:—Please find inclosed herewith copy of part of a communication which I have received. I imagine there is some mistake or distortion in connection with this advice, although it comes from a very reliable source. In any event we must all want to correct these reactions if we can.

I would be glad to have you send me any information on which I can act in this direction.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) HERBERT HOOVER.

The inclosure reads:

June 28 1921.

Havana newspapers starting war against use of American goods as retaliation against reported poster being displayed United States, reads "Do Not Buy Cuban Sugar." Think it serious as Cubans commercially loyal and quick take offense. Understand Federal Sugar Refining Co. to blame.

Mr. Spreckels' reply as follows:

July 6 1921.

Hon. Herbert C. Hoover, Secretary Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C.:

Sir:—Yours of July 1 came only to hand this morning.

In reply to same we beg to state that the Federal Sugar Refining Co. or any of its officers or employees have not at any time, nor at any place, directly or indirectly, discriminated or made any propaganda against the use of Cuban sugar.

Any statement to the contrary is absolutely false.

Yours very truly,

FEDERAL SUGAR REFINING COMPANY,

(Signed) C. A. SPRECKELS, President.

C. A. SPRECKELS OF FEDERAL SUGAR REFINING COMPANY ON CONDITIONS IN CUBA.

Following the return from Cuba of a representative of the Federal Sugar Refining Company, Claus A. Spreckels, President of the company in stating that the report substantiated others as to the critical conditions there, and in declaring that the Government of the United States ought to take a hand in guarding the situation, Mr. Spreckels was quoted in the Journal "of Commerce" of July 12 as saying:

Groups of idle men sit around the parks in Havana all day with no money no work, no hope. Throughout the island men are seeking work for their room and board. In interior points there is actual starvation. "Sporadic outbreaks against the Cuban Government and against Americans are reported not only in the cities but in the country districts.

There are reports of possible revolution. The Government Treasury is empty. There is a surplus of the principal commodity, sugar, here and I can see no possibility of increasing the demand.

Certainly this Government cannot stand by and see the utter ruin of the people there. The situation has become so serious that, without being an alarmist, I think I can safely say that immediate and positive action is required to meet the situation. Our own banks are heavily involved. There is not sufficient credit available to meet the demands upon the available supply here at home. Business everywhere is feeling the pinch. Something must in my opinion be done and that soon.

The stocks of sugar in this country are huge. The stocks in Cuba are huge. Stocks in Java are huge. If you see clothing selling below its value you will buy an extra suit, but will you put an extra lump of sugar in your coffee because sugar is cheap? There is some talk of a canning demand, but the warehouses of the country are filled with canned goods carried over from last season. The pack will be small this year.

Where, then, is the demand coming from to absorb these huge stocks? Presently the beet crop will be coming to market. The market is already glutted. I cannot see where sugar is going to be sold here in sufficient quantities to be of material help in the Cuban situation. The problem has become too big. The Government must handle it because it is the only agency large enough to handle it.

I am hoping that some sort of aid will be extended, and that very soon, by this Government.

CUBAN COTTON TEXTILE CREDITORS PROTECTIVE COMMITTEE.

Announcement of the foundation of the above Committee was made as follows in the "Journal of Commerce" of July 13:

Confronted with the fact that Cuban importers are owing them something like \$5,000,000 for merchandise supplied and that they are unable to collect these claims which have been outstanding for some time, textile merchants of this city have organized the Cuban Cotton Textile Creditors' Protective Committee. The idea of the committee is to work with their debtors and if possible to help them by giving them full time to meet their financial engagements. This committee held an executive session yesterday to discuss the legal end of the various claims of the fifty or sixty textile firms who are affected in this city.

Practically all of the prominent textile firms in this market having interests in Cuba have sent in their powers of attorney with preliminary reports of the amount of claims. It is expected that the amount finally placed in the hands of the committee will reach close to \$10,000,000 in the near future, according to a statement made yesterday by a member of the committee.

What the committee is aiming at is to devise constructive measures for the relief of the situation. It wants to render reasonable and proper assistance to those firms in Cuba who have demonstrated that they have been trying honorably to meet their obligations during the past year, the committee states.

"Such merchants are entitled to the support and co-operation of the committee," it states, "and they will be consulted and their aid sought in eliminating the unscrupulous merchants who have done so much harm to the business morale of the textile trade in Cuba during the past year."

For its own protection the committee has reserved its right to pass upon the name of any participant in the co-operative movement, as the committee desires that its efforts shall faithfully represent the best commercial principles of American export trade. With this in view the committee and its counsel will direct their attention to the protection of American and Cuban interests alike.

The committee intends to uphold contracts of established validity and a prompt payment of such contracts will be urged. Contracts involving disputes between buyer and seller will be carefully analyzed with the primary object of arriving at a prompt and proper settlement of the dispute and corresponding payment of the amount due. Unscrupulous practices and unjustifiable demands for allowances or rebates will be strongly dealt with, and measures taken to terminate such activities at once, the committee announces.

A strong movement has been conducted for some time by both American and Cuban merchants to have either the American or Cuban governments declare an embargo on piece goods entering Cuba. Textile merchants here who desire to get their claims settled have petitioned the State Department in Washington to urge them to have the embargo declared here on Cuban shipments, but they have not received much encouragement because of the fact that the Government here is not disposed to declare an embargo against the export of goods to a foreign country with which we are friendly.

FOREIGN HOLDINGS OF U. S. STEEL CORPORATION.

The foreign holdings of shares of the United States Steel Corporation have undergone further reduction since our reference to the figures of March 31 last, in the "Chronicle" of April 16, page 1579. The figures for June 30 1921 are now available, and these show the foreign holdings of common stock as being 288,749 shares, compared with 289,444 on March 31 1921 and 292,835 on Dec. 31 1920. In the case of the preferred stock the foreign holdings at the end of last month were 105,118 shares, whereas, on March 31 1921, the preferred stock holdings abroad were 106,781 shares, while on Dec. 31 1920 they aggregated 111,436 shares. As we have on numerous occasions pointed out, the shrinkage in foreign holdings, compared with the period before the war, is very striking, while in the case of the common stock the foreign holdings are now 288,749, on March 31 1914 they aggregated 1,285,636 shares; the foreign holdings of preferred stock, now at 105,118, compare with 312,311 shares on March 31 1914. Below we furnish a detailed statement of the foreign holdings at various dates since Dec. 31 1914 to the latest period.

Table with columns: Common Stock, Date, Shares, PerCent. Rows include Africa, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bermuda, Brazil, British India, Bulgaria, Canada, Central Amer, Chile, China, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, England, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Holland, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Java, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Norway, Peru, Portugal, Rumania, Russia, Scotland, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Uruguay, Wales, West Indies, Total, Preferred Stock.

Table with columns: Date, Shares, PerCent. Rows include Mar. 31 1914, June 30 1914, Dec. 31 1914, Mar. 31 1915, June 30 1915, Sept. 30 1915, Dec. 31 1915, Mar. 31 1916, Sept. 30 1916, Dec. 31 1916, Mar. 31 1917, June 30 1917, Sept. 30 1917, Dec. 31 1917, Mar. 31 1918, June 30 1918, Sept. 30 1918, Dec. 31 1918, Mar. 31 1919, June 30 1919, Sept. 30 1919, Dec. 31 1919, Mar. 31 1920, June 30 1920, Sept. 30 1920, Dec. 31 1920, Mar. 31 1921, June 30 1921.

In the following table is shown the number of shares of the Steel Corporation distributed as between brokers and investors on June 30 1921 and March 31 1921:

Table with columns: Common, Preferred, Date, Ratio. Rows include Brokers, domestic and foreign; Investors, domestic and foreign.

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

Table with columns: Common, Preferred, Date, Ratio. Rows include Brokers, domestic and foreign; Investors, domestic and foreign.

TIN WORKERS ACCEPT TEN PER CENT REDUCTION IN WAGES.

A reduction of 10% in the wages of approximately 35,000 sheet and tin plate workers in the district between St. Louis and Pittsburgh, has been agreed upon in a new wage scale adopted by the Western Sheet & Tin Manufacturers' Association and the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Sheet and Tin Workers. The new scale, adopted on July 9 by representatives of the two organizations meeting in Columbus, Ohio, was the result of prolonged conferences, at which, as in the case of similar wage conferences in certain other industries recently, the union leaders at first put up a bold front for maintenance of the old standards in the face of declining prices and increasing business depression and inactivity. Accordingly, members of the Amalgamated Association demanded a continuation of the scale, effective up to July 1. Thousands of tin workers were thrown out of work when plants closed down at the expiration of the old wage scale on July 1, following failure to agree upon a new scale at a conference held at Atlantic City on June 1. The Atlantic City conference adjourned to meet in Columbus and the manufacturers and employees were in session at Columbus for a week before an agreement was reached. Announcement of the settlement was made by J. H. Nutt, Secretary of the Manufacturers' Association.

MEXICAN OIL TAX STANDS—PRESIDENT HARDING PROTESTS AGAINST AN AMERICAN TAX.

A current report on July 14 that President Obregon had revoked his recent order placing a heavy tax on exports of crude petroleum has proved untrue, though it was stated on Thursday in "authoritative quarters" in Mexico City that a modification of the order was under consideration. Secretary of the Interior Calles was also quoted in the Associated Press dispatch of July 14 as saying that the Mexican Government was "willing to listen to any suggestion or complaints the oil men may make, if the latter showed themselves willing to meet the Government half way." Compare statement in last week's "Chronicle," p. 146.

The number of laborers thrown out of employment at Tampico by the cessation of oil exports presents a serious problem, and President Obregon appears from the press reports of July 9 to be much annoyed that the companies had continued to refuse to pay the three months' wages which under the Mexican law must be forthcoming in cases where workmen are unjustly discharged. The companies claim that their employees have not been discharged, and that the trouble lies in the imposition of a tax which makes profitable business impossible. The refineries have been kept in operation and companies having available storage capacity are storing their oil.

So much local irritation was aroused by the arrival of American war vessels at or in the neighborhood of Tampico that the Mexican Railroad Societies telegraphed to President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor protesting against this "violation of the sovereignty of the Mexican Republic." The Navy Department at Washington on July 12 announced that the vessels had been ordered to leave Tampico, one of them to go to New Orleans, the other to Galveston.

It has been suggested by some observers that there may be more than an accidental coincidence in this new Mexican levy on oil on the eve of the announcement of the Fordney tariff bill at Washington. In other words, it is thought that the Mexican Government either wished to forestall and prevent an American import tax, securing for itself whatever levies could be made on transshipments of Mexican oil, or desired to be in a position to negotiate a reciprocal abatement or annulment of both taxes, the new Mexican levy and the proposed American tax.

PRESIDENT HARDING OPPOSED TO OIL DUTIES IN PERMANENT TARIFF BILL.

A letter in which he indicated his opposition to the taxes on oil and crude petroleum proposed in the pending permanent tariff bill has been addressed to Chairman Fordney of the House Ways and Means Committee by President Harding. The fact that the letter had appeared in one of the daily papers (the New York "Times") was commented upon in the House on July 13, and Chairman Fordney then advised the House that he had received a letter from the President relating to the oil duty, but had not given it out and did not know how it came to be published. The New

York "Times" of July 12 reported the President as stating in his letter:

I cannot refrain from expressing the hope that your Committee will take note of the foreign policy to which we are already committed, under which the Government is doing every consistent thing to encourage the participation of American citizens in the development of oil resources in many foreign lands.

This course has been inspired by the growing concerns of our country over the supply of crude oil to which we may turn for our future needs, not alone for our domestic commerce, but in meeting the needs of our navy and our merchant marine.

To levy a protective tariff on crude petroleum now would be at variance with all that has been done to safeguard our future interest. I can readily recognize the claim of some of the oil producers for a protective tariff on their product, but such a course of temporary relief would be so thoroughly out of harmony with the larger policy which I have had in mind that I should be more than disappointed if Congress decides to levy a tariff on import oil.

The oil industry is so important to our country and our future is so utterly dependent upon an abundance of petroleum that I think it is vastly more important that we develop an abundance of resources rather than temporary profit to a few producers who feel the pinch of Mexican competition.

COSTA RICA CANCELS OIL LAND CONCESSIONS.

Press dispatches from San Jose, Costa Rica, July 6, said:

Concessions for oil lands and for the exploration of Costa Rican territory for other subterranean deposits which were recently granted, have been cancelled by the Government. The reason assigned for this action is that men who received concessions had engaged in speculation with them.

All holders of concessions have been warned immediately to cease speculation with territory granted by the Government. Among concessions granted by the Government recently were several to British and American oil concerns.

LORD CURZON ON GREAT BRITAIN'S OIL POLICY.

An Associated Press dispatch from London, July 5, had the following to say regarding the British Oil policy:

A "white paper" on the oil situation was given out to-day. It is in the form of a note which Lord Curzon, the Foreign Secretary, sent to Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador to the United States, under date of April 21, which enclosed for the Ambassador's information, in reply to his inquiries, a memorandum compiled by the British Petroleum Department giving statistics on the oil resources of every part of the British Empire, and showing an extremely small oil production and the absence of any general policy for the exclusion of foreigners from the oil-producing areas.

The memorandum says that in vast areas where there are no restrictions no foreign country has attempted to explore for oil, except in British North Borneo, while in Canada and Trinidad, where restrictions are enforced, foreign capital has been working for many years.

It can, therefore, hardly be contended the restrictions imposed any serious disability on foreign enterprise," the memorandum argues, as regards the closed door policy. No real parallel can fairly be drawn between the British Empire, with its small and scattered production, and a country like the United States, producing two-thirds of the world's output within her home territory.

CHAIRMAN LASKER ANNOUNCES HIS PLANS FOR REORGANIZATION OF THE U. S. SHIPPING BOARD.

Albert D. Lasker, the new chairman of the U. S. Shipping Board, after conferences with shipping men in New York and with President Harding in Washington, announced on July 11 his plans for reorganization of the Board and operation of the mercantile marine, built during the war and owned by the Government. Mr. Lasker's plans are far-reaching and contemplate important changes in the status of the Shipping Board. The Emergency Fleet Corporation, which, it may be recalled, was organized during the war, and went out of existence after the emergency had passed, will be revived, according to Mr. Lasker's plans, to supervise the operations of the fleet, which consists of 1,440 vessels. The members of the Shipping Board will serve as trustees of the Fleet Corporation. As Chairman of the Shipping Board, Mr. Lasker will serve also as President of the Fleet Corporation, which will have five Vice-Presidents, three of whom will be responsible for the successful operation of the fleet. Chairman Lasker announced that these three operating Vice-Presidents would be J. Barston Smull and William J. Love, both of New York City, and A. J. Frey, of San Francisco and Los Angeles. These men will receive an annual salary of \$95,000, to be divided almost evenly among them, and it is to them that President Harding, Chairman Lasker and the latter's associates on the Shipping Board will look for results in their biggest and most important problem—that of the efficient operation of the great Government merchant fleet of 1,440 ships, exclusive of the wooden vessels soon to be discarded. With further reference to Mr. Lasker's plans as made public on July 11, Washington dispatches to the New York "Times" said:

In making his first important announcement of the plans of the new Shipping Board for reorganization with a view to bringing order out of chaos, Mr. Lasker late this afternoon declared without hesitation or equivocation that the Harding policy for upbuilding the American merchant marine had been so framed as to speed the day when the United States Government would itself step out of the business of operating merchant vessels and turn them over to American private initiative and enterprise. But before doing this the Administration, acting through the instrumentality of the Shipping Board and the Emergency Fleet Corporation, will endeavor to develop the Government merchant marine to the point where it will be an asset worth selling to American private ship owners and operators. At the same time the Shipping Board will seek to encourage the development of the American privately

owned merchant marine business to the point where it will be able to take the Government's own fleet, routes and overseas shipping business off its hands.

The Lasker plan, as approved by the President, is to build and develop the Shipping Board's fleet to the point where it will be really worth selling for a good price, thus enabling the Government to obtain a proper return on its investment—something in which every Federal taxpayer is interested—and at the same time so help American private overseas shipping to its feet as to render it better able to buy the Federal fleet from the Government.

Meeting newspaper men by appointment at 5 o'clock this afternoon, Chairman Lasker discussed at length the plans so far approved and allowed himself to be subjected to interrogation regarding the Shipping Board's newly adopted policies. He declared that this first plan of reorganization had been unanimously adopted by the members of the Shipping Board and approved in detail by President Harding. Before his announcement, Mr. Lasker went to the White House with Messrs. Smull and Love, who were introduced to the President. Mr. Frey was unable to be in Washington for today's conference at the White House.

Endorsed by Leading Ship Owners.

Chairman Lasker emphasized the point that the three operating Vice Presidents of the Fleet Corporation had been selected with the endorsement and approval of the leading American ship owners and operators, and that they were accepting their posts with the understanding that they were to pick their own operating personnel. They are to have a free hand in the gigantic and exceedingly difficult task before them. This will be given, Mr. Lasker explained, without robbing the United States Shipping Board of full control over the Emergency Fleet Corporation, or over its three operating Vice Presidents.

The members of the Shipping Board, as Trustees of the Fleet Corporation, will lay down the policies under which the fleet is to be managed. After the policies have been adopted by the Shipping Board the Fleet Corporation will be operated by Messrs. Smull, Love and Frey just as if it were a great private business enterprise. But within the boundaries covered by the policies adopted by the board and approved by the President the trio of operating Vice Presidents will have free rein and will be expected to make good. They will take charge during the coming week. They will at once begin building up their operating personnel.

Chairman Lasker said that it would probably take a year to get the Government fleet going as a real shipping concern in all its branches. He expects that the operating Vice Presidents will have their organization ready by October and that it will be functioning pretty well by January, and that by July of next year it will be producing real results.

Ship Owners Fully Co-operating

An important feature of Mr. Lasker's announcement was his statement that, as a result of conferences he had been holding with American ship owners and operators, the latter had agreed to enter into an informal, but definite, copartnership with the Federal Government to build up the American merchant marine. They were assured before agreeing to enter into this copartnership that the Government did not intend to remain in the shipping business any longer than was necessary to put the Government fleet on its feet and bring it to the point where it could be sold to private owners on good business principles.

The Government, under the policy outlined by Chairman Lasker, will shape its policies so as to build up American privately owned steamer lines conjointly with the development of the Government fleet. In an effort to help the Government make good in its program, Chairman Lasker stated, American shipowners and operators had agreed to the Government's calling into its service at any time any of the key men in the American shipping world needed to round out the organization of the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

President Harding has given positive assurances to Chairman Lasker and to the men of shipping talent who are being drafted into the service of the Government in the Fleet Corporation that no political interference of any sort will be tolerated by the Administration with the effort to build up the American merchant fleet. He has told Messrs. Smull, Love and Frey that they can count on protection against political influence. They have been told that they must regard themselves as representing the people of the whole country as stockholders, and that efficiency must be the keynote of their plans for operating the fleet.

"We are going to operate the ships," said Chairman Lasker, "by calling back into being the Emergency Fleet Corporation. Under the Jones act we have the fullest authority so to do. If at any point we should be lacking in legal sanction the President will undertake to obtain from Congress the necessary legislation.

"The Trustees of the Emergency Fleet Corporation will be the members of the new Shipping Board, the Chairman of which will be the President of the Fleet Corporation. There will be five Vice Presidents of the Fleet Corporation, three engaged in shipping operations, one acting as its chief counsel, and the other Vice President will be in charge of sales of ships and salvage of materials. There will, of course, be a Secretary, Controller and Treasurer.

Operations the Final Test of Success.

"This brings us to the important point of operations of the fleet. Parenthetically, for the sake of the enterprise, I would like, if you could, to give the widest publicity to what I am about to say here, and that is this:

"We have \$300,000,000 in lawsuits and claims which, of course, we will undertake to defend in such manner as to see that the Government is protected and every claimant receives his dues. We have scores of millions of property to salvage, and we will undertake to do that in such a way and at such a time that we will get its true worth. But, hypothetically speaking, if we gave away the salvage, and if we lost all the lawsuits, the money cost would be measured and not continued. It would be the total amount already invested.

"But operations is another matter. The loss there cannot be measured; unless corrective measures are applied it would be continual and unending, and again, unless operations should be done efficiently, the American merchant marine will never be established on the high seas. So that, while lawsuits and salvage can cost the Treasury a great deal of money if not efficiently done, in the end it has nothing to do with the successful operation of the fleet. All in all, it is the success or failure of operations that will furnish the final answer.

"The Ship Owners' Association of America and the Ship Operators' Association of America have shown the most magnificent spirit of co-operation with the new Shipping Board and have by evidence proved to the new Shipping Board that they want to enter into a true partnership with it for the upbuilding of the American merchant marine. The ones who know best how to operate ships are the owners and operators,

and they were unanimous in the recommendation that ship operations should be under one man. But it seemed otherwise to the Shipping Board, because the operations of the fleet under its control are so infinitely greater than anything ever undertaken by other men that the mere experience of the past could not be a sure guide to the future.

"The biggest privately owned fleet known today has, I think, 107 ships in it. Leaving out the wooden boats, we have 1,440 ships. It is no secret that our business and organization are not in smooth running condition; and no one man could possibly solve the problems presented, both because of lack of time and because they present such diversified problems that no one mind could grapple with them.

"We asked the shipping world to recommend the best talent to us for the positions determined upon, and told them we would take no one save those recommended by them, though we did not promise to take the first, second or third that they recommended, and we would only take outsiders if they utterly failed to present to us men whom we could accept. I met with the men recommended by them, every one of whom came believing in one man for operations; and with one exception, after we showed our situation to this man, you could not have got that man to come if he was to be the only man.

Qualifications of the Operating Trio

"The three men selected are Mr. J. Barston Smull, Mr. William J. Love, both of New York, and Mr. A. J. Frey of Los Angeles and San Francisco. Mr. Smull is a half owner in one of the largest, if not the largest, ship brokerage firms in America. His firm has an income about \$500,000 a year, and his share is \$250,000. He was the unanimous choice of the ship owners and ship operators associations for the position of Chief of Operations of the fleet, and to a man every ship owner and operator described him as the only man they could agree on to operate the fleet. He was Chairman of the Chartering Committee of the American ships during the war, and throughout the world ours was recognized as the finest piece of chartering work done in any of the allied countries.

"Mr. Love, I might say, was the unanimous choice of the ship operators, and when he was elected the ship owners joined in feeling that he and Mr. Smull represented the best that the Eastern seaboard could put forward. Mr. Love is the New York manager of the largest British firm doing business in this country. He is an American citizen, born in America, and considered possibly the best expert in this country on traffic matters in connection with ships, and he knows conditions throughout the United States and the world, particularly how the British have operated so successfully.

"From the West we have selected Mr. Frey, who was assistant to the President of the Pacific Mail Company when it had its large fleet and at that time was the most successfully operated American-owned concern.

"We will select a new Treasurer. Mr. Tweedale remains as Comptroller, though Colonel Robert M. Montgomery will represent the Chairman and the Board in the complete reorganization of our auditing system. Elmer Schlesinger will be a Vice President as chief counsel. We have selected a new Secretary of the Board and the Fleet Corporation, who assumed office today, Mr. Flaherty having resigned two weeks ago. The new Secretary will be Clifford W. Smith, of Benton Harbor, Mich., who has been connected with The Associated Press.

Sacrifices Made by New Executives

"The President and the Board feel greatly encouraged that men of the type announced have accepted these appointments. The sacrifice, such as Mr. Smull, for instance, is making, is beyond measure. The sacrifice Mr. Love and Mr. Frey are making in leaving their well-ordered business is the best evidence that we can get the best brains of the country into the operation of the Shipping Board; and the Shipping Board cannot excuse itself for failure, if it does fail, on the ground that it cannot get around it the highest type of men able to do the work. If we fall down in that direction it will be our own fault and there will be no chance for an alibi."

Chairman Lasker did not state in detail the salaries of Messrs. Smull, Love and Frey.

"As to salaries," he said, replying to an inquiry, "the three operating Vice Presidents will get between them a total of \$95,000, which will be divided approximately equally.

"The operating headquarters will be in Washington," he continued. "That leads to something that might follow in sequence. Where we have branch offices, who will they be under? A general manager will be selected at each branch office, like New York. Each Vice President will select his own district manager, who will be attached to the branch office, but the general manager for each branch office will be selected by all the Vice Presidents. Each Vice President will have sole control of the selection of all the men under him. It has not been determined, however, how operators will be divided; but Mr. Smull may have allocation and chartering of ships; Mr. Love, traffic, and Mr. Frey have physical operations. Each will select his own men.

Shipping Board Loses No Control

"The Shipping Board loses no control whatsoever as contemplated by the law. All the policies must be initiated by those men and submitted to the Shipping Board for the Shipping Board to adopt. But, once adopted, those men will have a free hand in their execution. Each operating head will be in charge of a certain character of work. When it comes, however, to making recommendations for policies, the three will have to be in agreement. We are undertaking to make them as free in the management as if they held similar capacities with any big corporation. W. B. Keene, the present Acting Director of Operations, will remain in the operating department, and he is enthusiastic over the selections made.

"The President, the Jones act and the Shipping Board are all in accord that the Shipping Board must function so as to turn these boats over, as soon as good business judgment dictates, to private owners. Unless Shipping Board boats are very soon operated along the most correct business lines, we will not have any operators or owners left in America who can buy these boats.

"New routes will be one of the assets we will try to sell. Another phase is this: Supposing there is a route and two ships are on it, one privately owned and one Government-owned, and it will only stand for one ship. It is our idea that we will take out of service the Government-owned boat and leave in the privately owned boat, because if we 'bust' the private company whom will we have left to buy the boats when business gets good enough to have two lines? Do you get that point?"

"Your idea is to build up something that you can sell to private owners?" Mr. Lasker was asked.

"To build something," he replied, "that we can sell to private owners besides ships, and to build up the private owners so that they can buy ships."

That Chairman Lasker is intent on getting the reorganization plans under way with the least possible delay was indicated by the fact that J. Barston Smull and William J. Love, two of the three operating Vice Presidents, began their work on July 12 while the third member is on his way East.

PLANS FOR FUNDING RAILROAD INDEBTEDNESS.

In furtherance of the plans for perfecting arrangements for the refunding of the railroad debt due the Government (referred to in our issue of a week ago, page 149) President Harding on July 9 conferred with Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, Secretary of Commerce Hoover, Chairman Clark of the Interstate Commerce Commission and Director General Davis of the Railroad Administration. The press dispatches from Washington on that date said:

The day's developments were accepted as indicating that a definite settlement of the refunding problem might be near. It is believed that the negotiations between the railroads and the Treasury Department under which the Government would advance \$500,000,000 to the carriers on account of the earnings spent in betterments during Federal control will quickly end.

On Tuesday of this week Eugene Meyer, Jr., Managing Director of the War Finance Corporation conferred with the Steering Committee of the Association of Railway Executives in New York, and as indicating the possibility of the funding arrangements being made through the corporation, the New York "Commercial" in a dispatch from its Washington Bureau July 13 said:

Eugene Meyer, Jr., Managing Director of the War Finance Corporation, conferred with Secretary of the Treasury Mellon to-day on his return from New York where he met with a committee of railway executives to discuss proposed plans for funding the indebtedness of the carriers to the Railroad Administration for expenditures made on their properties during the 26 months of Federal operation of the railroads.

The conference in New York was another step in the efforts of the Administration to bring about final settlements with the railroads in efforts to find some way of financing the settlements without an appeal to Congress for more money. Two proposals have been advanced in that connection. One is that the War Finance Corporation advance cash to the Railroad Administration on equipment trust certificates which the Administration obtained when the indebtedness of the railroads for equipment bought during Federal control was funded. The Railroad Administration holds more than \$300,000,000 of such certificates.

The other proposal, similar to the first, would involve the advancement by the War Finance Corporation of money on the notes which the railroads would give in evidence of their indebtedness on account of the capital expenditures for additions and betterments to their properties during the war.

Congress probably would have to enact legislation authorizing the War Finance Corporation to make effective either of the plans under consideration.

Some determination of the funding and settlement questions is expected to be reached in the near future.

PROGRESS IN READJUSTMENT OF FREIGHT RATES.

Rapid progress in the readjustment of freight rates is reported by the Association of Railway Executives in the number of "American Railroads" issued on June 28. In its announcement the Association says:

The Transcontinental Freight Bureau (Chicago) reports that up to June 9, 1,272 reductions have been made in Westbound domestic rates, 153,319 reductions in Eastbound rates, and 120 reductions in Export and Import rates. The reductions affect grain, iron and steel, food products, lumber and many other commodities.

Since June 1920 the Western Trunk Line Committee has considered 1,200 subjects; over 90% of these were reductions and nearly all affected rates increased last year. These reductions concern more particularly crushed rock, gravel, building materials, grain, coal, lumber, live stock, feeds and molasses. The reductions range from 5 to 70%, this maximum reduction being on paper and lumber. As representative of the action of this and other traffic associations, the following table is presented:

	No. of Applications on Which Reduc- tions Were Ap- proved.	Range of Percentage Reduction.
Products of agriculture:		
Grain, hay, fruits, vegetables and seeds...	70	10 to 50%
Products of animals:		
Live stock, fresh meats, packing-house products and green salted hides.....	16	15 to 33 1-3%
Products of Mines:		
Coal (hard and soft), ores, sand, gravel and crushed stone.....	70	10 to 60%
Products of forests:		
Lumber, logs, sash, doors and blinds.....	13	5 to 70%
Manufactures:		
Petroleum oil.....	9	8 to 30%
Brick, cement and lime.....	24	7 to 60%
Iron and steel rails, structural iron and ferro-manganese.....	15	10 to 50%
Sugar and molasses.....	6	12 to 45%
Paper and paper articles.....	17	14 to 70%
Miscellaneous commodities:		
Not specified above (car loads).....	73	6 to 70%
Less car-load rates.....	10	8 to 30%
Industrial switching rates.....	20	22 to 50%
Total.....	343	

In the month of May F. A. Leland, Chairman of the Southwestern Freight Bureau, asserts that 159 out of 168 cases acted upon involved rate reductions.

"In this statement," Mr. Leland says, "we have made no effort to multiply the number of rate reductions by reason of the fact that some of the rates apply from a large number of points, or to a large number of points. Technically, a reduction in a rate applying from 10 points to 100 points is 1,000 reductions. Such situations as that we treat as only one reduction."

According to a report, dated July 11, from N. W. Hawkes, chairman, New England Freight Association, for the period August 25 1920, up to June 1 1921, that association has considered 695 freight rate proposals, and has in the same period issued 348 recommendation advices, of which it is estimated that 80% are reductions.

The trunk line Association (New York) states that in trunk line territory from Sept. 1 1920 to May 31 1921, 2,662 rate proposals were taken up, of which 2,463 were approved and recommendation advices issued.

An accurate calculation has been made of the number of reductions in the month of May, which is fairly representative of the whole number of transactions involved. In that month 98% of the changes in rates passed upon by the Trunk Line Association were reductions, according to advices to American Railroads from the secretary of the association.

Commenting upon the rate situation in general, "American Railroads" says:

With all the savings that the railroads can hope to make as a result of wage reductions and other economies, it is only with the utmost difficulty that they can hope to earn the \$475,000,000 necessary to meet their fixed charges for 1921.

There can, therefore, be no general reduction of rates this year.

The best the roads can do is to readjust rates on the existing level so as to remove inequalities and maladjustments that have resulted from successive blanket increases.

DEATH OF CHARLES A. PROUTY, FORMERLY OF THE INTER-STATE COMMERCE COMMISSION.

Charles A. Prouty, a member of the Inter-State Commerce Commission for eighteen years, until his resignation early in 1914, died at his home at Newport, Vt., on July 8. Mr. Prouty's resignation from the Commission followed his appointment as Director of the Physical Valuation of Railroads. In 1918 he was appointed Director of the Division of Public Service and Accounting of the Railroad Administration. Mr. Prouty was sixty-eight years of age.

PRESIDENT HARDING INVITES PRINCIPAL ALLIED POWERS TO CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT AND FAR EASTERN PROBLEMS.

In advance of the signing of the Borah disarmament resolution, President Harding, on his own initiative it appears took steps to bring about a conference on disarmament and related questions—a conference even more comprehensive in scope than that contemplated in the Borah resolution. This fact became known on July 10, when the State Department at Washington announced that the President had approached "with informal but definite inquiries" the Governments of Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, on the question of limitation of armament, and the Pacific and Far Eastern problems to which that question has a close relation. (The Borah resolution, as noted elsewhere in these columns, subsequently became a law when the naval appropriation bill was signed). The President, the State Department announcement said, wished to ascertain whether it would be agreeable to those Powers "to take part in a conference on this subject, to be held in Washington at a time to be mutually agreed upon." Characterized by a Washington newspaper correspondent as being "by far the most important step taken by the Harding Administration in connection with international affairs," the President's action was welcomed whole-heartedly in France and Great Britain, the former formally accepting the invitation on July 12. The attitude of these governments toward the proposal is indicated elsewhere in these columns to-day in statements made by Premiers Lloyd George and Briand.

Italy and Great Britain notified the State Department of their approval of the disarmament conference on July 13. The following day, July 14, Japan also signified its acquiescence in the proposal, making reservations, however, with respect to discussion of problems in the Far East. It was stated that while Japan had expressed itself favorably concerning the disarmament question, that country had at the same time made inquiry as to the scope of the discussion on the other matters contemplated for the conference. The belief was said to have been expressed at the State Department yesterday, July 15, that Japan would agree to the terms of the proposed meeting, assurances having been given by the United States which would clear up any doubt or misapprehension as to the plan or purpose of the conference.

The inclusion in the President's invitation of the Pacific problems appears to have been proposed originally by Great Britain, such a proposal having been submitted informally to the State Department, it is said, through Sir Auckland Geddes, the British Ambassador at Washington, and Col. Harvey, the American Ambassador at London. Senator Borah's resolution, adopted by the Senate and later by the

House, as noted, has reference merely to naval armament and to the United States, Great Britain and Japan. The President's proposal will permit the limitation of land armaments as well as naval, and the invitation is not confined to Great Britain and Japan. The announcement made by the State Department on July 10 of President Harding's proposal for a conference on the limitation of armaments, read:

The President, in view of the far-reaching importance of the question of limitation of armament, has approached with informal but definite inquiries the group of Powers heretofore known as the Principal Allied and Associated Powers, that is, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, to ascertain whether it would be agreeable to them to take part in a conference on this subject, to be held in Washington at a time to be mutually agreed upon. If the proposal is found to be acceptable, formal invitations for such a conference will be issued.

It is manifest that the question of limitation of armament has a close relation to Pacific and Far Eastern problems, and the President has suggested that the Powers especially interested in these problems should undertake in connection with this conference the consideration of all matters bearing upon their solution with a view to reaching a common understanding with respect to principles and policies in the Far East. This has been communicated to the Powers concerned, and China has also been invited to take part in the discussion relating to Far Eastern problems.

In reviewing the events and circumstances leading up to the President's action, a Washington correspondent of the N. Y. "Times" on July 10 said:

It is evident that the groundwork for holding the conference has already been laid. Shortly after Colonel George Harvey, the American Ambassador at London, was designated as the American member of the Supreme Council he began inquiries, by direction of President Harding and Secretary Hughes, to ascertain the views of the other Supreme Council Powers—Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan—concerning the limitation of armaments. This was before the Borah resolution had been adopted by the Senate and, in fact, at a time when there seemed to be little prospect that it would be adopted.

The President had let it be known that he did not intend to "have his hand forced by the Senate" with respect to the disarmament question, which he regarded as one within the province of the Executive. Senator Poindexter, the acting Chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs, and Senator Hale, a member of that Committee, had called on him to ascertain his views with respect to the Borah resolution and received the pointed answer indicated. As a result the Committee on Naval Affairs declined to incorporate the Borah disarmament resolution in the annual Naval Appropriation Bill.

Later, after it had been made known at the White House that Ambassador Harvey had undertaken to sound his fellow-members of the Supreme Council on the subject, the Borah resolution was revived and adopted as an amendment to the Naval Appropriation Bill. The House, more inclined to follow the President's wishes than the Senate, ascertained that he had no objection to the adoption of the disarmament proposal. The House Committee on Foreign Affairs had prepared an elaborate resolution which gave the President authority to call an international conference on both land and naval disarmament, but the sentiment in that body was so widespread in favor of disposing of the matter without delay that the Borah resolution was adopted as it had been put through the Senate.

LLOYD GEORGE'S SPEECH IN COMMONS ON DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE—PREMIER BRIAND COMMENDS PRESIDENT HARDING'S ACTION.

Lloyd George, the British Prime Minister, discussed the proposed disarmament conference in the House of Commons on Monday, July 11, saying that President Harding's invitation to such a conference had been received with the "utmost pleasure." The following day, that is, July 12, Premier Briand, in the French Chamber of Deputies, declared his Government would "eagerly accept the invitation."

"France," said Premier Briand, "replies eagerly to the suggestion for a conference, from which we may hope will come the final peace of the world." The whole house, the cablegrams say, broke into prolonged applause. M. Briand added:

I am sure I interpret the sentiment of the Chamber when I thank the head of State who has taken this noble initiative and who thought, at once, of associating our country with it. It is a homage rendered the pacific sentiments France always has shown in the gravest circumstances. I do not need to tell you that the French Government accepts the invitation eagerly.

It sees in the idea the possibility of an accord which, as regards the Pacific ocean, cannot be indifferent to us, because of our great interests there. It sees also the occasion to prove once again that our country is attached ardently to the cause of peace.

Lloyd George, in his speech in the Commons on July 11 again reiterated that the cardinal principle of British policy was "friendly co-operation with the United States." He discussed the proposed renewal of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance and the work of the British Imperial Conference, which recently has been meeting in London. His speech in full, as cabled to the N. Y. "World" follows:

"When I told the House last Thursday that I hoped to be in a position to make a statement on the Pacific and Far Eastern question to-day, I was awaiting, as I stated, replies to conversations that had taken place between the Secretary for Foreign Affairs and representatives of the Governments of the United States, Japan and China as the result of discussions in the Imperial Cabinet.

"I am very glad to be able to inform the House to-day that the views of the Government of the United States reached me last night and are extremely satisfactory. The Chinese Government has also favorably replied. We have not yet had a formal reply from the Government of Japan, but we have good reason to hope it will be in the same sense.

"Now that these views have been received I am at liberty to inform the House fully regarding the course which our discussions in the Imperial Cabinet took. I do this with particular satisfaction because it will show how very valuable a step forward we have been able to take by common consent in the sphere of foreign affairs.

"The broad lines of the imperial policy in the Pacific and the Far East were the very first subjects to which we addressed ourselves at the meetings of the Imperial Cabinet, having special regard to the Anglo-Japanese agreement, the future of China and the bearing of both of these questions on the relations of the British Empire with the United States.

"We were guided in our deliberations by three main considerations. In Japan we have an old and proved ally. An agreement of 20 years' standing between us has been of very great benefit not only to ourselves and her but to the peace of the Far East. In China there is a very numerous people with great potentialities who esteem our friendship highly and whose interests we on our side desire to assist and advance. In the United States we see to-day, as we have always seen, the people closest to ourselves in aims and ideals, with whom it is for us not merely a desire and an interest but a deeply rooted instinct to consult and cooperate.

Those were the main considerations in our minds and upon them we were unanimous. The object of our discussions was to find a method of combining all these three factors in a policy which would remove the danger of heavy national expenditure in the Pacific with all the evils which such expenditure entails and would insure the development of all legitimate national interests in the Far East.

"We had in the first place to ascertain our exact position with regard to the Anglo-Japanese agreement. There had been much doubt as to whether the notification to the League of Nations made last July constituted a denunciation of the agreement in the sense of the clause.

"If it did it would have been necessary to decide upon some interim measure regarding an agreement pending fuller discussions with other Pacific powers and negotiations with this object in view were in point of fact already in progress.

"If on the other hand it did not, the agreement would remain in force until denounced whether by Japan or by ourselves and would not be actually determined until twelve months from the date when notice of the denunciation was given. The Japanese Government took the view that no notice of denunciation had yet been given, and this view was shared by our Foreign Secretary.

"But as considerable doubt existed, we decided, after preliminary discussion in the Imperial Cabinet, to refer the question to the Lord Chancellor, who considered it with the law officers of the Crown. They held that wherever the Covenant of the League of Nations and the agreement are in conflict the terms of the Covenant should prevail. Notice to this effect has now been given to the League.

"A broader discussion of the Far Eastern and Pacific policy to which we then turned showed general agreement on the main lines on the course which must be taken on the basis that no notice of denunciation had yet been given.

"It follows that the Anglo-Japanese agreement remains in force until it is denounced and will lapse only at the expiration of twelve months from time of notice of denunciation is given. It is, however, the desire both of the British Empire and Japan that the agreement should be brought into line with policies which the Imperial Cabinet desired to pursue.

"I have already explained that the first principle of our policy was friendly co-operation with the United States. We were all convinced that upon this more than any other single factor depend the peace and well being of the world.

"We also desire, as I have stated, to maintain our close friendship and co-operation with Japan. The greatest merit of that valuable friendship is that it harmonizes the influences and activities of the two greatest Asiatic Powers and thus constitutes an essential safeguard to the well-being of the British Empire and the peace of the East.

"We also aim at preserving the open door in China and at giving the Chinese people every opportunity for peaceful progress and development. In addition to these considerations we desire to safeguard our own vital interests in the Pacific and preclude any competition in naval armaments between the Pacific powers.

"All the representatives of the empire are agreed that our standpoint on these questions should be communicated with complete frankness to the United States, Japan and China, with the object of securing an exchange of views which might lead to more formal discussions and a conference.

"The Foreign Secretary accordingly held conversations last week with the American and Japanese Ambassadors and the Chinese Minister, at which he communicated to them the views of the Imperial Cabinet and asked in turn for the views of their respective Governments. He expressed at these conversations the very strong hope that that exchange of views might, if their Governments shared our desire in that respect, pave the way to a conference on problems of the Pacific and the Far East.

"The views of the President of the United States were made public by the American Government this morning. Mr. Harding has taken the momentous step of inviting the powers to a conference on the limitation of armaments, to be held in Washington in the near future, and he also suggests a preliminary meeting on the Pacific and Far Eastern questions between the powers most directly interested in the peace and welfare of that great region which is assuming first importance in international affairs. I need not say that we welcome with the utmost pleasure President Harding's wise and courteous initiative.

"In saying this, I know I am speaking for the empire as a whole. The world has been looking to the United States for such a lead and I am confident that the House will esteem it as an act of far-seeing statesmanship and will wholeheartedly wish it success. I need hardly say that no effort will be lacking to make it so on the part of the British Empire, which shares to the full the liberal and progressive spirit inspiring it.

"Let us add only one word as to the part played in these events by the gathering of the Imperial conference. I venture to say that the action taken by that conference could not have been taken in so prompt, effective and unanimous a fashion but for the intimate personal consultation between the Prime Ministers of the Empire and representatives of India which this gathering has enabled us to enjoy.

We have taken counsel together without reserve. With this result before us I need not elaborate the value of that intimate collaboration in the conduct of the Empire's affairs."

Mr. Clynes here interposed:

"In view of so momentous a conference, can the right honorable gentleman say whether representation at the conference is to be limited to representatives of particular Governments?"

Lloyd George replied: "My right honorable friend had better not press me upon that point at the moment. We have not yet heard from Japan and obviously there must be a good deal of interchange of opinion between the two Governments before I can be in a position to make a statement."

Col. Ward said: "In these negotiations with reference to the future of the Pacific, is China to be treated as a sovereign power and her representatives allowed to give the decision of the Chinese Government without interference of any other Asiatic power?"

"China" answered Lloyd George, "will be treated as she is, an independent power. We have had some communications with the Chinese Government, as we had with the other Governments."

The notification addressed to the League of Nations regarding the Anglo-Japanese treaty to which the Prime Minister referred in his speech was couched in the following terms:

Whereas the Governments of Great Britain and Japan informed the League of Nations in their joint notification of the 8th of July 1920, that they recognized the principle that if the Anglo-Japanese alliance agreement of the 13th of July 1911, is continued after July 1912, it must be in a form which is not inconsistent with the covenant of the League, they hereby notify the League pending further action that they are agreed that if any situation arises while the agreement remains in force in which the procedure prescribed by the terms of the agreement is inconsistent with the procedure prescribed by the covenant of the League of Nations, then the procedure prescribed by the said covenant shall be adopted and shall prevail over that prescribed by the agreement.

HAYASHI,
CURZON OF KEDLESTON.

London July 7 1921.

J. W. HARRIMAN'S INQUIRY OF REPRESENTATIVE MONDELL ON TAX REVISION.

In behalf of the depositors of the Harriman National Bank of New York, 50% of whom he says "are clamoring to know why Congress does not do something with regard to the reduction of taxation," J. W. Harriman, President of the bank, has addressed a letter to Representative Mondell, asking what action may be expected in the matter. In his reply Mr. Mondell, who is the Republican leader of the House, while stating that he "was inclined to the opinion that it might be well to take up tax revision in advance of the permanent tariff" adds that "the overwhelming sentiment of the country as expressed in letters, telegrams and editorials was favorable to the consideration of the permanent tariff revision first." Representative Mondell observes that he is "fully aware of the fact that many people are impatient because the Congress has not within two-and-one-half months from the beginning of the session disposed of all the great problems before it. "A complete tariff revision, he further observes, "is a stupendous task." He continues; "this Congress has progressed with the task so far as rapidly as any Congress in my recollection—more rapidly than in most instances. The same committee which revises the tariff deals with revenue legislation. Manifestly the two matters cannot be considered at the same time by the same people." Mr. Mondell refers to the work which has thus far been accomplished and states that "immediately following the passage of the Tariff bill by the House, the Ways and Means Committee will take up for consideration the questions of tax revision." The following is Mr. Harriman's letter:

New York July 6 1921.

Hon. Frank W. Mondell, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.—

Dear Sir.—This bank has nearly ten thousand depositors and fully 50% of them are clamoring to know why Congress does not do something with regard to the reduction of taxation.

Is the inactivity of Congress the result of natural ineptitude or a feature of a deliberate reconstruction program?

There can be no improvement in the business world until taxes are reduced. The present stagnation in trade is really a strike against Government confiscation.

I enclose a clipping from this morning's New York "Times" which hits the nail on the head.

Will you kindly advise me—as the Republican House leader—what your views are and what action may be expected? If you realized how many people are cursing out Congress then you might understand what is to be expected at the next Congressional election. Very truly yours,

J. W. HARRIMAN.

Representative Mondell's reply follows:

July 8 1921.

Mr. J. W. Harriman, President, Harriman National Bank, New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Harriman:—I have your letter of July 6th in which you say that a large number of your depositors are "clamoring to know why Congress does not do something with regard to the reduction of taxation." You further make this inquiry: "Is the inactivity of Congress the result of natural ineptitude or a feature of a deliberate reconstruction program?" I pass over the disparaging slur contained in your inquiry because I realize that it has become the habit of some who generally consider themselves bound by the rules of ordinary courtesy to forget their manners when making inquiries with regard to legislative questions and conditions.

The special session of Congress was called by the President primarily for the purpose of revising the tariff, revenue and tax laws. There was some difference of opinion as to whether the House should first address itself to the tariff legislation or to the revision of the war taxes. Realizing that it would take a considerable length of time for the House Committee on Ways and Means to prepare a complete permanent tariff revision, I was inclined to the opinion that it might be well to take up tax revision in advance of the permanent tariff and so publicly stated.

Practically every member of the Ways and Means Committee, including the two members from the State of New York, can bear witness to the fact that the overwhelming sentiment of the country as expressed in letters, telegrams and editorials, was favorable to the consideration of the permanent tariff revision first. In response to this expression of sentiment the Republican members of the Ways and Means Committee took up at once with earnestness and pursued with unflagging vigor and energy the questions involved in a revision of the tariff. It has required a little longer than some anticipated to complete this great work. I am sending you a copy of the bill under separate cover, that you may examine its 346 pages, with its thousand paragraphs.

While I realize that no one who has not had practical experience as to the very great amount of research, examination, study and consultation necessary to reach an agreement with regard to any one of hundreds of paragraphs

affecting rates, methods of administration and policy can fully appreciate the time and effort required, I am quite sure that any one at all familiar with business and legislative affairs must realize that the time which was consumed in the preparation of this measure was necessary and essential to a careful study, survey and discussion of the great number of important features with regard to which there was ground for difference of opinion.

While I am not a member of the Committee on Ways and Means, I can bear testimony to the prompt and continuous sessions of this Committee from the date that Congress met up to the hour of reporting the bill. I can assure you there were no banking hours observed, but that the necessary work was early and late, including holidays and running far into the night. Not a moment has been lost or wasted, and the bill has been presented to the House at the very earliest hour consistent with thoroughgoing, painstaking examinations of its provisions. The Republican members of the House in conference have agreed that the final vote shall be taken on the Tariff bill on July 21.

Immediately following the passage of the Tariff bill by the House, the Ways and Means Committee will take up for consideration the question of tax revision. The Treasury Department has been giving the matter careful, thorough and painstaking study, and the members of the Ways and Means Committee of the House above, at the odd moments that could be spared from the consideration of the Tariff bill, been studying the questions involved. No one can say with assurance just how soon tax revision may be agreed upon by the committee, but there will not be a moment's delay after the tariff is disposed of. There will be the same earnest, active and continuous attention to this matter that has been given to the preparation of the Tariff bill, and the measure will be taken up for consideration in the House as soon as it is reported. I would not assume to fix the date when the House shall conclude its consideration of the tax bill, though we may, with reasonable confidence, expect final action not later than the middle of August.

I am fully aware of the fact that many people are impatient because the Congress has not within two and one-half months from the beginning of the session disposed of all of the great problems before it. This is not surprising or unusual. It has always been so. A complete tariff revision is a stupendous task. This Congress has progressed with the task so far as rapidly as any Congress in my recollection—more rapidly than in most instances. The same committee which revises the tariff deals with revenue legislation. Manifestly the two matters cannot be considered at the same time by the same people, nor would it be practical to have two separate bodies considering these intimately related matters.

Heretofore, Congress having met for the consideration of tariff revision, has generally stood in recess during the period of tariff preparation in the Committee. This Congress has remained constantly in session. Practically all of its committees have been unusually diligent. The Congress has already placed upon the statute books much notable, important legislation, including the peace resolution, the budget, the emergency tariff and the immigration restriction law. In addition, much important legislation has been considered in one or both branches of the Congress and is on the way to final enactment—such measures, for instance, as the Packers' bill, the bill for consolidation of Governmental activities for the benefit of ex-service men, revision of the laws, the Roads bill and many others.

The Congress has, during the session, passed two important appropriation bills—those providing for the maintenance of our military and naval establishments. The Army bill is a law, and the Naval bill is all but agreed to.

Take it all in all and by and large, this Congress has been as diligent, as painstaking and as active as any Congress that has ever met in the Capitol at Washington, and it has a record of accomplishment which to this time is unexcelled.

I realize there are many people who do not appreciate these facts, partly because they are so busy with their own affairs that they do not keep track of the work of Congress, partly because it is the business of partisans hostile to the Administration to make it appear that the Congress is not at work and is not accomplishing results.

Very truly yours,

F. W. MONDELL.

In a further letter to Representative Fordney, Mr. Harriman refers to the refunding of the Allied debt and the power sought by Secretary Mellon to act with regard to the same, Mr. Harriman declaring that "Congress does nothing and the Senate obstructs a man who is ready to act. In his answer to this letter Representative Fordney again calls attention to what the revision of the tariff entails. The following is the second letter of Mr. Harriman, which appeared in the New York "Herald" of July 14.

I cannot agree with you that by overwhelming requests to Congress the country demanded the tariff bill be taken up first of all.

I enclose you herewith a clipping from this morning's "Herald"—a Republican newspaper—quoting your own party, of which I am a part, as having said in 1920 that the country was staggering under a load of taxation.

What I am most concerned about as a good Republican is that the next Congressional election is approaching and it will be difficult to eradicate opinions now being formed.

A curious condition exists in Congress to-day. Mr. Mellon, our efficient Secretary of Treasury—a man who has fitness for the job if one will refer to his personal success—endeavors to obtain permission from Congress through the President to settle the allied debt refunding in his own way, and he evidently realizes that by that settlement the Government will obtain interest on almost 50% of our full war debt, which means a possible almost 50% tax reduction. What happens? A few of our Senators immediately think it is hazardous to put so much power in the hands of one man; that they should be consulted step by step by Mr. Mellon before anything definite is done. Congress does nothing and the Senate obstructs a man who is ready to act. Then I turn to the endeavors of your Congress and see the slowness in everything that is undertaken, and by putting an inquiry to your Mr. Mondell I am accused of being impolite. If one's pocket is continually picked, one does not generally use mild and polite language in objecting to the procedure.

Mr. Fordney, you are surrounded with an atmosphere in Washington which prevents you realizing what is really taking place through the country, and I warn you and your associates to step more quickly and watch your step; there will be a penalty to pay next year that will amaze you.

Very truly yours,

J. W. HARRIMAN.

Representative Fordney's reply to the above was as follows:

Dear Mr. Harriman:—Knowing that you are a man of broad views and great business ability I feel prompted to write to you again regarding your position as to the work of the Administration.

This Administration has been in power only a little more than four months. The Ways and Means Committee began hearings on Jan. 6,

continuing them for six weeks, hearing in round numbers 1,100 people; then after compiling such data as was necessary, the committee took up a revision of the tariff law, working every day, Sundays excepted, up to and including June 29. The committee worked faithfully; some members fourteen to sixteen hours a day on this bill. The bill was introduced in the House, was referred back to the Ways and Means Committee, then as promptly thereafter as possible reported back to the House with a recommendation that it pass. On Thursday of last week the House began consideration of this great bill. By rule adopted in the House a final vote will be taken on the bill on the 21st of this month.

Immediately after the tariff bill passes the House the committee will take up for consideration the question of a revision of our internal revenue tax laws, and as soon as possible will prepare and present to the House a bill revising these laws. Every member of the House is anxious to have this done as soon as possible. If you were here you would realize the enormity and importance of these tasks.

From your position as president of a great bank in the city of New York no doubt what you have to say through the press has much weight, and I do wish you could see your way clear to "push, haul or carry" and not knock. The most disagreeable of all the flock is the sitting hen off the nest.

UNITED STATES INFORMS CHINA IT WILL MAINTAIN "OPEN DOOR" POLICY.

Assurances that the Government of the United States would continue "in its whole-hearted support" of the "open door" principle in China were given to that country in a note which Secretary of State Hughes sent to the Chinese Minister in Washington, Sao-Ka Alfred Zze, on July 1. The note, made public on July 8, was a reply to an inquiry from the Chinese Minister, dated June 9, with respect to the position of the United States on certain contracts entered into between the Federal Telegraph Co., an American concern, and the Government of China for the erection of wireless stations at Shanghai and other points in China. Protests had been made against the contract to the Chinese authorities by the British, Danish and Japanese Governments. Secretary Hughes in his note expresses the belief that these protests were "founded upon assertions of monopolistic or preferential rights in the field of Chinese governmental enterprise which cannot be reconciled either with the treaty rights of American citizens or with the principle of the open door." "It is the purpose of the United States," the Secretary added, "neither to participate nor to acquiesce in any arrangement which might purport to establish in favor of foreign interests any superiority of rights with respect to commercial or economic development in designated regions of the territories of China." On July 10, two days after Secretary Hughes had made public the reply of the United States to China's inquiry on the subject, the Chinese Minister at Washington issued a statement commending the position taken by this country in the matter.

Secretary Hughes's note, made public on July 8, is as follows:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of June 9, and in reply assure you that it is not the intention of this Government to withdraw from the position hitherto taken by it in support of the rights accruing to the Federal Telegraph Co. under the contract of Jan. 8 last. In its view, the communication which it has received from the other interested Governments in reply to its inquiries as to the reasons for their protests to the Chinese authorities against that contract tends only to confirm this Government in its belief that the adverse claims which have been urged as excluding the Federal Telegraph Co. from participating with the Chinese Government in establishing wireless communications are founded upon assertions of monopolistic or preferential rights in the field of Chinese governmental enterprise which cannot be reconciled either with the treaty rights of American citizens in China or with the principle of the open door.

Your reference to the principle of the open door affords me the opportunity to assure you of this Government's continuance in its whole-hearted support of that principle, which it has traditionally regarded as fundamental both to the interests of China itself and to the common interests of all Powers in China, and indispensable to the free and peaceful development of their commerce on the Pacific Ocean.

The Government of the United States has never associated itself with any arrangement which sought to establish any special rights or privileges in China which would abridge the rights of the subjects or citizens of other friendly States; and I am happy to assure you that it is the purpose of this Government neither to participate nor to acquiesce in any arrangement which might purport to establish in favor of foreign interests any superiority of rights with respect to commercial or economic development in designated regions of the territories of China, or which might seek to create any such monopoly or preference as would exclude other nationals from undertaking any legitimate trade or industry or from participating with the Chinese Government in any category of public enterprise.

In his statement of July 10 which contained the text of notes exchanged between his Government and the State Department the Minister declared it "was gratifying to note," from Mr. Hughes's reply, "the re-enunciation of the open door policy in China," and that the position of the American Government "was sound and can hardly be shaken." The statement contained the following note addressed to the Secretary of State on June 9:

I have the honor to inform you that on the 8th of January last an agreement was made between the Ministry of Communications on behalf of the Chinese Government, and the Federal Telegraph Company, an American corporation for the erection and operation as a joint enterprise of the Chinese Government, and the American company, of stations for wireless communication.

Against this agreement protests were presented to my Government by certain governments, claiming that by granting to the American company

the right of participation with the Chinese Government in wireless communications the rights of their national secured under prior contracts were violated.

In a recent conversation with you on the subject I understood from you that the American Government could not admit the validity of such claims by reason of their contravening the treaty rights of American citizens in China and the principle of "the open door."

My Government is informed that these governments have explained their views to you and therefore, instructs me to inquire whether or not it is the intention of the American Government to maintain its position in the matter.

The statement continued:

China welcomes Mr. Hughes's reply, which is a declaration of the policy on the part of the American Government with respect to China. Since the signing of the Lansing-Ishii agreement to some people the position of the American Government in this regard has seemed to be more or less clouded with doubts and uncertainties because no official account of the negotiations leading to the conclusion of that agreement has been published. The present declaration clears the atmosphere.

Mr. Hughes's language is clear and explicit when he writes:

The Government of the United States has never associated itself with any arrangement which sought to establish any special rights or privileges in China which would abridge the rights of the subjects or citizens of other friendly States, and I am happy to assure you that it is the purpose of this Government neither to participate nor acquiesce in any arrangement which might purport to establish in favor of the foreign interests any superiority of rights with respect to commercial or economic developments in designated regions of the territories of China, or which might seek to create any such monopoly or preference as would exclude other nations from undertaking any legitimate trade or industry or from participating with the Chinese Government in any category of public enterprise.

It is gratifying to note the re-enunciation of the open door policy in China. It means that there are no special or superior rights or privileges claimed by any nation in any designated region of China which the American Government will recognize the American Government having never associated itself with any such arrangement.

It means also that the American Government will not permit its citizens or the nationals of any other countries to acquire monopolistic rights in private or public enterprises in China. The position thus taken by the American Government is sound and can hardly be shaken for all rights which foreign nations have in China are derived from treaties made between China and other countries. The "favored nation" clause gives to the United States all the rights and privileges acquired by other countries without any further or express provisions. Under such circumstances no foreign nation has acquired any special rights in China.

D. C. BORDEN NAMED CHIEF NATIONAL BANK EXAMINER FOR CHICAGO DISTRICT.

D. R. Crissinger, Comptroller of the Currency, has designated D. C. Borden as Chief National Bank Examiner for Chicago and the Seventh Federal Reserve District, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Silas H. L. Cooper. Prior to his appointment to the Chicago District, Mr. Borden was Chief Examiner at Cleveland, Ohio, for the Fourth Federal Reserve District. Before that he had been Acting Chief Examiner in New York City for District Number Two during an extended absence abroad of Chief Examiner Smith. Mr. Borden is a practical banker. In 1906 he began his banking career and in 1914 became State Bank Examiner for Tennessee. In 1916 he accepted a commission as National Bank Examiner and was assigned to Philadelphia, where he was made Examiner at Large. Later he was transferred to Atlanta in the same capacity and from there went to New York as resident Examiner.

F. M. AMBROSE, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF BANKS OF OHIO, SUCCEEDING H. M. SIMS.

On July 1, Frank R. Ambrose of Bucyrus, Ohio, became Assistant Superintendent of Banks of Ohio, succeeding Howard M. Sims of Columbus, who resigned to become National Bank Examiner for the Fourth Federal Reserve District, which embraces Ohio and western Pennsylvania. Mr. Ambrose has had experience which especially qualifies him for the duties of Assistant Superintendent of banks. He filled this position during the administration of Gov. Frank B. Willis, who is now junior United States Senator from Ohio. Before he entered the Banking service of the State the first time, Mr. Ambrose was an official of the Merchants National Bank of Hillsboro, Ohio. The appointment of Mr. Ambrose was made by H. E. Scott, Superintendent of Banks of Ohio.

AMBASSADOR HOTEL WILL BE HEADQUARTERS FOR TRUST COMPANY DIVISION AT THE LOS ANGELES CONVENTION.

Edmund D. Hulbert, President Trust Company Division, American Bankers' Association, and President Merchants Loan & Trust Company, Chicago, who will preside over the sessions of the Trust Company Division at the Los Angeles Convention in October, is announcing to members of the Trust Company Division a change made in arrangements for headquarters and meetings of the Division at the Los Angeles Convention, Oct. 3-7. Instead of the Hotel Clark, as originally announced, the Ambassador Hotel will be used by the Trust Company delegates. This change has been

effected for the purpose of relieving the congestion in hotels in the centre of the city. All Trust Company delegates and guests have been asked to specify the Ambassador in writing for reservations. The Ambassador is a new hotel and the appointments are first-class in every respect. All of the meeting places in the centre of the city are easily accessible from the Ambassador by surface car or auto within a few minutes.

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.

Three New York Stock Exchange memberships were reported posted for transfer this week, the consideration being stated at \$84,000 for one and \$82,000 each for the others. The last preceding sale was at \$90,000.

The death is announced of Albert Bing, a partner in the banking house of Lazard, Speyer-Ellissen of Frankfort-on-the-Main. He had been associated with the firm for over thirty years and had been a partner for approximately fifteen years.

Nathan S. Jonas, President of Manufacturers Trust Company, announces that Archibald C. Falconer, for thirteen years with the banking firm of Goldman, Sachs & Company, in active charge of their foreign and domestic credits, and who is known as one of the best credit men in the country, has accepted a position as a Vice-President of the Manufacturers Trust Company. For the present Mr. Falconer will be located at the West Side Office of the Company, 8th Avenue & 34th Street, as an associate of Henry C. Von Elm, Vice-President in charge of that office, and will have special credit duties assigned to him by the President. It is said of Mr. Falconer that he is familiar with every commercial paper name sold by brokers throughout the United States. He will begin with the Manufacturers Trust Company on Monday next. Mr. Jonas states: "With the advent of Mr. Falconer, the Manufacturers Trust Company establishes the precedent of a Credit Council of five experienced credit men, composed of Henry C. Von Elm, Archibald C. Falconer, Frederick W. Bruchhauser, Arthur T. Miner and Herman A. Kultzow, who will hold conferences and make recommendations on important credits. Probably no institution in the city will have a better equipped credit organization with a wider experience than the five men mentioned here."

The National Bank of Commerce in New York announces that its London office, now at 17 Sherborne Lane, King William Street, will remove on Monday next (July 18 1921) to Gresham House, Old Broad Street. The new quarters afford approximately three times the floor space now occupied.

The condensed statement of the Chemical National Bank of this city, as of June 30 1921, was published in our advertising pages last week. This statement shows total assets in the large sum of \$176,777,288. Of this amount \$113,679,889 is represented by loans and discounts and \$43,686,936 by cash, exchanges, due from banks and United States Treasurer. On the debit side of the balance sheet combined capital, surplus, undivided profits and reserved for interest, taxes, &c., is given as \$20,576,139 and total deposits as \$123,499,108. This latter compares with total deposits of \$109,364,756 on April 28 1921 (the date of the last published statement of the Chemical National), or an increase of no less than \$14,134,351 within a period of two months. In the estimation of the officials of the bank, this fact indicates in a limited way unmistakable prospects of approaching better times.

John T. Manson, President of the First National Bank of New Haven, Conn., and a director of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York, has been elected President of the Associated Bankers Corporation of 19 West Forty-fourth St.

The Ridgefield Park Trust Company of Ridgefield Park, N. J., announces that Philip C. Staib of Hackensack, N. J., has recently been elected a Director of the Company. Mr. Staib is a Vice-President of Koenig & Schuster, Inc. of New York.

At a meeting of the trustees of the Hartford-Connecticut Trust Co. on July 7 announcement was made that the final payment on the recent increase of capital stock had been made. The addition was \$750,000 and makes the present capital \$2,000,000. The premium obtained from the sale of the new stock amounted to \$375,000. This sum the trustees have added to the original surplus of \$1,250,000 and in addition have transferred a like amount (\$375,000) from undivided profits account to surplus, making the latter equal to the capital, or \$2,000,000. There still remains about \$500,000 in the profit and loss account. Consequently the combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of the institution is now approximately \$4,500,000.

According to a special press dispatch to the Philadelphia "Record" from Lancaster, Pa., under date of July 13, State Bank Comm. Fisher has appointed a committee of five to work out plans for the reorganization of the Agricultural Trust Co. of that place, which was closed on June 23, following the arrest of its Treasurer. The members of the committee are: H. Frank Eshleman, John S. Simons and John M. Wade of Lancaster, I. Haines Dickinson of Quarryville, Pa., and George W. Bollman of Adamstown, Pa. The Commissioner is quoted in the dispatch as saying that "the prospect of the depositors of receiving a large percentage of their claims is good." Mr. Fisher is further reported as announcing, at the time he made this favorable statement, that Charles D. Zell, the accused Treasurer, would be tried on other charges than the theft of the bank's funds. Just what the other charges are, the dispatch states, the Commissioner did not say. According to the Commissioner, the dispatch adds, the heaviest loss is likely to fall upon the owners of securities which had been placed in the bank's vaults for safe keeping.

The Market Street National Bank of Philadelphia, Pa., announces that at a meeting of its directors on July 13 William V. McGrath, Jr., President of the Beneficial Saving Fund Society of Philadelphia, was elected a Director of the Market Street National Bank, to succeed Alfred E. Burk, deceased.

I. Walter Oster recently resigned as Assistant Cashier of the Merchants National Bank of Baltimore. Mr. Oster, who is well known in Baltimore banking circles, was Cashier of the National Bank of Commerce when that institution was merged with the Merchants National Bank in April last. Mr. Oster's banking career began in the Second National Bank of Baltimore. He resigned to become Vice-President of the National Howard Bank of Baltimore. In 1915 the National Howard Bank was consolidated with the National Exchange Bank of Baltimore and Mr. Oster then went with the National Bank of Commerce as an assistant to the President and eventually became its Cashier. Mr. Oster plans to take a long vacation.

The Cleveland Trust Co. in its "Business Bulletin," just issued, points out that during long periods of rising prices, such as that which continued all over the world from 1895 to 1920, commercial and industrial establishments become accustomed to keeping large stocks of materials on hand. This is a profitable practice because the value of the commodities tends to increase with the passage of time. When prices turn downward and continue to fall, the tendency is to get rid of every possible surplus item of stock on hand, for the material is shrinking in value and can always be replaced for less than its cost. While this transition is taking place, industry stagnates, unemployment is general, and business is bad because every one wants to sell and nobody wants to buy. The bank adds:

Such a situation eventually corrects itself because people use more than they produce and stocks on hand gradually become exhausted and have to be replenished. The United States is at present passing through this process of using up the stocks that it was profitable to maintain when prices were continually rising, but that it is disastrous to hold while they are falling. We talk about this situation in terms of buyers' strikes, inflated inventories, and frozen credits, but what has really happened is that we have made the transition from the long era of rising prices to a period of rapidly falling prices.

Because of the steady growth of the Hamilton State Bank, Sheridan Road and Broadway, Chicago, it became necessary to make an addition to the official staff of Herbert P. Hoot, as Assistant Cashier. Mr. Hoot has had many years' experience, and takes hold of his official duties thoroughly conversant with all the details of banking. He

was elected Assistant Cashier at the regular meeting of the directors on July 11. The other officers are: Charles E. Kanaley, President, and Roy P. Roberts, Vice-President and Cashier.

The Holland State Bank at Holland, Minn., has been closed, according to a press dispatch from St. Paul, dated July 12. It had a capital of \$25,000 and deposits of approximately \$200,000.

The Midland Savings Bank of Lincoln, Neb., went into voluntary liquidation on July 1, according to a press dispatch from that place. At the time of the failure of the Pioneer State Bank in Omaha (referred to in these columns in our issue of June 11) the Midland Savings Bank the dispatch stated was examined at once as the personnel of both institutions was much the same. At that time the bank was solvent. Since then, according to J. E. Hart, Secretary of the State Department of Trade and Commerce, "the bank's credit has been seriously impaired and withdrawals of deposits were becoming more urgent from day to day." W. A. Selleck of Lincoln, the dispatch further stated, was appointed receiver and arrangements have been made with the Lincoln State Bank whereby depositors of the Midland Savings Bank can make claims for their deposits, have them audited and verified by the receiver, and transferred to the savings department of the Lincoln State bank.

The Mortgage Trust Co. of St. Louis is now (beginning July 11) occupying its new offices in the First National Bank Building, Broadway and Locust St. The removal of this company to that location and the occupancy within a short time by the St. Louis Union Trust Co. of its new offices on the second floor will bring together, in the same building, the three affiliated institutions—the First National Bank, the St. Louis Union Trust Co. and the Mortgage Trust Co. The details relating to the affiliation of the Mortgage Trust Co. with the First National Bank and the St. Louis Union Trust Co. were concluded on Feb. 1 last, when the personnel of the bond department of the First National was transferred to and became a part of the organization of the Mortgage Trust Co. The functions of the associated institutions are: Mortgage Trust Co., investment service; First National Bank, banking service; and St. Louis Union Trust Co., fiduciary service.

At a meeting of the directors of the National Bank of Commerce of Norfolk, Va., on June 6, Richard S. Cohoon, Vice-President, was elected President, succeeding Nathaniel Beaman, whose death was announced in our issue of June 25. Mr. Cohoon first became connected with the institution in 1895 as a runner. He continued with the National Bank of Commerce until 1906, when he joined the staff of the Merchant & Planters' Bank as Cashier. He later returned to the National Bank of Commerce to become Assistant Cashier. In 1917 he was made Cashier, and two years later was elected a Vice-President. Robert P. Beaman, son of the late President, has been elected Vice-President to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Cohoon's promotion, while A. E. Wharton has been elected Cashier to succeed Robert P. Beaman.

The Citizens & Southern Bank of Savannah, Ga., purchased the stock of the Planters Loan & Savings Bank, of Augusta, Ga., on June 18. The Planters' Loan & Savings Bank had a capital of \$50,000, consisting of 5,000 shares of stock at a par value of \$10. The price which the Citizens & Southern Bank paid for this stock was \$350,000, or \$70 for each share of stock of the Planters' Loan & Savings Bank. As a result of the purchase the latter has been consolidated (effective June 20) with the Augusta branch of the Citizens & Southern Bank.

At a regular meeting of the directors of the Lowry National Bank of Atlanta, Ga., on June 27, H. Warner Martin, Vice-President of the institution, was elected President, succeeding John E. Murphy, resigned. Mr. Murphy's resignation was due to the calls upon his time by his other interests. Mr. Martin, who succeeds Mr. Murphy as President, became connected with the bank in 1901 as a runner; in 1911 he was made Assistant Cashier and in 1918 he was elected a Vice-President of the Lowry National. Mr. Murphy has been identified with the Lowry National since 1904 when he was made a director; he later became a

Vice-President and a member of the Finance Committee of the bank and in 1919, as stated in our issue of Feb. 8 of that year, he was elected President of the bank to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Robert J. Lowry. Mr. Murphy retains his interests in the bank and continues as a director.

A press dispatch under date of June 30 from Ranger, Texas, reported that the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of that place had closed on June 29 but was reopened the following day and was on that day (June 30) paying each depositor \$10 on account under a special ruling effective for three days. Checks to pay bills, the dispatch stated, were to be transferred from one account to another on the bank's books and new accounts accepted where checks were presented to be cashed. The State Bank Commissioner is reported as saying the bank was solvent.

Four changes in the official staff of the South Texas Commercial National Bank of Houston took place on June 30. E. F. Gossett, Manager of the Houston branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, was elected Vice-President and Cashier; P. J. Evershade, formerly Cashier, was made a Vice-President, and George Ellis, Jr., and R. H. Hanna, formerly Assistant Cashiers, were made Assistant Vice-Presidents. Mr. Gossett has been connected with the Federal Reserve Bank branch at Houston since Aug. 1919. He first joined it as Cashier but in Jan. 1920 became Manager. Mr. Gossett has tendered his resignation to the officials of the Reserve Bank at Dallas. Mr. Evershade and Mr. Ellis were formerly connected with the Commercial National Bank before that institution was merged in the South Texas Commercial National Bank. Mr. Hanna began his banking career with the old South Texas National Bank 20 years ago.

More than 20,000 people passed through the beautiful new home of the Washington Mutual Savings Bank, Second Avenue and Spring Street, Seattle, on the opening day, June 20. The new banking rooms, which are over twice the size of the old quarters, were decorated with scores of baskets of blooms, remembrances from other banks and from friends of the institution. President Raymond R. Frazier received a large number of personal congratulations and floral tributes, accompanied by words of appreciation of his achievement in building up the institution during the past few years from resources of \$300,000 to \$14,000,000 at the present time, and claims the distinction of being the largest strictly savings institution in the Pacific Northwest. Mr. Frazier is National Vice-President of the Savings Bank Division of the American Bankers' Association; he is also a member of the Executive Council of the A. B. A., and has served for three terms as Chairman of the Committee on State Legislation of the Savings Bank Division. He was responsible for the adoption of the present Mutual Savings Bank Law of the State of Washington, which is said to be the strictest savings bank law in the country. In his work on the Committee on State Legislation, Mr. Frazier has made a careful study of the laws governing savings banks in every State in the Union. One of the most successful publicity features ever put on by a bank in the Northwest was the giving out of 10,000 scarlet quills to visitors on the opening day. In addition to the pen quills, the bank gave out several hundreds of pocket mirrors to the children visiting the institution. The official staff of the bank is as follows: Raymond R. Frazier, President; William Thaanum and Rollin Sanford, Vice-President; Willis S. Darrow, Secretary; Walter J. Ward, Assistant Secretary; Harry Shelton, Assistant Secretary. Trustees: E. G. Ames, M. F. Backus, John T. Condon, F. B. Finley, Raymond R. Frazier, Ivar Janson, William A. Peters, Rollin Sanford, James Shannon, William Thaanum, C. E. Vilas, F. W. West, David Whitcomb, Eugene B. Favre (Spokane) and L. O. Janeck (Yakima).

The Wyoming Trust Co. at Casper, Wyoming, on June 30 opened its doors for business in the old quarters of the Wyoming National Bank at the corner of Second and Center Streets with a capital of \$100,000. The officers are P. J. O'Connor, President; R. C. Cather, Vice-President, and Active Manager of the Trust Company; N. S. Wilson, Vice-President and Leo A. Dunn, Cashier. The directors are: P. J. O'Connor, R. C. Cather, N. S. Wilson, B. B. Brooks, Roy C. Hyland, Carl F. Shumaker, and R. H. Nichols.

J. E. Chilberg, a former President and Director of the defunct Scandinavian-American Bank of Tacoma, surrendered himself to the Tacoma authorities on July 1 to answer five indictments against him in connection with the failure of the institution, according to press dispatches from Tacoma. He was arraigned, it is reported, and released in \$35,000 bail. The first four indictments, it is said, charge Mr. Chilberg with making excessive loans to himself, and the fifth with lending an excessive sum to a director of the bank—all without the authority of the Board of Directors. We referred to the closing of the Scandinavian-American Bank of Tacoma in our issue of Feb. 29 and subsequent issues.

The New York agency of the Yokohama Specie Bank (head office Yokohama) announces that the power of attorney formerly held by J. Hayasaki to sign on behalf of the local office, per procuracy, has been cancelled as of July 5, owing to his transfer to the Seattle office of the bank.

Lloyds Bank, Ltd., announces the opening on July 1 of a branch to be known as "The Stock Exchange Branch" at 21 Austin Friars, E.C., 2, under the management of O. W. Batt.

The directors of the London Joint City and Midland Bank, Limited, recently announced an interim dividend for the half year ended June 30 last at the rate of 18% per annum, less income tax, payable July 15. The dividend for the corresponding period of 1920 was at the same rate.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bank of British West Africa, Ltd., held in London on June 30, it was decided to recommend to the shareholders at the annual general meeting to be held Thursday July 14, a final dividend of 4% for the year ending March 31 making 8% for the year, less income tax.

Edward Hay, a director and formerly General Manager of the Imperial Bank of Canada, of Toronto, Canada, died on July 9. Mr. Hay was sixty-six years of age. He was General Manager of the Imperial Bank from 1914 until 1919 when he retired and was succeeded by the late William Moffat. Mr. Hay devoted forty-four years of his life to the upbuilding of the Imperial Bank.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of June 23 1921:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue is £126,548,220, as compared with £126,547,440 last week.

The Bank of England rate of discount was reduced to-day to 6% from 6½%, at which rate it had remained since 28th April last.

A fair amount of gold came into the market and was taken for New York. The chaotic condition into which the Mexican currency had fallen during the years of civil strife seems to have been brought to an end. The system has been replaced upon a metallic basis. Notes have been retired and gold and silver coins have been substituted. The restoration is further strengthened by a decree issued by President Obregon which prohibits the importation into Mexico of any foreign money, except gold, after July 1, and also the circulation of foreign currency.

The Bulletin of the American Mining Congress under date June 4 1921, stated that the bill introduced by Representative McFadden of Penn., Chairman of the House Committee on Banking and Currency, to save the developed gold ore resources of the nation from loss and wastage due to the shutting down of the mines, has been referred to the Treasury Department. It is added "Secretary Mellon has been advised by those conversant with the situation that the gold mining industry of the United States and Alaska is in a languishing condition due to increased mining costs while the cost of the gold product remains stationary by law. Due to these conditions the gold production of the country has continued to decline yearly, being valued in 1920 at \$49,500,000 as compared with \$101,000,000 in 1915. It is said this decline will be accelerated if aid is not given the gold mining industry, because many more gold mines will close if deflation alone is left to adjust the present disparity between the cost of producing gold and the value of the product."

Now that the United States is suffering from a repletion of gold, it is difficult to see why an increase of its gold output should be considered necessary for financial reasons, or why its mining industry should be subsidized at the expense of the taxpayers.

SILVER.

Prices have been fairly well maintained throughout the week, but buying has been somewhat spasmodic and lacks energy. On the other hand, supplies continue rather scanty, though American offerings have been freer the last day or so. At the same time sales have been made from the same quarter to India. This disposition to meet the market doubtless has arisen from attempts to negotiate the sale of silver on account of German reparation finance, and rumors are passing current in this connection—well founded or otherwise—which tend to create an uneasy feeling in the various silver markets, though, for the time being, the actual effect is merely to retard or curtail business. It is possible that the world has some power of absorption just now owing to the speculative position of the China exchange.

Official news as to the monsoon is colorless. The crops in the Punjab and North West Province are reported to want rain badly, but it is too early to fear trouble, as the monsoon has hardly had time to develop in that area.

The output of the silver mines of Cobalt for the last five years is as follows:

1916	19,554,420 ounces
1917	18,337,258 ounces
1918	17,023,496 ounces
1919	10,491,753 ounces
1920	10,431,000 ounces

It is stated that the May production was only about 500,000 ounces but owing to the resumption of production by the Mining Corporation and an increased tonnage being dealt with at Conlagas, the production for June is expected to be about 650,000 ounces.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

(In Lacs of Rupees)—	May 31	June 7	June 15
Notes in circulation	16781	16789	16843
Silver coin and bullion in India	6717	6719	6774
Silver coin and bullion out of India	—	—	—
Gold coin and bullion in India	2430	2436	2435
Gold coin and bullion out of India	—	—	—
Securities (Indian Government)	6799	6799	6799
Securities (British Government)	835	835	835

The coinage during the week ending 15th inst. amounted to 7 lacs of rupees.

The stock in Shanghai on the 23rd inst. consisted of about 36,700,000 ounces in sycee and 27,000,000 dollars, as compared with about 38,700,000 ounces in sycee and 27,000,000 dollars on the 11th inst. Shanghai exchange is quoted at 3s. 5½d. the tael.

Quotations—	Bar Silver Per— Oz. Std.	Bar Gold Per Oz. Fine.
June 17	34¾d.	108s. 2d.
June 18	35¼d.	—
June 20	35¾d.	108s. 1d.
June 21	35¾d.	109s. 1d.
June 22	35¾d.	109s. 7d.
June 23	35¾d.	109s. 9d.
Average	35.333d.	108s.11.2d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and forward delivery are each ½d. above those fixed a week ago.

We have also received this week the circular written under date of June 30 1921:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue is £126,551,350, as compared with £126,548,220 last week.

A fair amount of gold came on offer and was practically all taken for New York. Gold to the value of \$400,000 has been received in New York from Holland.

The following are the United Kingdom imports and exports of gold during the month of May last:

	Imports.	Exports.
France	—	£6,815
West Africa	£49,333	—
United States of America	—	6,067,939
Rhodesia	109,173	—
Transvaal	1,843,016	—
British India	30,000	—
Other countries	930	4,725
Total	£2,032,452	£6,079,479

In this instance the very wide discrepancy between the sterling totals of the gold imports and exports probably arises from some delay in Customs entries passing into the statistics. It is, however, of importance to remember when comparing sterling values of the imports and exports, that incoming gold is declared on the basis of its coinage value, and outgoing gold upon that of its value in the open market, i. e., coinage value plus the premium paid by the exporters.

The Southern Rhodesian gold output for May 1921 amounted to 48,744 fine ounces, as compared with 47,858 fine ounces for April 1921 and 46,266 fine ounces for May 1920.

An important find of gold is reported from Meekatharra (Western Australia).

We learn from Bombay under date of 11th inst. that the feature of the gold market then was that in spite of the advance in price to Rs. 30.14-, upcountry arrivals of the metal were small. The net upcountry arrival even at this high rate was not more than about 5,000 to 10,000 tolas per day. Notwithstanding that the New York cross rate was down heavily, the banks were not able to secure gold freely from the market owing to these small arrivals, and the market was also bare of stock.

SILVER.

On the whole the market has been steadier in tone though not very active. The Indian Bazaars bought for shipment by this week's steamer but generally sold an equal amount for two months' delivery. The operations for China have been singularly erratic. On several days both purchases and sales were made for that same quarter.

No fresh developments have taken place in regard to the German silver to which we referred last week. Some of it is being shipped to America, but whether for the purpose of being pledged, or ultimately for realization, is not yet known.

The following details published by the Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank, Ltd., give a bird's-eye view of the great activity of currency within China and the comparative scantiness of bullion movements with other countries.

Arrivals and shipment of silver during the month (April) were as follows:

Arrivals of Bar Silver	378 bars
Shipments of Bar Silver to Hongkong	232 bars
Shipments of Sycee:	
To Foochow	Taels 60,000
To Hongkong	Taels 900,000
Taels	960,000
Arrivals of Dollars—	
From 16 various China ports	\$4,120,000
Shipments of Dollars—	
To 4 China ports	\$730,000
To 2 Japanese ports	590,000
To 1 British port (Hongkong)	2,955,000
	\$4,275,000

The above indicates that the British colony of Hongkong received more than 80% of the total exports.

INDIA CURRENCY RETURNS.

(In Lacs of Rupees)—	June 7.	June 15.	June 22.
Notes in circulation	16789	16483	16994
Silver coin and bullion in India	6719	6774	6925
Silver coin and bullion out of India	—	—	—
Gold coin and bullion in India	2436	2435	2435
Gold coin and bullion out of India	—	—	—
Securities (Indian Government)	6799	6799	6799
Securities (British Government)	835	835	835

The coinage during the week ending 22nd inst. amounted to 10 lacs of rupees.

The stock in Shanghai on the 25th inst. consisted of about 35,750,000 ounces in sycee, 27,000,000 dollars, and 420 bars of silver as compared with about 36,700,000 ounces in sycee, and 27,000,000 dollars on the 23rd. inst.

The Shanghai exchange is quoted at 3s-5 1/2d. the tael.

Statistics for the month of June are appended:

Table with columns: Bar Silver (Per Oz. Standard), Bar Gold (Per Oz. Fine). Rows: Highest price, Lowest price, Average.

Table with columns: Bar Silver per oz. Std. (Cash, 2 Mos.), Bar Gold (Per Oz. Fine). Rows: Quotations for June 24-30 and Average.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and forward delivery are each 1/4d above those fixed a week ago.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.

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

Table with columns: London, Sat. (July 9), Mon. (July 11), Tues. (July 12), Wed. (July 13), Thurs. (July 14), Fri. (July 15). Rows: Silver, Gold, Consols, British, French Rentes, French War Loan.

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

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

TREASURY CASH AND CURRENT LIABILITIES.

The cash holdings of the Government as the items stood June 30 are set out in the following. The figures are taken entirely from the daily statement of the United States Treasury for June 30:

CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Table with columns: Assets (Gold coin, Gold bullion), Liabilities (Gold cts. outstanding, Gold settlement fund, Federal Reserve Board, Gold reserve, Gold in general fund).

Note.—Reserved against \$348,681,016 of U. S. notes and \$1,576,184 of Treasury notes of 1890 outstanding. Treasury notes are also secured by silver dollars in the Treasury.

SILVER DOLLARS.

Table with columns: Assets (Silver dollars), Liabilities (Silver cts. outstanding, Treas. notes of 1890 out., Silver dollars in gen. fd.).

GENERAL FUND.

Table with columns: Assets (Gold, Silver dollars, United States notes, Federal Reserve notes, Fed. Res. bank notes, National bank notes, Subsidiary silver coin, Minor coin, Silver bullion, Unclassified currency, Depos. in Fed Res. banks, Deposits in special depositories, Depos. in foreign depositions), Liabilities (Treas. checks outstanding, Depos. of Govt. officers, Post Office Dept., Board of Trustees, Postal Savs. System, 5% reserve, Other deposits, Comptroller of Currency, Postmasters, Exchanges of currency coin, &c.).

Note.—The amount to the credit of disbursing officers and agencies to-day was \$792,031,368 91. Book credits for which obligations of foreign Governments are held by the United States amount to \$35,736,629 05.

PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT OF UNITED STATES APRIL 30 1921.

The statement of the public debt and Treasury cash holdings of the United States as officially issued for April 30 1921, delayed in publication, has now been received, and as interest attaches to the details of available cash and the gross and net debt on that date, we append a summary thereof, comparison being made with the same date in 1920.

CASH AVAILABLE TO PAY MATURING OBLIGATIONS. Table comparing Apr. 30 1921 and Apr. 30 1920. Rows: Balance end of month, Deduct—Excess disbursements, Deduct outstanding obligations, Total.

INTEREST-BEARING DEBT OUTSTANDING. Table comparing April 30 1921 and April 30 1920. Rows: Title of Loan, Interest Payable, Aggregate interest-bearing debt, Bearing no interest, Matured interest ceased, Ordinary debt, Deduct—Treasury balance, Total debt.

† Of these totals, \$32,854,450 bear various rates of interest. a Does not include partial payments received amounting to \$14,455. b On basis of cash receipts and repayments by the Treasurer of the United States. Note.—Issues of Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief bonds not included above; total issue to April 30 1921 was \$195,500, of which \$141,200 has been retired.

DEBT STATEMENT OF UNITED STATES JUNE 30 1921.

The preliminary statement of the public debt of the United States for June 30 1921, as made up on the basis of the daily Treasury statements, is as follows:

Table comparing May 31 1921 and June 30 1921. Rows: Total gross debt, Public-debt receipts, Public-debt disbursements, Increase for period, Total gross debt June 30 1921, Total gross debt before deduction, Bonds (Consols, Loan of 1925, Panamas, Conversion bonds, Postal Savings bonds, Liberty Loans), Notes (Victory Liberty Loan, Treasury notes, Treasury Certificates, War Savings securities), Total interest-bearing debt, Debt on which interest has ceased, Non-interest-bearing debt, Total gross debt.

TREASURY CURRENCY HOLDINGS.—The following compilation made up from the daily Government statements, shows the currency holdings of the Treasury at the beginning of business on the first of April, May, June and July, 1921:

Table with columns: Holdings in Sub-Treasuries, April 1 1921, May 1 1921, June 1 1921, July 1 1921. Rows: Net gold coin and bullion, Net silver coin and bullion, Net United States notes, Net national bank notes, Net Fed. Reserve notes, Net Fed. Res. bank notes, Net subsidiary silver, Minor coin, Total cash in Sub-Treasuries, Less gold reserve fund, Cash balance in Sub-Treasuries, Dep. in spec. depositories, Acct certs. of indebted, Dep. in Fed. Res. banks, Dep. in national banks, To credit Treas. U. S., To credit disb. officers, Total, Cash in Phillipine Islands, Deposits in Foreign Depts., Net cash in banks & sub-Treasuries, Deduct current liabilities, Available cash balance.

* Includes July 1 \$56,356,607 80 silver bullion and \$23,509,623 minor coins &c., not included in statement "Stock of Money."

GOVERNMENT REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES.

Through the courtesy of the Secretary of the Treasury we are enabled to place before our readers to-day the details of Government receipts and disbursements for June 1921 and 1920 and for the fiscal years 1920-21 and 1919-20:

Table showing Government Receipts and Disbursements by month and total. Includes categories like Customs, Internal revenue, Public Debt, and Grand total receipts.

Table showing Disbursements by month and total. Includes categories like Checks and warrants paid, Panama Canal, Public Debt, and Grand total disbursements.

* Receipts and disbursements for June reaching the Treasury in July are included.
b Net ordinary disbursements—see Daily Treasury Statement for June 30 1920.
c Counter entry (deduct).
Note.—The \$100,000,000 reduction in the capital stock of the United States Grain Corporation effected Aug. 20 1920 is reflected in an increase by that amount in both receipts and disbursements in the fiscal year 1921.

TRADE AND TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS.

UNFILLED ORDERS OF STEEL CORPORATION.—The United States Steel Corporation on Saturday, July 9, issued its regular monthly statement showing unfilled orders on the books of the subsidiary corporations as of June 30 1921, to the amount of 5,117,868 tons.

Large table comparing monthly tonnage of unfilled orders for steel from June 1917 to June 1921 across different months and years.

ANTHRACITE COAL SHIPMENTS.—The shipments of anthracite coal for the month of June 1921, as reported to the Anthracite Bureau of Information at Philadelphia, Pa., totaled 6,031,937 tons.

Shipments by originating carriers during June, 1921 and 1920 and for the respective coal years to June 30 have been as follows:

Table comparing Anthracite Coal Shipments by road (e.g., Philadelphia & Reading, Lehigh Valley) for June 1921, June 1920, and Coal Year to June 30 for 1921 and 1920.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

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

Table showing monthly changes in national bank notes and deposited bonds and legal tenders from June 30 1920 to June 30 1921.

\$150,772,400 Federal Reserve Bank notes outstanding June 30 (of which \$149,010,400 secured by U. S. bonds and \$1,762,000 by lawful money), against \$201,225,800 in 1920.

The following shows the amount of each class of U. S. bonds and certificates on deposit to secure Federal Reserve bank notes and national bank notes on June 30:

Table showing U. S. Bonds Held June 30 to Secure Federal Reserve Notes and National Bank Notes, categorized by bond type.

The following shows the amount of national bank notes afloat and the amount of legal-tender deposits June 1 and July 1 and their increase or decrease during the month of June:

Table showing National Bank Notes—Total Afloat and Legal-Tender Deposits for June 1 1921 and July 1 1921.

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 amounts in circulation on the dates given:

Table showing Stock of Money in the Country, categorized by Gold coin, Gold certificates, Silver certificates, etc.

Population of continental United States estimated at 108,087,000. Circulation per capita, \$53.42.
Note.—On July 1 1921 Federal Reserve banks and Federal Reserve agents held against Federal Reserve notes \$1,210,187,623 gold coin and bullion, \$264,358,280 gold certificates, and \$315,215,665 Federal Reserve notes, a total of \$1,789,761,568, against \$1,317,269,536 on July 1 1920.

FOREIGN TRADE OF NEW YORK—MONTHLY STATEMENT.

Table with columns for Month, Merchandise Movement at New York (Imports, Exports), and Customs Receipts at New York (1920-21, 1919-20).

Movement of gold and silver for the 11 months:

Table with columns for Month, Gold Movement at New York (Imports, Exports), and Silver—New York (Imports, Exports).

Canadian Bank Clearings.—The clearings for the week ending July 7 at Canadian Cities, in comparison with the same week in 1920, show a decrease in the aggregate of 18.6%.

Table showing Canadian Bank Clearings by city for the week ending July 7, comparing 1921, 1920, and 1918, with percentage change.

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

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED.

July 6—The Farwell National Bank, Farwell, Texas. Capital \$25,000. Correspondent: H. E. Guy, Texico, N. Mex.

CHARTERS ISSUES.

July 5—11,990, The First National Bank of Troutdale, Va. 25,000. President: J. Cam Fields. Cashier: W. F. Wright.

CORPORATE EXISTENCE EXTENDED.

5909—The Dothan National Bank, Dothan, Ala. Until close of business July 5 1941.

CORPORATE EXISTENCE RE-EXTENDED.

2543—The First National Bank of Bainbridge, New York. Until close of business July 5 1941.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION.

July 6—9,454, The Farmers National Bank of Sterling, Colo. Cap \$100,000. Effective June 28 1921.

CONSOLIDATION.

July 7—98, The First National Bank of Ironton, Ohio. Capital—\$300,000 and 242, The Second National Bank of Ironton, Ohio. Capital 125,000.

Auctions 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. 2,000,000 Shaw Oil Co., 25c. ea. \$7,500 lot.

By Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston: Shares. Stocks. \$ per sh. 9 Great Falls Manufacturing—122.

By Messrs. R. L. Day & Co., Boston: Shares. Stocks. \$ per sh. 3 Crocker Nat. Bank, Turners Falls—120.

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia: Shares. Stocks. \$ per sh. 50 Miners Nat'l Bank Pottsville, \$50 each—90.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are now grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week.

The dividends announced this week are:

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed. Days Inclusive. Includes Railroads, Street and Electric Railways, Banks, Fire Insurance, and Miscellaneous.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Miscellaneous (Concluded), Motor Products Corp., Mullins Body Corp., National Biscuit common, etc.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Miscellaneous (Concluded), Eisenlohr (Otto) & Bros., Elec. Storage Battery, Electrical Securities, etc.

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroads (Steam), Street and Electric Railways, Banks, and Miscellaneous.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Miscellaneous (Concluded), Internat. Harvester, Internat. Mercantile Marine, Kaministiquia Power, etc.

* From unofficial sources. † The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice. a Transfer books not closed for this dividend. b Less British income tax. d Correction. e Payable in stock. f Payable in common stock. g Payable in scrip. h On account of accumulated dividends. ‡ Payable in Liberty or Victory Loan bonds. n 1922. o Dividends of 50c. a month declared on common stock, payable on the first day of each month to holders of record on the 25th day of the month preceding date of payment. Also three quarterly dividends of 1 1/4% each on the preferred stock, payable July 1, Oct. 1 and Jan. 1 1922 to holders of record June 25, Sept. 25 and Dec. 25, respectively. p Payable in common stock of the Mengel Co.—\$4 75 in par value (\$100) of the common stock of the Mengel Co. for each share of the Amer. Tobacco common and common "B" stock held. r N. Y. Stock Exchange ruled that the stock should be ex-dividend on July 14.

Transactions at the New York Stock Exchange daily, weekly and yearly.—Brought forward from page 272.

Table with columns: Week ending July 15 1921, Stocks (Shares, Par Value), Railroad & Foreign Bonds, State, Mun. & Foreign Bonds, U. S. Bonds. Rows include Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Total.

Table with columns: Sales at New York Stock Exchange, Week ending July 15 (1921, 1920), Jan. 1 to July 15 (1921, 1920). Rows include Stocks—No. shares, Par value, Bank shares, par, Bonds, Government bonds, State, mun., &c., bds., RR. and misc. bonds, Total bonds.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Table with columns: Week ending July 15 1921, Boston (Shares, Bond Sales), Philadelphia (Shares, Bond Sales), Baltimore (Shares, Bond Sales). Rows include Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Total.

New York City Non-Member Banks and Trust Companies.—Following is the report made to the Clearing House by clearing non-member institutions which are not included in the "Clearing House Returns" in the next column:

RETURN OF NON-MEMBER INSTITUTIONS OF NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE. (Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers [000 omitted].)

Table with columns: CLEARING NON-MEMBERS, Capital, Profits, Loans, Discounts, Investments, Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Depositories, Net Demand Deposits, Net Time Deposits, Nat'l Bank Circulation. Rows include Members of Fed'l Res. Bank, State Banks, Trust Companies, Grand aggregate, Comparison previous week, Gr'd aggr. July 2, Gr'd aggr. June 25, Gr'd aggr. June 18, Gr'd aggr. June 11.

a U. S. deposits deducted, \$1,590,000. Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$718,000. Excess reserve, \$399,000 increase.

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House statement for the week ending July 9 with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding is as follows. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve system are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank. "Cash in vaults" is not a part of legal reserve. For trust companies not members of the Federal Reserve system the reserve required is 15% on demand deposits and includes "Reserve with legal depositaries" and "Cash in vaults."

Table with columns: Week ending July 9 1921, Members of F.R. System, Trust Companies, Total, July 2 1921, June 25 1921. Rows include Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, disc'ts & investm'ts, Exchanges for Clear. House, Due from banks, Bank deposits, Individual deposits, Time deposits, Total deposits, U. S. deposits (not incl.), Reserve with legal depositaries, Reserve with F. R. Bank, Cash in vault, Total reserve and cash held, Reserve required, Excess rec. & cash in vault.

* 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:

Table with columns: BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS, July 9 1921, Changes from previous week, July 2 1921, June 25 1921. Rows include Circulation, Loans, disc'ts & investments, Individual deposits, incl. U. S., Due to banks, Time deposits, United States deposits, Exchanges for Clearing House, Due from other banks, Cash in bank and F. R. Bank Reserve excess in bank and Federal Reserve Bank.

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 July 9. 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].)

Table with columns: CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS, Capital, Net Profits, Loans, Discounts, Investments, Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Depositories, Net Demand Deposits, Time Deposits, Bank Circulation. Rows include Members of Fed. Res. Bank, Bk of N Y, NBA, Manhattan Co., Mech & Metals, Bank of Amer., National City, Chemical Nat'l., Atlantic Nat'l., Nat Butch & Dr, Amer Exch Nat, Nat Bk of Com., Pacific Bank, Chat & Pnenx., Hanover Nat'l., Metropolitan, Corn Exchange, Imp & Trad Nat, National Park, East River Nat., Second Nat'l., First National, Irving National, N Y County Nat, Continental, Chase National, Fifth Avenue, Commonwealth, Garfield Nat'l., Fifth National, Seaboard Nat'l., Coal & Iron, Union Exch Nat, Brooklyn Tr Co, Bankers Tr Co, U S Mtg & Tr Co, Guaranty Tr Co, Fidel-Int Tr Co, Columbia Tr Co, Peoples' Tr Co, N Y Trust Co., Lincoln Tr Co., Metropol Tr Co, Nassau Nat. Bkn, Farm L & Tr Co, Columbia, Equitable Tr Co, Avge. July 9, Totals, actual condition, State Banks, Greenwich Bank, Bowery, State Bank, Avge. July 9, Totals, actual condition, Trust Cos., Title Guar & Tr, Lawyers Tr & Tr, Avge. July 9, Totals, actual condition, Gr'd aggr. avge. Comparison, previous week, Gr'd aggr., act'l Comparison, previous week, Gr'd aggr., act'l Comparison, previous week, Gr'd aggr., act'l Comparison, previous week.

Note.—U. S. deposits deducted from net demand deposits in the general totals above were as follows: Average for week July 9, \$162,457,000; actual totals July 9, \$154,023,000; July 2, \$170,650,000; June 25, \$222,311,000; June 18, \$243,151,000; June 11, \$11,387,000. Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities: average for week July 9, \$642,295,000; actual totals July 9, \$675,807,000; July 2, \$612,607,000; June 25, \$639,415,000; June 18, \$613,736,000; June 11, \$733,880,000. * Includes deposits in foreign branches not included in total footing as follows: National City Bank, \$95,556,000; Bankers' Trust Co., \$9,167,000; Guaranty Trust Co., \$112,800,000; Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., \$13,435,000; Equitable Trust Co., \$28,005,000. Balances carried in banks in foreign countries as reserve for such deposits were: National City Bank, \$37,947,000; Bankers' Trust Co., \$188,000; Guaranty Trust Co., \$11,609,000; Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., \$2,136,000; Equitable Trust Co., \$4,171,000. c Deposits in foreign branches not included. g As of April 1 1921. k As of May 6 1921.

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For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see preceding page.

Main table with columns for High and Low Sale Price—Per Share, Not Per Cent. (Saturday to Friday), Sales for the Week, Stocks New York Stock Exchange (Railroads, Industrial & Miscellaneous), and Per Share Range since Jan. 1 and Per Share Range for Previous Year 1920.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend. ‡ Less than 100 shares. § Ex-div. and rights. ¶ 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 July 9 to Friday July 15), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range since Jan. 1 On basis of 100-share lot (Lowest, Highest), PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1920 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Am Smelt, Amer Smelting & Refining, Am Steel, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-rights. § Ex-div. and rights. ¶ Par value \$100. ○ Old stock. * Ex-dividend.

Jan. 1 1939 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now—"and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Bid/Ask), Week's Range (Low/High), Bonds Sold, and Range Since Jan. 1 (Low/High). Includes sections for U.S. Government, Foreign Government, State and City Securities, and Railroad.

*No price Friday; latest bid and asked. aDue Jan. bDue April. cDue May. dDue June. eDue July. fDue Aug. gDue Oct. hDue Nov. iDue Dec. jOption sale

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Interest Period, Price (Bid/Ask), Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and Bonds Sold. The table is split into two columns for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE'.

* No price Friday; latest bid and asked this week a Due Jan b Due Feb. c Due June d Due July. e Due Sept. f Due Oct. g Option sale.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Interest Period, Price, Week's Range, Bonds Sold, and Range Since Jan. 1. The table is organized into two main sections: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE and BOND RECORD.

* 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

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Price, Week's Range, and Range Since. Includes sub-sections for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'Manufacturing and Industrial'.

*No price Friday latest bid and asked. aDue Jan. bDue April. cDue May. dDue June. eDue July. fDue Aug. gDue Oct. hDue Nov. iDue Dec. jOption sale.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange July 9 to July 15, both inclusive:

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

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange July 9 to July 15, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like American Radiator, American Shipbuilding, etc.

(*) No par value. x Ex-dividend.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, July 9 to July 15, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Arundel Corporation, Celestine Oil, etc.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange July 9 to July 15, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

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

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, July 9 to July 15, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like American Gas, American Rys pref, etc.

New York Curb Market.—Below is a record of the transactions in the New York Curb Market from July 9 to July 15, both inclusive, as compiled for the official lists. As noted in our issue of July 2, the New York Curb Market Association on June 27 transferred its activities from the Broad Street curb to its new building on Trinity Place, and the Association is now issuing an official sheet which forms the basis of the compilations below:

Table with columns: Week ending July 15, Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Industrial & Miscell, Acme Coal, etc.

Table with multiple columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale, Price, Week's Range of Prices, Low, High, Sales for Week, Shares, Range since Jan. 1., Low, High, 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. Includes sections for Rights, Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries, and Bonds.

Table with columns: Bonds (Concluded), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes various bond listings like Beth Steel 7% notes, Canadian Nat Rys 7s, etc.

* Odd lots. † No par value. ‡ Listed as a prospect. § Listed on the Stock Exchange this week, where additional transactions will be found. ¶ New stock. r Unlisted. w When issued. z Ex dividend. y Ex rights. z Ex stock dividend. † Dollars per 1,000 lire, flat. § Dollars per 1,000 marks. g Marks. k Correction.

Quotations for Sundry Securities.

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

Table with columns: Standard Oil Stocks, RR. Equipments, Public Utilities, Rubber Stocks, Sugar Stocks, Industrial & Miscellaneous. Includes listings like Standard Oil (California), RR. Equipments, Amer Gas & Elec, etc.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Table with columns: Banks—N Y, Trust Co.'s, Banks, Trust Co.'s. Lists various banks and trust companies with their bid and ask prices.

* 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 with columns: Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Lists various realty and surety companies with their bid and ask prices.

Quotations for Short-term U. S. Government Obligations. For prices of these securities see page 272.

* Per share. b Basis. d Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. e New stock / Flat price. k Last sale. 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.

Main table with columns: ROADS, Latest Gross Earnings (Week or Month, Current Year, Previous Year), Jan. 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Rows list various railroads such as Alabama & Vicksb., Ann Arbor, Aitch Topeka & S Fe, etc.

AGGREGATE GROSS EARNINGS—Weekly and Monthly.

Summary table with columns: *Weekly Summaries (Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %) and *Monthly Summaries (Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %). Rows show mileage and earnings for various months from April to May.

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

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the first week of July. The table covers 15 roads and shows 11.37% decrease in the aggregate over the same week last year.

Table with columns: First Week of July, 1921, 1920, Increase, Decrease. Lists 15 roads and their earnings for the first week of July 1921 and 1920, along with percentage changes.

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.—In our "Railway Earnings" Section or Supplement, which accompanies to-day's issue of the "Chronicle," we give the May figures of earnings of all steam railroads which make it a practice to issue monthly returns or are required to do so by the Inter-State Commerce Commission. The reader is referred to that Supplement for full details regarding the May results for all the separate companies.

In the following we give all statements that have come in the present week. We also add the returns of the industrial companies received this week.

Table with columns: Gross from Railway, Net from Railway, Net after Taxes, Net after Equip.Rents. Lists various companies and their earnings for May 1921 and 1920.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PUBLIC UTILITY COS.

Large table with columns: Name of Road or Company, Latest Gross Earnings (Month, Current Year, Previous Year), Jan. 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Lists numerous electric railway and public utility companies.

Table with columns: Name of Road or Company, Latest Gross Earnings (Month, Current Year, Previous Year), Jan. 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Lists various railroads 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 columns: Companies, Gross Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Net Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Fixed Charges, Balance Surplus. Lists various electric railway and utility companies.

Companies.	Gross Earnings		Net Earnings	
	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Tennessee Rail- way, Lt & Power Co	May '21 558,256	180,056	128,265	51,791
12 mos ending May 31	'20 548,713	200,805	127,330	73,475
	'21 6,580,562	2,096,663	1,544,446	552,217
	'20 5,889,716	2,132,210	1,532,867	599,343

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 June 25. The next will appear in that of July 30.

New York Central Railroad.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1920.)

The report is cited at considerable length, together with the corporate income statement, balance sheet, &c., under "Reports and Documents" on a subsequent page.

President Alfred H. Smith further says in brief:

Stockholders.—A table shows that whereas on Dec. 31 1915 the company had 25,042 stockholders, averaging 109 shares each (22,270 in the U. S., with an average of 104 shares each, and 2,772 abroad with 64 shares each, there were on Dec. 31 1920 32,396 shareholders with an average of 77 shares, viz.: In U. S., 32,173 sholders averaging 77 shares, and abroad only 223 holders with an average of 64 shares.

Loans from U. S. Government under Transportation Act of 1920.—On Dec. 23 1920 the company borrowed \$26,775,000 from the fund provided by Section 210 of the Transportation Act by two loans, for \$14,850,000 and \$11,925,000, respectively, [the loans being additional to various other financial operations described in the report as cited on another page.—Ed.]

Purposes for Which the Company Is Using the Proceeds of the \$14,850,000 Loan.

1. For its proportion of the 25% initial cash payment under the 1920 trust \$4,490,000
2. For additions and betterments to its existing equipment 2,486,000
3. Loan to the Cleve. Cinc. & St. Louis Ry. Co. to enable that company to meet its proportion of the 25% initial cash payment under the 1920 trust assumed by it under a sub-lease and for additions and betterments to that company's existing equipment x3,944,000
4. Loan to the Michigan Central RR. Co. to enable that company to meet its proportion of the 25% initial cash payment under the 1920 trust assumed by it under a sub-lease and for additions and betterments to that company's existing equip't. x3,930,000

x This company received from the companies named their 6% notes dated Dec. 23 1920, for the amounts lent to them as above stated, divided into 15 notes of each company, maturing in equal installments Dec. 23 1921-1935.

For this loan of \$14,850,000 this company gave to the Government its 15 notes, dated Dec. 23 1920, for \$990,000 each, maturing serially Dec. 23 1921-35, secured by the pledge of: (a) notes of the Cleve. Cinc. & St. Louis Ry. Co. and the Michigan Central RR. Co., guaranteed by this company; (b) \$994,000 of this company's 6% Refunding and Improvement Mortgage bonds, Series B, issued for the purpose of such pledge; (c) \$6,420,000 of 6% deferred equipment trust certificates dated Dec. 23 1920, maturing in equal installments Dec. 23 1921-35 [issued under agreement dated Dec. 15 1920, supplemental to the original 1920 equipment trust agreement heretofore mentioned]; (d) \$1,000,000 of 4% General Mortgage bonds of the Cleve. Cinc. & St. Louis Ry. Co. and the 7% demand note of the last-mentioned company, for \$4,000,000, guaranteed by this company, which note is in turn secured by the pledge of \$4,189,000 of that company's 6% refunding and improvement mortgage bonds, Series A.

For the loan of \$11,925,000, this company gave to the Government its 6% 10-year note dated Dec. 23 1920, secured by pledge of the above notes of the six companies above named, guaranteed by this company, several of the said pledged notes being, in turn, secured by the pledge of bonds or other collaterals as above shown; and (2) by \$5,500,000 of this company's 6% Refunding and Improvement Mtge. bonds, Series B, issued for the purpose of such pledge.

Purposes for Which the Company Is Using the Proceeds of the \$11,925,000 Loan.

1. For additions and betterments to its way and structures \$5,500,000
2. Loan to the Cleve. Cinc. & St. Louis Ry. Co. for additions and betterments to way and structures \$4,560,000
3. Loan to Cleve. Cinc. & St. Louis Ry. Co., which, in turn, made a loan for the same amount to the Cincinnati Northern RR. Co. to provide for additions and betterments of that company 113,000
4. Loan to the Michigan Central RR. Co. for add'ns & betterm'ts 613,000
5. Loan to Tol. & Ohio Cent. Ry. Co. for additions & betterm'ts 214,000
6. Loan to Zanesv. & West. Ry. Co. for additions & betterm'ts 60,000
7. Loan to Kanawha & Mich. Ry. for additions and betterments to way and structures and equipment 256,000
8. Loan to Lake Erie & Western RR. Co. for additions and betterments to way and structures and equipment 609,000

Note.—This company received from the six companies named, respectively, their 6% 10-year notes dated Dec. 23 1920, for the amounts which it lent as above stated. The note of the Cleve. Cinc. & St. Louis Ry. Co. for \$4,560,000 is secured by the pledge of a like amount of that company's 6% Refunding and Improvement Mtge. bonds, Series B, while the note of that company for \$113,000 is secured by the pledge of the 6% 10-year note, dated Dec. 23 1920, of the Cincinnati Northern RR. Co. for a like amount, guaranteed by the Cleve. Cinc. & St. Louis Ry. Co. The note of the Michigan Central RR. Co. is secured by pledge of \$507,000 of that company's 6% Refunding and Improvement Mtge. bonds, Series B.

Other Debts.—In addition to the funded debt outstanding, there were nominally issued during the year and pledged as collateral, as more fully set forth in the pamphlet report, \$31,494,000 of New York Central RR. Co. Refunding and Improvement Mortgage 6% bonds, Series B, and \$6,420,000 Supplemental Equip. Trust of 1920 deferred 6% equip. trust gold certifs.

Upon the payment in full at maturity of \$15,000,000 one-year notes, the \$20,000,000 of New York Central RR. Co. Refunding and Improvement 4 1/2% bonds, Series A, which were pledged in 1919 as part security for said notes, were returned to the treasury of the company and, upon resolution of the board of directors, canceled.

In addition to the funded debt outstanding on Dec. 31 1920, the following loans and bills payable appear on the balance sheet: War Finance Corp., \$17,500,000; Secretary of the Treasury, \$6,500,000; Director-General of Railroads, \$7,000,000; banks, trust cos., and misc., \$2,432,867; total, \$33,432,867.

On Oct. 25 1920 the company gave its 6% demand note for \$7,000,000 to the Director-General of Railroads, to be applied upon the company's indebtedness to the United States for additions and betterments made during Federal control. It was agreed that the note should be secured by the pledge of \$7,000,000, principal amount, of the company's Refunding and Improvement Mtge. bonds, Series B, to be issued, when authorized by the I.-S. C. Commission, against additions and betterments during Federal control. Aside from the above, the loans and bills payable are renewals or extensions of those shown in the stockholders' report for 1919.

New Express Contract.—On July 28 1920 the board authorized the execution of a uniform contract for express operations over rail lines with the American Railway Express Co. [The terms of this contract, quite fully stated in the report, were outlined in V. 112, p. 565.—Ed.]

Income Account.—The income to the corporation, arrived at by the addition of compensation received under Federal control, the guaranteed net railway operating income under Section 209 of the Transportation Act of 1920, and the net railway operating income for the four months Sept. to Dec. 1920, inclusive, was less by \$8,246,181 than that received as compensation from the U. S. Government during the Federal control year 1919. The results for the four months of operation since Aug. 31 have not indicated pro rata the return provided for under the Transportation Act and contemplated in the rate increases granted by the I.-S. C. Commission.

Miscellaneous rent income shows an increase of \$263,785, mainly due to additional amount accrued during the year on land leased.

The increase in dividend income of \$636,548 is principally accounted for by extra dividends declared during the year by the Mahoning Coal RR. Co. and by the Merchants Despatch Transportation Co.

Income from funded securities increased \$149,179, this being mainly attributable to interest received on old 1st M. bonds of the Kanawha & Hocking Coal & Coke Co., in connection with a general settlement with that company (V. 109, p. 1829).

The increase of \$694,494 in the income from unfunded securities and accounts is largely due to interest received from temporary investment, in U. S. Treasury Certificates and other securities, of cash from the sale of equipment trust certificates of April 15 1920, until such time as the funds were required to pay for new equipment.

Rent for leased roads increased \$1,077,449. This is almost entirely caused by larger payments to the Mahoning Coal RR. Co. since Feb. 29 1920. During Federal control the company paid, under agreement with the Mahoning Coal RR. Co., a rental based on 40% of the average annual earnings during the test period, while, since the termination of Federal control, payments have been on the basis of 40% of actual gross earnings.

The decrease of \$656,801 in war taxes is the result of a change in method of accounting since Aug. 31 1920, war taxes for the last four months of the year having been included in railway tax accruals. The increase of \$67,258 in charges for loss in connection with separately operated properties is in large measure our proportion of an increased deficit from operation of the Indiana Harbor Belt RR.

The increase of \$1,509,689 in interest on funded debt is due to the increase of such debt, while the increase in interest on unfunded debt is mainly in that accrued on deferred payments on additions and betterments to road and equipment and on other accounts due the U. S. Government, this more than offsetting the saving in interest due to the reduction in the short-term debt of the company.

The corporate general expenses shown for 1920 represent only those for the months of January and February during which the property was under Federal control, expenditures of this character for the remainder of the year being included in operating expenses. This accounts for the decrease of \$639,213 as shown.

The net corporate income for the year was \$13,734,688, a decrease of \$6,182,563 as compared with 1919. After payment of the dividends of 5% and sinking fund deductions of \$4,817, there remained for a year a surplus to be carried to profit and loss of \$1,250,256.

Relief at Niagara Frontier—Canadian Niagara Bridge Co.—American Niagara RR.—In order to afford relief at the Niagara frontier and to make more direct connection between the New York Central RR. and the Michigan Central RR., and through the latter with the Toronto Hamilton & Buffalo Ry. and the Canadian Pacific Ry., two companies have been incorporated: one known as the Canadian Niagara Bridge Co., organized under the laws of Canada with an authorized capital stock of \$3,000,000, and the other as the American Niagara RR. Corp., organized under the laws of the State of New York with an authorized capital stock of \$1,000,000. The Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. is to have the same percentage of stock in these two companies as it has in the Toronto Hamilton & Buffalo Ry. Co., namely, 27.138%, and the balance, 72.862%, is to be taken by the New York Central RR. Co.

The Canadian Niagara Bridge Co. is authorized to construct a railway from a connection with the Michigan Central RR. near Welland, Ontario, to the international boundary line and to a connection with the line of the American Niagara RR. Corp., including a bridge across the westerly, or Chippewa, channel of the Niagara River. The projected railroad of the American Niagara RR. Corp. is about 11 miles in length and will extend from a point of connection with the railroad of the New York Central at or near its junction with the Lehigh Valley RR., near Tonawanda, to a point of connection with the railroad and bridge of the Canadian Niagara Bridge Co., crossing the easterly, or Tonawanda, channel of the Niagara River on a bridge which will extend entirely across Grand Island to the international boundary line.

New Passenger Terminal at Cleveland, O.—Cleveland Union Terminals Co.—During 1920 negotiations were under way with the Cleveland Union Terminals Co. for the construction of a union passenger station in the city of Cleveland and the operation of the terminal upon its completion by the New York Central RR. Co., the Cleve. Cinc. & St. Louis Ry. Co. and the New York Chicago & St. Louis RR. Co. The plans contemplate the construction of a station at the southwest corner of the public square, with approaches extending approximately two miles on either side of the centre of the public square, connecting, on the east, with the New York Chicago & St. Louis RR., and, on the west, with the Cleve. Cinc. & St. Louis Ry. and the N. Y. Chicago & St. Louis RR., it being the intention to operate trains of the New York Central RR. Co., east of the station, over the tracks of the former Cleveland Short Line and the New York Chicago & St. Louis RR. from Collinwood to the terminal, and, west of the station, over the tracks of the Cleve. Cinc. & St. Louis Ry. from the terminal to Berea.

The plans further provide for independent tracks for interurban and rapid transit service to be operated by a traction company to which the facilities are to be leased. The station tracks and platforms will be 30 ft. and the service floor of the station will be about 10 ft. below the level of the public square. The supergrade of the station area will be developed with commercial buildings in a manner similar to that of the Grand Central Terminal, New York.

Applications have been made to the Inter-State Commerce Commission by the three railroad companies interested for permission to enter into contracts with the Cleveland Union Terminals Co. The effect of this improvement will be to provide a third line through the city of Cleveland on which passenger traffic will be handled, thereby relieving the main line on the lake front. This will permit the utilization of both the main line and the short line for freight purposes, through and industrial.

The problem which the company has to deal with in Cleveland is primarily one of capacity and the above solution provides the additional capacity at the lowest cost. Incidentally the elimination of congestion and of certain light engine movements as required by the present operation, and other miscellaneous savings will result in a considerable reduction in operating costs per unit.

Completion of Mail Service and Office Building in New York City.—The Mail Service & Office Building, one of the Grand Central Terminal group, was originally built up to and including the third floor. On March 11 1920 the work of completing this building by the addition of 13 stories was begun. At the close of 1920 the work was about 65% complete. The new floors will be in service early in 1921, when most of the railroad offices will be moved into the new structure. This will release for rental purposes 224,845 sq. ft. of space now occupied by the railroad forces in the main station and post-office building, from which there will be an estimated annual return of \$720,000.

Investments Aggregating \$104,790,340 in Improvements on Leased or Controlled Railway Property.

Grand Central Terminal	\$48,209,646	Beech Creek Exten. RR.	\$1,399,068
N. Y. & Harlem RR.	25,010,809	L. E. Alliance & Wheel.	1,192,376
West Shore RR.	18,681,045	N. Y. State Realty & Terminal Co.	964,405
Boston & Albany RR.	3,687,870	New Jersey Junction RR.	455,009
Beech Creek RR.	2,786,291	St. Lawr. & Adirond. Ry.	229,991
Hudson River Bridges at Albany	1,412,729	Other properties	761,690

Investments of \$10,983,123 in Miscellaneous Physical Property.

Apt. house, 33 E. 48th St.	\$362,500	Merch. Loft. Bldg., N. Y.	\$1,033,743
Adams Exp. Bldg., N. Y.	277,400	United Cigar Stores Bldg., N. Y.	161,880
Amer. Exp. Bldg., N. Y.	1,201,864	Mail Service & Office Bldg., N. Y.	3,276,600
Hotel "Biltmore" Bldg., N. Y.	2,800,000	Yale Club Bldg., N. Y.	250,000
Hotel "Commodore" Bldg., N. Y.	270,073	Other properties	1,349,054

OPERATING STATISTICS.

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Miles operated	5,684	5,675	5,682	5,685
Passengers carried	60,682,651	53,444,637	51,121,685	57,288,436
Passengers carried 1 mile	3094163303	2,954170092	2,520526836	2,546427088
Revenue per pass. per m.	2.734 cts.	2.561 cts.	2.395 cts.	1.963 cts.
Pass. rev. per train mile.	\$3.64	\$3.25	\$2.94	\$2.06
Tons carried (revenue)	110,753,433	96,048,798	117,495,612	110,237,661
Rev. tons car'd 1 mile	22567928559	20186749942	23851287933	22542547774
Revenue per ton per mile	0.930 cts.	0.862 cts.	0.737 cts.	0.603 cts.
Freight rev. per train m.	\$8.32	\$7.59	\$6.57	\$5.09
Operating rev. per mile.	\$59,573	\$49,980	\$47,392	\$38,039

COMBINED FEDERAL & CORPORATE OPERATING ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns for years 1920, 1919, 1918, 1917. Rows include Revenues (Freight, Passenger, Mail, Express, Milk, Dining cars) and Operating Expenses (Maint. of way & struc., Maintenance of equip., Traffic expenses, etc.).

x Comparison somewhat inaccurate in figures for 1918. Note.—For other income, deductions from income, dividend payments, balance sheet items, &c., see "Reports and Documents" on a subsequent page.—Ed.]

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Balance sheet table with columns for 1920 and 1919. Assets include Road & equip't, Impt. on leased railway prop., Misc. phys. prop., etc. Liabilities include Capital stock, Equip. oblig'ns, Mortgage bonds, etc.

Boston & Albany Railroad.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1920.)

The report of the New York Central RR. (see above) shows the following results from the combined Federal and corporate operations of B. & A. RR. for calendar years:

(Road operated by R.R. Administration from Jan. 1 1918 to Mar. 1920.)

Table with 4 columns for years 1920, 1919, 1918, 1917. Rows include Miles operated, Freight revenue, Passenger revenue, Mail, express, &c., Operating revenues, Maintenance of way & structures, etc.

For the year 1917 there was a deficit of \$4,533 after adding the company's other income and after deducting taxes, interest, dividends (8 3/4 %) and other charges to a total of \$5,003,495.—V. 112, p. 1616.

Florida East Coast Railway Co. (Flagler System).

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1920.)

Pres. W. H. Beardsley, June 1, wrote in substance:

Operations.—For the first two months of 1920 the railway was still under operation by the U. S. RR. Administration. During the succeeding six months it was operated by the corporation under the (Federal) guaranty, and after Sept. 1 by the corporation for its own account.

No Interest on Income Bonds.—Owing to the lesser earnings it was deemed unwise to pay any interest on the Gen. Mtge. Income bonds from the income of 1920, because of the necessity of conserving the resources for maintenance and improvements, which were imperative.

Improvements, &c.—Addition to freight station at Miami was authorized and practically completed during the year. New stations were constructed at Atlantic Beach and Long Key.

Replacement of the 70-lb. rail in main line between St. Augustine and Key West, with 90-lb. rail, was commenced during 1921, and will be carried to a conclusion as fast as circumstances permit.

Improved yard facilities were authorized for terminals at South Jacksonville, New Smyrna, Fort Pierce, Buena Vista and Key West.

Additional passing tracks and extensions thereof were authorized in approximate amount of \$180,000, and will be completed as soon as circumstances permit.

We authorized the installation of additional steel "I" beams on wooden bridges, and the further strengthening of other wooden bridge by use of a third stringer; good progress on this work is expected during 1921.

Additional 55,000-bbl. fuel oil storage tank at New Smyrna was completed and put into operation early in 1921.

Additional shop tools amounting to some \$80,000 were authorized, a considerable portion of which were put into operation; the remainder will be put into service during 1921.

Construction of additional ferry slip at Key West was authorized at an approximate cost of \$250,000. Work proceeded during the year and will be completed during 1921.

Ten Pacific type road and two switching locomotives authorized at an expense of approximately \$555,995 came to hand and were placed in service during the year.

Purchase was also made of two second-hand diners, approximate cost \$20,000. Two all-steel mail and six all-steel baggage-express cars were ordered at approximate cost of \$235,000, and were placed in service early in 1921. Ten Goodwin dump cars were purchased at an approximate cost of \$53,500. There were also ordered during the year ten additional cabooses, approximate cost \$54,450, and ten steel tank water cars, approximate cost \$33,500, all of which will go into service during 1921.

BALANCE OF \$918,027 DUE FROM U. S. GOVT., AS SHOWN ON BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 1920.

Table showing U. S. Government obligations to company, \$6,382,978, viz.: Assets and agents' accounts Dec. 31 1917, collected, Cash, Dec. 31 1917, Federal liabilities paid, &c., Cash received for additions and betterments, etc.

Balance due Dec. 31 1920 from U. S. Government \$918,027

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR 1920.

Table with 4 columns: Fed. Oper. Jan. & Feb. 6 Months, Guaranty 4 Months, Corporate for Year, Corp. Inc. for Year. Rows include Railway oper. revenues, Railway oper. expenses, Railway tax accruals, Uncollectibles, etc.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Table with 4 columns for years 1920, 1919, 1918, 1917. Rows include Average miles operated, Tons freight carried, Tons carried one mile, etc.

COMBINED FEDERAL & CORPORATE INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS (FROM JAN. 1 1918 TO MAR. 1 1920 ROAD OPERATED BY U. S. RR. ADMINISTRATION).

Table with 4 columns for years 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920. Rows include Freight, Passenger, Mail, express, &c., Incidentals, &c., Total oper. revenues, Expenses, etc.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Balance sheet table with columns for 1920 and 1919. Assets include Road & equipment, Misc. phy. prop., Inv. affil. cos., etc. Liabilities include Common stock, Equip. obligations, First Mtge. bonds, etc.

Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company.

(23d Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1920.)

President Agnew T. Dice, May 18, wrote in substance:

Federal Compensation Not Yet Fully Paid.—Final settlement in full by the U. S. RR. Administration for compensation due the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Co. for the 26 months of Federal control ended Feb. 29 1920 has not been consummated.

Increased Cost of RR. Operation.—An extraordinary increase in the cost of railroad operation has resulted from the inflated prices of labor, fuel

tially passed this along in our increased selling prices it was not deemed wise to attempt to fully cover it in this direction.

A sharp falling off in sales during the latter part of the year also had a retarding effect on our earnings.

Depreciation, &c.—The increased labor cost during 1920 is reflected as a loss in the inventory of manufactured goods on hand, since the merchandise inventory is taken on the basis of present reduced cost of production as regards labor as well as material. A large depreciation has been made in our inventory due to the fact that present market prices are very generally lower than cost prices.

A charge of over \$1,000,000 has been made against earnings, representing the depreciation in value of our current assets in foreign countries. While we hope that these properties will eventually return to normal, we consider it sound business policy to value such liquid assets at their market worth in U. S. currency. A special reason for this action is due to a 1920 ruling of the Internal Revenue Department which permits us to make such a deduction from our taxable income.

RR. Rates.—The sharp increase in freight and passenger railroad rates has affected us particularly because we assume all freight transportation charges, and because the traveling expenses of over 400 salesmen in the United States and Canada have been increased thereby.

Maintenance.—A considerably larger amount than usual has been expended for maintenance of plant and equipment, all charged to expense. This excess was necessitated by the fact that from 1917 to 1919, inclusive, labor conditions prevented much maintenance work.

Death of Mr. Ryan.—During the year occurred the sudden death of our former President, Frank G. Ryan, on April 20 1920. Mr. Ryan was our President for thirteen years and during these thirteen years the business nearly trebled in volume and the capital and surplus increased nearly 2 1/2 times. Mr. Ryan was the third President of the company in a history of over fifty years, and he did more than any one man to establish it on a firm financial basis with a world-wide reputation.

Labor.—In the spring of 1920 we experienced the only serious labor difficulty in our history, and while it caused considerable inconvenience, with temporary loss of production, the trouble was settled amicably.

Early in 1920, with a maximum payroll of about 3,000 persons in our Detroit plant, we employed 1,150 men and 1,766 women—a total of 2,916 new people to be trained, a labor turnover of almost 100%. Happily our present labor turnover is almost at the vanishing point and the marked improvement in individual efficiency in all classes of employees has very largely offset the heavy increase in wages. Unit production has increased between 25% and 40% as compared with one year ago.

New Facilities.—The imperative need of added storage space in June resulted in the purchase of a one-story modern concrete-constructed building 100 by 200 feet one-half block half from our own plant.

The only building activity during the year has been the addition of a fourth story to one manufacturing building, increasing our floor space about 6,000 square feet. With this exception, and the erection of a one-story building for the Employment and Time Offices in 1919, no increase has been made to our plant since 1910.

Extensions Proposed.—Realizing the necessity of definite expansion in the near future, your Board of Directors authorized a complete survey of the entire plant, with a view to determining our approximate requirements in buildings covering a period of years, and based upon our development during the past history of the business. This survey demonstrates unmistakably that we are about five years behind our growth in building activities. It is not unlikely therefore that whenever our Board consider building conditions most favorable a considerable building addition will be made to our manufacturing plant.

"Metagen" a New Vitamine Specialty.—One new specialty under the name Metagen has been placed on the market. This is a development of our own Research Laboratories and shows early evidence of becoming one of our most important products. Metagen presents in a concentrated extract form the Vitamines which have been established as one of the vital elements in foods. It has a wide field for usefulness.

Foreign.—Our business in foreign countries has steadily grown until in 1920 we did only about 60% of our total volume in the United States.

Outlook.—The confidence of the medical profession and drug trade in our label continues to increase and everything points to the same steady, healthy growth for many years to come which has characterized our past history.

[An extra dividend of 2% was paid June 30 1921 in addition to the quarterly dividend of 4%. In Jan. 1921 an extra of 4% was paid making with the four quarterly distributions of 4% a total of 20% for 1920, the same as paid in 1919.]

BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31.

Table with columns for 1920 and 1919, and rows for Assets (Real estate, machinery, &c., Cash, Accts. receivable, Investments, Inventories) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Accounts payable, Reserve for special taxes, Res. for div. Jan., Surplus).

INCOME AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for 1920, 1919, and 1918, and rows for Gross earnings, To write off bal. of assets in Russia, Recovery of Russian assets, To equalize value of accts. receiv. and cash in European banks with market rates of exchange, Deprec. of bldgs., machinery, &c., Special war and income taxes, Add war taxes for previous years, Cash dividends paid.

Balance, surplus for cal. year \$120,936 \$1,941,886 \$525,780 * These amounts are stated after deducting reserves.—V. 112, p. 2313, 1151.

Goldwyn Pictures Corporation of Delaware.

(Annual Report for Year ended Dec. 31 1920.)

President Samuel Goldwyn, May 27, wrote in substance:

Results.—The year 1920 was one of extensive development of our activities, mainly into lines closely related and affiliated with the corporation's interests.

The balance sheet and earnings statement herewith cover the Goldwyn Pictures Corp. and wholly owned subsidiaries; other subsidiaries which are not wholly owned by us are not included. The business of the Pictures Corp. for the year amounted to a total of \$7,891,000. Throughout 1920 production costs have been abnormally high. With the return, however, to more normal conditions, every element entering into motion picture production should be reduced. Considerable funds were used in 1920 to acquire interest in subsidiary corporations such as those mentioned below:

Goldwyn Limited.—This English distributing company has written in gross bookings since the beginning of operations, on or about June 1 1920 until April 1 1921, £309,000, or at the present rate of exchange (\$3.955 per £) \$1,222,095. These bookings are in greater part third year pictures and a small number of the fourth year pictures and reflect exceptionally fine prospects for material returns. While generally English bookings are two years in advance of playing we have booked individually all pictures for playing to begin with May 1921.

Ascher Brothers.—Our interest in this theatre circuit was acquired in Jan. 1920, at which time it consisted of 16 operating theatres. During 1920 there were completed and opened on the dates named the following additional theatres: (a) In Milwaukee, Merrill Theatre, May 15; (b) In Dayton, O., Auditorium Theatre, June 16; (c) in Chicago, Forest Park Theatre, Aug. 7; Commercial Theatre, Sept. 18; Portage Park Theatre, Dec. 11, and West Englewood Theatre, Dec. 30.

Since Jan. 1921 there have been completed and are now in operation: Palace Theatre, Peoria, opened Jan. 6; Capital Theatre, Cincinnati, April 2; Roosevelt Theatre, Chicago, April 23. All of these theatres are high-class modern motion picture houses.

Bishop-Cass Theatres Co.—Our interest in this theatre circuit was acquired in the spring of 1920, at which time there was being operated only the America Theatre in Denver, Colo. During 1920 there was acquired and put into operation the Sterling Theatre of Sterling, Colo., the Iris Theatre of Casper, Wyo., and the America Theatre of Casper, Wyo. There is also expected to be added, before Dec. 31 1921, the Tablor Grand

Theatre, Denver, which when reconstruction is completed, will be one of the finest motion picture theatres in the West.

Capitol Theatre, N. Y. City.—Our interest in this beautiful theatre property, located in the centre of the metropolitan district, was acquired on June 1 1920. The operations during the first year in which we have been interested are most satisfactory, promising a return fully justifying the investment.

Outside Picture Productions.—Considerable money was also advanced on account of outside picture productions, the return from which are reflected in small part in 1920 income and profits.

Production of Studios.—During the year 1920 the studios produced 34 feature pictures and 12 Edgar Comedies, superior to any previously produced by our studios.

During the year stories have been selected from the pens of such authors as: Rupert Hughes, M. Maeterlinck, Gertrude Atherton, Rex Beach, Booth Tarkington, Rita Weiman, Basil King, Mary Roberts Rinehart, Alice Duer Miller, Gouverneur Morris, Kathleen Norris, Anzia Yezierska, Leroy Scott and Katherine N. Burt.

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1920.

Table with rows for Income (\$8,416,439), Less—Royalties to producers, film exhaustion & theatre expense (4,819,367), Selling and Advertising expense (3,137,657), and Net profit (\$459,415).

BALANCE SHEET JAN. 1 1921 (Including only Subsidiaries wholly owned).

Table with columns for Assets (Cash, Liberty bonds, Accts. & notes rec. & adv. to producers, Inventory, Invest. in theatres & other cos, Advances to sub. companies, Studio at Los Angeles, bldgs. & equipment, Furn., equipment, &c., Theatre leasehold & equip, Deferred charges, Good-will) and Liabilities (Mtge. on Los Angeles studio due July 1 1924, Pay. in adv. of service (self-liquidating), Notes payable, Accounts payable, Prepaid subscr. to 2-yr. 8% convertible notes, Deferred earnings, Capital & surplus (offsetting capital stk., 482,425 3/4 shs., no par), Subscr. rec., stk. not yet iss'd).

—V. 112, p. 2541.

Total (each side) \$12,923,633

Salt Creek Producers Association, Inc., Denver.

President T. A. Dines wrote in substance:

The Salt Creek Producers Association, Inc., owns approximately 77% of the stock of Wyoming Oil Fields Co. and the Natrona Pipe Line & Refinery Co. and 67% of the stock of the Midwest Oil Co. The balance sheets reflect the condition of the several companies, and there is included in the cash as shown on same only that portion of the impounded and escrow funds, arising from production from unpatented lands, as had actually been released by the granting of leases by the Government and the settling of claims for past production up to that time.

Enclosed [with the official report] is a list of the leases in which the company has some interest, actually granted to date; also a list of the applications for leases which are still pending before the Department of the Interior.

There are still undistributed, impounded moneys in the amount of \$5,-284,613, in cash and Liberty bonds at par, in which your company has a substantial interest. Out of these impounded and escrow funds must be paid back royalties to the Government, amounts due other royalty interests, Wyoming State and county taxes and income and excess profits taxes.

BALANCE SHEET OF SALT CREEK PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION DECEMBER 31 1920.

Table with columns for Assets (Property & leases, Cash in banks, Accounts receivable, Notes receivable, U. S. Cdfs. of Indebted's, Stock in other companies, Deferred assets—Interest accrued, Contracts receivable, Miscellaneous) and Liabilities (Stock—Authorized, \$15,000,000; unissued, \$398,595; outstanding, 14,601,405, Accounts payable, Dividends payable, Taxes accrued, Capital surplus, Earned surplus).

BALANCE SHEETS OF CONTROLLED PROPERTIES.

Table with columns for Assets (Property account, Cash, Notes and accounts receivable, United States Government bonds, Miscellaneous securities, Stock in other companies, U. S. Dept. of Interior escrow, Contracts receivable, Miscellaneous) and Liabilities (Wyoming Oil Fields Co., Natrona Pipe Line & Refining Co., Notes payable, Accounts payable, Dividend payable April 5 1921, U. S. Dept. of Interior escrow suspense, Taxes accrued (b); reserve (a), Contracts payable, Surplus) for Wyo. Oil F. Co. and Natrona P. L. & Ref. Co. and Midwest Oil Co. for Feb. 28 1921 and Mar. 31 1921.

x Includes \$7,123,499 real estate and leases; \$247,429 oil wells; \$190,399 plant equipment, and \$10,983 miscellaneous equipment, totaling \$7,572,311, less \$1,652 reserve for depreciation and \$283,930 for depletion.

y Includes \$7,702,749 real estate and leases; \$1,640,195 construction and equipment, totaling \$9,342,944, less \$2,797,824 reserve for depletion and \$1,072,354 for depreciation.

c After deducting \$520,400 treasury stock. d After deducting \$312,232 unissued stock.—V. 112, p. 2649.

Automatic Electric Company.

(Annual Report for Year ended Dec. 31 1920.)

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for 1920, 1919, 1918, and 1917, and rows for Gross profit, Selling & gen. expenses, and Net earnings.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with columns for 1920 and 1919, and rows for Assets (Equip. & patents, Investments, Inv. at factory cost, Accts. & notes rec., Cash, Deferred assets) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Notes & accts. pay, Cust. mat. for rep., Nor. El. Co. sales suspense, Part. pay. on contracts, Def. items, Reserves, Surplus).

—V. 109, p. 373.

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.

Remedies for Waste in RR. Operation (F. J. Lisman).—"Ry. Age" July 9, p. 59 to 63.

Interchangeable Mileage Books at Reduced Rates Opposed by I.-S. C. Commission.—Idem, p. 85.

Labor Unions Defy the Labor Board and for Time Being Largely Nullify Order Abrogating the National Agreements—Production Restricted. Idem, p. 52, 53, 69.

Labor Board's Right to Reverse Decision (Abrogating National Agreements) Without a Hearings is Called in Question by Gen. Solicitor Sneff of Penn. RR.—(a) "Wall St. J." July 9, p. 7. (b) Full official statement, "Phila., N.B." July 13, p. 1.

Tentative Valuation Table.—"Financial America" July 8, p. 2.

Hearings before Senate Committee.—(a) "Ry. Age" July 9, p. 70 to 72. (b) *Fruits of Inquiry.* "Bost. N. B." July 9, p. 4.

Passenger Traffic in and Out of N. Y. Terminals in 1920.—Transit Commission reports total for 1920 as 252,763,523, or excluding Hudson & Manhattan tubes (85,685,868), 167,077,655, chiefly (1) Long Isl. RR. at N. Y., Bklyn. & L. I. City, 59,133,876; (2) N. Y. Central, 28,717,270; (3) Penn. RR., 18,369,036; (4) Cent. N. J., 18,136,928; (5) N. Y. N. H. & H., 16,952,093; (6) D. L. & W. at Hoboken, 21,553,040, of which by ferries to N. Y. 10,776,520. The L. I. RR. traffic via Flatbush Ave. Terminal, carried for a considerable distance over only two tracks, aggregated 33,968,090, an increase of 23% over 1919. "Ry. Age" July 9, p. 63.

Jitneys under Connecticut Public Acts of 1921 (Chap. 77), *Effective July 15, are Made Common Carriers, Subject to P. U. Commission, and Must Obtain Certificate of Convenience and Necessity.*—"El. Ry. Journ." July 9, p. 50-51.

New England Trolley Freight System.—Through co-operation of 12 trolley systems, freight service is operated from Boston, Providence and Fitchburg to Worcester, Northampton, Turners Falls, Windsor Locks, Westfield, Huntington, &c. Idem, p. 41 to 47.

Surplus Freight Cars.—Surplus good order freight cars on June 30 totaled 373,791, against 377,850 June 23; 507,274 May 23, and 256,749 Jan. 1921. "Times" July 11, p. 20.

Car Loadings.—The total for the week ended July 2 was 774,808 cars, which was a decrease of 253 from the previous week and a decrease of 116,813 cars, compared with the corresponding week last year, but an increase of 31,582 cars compared with 1919.

Merchandise and miscellaneous freight totaled 469,842 cars, an increase of 1,735 cars over the preceding week; grain and grain products totaled 40,547 cars, increase 1,726; ore, 30,335 cars, increase 1,414; coal, 157,265 cars, an increase of 266 cars (but 35,769 less than the corresponding week in 1920 and 2,331 cars more than in 1919); livestock, 24,923 cars, decrease of 3,306; forest products 47,542 cars, decrease 1,885; coke, 4,354 cars, decrease 203.

Per Cent of Home Cars on Home Roads June 15.—For the country as a whole 73.1%. In Eastern district, 65.9%; Allegheny, 79.3%; Pocahontas, 80%; Southern, 71.8%; and Western, 74.4%. "Times" July 13, p. 20.

Sugar Rate Case of 1914 Reopened as to Rates from Chicago Westerly, on Petition of Am. Sugar Ref. Co.—"Fin. Am." July 14, p. 7.

Obituary.—John F. Wallace, Consulting Engineer of N. Y., died in Washington July 3. Charles A. Prouty, Director of Valuation of the I.-S. C. Commission, died July 8.—"Times," July 9, p. 9.

Proposition to Cut Wages on N. Y. City Lines 10%.—See Interborough R. T. Co. below.

General Reduction in Freight Rates Not Justified at This Time.—Julius Kruttschnitt, Chairman of Southern Pacific Co., in letter to stockholders. "Times" July 13, p. 17.

British RRs.—Progress in Consolidation—Labor's Bill for Govt. Ownership.—"Eng. News Record" July 14, p. 76.

Dining Car Prices to be Again Reduced.—A despatch from Chicago, July 14, announces that these prices, already cut 25% since the war, will be further reduced.

May Earnings.—Net operating income of 80 RRs. for May 1921, as compiled by Assn. of Ry. Executives, shows total of \$37,246,000, being an increase of nearly \$8,000,000 over April, but representing an annual rate of only 2.41%, against 6% sanctioned by Act of 1920. "Sun" July 9, p. 11.

Commission Orders Rates to be Reduced Nov. 1 About 20% on By-Product Coke from N. J. to New England, N. Y., &c.—"Iron Age" July 14, p. 113.

Pueblo Flood—Full Train Service After 3 Days.—"Ry. Review" July 9, p. 46 to 49.

Canadian RRs. to Follow U. S. Wage Plan in Locomotive and Car Departments.—"Fin. Am." July 15, p. 5.

Reduction in Western Tariffs on Live Stock Recommended to I.-S. C. Commission.—"Times" July 15, p. 15.

California RRs. Challenge Validity of King Tax Bill.—"El. Ry. Journ." July 9, p. 70.

Chinese Eastern Ry. Authorizes Loan of 25,000,000 Taels (\$20,000,000).—"Times" July 10, p. 13.

New Bolivian Govt. RR.—Contract signed by the Ulen Contracting Corp., of 120 Broadway, N. Y., the road to cost about \$10,000,000. "Times" July 14, p. 25.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of July 9.—(a) Electric railway earnings in year 1920, p. 124 to 129; (b) RR. wage cuts, etc., to go to referendum, p. 148; (c) Pullman Co. authorized to reduce shop wages, p. 149; (d) Senate RR. investigation temporarily suspended, p. 149; (e) RRs. to receive advances of \$500,000,000 from U. S. Govt., p. 148.

American Niagara RR.—New Enterprise.

See New York Central RR. under "Financial Reports" above.—V. 112, p. 160.

Arkansas & Louisiana Missouri Ry.—Stock Authorized.

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to issue at par for cash \$1,000,000 capital stock. It is proposed that the proceeds of such stock will be used for the following purposes, to-wit:

Purchase of road.....	\$375,000
Reconstruction of road purchased.....	445,000
Working funds.....	30,000
Purchase of additional transportation facilities.....	150,000

—Compare V. 113, p. 69.

Atlantic City & Shore RR.—Receiver Discharged.

A. J. Purinton has been discharged as receiver of the road on application in the U. S. District Court before Judge Rellstab. The company was placed in receivership on Nov. 26 1915 following inroads made into the receipts of the company when jitneys started to operate on Atlantic Ave., Atlantic City, occupied by the railway. Subsequently the city ruled the jitneys off the main thoroughfare. It is said the principal factor in restoring the credit of the company has been the fact that for more than a year it has been operating most successfully under a 7-cent fare.—V. 111, p. 188.

Atlantic Coast Line RR.—Wages—No Merger.

The following statement has been issued by the company: "On account of the severe depression in business from which this company has suffered, it was deemed necessary to apply to the U. S. Labor Board for reduction in wages of all classes of employees over which their authority with respect to wages extended. The Labor Board, in a recent decision, ordered a reduction in the wages of these employees, effective July 1. "The management feels that all employees whether coming under the jurisdiction of the Board or otherwise, should bear a part of the burden and has decided, therefore, effective July 1, to make a reduction in the salaries of all officers and employees not coming under the board's decision. "Henry Walters, chairman of both this company and Louisville & Nashville RR. in denying reports that a merger of the two systems was about to be made effective said: "There has been no consideration whatever of a consolidation of the Atlantic Coast Line and the Louisville & Nashville."—V. 112, p. 2181, 60.

Atlantic & North Carolina RR.—New Officers.

C. D. Bradham has been elected President and W. Stamps Howard Secretary and Treasurer, succeeding Charles S. Wallace and T. W. Slocumb, respectively.

Directors.—H. D. Bateman, C. D. Bradham, T. Austin Finch, M. L. Jones, Courtney Mitchell, W. H. McElwee, David F. McKinne, Dr. Joseph F. Patterson.—V. 105, p. 714.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—Bonds Authorized.

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company: (1) to issue \$1,624,000 Ref. & Gen. Mtge. bonds, Series B, for pledge, from time to time, as collateral security for any note or notes that it may issue, without authorization of the common; and (2) 9 subsidiary companies to issue certain bonds, in amounts as follows: Schuylkill River East Side RR., \$8,500; Baltimore & Ohio RR. Co. in Pa., \$30,500; Fairmont Morgantown & Pittsburgh RR., \$14,500; Wheeling Pittsburgh & Baltimore RR., \$19,000; Washington County RR., \$2,000; Pittsburgh & Western RR., \$22,000; Baltimore & Ohio & Chicago RR. (Ohio & Ind.), \$31,500; Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern RR., \$671,000; and Pittsburgh Junction RR., \$128,500.—V. 112, p. 2641, 2535.

Boston Elevated Ry.—City to Appeal Elevated Case.

Mayor Peters has notified the Boston City Council that he intends to take to the U. S. Supreme Court the question of the constitutionality of the public control act as it affects the Boston Elevated Railway Co. and has asked for \$7,500 appropriation to pay expenses of Attorney Nathan Mathews for the prospective new proceedings.—V. 112, p. 2535, 2304.

Boston & Maine RR.—Refunding.

The stockholders will vote Aug. 16 on certain matter. Among others the question of refunding bonds coming due the latter part of the year.—V. 112, p. 2747, 2641.

Brooklyn City RR.—New Officer.

A LeRoy Hodges has been appointed Assistant Secretary & Assistant Treasurer.—V. 112, p. 2535.

Canadian Niagara Bridge Co.—New Enterprise.

See New York Central RR. under "Financial Reports" above.

Charleston (W. Va.) Interurban RR.—Merger Rumored.

A consolidation of Charleston Dunbar Traction Co. and Charleston Interurban RR. may result from the sale of the Dunbar line to Isaac Lowenstein, who purchased the road for other parties.

V.-Pres. Fred M. Staunton, of the Interurban, said that negotiations are pending regarding the future of the Dunbar line, but was not prepared to admit that any definite plans have been consummated. Pres. W. A. MacCorkle of the Interurban said that he was not in a position to give any information concerning plans for the merger.

Mr. Lowenstein took over the property from Fred. Paul Grosscup, at a price said to be \$400,000. ("Electric Ry. Journal" July 2.)—V. 111, p. 791.

Chicago & Alton RR.—New Terminal Nearing Comple'tn.

The "Railway Age" July 9, has an article of 5 pages with numerous charts &c., describing the new freight terminal in Chicago, which is now nearing completion.—V. 113, p. 67.

Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.—New Officer.

R. J. Marony has been elected Vice-President, in charge of the New York office, succeeding George G. Mason.—V. 113, p. 182, 70.

Chicago Ottawa & Peoria Ry.—Court Upholds Company.

Federal authority recently sustained the right of the company to charge 10 cents for rides within the city of Ottawa, Ill. This decision rules out the petition of the city asking the Federal court to prohibit the company from charging 10 cents for rides which start and terminate in the limits of Ottawa. The company is also permitted to charge 3.6 cents per mile for passenger traffic.—V. 108, p. 267.

Chicago Rock Island & Pacific RR.—Rent Notes, &c.

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company (1) to issue and deliver to Bankers Trust Co., trustee under National Railway Service Corp's. Equipment Trust Agreement, Series A, Lease Basis, \$6,470,230 80 rent notes, pursuant to a contract dated June 1 1921, known as Carrier Contract No. 1 pursuant to terms of National Railway Service Corp. Equipment Trust Agreement, Series A, Lease Basis, to be dated June 1 1921; said \$6,470,231 rent notes being equal to \$3,921,352, principal, and \$2,271,036 interest, of prior lien and deferred lien certificates, and \$277,843 for contingent fund, as provided in Carrier Contract No. 1, and in trust agreement; and

(2) To assume obligation or liability, by the execution of a contract of indorsement and guaranty, in respect of obligations of the National Railway Service Corp. for a U. S. loan of \$1,568,540.

In order to secure the repayment of the loan of \$1,568,540, company is authorized to pledge with the Secretary of the Treasury: (a) \$5,972,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. 4s of 1934; and \$2,750,000 St. Paul & Kansas City Short Line Ry. 4 1/2% 1941 and \$1,950,000 Rock Island, Arkansas & Louisiana RR. 1st mtge. 4 1/2s of 1934 (both of latter are guaranteed principal and interest by the company) subject to the existing pledge thereof with the Secretary of the Treasury as security for certain notes given by the company in connection with financial transactions arising out of the use of its system during the period of Federal control; and also any additional or other securities which may hereafter be pledged with the Secretary of the Treasury as security for indebtedness to the U. S. arising out of Federal control, the pledge thereof as security for the repayment of said loan of \$1,568,540, and any obligation or obligations evidencing the same to be subject to the pledge of said bonds as security for such indebtedness; and (b) \$19,798,000, 1st & Ref. Mtge. 4s 1934, subject to the existing pledge thereof with the Secretary of the Treasury as security for the repayment of loans made by War Finance Corp. evidenced by demand notes aggregating \$10,430,000; and (c) also any and all securities that may hereafter be pledged by the company with the Secretary of the Treasury as security for loans made to or for the benefit of the company.

Company is also authorized to transfer to Bankers Trust Co., trustee, under National Ry. Service Corp. Equipment Trust Agreement, Series A, Lease Basis, all of its right, title, interest or equity in and to the above securities, subject, however, to the prior pledges, liens, interests or equities therein which have been or may be pledged by the company as security for its indebtedness to the Director General, or to the United States for loans.

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to guarantee principal and interest of \$237,000 4 1/2% 1st mtge. gold bonds of Rock Island Arkansas & Louisiana RR. (see latter company in V. 113, p. 184).—V. 113, p. 182.

Chicago Surface Lines.—Five-Cent Fare Petitions.

Petitions for 5-cent fares, directed against the four companies operating as the Chicago Surface Lines, have been filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission by counsel, representing the city of Chicago, Mayor Thompson and others. Five petitions have been filed, one against each of the traction companies, and one against all of them.

The petitions accuse the companies of "extravagance, inefficiency, poor service and misuse of funds," and assert that the companies "can make money and give better service if the income from a 5c. fare be rightly used."

The petitioners would have the companies apply their renewal funds, which the petitions estimate at \$11,000,000, to fare reduction and turn over to the city more than \$3,500,000, declared to be due the city under the 1907 ordinance.

The Illinois Commerce Commission has ordered the local traction companies to answer the city's petition for a 5-cent fare by July 27. Counsel for the companies argues that the Commission is without jurisdiction to try this case as a bill is pending before the U. S. Supreme Court in a similar case, in which the city is the plaintiff.—V. 113, p. 70.

Chicago Union Station Co.—Bonds Authorized.

The Illinois Commerce Commission has authorized the company to issue \$16,000,000 bonds to finance the continuation of the work on the Union station, delayed during the war because of the scarcity of labor and the high cost of materials.

J. D'Esposito, Chief Engineer, says: "6,000,000 of the bonds have already been sold (V. 112, p. 2304). The money will allow us to push work on the head house, train shed, concourse and the Government mail building. We hope to have the entire project completed within three years and unless the labor situation changes for the worse we will have trains running on some of the new tracks by the end of this year."

The total bond issue authorized for the terminal project is \$60,000,000. The \$6,000,000 issue (V. 112, p. 2304) already sold are 6½s. In 1915 \$30,000,000 4½s were issued (V. 102, p. 608), and in 1920 \$10,000,000 6½s were sold (V. 110, p. 1488).—V. 112, p. 2304.

Chicago Utilities Co.—Sale of Assets.—

A. H. Muller & Son on July 15 sold at public auction at the Exchange Salesrooms, 14 Vesey St., N. Y. City, the assets of the company, pledged under its indenture to the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. dated June 1 1914, to R. J. Dunham, representing J. Ogden Armour, for \$750,000.

According to the terms of the sale bids were received for the property as an entirety, but no bid less than \$750,000 was allowed. The assets of the company sold include stock and bonds of Chicago Tunnel Co., Chicago Warehouse & Terminal Co. and Illinois Telephone & Telegraph Co. (see V. 112, p. 2747).

A motion made by minority stockholders to prevent the sale was denied July 14 by Judge Foell of the Superior Court.—V. 112, p. 2747.

Cincinnati & Columbus Trac. Co.—Master Appointed.

Richard Swing, Cincinnati, has been appointed Master Commissioner with authority to determine the assets and liabilities of the old Cincinnati & Columbus Traction Co. by Judge Stanley C. Roettinger of the Hamilton County Common Pleas Court. Mr. Swing will determine what assessment, if any, should be levied against stockholders, who are said not to have paid in full for their stock. ("Electric Ry. Journal" July 2).—V. 111, p. 1277.

City Railway, Dayton.—Strike.—

Employees of all six city traction companies, with the exception of the city division of the Cincinnati & Dayton interurban line, went on strike July 6. Employees, justifying their strike action, charge that the companies have violated their agreement by announcing a new maximum wage of 45 cents an hour without arbitration, and that an attempt is being made to break the power of the union and start an open-shop policy.—V. 111, p. 294.

City & Suburban Ry., Brunswick, Ga.—No Bids.—

This road was put up at the receiver's sale on July 5 but no bid for the property was received.—V. 113, p. 70.

Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis RR.—

See New York Central RR. under Financial Reports above.—V. 112, p. 2536.

Cleveland Union Terminal Co.—Status.—

See N. Y. Cent. RR. under "Financial Reports" above.—V. 112, p. 1024.

Community Traction Co.—New Directors.—

A. P. Nicklett, Secretary, Auditor and Purchasing Agent of the company, and W. L. Milner, formerly Chairman of the Commission which drafted the cost-of-service ordinance, have been elected directors.—V. 112, p. 2747.

Cumberland (N. C.) Ry. & Power Co.—Sale.—

The entire holdings, including properties and franchises, was bid in for \$75,000 for a committee of bondholders by Pres. Herbert L. Jones, at the public sale at Fayetteville, July 2.

It is stated that the bondholders plan to continue the system in operation, taking active charge as soon as the sale is confirmed. See 112, p. 2536. 2413, 61.

Delaware Railroad.—Bonds Retired.—

The Phila. Stock Exchange on July 9 struck off the regular list \$38,000 General Mtge. 4½% bonds, due July 1 1932, leaving the amount listed \$337,000.—V. 111, p. 389.

Denver & Interurban RR.—Receivership Ended.—

This road, the electric line operating to Boulder and Eldorado Springs, Colo., has emerged from the receivership brought about in 1918 by the conditions of Government control of the railroads. Company is a subsidiary of Colorado & Southern, but when the Government took over the Colorado & Southern, along with others, the electric line was not taken over, but was thrown on its own resources.

Then followed suit for defaulted interest by the holders of the bonds, resulting in the appointment by Federal Judge Robert E. Lewis of W. H. Edmunds, manager, as receiver. Under the Federal receivership the fares were increased to compare with the rates on steam lines to the same points.

This enabled the company to better its earnings. With the return of the railroads to private ownership the Colorado & Southern was enabled to resume its former guardianship of the electric line, hence the discharge of the receiver and the return of the property to its owners.—V. 111, p. 1852, 1287.

Denver & Rio Grande RR.—Present Situation.—

See Denver & Rio Grande Western RR. below.—V. 112, p. 2747.

Denver & Rio Grande Western RR.—Stock Issue Approved—Commission to Inquire into History, &c., of Companies Concerned.—The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized this new holding company to issue 300,000 shares Common stock without nominal or par value.

Condensed Extracts from Findings of Commission.

The applicant has been organized by the holding company to take over practically all of the property of Denver & Rio Grande RR. (the old company). The purchasers have agreed with applicant by contract dated April 4 1921 to cause title therein to be vested in the applicant, and as the principal consideration therefor, applicant will issue the 300,000 shares of its Common capital stock, no par value. Such stock will be acquired by the holding company, which has been represented by the purchasers (of the old road; V. 111, p. 2139), and will be retained by such company for the purpose of maintaining control.

It appears that the property has been sold subject to the lien of all existing mortgages thereon, but that as a result of the sale the property will be relieved of liability for the balance remaining unpaid on the judgment of Equitable Trust Co., amounting to \$35,224,493. The outstanding capital stock of the old Denver company is \$49,775,670 Pref. and \$38,000,000 Common. The applicant for the present will have outstanding only 300,000 shares Common stock. Total authorized, 500,000 shares (par \$100) Preferred and 1,000,000 shares of Common stock (no par value). The property will be acquired by the applicant subject to [all] the outstanding funded debt, aggregating \$121,175,500.

Negotiations are now in progress between the holding company and the holders of the Refunding bonds and the Adjustment bonds, which contemplate the retirement thereof through foreclosure and the substitution therefor, if all of the bondholders consent, of \$25,750,000 7% Pref. stock of the applicant and \$15,750,000 5% bonds secured by a junior lien on the applicant's property. If the proposed substitution is effected, the fixed charges upon the property will be reduced approximately \$1,500,000. (See Western Pacific RR. Corp. in V. 111, p. 1846.)

It appears that the applicant is in need of new equipment and of betterments to its way and structures. The holding company proposes to finance \$12,000,000 of these requirements, for which it is proposed ultimately to issue to the holding company an additional 120,000 shares of applicant's common stock. Pending an agreement with the holders of the Refunding bonds and Adjustment bonds, however, the holding company will make advances only where they can be adequately secured.

Referring to the objections made by the stockholders' committee of the old Denver company, we are of the opinion (a) that the proposed acquisition and operation by the applicant of the properties of the old Denver company are not within the scope of paragraph (18) of Section 1 of the Act, because such property was in existence and was operated in inter-State commerce prior to the effective date of that paragraph. (b) That the proposed acquisition of applicant's stock by the holding company does not constitute a consolidation of the property of two or more carriers within the meaning of paragraph (6) of Section 5 of the Act. The testimony shows that although the holding company will by stock ownership control both the applicant and the Western Pacific RR., the properties of the cooperating companies will be separately owned, managed and operated. (c) Inasmuch as the holding company is not a carrier engaged in the transportation of passengers or property subject to the Act, the acquisition of the control of the applicant by the holding company is not within the scope of paragraph (2) of Section 5.

It appears that the stockholders of the old Denver company have been represented at various stages in the proceedings against such company, and have sought unsuccessfully to prevent the sale of its property and the confirmation of such sale. The testimony shows that the only proceeding

now pending in their behalf is based upon an independent bill in equity brought in the U. S. District Court for the District of Colorado by certain of the stockholders against the Equitable Trust Co. and others, including the applicant, praying for an injunction against the further enforcement of the judgment obtained by the trust company against the old Denver company and asking for other appropriate relief.

Since the applicant is a party to this action and will be bound by any judgment or decree rendered therein, our approval of the proposed issue of stock and the resultant acquisition of the property of the old Denver company by the applicant, will not interfere with the prosecution of any remedy to which the stockholders may be entitled by reason of such action.

The propriety of many of the transactions between the old Denver company and the old Western Pacific company has been questioned, and we have by our order of July 11 1921 instituted a general investigation into the history, financial operations, accounts and practices of the old Western Pacific company, the old Denver company, the Western Pacific RR. and the applicant, and their respective relations with one another. Pending such an investigation, we express no opinion with respect to such transactions, and nothing herein contained shall be construed as approval by us of any of the acts of the old companies or of their officers and directors.—V. 112, p. 1865.

Galesburg & Kewanee Electric Ry.—Fare Increase.—

Judge Louis FitzHenry in the U. S. Court has granted authority to this company, operating between Kewanee and Galva, Ill., to increase its passenger fare to 4 cents a mile. The distance between the two cities is 8 miles and the fare is now 32 cents instead of 28 cents.—V. 112, p. 469.

Grand Trunk Pacific Ry.—Rights of Debentures.—The unsatisfactory position of the holders of these securities is pointed out by a correspondent of the London "Times," who writes:

The Canadian Government has taken over from the Grand Trunk Co. that company's obligation towards the Grand Trunk Pacific debenture holders. This obligation was to devote any net revenue after payment of interest on Grand Trunk debentures, but before dividends on Grand Trunk guaranteed stock to meeting any shortage of Grand Trunk Pacific revenues required to cover the interest on the Grand Trunk Pacific debentures. There is no such net revenue of the Grand Trunk being earned at this moment. Therefore, legally, the Canadian Government have at this moment no liability to the Grand Trunk Pacific debenture holders. Under a separate agreement, to which the Grand Trunk Pacific debenture holders are not parties, the Canadian Government have undertaken to pay the dividends on Grand Trunk guaranteed stock, and this obligation they are now fulfilling. It appears to me that the Grand Trunk Pacific debenture holders have a legal right to claim from the Grand Trunk Co. as money had and received for their use any funds which the Canadian Government has handed to the company in pursuance of the Government's undertaking to pay the dividend on the guaranteed stock.—V. 112, p. 1282.

Houston (Tex.) Electric Co.—New Franchise.—

A new franchise ordinance has been agreed upon by both the company and the Houston City Council. The ordinance as drawn constitutes a practical service at cost franchise and gives the city Council considerable control over the operations of the company in the matter of valuations, returns, extensions and betterments.

The franchise also provides that a revaluation of the company's properties may be made by the city by agreement with the company or through the courts; if a revaluation is made by agreement, the cost of the same is to be charged by the company to operating expenses, but only one valuation each two years shall be charged to operating expenses.

Interest is to be paid by the company on the unearned portion of the depreciation or stabilization fund when such portion of the fund is used by the company or the city, and such interest is to be credited to either of the funds so used and not to gross revenues. Bond discounts, brokerage fees or interest on money borrowed by the company are to be paid from the company's own funds and not from operating expenses.

Luke C. Bradley, Vice-President, says: "While the franchise is not what the company would have drawn or what it would have desired, it is acceptable. We realize that it gives the city Council practical control of the company and gives the company very little. We are, however, relying on the good faith expressed by the Council and the good faith of the people of Houston that the company will have a square deal in all matters.—V. 110, p. 1289.

Huntington & Broad Top Mtn. RR. & Coal Co.—Dividend of 1% to be Paid Aug. 1 on the Preferred Stock.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 1% on the Pref. stock, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 15. In Feb. last, a distribution of 1½% was made; this was the first dividend paid on the Pref. stock since Jan. 25 1908, when a distribution of 3½% was made. The company, it is said, is earning at the rate of 3% per annum on the Preferred stock.—V. 113, p. 71.

Interboro. Rapid Transit Co.—10% Wage Cut Proposed.

President Frank Hedley has announced that he has proposed a cut of 10% in wages for the trainmen, to go into effect July 24. Although the present agreement with the men does not expire before Dec. 31 next, acceptance by the men of the 10% reduction seems assured. Already some of the locals have voted to accept. Accompanying the proposal for an adjustment of wages is a guarantee that there will be no further reduction before July 1 1922.

President Frank Hedley says: "I have laid before the men the financial condition of the company and have requested that they agree that their wages, commencing on July 24, shall be cut 10%. It is true that we had agreed to pay the men their present wages until Dec. 31. However, some time ago, when the cost of living was rapidly rising, we had a contract with the men for a fixed wage, which contract had not yet expired, but the company at the request of the men voluntarily made an increase. Now the conditions are the reverse, and the company requests the men to treat it the same as the company has treated them. I understand that this is being considered and debated. I have complete confidence in the co-operation of the very large majority of our men, and we expect to receive their support and aid in this matter."

Negotiations between Receiver Hedges and employees of the New York Railways regarding wage adjustments are in about the same state as the Interborough's, and it is likely that similar action in the surface line wage situation will follow modifications of labor agreements on rapid transit lines.—V. 113, p. 71.

Kansas Oklahoma & Gulf Ry.—Bonds Authorized.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$203,478 Series B 6% Cum. Income bonds. The issue of Series B bonds in full settlement of claims will be in accordance with the plan of adjustment under which the company acquired the properties of Missouri Oklahoma & Gulf RR. system involved in receivership proceedings. See V. 108, p. 1936, and V. 112, p. 469.

Knoxville Ry. & Light Co.—Fare Increase.—

The Tennessee RR. & P. U. Commission has issued an order allowing the company to charge a 6-cent fare, effective July 3. The original application of the company was for a 7-cent fare and a 2-cent transfer charge. This was denied, the Commission holding that the company had not set up sufficient reason for such an advance.—V. 112, p. 258.

Lancaster & Chester Ry. of Pa.—To Extend Bonds.—

The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to enter into an agreement with the holders of \$135,000 1st Mtge. 20-year 5% gold bonds maturing July 1 1921, to extend them for a term of one year and increase the rate of interest to 7%. See V. 112, p. 2748.

McCloud River Ry., Calif.—New President.—

D. M. Swobe has been elected President to succeed the late J. H. Queal.—V. 85, p. 1005.

Manaos Tramways & Light Co.—Receiver—Interest.—

A receiver was appointed on June 10. It was announced that owing to the unprecedented fall in the sterling value of the Brazilian currency it will not be possible for the interest due July 1 on the 5% debentures to be paid.—

Michigan Central RR.—Finances, &c.—

See New York Central RR. under "Financial Reports," above.—V. 112, p. 2305.

Milford Attleboro & Woonsocket St. Ry.—Fare Increase

A new 10-cent zone rate recently went into effect. The old rate was 7 cents for single fares. Strip books are provided, giving 13 trips for \$1.—V. 109, p. 1527.

Minneapolis & St. Louis RR.—Rent Notes, &c.—

The I. S. C. Commission has authorized the company (1) to issue and deliver to Bankers Trust Co., trustee under National Railway Service Corp.'s Equipment Trust Agreement, Series A, lease basis, \$1,593,034 rent notes, pursuant to a contract dated June 1 1921, known as Carrier Contract No. 2, pursuant to terms of National Railway Service Corp. Equipment Trust Agreement, Series A, lease basis, dated June 1 1921; said \$1,593,034 of rent notes being equal to the \$965,475 principal and \$559,151 interest of prior lien and deferred lien certificates and \$68,408 for the contingent fund, as provided in Carrier Contract No. 2, and in trust agreement; and

(2) To assume obligation or liability by the execution of a contract of indorsement and guaranty in respect of obligations of National Railway Service Corp. for a U. S. loan of \$386,190.

In order to secure the repayment of the loan of \$386,190 company is authorized to pledge with the Secretary of the Treasury: (a) \$219,000 Ref. & Ext. mtge. 5s series A, due 1962, and (b) \$1,500,000 Ref. & Ext. mtge. 5s series A, due 1962, subject to the existing pledge thereof with the Secretary of the Treasury as security for a note of \$750,000 required by the Dir.-Gen. of R.Rs. to be given in connection with financial transactions arising out of operations during the period of Federal control; and also any additional securities which may hereafter be pledged with the Secretary of the Treasury as security for indebtedness arising out of Federal control, the pledge thereof as security for the repayment of the loan of \$386,190 to be subject to the pledge as security for such indebtedness; and (c) also any and all securities that have been or may hereafter be pledged by the applicant with the Secretary of the Treasury as security for loans made for benefit of the company.

Company is also authorized to transfer to Bankers Trust Co., trustee, under National Ry. Service Corp. Equipmnet Trust Agreement, Series A, Lease Basis, all of its right, title, interest, and equity in and to the above securities, subject, however, to the prior pledges, liens, interests, or equities therein, respectively, which have been or may be granted to or vested in the United States or in the Secretary of the Treasury. See V. 113, p. 183.

The I. S. C. Commission has authorized the company to issue and place in its treasury \$714,000 Ref. & Ext. mtge. 5s for the purpose of reimbursing its treasury for expenditures made for retirement of \$316,000 equipment obligations and \$398,000 for additions and betterments to roadway and structures.—V. 113, p. 183, 71.

Missouri Kansas & Texas Ry. of Tex.—Extension.—

The I. S. C. Commission has authorized C. E. Schaff, Receiver, to extend the maturity of \$3,000,000 receiver's certificates from Feb. 15 1921 to Feb. 15 1922. (See V. 112, p. 1024).—V. 113, p. 183, 71.

Montreal Tramways Co.—Plans New Financing.—

President E. A. Robert is quoted: "It is true the company plans new financing, but the financing will not be done until conditions change sufficiently to enable us to finance at a cheaper rate than money costs at the present time." The new financing, it is stated, will be partly to reimburse the company for capital expenditures. It was stated also that the new financing would possibly take the form of both bonds and stock, and would be between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000. "This new financing will not be done, however, all at one time," said Mr. Robert. "We have an issue of \$3,000,000 maturing next year, which will have to be taken care of, but there will be no need of financing for that now, although the amount is included in the figures mentioned."—V. 112, p. 653, 470.

Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis Ry.—Reduces Wages

Reductions in the salary of every employee and officer of the road from President to track walker were announced July 7 from the office of President W. R. Cole as having gone into effect on July 1, the decrease averaging approximately 60% of the increase that was granted in Aug. 1920.—V. 112, p. 2305.

Nashville Ry. & Light Co.—Wages Reduced.—

A reduction in wages of from 3 to 7 cents an hour was put into effect July 1. The new scale will run from 38 to 48 cents an hour, according to the length of time in service. Old scale was from 45 to 55 cents an hour.—V. 112, p. 2537.

New York New Haven & Hartford RR.—Insurance Company Reduces Holdings from 35,640 Shares to 7,000 Shares.

The Mutual Life Insurance Co., New York, has been gradually disposing of its stock holdings in the New Haven. In 1916 the company owned 35,640 shares, and showed the same ownership each year until 1919. In that year it reported ownership of 30,640 shares, and in 1920 it was owner of record of only 15,000 shares. On the latest stockholders' list, that of April 1921 the Mutual Life does not appear as a record owner. It does own at present, however, 7,000 shares. In four years, therefore, it has sold 28,640 shares of stock, reducing its ownership from 35,640 shares to 7,000. Of this reduction, 15,640 shares were sold during the period from March to July 1919. The stock in that time ranged from a high of 34 1/2% to a low of 25 1/4%. In Jan. and Feb. of this year the company sold 12,000 shares more and the price range in those months was 23 1/2% high, 18 1/2% low. The total sales of New Haven by the Mutual Life were, therefore, made between a high of 34 1/2% and a low of 18 1/2%, over a period of nearly two years. ("Boston News Bureau").—V. 113, p. 71.

New York Rys.—Wage Reduction—Transfer Decision.—

See Interborough Rapid Transit Co. above and Ninth Ave. RR. below.—V. 112, p. 2749.

Ninth Ave. RR., N. Y. City.—Rental Suit—Transfers.—

The company has brought action against the 42d St. Manhattanville & St. Nicholas Ave. Ry. and the Third Avenue Ry. in the Supreme Court to recover \$42,000, representing rentals for the use of its track on Broadway between 61st and 71st Sts. This amount is said to have accrued from Oct. 3 1919 to July 1 1921. The action is brought on the agreement which was made Dec. 1 1897 between the defendant and the Metropolitan Street RR., which was then a lessee of the plaintiff railroad.

An order signed July 13 by the Transit Commission requires the New York Railways to accept transfers given by the Ninth Avenue line for a ride from 53d St. and 7th Avenue east to Sixth Ave. and south to the terminal of the Sixth Avenue surface line. The privilege of transfers was denied passengers on the Ninth Avenue line when it was separated from the New York Railways system in Oct. 1919.

See also Interborough Rapid Transit Co. below.—V. 109, p. 1273.

North Carolina RR.—New Officers.—

Wade H. Harris has been elected President, and Archibald Johnson, Sec. & Treas., succeeding W. H. Wood and R. Bruce White, respectively. Directors.—John F. Bowles, W. T. Brown, Wade H. Harris, C. W. Johnston, Robert Lassiter, R. W. H. Stone, William Weill, Gilbert C. White.—V. 89, p. 163.

Oregon-Washington RR. & Navigation Co.—Tax Liab.

The I-S-C. Commission has authorized the company to assume additional liability upon \$14,755,500 1st & Ref. Mtge. 4% Series A now owned by Union Pacific RR., by agreeing to pay Federal income taxes which may become due on account of the int. payable thereon upon condition, however, that Union Pacific RR. shall substantially reimburse the Oregon company for its assumption of such additional liability.—V. 112, p. 563.

Paducah (Ky.) Ry.—Fare Decision.—

As a result of a recent decision of Federal Judge Walter Evans, making permanent an injunction against the city, which sought to hold the fare at 6 cents, the company will continue to collect a 10-cent fare. The city, however, may reduce the fare after the franchise expires in Oct. 1921 if an examination of its earnings shows the 10-cent fare is excessive.—V. 109, p. 1367.

Pennsylvania & New Jersey Ry.—Cuts Wages.—

The company has announced a reduction in wages for all employees, effective July 21. Crews on double-truck cars will be cut from 50 to 42c. an hour, while operators of one-man cars will receive 47 instead of 55c. Office employees also will have their salaries lowered.—V. 92, p. 726; V. 112, p. 1978.

Philadelphia R. T. Co.—Rental Case—Reversal only as to Technicality—Commission Has No Right to Attack Rental Payments but Case Should Not have gone to Superior Court.—

In Dec. 1920 the Superior Court of Penna. handed down a decision denying the order of the P. S. Comm. requiring the underlying companies to file answers to averments made by the city and two local business men's associations with regard to rentals of the underlying companies. V. 111, p. 2521; V. 112, p. 163, 258, 142. The city, the P. S. Comm. and business associations appealed and on July 1 the Penna. Supreme Court decided that, whereas the Superior Court was right in denying that the reasonableness of the rentals paid to the underlying companies was subject to attack by the P. S. Commission, the matter should never have been brought before that court and that the proper course would have been for the underlying companies to apply to the local county court for an injunction restraining the Commission from inquiring into the rental payments.

Statement from Philadelphia "Ledger" of July 2 as to decision of Supreme Court.

In an opinion written by Justice Alexander Simpson Jr. the court, in essence, declares that what a public utility such as the P.R.T. does with the money it receives by way of "reasonable return for the service it furnishes" is no concern of the P. S. Commission or the public. If the P.R.T. from the rates which it is authorized to collect is not able to pay its fixed charges (of which the rentals are a part), and at the same time maintain or extend its service and facilities, that also is no concern of the Commission or the public, says the court.

The response [July 1] among lawyers to the decision of the court was that it substantiated completely the argument of the underlying companies that the P.R.T. had made a bargain to pay the rentals and must pay them. Attorneys for the underlying companies said their main contention that the Commission could not inquire into the rents or leases, but was restricted to the question of rates charged by utility companies, was sustained.

When the decision was announced there was some confusion as to its effect. That was due to the fact that the decision declared the Superior Court had erred in holding that the underlying companies had the right to appeal from the order of the P. S. Commission. When later examined more closely the Supreme Court decision, it was found, reversed the Superior Court on a mere technical ground. That was that the Superior Court had no right to consider the matter at all, as the underlying companies had not followed the proper procedure in taking an appeal from the order of the Commission.

The Court pointed out that the proper procedure would have been for the underlying companies to resort to the Common Pleas Court of Dauphin County for an injunction to restrain the Commission from inquiring into the rentals.

But as far as the main question was concerned, that of inquiring into the rentals, the Supreme Court decided in favor of the underlying companies in the following language:

Extracts from Court Decision.

"Hence, whereas here, under legislative authority, such a corporation (referring to an underlying company) has transferred its franchises and assets and has ceased to function the Commission has no jurisdiction over it, since the company has no rates to make or collect, no service to render the public and no facilities to furnish or extend.

"This conclusion alone defeats the intervening complaints before the Commission, for they are directed against non-functioning corporations only. If it be true, as argued by appellants, that there is a residue of power remaining in the underlying companies, notwithstanding the leases, doubtless the statute (Public Service Co. Law of 1913) if applicable will be duly applied when, if ever, they attempt to exercise those powers. In these complaints nothing is alleged on this subject."

In other parts of his opinion Justice Simpson referred to the immunity of rentals from investigation by the P. S. Commission. After describing the history of the various street railways in Philadelphia, culminating in contracts made with the P.R.T. as an operating company and providing for the rentals, he said:

"All this occurred long before the Public Service Co. Law of July 26 1913 went into effect; and these contracts, of course, are of binding force, according to their terms, unless the State constitutionally can and actually has interfered therewith on behalf of the public."

Considering whether the contracts for rentals may constitutionally be interfered with, the opinion continues:

"A wrongful impression seems to exist in certain quarters that all past or present contracts of a public service company are subject to revision, if the P. S. Commission so wills. The P. S. Commission law, however, like all others not in the course of the common law and providing extra judicial remedies (even though the exercise of the jurisdiction conferred may ultimately be brought within the scrutiny of a court), covers only such matters as are expressly or by necessary implication included within its terms; and while, under the Act the Commission is given plenary powers touching the things committed to it, still, so far as concerns contracts made by the utility they are comparatively few in number.

"In the matter of rates, service and facilities, and these are the only subjects referred to in the complaint under consideration, the powers of the Commission are limited to the review of actions by operating companies, for only this character of utility company can affect rates, services or facilities by acts 'done or about to be done, omitted or about to be omitted in violation of any of the requirements or provisions of this Act.' And they alone furnish service 'sufficient for the accommodation and safety of its patrons, employees and the public.'"

The opinion then proceeds to point out that the underlying companies are not "operating" companies and that they do not render "service" or "make or collect rates," and consequently are not amenable to the Commission. Says the opinion further:

"No contract made by a public utility is subject to a direct attack and revision unless it is in itself a rate contract; and no contract may be indirectly reviewed in such cases, unless it has some relation to one or more of the elements to be considered in revising the rate. * * * Fixed charges for franchises and assets long since acquired and now entitled to be retained only by continuing the payments provided in the lease thereof are not among those elements. * * *

"Besides, neither the Commission nor the public has anything to do with the disposition of the rates which the utility is authorized to collect nor is it any concern of either that the sum total thereof may not be sufficient to enable the operating company to pay its fixed charges and maintain or extend its service and facilities. The company is entitled to receive a reasonable return for the service it furnishes, and no more; the public is entitled to receive an adequate return for the reasonable rates it pays, and no more.

"Beyond making sure of these two things, the statute does not vest a greater power in the Commission, so far as the matter under consideration is concerned. It has ample authority to see that its orders, as to service and facilities, are fully complied with by the P.R.T. Co., if the effect of so doing is that the latter's stockholders receive no return on their investment, because of the necessity for compliance with the terms of the leases, this concerns them alone, and not the complainants or the public.

"Moreover, if the statutes give to the Commission the power to reduce these rentals, it may also increase them, a conclusion which would be a great surprise to everybody, and against which, if decreed, these interveners would be among the first to complain. As the matter now is, the law gives neither right, and hence the Commission should at once have halted this attempt to induce it to exceed its powers. * * *

"It follows that appellee was right in objecting to intervenor's attempt to subject the rentals to the jurisdiction of the Commission, but was wrong in supposing the remedy for its error in not dismissing the intervening complaints was by appeal.

"The decree of the Superior Court is reversed, the appeal from the order of the P. S. Commission is quashed and the record is remitted to that body for further proceedings according to law."—V. 113, p. 183.

Pittsburgh (Pa.) Rys.—Accept Wage Cut.—

The street car employees have voted to accept a 15% reduction in wages in preference to submitting the question to a board of arbitration.—See V. 113, p. 183.

Public Service Corporation, N. J.—Fare Decision.—

See Public Service Ry. below and V. 113, p. 183.

Public Service Ry., N. J.—P. U. Commission Denies 10-Cent Fare but Grants 2-cent Transfers—New Schedule Based on \$82,000,000 Valuation.—

The New Jersey P. U. Commission on July 15 rendered its decision at Newark concerning a fare for the company's lines, based on property valuation. The Board continues the present 7-cent fare, but increases the

charge for transfers from 1 cent to 2 cents. This fare is not an emergency fare, but is fixed by the Board to be in force until basic operating conditions change. The increased charge becomes effective Aug. 4.

The Board places a valuation of \$82,000,000 on the company's property. It estimates that the additional transfer charge, added to the company's present revenue, will afford a return of slightly more than 7% on the valuation found. The Board rejected the Ford, Bacon & Davis valuation of \$125,000,000.

Extracts from Findings of Commission.

"We had before us data relating to the valuation as follows: The Cooley appraisal made by the company; the appraisal made by Ford, Bacon & Davis under contract with the State Appraisal Commission; testimony of the Board's experts and of the municipalities, also the historical cost of the property as developed by witnesses for the municipalities." With respect to the Ford, Bacon & Davis appraisal, the Board in its opinion says:

"We have been unable, in view of all the testimony, to accept the Ford, Bacon & Davis valuation of \$125,000,000 for this property; while we have given consideration to this valuation in reaching our conclusions, we have also considered all of the other evidence in the case. Col. Black, the witness produced by Ford, Bacon & Davis, admitted that this valuation represented neither pre-war costs nor present day costs, but was an estimate which he made as to what is the value of the property by projecting into the pre-war costs an undefined sum to represent present-day cost. He further admitted that this was a matter upon which engineers might differ and that after all the question of value is one of pure business judgment."

Referring to the estimate of President McCarter, the Board said: "The absurdity of some of the claims of value made by the company is illustrated by Mr. McCarter's contention that the value of the property for rate-making purposes is \$200,000,000. Assuming that the Board allowed the company to collect a fare high enough to pay operating expenses and a 7% return upon a value of \$200,000,000, this would make \$14,000,000 available for dividends on its stock and to pay interest charges on guaranteed stock and rentals on underlying companies, amounting to approximately \$5,150,000.

"Deducting this \$5,150,000 from \$14,000,000 leaves approximately \$8,850,000 with which to pay dividends on its outstanding capital stock, or about 18%. Considering the fact that the company never paid over 8% dividends, such a return, drawn from the riding public, would be grossly excessive."

Referring to the decision of the Supreme Court on the company's appeal from the Board's decision denying a 10-cent fare, the Board said:

"The Supreme Court reversed the action of the Board and has handed down an order requiring the Board to increase the rate of fare in the company's application for a 10-cent fare.

"The Board, believing that the only proper method of arriving at a just and stable rate is by taking into consideration all elements and factors, including valuations, has appealed from the order of the Supreme Court. The Chancellor has been unable to convene the Court of Errors and Appeals and so the Supreme Court's order commanding an increase in rates, based upon the evidence in the 10-cent case, is now in effect.

"Side by side with this order of the Supreme Court, requiring the Board to fix a rate on the evidence in the 10-cent case alone, is the mandate of the Legislature as expressed in the Acts of 1920 and 1921, known as the Valuation Acts, which direct this Board to hand down a decision in the valuation case within three months of the passage of the said Act, such decision, of course, to be based upon valuation as well as other elements." See V. 113, p. 183.

Reading Company.—Sub-Companies' Reports.—

See Philadelphia & Reading Ry. Co. and Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co. under "Financial Reports" above.—V. 113, p. 66.

Reading Transit & Light Co.—Cuts Wages.—

The company has announced a reduction of 4 cents an hour in the wages of its motormen, conductors and other service men employed over the entire system centering in Reading, Norristown and Lebanon. This changes the maximum wage of 54 cents an hour to 50 cents an hour.—V. 111, p. 2141.

Roanoke Traction & Light Co.—Bonds Called.—

Twenty-one (\$21,000) First Mtge. & Collateral Trust 5% sinking fund gold bonds have been called for payment Aug. 1 at 105 and interest at the Baltimore Trust Co., Baltimore, Md.—V. 111, p. 190.

Stone Canyon Pacific RR.—To Be Rebuilt.—

This road, extending from the S. P. line just north of San Miguel to the Stone Canyon mine, 23 miles, is to be rebuilt and placed in operation. Mining of coal is to be resumed at the Stone Canyon mine. (San Francisco "News Bureau").—V. 91, p. 1770.

Sunbury (Pa.) & Selinsgrove Elec. St. Ry.—Reorg.—

This road, a part of the system known as the Sunbury & Susquehanna Ry. (V. 112, p. 1868), was recently reorganized with a capital of \$120,000 and a bond issue of \$230,000. The property was recently sold at receivers' sale. ("El. Railway Journal")—See V. 112, p. 2538.

Tennessee Central RR.—Sale, &c.—

Federal Judge E. T. Sanford at Nashville, Tenn., July 11, modified the order of sale heretofore entered on May 21 and reduced the upset price from \$2,000,000 to \$1,500,000. The sale has now been fixed for Oct. 1.

It is also expected that Judge Sanford will sign an order authorizing the receivers to issue \$205,000 in certificates to make needed improvements on the railroad.

Other questions, including a motion by the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. to dismiss the amended petition filed by the Director General of Railroads for want of equity in so far as it seeks a lien upon the corpus of the railroad superior to the lien on the prior lien bonds, were expected to be settled.—V. 113, p. 72.

United Electric Rys., Providence.—Status New Co.—

A series of questions and answers to help clarify the local traction situation in Providence, published in a Providence paper, says in substance:

A new company, the United Electric Rys. Co., is running the trolley lines in and around Providence this morning (July 9). The property acquired includes: All the trolley lines operated by the Rhode Island Co. when it went into the receivership, except the Narragansett Pier RR. These lines were the Union RR., Providence Cable Tramway Co., Pawtucket Street Ry. and the Rhode Island Suburban Ry., all leased by the Rhode Island Co. and known as the United Traction system; the lines in and around Woonsocket owned by the Rhode Island Co.; and the lines formerly leased to Rhode Island Co. by the Sea View RR. and the Prov. & Danielson Ry.

The new company has bought and has received title to the so-called United Traction system, embracing all the lines in and around Providence and Pawtucket.

The Rhode Island Co. continues to own the Woonsocket lines, which will be operated by the receivers of the Rhode Island Co. until those lines are sold by the receivers. This sale is expected to be made at an early date, and it is expected that the United Electric will then acquire these properties also. In the meantime the United Electric has entered into an agreement to co-operate with the receivers to continue the operation of the Woonsocket lines, so that there need be no suspension of service. The Sea View road has been scrapped. The Danielson road has been torn up west of North Scituate and the lines between Providence and North Scituate and Chepachet have not been operated since last fall.

The joint reorganization committee has been conducting negotiations looking to the purchase of the North Scituate and Chepachet lines of the Danielson Co. When the Rhode Island Co. has closed up its affairs, the new company will probably buy the Woonsocket lines. These matters remain to be worked out.

[A petition requesting the Superior Court to order the sale of the Woonsocket lines at public auction was filed with the Clerk of the Court July 8 by the joint reorganization committee. It is expected that the committee will purchase the lines when offered for sale probably within 2 or 3 weeks and turn them over to the new company.]—V. 113, p. 184.

United States Railroad Administration.—Settlement.—

The U. S. RR. Administration reports the following final settlements, and has paid out to the several roads the following amounts: Galveston Wharf Co., \$85,000; Duluth Union Depot & Transfer Co., \$21,000; St. Joseph Belt, \$95,000; Chicago River & Indiana, \$45,000; Chicago Junction, \$380,000; Hudson & Manhattan, \$750,000. The payment of these claims on final settlement is largely made up of balance of compensation due, but includes all other disputed items as between the companies and the Administration during the 26 months of Federal control. See V. 112, p. 163, 471, 1145, 1979, 2191, 2750; V. 113, p. 72.

Virginia Railway & Power Co.—Notes Paid, &c.—

The \$200,000 serial 6% notes due July 5 were paid at maturity at office of Virginia Trust Co., Richmond, Va. This will reduce the amount of

collateral trust notes outstanding to \$250,000 which mature July 5 1922. Original issue \$950,000.

Mayor Ainslie has signed an ordinance which permits the company to discontinue the two labor tickets for 5 cents and the 6 tickets for 25 cents and to charge instead a straight 6-cent cash fare. The company shall continue the universal transfer and the present school tickets. The new ordinance is for one year.—V. 113, p. 72.

Washington Water Power Co.—Fare Increase.—

The Washington Department of Public Works recently granted this company and the Spokane & Eastern Ry. & Power Co. to increase fares from 6 to 8 cents. The City Commissioners of Spokane have issued permits to jitney operatives in retaliation for the increased fare.—V. 112, p. 746.

Wellington Grey & Bruce Ry.—Bonds Called—Interest.

Fifty-seven (£5,700) First Mtge. 7% bonds were to be paid July 1 at par and int. at the offices of Grand Trunk Ry. in Montreal, Canada, and London, England. There was also paid July 1 out of the earnings for half-year ending June 30, £3 9s. 10d. This payment was applied as follows, viz.: £3 6s. 11d. in final discharge of Coupon No. 74, due July 1 1907, and 2s. 11d. on account of Coupon No. 75, due Jan. 1 1908.—V. 112, p. 64.

Western Pacific RR. Corp.—Denver & Rio Grande.—

See Denver & Rio Grande Western RR. above.—V. 113, p. 184.

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 & Iron.—The "Iron Age" of July 14 says in brief:

(1) "Less rather than more buying has followed the formal posting of new steel price lists last week, and steel works operations have not improved. Buyers do not question that prices are generally below cost, but they need little steel and await the effect of labor and freight adjustments.

(2) "Further wage reductions by independent steel companies will go into effect July 16. The rate for common labor is reduced from 37 to 30 cents per hour, making the total reduction from the peak about 35%. The Steel Corporation, by abolishing the 8-hour basic day, comes to 37 cents per hour for common labor. There are predictions of a 25-cent rate before the downward movement is stopped, as against 19 cents before the war. In one Eastern mill town as low as 20 cents is now being paid. The independent sheet and tinplate mills made a settlement at Columbus, O., on July 9 with the union workers which means a 10% lower labor cost. [See full particulars in "Iron Age" July 14, p. 95.] The Western bar iron scale is yet to be fixed. Two independent sheet makers who signed the scale last year are expected to operate on the open-shop plan in future.

(3) "The Steel Corporation followed the Bethlehem Steel Co. in announcing 1.90c. as its price for bars, with other prices the same as in the Bethlehem schedule. In addition, the Steel Corporation issued new cards reducing prices on standard pipe \$2 to \$4 per ton on butt weld and \$4 to \$6 per ton on lap weld, while oil country goods were reduced by \$4 to \$7 per ton. A \$5 reduction in wire was also made, bringing nails down to \$2 75 per keg and plain wire to \$2 50 per 100 lbs. On wire rods the price has gravitated to \$42.

"Market prices of some products, including hot and cold rolled strip steel, are not well defined. Irregularity appears also in seamless tubes.

(4) "New structural projects total 11,000 tons, nearly half of which is for a building in the Grand Central area in New York. Contracts awarded involve about 7,000 tons in sizable jobs, while the capacity of the country's fabricating shops exceeds 40,000 tons per week.

(5) "Marked increase in interest on the part of pig iron buyers in several important centres, with sales of fair tonnages, has caused a more cheerful sentiment, but business is being taken at further price concessions. Southern iron has declined 50c. and at Chicago charcoal has been marked down \$1 50, while other grades have declined \$1 in that market and lower prices are also noted at Pittsburgh, where an offer to buy 1,500 tons of basic at \$18, or \$1 50 below the prevailing quotation, is considered to represent the views of buyers.

(6) "Rails are the chief item in the export trade. The Pekin & Mukden Ry. inquiry has been increased from 11,000 to 17,000 tons, and the award is expected this month. On 9,500 tons for Argentina the Belgian mill which took the order bid 469 francs or close to \$36 per ton, c.i.f. Santa Fe, while the lowest bid from the United States was \$62 15. A 5,000-ton girder rail order for a Toronto car line, taken this week, will be rolled at Bethlehem.

(7) "While offers of Belgian and German steel in the United States at low prices are still reported, sales do not result, all buying being at so low an ebb. In Canada likewise offers of Continental steel have been ignored, though at \$10 per ton below American prices.

"Continental pressure has forced another downward revision of 10s. and £1 in British steel prices, with rails now quoted at £10 against £13 a week ago. Urgent need of pig iron has put in some blast furnaces, but others are waiting on stabilization of fuel prices.

(8) [From Chicago correspondent: "The automobile industry is more active than was anticipated a month ago. The Ford Motor Co. continues to maintain a normal output and some other makers are doing well. The Dodge Co. is turning out 400 to 500 cars a day, the Buick Co. is manufacturing cars at the rate of 9,000 a month, and the Studebaker plants at Detroit and South Bend are reported to be on a 75% basis. Generally speaking, however, the demand for steel continues light."

Coal.—"Coal Age" New York, July 14, reports in brief:

(1) Production of soft coal is now suffering from the nationwide hot wave. In the week ended July 2 the output was 7,591,000 net tons, against 7,716,000 tons the previous week. Exports to Europe and the Lake business are no longer holding the output even to early June levels.

"Hampton Roads dumpings for the week ended July 7 were 538,735 net tons compared with 616,329 the week before. The end of the British strike has caused numerous cancellations of charters and softening of c. i. f. prices, late quotations being off as much as \$1 from the figures of last week. Inquiries coastwise continue almost nil.

"Lake dumpings for the week ended July 11 declined sharply. Cargo loadings were 783,360 net tons, vessel fuel 23,090 tons, making a total of 806,450 tons, as compared with 1,145,517 the preceding week. Total movement for the year to date, 11,067,735 tons ag. 4,772,342 tons in 1920.

(2) Prices are such that canny buyers are being tempted into purchases of storage coal on a scale few suspect. "Coal Age" index of spot prices of bituminous coal went up one point to 90 on July 11 from 89 the previous week. There is nothing in prospect, however, to keep the price trend upward. [Pittsburgh steam coal mine run is quoted at N. Y. for net tons f. o. b. at mines at \$2 to \$2 15 spot against \$1 85 July 5].

(3) Anthracite production is holding at a little better than 1,800,000 net tons a week, from 90,000 to 1,000,000 below the level of the early summer months. The total to date for the year to July 2 is 46,477,000 net tons, compared with 44,608,000 in the same period of 1920.

(4) It is interesting to note that independent prices for anthracite are being cut as is usual in periods of dull markets, but with no apparent effect, and some operations have already been forced to close. [Pea coal, gross tons f. o. b. at mines was quoted July 12 at N. Y. at \$4 75 to \$5 00 spot as against \$5 50 to \$6 June 28. The "company" price is \$5 95@56 45 against \$5 50 to \$6 June 28, the freight rate being \$2 47.]

(5) Beehive coke production continues its downward trend, with the zero mark as the apparent objective. The output for the week ended July 2 is estimated by the Geological Survey at 48,000 net tons, as compared with 50,000 tons the week preceding. Cumulative production for 1921 to date is 3,401,000 tons less than one-third of that in 1920. Connellsville furnace is now quotable \$3@3.25; foundry \$4@4.50.

Interest on Mortgages Subject to N. Y. Income Tax.—N. Y. Court of Appeals on July 14 held in effect that income from mortgages which have paid the mortgage tax is taxable under the State Income Tax Law. "Times" July 15, p. 6.

Wages, &c.—(a) Wage reductions proposed for virtually all shipbuilding districts on the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coast "Times," July 12, p. 21; (b) SS. Owners' Association propose 15% wage cut to deck officers, "Post," June 12, p. 2. (c) Wages cut in Mich. paper mills, Idem, p. 11. (d) Sheet and tin plate workers idle since July 1 have wages cut 10% under scale adopted July 9 "Times," July 10, p. 9.

Oil.—The great decline of recent months in the price of crude oil has had a marked effect in checking oil development work. H. L. Doherty & Co. write in substance: "Reports from the various domestic producing fields, compiled by the "Oil City Derrick", show that on June 30 there were 6,418 rigs up and wells drilling, as compared with 7,027 rigs May 31 and with something over 11,000 rigs June 30 1920, being a 42% decline in new work in 12 months. The new production of the 12,611 wells completed in the first half of 1921 was 1,328,637 bbls. initial daily flow, a decrease of 543,974 bbls., as compared with the 16,398 wells completed in the first half of 1920; of the wells completed in 1921, 2,971 were dry and 1,072 gas."

U. S. Census of Manufactures 1919 & 1914 (Preliminary Data).—No. of establishments 288,376, against 275,791 in 1914; value of products \$62,588,905,000, against \$24,246,435,000, notably as follows:

Table with 5 columns: Year, Automobiles, Iron & Steel, Lumber, &c., Petrol. Ref., Chemical.
1919 - 2,837,833,000 2,812,775,000 1,400,000,000 644,684,000 423,437,000
1914 - 503,230,000 918,665,000 715,310,000 396,361,000 158,054,000

(e) Striking engineers and firemen employed at Chicago elevators agreed July 9 to accept a cut of 20% in wages and work 48 hours a week instead of 46. (f) Some 1,400 municipal laborers at Baltimore suffer cut from 44 to 37 1/2 cents an hour. "Times" July 10, p. 2. (g) Worcester, Mass., paperhangers on July 14 voluntarily reduced their hourly wage from \$1 to 90 cts. Idem July 15, p. 16. (h) All U. S. navy yards and shore employees reduced temporarily for economy to a 5-day week. Idem p. 15. (i) The building trades at Lawrence, Mass., on July 14, after 15 weeks' strike, accepted temporarily a 15% wage cut and open shop. Idem July 15, p. 2. (j) Lower building wages ordered by arbitrators at Trenton, N. J., and in Westchester County, N. Y. "Times" July 15, p. 16; July 14, p. 1.

(k) Decision July 14 as to wages at stockyards and packing houses. See Armour & Co. below and "Times" July 15, p. 21.

(l) Building Trades Council at N. Y. July 14 refused the proposed voluntary reduction of \$1 a day in wages, their agreement runs till Dec. 31 1921. "Times" July 15, p. 28.

(m) RR. Labor Board cuts wages for 80,000 employees of Am. Ry. Express Co., except shop crafts, 6 cts. an hour.

Strikes.—(a) Some 450 girls and 150 men out of about 3,000 employees of the American Sugar Refining Co. in Brooklyn, N. Y., struck July 5 against a wage reduction. "Times" July 6, p. 22.

(b) International Ladies Garment Workers' Union held guilty of secondary boycott against Toledo concern by N. Y. Supreme Court, "Times," July 12, p. 21.

President Harding Opposes Bonus Bill and Oil Tax and Urges Tax Revision.—See "Current Events" above and "Times" July 13, and July 12, p. 1.

Ford Offers to Take Over Government's Great Nitrate and Hydro-Electric Development at Muscle Shoals, Ala.—"Times" July 15, p. 15.

How the British Coal Strike Was Settled.—"Post" July 7, p. 6.

Prices.—Wholesale beef at N. Y. on July 9 was quoted at the new low price of \$14, contrasting with \$29 Jan. 28. Gasoline has been cut 2 cts. and kerosene 1 ct. in Colorado, Wyoming and Montana. Compare table in "Times" June 13, p. 21. Price reductions have been announced by the Case, Apperson, Holmes, Premier, Cole, Velie, Liberty, Oldsmobile and other motor cars, "Times" July 3, Sec. 2, p. 1.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of July 9.—(a) Grain crop report of July 1 p. 111; (b) Clearings for June, p. 109, 111, 112, 155; (c) Peace Act, p. 114; (d) France arranging to buy RR. equipment in Germany, p. 115; (e) British Trade and Treasury reports, p. 115, 116, 130; (f) Cuban finances, p. 130; (g) opposition to United Grain Growers, Inc., p. 135; (h) Live stock \$50,000,000 pool, p. 136; (i) Cotton relief steps, p. 136, 138; (j) Business review for June (Boston Fed. R. Bk), p. 137; (k) Bonus bill, letter of opposition from Mr. Mellon, p. 138; (l) Budget regulations, p. 139; (m) Army Appropriation Act, p. 142.

(n) Fordney tariff bill, p. 144; comparison of metal schedules, p. 145. (o) Oil taxation in Mexico and U. S.; Mexican shipments suspended, p. 146.

(p) Steel price and wage reduction, p. 147; (q) Steel output in 1920, p. 147; (r) Steel production in June Lake Superior iron shipments, p. 154. (s) British coal mines resume, p. 150; (t) Germany-China trade agreement, p. 150.

Acme Packing Co., Chicago.—Curb Trading.—

The Board of Governors of the New York Curb Market has listed and admitted to trading and quotation the Company's capital stock.

Additional Data.—In connection with the offering of \$1,850,000 1st (Closed) Mtge. 8% 12-year Conv. Sinking Fund Gold bonds (V. 112, p. 2644) a circular to bankers, signed by C. E. Martin, Chicago, May 28, says in substance:

Dated June 1 1921. Due June 1 1933. Int. payable J. & D. in Chicago at Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, trustee, and in New York at Guaranty Trust Co., without deduction for normal Federal income tax, not to exceed 2%. Red. after June 1 1925, at 107 1/2 and int. on 30 days' notice. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c*). Registerable as to principal.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage provides for a semi-annual sinking fund, beginning Dec. 1 1924, sufficient to retire, either through purchase in the open market or by red. at 107 1/2 and int., \$200,000 in each of the years ending June 1 1925 to 1932, incl. This sinking fund will retire over 85% of the issue before maturity.

Data From Letter of Pres. C. E. Martin, Chicago, May 28.

History and Business.—Is among the largest canners of meat products in the United States. Started in 1909, with an investment of \$5,000, business has grown very rapidly, and its output now constitutes a widely diversified line of internationally advertised products. Principal brands are "Red Crown" and "Council," the latter having been acquired at the beginning of 1921 when company purchased the Indian Packing Corp. (V. 111, p. 2522; V. 112, p. 259, 654.) Properties include manufacturing plants at Green Bay, Wis., Providence, R. I. and Chicago, Ill.

Sales.—Combined sales of company and Indian Packing Corp. amounted to \$3,600,000 in 1918, \$10,300,000 in 1919, and \$9,500,000 in 1920.

Earnings.—Net earnings of combined companies, applicable to interest charges, for the 3-year period ended Dec. 31 1919, were \$2,085,581, or an average yearly earning of \$695,193. For 1919 combined net earnings applicable to interest charges were \$924,602, or more than 6 times maximum annual interest charge of \$148,000 on this issue.

During the calendar year 1920, company's business was not profitable, largely on account of the writing off of inventories to market values is already experiencing a return toward normal demand for its products and present business is being done at a satisfactory profit.

Conversion.—Bonds will be convertible on and after Jan. 1 1922, into Common stock at the rate of \$100 of stock for each \$100 of bonds.

Financial Statement as of Jan. 15 1921 (after present financing).

Table with Assets and Liabilities columns.
Assets: (Total \$8,084,943) Plant & equip. (app. value) \$2,983,161, Leasehold (appr. value) 73,500, Cash 626,972, Accts. rec. & trade accept 747,627, Inventories 3,150,971, Prepaid expenses 94,274, Notes & accts. rec.—stock subscriptions 369,888, Other assets 38,550.
Liabilities: Excess assets over all liab. (except these bonds), represented by 767,000 shares of com. stock of \$10 par value \$6,078,402, 8% 1st M. bonds 1,850,000, Accounts payable 395,302, Notes payable 1,600,495, Accrued liabilities 10,744.

Note.—As of April 30 1921, current liabilities \$2,006,541 Jan. 15 1921, were reduced by about \$700,000. See V. 112, p. 2539, 2644.

Adams Express Co.—To Receive Dividends.—

See American Railway Express Co. below.—V. 112, p. 1743.

Albers Bros. Milling Co.—Plan for Readjustment.—

The Committee (consisting of John W. Edminson, H. H. Fair and George Albers) recommends the following plan dated April 30 1921:

Present Outstanding Capital.—Company has outstanding \$2,234,650 7% cumulative pref. stock and \$2,237,400 Common stock.

New Bond Issue Proposed.—It is proposed primarily that Albers Bros. Milling Co. shall execute to Bank of California, National Association, of San Francisco, as trustee, a \$1,500,000 mortgage which shall be a first lien upon all of the plants, machinery and equipment now owned. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100, payable 20 years after date, with int. at 8% p. a. Callable at 110 and int. Annual sinking fund of \$700,000 beginning July 1 1926 to be used in redeeming bonds.

To Form New Holding Company.—A new corporation known as Albers Milling Company is to be incorporated in Delaware, or some other State. New corporation for present and until some other plan shall be adopted will have no function to perform except to hold as many of the shares of the capital stock of Albers Bros. Milling Co., both Preferred and Common, as the present holders thereof may voluntarily deposit with Bank of California, National Association of San Francisco, depository.

Authorized Capital of New Co.—7% Cumul. Pref. (a.&c. d.) stock (par \$100), callable at 102 1/2 first 5 years, 105 next 5 years and 110 thereafter. Non-voting except when divs. are in default \$2,250,000 Common shares (no par value) 30,000 sh.

Terms of Exchange.—(1) Such Pref. stock of the new corporation will be issued, share for share, to those of the present holders of Preferred stock of Albers Bros. Milling Co. who shall deposit their stock under this plan.

(2) Each holder of Common stock of Albers Bros. Milling Co. who shall deposit his stock under this plan will receive as part consideration for shares so deposited 2-3 as many shares of Common stock of Albers Milling Co. The number of shares of Common stock of Albers Milling Company required for that purpose will be less than 50% of the whole number of shares of such stock that will be issued.

Voting Trust.—A majority of the issued shares of Common stock of Albers Milling Co. will be held by three trustees under a voting trust agreement as long as any of the Preferred stock of that corporation shall remain unredeemed. One of such trustees will be a representative of the present holders of Common stock of Albers Bros. Milling Co., one will be nominated by The Bank of California, National Association, of San Francisco, and one by William R. Staats Co. and Cyrus Peirce & Co.

Of the shares represented by such voting trust certificates 7,500 will be issued to subscribers for the new bonds of Albers Bros. Milling Co., one-half of a share in voting trust certifs. with each \$100 of such bonds and the balance will be issued to holders of Common stock of Albers Bros. Milling Co. who shall have deposited their stock in conformity with this plan, each such holder of Common stock of Albers Bros. Milling Co. receiving in such voting trust certificates 1-3 of a share of the beneficial interest under such voting trust agreement for each share so deposited.

Deposits Necessary to Declare Plan Operative.—The plan proposed is to become operative only in case there shall have been deposited for transfer to Albers Milling Co. at least 75% of the Preferred stock and at least 90% of the Common stock of Albers Bros. Milling Co.

Result of Readjustment.—The \$1,500,000 derived from the sale of bonds will be applied as follows:

- (1) To the payment of amount due Northern Pacific Ry. on account of the purchase of that part of the Seattle property \$110,000
(2) To payment of the mortgage upon the Portland property 60,000
(3) To 45% reduction of the bills payable 1,193,202
(4) Balance for corporate uses 136,798

Liabilities.—Company will then have liabilities as follows: (a) Bonded indebtedness \$1,500,000 (b) Current bills payable 1,458,358 (c) Current acceptances and accounts payable, approximately 350,691

Sale of the Bonds of Albers Bros. Milling Co.—Subscribers to the \$1,500,000 of bonds will receive as a bonus Albers Milling Co. Common stock (v. t. c.) representing one-half share for each \$100 bond.

The Common stockholders will have the first right to subscribe for these bonds and subscriptions of Preferred stockholders will be received subject to that right.

Outlook for Pref. Divs.—If the bonds are subscribed by stockholders dividends on the Preferred stock which were passed Feb. 15 1921, may be resumed.

Further Data from Statement of Reorganization Committee.

Table with Sales columns for 1912-1914 and 1915-1920.
1912-1914: 1912 \$6,192,000, 1913 7,321,000, 1914 6,584,000; 1915 \$12,116,000, 1916 9,135,000, 1917 15,072,000; 1918 \$20,389,000, 1919 18,501,000, 1920 36,000,000

Products.—Nucleus of business from beginning has been and is the manufacture of cereal products. Among the well-known and valuable trade marks owned and under which products are sold may be mentioned "Albers," "Miner," "Carnation," "Peacock Buckwheat," and "Peacock Family Flour." Also produces and deals in a large variety of mixed feeds.

Plants.—Operates plants in San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, Portland, Bellingham, Seattle, Tacoma, and Ogden. Mills in Oakland, Portland, Seattle and Tacoma are located on water-front property adjoining railroad terminal yards, and are accessible to the largest vessels.

The Oakland plant was built by company in 1916 on property owned by the City of Oakland under an agreement with city, the ownership of the buildings is vested in the city, but the company is entitled to occupy them for a period of 25 years at an annual rent of \$100, free of any municipal taxes. The Seattle plant is located upon ground purchased from the Northern Pacific Ry. under a contract upon which at this time there remains unpaid a balance of \$165,000, of which amount \$55,000 is a lien only upon vacant land not vital to the company's operation. The Ogden plant is operated under a lease. With these exceptions all of the company's plants are owned by it in fee. No mortgage upon any properties except one of \$60,000, on portion of Portland property.

Reasons for Reorganization.—Company's charter also authorizes it to deal in grain, operate ships and to engage in the importing and exporting business. During 1920 company engaged extensively in the business of dealing in grain and conducted a large importing and exporting business, 40% of total volume of business being in these departments. For such purposes working capital, which then amounted to about \$2,250,000, was inadequate, and necessitated the borrowing of large sums of money in order to finance its operations. In consequence of its activities in the grain business and in the importing and exporting business, company was carrying in spring of 1920 unprecedentedly large inventories. The decline in commodity prices, &c., necessitated a liquidation of such inventories regardless of cost, which resulted in a shrinkage in the assets of about \$2,250,000. The larger portion of that loss occurred in the grain and export departments. The process of liquidating those departments has been completed, and they have been discontinued. In the future the company will confine operations to the cereal and milling business.

Since early in Oct. 1920 the finances of the company have been under the control and active supervision of the committee named above.

Balance Sheet as of February 28 1921.

Table with Assets and Liabilities columns.
Assets: Capital assets \$3,716,693, Investments in other cos. \$330,000, misc. \$44,138, 374,138, Due for stock, &c., deferred 172,228, Current Assets (\$2,719,916)—Inventories, \$1,325,477; acc'ts rec., \$1,703,383; total, \$3,029,860; less res. for doubtful acc'ts & inv. losses, \$583,585 2,446,275, Advances against grain 21,049, Cash in banks and on hand 210,320, Deferred charges 42,271, Deficit 651,327.
Liabilities: Common stock \$2,232,400, Preferred stock 2,234,650, Current Liab. (\$3,002,251)—Bills payable (owing to banks) 2,651,560, Acceptances payable 130,162, Accounts payable 120,069, Due stockholders & employees 41,026, Taxes and interest accrued 59,434, Bal. pay. on Seattle plant site 165,000.
Total (each side) \$7,634,301

x Plant sites, \$609,269; buildings and docks, \$2,041,219; machinery and equipment, \$1,407,981; automobiles and delivery equipment, \$230,188; office furniture and fixtures, \$78,651; marine equipment, \$25,111; total, \$4,392,419; less reserve for depreciation, \$675,727.—V. 112, p. 2415.

Adirondack Power & Light Corp.—Bonds Offered.—

Harris, Forbes & Co., Coffin & Burr, Inc., and E. H. Rollins & Sons are offering at 85 and int. yielding 7 1/4% \$1,000,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. 6% Gold bonds. Dated March 1 1920, due March 1 1950. Int. payable M. & S. at New York Trust Co. Full description in V. 111, p. 590. A circular shows:

Company is now acquiring the properties of three companies operating in Glens Falls, Fort Edwards and Whitehall, thus enabling the company to completely unify its operations in that district. The acquisition of these three new properties is expected to be acted upon shortly by the P. S. Commission. Has also purchased control of Kanawha Falls Electric Co.

Table with Capitalization after this financing and Authorized Outstanding columns.
Capitalization: Common stock \$9,500,000, Pref. stock paying 7% Cum. divs 4,300,000, Pref. stock paying 8% Cum. divs 9,300,000, Debenture bonds 5s, due 1930 closed 602,700, 1st & Ref. Mtge. 6s, due 1950 (incl. this issue) y 9,171,000, Adirondack Elec. Pr. Corp. 1st M. 5s, 1962 closed 5,000,000.
Authorized Outstanding: Common stock x\$9,074,300, Pref. stock x\$3,614,300, 500,000, closed 602,700, 9,171,000, 5,000,000.

x In addition there is outstanding \$425,700 Common stock and \$83,000 Pref. stock of Adirondack Elec. Pr. Corp. for the retirement of which alike amount of Common and 7% Pref. stocks, respectively, of corporation is reserved. y Limited only by the conservative restrictions of the indenture.

Purposes.—Proceeds will be used in part payment for expenditures for additions and extensions to properties.

Earnings (with 12½% of Oper. Rev. allowed for Maint. & Deprec. as provided in Mtg.) Year Ended May 31 1921.

Gross earnings—\$4,805,492
Net, after oper. exp., taxes, rentals, maint. and \$291,506 for dep. 1,363,320
Annual interest on \$14,171,000 mtg. bonds (incl. this issue)—800,260

Balance—\$563,060
For description of property, &c., see V. 111, p. 590, 2043; V. 113, p. 186.

Ajax Rubber Co., Inc.—Outlook.

A published statement, pronounced correct for the "Chronicle," states: Weakness in Ajax Rubber is not attributable to any impending developments. Chairman Horace De Lissar has stated the outlook for company at the moment is brighter than it has been for some months past. While operations and shipments are nowhere near peak levels, there has been gradual improvement since beginning of the year. Company is in no need of additional funds and no new financing of any kind is imminent.—V. 112, p. 851, 747.

Alabama Power Co.—Coosa River Development.

Work has been begun by the company on the Duncan's Riffle project, a permit for which was granted by the Federal Power Commission June 27. The dam, to be known as the "Mitchell dam," will be completed in about 2 years. This project, which is named after the late James Mitchell, was authorized in 1912 by both Houses of Congress but was vetoed by the President. The existing plant at "Lock 12" was authorized in 1907 and placed in operation in 1913. It is now proposed to follow along the plan originally laid down by Mr. Mitchell. The dam will be 1,200 ft. long and develop a head of 68 ft. The initial installation will be two single-runner, vertical, 24,000 h.p., direct-connected units, with provision for three more units.

The interconnecting line between Gadsden, Ala., and Lindale, Ga., has been completed by the company and is now in operation. It connects the power systems of the two States, permitting the importation of energy by either from the other in case of low water or accident to the service.—V. 112, p. 2751, 2644.

Alliance Realty Co., New York.—Earnings.

	6 Mos. end.	Year end.
	June 30 '21	Dec. 31 '20.
Net operating income	\$105,822	\$176,114
Corporate expenses and taxes	30,080	45,800

Net income—\$75,742 \$130,314
The company has paid 3½% in dividends during the first six months of the year. Compare V. 113, p. 73.

Amalgamated Sugar Co.—No Preferred Dividend.

The regular quarterly dividend of 2% usually paid Aug. 1 will be passed on the \$5,000,000 8% Cumul. First Pref. stock. Preferred dividends have been paid quarterly at the rate of 8% per annum.—V. 112, p. 2086.

American Agricultural Chemical Co.—Listed.

The Boston Stock Exchange July 7 1921 placed on the list \$30,000,000 7½% 1st Ref. Mtg. Sinking Fund Gold bonds, Series A, due Feb. 1 1941, as issued in exchange for outstanding interim receipts (V. 113, p. 186.)

American Bosch Magneto Corp.—Suits.

Suits charging fraud and duress against the former Attorney-General, the former Alien Property Custodian and the company, brought by the interests that lost control when company was taken over as alien property during the war, have been transferred from the Supreme Court of Westchester County to the U. S. Court, Southern District of New York.

These suits rose out of the sale of the Bosch Magneto Co., the old company in Dec. 1919, to H. C. Griffiths of N. Y. City (V. 107, p. 2291), who paid \$4,150,000 for the property, alleged to have been worth \$7,000,000. Otto Heins and Albert R. Klein of the Bosch interests instituted the suits charging fraud and duress.

A bill has been introduced in Congress for the purpose of inquiring into the sale and disposition of enemy alien property.—V. 112, p. 2645.

American Express Co.—To Receive Dividends.

See American Railway Express Co. below.—V. 112, p. 2645.

American-Hawaiian S.S. Co.—Meeting Postponed.

The special meeting of the stockholders scheduled for July 15, to vote upon the proposed merger of the Coastwise Transportation Co has been postponed until July 29.—V. 112, p. 2645.

American Railway Express Co.—Dividends—Wages Cut.

The company has paid a dividend of \$1.50 per share on its \$34,642,000 capital stock for the second quarter of the current year. The dividend was paid July 15.

Of the outstanding \$34,642,000 capital stock, the American Express Co. owns approximately \$12,271,000, the Adams Express Co. \$11,904,300 and Wells-Fargo \$10,667,700.

The U. S. Railroad Labor Board July 12 ordered wages of employees of the company reduced 6 cents an hour, beginning Aug. 7. No reduction of rates is contemplated at this time as a result of the wage cut, the company officials said.

It is estimated that about \$8,000,000 will be cut off the annual labor bill of the company by the reduction. The company employs 70,000 to 72,000 workers.—V. 113, p. 181.

American Smelting & Refining Co.—Operating About 40% Capacity.—A published statement, revised for the "Chronicle," says:

The company has cut its operations to 40% of normal. Notwithstanding the general curtailment in copper production, company has closed but two of its copper smelters, the balance operating part capacity. The lead plants are all in operation.

From its own ores the company is producing about 3,000 tons a month as against a normal of between 6,000 and 7,000 tons. In addition, it has been treating on toll ores from other properties, some being regular shippers, while others have switched their product to the Guggenheims, having closed their own plants.

The company has succeeded in disposing of all its own 1921 copper production since the first of the year, at which time it abandoned its selling agency. It has on hand, however, a substantial quantity of the metal, which was brought forward from 1920 and which represents the unsold accumulation of the former agency.

Two Mexican smelters have closed down, the others working part capacity on copper and silver-lead ores. The El Paso copper smelter has gone cold, but the lead furnaces remain in operation. The Hayden smelter, handling Ray Consolidated concentrates, has also closed, the Ray mine being down. The big Garfield smelter, however, continues to run, partly on Utah concentrates which have not yet been cleaned up, and to some extent on miscellaneous ores.

The Tacoma refinery has sufficient material from Kennecott, Beatson and Britannia mines and from South American ores to keep it 60% capacity. The Perth Amboy copper smelter and refinery have been closed for some months, but the plant still operates on tin concentrates and lead refining. The Baltimore refinery handles whatever copper comes to the East for treatment, while the rolling mill department has continued operations on about 40% capacity basis.—V. 112, p. 2751.

American Sugar Refining Co.—Financing Under Discussion—Contract Suits.—The Boston "News Bureau" July 11 says:

"Lowest prices for company's securities for many years have naturally created much concern in the ranks of the 22,000 stockholders. Many of them, acting on the supposition that where there is so much smoke there must be some fire, are quitting their investment in this once favorite industrial.

"Although official confirmation is lacking it is understood that the company has been in consultation with bankers regarding financing, and that the bankers agreed to provide \$25,000,000 subject to a certain drastic stipulation concerning future direction of the company's affairs. [It was reported July 13 that the company had practically completed arrangements for the offering of \$25,000,000 notes to be underwritten by a syndicate headed by New York bankers.]

"It is learned that the company is committed to construction expenditures much larger than generally assumed. The new Jaronu property in Cuba, it is said, will cost \$20,000,000. Cunaqua cost \$12,000,000 and earned something over \$5,000,000 from the 1919-1920 crop. Here is a net investment of \$27,000,000 in Cuba. At Baltimore, where American Sugar is building a new refinery, it has a \$14,000,000 to \$16,000,000 program. In view of these commitments and the possibility of a further large loss this fiscal year, it is natural to assume that the directors will move with conservatism with respect to Common dividends even if they have full liberty of action.

"The difficult feature of this year's operations is the fact that the company at no time, practically speaking, has had opportunity to buy a cargo of raws and turn it into refined before the steadily declining market had wiped out the profit or imposed upon the company an actual loss."

A decision affecting many suits on sugar contracts has been rendered in favor of the company against W. C. Frederick, ice cream manufacturer, for the full amount sued for, \$15,839, which was difference between the contract price of 22½ cents and the sale price of 8 cents. So far the company has won three of its so-called 22½-cent sugar contract suits. Numerous other suits are pending. The company, it is stated, has compromised other claims where it seemed advisable.—V. 113, p. 186.

Two decisions in favor of the Franklin Sugar Refining Co. (a subsidiary) making three such decisions within 10 days, have been rendered by the Court of Common Pleas No. 4 of Philadelphia County against Hanscom Brothers and the Mint Specialty Co. to enforce 22½c. sugar contracts entered into during summer of 1920. In each case judgment was entered for the difference between the 22½c. contract price and the market value at the date when the sugar company accepted the breach of contract by filing suit. See also V. 112, p. 2751; V. 113, p. 186.

Increases Number of Executive Officers.

The board has elected as Vice Presidents Fred Mason, President of the Shredded Wheat Co., and Walter H. Lipe, for many years Vice President and General Manager of the Beech-Nut Packing Co.—V. 113, p. 186.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co. Semi-Annual Report—Listing.—President H. B. Thayer, New York, July 15, wrote in substance:

"This semi-annual statement accompanies the first quarterly payment at the 9% annual dividend rate, established March 29 1921 as the regular dividend rate.

"Earnings for the first 6 months of 1921 show a safe margin above dividends, not taking into account interest in the undivided profits of the associated companies.

"In spite of the slowing up of general business, the exchange and toll traffic of the Bell System is larger for the first half of this year than it was for the corresponding period of last year. The growth in subscribers' telephones has also been uninterrupted and a net gain of approximately 285,000 telephone stations has been made during the first 6 months of the year. This growth has been already financed and is now on a revenue producing basis.

"With the service as a whole better than ever given previously in this country or elsewhere, there is a spirit in the entire organization which will not be satisfied until still higher standards have been reached.

Earnings for the Six Months ending June 30 (1921 One Month Est.).

	1921.	1920.
Dividends	\$18,414,407	\$17,397,835
Interest	6,402,376	6,075,227
Telephone operating revenues	28,559,711	28,180,622
Miscellaneous revenues	52,360	106,036
Total	\$53,428,855	\$51,759,720
Expenses	17,048,730	16,009,260
Interest charges	9,868,022	9,421,796
Dividends	a18,938,596	b17,682,343

Balance, surplus—\$7,573,507 \$8,646,320

a Includes dividends at 9% for second quarter. b4%.

Vice-President W. S. Gifford says: "The surplus earnings (as shown above) of \$7,573,506 for the first half of the year, do not include the undivided earnings of associated companies. Including this equity surplus earnings for this period were over \$12,000,000."

The N. Y. Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after July 20 of \$89,819,500 additional capital stock, par \$100, upon official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total applied for \$539,239,100. The shares have been offered for subscription under the company's circular of May 10 1921. (See V. 112, p. 2086.)—V. 112, p. 2751, 2539.

American Tobacco Co.—Special Dividend of 4¾% Declared in Common Stock of the Mengel Co., Inc.—Official Statement.—The directors on July 13 declared a dividend of 4¾% (\$4.75 per share), payable at par, in Common stock of the Mengel Co. to Common and Common "B" stockholders of The American Tobacco Co. on Aug. 15 to holders of record July 23.

The Common stock of the Mengel Co. is of \$100 par value. The Treasurer of the Amer. Tobacco Co. is authorized and directed to consummate arrangements with Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y. for the issuance and conversion of fractional warrants in an amount or amounts aggregating one or more whole shares.

Official Statement Issued July 13 as to Aforesaid Dividend.

"The President stated to the Board that he recommends that the Board order the distribution, as a dividend to the holders of the Common stock and Common stock "B" of this company of all the Common stock of The Mengel Co. held by this Company for the following reason, to wit:

"The Mengel Company is engaged in the manufacture and sale of wooden and other containers. Since its organization in 1899 this company has owned about 70% of its Common stock, the other 30% being owned by those engaged in the management of the business of the Company. A part of the business of The Mengel Company is the sale of tobacco caddies and shipping cases, and The Mengel Co. has equipment sufficient to provide such for large tobacco manufacturers other than this company, competitors of this Company, and it is essential to the welfare of The Mengel Company that it hold the business of competitors of this company.

"The Mengel Company is unable to hold such business if this company continues in the ownership of a majority of its Common stock, and it has made contracts with certain large tobacco manufacturers for a period of ten years from Jan. 1 1921, thus canceling a contract for the year 1921 disadvantageous to it, which new contracts permit such tobacco manufacturers the right of cancellation unless this Company promptly makes disposition of said Common stock.

"That this recommendation of this distribution by way of dividend is not in any way intended as a recommendation that the distribution of this stock take the place of any ordinary dividend to be paid by this Company and that he thinks it would be unwise to let this distribution in any way interfere with the policy and practice of the Company as to ordinary dividends."

Redemption of \$3,333,000 Serial Notes Maturing Nov. 1 '21.

The American Tobacco Co. gives notice that it will redeem and pay on Aug. 15 1921 at the Guaranty Trust Co. 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, all to wit: \$3,333,000 at par of its 7% serial gold notes Series "C" dated Nov. 1 1918, maturing on Nov. 1 1921, at 101 and int to Aug. 15.

The aforesaid notes are part of an issue of \$25,000,000 7% serial gold notes which were sold in Oct. 1918 (see V. 107, p. 1670); of these notes \$5,000,000 series "A" and \$3,333,000 series "B" maturing respectively Nov. 1 1919 and Nov. 1 1920, have already been paid. After payment of the \$3,333,000 Series "C" notes to be made Aug. 15, there will remain outstanding \$13,334,000 which mature \$3,334,000 Nov. 1 1922 and \$10,000,000 Nov. 1 1923.

See also Mengel Co., Inc., below.

American Wholesale Corporation.—June Sales.

1921—June—1920.	Decrease.	1921—6 Mos.—1920.	Decrease.
\$2,183,192	\$2,339,803	\$156,611	\$15,424,758
\$19,048,099	\$3,623,341		

—V. 112, p. 2539.

Anglo-American Corp. of South Africa, Ltd.—Stock of Diamond Company to Be Listed on N. Y. Stock Exchange.—The N. Y. "Times" July 15 says in substance:

Evidence that New York is rapidly becoming an international market is seen in the news that the stock of the above company, a favorite on the London Stock Exchange, will be brought to this side for trading on the N. Y. Stock Exchange soon.

The corporation is among the four largest owners and producers of diamond mines in the world, and now owns, above ground, a stock of 346,675 carats of diamonds.

Sir Ernest Oppenheimer, Chairman, recently returned abroad after making preliminary arrangements here for the listing of the stock. A New York committee is to have charge of the listing, probably under such arrangements as has been made for trading in the shares of Royal Dutch and other foreign corporations on the New York Stock Exchange.

Armour & Co.—Arbitrator Refuses Wage Cut.—

In a decision handed down July 14, Federal Judge Samuel Alschuler, arbitrator under the Department of Labor, refused the petition of the packing house companies for a 5-cents-an-hour cut in wages.

In a second decision Judge Alschuler confirmed the action of the Chicago Stock Yards in cutting wages of its stock handlers 8 cents an hour. He pointed out that the stock handlers are paid on a monthly basis and, as a rule, receive more than common labor in the packing plants.

In the packing house decision the arbitrator declared the recession in the cost of living is not as great as the packers contended, and that in some instances there has been no decline.—V. 112, p. 2416.

Baldwin Locomotive Works.—Resumes Operations.—

The company, which shut down at close of June, has resumed operations and will run three days a week. It is stated that about 7,600 men are now employed. New business has been taken at rate of \$3,000,000 a month, chiefly foreign.—V. 113, p. 186.

Bell Telephone Co. of Pennsylvania.—Bonds Retired.—

The Phila. Stock Exchange on July 7 struck off the regular list \$65,000 First & Ref. Mtge. Series "A" s. f. gold bonds, due Oct. 1 1945, reported purchased for the sinking fund, leaving the amount listed \$24,803,000.—V. 112, p. 1401.

Boston Consolidated Gas Co.—Contracts.—

The Mass. Department of Public Utilities has approved contracts between the company and (a) Newton & Watertown Gas Light Co. by which the former agrees to furnish gas at 85c. per 1,000 cu. ft.; (b) with East Boston Gas at 80c.; and (c) with the Citizens' Gas Light Co. of Quincy at 87½c. per 1,000 cu. ft.—V. 112, p. 2086.

Bradford Electric Co.—Capital Increase.—

The company has increased its capital from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 by an increase of \$1,000,000 in preferred stock. The par value was also changed from \$100 to \$25 per share. The Guaranty Trust Co., New York, has been appointed transfer agent for the increased stock, also agent for the exchange of \$100 par to \$25 par, on both classes of stock.

British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd.—Sale of Certain Trade Marks to Imperial Tobacco Co. for \$2,000,000 &c.— See Imperial Tobacco Co., Ltd., below.—V. 112, p. 2193.

Brooklyn Edison Co., Inc.—Listing—Earnings.—

The N. Y. Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 166,000 Kings County Electric Light & Power Co. 6% Purchase Money Mtge. bonds, due Oct. 1 1997, making the total amount applied for \$5,176,000.

Table with columns: Year April 30, Calendar Years (1921, 1920, 1919, 1918). Rows include Earnings, Total revenue, Expenses, Gross income, Interest and discount, Dividends, &c., Employees profit sharing, Contingencies, &c., Surplus for the year.

—V. 112, p. 2540.

Burns Bros., New York City.—Coal Trust Charged.—

Charging that a coal combine exists in Jersey City and that scores of small coal dealers have been driven from business, Commissioner Gannon of Jersey City appeared July 12 before the Mackay legislative committee at its opening session in the Hudson County Court House and demanded that an examination be made of the operations of Burns Brothers, coal retailers of New York; Lehigh Valley Coal Sales Co. and other coal dealers.

Commissioner Gannon charged these dealers with a conspiracy to control the supply and fix the price of all coal sold in Jersey City.—V. 112, p. 2303.

Bush Terminal Co.—Listing—Earnings.—

The N. Y. Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after July 15 of \$164,000 additional Common stock, par \$100, on official notice of issuance as a 2½% stock dividend, making the total amount applied for \$6,724,600.

Table with columns: Bush Term, Term Bldgs, Term RR, Ezh Bldg, Total. Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. expenses, Earnings from op., Total net earns., Taxes, Interest, Sinking fund, Deduction y., Surplus.

x Loss. y Deduction from surplus of Bush Term. Co. \$40,545 accrued div. on holdings of the Bldg. Co. Pref. stock, incl. in other income. See report for calendar year 1920 in V. 113, p. 180, 187.

California Packing Corp.—Dividend Status—Prices.—

A. A. Housman & Co. in a circular dated July 8 say in part: "There has been some selling of the stock due, perhaps, to necessity, and also to fear over the general situation. Notwithstanding this, the \$6 dividend is still being paid, and all our information leads to the conclusion that this rate will be continued, and by 'continued' we do not mean only for six months or the rest of the year. We mean to indicate that the earning power of the company, even under the readjustment which all businesses have suffered, more or less, is sufficient to allow for the maintenance of the \$6 dividend rate, and at the same time add to surplus resources."

"California Packing is one of the industrials which already has found compensation in the policy of drastically cutting inventory values to conform to going market conditions. In addition, the company has found sales of the early season 1921 pack satisfactory enough, considering conditions, and, fortunately, through the reduction of prices in raw materials, is able to meet the demand of the consumer for lower prices without ruining the margin of profit."

It is stated that the company's tentative prices for 1921 canned fruit are about 40% lower than the 1920 opening.—V. 112, p. 2416.

Casualty Co. of America.—Liquidating Dividend.—

The Liquidation Bureau of the State Department of Insurance announces that the creditors of the Casualty Co. of America, which was taken over for liquidation in 1917, will soon receive a 25% cash distribution on approved claims, which, it is stated, amount to approximately \$3,000,000.—V. 102, p. 2079.

Central Sugar Corp.—Committee Reports.—

A committee representing the corporation and its bankers, after thorough examination of the property reports to stockholders in part:

"The Cuban sugar crop has amounted to over 3,500,000 tons of which probably 2,500,000 tons remain on the island under control of the Cuban Sugar Commission as to sale and price. Carry-over into next year, it is

estimated, will be at least 2,000,000 tons. Apparently the price of sugar for the coming year will be on a very low basis.

The plantation and mill are well located, well equipped, and capable of production cost almost as low as any Cuban mills. It is fairly safe to assume that the 144,267 bags of sugar made last year, under high priced labor and material conditions, cost at least five cents a pound. Central Sugar and subsidiaries have a large floating debt both to banks and general creditors in United States and Cuba. We found the larger creditors willing to cooperate and keep property in operation. Because of losses by mills in past crop and lack of funds for cultivation and grinding during the coming year, next year's sugar crop will no doubt not exceed 50% to 60% of the last crop.

"Company's credit and indebtedness make it impossible to provide from loans, funds for Fall cultivation, repairs and operating expenses. If first mortgage bonds are issued, it may be possible to obtain needed funds, using them as collateral." See V. 112, p. 2645; V. 113, p. 187.

Chandler Motor Car Co.—June Sales.—

Treasurer Samuel Regar is quoted as saying: "Retail sales of Chandler cars throughout the country for June were the largest of any single month since October 1920."—V. 113, p. 74.

Cities Service Co.—Dividend Paid in Scrip.—

The company has declared the usual monthly dividends of 1¼% on the Common stock in scrip and of ½% of 1% in scrip on the Preferred and Preferred "B" shares, all payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 15. The dividend on the bankers' shares also has been declared in ratable proportion to the dividend disbursement on the Common stock. Compare V. 112, p. 2646, 2416 V. 113, p. 187.

Coca-Cola Co.—Control Attacked.—

A dispatch from Atlanta, Ga., says that a petition for an interlocutory injunction has been filed in the Superior Court there for Asa G. Candler, Jr., in what is described as an attempt to break up on alleged agreement by which three major stockholders of the Coca-Cola Co., Inc., of N. J., are said to control the voting power of the corporation. Hearing has been set for Aug. 13.—V. 112, p. 2753.

Commonwealth Edison Co.—Bonds Offered.—The bankers named below are offering at 91½ and int., yielding about 6¾%, \$6,000,000 1st Mtge. 6% Gold Bonds of 1908 and due June 1 1943.

Bankers Making Offering.—Bankers Trust Co., New York, Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, First Trust & Savings Bank, Guaranty Co. of New York, Halsey, Stuart & Co., Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Hill, Joiner & Co., Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., Lee, Higginson & Co., Marshall Field, Gore, Ward & Co., Mitchell, Hutchins & Co., Inc., Russell, Brewster & Co., Spencer Trask & Co., State Bank of Chicago, Stevenson Bros. & Perry, Inc., The Merchants Loan & Trust Co., The National Bank of the Republic, The National City Co. and The Northern Trust Co.

Interest payable M. & S. in Chicago and New York, without deduction of the normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000. Callable at 110 and int. on any int. date upon 40 days' notice. Previous issues listed on Chicago Stock Exchange and application will be made to list this issue. Northern Trust Co., Chicago, Trustee. Issuance of these bonds has been authorized by the Illinois Public Utilities Commission.

Data from Letter of President Samuel Insull, Chicago, July 6.

Organization, &c.—Consolidation under laws of Illinois, in 1907 of Chicago Edison Co. and Commonwealth Electric Co. At time of merger company adopted as its own the existing first mortgage of Commonwealth Electric Co., under which that company had already issued \$8,000,000 bonds. This company has the right to issue its bonds under said mortgage ranking on an equality with all other bonds heretofore issued thereunder.

Property.—Serves entire city of Chicago, practically without competition, with electric current for lighting and power purposes. Has more than 485,000 customers, among which are all of the street and elevated railway systems, many mercantile and manufacturing establishments, office buildings, apartments, hotels and residences.

Has 7 generating stations and 58 substations. Generating plants, having total capacity of about 860,000 electrical h. p., are believed to be not only the largest, but also the most modern and efficient, in the world. Company is now constructing a new generating station located at 100th St. and Calumet River, which it is expected will be in operation during the latter part of this year. Ultimate capacity of this station will be 270,000 electrical h. p. Population served, over 2,800,000.

Table with columns: Item, Amount. Rows include Capitalization Outstanding as of May 31 1921, Capital Stock, First Mtge. 5s, 1943, Commonwealth Electric Co. First Mortgage 5s, 1943, Commonwealth Edison Co. 7% Coll. Gold Notes, 1925, Commonwealth Edison Co. First Mortgage 6s, 1943 (this issue).

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to reimburse company for expenditures made for necessary improvements, betterments and extensions.

Income Account for the Twelve Months ending Dec. 31 1920. Electric operating revenues—\$35,317,135. Electric operating expenses (incl. amort. & depr., \$2,887,428)—24,698,185.

Net electric operating revenues—\$10,618,949. Deduct—Uncollectable oper. rev., \$110,930; taxes assignable to electric oper., \$2,100,000; munic. compensation, \$1,040,071—3,251,001.

Net operating income—\$7,367,949. Other income—679,967.

Gross income—\$8,047,915. Deductions from gross income—815,914. Annual int. requirements on 1st M. 5s, 7% notes and these 6s w i. 3,041,550.

Net income—\$4,190,451. Franchises.—Operates under an ordinance granted in 1897, which extends to 1947 and covers entire city of Chicago.

Dividends.—Company and principal predecessor, Chicago Edison Co., have paid dividends since 1889 without interruption. Since consolidation in 1907, dividend rates paid have been: Nov. 1907 until Aug. 1908, 5%; Nov. 1908 until Feb. 1911, 6%; May 1911 until Aug. 1913, 7%; Nov. 1913 to date, 8%.—V. 113, p. 187.

Consolidated Textile Corp.—To Authorize Bonds.—

The stockholders will vote July 22 on approving an issue of \$5,000,000 8% First Mtge. 20-Year 8% Sinking Fund Convertible Gold Bonds, dated June 1 1921, maturing June 1 1941, but redeemable on any interest date, all or part, and convertible into common stock, &c. Early in June \$3,500,000 of these bonds were offered at 99 and int. See offering, &c., in V. 112, p. 2646.

Consumers Co., Chicago.—Acquires Properties.—

A despatch from Chicago July 14 says the company through a merger, has gained control of approximately 25% of the sand, gravel and crushed stone business of Cook County, Ill. The properties and the equipment of the Cook County Supply Co. and its 10 subsidiary organizations, valued at \$5,000,000 have been absorbed. The transaction brought about an important change in the executive personnel of the Consumers Co. William H. Leland, senior V.-Pres., who resigned to engage in other business has been succeeded by H. M. Hallock who has been president of the Cook County Supply Co. and its affiliations.—V. 112, p. 748.

Copper Export Association, Inc.—Notes Called.—

One thousand (\$1,000,000) 8% Secured gold notes, Series "A," due Feb. 15 1922, have been called for payment Aug. 15 at 101 and int. at the Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City. See offering in V. 112, p. 655, 2194.

Cuba Cane Sugar Co.—Conditions Improved.—

The company is gradually reducing its inventory of unsold sugar and putting itself into a more comfortable position. A few weeks ago the company's inventory of unsold sugar was in the neighborhood of 2,600,000 bags. It is understood that to-day the unsold sugar is about 2,250,000 bags. The company is understood to be borrowing only 2 cents a pound against its raws and with raw sugar at 3 cents the banks are protected with a 50% margin of safety. The lowest price at which raws have sold is 2.40 cents a pound. A director is credited with the statement that the

worst is over in the company's affairs and that steady improvement in conditions generally is in progress. (N. Y. "Sun" July 12.)—V. 112, p. 2753.

Cuban-American Sugar Co.—Permanent Bonds.

Permanent engraved First Mfg. Collat. 8% sinking fund gold bonds due March 15 1931, have been substituted on the list of the New York Stock Exchange in lieu of temporary bonds. (See offering in V. 112, p. 1028, 1148).—V. 112, p. 2647.

Dayton (Tenn.) Coal & Iron Co.—Property Purchased.

A dispatch from Chattanooga July 9 states that final papers in the purchase of the company from W. B. Allen, trustee, by Jay Squires and H. S. Matthews were completed and signed on that date and a check for \$8,000 given as first payment. In addition to the check, ten notes for \$7,200 each were given, extending over a period of ten months, and four notes for \$50,000 each, covering a longer time. The total payments, in cash and notes, amounted to \$280,000. See V. 113, p. 187.

Diamond Match Co.—Sinking Fund.

The Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, trustee, announces that it has received the sinking fund installment of \$100,000, due July 1, and will accept tenders for the purchase on or before Sept. 1 of 15-year 7½% sinking fund gold debentures, sufficient to absorb that amount, and at a price not exceeding par and interest.—V. 112, p. 2087.

East St. Louis & Interurban Water Co.—Bonds Offered.—Halsey, Stuart & Co. are offering at 95 and int. yielding 8%, this company's First Mortgage & Refunding 7½% bonds, Series "C," due July 1 1942.

The company, in its present form, or through predecessor companies, has been serving water for 27 to 35 years to East St. Louis and adjoining suburbs. Population served about 120,000.—V. 105, p. 1525; V. 108, p. 2243; V. 109, p. 274.

Edmonds Oil & Refining Corp.—Status.

The "Oil Trade Journal" July 1921 has an article regarding this company in which it is stated that subscriptions to the company's stock at \$2 per share solicited under the letter-head of a New York consulting petroleum engineer will (the "Journal" is informed) be returned to the subscribers, as the letter-head was used without the owner's authority.

The "Oil Trade Journal" also questions the ability of properties such as are described for the company in current prospectuses, to pay the advertised 2% annual dividend rate (2% monthly) on the outstanding \$1,000,000 Capital stock, at all events, under present depressed conditions of the oil market. (For further particulars, see "Oil Trade Journal" July 1921, p. 70 and 71.)

Farr Alpaca Co.—Balance Sheet May 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1921.	1920.	1921.	1920.
Real est. & mach \$6,212,013	\$4,271,396	Capital stock \$12,600,000	\$7,200,000
Merchandise 5,498,246	5,666,921	Ac'ts & notes pay 1,156,043	1,281,145
Cash & dts. rec. 3,929,007	6,213,951	Res. for taxes 49,310	917,502
		Res. for constr. 2,100,000	
		New cap. stock sub. cos. 14,525	
Total (each side) \$15,639,266	\$16,152,268	Surplus 1,819,387	4,653,621

—V. 112, p. 165.
Federal Rubber Co.—No Preferred Dividend Declared.—The company has passed the quarterly dividend of 1¼% usually paid at this time on the 7% Cumul. First Pref. stock and on the 7% Cumul. Conv. Second Pref. stock.—V. 112, p. 1621.

Fisher Body Ohio Co.—Earnings.

A corrected application to the N. Y. Stock Exchange in connection with the listing of \$10,000,000 8% Cum. Pref. stock, par \$100, shows:

Income Account as of April 30 1921.

Interest earned on unpaid subscription to capital stock and on bank deposits from the inception of the company to April 30 1921	\$434,562
Provision for Federal income taxes	43,500
Dividend on Preferred stock	133,000
Balance	\$258,062

—V. 112, p. 2541.
Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co.—Stock Authorized.—The Mass. Department of Public Utilities has approved the issuance of 12,343 additional shares of stock at \$55 a share. The proceeds of 3,272 shares are to be applied to the payment and cancellation of an equal amount of the company's obligations represented by its promissory notes outstanding Dec. 31 1920, and the proceeds of the sale of 9,071 shares are to pay for the cost of additions to plant made subsequent to Dec. 31.—V. 111, p. 497.

Ford Motor Co., Detroit, Mich.—Balance Sheet.

April 30 as Filed With the Massachusetts Authorities.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1921.	1920.	1921.	1920.
Real estate \$71,329,719	\$85,549,727	Capital stock \$17,264,500	\$17,264,500
Mach. & equip. 46,459,046	41,661,137	Ac'ts payable 44,993,755	15,958,116
Inventories 63,848,157	96,859,012	Notes payable 3,892,386	35,112,974
Furn., autos, & c 44,779,634		Dep. reserve *43,493,394	18,654,489
Cash & accts. rec 86,995,166	62,499,027	Accr. expenses 1,498,425	
Stock in sub. cos 1,126,742		Def. credits 3,027,120	3,363,499
Securities 10,361,963	18,921,608	Res. for insur. 89,570	
Patents 81,397	77,856	do for Fed. & local taxes 49,502,136	49,163,974
Good-will 20,517,986		P. & L. surplus 182,877,696	165,679,132
Miscel. invest. 501,815			
Deferred charges 265,674			
* Includes amortization reserve.			
Total (each side) \$345,140,557	\$306,695,109		

—V. 113, p. 188.
Fresno Canal & Land Co.—Bonds Called.—Six hundred fifty-four (\$546,500) First Mtge. 5% gold bonds, dated Feb. 1 1917, have been called for payment Aug. 1 at 102 and int. at the First Federal Trust Co., San Francisco, Calif.—V. 112, p. 2310.

General Electric Co.—To Pay Bonus, &c.

The company will pay its semi-annual bonus to all employees who have been with the company for five continuous years or longer. 5% of the wages earned during the six months ending June 30 1921 will be distributed to employees early in August. As an aid and inducement to the employees to increase their savings, payment will again be made in employees 7% investment bonds instead of cash.

A dispatch from Rome recently stated that the company had taken over the Societa Elettrotecnica Galileo Ferraris of Milan, in company with the Tozi interests. The electrical works, it was stated, will be separated from the steam works and placed under separate management.

May Change Stock Dividend Plan.

It is stated that the company has under consideration a plan calling for the discontinuance of stock dividend in the present outstanding stock and the creation of a new issue of Pref. stock (par \$10), which will be substitute in payment of stock dividends for the present stock, which is being utilized for that purpose. The purpose of this action, it is stated, is to eliminate the extensive issuance of fractional shares which at the present time entail a great deal of detail work and expense in connection with the stock dividend distributions. No other significance is attached to the move, it is said.—V. 112, p. 2753.

Gillette Safety Razor Co.—Sale of Razors.

The United Cigar Stores are offering 250,000 (\$5) Gillette razors, complete with 12 blades, at \$1.99 each. The sale of imitation "Gillette" razors, which have been flooding the German market, was finally checked through the arrest of a man named Lichtenstein, a German who, it is stated, manufactured "original Gillette blades," using a Boston letter-head in his business. The courts confiscated his stock of 20,000 razors. The imitation razors were sold at whatever price was obtainable.—V. 112, p. 2647.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.—Contract—Suit.

The company, it was announced this week, has obtained an order for three large dirigibles and 38 observation balloons from the Government or army and navy use.

A suit was filed July 11 in the U. S. Equity Court, Boston, against the company alleging that company has infringed on an invention of a wheel which was patented by John A. Casey. Suit was brought on behalf of Catherine Mayland, administratrix of the estate. A restraining order is sought to prevent further use of the patent.—V. 112, p. 2753.

Guffey-Gillespie Oil Co.—Control Controversy Settled.

Settlement of the controversy between officials of the Guffey-Gillespie company and Tidewater Oil Co. was effected July 11, when the resignations of Joseph F. Guffey as President and director, E. N. Gillespie as Vice-Pres. and director, Carroll Miller as director and H. K. Bragdon as Sec. and Treas. and director of the Guffey-Gillespie company were accepted at a meeting of the board of directors. J. D. Callery is the only member to remain on the board.

Following the acceptance of these resignations, Myron T. Williams, Harold Butt, Francis I. Fallon and Charles E. Hane, selected by the Tide water Oil Co., were chosen to fill the vacancies. Mr. Fallon was elected President and Mr. Williams was chosen Sec. and Treas.

The settlement brings to an end a controversy regarding the management of the company which has been on since the Tidewater Oil Co. acquired control of the majority holdings of Guffey-Gillespie Common stock. The Tidewater company asked for the appointment of a receiver, but it is believed the application will be withdrawn as a result of this settlement.

The name of the Guffey-Gillespie Company, it is stated, has been changed to Tidal-Osage Co. See V. 112, p. 1871, 1982, 2753; V. 113, p. 188.

Habirshaw Electric Cable Co.—Extension.

The creditors have agreed to grant extension of time until Sept. 15 1921 for purpose of determining the method of liquidation. Company, it is stated, is solvent but assets are not sufficiently liquid to meet maturing obligations.—V. 112, p. 1521.

(Edward) Hines Associated Lumber Interests.—Bonds Offered.—Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Baker, Fentress & Co. and Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, are offering at 100 and int., by advertisement on another page, \$5,000,000 1st Mtge. 8% Serial Gold bonds.

Joint Obligations.—The joint and several obligations of Edward Hines Lumber Co., Park Falls Lumber Co., Edward Hines Yellow Pine Trustees and Trustees of Lumber Investment Association; and secured by a first mortgage on properties of the Edward Hines Yellow Pine Trustees and the Park Falls Lumber Co.

Bond Issue.—Dated July 1 1921, due \$300,000 each July 1 1924 to 1928, \$400,000 July 1 1929 to 1933, and \$500,000 July 1 1934 and 1935. Int. payable J. & J. in Chicago and New York without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank and Calvin Fentress, Chicago, trustees. Denom. \$1,000. \$500 and \$100(c). Red. all or part on any int date on 45 days notice, at par and int., and a premium of 1% for each year or part of year that the bonds have to run before their fixed maturity. Authorized \$7,000,000.

Data from Letter of Edward Hines, Pres. of Edward Hines Lumber Co.

Business.—Edward Hines associated lumber interests are engaged in the manufacture and sale of lumber. Are the largest wholesalers of this commodity in the United States and the owners of two of the most valuable bodies of timber remaining in this country.

Assets.—After giving effect to present financing, consolidated balance sheet of Edward Hines Lumber Co. and associated interests, as of Dec. 31 1920, shows total assets of about \$33,700,000, after deducting all debt excepting this issue, or nearly 7 times the present issue. Net current and working assets alone approximate \$7,200,000.

Security.—Secured by a first mortgage on properties of Park Falls Lumber Co. and Edward Hines Yellow Pine Trustees, comprising approximately 305,000 acres of timber lands in Mississippi and Wisconsin, all owned in fee simple except 19,000 acres of timber rights, estimated to carry 2,700,000,000 ft. of merchantable timber, together with 5 sawmills, railroads and other equipment. On the basis of pre-war prices for timber and cost, less depreciation for sawmills and equipment, the value of these properties is over \$20,000,000.

Earnings.—For 1920, after depletion, maintenance and depreciation, net earnings, before Federal taxes, of Edward Hines Lumber Co. and associated interests, available for interest charges, amounted to \$1,296,745. For 1917 to 1920 inclusive, such net earnings averaged \$1,432,401 p. a. or over 3 times annual interest charges of \$433,600 on total debt outstanding upon the completion of present financing. Since organization, 29 years ago, surplus earnings available for divs. of the company and its associated interests have averaged approximately \$700,000 p. a.

Release of Timber.—The trust deed provides that a releasing price for timber covered by this mortgage of \$4 50 per 1,000 ft. shall be paid to the trustee and used for the retirement of these bonds, except that a total of 400,000,000 ft. of timber may be removed without such payment. This should provide over \$750,000 annually for payment of these bonds.

Directors.—Directors of Edward Hines Lumber Co. are Edward Hines, L. L. Barth, C. F. Wiehe and W. J. Carney, Chicago, and F. E. Weyerhauser, St. Paul.

(Edward) Hines Lumber Co.—Security for Bonds, &c.

See Edward Hines Associated Lumber interests above.—V. 99, p. 471.

Hostetter-Connellsville Coke Co.—Bonds Called.

Forty-two (\$42,000) Purchase Money 5% bonds, due Feb. 1 1942, have been called for payment Aug. 1 at par and int. at the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa.—V. 111, p. 393.

Imperial Tobacco Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Purchase of Certain Trade Marks from British-American Tobacco Co. and Stocks in Other Companies Authorized—Capital Increased—New Bond Issue—Subscriptions to Bonds—Underwritten.—The shareholders July 7 authorized the following:

(1) (a) The purchase from British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd., of certain trade marks and brands for \$2,000,000, payable by the issue of 400,000 Ordinary shares of \$5 each; (b) the purchase of 2,100 Ordinary shares and 210 Preference shares of Scales & Roberts, Ltd., and 3,000 Ordinary shares, and 200 Preference shares of H. Fortier & Co., Ltd., subject to an obligation to acquire at par 491 Preference shares of Scales & Roberts, Ltd., and 600 Preference shares of H. Fortier & Co., Ltd., for \$437,004, with an adjustment of int. and divs. from Jan. 1 1920, the price to be payable partly in fully paid up shares and partly in cash as may be determined; and (c) the purchase of 1,938 Preference shares and 9,690 Ordinary shares of General Cigar Co., Ltd., for \$193,800 payable in cash.

(2) An increase of the authorized capital by \$9,000,000. (3) The creation of an issue of \$6,500,000 7½% bonds payable June 30 1971; denom. \$100; exchangeable after June 30 1922 for Ordinary shares at par. (4) Approved agreements by which a fund of \$840,000 will be provided from the undivided profits to enable certain selected directors and employees to acquire Ordinary shares of the company upon favorable terms.

To provide additional working capital it is proposed to offer the \$6,500,000 bonds at 90 to the holders of Preference and Ordinary shares of the company on or about July 1 and shareholders will be given four weeks in which to apply. It is not proposed to offer to each shareholder a proportion of the bonds based on his share holding in the company and the bonds will be issued in the absolute discretion of the directors.

Bondholders will be able to convert their bonds into Ordinary shares at par on any day on which payment of interest is due, on giving one month's notice after June 30 1922, and before June 30 1926. After June 30 1926, the unsundered bonds will be redeemed at par within 45 years from that date by equal annual drawings or by purchase in the market if below par. Company, however, reserves the right to redeem at par all or any of the bonds at any time after June 30 1926, on giving six months' notice.

Subscribers may pay their subscriptions to Union Bank of Canada, Montreal, in Canadian currency, or to Lloyds Bank, Ltd., 7, Millbank, S. W. 1, London, Eng., in sterling at the fixed rate of \$4 50 to the £ or by a bankers' dollar draft on Montreal.

British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd., and Sir Mortimer B. Davis, who between them own over two-thirds of the Ordinary share capital and a small proportion of the Preference share capital of the company, have agreed to subscribe for their proportion, viz.: 34,925 bonds at the issue price; and, in addition, they have agreed to underwrite the remainder of the bonds at a commission of 3½%.—V. 113, p. 188.

International Fur Exchange, Inc.—Offer to Preferred Stockholders, &c.

An official circular dated St. Louis June 29 addressed to the holders of the Pref. stock says in substance:

International Fur Exchange (the operating company) has, upon the recommendation of the Advisory Committee of bankers constituted by the Amended Acceptance Credit Agreement, transferred to Funsten Brothers & Co. (recently organized in Delaware) all of the capital stock and good will of Funsten Brothers & Co., the Illinois corporation, furniture, equipment and quick assets belonging to the Funsten branch of the International Fur Exchange business, which quick assets had a book value of about \$50,000. The consideration received therefor was all of the \$400,000 Preferred stock of the new Funsten company.

International Fur Exchange has, under similar recommendation of the Advisory Committee, transferred to F. C. Taylor Fur Company (recently organized in Delaware) all of the capital stock and good will of F. C. Taylor Fur Co., a Missouri corporation, furniture, equipment and quick assets belonging to the Taylor branch of the International Fur Exchange business, which quick assets had a book value of approximately \$150,000. The consideration received therefor was the entire issue of \$450,000 Preferred stock of the new Taylor company together with about \$151,000 of its short term-non-interest-bearing promissory notes. The stocks and the assets so sold were either pledged to the trustee under said Amended Acceptance Credit Agreement or had been demanded by the trustee as additional collateral pursuant to its rights under said Amended Acceptance Credit Agreement, and therefore the Preferred stocks and notes received as consideration for these sales were, as a condition of the consent of the Advisory Committee to said sales, delivered to said trustee as substituted collateral for the obligations of International Fur Exchange under said Amended Acceptance Credit Agreement.

The sales in question were made after extended investigation of the value of the stocks and properties in question had been made and after offers for the purchase of these stocks and properties had been sought by the Advisory Committee from all available sources and after it had been unanimously determined by the Advisory Committee and the management of the Company that the offer for these stocks and properties were by far the most advantageous ones which could be secured.

A. M. Ahern has acquired, or has the right to acquire, the entire 10,200 shares Common stock of the new Funsten company, and N. R. Darragh, has acquired or has the right to acquire, the entire 10,200 shares Common stock of the new Taylor company. The Advisory Committee required, as a condition of its action, that the Common stock of the new Funsten Company be limited to dividends of not exceeding in the aggregate \$20,000 per year until the retirement of all of the Preferred stock, and that the Common stock of the new Taylor company be similarly limited to dividends of not exceeding in the aggregate \$17,500 per year until the retirement of all of its Preferred stock.

The undersigned offer to sell to the Preferred stockholders of International Fur Exchange of record on May 15 1921 one share of Common stock of Funsten Brothers & Co. and one share of Common stock of F. C. Taylor Fur Company for each five shares of Preferred stock of International, owned by Preferred stockholders, for the aggregate price of \$35 for said two shares. This price takes into consideration the prices which have been paid for the Common stock issues of the new companies, and if availed of by all of the Preferred stockholders, will result in the reimbursement of the amounts paid for said Common stock issues, leaving the unoffered portions of said Common stock issues to the undersigned or their nominees and others connected with the management of said new companies as an inducement to them for undertaking said management.

[Stockholders who wished to avail themselves of this offer were required to deliver to First National Bank, St. Louis, Mo., on or before July 9 1921, \$35 in cash or certified check to the order of the bank for each two shares of stock which they desired to purchase under the terms of the offer.]

The undersigned reserve the right to require that any stock purchased under this offer be placed in a voting trust for a period of five years, and to accomplish this to deliver to purchasers voting trust certificates representing the shares of stock purchased under this offer. [Signed A. M. Ahern and N. M. Darragh].—V. 113, p. 188.

International Harvester Co.—Financing Denied.

George A. Ranney, Treas., says: "Rumors in circulation that the company is contemplating doing some financing presumably emanate from speculators on the Stock Exchange. These rumors have been industriously circulated for some months although they are absolutely untrue and have been repeatedly denied. Officials of the company do not contemplate any financing, neither has such a policy been discussed with the company's bankers. The only discussion regarding refinancing has been to decline voluntary offers received from bond houses which wished to market the company's securities."—V. 112, p. 2418.

International Paper Co.—Additional Mills Reopen.

It was reported this week that a break among the union workers has resulted in the opening of several of the larger mills of the company which have been closed since May 1 when the men went on strike against the proposed reduction in wages. It is said that thousands of skilled and unskilled workers refusing to obey any longer the order of the union leaders have returned to work under the wage conditions proposed by the company on May 24. These terms represent a reduction of about 21% as compared with the scale of wages existing up to May 1. The large plant at Niagara Falls is now running at full capacity, and the Montgomery mills, located at Turners Falls, Mass., is also running to capacity under the new conditions.—V. 113, p. 189.

Johnson Shipyards Corp.—Receivership.

Judge John C. Knox in the Federal District Court, July 9 appointed E. Stripe and Maurice Davidson, receivers of the company, Port Richmond, Staten Island. Assets are placed at \$750,000 and immediate liabilities are given as \$175,000.

Kaministiqua Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd.—Bond Interest.

The interest on the \$500,000 7% 1st Mtge. Sinking Fund Gold bonds due July 1 has not been paid. As the company is in need of funds circulars have been sent out to the bondholders asking them to subscribe to a Pref. stock issue up to 50% of their holdings. This will net the company \$250,000 and enable it to reopen its plant, which has been closed since the latter part of March. See V. 111, p. 697, 2429.

Kennecott Copper Co.—Copper Production (in Lbs.)

1921—June—1920.	Decrease.	1921—6 Mos.—1920.	Decrease.
4,867,520	10,120,000	5,252,480	34,879,080
			53,753,660
			18,874,580

—V. 112, p. 2647.

Kilbourne & Jacobs Mfg. Co., Columbus, O.—Bonds Offered.—Hyney, Emerson & Co., Chicago, are offering at 100 and interest, yielding 8%, \$900,000 First Mtge. 8% Serial Gold Bonds.

Dated May 1 1921; due serially May 1 1922 to 1933, inclusive. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. (c*). Int. M. & N. payable at New York Trust Co., N. Y., trustee, First National Bank, Cincinnati, O., and Fort Dearborn Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Red. on any int. date upon 30 days notice, at 105 and int. up to, and incl. May 1 1926; at 103 1/2 and int. from Nov. 1 1926 to May 1 1930, incl., and 102 and int. thereafter. Free from normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Penn. State tax of 4 mills refunded.

Date from Letter of President and Gen. Mgr. J. R. Kilbourne.

Company.—Is the oldest and largest manufacturer in the U. S. of wheelbarrows, scrapers, warehouse trucks and trailers and heavy-service industrial cars required in mining and quarrying operations, and in the construction of railroads, highways and irrigation systems. Was incorporated in Ohio in 1881 and succeeded Columbus Revolving Scraper Co., organized in 1876.

Capitalization.—Present outstanding capitalization is \$2,000,000, and consists of \$625,000 6% Pref. Stock and \$1,375,000 Common. Of this amount \$950,000 is represented by Common stock dividends declared out of surplus at various times. Cash dividends paid to stockholders have totaled nearly \$2,500,000.

Purpose.—Proceeds will retire all current debt other than nominal current merchandise accounts and will leave co. with ample cash working capital.

Security.—A direct closed first mortgage on all fixed properties now or hereafter owned. These properties are carried on company's books, after depreciation, at \$1,861,996, and have been appraised at a net sound depreciated value of \$2,517,300.

Earnings.—Net operating profits, before Federal taxes, available for interest and depreciation, have annually averaged over \$200,000 for the past 17 years, and for the past 5 years have annually averaged over \$328,000, or more than 4 1/2 times the maximum bond interest requirements.

Assets.—Balance sheet as of April 30 1921 shows net tangible assets, after giving effect to this financing and to inventory adjustments, of \$3,009,821, or over \$3,344 for each \$1,000 bond. These figures do not include good will, trade marks, &c.—V. 113, p. 189.

Lackawanna Steel Co.—Quarterly Statement.

Lackawanna Steel Co. and Subsidiary Co's Comparative Income Account.				
	Quarter end. June 30—		6 Mos. end. June 30—	
	1921.	1920.	1921.	1920.
a Net earnings	def.\$384,762	\$2,786,107	\$282,933	\$3,123,018
Deduct—Int. on bonds & other obligations:				
Lackawanna Steel Co.	221,913	251,746	444,137	486,325
Subsidiary companies	36,979	39,267	74,792	79,367
Balance	def\$643,653	sur\$2495,095	def\$235,996	sur\$2557,326
Less—Appropriations for—				
Extng. of min'g invest.	9,199	59,641	62,760	113,420
Depr. & accrued renew.	330,275	553,508	675,636	1,011,680
Total	def\$983,127	sur\$1881,946	def\$974,392	sur\$1432,226

a Total net earnings are shown "after providing for all taxes, including Federal taxes, and deducting all other expenses, including ordinary repairs and maintenance, but not renewal expenditures and other appropriations for the current year," which are deducted separately as shown in table.—V. 112, p. 2312.

Loft, Inc.—New Bond Issue—Sales.

The Chatham & Phenix National Bank, New York, has been appointed trustee of \$1,500,000 1st Mtge. 6% 10-yr. Gold bonds, dated June 1 1921 and due June 1 1931. None of these bonds, it is understood, will be issued or offered to the public but will be held in the treasury of the company and if necessary will be deposited as collateral security for bank loans, &c.

Period ending June 30.			
1921—3 Mos.—	1920.	1921—6 Mos.—	1920.
Sales	\$1,480,188	\$1,719,451	\$3,124,210
			\$3,381,254

—V. 112, p. 2648.

McCrary Stores Corp., N. Y.—June Sales.

1921—June—		1920.	Decrease.	1921—6 Mos.—		1920.	Increase
\$1,030,114	\$1,070,199	\$40,085	\$6,217,763	\$6,121,349	\$96,414		

—V. 112, p. 2542.

Magnolia Petroleum Co.—Office Building.

Work on the company's new office building at Dallas is rapidly progressing. The structure will be about 400 ft. high and will be, it is said, the tallest office building in this country outside of N. Y. City.—V. 112, p. 2197.

Mengel Co., Inc., Louisville, Ky.—American Tobacco Co. Declares Dividend of 4 3/4 % Payable in Mengel Co. Common Stock—Balance Sheet of April 30 1921.

The American Tobacco Co. has declared a dividend of 4 3/4 %, payable at par in the Common stock of the Mengel Co., owned by the American Tobacco Co., to holders of Common stock and Common stock "B." See that company above.

Mengel Co., Inc., Balance Sheet of April 30 1921 and Jan. 2 1920.			
Assets—	Apr. 30 '21	Jan. 2 '20.	Liabilities—
	\$	\$	
Real estate, &c.	6,364,138	4,672,472	Common stock
Timber lands, &c.	1,032,553	1,466,328	Preferred stock
Logging rr. & equip	659,894	—	Debentures
Floating property	1,002,974	7,406,065	Bills & acct's pay.
Horses, &c.	191,963	—	Reserve for depreciation, &c.
Lumber supplies, &c	7,120,193	—	Reserve for contingencies
Cash	939,006	696,257	Other liabilities
Acct's & bills rec.	1,755,242	1,245,071	Surplus
Investments	243,801	—	
Due from sub. cos.	421,865	—	
Prepaid items	115,032	—	
Total	19,896,663	15,486,193	Total

Dividend Record.—The company is paying dividends on the Pref. stock at the rate of 7% per annum. On Capital stock (now Common stock) dividends since 1908 have been paid as follows:

1908.	'09.	'10.	'11.	'12.	'13.	1914.	1915.	'16.	'17.	'18.	Jan.'20.
10	16	15	14	12 1/2	a95	16.27	15.61	18	12	9.09	9.09
											b15

a Includes 85% paid in scrip, earned prior to 1913 and later converted into stock. b Paid in Pref. stock. No div. has been paid on Common since Jan. 15 1920.

This company, formerly the Mengel Box Co., sold in Nov. 1918 \$4,000,000 7% Serial gold debentures, dated Nov. 1 1918 and due \$1,000,000 annually Nov. 1 1920 to 1923, inclusive (see V. 107, p. 1842). The \$1,000,000 installment, due Nov. 1 1920, was paid off at maturity.—V. 107, p. 1842.

Midwest Oil Co.—Meeting Postponed.

The stockholders' meeting scheduled for July 9 to vote on the recapitalization plan has been postponed to July 27. See V. 112, p. 2648, 2756.

Minneapolis Gas Light Co.—New Receivers.

Alonzo T. Rand, President, and Olive T. Jaffray, Pres. First National Bank, have been appointed by U. S. Judge Wilbur F. Booth as receivers. Their appointment was necessitated by the death of Rufus R. Rand, V.-Pres. of the company and receiver since Jan. 1920.—V. 111, p. 595.

New Jersey Tube Co.—Receiver.

Judge Lynch has appointed Andrew K. Fletcher receiver. Liabilities fixed at \$2,000,000 and assets at \$1,000,000.

New York & Richmond Gas Co.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—			
1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Gross earnings	\$672,538	\$579,720	\$513,539
Oper. exp. & amortiz'n	750,898	540,357	470,814
Bond interest	86,584	83,238	80,845
Dividends	—	—	80,845

(4%) 60,000

Balance, sur. or def.	def\$164,945	def\$43,875	def\$38,121	sur\$493
Balance Sheet Dec. 31.				
Assets—	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.
Plant & equip'm't	\$3,505,684	\$3,457,844	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Liberty bond adv.	—	5,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Cash	25,327	59,716	Accounts payable.	264,254
Accounts receiv'le.	60,497	54,296	Bills payable	25,000
Inventory	77,514	69,665	Accr. wages, taxes, &c.	182,975
Deferred charges	35,241	21,125	Reserves	152,525
Total each side	\$3,704,265	\$3,667,648	Surplus	104,510
				278,473

—V. 112, p. 2649.

North Atlantic Oyster Farms, Inc.—Deferred Interest.

Notice has been given that moneys have been deposited with the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, for payment of coupons No. 11 and 12, due Jan. 1 1920 and July 1 1920, respectively, on the First Lien Collateral Trust gold bonds.—V. 112, p. 2756.

Northern Indiana Gas & Electric Co.—Proposal.

A proposal which may solve the railway problem in Lafayette and West Lafayette, Ind., has been made to the city by Pres. Clarence H. Geist. The company has an option on the railway and offers to exercise the option if the citizens will raise \$100,000 to help finance the project. The gas company would turn the railway over to the Terre Haute Indianapolis & Eastern Traction Co. for operation. Regulation of the jitney traffic also is asked. ("El. Railway Journal.")—V. 109, p. 277.

Northern States Power Co.—Listing—Earnings.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of (1) \$1,499,000 additional 1st & Ref. M. Series "A" 5s and (2) \$3,000,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. "B" 6s, making the total amount applied for \$24,567,500 Series "A" bonds and \$3,000,000 Series "B" bonds (total auth. \$100,000,000).

Consolidated Income Account		Year ended March 31 1921.	
Gross earnings	\$12,434,526	Total	\$1,066,705
Oper. exp., incl. current maintenance & taxes	7,769,973	Depreciation	475,000
Bond interest	1,709,001	Amortization	250,000
Note interest	599,326	Balance, surplus	\$341,704
Preferred dividends	1,400,350	Previous surplus	1,429,943
Balance	\$955,876	Surplus March 31	\$1,771,648
General interest credit	110,829		
—V. 112, p. 1747, 1523.			

Old Dominion Co.—Stock Taken.

Interests identified with the company are reported to have agreed to take at \$25 a share any unsold balance of the new stock recently offered to the stockholders. The offer to stockholders to subscribe at \$25 a share expired July 12. It is stated that the shareholders subscribed for approximately 34,500 shares, leaving but 18,429 shares to be taken by the interests identified with the company.—V. 112, p. 2313.

Otis Elevator Co.—Half-Year's Earnings.

Six Months ending June 30—	1921.	1920.
Earnings, after deducting all charges for patents, expts., renewals and repairs for maintenance of plant and equipment, general & special deprec'n.	\$2,412,109	\$2,037,195
Interest charges	61,673	61,673
Reserve for Federal taxes	825,000	375,000
Reserve for pension	50,000	50,000
Net income	\$1,537,109	\$1,550,522
—V. 112, p. 2757, 2198.		

Otis Steel Co.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$4,000,000 additional 7% Cumulative Preferred stock, par \$100, making the total applied for \$8,830,600. See annual report in V. 112, p. 2188.

Pacific Coast Co.—Postpones 2d Pref. Dividend.

Action on the 2d Pref. dividend usually paid Aug. 1 has been postponed in view of the strike of coal miners which was called March 15, and is still unsettled, and the consequent closing of the company's mines since that time. The company has been paying dividends at the rate of 1% quarterly, the last disbursement on the issue having been made on May 1. The 2d Pref. stock is non-cumulative.

The usual quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the 1st Pref. stock has been declared, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 25.—V. 112, p. 265.

Park Falls Lumber Co.—Security for Bonds.

See Edward Hines Associated Lumber interests above.

Parker-Young Co., Lisbon, N. H.—Tenders.

The Old Colony Trust Co., trustee, 17 Court St., Boston, Mass., will, until July 18, receive bids for the sale to it of First Mtge. 5% Serial gold notes, to an amount sufficient to absorb \$44,696 and at a price not exceeding par and interest.—V. 105, p. 2189.

Pathe Freres Phonograph Co.—Plan of Readjustment of Debt Dated April 21 1921.—The pending plan for the readjustment of the debt, in much condensed form follows:

Sale of Cabinets, &c., for Jobbers' Notes, Aggregating Possibly \$1,000,000.

Company will endeavor to sell phonograph cabinets, included in its [\$3,011,112] inventory, accepting jobbers' and dealers' notes in payment therefor maturing in 24 monthly installments. It is anticipated that approximately \$1,000,000 principal amount of such notes will be obtained.

Proposed New Securities (a) Participating 6% Certificates [say \$814,000.—Ed.]

An issue of Participating Certificates shall be created, secured by two-thirds of the entire amount of jobbers' notes acquired (the present committees may limit these notes to \$666,000), and other bills and notes receivable. The remaining one-third of the jobbers' notes shall be pro rated on the forward contracts. The pledged securities shall exceed the participating certificates by at least \$50,000. All payments of principal and interest made on the pledged securities shall be distributed pro rata to the holders of the Participating Certificates on account of the principal and int. thereof.

The Participating Certificates shall be registered, without coupons, shall bear int. at rate of 6% p. a., and shall mature 2 years and 1 month from date. In case the proceeds of the pledged securities shall not be sufficient to pay principal and int. of the certificates on or before maturity, the deficiency shall be paid at maturity by company, which shall endorse each certificate with its guaranty so to do.

(b) *New 7% 3-Year Notes [Approximately \$2,640,000.—Ed.]*—Shall mature in 3 years from date. Part payments totalling \$250,000 shall be made on or before end of second year, and if a further sum of \$250,000 is paid on or before 1 month before the date of maturity, the new committee, (consisting of three members to be appointed by present committees) may extend the time for the payment of the balance of the principal one year. Company may anticipate the part payments and the maturity of the notes all or part at any time and the new committee, whenever the cash position of the company warrants, can require company to make a part payment on account of principal.

The notes shall immediately mature if company is adjudicated insolvent or a receiver appointed and not removed within 30 days of qualification. Notes shall be registered, without coupons and red. at par and int. All payments of int. and principal shall be made by check pro rata.

Provision shall be made for a bank credit up to \$350,000 if the present committees so determine, the notes to be subordinate thereto.

(c) *New Deferred 6% Notes [Approximately \$528,000.—Ed.]*—The deferred notes shall mature in 5 years, shall bear int. at rate of 6% p. a., payable at maturity, and shall be subordinate in all respects to above \$350,000 bank credit and to the payment of the principal and int. of the Participating Certificates and the new 7% notes.

Provisions for Payment & Funding of Existing Debt.

Assenting creditors will receive in payment approximately: (a) 15% in cash; (b) 20% in Participating 6% Certificates, but only to the nearest multiple of \$50. (The present committees shall have power to increase the amount of these certificates). (c) 65% in New 7% Notes, but only to the nearest multiple of \$50. (If the amount of Participating Certificates is increased the amount of new notes shall be correspondingly decreased.) (d) Subject to the prior offering thereof to the stockholders, Deferred 6% Notes equal to 20% of the New 7% Notes to be received by each creditor. The entire proceeds received from the Deferred 6% notes taken by stockholders shall be applied to the reduction of the debt and the amount of such notes to be issued to the creditors will accordingly be reduced.

The "existing debt" shall be deemed to include: (1) all liabilities appearing on the books, including the [\$1,500,000] 3-year 8% Sinking Fund Gold Notes [These notes being in default as to sinking fund but not interest payments—Ed.] and amounts due for merchandise billed but not delivered; (2) unpaid interest due or accruing thereon; (3) liquidated claims for damages, if approved by the present committees, but not including certain indebtedness incurred since Dec. 15 1920 appearing on the books or liabilities under forward contracts for Class B, C and D cabinets, panels and motors; (4) also, if and to the extent determined by the present committees indirect (contingent) obligations such as notes, trade acceptances, &c., on which the company is secondarily liable.

Offering to Stockholders.—The aforesaid Deferred 6% Notes shall be first offered for 3 months at such price as shall be fixed by the present committees but at not less than 50% of par value either (a) first to the holders of the following stocks in the order names, viz.: 8% Debenture stock, 8% Pref. stock, 7% Pref. stock and of its Common stock; (b) to the holders of all stock irrespective of classes, or (c) otherwise as the present committees may determine.

Forward Cabinet & Panel Contract Adjustments.—The company shall not be required to accept delivery of Class B, C and D cabinets and panels covered by forward contracts held by creditors assenting to this plan, except as and when needed, or as otherwise provided in the plan, to the extent of one-third of the reduction made from time to time in the amount of the cabinet and panel inventory. Payment for the cabinets and panels so delivered may be made by the company in bills and notes receivable received by it therefor.

Such purchases of cabinets and panels shall be equitably prorated among the forward contractors in the proportion substantially, as to each forward contractor, that the total amount set opposite his name in the schedule attached hereto bears to \$1,750,000. [This amount is additional to the "existing debt."—Ed.]

All liability to purchase cabinets and panels with respect of which no materials had been acquired or labor expended or commitments made in that regard prior to Dec. 15 1920 shall be deemed canceled by the contractors assenting to this plan. The company shall also be allowed a reduction in the contract prices in those cases in which there is a reduction in the cost of the labor and additional material required in completing contracts for the same.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1920. (Total [each side], \$8,781,498).

Assets—	Liabilities—
Land, bldgs., &c., less \$165,-	3-Yr. 8% Sink. Fd. Gold Notes \$1,500,000
994 depreciation	7% Cumul. Pref. stock
Patents, good-will, &c.	8% Cumul. Debenture stock
Cash on hand and in bank	8% Cumul. Pref. stock
Accts. receivable less reserves	Common stock
Notes & trade accept. rec. less reserve	Accts. pay.—Trade creditors
Inventories	Notes & trade accept. payable
Merchandise on consignment	Fed. Inc. & excise taxes due
Accounts receivable—sub. cos.	Res. for Fed. tax adjustment
Invest.—Affiliated & sub. cos.	Miscellaneous
Deposits to secure mortgages	Mortgages payable
Matrices (inventory value)	Notes receivable discounted
Deferred and prepaid items	Surplus Dec. 31 1920
	Appr. Sk. Fd. 8% Deb. stock

Note.—The company "is also contingently liable as endorser on certain outstanding notes of jobbers, &c." and is furthermore obligated under forward contracts for cabinets, panels and motors which are classified as follows: Class A, completed (except as to certain equipment in some instances) packed and billed, but held by the creditor, the unpaid purchase price being included in "existing debt"; Class B, similarly completed not in process of assembling, but materials acquired or commitments made; Class C, no materials, labor or commitments made in respect thereof.

[The names of the "present committees" having the readjustment in charge were given last week (p. 190). It should be noted that of the 14 members of the creditors committee the following are affiliated with prominent financial houses, viz.: James H. Carter, V.-Pres. Nat. City Bank of N. Y.; Joseph [not James] Brown, V.-Pres. Chatham & Phoenix Nat. Bank of N. Y.; Frank Bailey, V.-Pres. Title Guarantee & Trust Co., Brooklyn; G. Foster Smith, President Nassau National Bank of Brooklyn; E. P. Maynard, President of the Brooklyn Trust Co.; James H. Perkins, President Farmers' Loan & Trust Co.] See also V. 113, p. 190.

New President and Chairman—New Board of Directors.

W. W. Chase of Cleveland, President of the White Sewing Machine Co. and the Theodore Kundtz Co., has been elected President succeeding Eugene A. Widmann who becomes Chairman.

In addition to Mr. Widmann and Mr. Chase the Pathe directorate now contains the names of E. O. Goss, President of the Scoville Mfg. Co. of Waterbury, Conn.; James H. Carter, Vice-President National City Bank of N. Y.; Carle Conway, Sidney Blumenthal, James W. Anthony of N. Y. City; Peter Lee Atherton of Louisville, Ky.; Frederick Osborn of G. M. P. Murphy Co. of N. Y.; Colonel Arthur W. Copp of N.Y.; Hugh J. Brennan of the Pittsburgh Talking Machine Co., Pittsburg, Pa.; R. J. Jamieson of Cleveland, O.—V. 113, p. 190.

(J. C.) Penney Co.—June Sales.

1921—June—1920.	Increase.	1921—6 Mos.—1920.	Increase.
\$3,834,830	\$3,639,454	\$20,590,850	\$15,849,814
—V. 112, p. 2649.			

Pierce Oil Corp.—Possible Financing.—Clay Arthur Pierce, President, in a letter to newspapers, says:

"The articles that have recently appeared in your paper with regard to competition between the Pierce Oil Corp. and the Magnolia Petroleum Co., or with respect to the so-called abandonment of plans for the financing of the Pierce Oil Corp. are misleading and without foundation. The relations that exist between the Pierce Oil Corp. and the Magnolia Petroleum Co. are friendly, and are no more competitive than those existing between the Pierce Oil Corp. and many other oil companies doing business in the same territory. In Mexico, where a substantial part of the retail business of the Pierce Oil Corp. is done, the Magnolia Petroleum Co. is not a competitor of ours, and in the United States it competes with us only in the southern portion of our field of operations.

"The plans for financing the Pierce Oil Corporation as its needs may require to permit handling and utilizing its large new Mexican production and for other desirable expansion of its business have not been abandoned but are receiving consideration as to whether any new financing may be necessary."—V. 112, p. 2543.

Pittsburgh (Pa.) Oil & Gas Co.—Defers Dividend.

The directors have deferred action on the dividend usually paid Aug. 15 on the capital stock. Quarterly payments of 1 1/2% per share have been made from Feb. 1919 to May 1921, incl. In Dec. last a "Christmas dividend" was also paid.—V. 112, p. 855.

Pullman Co.—Authorized to Make Wage Cuts.

See under "Current Events" July 9, p. 149.—V. 113, p. 190.

Queensborough Gas & Electric Co.—Capital Increase.

The company has filed a certificate at Albany increasing the capital from \$2,000,000 (all Common) to \$7,000,000, the new stock to consist of \$5,000,000 8% Cumulative Preferred. The P. S. Commission has not yet approved the issue. It is expected that the stockholders will later be given the right to subscribe to part of the issue.—V. 107, p. 1008.

Rand (Gold) Mines, Ltd.—Output (In Ounces.)

1921—June—1920.	Decrease.	1921—6 Mos.—1920.	Decrease.
678,490	715,957	3,928,501	4,104,846
—V. 112, p. 2757, 2649.			

Ray Hercules Copper Co.—Bond Subscriptions Returned.

The "Investor & Trader" July 9 says: "According to official information, shareholders did not subscribe adequately for bonds offered them to satisfy creditors' claims, and the subscriptions received were returned. It is said directors are now working on another plan for financing the company." Compare V. 112, p. 1151, 1524.

Republic Rubber Corp.—Protective Committee.

A protective committee for the second preferred and common stocks of the Republic Rubber Corp., has been appointed in addition to one for the first preferred shareholders. See V. 113, p. 190.

Shawinigan Water & Power Co.—Bonds Sold.

Brown Brothers & Co., Lee, Higginson & Co., Alex. Brown & Sons and Jackson & Curtis have sold at 90 1/2 and int. to yield about 6 3/4% an additional \$1,875,000 1st Ref. Mtge. 6% Sinking Fund Gold bonds of 1921, due July 1 1950 (see description in V. 112, p. 940).

Data from Letter of President J. E. Aldred, July 12 1921.

Capitalization after this financing—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Capital stock (all one class, par \$100)	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
1st Consol. (1st) M. 5s 1934 (\$1,175,500 in sk. fd.)	5,000,000	3,829,500
1st Ref. M. S. F. Gold bonds (V. 109, p. 584)		
Series A 5 1/2%, due Jan. 1 1950	50,000,000	6,000,000
Series B 6%, due July 1 1950 (issued \$5,334,000, all pledged as security for Convertible Notes)		
Series C 6%, due July 1 1950 (this issue)		
6-year 7 1/2% Secured Convertible Gold Notes		4,375,000
		4,000,000

Purpose.—Proceeds will provide additional working capital and for new construction.

Earnings Calendar Years 1914-1920 and Year Ended May 31 1921.

	1914.	1916.	1918.	1920.	'21 (May 31)
Gross	\$1,805,217	\$2,325,872	\$3,621,074	\$3,943,359	\$4,273,661
Net	1,560,622	1,897,944	2,335,053	2,525,543	2,692,353
Interest	499,153	544,208	824,959	716,501	870,707
Balance	1,061,469	1,353,736	1,510,094	1,809,042	1,821,646

Net earnings for the 12 months ending May 31 1921 were \$2,692,353, equal to 2.48 times annual interest requirements of \$1,083,975 on total present funded debt including this new issue.

Hydro-Electric Plants & Water Powers.—Company's hydro-electric power stations are on the St. Maurice River, midway between Montreal and

City of Quebec. The river drains an area of about 18,000 sq. m., practically all of which is heavily timbered and, therefore, suitable for water power purposes. At Shawinigan Falls company owns by purchase from the Government 1,100 acres of land. This includes all water rights controlling one of the greatest natural water powers in existence, the river at this point falling a distance of over 150 ft. Here are operated two stations with present capacities of 60,000 and 90,000 h.p., respectively, and in addition 55,000 hydraulic h.p. is sold to local manufacturing plants, making a total of 205,000 developed h.p. at Shawinigan Falls. A dam constructed in 1912 and 1913 a short distance above the falls, enabling a better control of the river flow, makes available additional h.p., which has been largely increased by the recent completion by the company for the Province of Quebec of the large storage dam and reservoir at La Loutre near the headwaters of the river. By these works 100,000 h.p. has been added to company's undeveloped water power capacity.

Through a long term contract with Laurentide Power Co., Ltd. (in which the Shawinigan has a substantial stock interest and whose plant at Grand Mere, with an installed capacity of 125,000 h.p., about 12 miles above Shawinigan Falls, is operated by the Shawinigan company), this company obtains at unusually low prices 50,000 h.p., with an option on 50,000 additional h.p.

The company in 1914 purchased the lands, water rights, &c., at Gres Falls on the St. Maurice River, 4 miles below Shawinigan Falls, which are capable of an ultimate development of about 150,000 h.p. The property is now owned by the Gres Falls Development Co., Ltd., all the bonds and stock of which are owned by the Shawinigan Co.

See Map in "Railway & Industrial Section," p. 223, and compare annual report for 1920 in V. 112, p. 1158, 1138.

Standard Sanitary Mfg. Co.—Additional Stock Offered.

For the purpose of providing additional working capital the directors April 28 authorized the sale of 12,000 shares of additional Common stock (par \$100) at \$125 per share. This stock is offered for subscription to the holders of Common and Preferred Capital stock of record as of June 30 1921 to the extent of 7 1/4 % of their holdings and stockholders must exercise the right of subscription on or before Aug. 1.

Should the amount of stock authorized be not subscribed for in full by the stockholders, the balance remaining shall be offered for sale by the executive committee at not less than \$125 per share, and shall be first offered to the principal employees of the company.

President Theo. Ahrens, Pittsburgh, Pa., June 15, says: "The present is the most difficult period that building trades industries have experienced for many years, yet this company has been earning more than its dividends. The company's record in earnings and return to the shareholders since the beginning is the strongest support of the belief that the company will continue to grow and expand, but on safe and conservative lines as in the past. Further that the Common stock will continue to increase steadily in value."

"In the event that the stock is not fully subscribed, present shareholders will be given preference in case they desire more than their allotment."

"No question is ever raised of the company's credit or of its financial strength. This offer therefore will not be misunderstood. It is in no sense an appeal for help to tide over any present or probable difficulties. The money from the sale of this stock is to be used for the natural and conservative expansion of the business. The offer is to give the shareholders the opportunity to exercise what is their right to subscribe to this stock." [See annual report for 1920 on a preceding page.]—V. 112, p. 1984.

Superior Oil Corp.—Quarterly Statement.

Results for the Quarter Ending Mar. 31 1921 and Calendar Year 1920.

	3 Mos. '21.	Cal. Yr. '21.
Gross income	\$628,657	\$3,000,951
Expenses (oper., general and administrative)	329,202	667,163
Depreciation of plant and equipment	151,229	418,133
Depletion of producing wells	202,087	580,990
Gross operating profit	loss \$53,861	\$1,334,665
Other income	3,771	14,705

Net profit before Federal taxes.....def \$50,090 \$1,349,370
The balance sheet of Mar. 31 1921 shows total assets of \$18,704,105 (against \$18,596,982 Dec. 31 1920). This includes property account, \$17,366,858, and also current assets of \$794,461, notably cash, \$26,743 and inventories, \$340,164. Offsets include with other items, current liabilities, \$659,141; bills payable, \$485,000, against \$260,000 on Dec. 31 1920; accounts payable, \$167,234, and capital and surplus, \$17,864,448, against \$17,867,836 on Dec. 31 1920.—V. 112, p. 1625.

Superior Steel Corp.—To Retire Pref. Stock.

The Columbia Trust Co. 60 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until July 26, receive bids for the sale to it of First Pref. and Second Pref. stock to amounts sufficient to absorb \$52,517 and \$73,056, respectively, and at a price not exceeding 115 and interest.—V. 113, p. 191.

Tide Water Oil Corp.—Guffey Controversy Settled.

See Guffey-Gillespie Oil Co. above.—V. 112, p. 2762.

Traylor Engineering & Mfg. Co.—New Bond Issue.

The Metropolitan Trust Co., New York, has been appointed trustee under an issue of \$1,000,000 First Mtge. 8% Sinking Fund gold bonds.—V. 109, p. 1707, 1800; V. 113, p. 91.

Union Oil Co. of California.—Earnings—Dividends.

The company's report for the half-year June 30 1921, dated at Los Angeles July 7, says in substance:

Profits.—From all operations, less general expenses, regular taxes, interest charges and employees' share of profits, were approximately:

	1921	1920
Profit subject to deprec. & Fed. income & excess profits taxes	\$11,300,000 28%	\$10,000,000 27%
Provision for deprec., depletion & labor & incidental cost of new drilling	4,500,000 11%	3,650,000 9%

Profit subject to Federal income & excess profits taxes.....\$6,800,000 17% \$6,350,000 18%
The percentages stated above are calculated on the capital stock and surplus combined.

Production of crude oil by the company and controlled companies combined approximates 4,775,000 barrels, an increase over the same period last year of 600,000 barrels or 14%. Altogether 27 wells were brought in during the six months, with a total production of about 11,000 barrels per day. Owing to the fact that there is for the time being a surplus of production in the State the company is materially restricting its drilling program.

Sales for the six months approximate \$30,460,000, an increase in value of \$1,100,000. Our oil stocks show an increase for the six months of about 1,100,000 barrels. Sales, profits and oil in storage during the quarter just closed have been affected by the shipping strike.

Capital Expenditures approximate \$9,750,000. This includes \$1,200,000 for the cost of valuable light and other oil territory and \$2,600,000 representing balance of payment in full for our two 12,000 ton tankers (the SS. "Montebello" and SS. "La Placentia," both of which are now in active service); also payments made on two tankers in course of construction. The balance of the expenditures represent principally the cost of new drilling and additions to our distributing and manufacturing plants. We have expended during the six months \$9,750,000 for capital outlay and have available cash resources approximating \$6,000,000. It is contemplated that the capital expenditures for the ensuing six months will be much less than for the period under review.

Current Assets, consisting of cash, U. S. Govt. bonds and Treasury certificates, accounts and bills receivable, oil inventories and materials and supplies at June 30 1921, approximate \$35,300,000, a decrease from Dec. 31 1920 of about \$3,000,000. Inasmuch as our inventories are carried at figures so substantially below the present market, it is most improbable that the profits for the ensuing six months will have to be charged with any write-off for inventory losses.

Current Liabilities (incl. reserves for taxes and contingencies) at June 30 1921 approximate \$8,000,000, which is about \$1,600,000 less than at the close of 1920. During the six months there has been a decrease in 1st Mtge. bonds in the hands of the public of \$165,000; purchase money obligations increased during the six months approximately \$285,000.

Capital Stock Outstanding at June 30 1921 amounted to \$50,000,000 and the surplus and operating reserves approximate \$36,300,000.

A regular quarterly dividend of \$2 per share, together with an extra dividend of \$1 per share, was declared on July 7, payable on July 28 to stockholders of record July 12. [Compare V. 112, p. 1407.]

[Signed by W. L. Stewart, Pres.; R. D. Matthews, Comp.—V. 112, p. 2314.

United Fruit Co., Boston.—Earnings.

Net earnings for the first six months of this year before taxes totalled \$12,218,000, equivalent to \$12 21 a share on its 1,000,000 share capitalization. If it is able in the coming six months to do no more than provide for its reserve for taxes it will have earned its \$8 annual dividend with a 50% margin to the good. The second half year should show a very substantial earning power and unless fruit and shipping profits fall far below normal, the company should have no difficulty in returning a balance of \$16 per share for its stock, "Wall St. Journal."—V. 112, p. 2545.

United Gas Improvement Co.—Rate Increase Proposed.

For the purpose of providing temporary relief to the company Councilman Charles B. Hall June 30 introduced an ordinance in the Philadelphia City Council permitting the gas company to increase its price 25 cents per 1,000 cu. ft. and requiring the maintenance of a 600 British thermal unit standard. The permission is limited to a period of one year dating from July 15. The Transportation & Public Utilities Committee of Council to which the ordinance was referred for consideration has been reported out but without recommendation. Another measure by councilman Roper authorizing the Mayor's Gas Commission, in conjunction with the City solicitor to open negotiations with the company with a view to modify the present lease between the City and the company or formulate a new one was reported out without recommendation by the Committee.—V. 113, p. 89.

United Lead Co.—Retiring Bonds—Business Running About 80% Normal.

A published statement, pronounced substantially correct for the "Chronicle," states: United Lead Co., a subsidiary of National Lead Co., has retired \$328,000 of its Debentures this year. It also paid off at maturity April 1 last \$107,000 Chadwick-Boston Lead Co. bonds, the last outstanding of the \$300,000 originally issued. The bonds were retired out of earnings. Company is also setting up further reserves for prepayment of its Debentures due 1943. The original issue amounted to \$10,640,000, of which at this time, by reason of the operations of the sinking fund, \$2,895,000 have been retired.

The company's entire \$15,000,000 Common and \$16,500 Preferred is all owned by National Lead, but it has never contributed to the treasury of the latter in dividends, &c. Earnings have always been applied to extension of business, working capital and retirement of funded debt.

The business of the company has been running at about 75% to 80% of normal this year. White lead sales of the parent company are running considerably above normal. As a whole National Lead Co. and subsidiaries are doing a volume of business that compares favorably with last year.

It is believed it will take three or four years for the country to catch up with the painting that was deferred during the year. Demand for white lead at present is largest in the East, but shows some tendency to increase throughout the West. The slowest items at present that National Lead handles are babbitt metal and sheet lead, reflecting the slowing down of industrial activity. There is a good demand for lead pipe and lead trap used in building construction. ("Wall Street Journal.")—V. 110, p. 1755. s

U. S. Steel Corp.—Unfilled Orders—Foreign Holdings.

See under "Trade and Traffic Movements" and "Current Events" on preceding pages.—V. 113, p. 191.

Vulcan Detinning Co.—Quarterly Report.

Income Account.			
Quarters ending March 31—	1921.	1920.	1919.
Sales	\$343,490	\$241,762	\$492,158
Increase or decrease in inventories	Dec. 132,181	67,026	27,588
Other income	3,065	5,126	5,731
Total	\$214,374	\$313,914	\$525,477
Costs and general expenses	283,641	297,792	461,627
Reserve for Fed. taxes & other contingencies			15,000
Preferred dividend (2 1/4 %)	42,339	41,250	41,250
Balance, surplus	df\$111,608	df\$25,129	\$7,601

Balance Sheet March 21.				
Assets—	1921.	1920.	Liabilities—	
Plant & equip	\$1,588,429	\$610,004	Common stk.	\$2,000,000
Pats., good will, &c.	4,408,098	3,200,000	Com. "A" stk.	1,225,800
Cash	99,655	23,892	Pref. stock	1,500,000
Accts. rec. & advances	131,269	50,459	Pref. "A" stk.	919,400
Inventories	477,187	193,854	Accts. pay and res. for Fed. taxes, &c.	423,969
Inv. in U. S.			Div. scrip pay	42,339
Govt. secur.	217,650	369,000	Cont. & def.	284,998
To. (each side)	\$6,922,288	\$4,447,209	Surplus	525,781

—V. 112, p. 1407

Waukau Transit Co.—Bonds Offered.

John Burnham & Co., Chicago, are offering at prices to yield 8.50%, \$150,000 1st Mtge. 8% Serial Gold bonds. Dated June 1 1921; due serially \$5,000 June 1 1922 to 1931. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c*). Int. payable J. & D. at office of First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Trustee. Company agrees to pay Normal Federal Income tax up to 2%. Red. on 60 days notice at 105 and int. on any int. date.

The bonds are the direct obligation of the Company (organized in Indiana) and are secured by a first mortgage on the steel steamship "Westoil," a steel bulk cargo steamship, capable of carrying a deadweight of 3,500 tons, length 250 ft., breadth 43 ft., depth 23 ft. In addition, company owns a substantial interest in Glen Transportation Co. of Midland, Ont.

It is estimated that net earnings (of boat) for 1921 season will be over 6 times bond interest.

Wells, Fargo & Co., N. Y.—To Receive Dividends.

See American Railway Express Co. above.—V. 112, p. 2092.

Western Canada Timber Co., Ltd.—Deb. Bonds.

The holders of the 6% 1st Mtge. Debentures were to vote July 11 on approving the appointment of new trustees and sanctioning certain modifications of the rights of the Debenture holders. The modifications referred to include (a) the postponement until Jan. 1 1932 of the date for payment of the principal of the Debentures and of the interest; (b) release of the company from its obligations as regards redemption of Debentures in the meantime; (c) modification of the trustees' remuneration, and the provision of security ranking in priority to the debentures for sums aggregating to not exceeding £100,000 at 6% interest which have been and may be advanced to the company, and (d) execution of a mortgage to secure first such advances up to £100,000 (incl. the £50,000 in respect of which the lenders are entitled to the issue of Prior Lien Debentures in pursuance of the resolution of the Debenture holders passed on Aug. 10 1910), and, secondly, the debentures.

Western Union Telegraph Co.—Earns for 6 Mos.

	1921.	1920.
Gross revenues incl. div. and interest	\$52,277,200	\$59,963,428
Maintenance; repairs and res. for dep.	9,074,700	8,290,763
Other oper. exp. incl. rent of leased lines & taxes	38,469,075	43,939,126
Interest on bonded debt	665,925	665,925

Net income.....\$4,067,500 \$7,067,614
Month of June 1921 estimated.—V. 112, p. 2545.

Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.—Cuts Prices.

The company announces a 10% reduction on practically all motors and motor control apparatus. This is the second 10% cut in motor prices this year.—V. 112, p. 2650, 2323.

Wheeling Steel Corp.—Steubenville Plant Resumes.

"The Steubenville, O., plant of LaBelle Iron Works, idle much of the time since the first of the year, started up last week. All of the 8 sheet mills of this works went on July 5 while 4 of the 11 open hearth furnaces were started up July 7."—"Iron Age," July 14, p. 95. Compare "Chronicle," V. 113, p. 191.

For other Investment News, see page 304.

Reports and Documents.

THE NEW YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO THE STOCKHOLDERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 1920.

To the Stockholders of
The New York Central Railroad Company:

The Board of Directors herewith submits its report for the year ended December 31, 1920, with statements showing the income account for the year and the financial condition of the company.

The operation and maintenance of the company's road were continued under Federal control until 12:01 o'clock a.m. of the first day of March, 1920, at which time the company resumed the operation of its railroad property. The Board of Directors at its meeting of March 10, 1920, authorized the acceptance on behalf of the company of the guaranty provisions of Section 209 of the Transportation Act, approved February 28, 1920, and such acceptance was filed with the Inter-State Commerce Commission before March 15, 1920, as provided by the Act. The effect of this was that for the six months to September 1, 1920, the company was guaranteed a railway operating income not less than one-half the amount named in its contract with the Government as annual compensation.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission by its order of July 29, 1920, granted an increase, effective August 26, 1920, in freight rates in eastern group territory of 40% and of 33 1-3% between points in eastern group territory and other territories. It also granted an increase in passenger rates of 20%, with a surcharge on Pullman fares of 50% accruing to the carriers. These increases were not immediately allowed by several of the States as to intrastate rates, so that the full effect of the advance was not measured by the percentages for interstate traffic, although, in most instances, they were subsequently allowed under further orders of the Commission.

For the full year 1920 the freight and passenger revenues showed marked advances over the previous year. The return, however, was not as great as it would have been under normal business conditions, due to the fact that the greater part of the tonnage increase was carried at relatively low rates. The principal source of additional tonnage was in shipments of coal and ores and other products of mines, these constituting an increase of 12,949,000 tons out of a total increase of 14,704,000 tons. There was a falling off in the shipments of grain, certain products of agriculture, livestock, fresh meats and packing house products, other products of animals and forest products, aggregating approximately 2,163,000 tons, while there were increases in manufactures and miscellaneous commodities of 3,918,000 tons.

The number of passengers carried during the year increased 7,238,014, this increase being entirely in local and commutation passengers carried. There were 416,416 fewer interline passengers carried than in 1919. This is reflected in the decrease of 4.29 miles in the average distance each passenger was carried. The advance in passenger rates, however, under order of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, increased the average receipts per passenger per mile from 2.561 cents to 2.734 cents.

In the matter of payments for transportation of mail, which had been before the Inter-State Commerce Commission for some time, an order was entered by the Commission in January, 1920, establishing increased rates from November 1, 1916, which, under the same order, were increased 25% on January 1, 1918. Under this order the company received as additional compensation for the period November 1, 1916, to December 31, 1917, approximately \$1,700,000, while the Railroad Administration received, as its share for the period of Federal control, \$4,600,000. The 1920 figures include \$4,400,000 applying to the years 1918 and 1919, representing the greater part of the \$4,600,000 above mentioned.

The substantial increases in pay and the changes in working conditions during and since Federal control have created a situation which is giving the company grave concern. Besides the actual increases in wages granted by the Director-General, or ordered by the Labor Board, there have been reclassifications of employees and special allowances which entail additional expense without compensating return in labor performed.

Under rule 60 of the Shop Crafts Agreement which provides that employees who are required to check in and out on their own time will be paid one hour extra at the close of each week, and under rule 3 in the same agreement, which provides 20 minutes without loss of pay for lunch, it is estimated that this company incurs an additional annual expense of \$1,000,000.

The abolition of piece work in the shops of the company has cost millions of dollars. Under the piece-work system and other shop conditions existing in 1915, 2,799 men turned out 73,072,000 effective miles of equipment. In 1920, piece work having been abolished and classification and working conditions of employees having been changed and employees

being restricted to one kind of work for each class of employment, practically the same effective miles of equipment were turned out, namely 74,655,000, but 4,521 men were required. The cost of the work in 1915 was \$2,903,700 and \$8,352,000 in 1920, an increase of \$5,448,300. That is to say, there was an increase in men of 61.5%, an increase in money of 187% and an increase in effective mileage output of but 2%.

The increase in payrolls since 1917 for the New York Central, excluding those of the Boston & Albany Railroad, is indicated by the following:

Date.	Number.	Monthly Payroll.	Average Monthly Pay per Employee.
December 31 1917	94,386	\$8,409,722 25	\$89 10
February 29 1920	103,572	13,511,078 21	130 45
December 31 1920	96,418	15,892,120 76	164 83

The total amount of payroll charged to operating expense in 1917 was \$83,053,280.34, while for 1920 it was \$177,289,639.71. The entire operating expenses for 1917 were \$153,597,905.35, or \$23,691,734.36 less than the 1920 payroll included in operating expenses.

The condition of the company's equipment at the end of Federal control has caused an unusual outlay for repairs, which are still under way. It will constitute the basis of a claim against the Director-General of Railroads under the company's contract with him which stipulates that its property should be returned at the end of Federal control in substantially as good repair and in substantially as complete equipment as on January 1, 1918.

There was a substantial increase in the cost of fuel.

Final settlement of accounts with the Railroad Administration for the period of Federal control has not been effected, but the company is actively engaged in the preparation of the data necessary for use in connection with the making of such a settlement.

The settlement with the United States Government for the guaranty period—six months, March to August, 1920—in connection with the guaranty provision of the Transportation Act, is progressing.

The following is a comparative table of the mileage operated:

	1920. Miles.	1919. Miles.	Increase Miles	Decrease Miles
Main lines and branches owned	3,699.19	3,699.18	.01	---
Leased lines	1,918.86	1,919.03	---	.17
Lines operated under trackage rights	460.13	451.20	8.93	---
Total road operated	6,078.18	6,069.41	8.77	---

On September 15, 1920, the company issued and sold \$25,000,000 of its ten-year 7% collateral trust bonds, dated September 1, 1920, secured by the pledge of a like amount of its 6% refunding and improvement mortgage bonds, issued for the purpose of such pledge, and of 75,000 shares of first preferred, and 110,000 shares of second preferred, stock of the Reading Company. The proceeds of this sale, amounting to \$24,131,475, were used, to the extent of \$15,000,000, to pay the company's one-year 6% collateral trust notes for that amount which matured September 15, 1920; to the extent of \$7,572,194.39 to reimburse the company for like amounts expended—(1) \$505,000 to pay bonds of the Norwood & Montreal Railroad Company (\$130,000) and bonds of the Rome Watertown & Ogdensburg Terminal Railroad Company (\$375,000), which matured in 1916, and (2) \$7,067,194.39 to pay for additions and betterments made prior to July 1, 1920—and the balance has been or will be used for additions and betterments subsequent to July 1, 1920.

Provision was made for financing the cost of 4,500 freight cars and 128 locomotives allotted to the company, during Federal control, by the Director-General of Railroads, all of which have been delivered, through an equipment trust (known as Equipment Trust No. 43) established by an equipment trust agreement dated January 15, 1920, providing for the payment of 75% of the cost of the equipment in the company's 6% equipment notes, dated January 15, 1920, maturing in equal annual installments over a period of 15 years, the balance, pursuant to an agreement, dated January 14, 1920, between the Director-General and the company, to be deducted from the equipment depreciation and retirement credits arising in the company's favor under the standard contract with the Director-General. The total cost of the equipment will amount to something less than \$18,500,000. \$13,674,000 of the notes have been issued.

In addition to the equipment allocated to the company by and acquired from the Director-General, the company ordered from manufacturers 196 locomotives, 265 passenger cars and 9,244 freight cars, of an estimated cost of \$48,318,300. About one-third of this equipment was delivered during the year 1920. Approximately 75% of the cost of this equipment has been financed by the issue and sale (at 96) of \$36,225,000 of 7% equipment trust certificates dated April 15, 1920, maturing annually in equal amounts over a period of fifteen years, issued under the New York Central

Railroad Company Equipment Trust of 1920, established by agreement dated April 15, 1920. The remaining 25% (approximately) of such cost was borrowed in December from the United States under the provisions of the Transportation Act, as hereinafter set forth. Of this 1920 trust equipment, this company took for itself 95 locomotives, 160 passenger cars and 4,194 freight cars, of an estimated cost of \$23,072,084.89. The balance thereof it sublet to its affiliated companies as follows:

	Loco- motives.	Passenger Cars.	Freight Cars.	Estimated Cost.
C. C. C. & St. L. Ry. Co.	70	55	3,100	\$15,227,995 43
M. C. RR. Co.	26	38	1,950	9,356,838 80
P. & L. E. RR. Co.	5	11	---	637,366 68
T. & O. C. Ry. Co.	---	1	---	24,014 20
Totals	101	105	5,050	\$25,246,215 11

The sub-leases provide that each of the sub-lessees shall assume its pro rata share of the equipment trust certificates, principal and interest, and expenses of the trust and shall pay that part of the cost of the sub-let equipment which is not financed through the trust, and that it shall upon the fulfillment of the trust become the owner of the equipment sub-let to it.

On December 23, 1920, the company borrowed \$26,775,000 from the fund provided by Section 210 of the Transportation Act by two loans, for \$14,850,000 and \$11,925,000 respectively. (For particulars, see heading, "Financial Reports," on a preceding page.)

The changes in the funded debt of the company are shown in the following statement:

Amount as reported on December 31 1919 was	\$671,654,782 46
Which has been increased as follows:	
N. Y. C. RR. Co. ten-year 7% Collateral trust gold bonds	\$25,000,000 00
N. Y. C. RR. Co. Equipment Trust 6% notes of January 15 1920, given to the Director-General of Railroads	13,674,000 00
N. Y. C. RR. Co. Equipment Trust of April 15 1920, 7% certificates	\$36,225,000 00
Proportion allocated to other N. Y. C. Lines	18,927,490 05
Ten-year 6% promissory note given to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, dated December 23 1920	11,925,000 00
Fifteen 6% promissory notes maturing serially at yearly intervals given to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, dated December 23 1920	14,850,000 00
	82,746,509 95
	\$754,401,292 41

And has been reduced as follows:

Three-year mortgage favor East Cambridge Land Company, matured and paid off	\$100,000 00
Payments falling due during the year and on January 1 1921, on the company's liability for certificates issued under equipment trust agreements as follows:	
N. Y. C. Lines Trust of 1907, installment due November 1920	1,492,884 74
N. Y. C. Lines Trust of 1910, installment due January 1921	1,406,413 74
N. Y. C. Lines Trust of 1912, installment due January 1921	688,398 90
Boston & Albany Trust of 1912, installment due October 1920	500,000 00
N. Y. C. Lines Trust of 1913, installment due January 1921	742,117 61
N. Y. C. RR. Co. Trust of 1917, installment due January 1921	1,117,000 00
	6,046,814 99

Leaving the funded debt on December 31 1920 \$748,354,477 42

In addition to the funded debt outstanding on December 31 1920, the following loans and bills payable appear on the balance sheet:

War Finance Corporation	\$17,500,000 00
Secretary of the Treasury	6,500,000 00
Director-General of Railroads	7,000,000 00
Banks, trust companies and miscellaneous	2,432,866 68
Total	\$33,432,866 68

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS AFFECTING INCOME.

	Year ended Dec. 31 1920.	Year ended Dec. 31 1919.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-).
Compensation accrued for the possession, use and control of the property of this company and its leased lines, as stated in contract with the Director-General of Railroads—January 1 to February 29, inclusive	\$9,300,438 42		
Additional compensation accrued account completed additions and betterments—January 1 to February 29, inclusive	237,569 11		
Guaranteed net railway operating income under Section 209 of Transportation Act of 1920—March 1 to August 31, inclusive	\$28,699,177 36		
Less operating income items audited March 1 to August 31, inclusive, applicable to the period prior to January 1 1918	330,721 10		
Net railway operating income—corporate account—September 1 to December 31, inclusive	28,368,456 26		
	11,537,942 97		
Total (compared with compensation accrued in 1919 under contract with Director-General of Railroads)	\$49,444,406 76	\$57,690,588 09	-\$8,246,181 33

	Year ended Dec. 31 1920.	Year ended Dec. 31 1919.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-).
Miscellaneous Operations.			
Revenues	\$473,803 22	\$2,825 69	+\$470,977 53
Expenses and taxes	268,274 15	4,275 34	+263,998 81
Net income	\$205,529 07	Def\$1,449 65	+\$206,978 72
Other Income			
Income from lease of road	\$84,612 05	\$103,725 39	-\$19,113 34
Miscellaneous rent income	1,309,827 75	1,046,042 62	+263,785 13
Miscellaneous non-operating physical property	501,876 69	583,686 02	-81,809 33
Separately operated properties—profit	1,032,775 29	871,601 52	+161,173 77
Dividend income	6,655,251 13	6,018,702 75	+636,548 38
Income from funded securities	1,009,042 39	859,863 25	+149,179 14
Income from unfunded securities and accounts	4,734,223 16	4,039,728 66	+694,494 50
Income from sinking and other reserve funds	60,037 34	45,880 52	+14,156 82
Miscellaneous income	72,156 93	50,135 47	+22,021 46
Total other income	\$15,459,802 73	\$13,619,366 20	+\$1,840,436 53
Gross income	\$65,109,738 56	\$71,308,504 64	-\$6,198,766 08
Deductions from Gross Income			
Rent for leased roads	\$10,366,097 64	\$9,288,648 35	+\$1,077,449 29
Miscellaneous rents	739,238 35	675,986 84	+63,251 51
War taxes accrued	1,173,749 36	1,830,550 40	-656,801 04
Miscellaneous tax accruals	170,320 54	193,678 10	-23,357 56
Separately operated properties—loss	149,274 42	82,015 95	+67,258 47
Interest on funded debt	30,736,911 26	29,227,222 10	+1,509,689 16
Interest on unfunded debt	5,889,446 74	5,100,843 42	+788,603 32
Amortization of discount on funded debt	440,032 96	552,076 06	-112,043 10
Maintenance of investment organization	3,499 72	4,772 88	-1,273 16
Miscellaneous income charges	318,660 15	323,290 21	-4,630 06
Corporate general expenses	276,587 51	915,800 46	-639,212 95
Total deductions from gross income	\$50,263,818 65	\$48,194,884 77	+\$2,068,933 88
Net corporate income	\$14,845,919 91	\$23,113,619 87	-\$8,267,699 96
Less revenues and expenses applicable to period prior to January 1 1918, settled for account of the corporation by the United States Railroad Administration	1,111,231 95	3,196,369 22	-2,085,137 27
Net corporate income	\$13,734,687 96	\$19,917,250 65	-\$6,182,562 69
Disposition of Net Income			
Dividends declared (5% each year)	\$12,479,614 76	\$12,479,611 25	+\$3 51
Sinking funds	4,816 87	4,576 56	+240 31
Total appropriations of income	\$12,484,431 63	\$12,484,187 81	+\$243 82
Surplus for the year carried to profit and loss	\$1,250,256 33	\$7,433,062 84	-\$6,182,806 51

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Balance to credit of profit and loss, December 31 1919	\$87,623,144 87
Additions—	
Surplus for the year 1920	\$1,250,256 33
From United States Government in adjustment of mail pay for years 1916-1917	1,646,161 61
Profit on road and equipment sold	21,899 69
	2,918,317 63
Deductions:	
Surplus appropriated for investment in physical property	\$23,096 20
Depreciation prior to July 1 1907 on equipment retired during year	502,362 54
Loss on retired road and equipment	29,121 90
Sundry adjustments (net) and uncollectible accounts	53,326 52
	607,907 16
Balance to credit of profit and loss, December 31 1920	\$89,933,555 34

Expenditures during the year for improvements on property, as shown in detail elsewhere, were as follows:

Improvements on owned property used in operation	\$3,776,663 77
Equipment purchased and acquired less equipment retired and transferred	3,349,574 02
Improvements on leased property	2,159,424 07
Improvements on miscellaneous physical property	2,136,678 33

The net increase in property investments during the year 1920 was \$11,422,340 19

The cost of the equipment allotted to the New York Central Railroad Company during Federal control by the Director-General of Railroads and covered by equipment trust agreement dated January 15, 1920, was included in the detailed lists of expenditures for improvements to property contained in the annual reports for the years 1918 and 1919. About one-third of the equipment covered by the New York Central Railroad Company's Equipment Trust established by agreement dated April 15, 1920, was delivered in 1920 and its cost appears in the detailed tabulations in this [pamphlet] report. The cost of the remainder of this equipment, which it is expected will be delivered in 1921, will appear in the report for that year.

This company owns 67% of the capital stock of the New York and Harlem Railroad Company and operates its steam line under lease. The traction lines of the New York and Harlem Railroad Company were operated by the Metropolitan Street Railway Company under a 999 year lease dated June 11, 1896, and following reorganization of the lessee, were operated by the New York Railways Company, as successor, subsequent to January 1, 1912, and by Job E. Hedges, Receiver of the New York Railways Company, after March 20, 1919, until midnight of January 31, 1920, when, by order of the United States District Court, the lines were returned to the New York and Harlem Railroad Company and have since been operated by that company.

Appreciative acknowledgment is made to all officers and employees of their loyal and efficient co-operation and service.

For the Board of Directors,
ALFRED H. SMITH, President.

CONDENSED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET,
DECEMBER 31 1920.

ASSETS		
Investments—		
Investment in road	\$485,621,080 42	
Investment in equipment—		
Trust	\$129,242,823 30	
Other	140,230,147 44	
	269,472,970 74	
Improvements on leased railway property		\$755,094,051 16
Miscellaneous physical property		104,790,340 15
Investments in affiliated companies—		10,983,122 62
Stocks	\$133,561,555 89	
Bonds	9,751,833 38	
Notes	56,831,986 06	
Advances	14,744,608 41	
	214,889,983 74	
Other investments—		
Stocks	\$31,138,996 49	
Bonds	4,445,310 67	
Notes	12,503,026 03	
Advances	637,571 37	
Miscellaneous	18,546 42	
	48,743,450 98	
Total investments		\$1,134,500,948 65
Current Assets—		
Cash	\$14,222,432 35	
Special deposits	33,057,207 46	
Loans and bills receivable	12,605 05	
Traffic and car service balances receivable	3,733,098 79	
Net balance receivable from agents and conductors	8,306,098 11	
Miscellaneous accounts receivable	27,358,314 70	
Material and supplies	43,755,319 85	
Interest and dividends receivable	4,997,455 08	
Rents receivable—		
Compensation due from United States Government	21,684,649 28	
Other current assets	1,371,819 86	
	158,499,000 53	
Deferred Assets—		
Working fund advances	\$330,724 24	
Insurance and other funds	1,384,713 22	
United States Government—		
Cash taken over January 1 1918	\$13,407,045 26	
Agents' and conductors' balances, December 31 1917	11,346,468 07	
Material and supplies December 31 1917, collected	7,684,348 77	
Federal accrued depreciation—balance	10,925,901 38	
Guaranty due under Section 209 of Transportation Act of 1920	40,160,204 16	
Other items	9,233,760 21	
	128,775,888 00	
Other deferred assets	153,887 45	
	130,645,212 91	
Unadjusted Debits—		
Rents and insurance premiums paid in advance	\$81,381 61	
Discount on funded debt	7,606,540 65	
Securities acquired from lessor companies (per contra)	457,851 00	
Other unadjusted debits	7,544,634 45	
	15,690,407 71	
Securities issued or assumed—unpledged (\$264,005)		
Securities issued or assumed—pledged (\$37,914,000)		
	\$1,439,335,569 80	
LIABILITIES.		
Stock—		
Capital stock		\$249,597,355 00
Long-term Debt—		
Funded debt unmatured—		
Equipment obligations	\$64,695,151 17	
Mortgage bonds	526,094,000 00	
Collateral trust bonds	25,000,000 00	
Debenture bonds	105,500,000 00	
Notes	27,065,326 25	
	748,354,477 42	
Current Liabilities—		
Loans and bills payable	\$33,432,866 68	
Traffic and car service balances payable	8,418,139 50	
Audited accounts and wages payable	38,011,611 70	
Miscellaneous accounts payable	8,428,610 85	
Interest matured unpaid	3,408,991 51	
Dividend declared, payable February 1 1921	3,119,903 69	
Dividends matured unpaid	205,689 60	
Funded debt matured unpaid	8,590 00	
Unmatured interest accrued	7,412,711 88	
Unmatured rents accrued	1,329,601 99	
Other current liabilities	14,288,939 92	
	118,065,657 32	
Deferred Liabilities—		
Liability to lessor companies for equipment	\$14,715,322 52	
United States Government—		
Additions and betterments	\$33,170,311 57	
Liabilities December 31 1917, paid	25,001,317 88	
Material and supplies February 29 1920	34,221,828 26	
Corporate transactions	11,669,677 00	
Agents' and conductors' balances February 29 1920	970,455 61	
Revenues and expenses prior to January 1 1918	11,756,739 00	
Other items	5,275,260 73	
	122,065,590 05	
Other deferred liabilities	14,574,335 38	
	151,355,247 95	
Unadjusted Credits—		
Tax liability	\$4,634,813 50	
Insurance and casualty reserves	592,635 86	
Operating reserves	11,971,818 40	
Accrued depreciation—road	254,608 62	
Accrued depreciation—equipment	53,782,483 44	
Accrued depreciation—miscellaneous physical property	978,677 88	
Liability to lessor companies for securities acquired (per contra)	457,851 00	
Other unadjusted credits	9,234,716 02	
	81,907,604 72	
Corporate Surplus—		
Additions to property through income and surplus	\$121,672 05	
Profit and loss—balance	89,933,555 34	
	90,055,227 39	
	\$1,439,335,569 80	

Wickwire-Spencer Steel Corp.—Defers Pref. Div.—The quarterly dividend of 2% usually paid Aug. 1 on the 8% Cumul. 1st Pref. stock, will be deferred on that date. On May 2 last a distribution of 2% was made on this issue.

The passing of the Preferred dividend was decided on by the directors for the purpose of conserving the company's strong financial condition. Although the Preferred dividend was not earned in past quarter, it is stated that the company had plenty of cash to meet the payment.

The company is operating at about 40% capacity.—V. 112, p. 2188.

Wisconsin River Power Co.—New Officer.—Harold L. Geisse has been elected Secretary and Treasurer, succeeding Harry S. Adams.—V. 112, p. 1172.

CURRENT NOTICES

Edward Hines, President of the Edward Hines Lumber Company, Chicago, and the largest manufacturer and timber holder in central west expresses himself in the following optimistic fashion concerning the lumber industry:

"The lumber manufacturing industry is in a peculiarly fortunate position; unlike other basic industries it is not dependent upon foreign trade to revive business, nor will it have to consider the problems of financing foreign buyers in order to secure customers for its products. The demand for lumber for housing alone assures the lumber manufacturers of this country an above normal demand for at least five years to come. With the resumption of the demand for lumber used in other industries and the railroads it is a certainty that present plant capacity of the lumber manufacturers will be fully employed. The biggest customer for lumber is the housing demand. The second, for boxing and crating—a feature of the lumber business, dependent upon the activities of other industries. The railroads are the third largest customers and their demand for lumber and ties depends upon their financing. They are way behind in repairs and new construction. Mill prices for lumber never will go back to pre-war level. The constant decrease in supply of timber and enhanced value of the same absolutely nullify such expectation. The prices of lumber have already received a drastic cut since the peak of high prices last year. The building demand has already started in the smaller villages, towns and cities, where no labor problems interfere. The demand from the farms will commence after the harvest, and will be large. The lumber industry is practically back to as near a pre-war basis as it will ever be. Its investments in plant and equipment is about the same as before the war. It has gone through its period of deflation and is ready to do business.

—The sudden death on Friday of last week, while on a visit here, of William N. Record, Vice-President at Chicago of the well-known financial advertising agency of Albert Frank & Co., has occasioned deep feelings of regret everywhere. Mr. Record was a business getter of the first order, and he had a host of friends, especially in Chicago. Owing to the death of Mr. Record Albert Frank & Co. have been obliged to make certain changes in the personnel of their Western staff and they announce the election of John Watson Wilder as Vice-President and General Manager of their Chicago office and the appointment of Robert Wesley Dawson as Assistant Manager. In addition to Mr. Wilder and Mr. Dawson, Renwick Wylie Abbott has also been given an interest in the Albert Frank firm. All three men have been closely identified with Albert Frank & Co. in the past.

—The "California Oil World" recently presented to its readers, in a second section to its regular weekly issue, a symposium of views on the subject of the "open door for oil," and in connection therewith a vast amount of information "gathered, from the leaders in practical oil operations and in scientific, legal and diplomatic life," bearing on the importance of oil (petroleum) in its relation to the industrial, economic and political life of the world. Among the forty or more special articles are articles on the oil industry or prospects of the Argentine, Venezuela, Cuba, Rumania, Russia, Poland, Czecho-Slovakia, Newfoundland, &c.

—The firm of Mackie & Co. of Philadelphia was dissolved on July 6 by mutual consent of the partners. The investment banking business heretofore conducted under the name of Mackie & Co. will be continued by a corporation under the name of Mackie, Crouse Co. with offices in the Real Estate Trust Building, Philadelphia. The officers of this new company are Charles A. Mackie, President; Jacob H. Crouse, Vice-Pres. & Treasurer, and Geo. A. Baur, Secretary.

—The firm of W. F. Ladd & Co. having this day (July 15) been dissolved by mutual consent, the firm of Huntington, Jackson & Co. has been formed for the transaction of a general bond and investment business. The general partners are Huntington Jackson, Thomas H. Cross, Alfred Macy, formerly general partners in W. F. Ladd & Co., and Theodore P. Dixon, who has retired from the firm of Low, Dixon & Co., Ernest G. Stillman is special partner.

—West & Co., who were one of the pioneers in the uptown financial district of Philadelphia, occupied their new quarters at 1511 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, on Monday July 11. The firm is composed of William West, Harry C. Thayer, Grenville D. Montgomery, William W. Watson, Jr., William S. Evans, P. Erskine Woods and Charles C. Walbridge, as general partners and E. E. Rodenbough as a special partner.

—The Columbia Trust Co. has been appointed Trustee of the following: Barge Service Corp., \$500,000 8% Participating Equipment notes due Feb. 1 1931; National Steel Car Lines Co., \$400,000 8% Series "A" gold notes due serially Nov. 1 1921 to May 1 1927.

—Sartorius, Smith & Loewi, members N.Y. Stock Exchange and N.Y. Cotton Exchange, have opened a branch office at Castles-by-the-Sea, Long Beach, Long Island. This office will be under the management of Emile C. Buchignani.

—M. J. Meehan & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, announce that James P. McKenna, for the past twenty years associated with Goldman, Sachs & Co., has been admitted to general partnership.

—McGlinn & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, announce that A. J. McConnell and C. A. Zubrod have become partners in their firm and that Warren Ackerman is no longer associated with them.

—J. J. Kiernan and Frank Farrell, formerly with Mann, Pell & Peake have become associated with Morris & Smith, members N. Y. Stock Exchange in their collateral loan department.

—A circular showing the earnings of the American Gas & Electric Company has been issued by the Philadelphia Investment House of Moyer & Company.

—Theodore P. Dixon has withdrawn as a general partner in the New York Stock Exchange House of Low, Dixon & Co. to become a member of the investment firm of Huntington, Jackson & Co.

—Ames, Emerich & Co. are offering State of Michigan 20-Year 5 3/4% bonds at 103 and interest to yield 5.50%. Descriptive circular will be furnished upon request.

—Robert G. Monroe, formerly with Carruthers, Pell & Co., is now associated with Chater & Edey in their unlisted securities department.

—The New York Trust Co. has been appointed registrar of the Venora Oil & Development Corporation Common stock.

—Louis F. Wakelee, formerly with the New York office of Cassatt & Co., has become associated with the bond department of Hallgarten & Co.

—Boureau & Evans of 130 South 15th St., Philadelphia, have appointed Horace G. Maess, as manager of their Pittsburgh office.

The Commercial Times.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

New York, Friday Night, July 15 1921.

Trade is still backward, partly owing to widespread and prolonged hot weather. There may be a gradual improvement here and there. The number of idle railroad cars is gradually decreasing. But the signs of betterment, where they exist at all, are a bit obscure, though retail trade here and there is said to be better in seasonable goods. In some quarters jobbing trade may be a little better. But, taken as a whole, American business still halts. Sharp cuts in steel continue to be made, and further wage reductions of 15% to 20% are announced, making a fall of 35% from the war peak. This brings the rate for common labor down to about 30 cents an hour. And 25 cents is expected before long, as against about 19 cents in pre-war days. This means clearly enough that distinct progress has been made towards the goal of stabilization and a resumption of normal business. But just now the mills, as a rule, are running at only 20% to 25% of their capacity. Iron and steel are dull. No lowering of prices avails to stimulate trade as yet. This barometer of trade may awaken, however, sooner than many expect, for the releasing by the U. S. Government of 500,000,000 to the railroads may give iron and steel the needed jog, through the purchase of large railroad supplies long badly needed. This may conceivably be the inception of a general revival of American business later on. Just when it is likely to come is, of course, purely conjectural.

The raw cotton trade shows signs of revival. The business in cotton at the South has increased, and another healthy sign is that for the first time in half a dozen years or more the sales of the actual cotton in Liverpool on Thursday reached 20,000 bales. In fact, it has been a week of such a return to pre-war activity there as to make men rub their eyes. And, despite low rates of foreign exchange, there is a steady demand reported for American wheat from Germany, Scandinavia, Belgium and Holland. Germany, it was reported, has secured a credit in Wall Street of \$20,000,000 and upward to facilitate purchases of grain. The American farmer is getting much better prices than recently for his grain and cotton. He can buy more freely, and this of itself may sooner or later give an impetus to trade. The revival of Lancashire's cotton business helps the American cotton farmer, for he supplies England with the bulk of its cotton. England's cotton mills, it is stated, are reopening as fast as they can get supplies of coal. The big drought in Europe stimulates the European demand for American wheat, which has repeatedly advanced at Chicago 5 to 6 cents per bushel in a single day.

Buying for distant delivery is noticeably cautious, for how is anybody to know when the decline in commodities will culminate. Food is higher; the weekly average is the highest for several months. Dairy products are higher. So are hog products. Beneficial rains have latterly fallen in Minnesota and North Dakota. Collections are slightly better; there is still big room for improvement. A good consumption of cotton is reported; it is 55% larger in this country than last December, and there is said to be a better consumption of wool and silk. That is, it is larger than it was recently. There is a rather better trade, too, in furniture. Chicago reports that 3,000 furniture buyers have visited that city in the last two weeks. Still the furniture business is 50% smaller than a year ago. Lumber remains dull. Yellow pine, however, is higher. Southern hardwood is neglected. A decline in foreign exchange has been a drawback; also of late the dulness and irregularity of the stock market. Failures, too, continue large. For the week they are 310 as against 256 last week (a holiday week), 139 in the same week of 1920, 90 in 1919 and 172 in 1918.

The Lancaster mills of Lancaster, S. C., opened on July 11 after having been closed two weeks to avoid labor friction. They reopened, however, with the same conditions in force as before the closing. Charlotte, N. C., mill production the past week was slightly below that of the preceding week. Most mills are declared to be running without profit. The Smith & Wesson Co., of Springfield, Mass., firearms manufacturers, announce a shutdown for one month. The Erie Railroad shops at Readville, Pa., and a number of points in Ohio, will resume work next Monday after a shutdown of two months. At Philadelphia on July 13, twelve important Wilton and Brussels carpet manufacturers issued an ultimatum to striking weavers in Philadelphia, New York State, New Jersey and Massachusetts, that unless they return to work at once their jobs at the looms will be filled by men from other branches of the textile business. The strikers are told the "closed shop is a dead issue"; that the "open shop has come to stay." The manufacturers declare the weavers lost their hope of a unionized shop when they refused a cut in wages. The painters' strike in Cincinnati has ended with the men returning to work at the old scale of wages. Ship workers in San Francisco have voted down proposals to settle the marine strike.

Employers asked 100,000 building employees to accept \$1 a day wage cut. The president of the Building Trades Council says men are unalterably opposed to a reduction, while C. G. Norman, of Building Trades Employers' Asso-

ciation, predicts \$2 to \$3 a day cut by the end of the year. The agreement with employers expires Jan. 1, 1922. Many building trades in Trenton have cut wages 50c to \$2 per day, but the 44-hour week is retained, along with time and a half pay for overtime. Samuel Untermyer, as arbitrator in the Westchester County building trades wage dispute, has decided that members of the unions of Westchester County must accept a wage cut of \$1 a day, effective Sept. 1. Mr. Untermyer's ruling had been awaited with interest by builders, and it is expected that it will have an important bearing on the labor situation in the building trades. Early in April about 12,000 building men struck when the employers announced a cut from \$9 a day to \$8. By the terms of the arbitration agreement the men received the reduced wage, but the difference between this wage and the old scale has been retained in escrow pending decision. Michigan paper mill employees to the number of 3,000 have had their wages reduced from 13 to 30%. This is the second reduction in three months. At Columbus, Ohio, 35,000 sheet and tinsplate workers in the district between Pittsburgh and St. Louis will accept a cut of approximately 10% in wages under a new wage scale adopted at a conference between representatives of the Western Sheet and Tin Manufacturers' Association and the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Sheet and Tin Workers.

Reports from Durham, N. H., say that the farm labor situation in New England appears relieved so far as the supply is concerned. Wages of farm hands have been reduced from 7% to 12%. Deck officers of steamships will meet a committee of the owners on July 19 to discuss the proposed wage cut of 15% and modification of working conditions.

The Philadelphia Board of Trade learns that a movement designed to free the factory and the foundry from the activities of the professional agitator is taking shape in the Middle West.

London cabled that the engineering unions on July 13 voted to accept the wage reduction proposed by employers. A London dispatch said that cheaper coal must be a prerequisite to any renewal of Great Britain's business activities. "An increase in the British demand for American cotton undoubtedly indicates reviving business," continues the dispatch, "but eastern inquiry is light. A marked revival appears inevitable in the textile trade, where prices are becoming more reasonable."

The remarkably hot summer is not confined to this country. It has been abnormally hot in France. Paris has had very oppressive hot waves. In Switzerland it is said that the weather has been so hot that glaciers hitherto impregnable have been melting. In Great Britain for many weeks it has been hot and dry. In Egypt the Nile River is low; the water in the big Assouan reservoir is unusually low. All this affects crops of grain and cotton, and has caused a big advance in wheat at Chicago and elsewhere. In parts of this country it has been 100 to 106 degrees during the week. But within a day or two rains have fallen in the Northwest and the weather has grown cooler there. That is also the case in Chicago. Here to-day, "St. Swithin's Day," the traditional rain certainly fell in great volume and cooled the temperature. With little interruption it has been warm here since June 24, with high humidity and the weather frequently very oppressive.

LARD higher; prime Western, 12.35@12.45c.; refined to Continent, 13.65c.; South American, 13.90c.; Brazil in kegs, 14.90c. Futures have advanced with a larger cash business and higher prices for hogs. Later on there was some reaction, with hogs lower. But on the whole the tone was firm, with foreign markets up and grain rising. To-day prices advanced and are higher for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery.....cts.	11.00	11.17	11.25	11.40	11.42	11.85
September delivery.....	11.25	11.42	11.47	11.60	11.62	11.95
October delivery.....	11.35	11.55	11.60	11.70	11.75	12.07

PORK dull; mess \$24 50@\$25, family \$30@\$33, short clear \$22@\$25. July closed at \$18 55, an advance for the week of 55 cents. Beef quiet; mess \$12@\$14, packet \$14@\$15, family \$16@\$17, extra India mess \$20@\$22, No. 1 canned roast beef \$2, No. 2 \$3 25. Cut meats firm but quiet; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 25 3/8@25 7/8c.; pickled bellies, 10 to 12 lbs., 14@17c. Butter, creamery extras, 41@41 1/2c. Cheese, flats, 15@19c. Eggs, fresh-gathered extras, 38@39c.

COFFEE on the spot steady but quiet; No. 7 Rio 6 1/4@6 5/8c.; No. 4 Santos 9 1/8@9 5/8c.; fair to good Cucta 10@10 1/2c. Futures have at times declined, with Brazilian prices lower. The Brazilian Government has been holding up coffee for nearby delivery. But it is supposed that planters fear a break later on, especially as stocks at Rio are large and steadily increasing. They are now 1,223,000 bags against 357,000 a year ago, which is a considerable difference. New Orleans has been selling here. Finally there is much talk as to what may happen if spot and future differences between months continue to widen. Both Rio and Santos quotations have fallen. July 14th was observed as a holiday in Brazil and France. As to Brazilian stocks, it may be added that Santos has a supply of 2,886,000 bushels, against 1,452,000 a year ago. To-day prices showed little net change and are about the same as last Friday. Closing prices:

Spot (unofficial) 6 1/4-5/8c	October.....	6.48@6.50	March.....	7.07@7.08
July.....	December.....	6.76@6.77	May.....	7.25@7.26
September.....				

SUGAR steady; centrifugal 96 degrees test Cuban 3c.; Porto Rican 4.50c. Futures declined after a rise earlier in the week: Spot raws have latterly been quiet. With sales of Porto Rican at 4½c. July shipment, Cuban was quoted at 3c. cost and freight. It is asserted that the Cuban crop is nearly 3,900,000 tons or some 200,000 tons larger than last year. Cuban interests think that there is a persistent campaign in this country to depress the price of sugar, and it is said that feeling runs high against Americans in some parts of the Island of Cuba. Refined has been in fair demand. Some think the decline in sugar has culminated. It is suggested that if the reports of preliminary shortage in beet root crops of Europe are confirmed there could easily be a sharp upturn in prices. Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 25,572 tons against 38,350 last week, 39,780 last year and 42,139 in 1919; exports were 11,373 tons against 27,484 last week, 101,450 last year and 70,879 in 1919; stock 1,431,143 against 1,416,943 last week, 478,650 last year and 1,106,491 in 1919. Exports included 9,432 tons to U. S. Atlantic ports and 1941 to Canada. Later trading was much larger and Porto Rico sold up to 4½c. e. i. f. July shipment. Granulated refined was quoted at 5.75c. To-day prices moved but little and are practically the same as a week ago.

Spot (unofficial) 4.61c | September 3.07@3.08 | December 2.80@ 2.81
 July 3.02@3.05 | October 2.97@2.99 | March 2.70@ 2.72

OILS—Linseed firmer with a slightly better demand and a stronger flaxseed market. English oil was offered quite freely. July carloads were quoted at 73c.; less than carloads 76c. and five bbls. or less 78c. Coconut oil steady; Ceylon 10@10¼c.; Cochin 10¾@11c. Olive lower at \$1.10@1.20. Soya bean remains at 8@8½c. Animal oils quiet and lower; lard strained winter 82c. Cod, domestic 43c.; Newfoundland 46c. Cottonseed oil sales to-day 11,900. July closed at 8.68@8.75c., Sept. at 9.16@9.17c.; Oct. at 9.28@9.32c.; Dec. at 9.05@9.07c. Jan. at 9.05@9.07c. and spot at 8.70c. Spirits of turpentine 67½c. Common to good strained rosn \$5.10.

PETROLEUM rather more active at steady prices. Fuel oil in better demand. Western interests are more anxious to contract for future requirements than for some time past. Gasoline in better demand and steady. There has been more inquiry recently for export. Gas oil steady but quiet. Prices are as follows: Gasoline, cargo lots, cases, 32¾c.; U. S. Navy specifications, 17c.; export naptha, cargo lots, 18½c.; 63 to 66 deg., 21½c.; 66 to 68 deg., 22½c. Refined petroleum tanks, wagon to store, 13c.; gasoline, steel bbls. to garages, 24c. Kerosene for export in cargo lots, bulk, 6 to 7c.; in bbls., 15 to 16c.; cases, 18@19c. Daily average oil production in the Gulf Coast field last week was 77,049 bbls., a decline of 2,466 bbls. from the previous week. North Texas produced 183,305 bbls. a decline of 10,630 bbls., while the North Louisiana output amounted to 117,970 bbls., an increase of 4,885 bbls. over the previous week. Daily crude oil production in the United States for the week ended July 9, as estimated by the American Petroleum Institute, was 1,312,760 bbls., against 1,315,950 the week previous, a decline of 3,190 bbls. The El Dorado, Ark., pool increased its output 7,000 bbls. and the North Texas district 390 bbls. But on the other hand, the Mid-Continent district production of 711,070 is a decline of 1,160; Gulf Coast declined 2,200 bbls. and Wyoming-Montana dropped 3,600.

Pennsylvania	\$2 25	Indiana	\$1 38	Electra	\$1 00
Corning	1 20	Princeton	1 27	Strawn	1 00
Cabell	1 11	Illinois	1 27	Thrall	1 00
Somerset, 32 deg.		Plymouth	0 65	Healdton	1 00
and above	1 00	Kansas & Okla.		Moran	1 00
Ragland	0 60	homa	1 00	Henrietta	1 00
Wooster	1 80	Corsicana, light	85	Caddo, La., light	1 25
Lima	1 58	Corsicana, heavy	50	Caddo, heavy	60

RUBBER in rather better demand and firmer. Manufacturers bought to a small extent. Their entrance in the market, after being absent for some time, caused a better feeling in the trade. There is a belief among many that manufacturers' stocks are nearing exhaustion, and that they will have to be replenished on a fairly large scale in the next few weeks. Smoked ribbed sheets quoted at 14½c.; first latex pale crepe, 16¼c.; brown crepe thin, clean, 12c.; rolled, 10c.; amber, No. 1, 12c.; No. 2, 12c.; No. 3, 11c.

HIDES have been quiet. Now and then more inquiry is reported, but actual sales are another matter. Leather has been dull; skins more active and steady. Wet salted hides are plainly neglected. The last sale reported in the River Plate section involved some 2,000 Artiga steers, July salting, at \$43 25, equal to about 14¼ to 14½c. City packer and country hides have also been dull.

OCEAN FREIGHTS have been dull and rather weak. Chairman Lasker of the Shipping Board has selected expert shipping aids to place the Board on a sound business basis. In commenting upon his selections Chairman Lasker said: "The Board has secured the best shipping brains that the country and the shipping interests have to offer. If we fall down now we have no alibi." One of the men selected is N. B. Smull, Vice-President of the New York Produce Exchange.

Charters included coal from Atlantic range to United Kingdom, 37s. 6d., less 1s.; to Las Palmas, Tenerife, 31s. 3d. less 1s. 9d. prompt; 18,000 quarters grain from Montreal to United Kingdom, 6s. 3d. July 30; 28,000 quarters grain from Montreal to Antwerp, 27½c. Aug. 15; 55,000 quarters grain from Gulf port to Antwerp, 26c. July 31; coal from Sydney, Cape Breton, to United Kingdom, 29s. 6d. less 3s.; 23,000 quarters grain from a Gulf port to Antwerp-Hamburg range, 27c., July-August; coal from Atlantic range to Petrograd, \$6 75, July-August; to Marseilles, \$5 50, July; 17,000 quarters grain from Montreal to an Irish port, 6s., July.

TOBACCO has remained dull and for the most part nominal. Lancaster has lately reported that recent buying of last year's tobacco leads the growers to anticipate a good demand for new crop. The buying of the 1920 packings is taken to indicate a shortage of old Pennsylvania tobacco. The Bureau of Agriculture suggests the adoption of the Federal plan for standardizing leaf tobacco. Tobacco is in excellent condition in Wisconsin. It has made good progress in New England States. It is irregular however in Virginia. The output of cigarettes in the United States in May was 4,140,953,361 against 3,805,082,857 in April and 3,955,164,678 in May last year. Of cigars it was 555,497,120 in May against 548,103,503 in April and 676,227,828 in May last year. Of manufactured tobacco 28,671,501 lbs. in May against 38,399,953 in April and 34,875,839 in May last year; of snuff 2,679,007 lbs. in May against 28,399,953 in April and 34,875,342 in May last year. Fivemos. ending May 31 this year cigarettes, 21,448,403,105, against 21,167,174,720 in the same time last year; of cigars, 2,624,466,843, against 3,350,511,808 for the same time last year; of manufactured tobacco, 141,128,178 lbs., against 172,766,063 during the same time last year; of snuff, 13,915,245 lbs., against 17,691,418 lbs. in the same period of 1920. Here is some increase in May over April, but a sharp decrease as compared with last year.

COPPER quiet at unchanged prices. Electrolytic quoted at 12¾@13c. Small dealers are absorbing what little business there is. Larger producers are not interested below 13c. Tin quiet and lower at 28¼c. for spot. Lead steady but quiet; spot 4.40@4.50c. Zinc firmer but quiet at 4.30@4.35c. spot St. Louis.

PIG IRON has been dull and weak. It is said that at some points buyers show more interest, and that sales have been made of fair size. But this is believed to be the exception. Southern iron fell 50 cents further, and Chicago charcoal dropped \$1 50, with other grades down \$1. Pittsburgh prices also fell. Buyers there bid \$1 50 under the nominal quotations.

STEEL remained dull in spite of recent cuts in prices. Independent steel companies have reduced wages further, namely, i. e., to 30 cents per hour. This is 35% below the highest war rate. Before the war it was 19 cents. It is said that in on Eastern mill town as low as 20 cents per hour is now being paid. Further wage cuts, in other words, of 15% by Eastern and 20% by Western mills have been spreading as lower prices have become effective. Additional price reductions, established to conform with the low range of major mill lines from \$4 to \$40. Belgium and German steel is offered in the United States, it is said, at low prices. But it does not increase the interest of buyers. Continental steel is also said to have been offered in Canada at far below American prices—even \$10 below—without striking fire. Prices of steel pipe boiler tubes, wire nails and plain wire were cut by the big corporations last week \$2 to \$12, including \$2 to \$16 for steel pipe and \$4 to \$12 for tubes; wire nails were cut \$2 75; plain wire \$2 50.

WOOL has been quiet or at best in only moderate demand. Mills want three-eighths combings. Such grades and above are reported steady. Scoured lower. And the American Co. is said to be operating at 95% of capacity. At London sales have been at lower prices. On July 11th three the sixth series of colonial wool auctions opened with total offerings on behalf of the British Australian Wool Realization Association of 85,000 bales, and a similar quantity of privately owned grades. That is, some 170,000 bales that may be disposed of in fifteen selling days. The attendance was smaller. Demand indifferent. Sales 12,000 bales, mostly to Continental buyers. Compared with series last month prices fell on merinos 5 to 10%, crossbreds 7½ to 10%, and medium to coarse 10%. But on the 12th inst. attendance was larger and 12,000 bales sold. At the sales at Wanganui, New Zealand, July 13, 6,400 bales were offered and 4,650 sold. America was not buying. Prices were slightly lower than recently at Napier. Crossbreds 46s to 48s were 4½d. to 5¼d.; 44s to 46s 4d. to 3¼d.; 40s to 44s 3½d. to 4d.; 36s to 40s 2d. to 3¼d.; inferior 2d. to 3d. Boston wired July 13 that cabled advices from the Liverpool East India wool Auctions state that American orders were small, including strictly carpet wools. The Emergency Tariff Act is practically prohibitive of the importation of the better class of East Indias, such as Jorjas, Vicaneres and Kandahars. Prices at Liverpool on July 13 on most descriptions remained firm, though Kandahar white wools declined 5 to 10% and the inferior types of gray wools, costing less than 6d. per lb., fell to 10%.

French and other Continental buyers were active at Wednesday's wool auction sale at Melbourne. Prices were unchanged to slightly easier. At yesterday's London wool sale, Germany, Switzerland and the home trade were the principal buyers.

In Chicago wool receipts for the week ending July 2 were 1,889,000 lbs., against 1,451,000 a year ago. Total receipts for the year to date amounted to 16,581,000 lbs., against 21,513,000. Shipments were 1,572,000, against 2,042,000, and for the year 54,952,000, against 25,036,000. The market was quiet there, with prices steady. Medium and fine wools were in demand.

COTTON.

Friday Night, July 15 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 83,955 bales, against 100,186 bales last week and 103,323 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1920 6,516,265 bales, against 6,764,802 bales for the same period of 1919-20, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1920 of 248,537 bales.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	5,195	6,369	14,007	3,109	5,275	6,195	40,150
Texas City	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Houston	---	---	---	---	---	1,489	1,489
Port Arthur, &c.	---	---	---	---	---	1,769	15,437
New Orleans	2,723	1,744	2,173	4,661	2,367	166	2,201
Mobile	221	300	543	771	200	---	---
Jacksonville	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Savannah	3,067	3,065	4,941	1,448	1,319	1,180	15,020
Brunswick	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Charleston	231	63	103	111	217	53	778
Wilmington	131	549	22	832	573	792	2,899
Norfolk	431	1,217	577	326	417	742	3,710
N'port News, &c.	---	---	---	---	---	16	16
New York	---	377	---	---	---	---	377
Boston	45	281	70	27	---	---	423
Baltimore	---	---	---	---	---	1,010	1,010
Philadelphia	186	150	109	---	---	---	445
Totals this week.	12,230	14,115	22,545	11,285	10,368	13,412	83,955

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 July 15.	1920-21.		1919-20.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1920.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1919.	1921.	1920.
Galveston	40,150	3,046,660	3,376	2,094,845	292,654	113,869
Texas City	---	40,626	160	342,836	14,672	25,041
Houston	---	435,402	---	70,284	---	---
Port Arthur, &c.	1,489	71,132	---	33,034	---	---
New Orleans	15,437	1,468,196	14,453	1,346,576	459,092	270,333
Gulfport	---	9,993	---	---	---	---
Mobile	2,201	106,462	448	262,374	19,828	1,705
Pensacola, &c.	---	5	---	15,795	---	---
Jacksonville	---	4,922	---	20,089	1,634	3,739
Savannah	15,020	696,377	1,979	1,297,179	144,607	70,763
Brunswick	---	13,140	---	160,137	3,124	2,719
Charleston	778	89,792	144	443,891	245,481	240,598
Wilmington	2,899	97,539	121	142,746	27,815	35,815
Norfolk	3,710	292,214	1,283	344,495	98,660	33,597
N'port News, &c.	16	2,135	38	4,410	---	---
New York	377	35,674	389	29,036	157,363	28,696
Boston	423	38,833	714	46,264	9,982	6,629
Baltimore	1,020	51,090	301	89,912	1,441	6,123
Philadelphia	445	16,073	75	20,899	8,948	4,929
Totals	83,955	6,516,265	23,481	6,764,802	1,485,301	844,556

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	40,150	3,376	36,064	7,194	12,629	8,861
Texas City, &c.	1,489	160	422	186	43	377
New Orleans	15,437	14,453	23,556	7,391	4,567	13,602
Mobile	2,201	448	2,526	1,794	581	3,451
Savannah	15,020	1,979	20,060	10,271	11,066	5,173
Brunswick	---	---	10,000	2,000	2,500	3,659
Charleston	778	144	6,589	373	236	1,003
Wilmington	2,899	121	2,949	325	138	580
Norfolk	3,710	1,283	5,798	1,217	2,950	2,495
N'port N., &c.	16	38	67	---	---	---
All others	2,255	1,479	1,113	2,644	6,955	5,254
Total this wk.	83,955	23,481	109,144	33,395	41,665	44,455
Since Aug. 1	6,516,265	6,764,802	5,853,736	5,749,501	6,844,027	7,094,672

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 114,970 bales, of which 25,888 were to Great Britain, 13,762 to France and 75,320 to other destinations. Exports for the week and since Aug. 1 1920 are as follows:

Exports from—	Week ending July 15 1921. Exported to—				From Aug. 1 1920 to July 15 1921. Exported to—			
	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	23,322	13,412	48,058	84,792	796,630	343,448	1,413,204	2,553,282
Houston	---	---	---	---	162,924	59,561	212,917	435,402
Texas City	---	---	---	---	10,096	5,129	9,225	24,450
San Antonio	---	---	---	---	---	---	32,810	32,810
Port Arthur	---	---	---	---	2,198	---	---	2,198
Pt. Nogalez	---	---	---	---	---	---	2,050	2,050
El Paso	---	---	---	---	---	---	2,992	2,992
New Orleans	1,508	---	17,837	19,345	335,322	77,316	573,558	986,196
Gulfport	---	---	---	---	---	---	9,993	9,993
Mobile	---	250	100	350	27,852	7,150	25,742	60,744
Jacksonville	---	---	---	---	2,800	---	210	3,010
Key West	---	---	---	---	---	---	5	5
Savannah	---	---	5,500	5,500	210,069	50,555	258,774	519,398
Brunswick	---	---	---	---	11,079	---	---	11,079
Charleston	---	---	---	---	33,626	---	9,999	43,625
Wilmington	---	---	---	---	5,700	---	91,651	97,351
Norfolk	750	---	900	1,650	62,598	---	37,335	99,933
New York	208	100	785	1,093	10,289	8,496	56,119	74,904
Boston	---	---	100	100	4,414	119	8,721	13,254
Baltimore	---	---	---	---	426	1,246	4,123	5,795
Philadelphia	---	---	---	---	414	---	2,641	3,055
Los Angeles	---	---	---	---	16,694	30	45,126	61,850
San Fran.	---	---	1,065	1,065	---	---	81,560	81,560
Seattle	---	---	1,075	1,075	---	---	103,171	103,171
Tacoma	---	---	---	---	---	---	53,001	53,001
Port'l'd, Ore.	---	---	---	---	---	---	3,575	3,575
Total	25,788	13,762	75,420	114,970	1,693,131	553,050	3,038,502	5,284,683
Total '19-'20	11,539	399	17,102	29,040	3,016,674	551,013	2,706,861	6,274,548
Total '18-'19	77,597	4,658	43,619	125,874	2,561,353	755,443	2,011,728	5,328,524

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.

July 15 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Total.	Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Ger-many.	Other Cont't.	Coast-wise.		
Galveston	1,174	2,400	28,000	35,240	2,500	69,314	223,340
New Orleans	8,226	1,148	6,583	7,521	118	23,866	435,226
Savannah	---	---	---	1,500	500	2,000	142,607
Charleston	---	---	---	---	400	400	245,081
Mobile	6,898	---	---	4,372	---	11,270	8,558
Norfolk	---	---	---	---	800	800	97,860
New York*	106	---	200	100	---	400	156,963
Other ports*	4,000	---	2,000	---	---	6,000	61,616
Total 1921	20,398	3,548	37,053	48,733	4,318	114,050	1,371,251
Total 1921	24,007	6,682	11,344	37,915	7,100	87,048	757,508
Total 1919	93,041	1,709	3,806	70,405	2,625	171,586	1,009,399

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been fairly active and on the whole at rising prices. The advance was due largely to the better situation in Liverpool and Manchester. Manchester on the 13th instant dropped, it appears, its short-time arrangement with operatives, and the engineers accepted a lower wage scale. Latterly at times there has been a lull, to all appearances, in Lancashire's business. But it has the promise of an excellent trade with the Far East, notably with India and China. China, by the way, has been buying spot cotton in this country for some little time past, and it has also bought cotton goods in New York. China and Japan, like England, seem to be believers in an ultimate advance. They are supposed to have taken the American crop estimate of 8,413,000 bales to heart. Liverpool has been a stimulating factor. To the astonishment of everybody its spot sales on the 12th instant shot up to 15,000 bales; on the 14th to 20,000 bales. That made 67,000 bales in five days. It was a sudden return of the good old times of pre-war days. Besides its big increase in spot business for home account, Liverpool did a much larger export trade in raw cotton. Lancashire was evidently the largest buyer, however. In Liverpool investment buying was a feature. Also the trade was calling. Shorts covered freely. The dominant sentiment in Liverpool was declared to be bullish. Much the same feeling existed here. And spot markets at the South were more active and rising. The basis also advanced. Not a little of the business was for export. The War Finance Corporation, Memphis reports stated, contributed loans of \$5,000,000 in financing 100,000 bales of staple cotton, designed for the export trade during the year to come, and which will be stored in this country in the meantime. And the advance in stocks and grain had a certain indirect influence on cotton. Also there were a good many bad crop reports, especially from the Southwest. It was declared that there had been too much rain there. Weevil was doing a good deal of damage. It was active and especially damaging in the eastern part of Texas. In Georgia conditions were said to be represented as poor, and weevil damage continued on a considerable scale in that State with frequent rains apparently aggravating the weevil danger. Though the weevil was said to have been checked in Arkansas, it was still doing much damage in many localities. In Oklahoma cotton is late and, as a rule, needs cultivation. In some sections of Alabama weevil has been doing much damage, and the plant is small there for the season. In Louisiana conditions are generally poor to no better than fair. In South Carolina the growth has been rather too rank. Weevil are numerous there, especially in the northwestern portions. The National Ginners' special report was said to be 67.2%, in contrast with the recent Government report of 69.2%. Silver advanced in London $\frac{3}{4}$ d on the 13th instant. Cotton goods are reported firmer here, with a better export demand. Fall River showed a little more life. Liverpool has bought to a certain extent. So have trade interests. There is said to be a large concentrated short interest in Wall Street, which has thus far defied any attempt to dislodge it. Japanese interests have bought at times. New Orleans bought near months and sold distant months. Further notices for 3,000 bales of July were issued, but have had little or no effect. July has been 60 to 70 points under October, as against 90 recently. Spot and July cotton have been more highly valued than for some time past. People are less afraid of the actual cotton, with the outlook brightening in England and apparently in the Far East. Some think, too, that the American crop is bound to be small and that foreign countries are alive to the fact, even if American mills remain more or less indifferent.

Cable advices received by English cotton firms report the appearance of leaf worms in the Egyptian cotton fields, and state that the Nile water supply is insufficient for irrigation. The Assouan Reservoir contains half a billion cubic metres less water than at this time last year, so that strict economy will be necessary.

On the other hand, the weekly Government crop report on the 13th instant was on the whole more favorable than had been expected. Texas had improved during the week except in the southwestern portion; though weevil were still numerous in that State, they were declared to be less active. Picking had extended to the north central counties. Very good progress had been made in Arkansas, favored by good weather. The same was true of Louisiana. The condition of the soil in Oklahoma was for the most part good. Cotton continued to improve in North Carolina. It is now in favorable condition in that State. In South Carolina very good progress was made. But it may as well be noted, too, that the weevil continues numerous in many sec-

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on July 15 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

Table with columns for years from 1921 to 1914, showing quotations for middling upland cotton.

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.

Table comparing overland movement for weeks ending July 15, 1920-21 and 1919-20, including routes like St. Louis, Rock Island, etc.

* Including movement by rail to Canada. a Revised.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 28,879 bales, against 16,590 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 219,219 bales.

Table for 'In Sight and Spinners' Takings' comparing 1920-21 and 1919-20 for receipts at ports, net overland, and southern consumption.

* Decrease during week. a These figures are consumption; takings not available.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Table showing bales and takings for previous years from 1919 to 1917.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Telegraphic advices to us this evening from the South denote that rain has been quite general during the week, and, although rather in excess in some localities, beneficial as a rule.

TEXAS—General—Cotton improved except in southeast. Condition mostly satisfactory, except rather poor in east and where storm caused damage.

Large weather report table for Texas and other locations, including columns for Rain, Rainfall, and Thermometer readings.

General condition of cotton favorable, but the weevil is increasing slowly. Decatur 3 days 0.40 in. high 93 low 73 mean 83...

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of the rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

Table showing river heights at New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, Shreveport, and Vicksburg for July 15 and 16, 1920.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS—Below are the closing quotations of middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Table of closing quotations for midding cotton at various markets from Galveston to Fort Worth.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton markets for the past week have been as follows:

Table of New Orleans contract market quotations for July 9 through July 15, including Spot and Options.

COTTON CROP CIRCULAR.—Our Annual Cotton Crop Review will be ready in circular form about Thursday, Aug. 25. Parties desiring the circular in quantities, with their business card printed thereon, should send in their orders as soon as possible, to secure early delivery.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons, from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings, or amounts gone out of sight, for the like period.

Table of Cotton Takings, Week and Season, comparing 1920-21 and 1919-20 for visible supply, total supply, and takings.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 2,990,000 bales in 1920-21 and 3,570,000 bales in 1919-20...

BOMBAY COTTON MOVEMENT.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay for the week ending June 23 and for the season from Aug. 1 for the ee years have been as follows:

Table of Bombay cotton receipts for June 23 and for the seasons 1920-21, 1919-20, and 1918-19.

Table of Exports from various regions for the week and since August 1, including Great Britain, Continent, Japan & China, and Total.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Alexandria, Egypt, June 22.	1920-21.	1919-20.	1918-19.
Receipts (cantars — This week — Since Aug. 1 —)	95,708 4,465,404	635 5,644,788	3,817 4,822,880
Exports (baes —)	Week. Since Aug. 1.	Week. Since Aug. 1.	Week. Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool	7,745 111,092	248,120	8,610 221,922
To Manchester, &c	83,647	145,546	6,098 114,415
To Continent and India	3,772 138,155	750 134,940	2,331 143,232
To America	700 45,213	287,835	3,275 65,230
Total exports	12,217 378,107	750 816,441	20,314 544,799

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian baes weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending June 22 were 95,708 cantars and the foreign shipments 12,217 baes.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market is dull but steady for both yarns and cloths. Production is being increased slowly. We give prices for to-day and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

	1921.				1920.						
	32s Cop Twist.		8 1/4 lbs. shirtings, Common to Finest.		Cot'n Mid. Upl's		32s Cop Twist.		8 1/4 lbs. Shirtings, Common to Finest.		Cot'n Mid. Upl's
May 20	16 3/4 @	19 1/4	16 0 @	17 0	7.42	53 1/2	@	76	42 0 @	45 6	26.14
June 27	16 3/4 @	19	16 0 @	17 0	7.62	53 1/2	@	76	42 0 @	45 6	26.10
July 3	16 1/2 @	19 1/2	16 0 @	17 0	7.47	53	@	76	41 6 @	45 6	27.80
10	16 1/2 @	19 1/2	16 0 @	17 0	7.75	53	@	76	41 6 @	45 6	27.36
17	16 1/2 @	19 1/2	16 0 @	17 0	7.47	52	@	75	41 10 @	46 0	26.64
24	16 1/2 @	19 1/2	16 0 @	17 0	7.00	50	@	74	40 6 @	44 0	26.38
July 1	17 @	19	15 9 @	17 3	7.25	50	@	74	40 6 @	44 0	25.61
8	17 1/4 @	19 3/4	15 9 @	17 3	7.84	49 1/2	@	74	40 0 @	43 0	25.12
15	17 1/4 @	19 3/4	15 9 @	17 0	8.19	48	@	69	40 0 @	43 0	26.65

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 114,970 bales. The shipments in detail as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

Destination	Ship	Date	Total Bales
NEW YORK—To Liverpool	July 8—Cedric, 158	July 11—Albania, 50	208
To Havre	July 12—Roussillon, 100		100
To Hamburg	July 8—Sudbury, 81		81
To Bremen	July 12—Hudson, 554		554
To Rotterdam	July 8—Bellhaven, 100		100
To Cadiz	July 14—Cabo Espartal, 50		50
GALVESTON—To Liverpool	July 9—Dalworth, 10,333	July 11—Pennyworth, 1,524	23,322
To Havre	July 9—West Imboden, 5,465	July 13—Cardigan, 7,947	13,412
To Bremen	July 11—Dorrington Court, 9,330	July 13—Carmarthenshire, 5,020	14,350
To Rotterdam	July 13—Carmarthenshire, 2,900		2,900
To Barcelona	July 9—Mar Rojo, 8,199		8,199
To Japan	July 7—Denmark Maru, 4,062	July 9—Knight Templar, 18,547	22,609
NEW ORLEANS—To Manchester	July 9—West Errol, 1,508		1,508
To Bremen	July 9—Tomalva, 661	July 13—Grelfryda, 148	809
To Hamburg	July 11—Caroline, 2,906		2,906
To Rotterdam	July 13—Andijk, 614		614
To Antwerp	July 13—Grelfryda, 200		200
To Barcelona	July 11—Masca, 1,489		1,489
To Venice	July 8—George, 1,880		1,880
To Japan	July 15—Kentucky, 616		616
To China	July 11—Atlantic City, 1,100	July 15—Kentucky, 8,200	9,300
To Cuba	July 11—Excelsior, 23		23
MOBILE—To Havre	July 14—Bayou Chico, 250		250
To Rotterdam	July 14—Bayou Chico, 100		100
SAVANNAH—To Japan	July 13—Sagadahoc, 3,200		3,200
To China	July 13—Sagadahoc, 2,300		2,300
NORFOLK—To Manchester	July 13—Tolosa, 750		750
To Antwerp	July 13—Mackinaw, 900		900
BOSTON—To Hamburg	July 1—East Indian, 100		100
SAN FRANCISCO—To China	July 8—West Caddo, 1,065		1,065
SEATTLE—To Japan	July 8—Teucer, 575	July 9—Silver State, 500	1,075
Total			114,970

The particulars of the foregoing shipments for the week, arranged in our usual form, are as follows:

	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	North Europe.	South Europe.	Japan.	China & Cuba.	Total.
New York	208	100	635	100	50			1,093
Galveston	23,322	13,412	14,350	2,900	8,199	22,609		84,792
New Orleans	1,508		3,715	814	3,369	616	9,323	19,345
Mobile		250		100				350
Savannah						3,200	2,300	5,500
Norfolk	750			900				1,650
Boston			100					100
San Francisco							1,065	1,065
Seattle						1,075		1,075
Total	25,788	13,762	18,800	4,814	11,618	27,500	12,688	114,970

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

Destination	High Density.	Standard Density.	High Density.	Standard Density.	High Density.	Standard Density.
Liverpool	.37 1/2c	.57 1/2c	.72 1/2c	.97 1/2c	.50c	.70c
Manchester	.37 1/2c	.57 1/2c	1.00c	1.25c	1.00c	1.25c
Antwerp	.30c	.50c	1.00c	1.25c	.75c	1.00c
Ghent	.30c	.50c	.82c	1.02 1/2c	.35c	.55c
Havre	.30c	.50c	.82c	1.02 1/2c	.35c	.55c
Rotterdam	.30c	.50c	.55c	.80c	1.00c	1.25c
Genoa	.50c	.75c	.50c	.70c	1.00c	1.25c
Christiania	.75c	1.02c	.50c	.70c		
Shanghai			.50c	.70c		

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	June 24.	July 1.	July 8.	July 15.
Sales of the week	14,000	29,000	40,000	68,000
Of which American	11,000	24,000	33,000	43,000
Actual export	7,000	6,000	5,000	3,000
Forwarded	12,000	18,000	29,000	39,000
Total stock	1,089,000	1,100,000	1,117,000	1,131,000
Of which American	689,000	700,000	711,000	722,000
Total imports	25,000	34,000	51,000	50,000
Of which American	21,000	30,000	35,000	42,000
Amount afloat	176,000	177,000	146,000	
Of which American	129,000	129,000	109,000	

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12:15 P. M.]		Good demand.	Hardening.	Good demand.	Good demand.	Good demand.
Mid. Upl'd.		8.13	8.20	8.17	8.24	8.19
Sales	HOLIDAY.	12,000	15,000	10,000	20,000	10,000
Futures.		Steady at 7@10 pts. advance.	Steady at 6@11 pts. advance.	Steady at 2@7 pts. decline.	Steady at 4@8 pts. decline.	Quiet, 3@4 pts. decline.
Market, 4 P. M.]		Quiet at 13@19 pts. adv.	Irreg., 10@23 pts. adv.	Firm at 12@27 pts. adv.	Barely st'y, 2@10 pts. adv.	Steady, unchanged to 10 pts. adv.

The prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

July 9 to July 15.	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12 1/4 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	12 1/4 p. m.	4 p. m.	12 1/4 p. m.	4 p. m.	12 1/4 p. m.	4 p. m.	12 1/4 p. m.	4 p. m.	12 1/4 p. m.	4 p. m.
July	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
August			8.38	8.36	8.45	8.26	8.42	8.52	8.49	8.47	8.44	8.49
September			8.49	8.47	8.55	8.37	8.52	8.64	8.62	8.61	8.55	8.61
October			8.61	8.60	8.68	8.49	8.63	8.71	8.71	8.69	8.64	8.70
November			8.71	8.70	8.78	8.59	8.72	8.79	8.75	8.74	8.60	8.77
December			8.76	8.75	8.83	8.65	8.75	8.84	8.77	8.76	8.72	8.79
January	HOLIDAY.		8.82	8.82	8.90	8.71	8.81	8.90	8.82	8.80	8.78	8.85
February			8.85	8.86	8.92	8.70	8.80	8.89	8.82	8.80	8.78	8.85
March			8.90	8.91	8.97	8.74	8.83	8.90	8.83	8.81	8.79	8.87
April			8.95	8.96	9.02	8.77	8.86	8.92	8.85	8.83	8.81	8.89
May			8.98	8.99	9.05	8.78	8.87	8.92	8.86	8.84	8.83	8.91
June			9.01	9.02	9.08	8.79	8.88	8.92	8.86	8.85	8.85	8.94
			9.03	9.03	9.09	8.80	8.89	8.92	8.86	8.85	8.85	8.95

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, July 15 1921.

Flour has been firm with wheat rising. Spring-wheat flour has been especially strong. Cash wheat at Minneapolis has risen sharply. Premiums for high-grade milling wheat there have advanced, with offerings very much smaller. Home trade here has been only moderate if not actually small. In the main business has been light. Winter-wheat flour has been irregular. Old winter-wheat flour has been in fair demand at times. Its discounts under spring-wheat appealed to some buyers. But business in the main has not been brisk, with offerings rather small. As a matter of fact mills are now quoting for the most part on new flour. Soft winter-wheat flour has been dull and not so well sustained as other grades. Millers, especially those of the Eastern States, have been plainly more disposed to sell. Export business has been slow. Foreign buyers show no great interest. A few inquiries, it is true, have appeared; the trouble was that the bids were well below the asking prices. Canadian flour is being offered in bond for export. It is far cheaper than American spring-wheat flour, but much dearer than South-western hard-wheat grades.

Wheat advanced rapidly on bad crop news and the world's drought. Both America and Europe are in the grip of a long period of dry weather. England complains loudly. So does France. Even in Egypt the Nile is very low. Black rust reports from our Northwestern States have made bad worse. There are fears of serious damage to the crop. Declines in sterling exchange, a new "low" since January, have tended to check export business. Still some foreign trade has been done. Belgium the other day bought at the West the bulk of half million bushels sold to Europe. Cash wheat in the spring wheat market has been in keen demand at rising prices. Futures at Chicago on the 12th inst. advanced 6 cents, and the next day 4 to 5 cents. Outside speculation has been increasing. At times reactions have occurred as rains have fallen here and there. But the next day it has appeared that the rains were insufficient. No doubt this country needs a prolonged downpour. England and France and other parts of Europe and, indeed, of the world certainly do. Meanwhile the visible supply of the United States increased last week 834,000 bushels, against a decrease in the same week last year of 1,417,000 bushels. The total, however, is still only 8,895,000 bushels, against 18,382,000 a year ago. The official forecast for the United Kingdom, it is said, gives the wheat yield at about an average and wheat cutting has commenced in the south of England. The British yield of barley, potatoes and oats is said to be poor, that of roots light and hay very small. It is undoubtedly very largely a weather market on this side of the water. Very high temperatures and the lack of rain have put prices up by leaps and bounds, especially as black rust reports have been persistent from Minnesota and North Dakota. But cooler weather and good rains would probably bring about a sharp decline in prices. Receipts at times have been large at primary points. On the 11th inst. they were close to 2,400,000 bushels, as against 1,312,000 on the same day last year. Kansas City and St. Louis alone received on the 11th inst. 1,470,000 bushels. Chicago is also receiving considerable wheat. Estimates compiled by a leading grain house in Portland, Ore., place the 1921 wheat crop of Washington, Oregon and northern Idaho at 80,500,000 bushels, or the largest ever harvested.

Trade in wheat in the United Kingdom is slow. The London trade it is claimed considers the outlook for the crop generally satisfactory and is not willing to buy except on declines. In Germany cutting of wheat has started and prospects are better than in recent years. Some deterioration has been noted in coarse grains. In Italy, Spain, North Africa and the Balkans the favorable prospects are it is declared still maintained. In the northwestern and western part of India drought continues but elsewhere the monsoon has improved. There were intimations that Germany was endeavoring to arrange an acceptance credit here of some \$50,000,000 for the purchase of wheat. Recent developments have favorably affected exchange on Berlin. Germany, Scandinavia, Belgium and Holland have been buying. Later prices broke owing to rains and cooler weather in Minnesota and North Dakota followed by a rally on bad crop reports from Canada. To-day prices were advanced and are 7 to 11 points higher than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 red	135½	134½	140	144	146½	156

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery	118½	118¾	124¼	128¼	122½	131
September delivery	118	118	124¼	128¼	132¼	132¾
December delivery	121	121	127	130½	135¼	136¾

Indian corn has moved upward with wheat; that is, while wheat ran up 11 cents, corn advanced 5 cents. July was especially strong, with offerings light. That frightened shorts. The visible supply fell off last week 2,095,000 bushels, as against an increase in the same week last year of 1,195,000 bushels. This, to be sure, still leaves the total at 22,167,000 bushels, against only 5,559,000 bushels a year ago. But corn is going into consumption, it is believed, at a more rapid rate than many had expected. For one thing, it is supposed that not a little of the business for export has been concealed. At any rate, in one way or another the supply is being more rapidly reduced than at this time last year. Besides, there is complaint of dry weather in the belt. Receipts are smaller at primary points. Exporters at one time took 500,000 bushels. Dry, hot weather, larger drain on the supply than had been expected, smaller receipts, and an evident demand for export, together with some unfavorable crop reports, had a noticeably bracing effect on prices even apart from the natural influence of the big rise in wheat. There has been active buying on the drought reports. That is to say, the speculation has broadened. On the 15th inst. there were reports that a certain amount of corn in a Chicago elevator was out of condition.

Chicago wired "St. Paul gives Minnesota and the Dakotas only about a 75% crop of small grains because of hot weather and dryness. Wisconsin, Ill., and Iowa suffered relatively much less, but need good general rains for corn and grass crops. Missouri oats harvest is about 90% completed and threshing has started. Montana conditions are irregular. Most divisions have rain and crops generally promise well. Idaho and Washington prospects are best for 10 years." Later prices fell owing to good rains west of the Miss. River and better crop reports. To-day prices were ¼c. lower on July and ½c. higher on Sept. For the week they are 1½ to 2¼c. up.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 yellow	82	82½	85	86	84¾	80

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery	60½	61¼	64½	65	64	63¾
September delivery	59	59½	62½	63½	61¾	62
December delivery	58½	59½	61¾	61¾	60½	60½

Oats advanced sharply early in the week with wheat and corn. Besides crop reports have not been satisfactory. Dry, hot weather has been complained of here and there. New York cleared about 100,000 bushels of Canadian oats to Dunkirk. Other rumors of export business were current. They were not fully confirmed. But speculative trading has been active under the spur of some bad crop accounts and the furore in wheat and corn. The visible supply last week, it is true, increased 1,321,000 bushels, as against a decrease in the same week last year of 442,000 bushels. But even so, the total is still 35,722,000 bushels, against 3,181,000 bushels a year ago. On the other hand, there is a certain amount of short interest still outstanding, which may be driven to cover. More or less liquidation has latterly been done, however, after the recent sharp rise in prices. Later prices fell somewhat but still later rallied. The crop, it is contended, has been permanently damaged in the United States and does not look promising in Canada. To-day prices advanced a little and they are 3¼c. higher for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 1 white	47	47	49	50	50½	51½
No. 2 white	47	47	48½	49½	50	51

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery	35½	35½	37½	38¼	38½	39¼
September delivery	37½	38	39½	40½	40¾	41½
December delivery	39½	40½	41¾	42½	42¾	43¾

Rye advanced on the 12th inst., 6 cents on unfavorable crop news, the rise in other grain and an export demand. The next day it advanced 4 to 5 cents with similar factors uppermost in molding the market. Little export business was reported. Inquiries from foreign markets have appeared almost daily but buyers and sellers were evidently in many

cases well apart in their views, so that business was for the time being at any rate impossible. The visible supply decreased last week 226,000 bushels, as against a decrease in the same week last year of 338,000 bushels. This brings the total down to the merely nominal one of 361,000 bushels against 4,085,000 bushels a year ago. To-day prices were 1½ to 2¼c. higher and they are 11 to 14¼c. up for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery	117	117½	123	124¼	131	133½
September delivery	105¼	106	112	114¼	117½	119

The following are closing quotations:

GRAIN.

Wheat—		Oats—	
No. 2 red	\$1 56	No. 1	51½
No. 1 spring	Nominal	No. 2 white	51
Corn—		No. 3 white	49½
No. 2 yellow	\$0.80	Barley—	
Rye—		Feeding	73@78
No. 2	1.50	Malting	82@87

FLOUR.

Spring patents	\$9 00@	\$ 9 75	Barley goods—Portage barley:	
Winter straights, soft	6 50@	7 00	No. 1	\$6 50
Hard winter straights	7 50@	8 00	Nos. 2, 3 and 4 pearl	6 75
Clear	6 25@	7 00	Nos. 2-0 and 3-0	6 40@
Rye flour	8 00@	8 75	Nos. 4-0 and 5-0	6 75
Corn goods, 100 lbs.:			Oats goods—Carload	
Yellow meal	1 95@	2 10	spot delivery	5 85@
Corn flour	1 95@	2 05		6 05

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 12.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ending July 12, is as follows:

COTTON.—Cotton continued to improve in North Carolina and now is in fairly good condition generally, while it made very good progress in South Carolina; growth is rather rank for best fruitage in the latter State. Progress ranged from poor to fair in Tennessee and Mississippi and was fairly good in Alabama and Georgia, but the crop continues in generally poor condition in Georgia. The weather was favorable in Arkansas and very good progress was reported from that State as well as from Louisiana. The condition of the soil was mostly favorable for work in Oklahoma, but many fields are still in need of cultivation and the crop is late. The progress and condition were fairly good except for weevil activity in the southern portion. Cotton improved in Texas except in the southeast portion; the condition is from fair to vrey good, except poor in the east and where damaged by storm the latter part of June; plant vigorous but fruiting very poorly. Weevil continues numerous in many sections of the belt, but are less active in some localities, increasing in others.

WINTER WHEAT.—Under the influence of the high temperature, winter-wheat ripened very rapidly in the more Northern States. Harvest was in progress during the week nearly to the northern limits of the country. Weather was favorable for threshing in central districts, but the yield continues disappointing in many localities, especially in the Ohio Valley. Both yield and quality are reported as poor to very poor in the Ohio Valley, while the output has not been encouraging in Kansas wherever threshing has been accomplished. Small grains are filling well in most Rocky Mountain sections.

SPRING WHEAT.—The weather continued unfavorable in the spring wheat belt. High temperatures and lack of moisture seriously damaged this crop in much of the central portion of the belt, although cooler weather and showers afforded some improvement in North Dakota. Spring wheat is generally in poor condition in Minnesota where it deteriorated during the week, while conditions varied greatly in North Dakota. Fairly favorable conditions prevailed in most places in Montana.

OATS.—Oats suffered badly in many northern sections, while the yield is disappointing in many central districts.

CORN.—While moisture conditions improved in most corn-producing areas, more rain is needed in the Ohio Valley and Tennessee, in central parts of the Mississippi Valley and in parts of the upper great plains, as well as in the Southeastern States. The condition is critical in Ohio, especially on upland, and there are reports of rolling in Indiana and Iowa. High temperatures have had a very beneficial effect on this crop, where moisture conditions were favorable. Corn is in especially good condition in the trans-Mississippi States and continued warm weather has advanced the crop to a stage considerably beyond the average for the season. Corn is tasseling almost to the northern limits of the belt.

The statement of the movement of breadstuffs to market indicated below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	bbls. 196lbs.	bush. 60 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.	bush. 32 lbs.	bush. 48lbs.	bush. 56lbs.
Chicago	209,000	598,000	2,984,000	1,821,000	128,000	12,000
Minneapolis	—	2,298,000	166,000	554,000	300,000	60,000
Duluth	—	535,000	145,000	79,000	116,000	100,000
Milwaukee	32,000	182,000	966,000	558,000	232,000	25,000
Toledo	—	41,000	67,000	157,000	—	—
Detroit	—	22,000	14,000	48,000	—	—
St. Louis	117,000	1,146,000	335,000	264,000	18,000	2,000
Peoria	41,000	13,000	210,000	88,000	3,000	—
Kansas City	—	2,170,000	286,000	113,000	—	—
Omaha	—	302,000	195,000	138,000	—	—
Indianapolis	—	109,000	359,000	166,000	—	—
Total wk. '21	399,000	7,416,000	5,727,000	3,984,000	997,000	199,000
Same wk. '20	291,000	4,639,000	5,027,000	3,730,000	558,000	898,000
Same wk. '19	292,000	3,384,000	3,380,000	5,260,000	3,020,000	611,000
Since Aug. 1—						
1920-21	25,364,000	344,835,000	147,231,000	221,052,000	29,431,000	18,947,000
1919-20	19,136,000	424,280,000	210,332,000	204,135,000	32,284,000	36,341,000
1918-19	16,191,000	405,133,000	223,796,000	283,462,000	96,069,000	38,946,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended July 9 1921 follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	250,000	452,000	376,000	336,000	266,000	4,000
Philadelphia	53,000	316,000	21,000	56,000	—	1,000
Baltimore	30,000	406,000	56,000	3,000	—	109,000
N'port News	1,000	—	—	—	—	—
New Orleans*	82,000	1,500,000	110,000	29,000	—	—
Galveston	—	1,250,000	—	—	—	—
Montreal	85,000	1,060,000	1,601,000	1,297,000	69,000	59,000
Boston	4,000	—	1,000	159,000	—	—
Total wk. '21	515,000	4,984,000	2,165,000	1,880,000	335,000	173,000
Since Jan. 1 '21	12,783,000	106,771,000	44,862,000	26,657,000	8,818,000	12,740,000
Week 1920	574,000	5,346,000	974,000	1,061,000	114,000	1,501,000
Since Jan. 1 '20	11,577,000	75,601,000	10,100,000	12,185,000	5,994,000	30,288,000

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

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending July 9 are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat, Bushels.	Corn, Bushels.	Flour, Barrels.	Oats, Bushels.	Rye, Bushels.	Barley, Bushels.	Peas, Bushels.
New York	268,599	570,284	213,259	99,913	71,995	116,973	-----
Boston	223,000	-----	4,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
Philadelphia	336,000	-----	462,000	10,000	-----	142,000	-----
Norfolk	-----	-----	-----	1,000	-----	-----	-----
New Orleans	813,000	123,000	39,000	9,000	-----	10,000	-----
Galveston	3,338,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Montreal	1,675,000	785,000	136,000	749,000	103,000	172,000	-----
Total week	4,653,599	1,940,284	403,259	857,913	316,995	298,973	-----
Week 1920	8,023,141	53,599	317,877	136,111	1,041,445	178,000	-----

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1921 is as below:

Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—	Flour.		Wheat.		Corn.	
	Week July 9 1921.	Since July 1 1921.	Week July 9 1921.	Since July 1 1921.	Week July 9 1921.	Since July 1 1921.
	Barrels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
United Kingdom	160,834	160,834	1,164,256	1,164,256	538,000	538,000
Continent	206,005	206,005	5,489,343	5,489,343	1,279,284	1,279,284
So. & Cent. Amer.	10,000	10,000	-----	-----	114,000	114,000
West Indies	8,000	8,000	-----	-----	9,000	9,000
Brit. No. Am. Cols.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Other Countries	18,420	18,420	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total	403,259	403,259	6,653,599	6,653,599	1,940,284	1,940,284
Total 1920	317,877	317,877	8,023,141	8,023,141	53,599	53,599

The world's shipment of wheat and corn for the week ending July 9 1921 and since July 1 1921 and 1920 are shown in the following:

Exports.	Wheat.			Corn.		
	1921.		1920.	1921.		1920.
	Week July 9.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.	Week July 9.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
North Amer.	7,828,000	7,828,000	7,629,000	2,321,000	2,321,000	34,000
Russ. & Dan.	168,000	168,000	-----	1,054,000	399,000	-----
Argentina	2,457,000	2,457,000	7,905,000	4,789,000	4,789,000	2,919,000
Australia	1,424,000	1,424,000	1,032,000	-----	-----	-----
India	32,000	32,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
Oth. countr's	-----	-----	-----	510,000	510,000	-----
Total	11,909,000	11,909,000	16,566,000	8,674,000	8,674,000	2,953,000

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports July 9 1921 was as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.

United States—	Wheat,	Corn,	Oats,	Rye,	Barley,
	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
New York	329,000	163,000	690,000	16,000	132,000
Boston	-----	1,000	4,000	2,000	-----
Philadelphia	156,000	592,000	203,000	1,000	5,000
Baltimore	454,000	463,000	148,000	43,000	106,000
Newport News	-----	3,000	-----	-----	-----
New Orleans	637,000	345,000	114,000	-----	17,000
Galveston	1,986,000	-----	-----	11,000	-----
Buffalo	248,000	3,324,000	3,147,000	-----	68,000
Toledo	157,000	201,000	444,000	6,000	5,000
Detroit	17,000	26,000	52,000	21,000	-----
Chicago	214,000	9,153,000	10,918,000	32,000	121,000
afloat	125,000	415,000	392,000	-----	-----
Milwaukee	120,000	521,000	458,000	34,000	150,000
Duluth	853,000	193,000	5,764,000	70,000	96,000
Minneapolis	1,933,000	172,000	9,738,000	18,000	986,000
St. Louis	144,000	509,000	910,000	2,000	4,000
Kansas City	470,000	3,543,000	622,000	12,000	-----
Peoria	-----	5,000	21,000	-----	-----
Indianapolis	70,000	341,000	252,000	2,000	-----
Omaha	393,000	835,000	1,472,000	47,000	14,000
On Lakes	539,000	1,222,000	277,000	64,000	106,000
On Canal and Rivcr	50,000	140,000	96,000	-----	-----
Total July 9 1921	8,895,000	22,167,000	35,722,000	361,000	1,810,000
Total July 2 1921	8,061,000	24,262,000	34,401,000	587,000	1,573,000
Total July 10 1920	18,382,000	5,559,000	3,181,000	4,085,000	2,683,000
Total July 12 1919	5,297,000	4,036,000	18,923,000	9,468,000	9,862,000

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, 369,000 bushels New York; 191,000 Boston; total, 560,000 bushels, against 702,000 in 1920; barley, New York, 11,000 bushels; Duluth, 2,000 bushels; total, 13,000 bushels, against 150,000 bushels in 1920; and wheat, 7,000 bushels New York, 2,000 Philadelphia, 32,000 Baltimore, 73,000 Buffalo; total, 108,000 bushels in 1921.

Canadian—					
Montreal	1,365,000	1,232,000	2,303,000	299,000	453,000
Ft. William & Pt. Arthur	5,563,000	-----	6,280,000	-----	1,295,000
Other Canadian	357,000	-----	1,770,000	-----	27,000
Total July 9 1921	7,284,000	1,232,000	10,353,000	299,000	1,775,000
Total July 2 1921	7,319,000	1,245,000	9,751,000	333,000	1,934,000
Total July 10 1920	7,270,000	116,000	1,108,000	639,000	1,291,000
Total July 12 1919	6,992,000	7,000	4,134,000	305,000	2,447,000

Summary—					
American	8,895,000	22,167,000	35,722,000	361,000	1,810,000
Canadian	7,284,000	1,232,000	10,353,000	299,000	1,775,000
Total July 9 1921	16,179,000	23,399,000	46,075,000	660,000	3,585,000
Total July 2 1921	15,380,000	25,507,000	44,152,000	920,000	3,507,000
Total July 10 1920	25,652,000	5,675,000	4,289,000	4,724,000	3,974,000
Total July 12 1919	12,289,000	4,043,000	23,077,000	9,773,000	12,309,000

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

New York, Friday Night, July 15 1921.

There has been a steady undertone to trading during the week that has proved encouraging, and while there has been no measure of constructive readjustment of great interest in the industry, the situation generally appears to be improving. Probably the outstanding feature of the week has been the continuance of the export business which has developed recently. True, the amount of sales has not been large, nor have prices at which such sales were made proven particularly attractive, but they are sufficient to keep some mills busy, and at this season such business, though profits may be small, renders a benefit to the industry. Buyers are coming into New York in increasing numbers. In some cases they are here for the conventions, but they are also desirous of looking over the new offerings, and despite some disposition noted to postpone the spring 1922 season,

all indications point to the fact that buying will begin before the end of the current month. Reports from the retail trade continue to be of an encouraging character and show a steadily increasing disposition to work off high-priced goods and fall closely in line with primary market prices. In most cases retailers have been forced to this action by the abstention of the buying public. Competition among retailers is reported to be keener than for some time in the past, and dealers are expecting the new season to see buyers in the markets looking for bargains with which to hold their trade. Mills are still fairly well supplied with orders and are making earnest endeavors to reduce manufacturing costs to enable them to survive on the narrow profits which they are now realizing.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—The week has been generally quiet and with no new developments, but there has been a strong undertone to the market, and trading has been done in considerable quantities. Export business has increased during the week and several houses have secured desirable orders despite the adverse foreign exchange rates. Sheetings have secured the most of this trade, with standard 4-yard, 56 x 60's leading. Sales have been recorded to China, the Levant, South and Central America, and while the prices have ranged around 9½ cents for standard goods, the business has proved acceptable even at that figure. A price of 6½¢ for 38½-inch, 64 x 60's still obtains for spot delivery, and 39-inch, 68 x 72's are trading around 7½¢, with future deliveries at a slightly lower figure. Generally the buyers are looking only for requirements that they must fill immediately, and sellers are reluctant to go very far into the matter of future contracts in the few cases where they are offered. Gingham and percales are still strong in seasonal demand, and this class of trade has already exceeded the expectations of some manufacturers. Organdies, dimities, voiles, etc., are likewise in heavy demand, and are selling freely, but any attempt to advance prices appears to make buyers cautious. These goods have also already been in request by converters for their next spring requirements, and the expectations appear to centre around the fact that the 1922 season will see an even heavier demand in fine yarn goods than has been the case in the present season. Other sections of the market continue to remain quiet. Ducks, twills, etc., are, for instance, practically in no demand, and this exclusion of certain lines still continues to make the market decidedly spotty.

WOOLEN GOODS.—The dress goods division of the trade reports a busy week. Some rumors of coming trouble with cutters in both the dress goods and men's wear division has caused apprehension, but as yet there is nothing of serious consequence reported by any of the manufacturers. In fact, the consensus of opinion in this division continues to remain optimistic, and the buying for the winter season has been heavy enough to warrant manufacturers in predicting a good demand. The cutters that are now engaged on goods for fall deliveries have reported no predominating demand for any one class of material, although worsted and serges in the dresses and velours and broadcloths in the coatings appear to be featured. The middle of next month is the logical time for business to improve materially in volume of sales in this class. The men's wear division of the trade has been very quiet throughout the week. The question of repeat orders for fall delivery appear to have been settled satisfactorily in most cases, and interest is centred in the opening of the spring 1922 season, which is expected shortly. There is still being displayed a decided disposition to defer the opening as long as possible, but as buyers are already arriving in New York, it is expected that manufacturers will generally be in a position to make offerings by the latter part of this month and early part of the next. The hot weather suits, which have been in such demand in and around the cities, are still being much sought after. Practically any goods that is considered at all suitable have been used in their manufacture, and some of the smaller concerns are reported to be still manufacturing them.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—Burlaps have retained their position of quietness throughout the week. There have been bullish advices current that ordinarily should have forced quotations higher, but for some reason buyers appear to be cautious. Reports from India show that the Government crop estimate puts the present jute crop at 36% below that of last year and the mill owners have arrived at a decision to operate mills only four days a week. Acting on these reports the Calcutta market has strengthened somewhat, but there is still no activity here. At present spot heavies are being quoted at 4.40c, and lights at 3.60c. The future prices are somewhat higher. Despite the heavy shipments recently there is no large amount of burlaps estimated to be stored in this country, and activity should result in this market shortly. It is also rumored that the freight rates from India are to be increased on this commodity.

There have been no developments in the linen market and it still remains quiet. Importers report very little business, although several of the larger houses have recently sent buyers to Europe to look over the situation carefully. The effect of the Permanent Tariff, now before the House, is generally receiving opposition from linen men, and attempts are being made to have the proposed measure rescinded or modified.

State and City Department

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN JUNE.

We present herewith our detailed list of the municipal bond issues put out during the month of June, which the crowded condition of our columns prevented our publishing at the usual time.

The review of the month's sales was given on page 200 of the "Chronicle" of July 9. Since then several belated June returns have been received, changing the total for the month to \$109,811,625. The number of municipalities issuing bonds in June was 346 and the number of separate issues 473.

JUNE BOND SALES.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Contains a detailed list of 473 municipal bond issues from various states and cities, including entries like Adams, N. Y.; Akron, Ohio; Alcoa, Tenn.; and many others.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists various municipal bonds with their respective details.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Continuation of bond listings.

Total bond sales for June (346 municipalities covering 473 separate issues) \$109,811,625

REVISED TOTALS FOR PREVIOUS MONTHS.

The following items, included in our totals for previous months, should be eliminated from the same. We give the page number of the issue of our paper in which the reasons for these eliminations may be found:

Table with columns: Page, Name, Amount. Lists items to be eliminated from previous totals.

BONDS OF UNITED STATES POSSESSIONS.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists bonds from US possessions.

We have also learned of the following additional sales for previous months:

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists additional bond sales.

All of the above sales (except as indicated) are for May. These additional May issues will make the total sales (not including temporary loans) for that month \$61,366,597.

DEBENTURES SOLD BY CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES IN JUNE.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists Canadian municipal debentures.

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
325	Saskatchewan S. D., Sask. var.		various	56,954	var.	var.
209	Saskatchewan Sch. Dists., Sask.			56,000		
2795	Saskatchewan Sch. Dists., Sask. (7 issues)	(var.)	(various)	42,125	(various)	(var.)
2451	Toronto, Ont.	6		5,000,000	96.38	6.33
2668	Westbourne, Man.	6		60,000	94.12	
Total amount of debentures sold in Canada during June 1921				\$14,820,561		

a Average date of maturity. d Subject to call in and after the earlier year and mature in the later year. k Not including \$49,251,500 of temporary loans reported, and which do not belong in the list. x Taken by sinking fund as an investment. y And other considerations. r Refunding bonds included in permanent sales total \$405,555.

NEWS ITEMS.

Michigan.—*State Legislature Will Be Asked by Governor to Reassemble.*—Governor Groesbeck will ask the State Legislature to reassemble in Lansing July 19 and continue in session long enough to rectify errors which have been found in the Ramsey Act. A special dispatch from Lansing to the Detroit "Free Press" under date of July 11 had the following to say with reference to the State Legislature being asked to reassemble:

The State Legislature will be asked by Governor Groesbeck to reassemble in Lansing July 19 and continue the deliberations of its special session long enough to rectify errors found in the Ramsey Act aimed to extend the bonding powers of cities of the 30,000 class for certain desired improvements, under which Saginaw and Lansing had hoped to raise funds for a new water system and a new lighting and power plant, respectively.

Although the Ramsey Act was passed in due form, it was found by the Attorney-General's office that an Act subsequently passed to provide for city zoning amended the same section of the home rule law in such a manner that it actually nullified the Ramsey Act.

The legislative error was responsible for the calling off of the special election in Saginaw. The old law fixed the bonding limit at 8% of the assessed valuation and limited the bonds for public utilities to 2%. The Ramsey Act fixed 10% as the bonding limit, all but 2% being available for water-works, and allowing 3% to be used for electric plants.

The Saginaw election was to have been held to-day, but was canceled. Lansing's election on the electric light program had been set for Aug. 30, and there is still a possibility that the error may be rectified in time to make that election legal.

The convening of the Legislature for the fourth time this year will not involve any added expense to the State. Technically the Legislature is still in session. Although the business which called it together for the third time, the altering of the soldier bonus enabling Act so as to make the bonds more attractive to investors, was disposed of in two days, the legislators availed themselves of the constitutional provision for a 20 days' special session and set the formal adjournment date as July 19. The constitution provides that a per diem may be paid legislators in special session for 20 days. Ordinarily the formality of adjournment would be disposed of by one or two members. Now the entire body will be brought together to untangle errors in the Ramsey bill before quitting.

Mississippi.—*State Income Tax Law Declared Valid.*—On July 11 the State Supreme Court declared the State income tax law valid. The "Memphis Appeal" in its issue of July 12 said:

The Supreme Court to-day handed down a long list of opinions and adjourned for the summer vacation, to meet again on the second Monday in October. The suggestion of error in the case of Hattiesburg Grocery Co. vs. Stokes V. Robertson, Revenue Agent, was overruled. This was the case testing the constitutionality of the State income tax law. The law was recently upheld by the Court and a suggestion of error was filed. To-day's action settles the question of constitutionality of the law and means that the revenue agent can collect the income tax due from 1914 to date by suit if not paid voluntarily, where the tax is due and unpaid.

Missouri.—*Difficulties Surrounding the Issue of School Bonds.*—The St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" under date of July 8 prints the following letter pointing out the difficulties that will attend the issue of school bonds owing to a defect in the county unit bill, a referendum vote on which does not take place until the general election of 1922.

Editor "Globe-Democrat"
To comply with your suggestion of to-day and to assist, if possible, in straightening out a misunderstanding as to the effect of the recently enacted County Unit School Law on indebtedness of certain districts sought to be incurred since March 1 1921, we make you the following statement:

A special dispatch from Jefferson City in your issue of July 4, under the headline, "Suspension of County Unit Law Invalidates School Bond Issues," was incorrect in that it gave the impression that this firm had taken the position that it was the referendum on the County Unit Law which invalidates such proposed indebtedness. And the opening sentence of your leading editorial this morning was apparently based upon this error in the Jefferson City dispatch.

The defect in the present situation which now confronts many school districts is not in the suspension of the County Unit School Act by the referendum, but in an omission from the County Unit Act itself. And this omission affects, or may affect, any school district other than districts maintaining high schools of the first class and consolidated districts lying in two or more counties; in other words, all common school districts and all city, town and consolidated school districts other than those of the two classes mentioned.

We are not discussing any question as to the constitutionality of the County Unit School Law, but merely the question, What is the status of bonds issued after March 1 1921, and prior to the time when the County Unit School Law may become effective? Prior to the filing of the referendum petitions that Act would have gone into effect on June 20 1921. Since the filing of the referendum petitions the period intervening between the passage of the Act and the time when it may, by a favorable vote, become effective, has been extended to November 1922.

The County Unit School Law provides that the new County Board of Education in each county shall assume whatever bonded indebtedness of the old local districts was in existence on March 1 1921, but it makes no provision for bonds issued since March 1 1921. Furthermore, the effect of the Act is to take away from the local boards all power of taxation and to cast the function of levying taxes for all local districts upon the County Board of Education. But the County boards of education cannot function until after the Act creating them shall have gone into effect; neither does the County Unit Bill authorize a county board of education to assume any bonded indebtedness which came into existence after March 1 1921.

The situation, therefore, which confronts all districts (except those of the two classes above named) which have voted bonds since March 1 1921, and which will confront any such districts which may hereafter vote bonds at any time prior to the general election in 1922, is this, namely: Such a district has incurred, or will incur, a valid debt, because the old law authorizing such indebtedness is still in effect. But the provisions of the statutes as they will exist if the County Unit Bill should receive a favorable vote in 1922, provide no method for the levy and collection of the necessary tax to cover interest and sinking fund; because, after the County Unit School Law goes into effect, a local board will have no power to tax, and no power even to certify a rate of taxation to the County Clerk, from year to year, to raise the funds to meet the requirements of a bond issue. On the other hand, the county board of education has no power under the County Unit Act to levy such a tax for such a bond issue because it was not an existing indebtedness on the first day of March 1921.

You will note from the above that it is not the suspension of the County Unit School Law, by the referendum, which creates the awkward situation above outlined. The defect lies in the Act itself. And, if we may be per-

mitted to say so, it involves a situation which should be remedied by legislation as speedily as possible.

We thank you for the opportunity to make this statement.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES & RUTHERFORD,
By B. H. Charles.

Secured Debt Law Held Invalid.—For news item regarding the decision of Missouri Supreme Court holding the Secured Debt Law invalid see our department of Current Events and Discussions on a preceding page.

New York.—*Decision on the Constitutionality of the Soldiers' Bonus Law Not Yet Handed Down.*—The Court of Appeals on July 14 adjourned to Aug. 31 without deciding the constitutionality of the New York State bonus legislation, which was argued before the court a short time ago at a special session called by Governor Miller. We take the following from the "Knickerbocker Press" of July 15 with regard to the matter:

The Court of Appeals, after being in consultation the greater part of the last two days, yesterday adjourned to Aug. 31 without deciding the constitutionality of the New York State bonus legislation.

The court announced the decision of many cases argued at the last term at 11:30 o'clock yesterday and directed adjournment without mention of the bonus appeal.

Many rumors were heard following action of the court and those advocating sustaining of the law generally believed that the decision of the Appellate Division, Third Department, in sustaining the law, would not be affirmed, and that the adjournment was for the purpose of enabling the judges of the court to prepare opinions in explanation of their views, in the event they believe the law to be unconstitutional.

Determination of the court to postpone decision will bring activity in the State bonus commission virtually to a standstill.

Well-defined plans of the Commission will be halted for another seven weeks, and no actual work will progress until a meeting of the Commission next week. It is expected Adjutant-General J. Leslie Kincaid, Chairman of the Commission, will call the other members into conference Monday or Tuesday.

There were reports yesterday a large number of the Bonus Commission force might be temporarily dismissed, pending the outcome of the court action. Plans were laid for distribution of the application blanks Aug. 1, had the Court of Appeals ruled favorably.

More than 1,000,000 applications are ready for distribution. For weeks Colonel Henry J. Cookinham Jr., executive director of the Commission, and his staff have been preparing the work for a speedy payment of the bonus.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS
this week have been as follows:

AFTON, Ottawa County, Okla.—*BONDS VOTED AND SALE.*—By an overwhelming majority the school bond proposition carried at a recent election. The entire issue of \$7,000 has been sold for \$7,048, the purchaser paying election expenses.

ALBERMARLE COUNTY (P. O. Charlottesville), Va.—*BOND SALE.*—R. M. Grant & Co. of N. Y. have purchased \$300,000 6% coupon tax-free road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J.-D.) payable at the office of R. M. Grant & Co., N. Y. Due June 1 1931 optional June 1 1923. They are now offering them to investors to yield 6.10%.

Financial Statement.

Actual valuation, 1921 (estimated)	\$30,000,000
Assessed valuation, 1920-21	16,370,518
Total bonded debt (including this issue)	340,000
Population, 1920 (U. S. Census)	26,005
(Exclusive of Charlottesville's population, 10,688)	

ALDEN, Luzerne County, Pa.—*BOND OFFERING.*—H. G. Stecker, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Aug. 4 for \$45,000 5%, 5 1/4%, 5 1/2%, 5 3/4% borough bonds. Due in 30 years. Legality approved by Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia. Cert. check for 1% of the amount bid for, required.

ALLEN COUNTY (P. O. Fort Wayne), Ind.—*BOND SALE.*—The 150,000 6% bonds offered on July 7—V. 112, p. 2659—were sold to the Lincoln National Bank of Fort Wayne at par and accrued interest.

ALTOONA, Blair County, Pa.—*BOND OFFERING.*—John P. Lafferty, Supt. of Accounts and Finance, will receive bids until 12 m. June 2 for \$245,000 5% bonds. Denom. \$500. Int. semi-ann. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$11,000 yearly on June 1 from 1927 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.

AMHERST, Lorain County, Ohio.—*BOND OFFERING.*—F. I. Hubbard, Village Clerk, will receive sealed proposals until 12 m. July 23 for the purchase of the following 6% special assessment bonds: \$14,500 Spring Street paving bonds. Denom. 11 for \$500 and 9 for \$1,000 each. Due each six months as follows: \$500 from March 15 1923 to March 15 1928 and \$1,000 from Sept. 15 1928 to Sept. 15 1932 inclusive.

9,500 Lincoln Street paving bonds. Denom. 2 for \$250 and 18 for \$500 each. Due each six months as follows: \$250 on March 15 and Sept. 15 1923 and \$500 from March 15 1924 to Sept. 15 1932 incl. Date July 15 1921. Int. semi-ann. Cert. check for 5% of amount bid for, payable to the above Clerk, required. Purchaser to pay accrued int.

ANDOVER COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 195 (P. O. Andover), Henry County, Ill.—*BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.*—The Hanchett Bond Co., Inc. of Chicago, is offering to investors to yield from 6% to 5.80%, an issue of \$28,500 6% bonds. Date July 1 1920. Int. J. & J. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due \$1,500 yearly on July 1 from 1922 to 1940, incl.

ARLINGTON, Gilliam County, Ore.—*BOND SALE.*—Keeler Bros. & Co. of Portland, have purchased \$20,000 7% tax-free general obligation bonds. Denom. \$500. Date June 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J.-D.) payable at the National Park Bank, New York City. Due \$5,000 on June 1 in each of the following years, 1926, 1931, 1936 and 1941. Legal investment for banks, trust funds and estates. Acceptable to State Treas. as security for State funds.

Financial Statement.

Real valuation (estimated)	\$1,150,000 00
Assessed valuation (1920)	529,989 87
Total bonded debt, incl. this issue	\$71,000
Less water & light bonds (self supporting)	31,000
Net bonded debt	40,000 00
Population, officially est.,	600.

ASHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Ashland), Ohio.—*BONDS NOT SOLD.*—The \$90,000 6% bonds offered on July 6—V. 112, p. 2786—were not sold.

ATTICA, Wyoming County, N. Y.—*BONDS NOT SOLD.*—The \$28,000 water bonds offered on July 11 (V. 113, p. 201) were not sold.

ATTLEBORO, Bristol County, Mass.—*TEMPORARY LOAN.*—The First National Bank of Boston was awarded a temporary loan of \$500,000 on a 5.67% discount basis.

BAIRD, Callahan County, Texas.—*BOND OFFERING.*—F. L. Driskill, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 20 for \$14,000 6% coupon street improvement bonds and \$6,000 6% coupon water-works bonds. Denom. \$350. Date Sept. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable in Austin and Baird. Due in 40 years, optional in 10 years. Cert. check for \$1,000 required. The legality will be approved by Otis Bowyer, Baird, Texas. These bonds were registered with the State Comptroller on Feb. 16.—V. 112, p. 867.

BARBERTON, Summit County, Ohio.—*NO BIDS RECEIVED.*—No bids were submitted for the \$18,900 6% sewer-construction bonds offered on July 11 (V. 113, p. 100).

BAY CITY, Bay County, Mich.—*BID REJECTED.*—The only bid received for the \$1,000,000 5 1/2% water bonds offered on July 11—V. 113,

p. 100—which was submitted by a syndicate composed of Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Detroit Trust Co., Wm. R. Compton Co. and C. W. McNear & Co., and equal to about a 7% basis, was rejected.

BENDER SCHOOL DISTRICT, Fresno County, Cal.—NO BIDS.—No bids were received for the \$15,000 6% school bonds offered July 5.—V. 113, p. 100.

BENNETTSVILLE, Marlboro County, So. Caro.—FURTHER INFORMATION.—J. H. Hillsman & Co. of Atlanta were the purchasers of the \$50,000 6% tax-free public improvement bonds, sale of which was reported in V. 112, p. 2659. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J.-D.) payable at the National City Bank, N. Y. Due \$2,000 yrly. on June 1 from 1930 to 1954, incl. Legality approved by Nathans & Sinkler, Charleston.

Financial Statement.	
Actual values	\$12,000,000
Ass. values, 1920	1,513,997
Total bonded debt (incl. this issue)	224,000
Less water & light bonds	74,000
Less sinking fund	25,000
Net debt	99,000
Population, 1920, 3,197.	

BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received for the two issues of sidewalk improvement bonds aggregating \$300,000 offered July 5—V. 113, p. 100—were rejected.

BIG HORN COUNTY (P. O. Hardin), Mont.—BOND SALE.—The Merchants Loan Co. of Billings, has purchased at 93 an issue of \$45,000 6% funding bonds. Int. semi-ann. Due in 20 years, optional after 10 years.

BLUE SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Blue Springs) Union County, Miss.—BONDS VOTED—DATE OF OFFERING.—The \$10,000 6% 20-yr. school bldg. bonds mentioned in V. 112, p. 2659 were voted July 1. The vote was 57 "for" to 3 "against." These bonds will be offered Aug. 1.

BRACKEN COUNTY (P. O. Brooksville), Ky.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. A. Moneyhon, Clerk of County Court, until 11 a. m. July 20 for \$50,000 5% Turnpike Improvement bonds. Denom. \$500. Int. semi-ann. payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. Due \$10,000 yearly from 1939 to 1943, incl. Cert. check for 10% of the amount of bid payable to H. L. Corlis, required.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY (P. O. Southport), N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Aug. 15 by W. H. Walker, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for the \$300,000 6% road bonds of 1921. These bonds were offered July 11 (V. 113, p. 201).

BUTTE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Butte), Silver Bow County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—An issue of \$300,000 6% 10-20-year (opt.) funding bonds will be offered for sale on Aug. 16.

CALIFORNIA (State of).—BOND SALE.—On July 14 a syndicate consisting of the Guaranty Company of New York, Bankers Trust Co., Kissel, Kinnicut & Co., Eldredge & Co., Stacy & Braun, Anglo & London Paris National Bank, Blyth, Witter & Co., Hannahs, Ballin & Lee, Ames, Emerich & Co. and Curtis & Sanger was awarded the \$4,878,000 5 3/4% coupon highway bonds—V. 112, p. 2787—at 100.401 and interest, a basis of about 5.70%. Date July 3 1921. Due yearly on July 3 as follows: \$301,000 1928, \$364,000 1929, \$382,000 1930, \$384,000 1931 and 1932 \$383,000 1933, \$364,000 1934, \$770,000 1935, \$774,000 1936, and \$772,000 1937. The bonds are now being offered to investors to yield from 5.75% to 5.40%, according to maturity.

CALIFORNIA (State of).—NO ACTION YET TAKEN.—We are advised that no action has yet been taken looking toward the sale of \$2,860,000 capital extension 4 1/2% bonds. We are also advised that the Legislature has appropriated \$400,000 to be used as commission in disposing of the above bonds.

CAMBRIA COUNTY (P. O. Ebensburg), Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 5 1/2% road and bridge bonds offered unsuccessfully on July 11—V. 112, p. 2787—were sold to Biddle and Henry of Philadelphia who bid 100.41, a basis of about 5.45%. Date July 15 1921. Due serially July 15 1922 to 1944.

CAMBRIDGE, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The temporary loan of \$300,000 offered on July 11—V. 113, p. 202—dated July 13 and due Oct. 31 1921 was sold to S. N. Bond & Co. of Boston, on a 5.70% discount basis.

CAMDEN, Camden County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The National City Co. of New York, has purchased for \$224,050 (100.022) a basis of about 5.49%, the \$224,000 5 1/2% sewer bonds offered July 14—V. 113, p. 101,—with a 60 day option at par on the remaining four issues offered at the same time. Date Aug. 1 1921. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1922 to 1925, incl., and \$6,000 from 1926 to 1959, incl.

CAMDEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS, No. Car.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received on July 4 for the following 6% bonds (V. 112, p. 2787): \$15,000 School-building bonds of School District No. 1 (Old Trap High School); 15,000 School-building bonds of School District No. 7 (Shiloh High School).

CANYON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53 (P. O. Caldwell), Ida.—BOND SALE.—The State of Idaho has purchased the \$19,500 6% school bldg. bonds offered unsuccessfully June 11.—V. 112, p. 2787.

CASCADE, Cascade County, Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 6% sewer bonds offered July 11 (V. 112, p. 2444) were awarded to C. E. Green, at par. Date Jan. 1 1921. Due Jan. 1 1941, optional \$10,000 Jan. 1 1931 and \$10,000 Jan. 1 1936.

CHADRON, Dawes County, Nebr.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received received until 2 p. m. Aug. 1 for the purchase of \$45,000 6% septic tank disposal plant and sewer bonds. Due \$2,000 from 1922 to 1940 and \$7,000 in 1941. These bonds were recently voted as stated in V. 113, p. 202.

CHEROKEE COUNTY (P. O. Gaffney), So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., of N. Y. have purchased the \$80,000 6% coupon tax-free road and bridge bonds offered June 14—V. 112, p. 2559. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in New York City. Due \$10,000 yearly on May 1 from 1922 to 1929, incl.

Financial Statement.	
Real valuation	\$30,000,000
Assessed valuation (about 1/4 of actual value)	8,963,198
Total bonded debt (including this issue)	732,000
Population, U. S. Census, 1920, 27,750.	

CHICAGO SANITARY DISTRICT (P. O. Chicago), Cook County, Ill.—BOND OFFERING.—Wm. W. Smyth, Clerk of the Sanitary District, will receive sealed proposals at his office in Room 700, at 910 South Michigan Ave., Chicago, until 10 a. m. July 28 for the purchase of \$5,000,000 5% bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the Treasurer of the District. Due \$250,000 yearly on July 1 from 1922 to 1941, incl. Cert. check for 3% of the amount bid for, drawn upon a responsible Chicago bank, payable to the above clerk, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at the office of the District Treasurer. An opinion by Wood and Oakley of Chicago, will be furnished certifying the legality of the above issue.

Financial Statement.	
Equalized value of property 1920	\$1,764,288,162.00
Authorized indebtedness 3%	52,928,634.86

Outstanding bonds July 7 1921	16,581,000.00
Amount of present issue	5,000,000.00
Total bonded debt (incl. this issue)	21,581,000.00
Fixed contract liabilities	4,617,000.00
Total	\$26,198,000.00
Unexercised debt incurring power	26,730,634.86

The official notice of this bond offering may be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

CIRCLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Circle), McCone County, Mont.—BONDS VOTED.—The voters of this district sanctioned the issuance of \$18,000 school-building bonds by a vote of 47 to 8 at a recent election.

CISCO, Eastland County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller registered \$350,000 6% serial water-works extension bonds on July 4.

CLARK COUNTY (P. O. Jeffersonville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$65,300 6% highway-improvement bonds offered on July 2—V. 112, p. 2787—were sold to the Fletcher-American Co. of Indianapolis at par and int.

CLARKSVILLE, Red River County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The \$50,000 5% (serial) street and alley bonds voted recently (V. 112, p. 2444) were registered with the State Comptroller on July 9.

CLINTON COUNTY (P. O. Frankfort), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—J. Marcus Smith, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. July 23 for the following 5% bonds, dated June 15 1921.

- \$18,000 Jesse Sheets et al., Gravel Road No. 363; Michigan Township bonds. Denom. \$900.
 - 8,160 John C. Hall et al., Gravel Road No. 369; Kirklin Township bonds. Denom. \$408.
 - 11,040 George Rothenberger et al., Gravel Road No. 36; Union Township bonds. Denom. \$552.
 - 1,440 Dugan Stanley et al., Gravel Road No. 348; Forest Township bonds. Denom. \$72.
 - 3,840 Herman Berry et al., Gravel Road No. 368; Forest Township bonds. Denom. \$192.
- First maturity May 15 1922. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

CLINTONVILLE, Waupaca County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$30,000 5 1/2% armory bonds has been awarded to local individuals at par. Denom. \$500. Date June 15 1921. Int. J. & D. Due \$3,000 yearly from June 21 1921.

COCOA BEACH SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT (P. O. Titusville), Brevard County, Fla.—BIDS.—The following two bids were received at the offering of the \$300,000 6% road and bridge bonds July 6—V. 113, p. 101.

- W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo.....95 (bid conditional)
- Geo. B. Sawyers & Co., Jacksonville.....95 (bid conditional)

COCKE COUNTY (P. O. Newport), Tenn.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held Aug. 20 to vote on the question of issuing \$200,000 road improvement bonds.

COLUMBUS, Muscogee County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—J. H. Hillsman & Co. of Atlanta have purchased the \$180,000 5% coupon tax-free bridge bonds offered on June 14 (V. 112, p. 2444). Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Due \$6,000 yearly on July 1 from 1922 to 1951, incl. Legality approved by Spalding, MacDougald & Sibley, Atlanta.

Financial Statement.	
Actual values	\$80,000,000
Assessed values, 1920	32,885,667
Total bonded debt (including this issue)	\$1,628,500
Less water bonds	\$360,000
Less sinking fund	26,000
	386,000

Net debt.....\$1,242,500
Population, 1920, 31,125.

COMANCHE, Comanche County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 4 \$20,000 6% 5-30-year sewer bonds were registered with the State Comptroller. These bonds were mentioned in V. 112, p. 1781.

CROWN POINT, Lake County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. July 18 by the City Clerk for \$11,000 6% coupon tax-free water-works-improvement bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 15 1921. Int. M. & N. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 15 from 1922 to 1930, incl., and \$2,000 on July 15 1931. Certified check for 2 1/2% of the amount bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

CYNTHIANA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cynthiana), Harrison County, Ky.—BOND SALE.—At the offering of the \$20,000 6% school bonds on July 11 (V. 113, p. 203), the Security Trust Co. of Lexington was the successful bidder, paying 101.38—a basis of about 5.83%. Date June 1 1921. Due \$1,000 Dec. 1 1922 to 1941, inclusive.

CYNTHIANA, Harrison County, Ky.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 6% water-works bonds offered July 12 (V. 113, p. 203) have been awarded to the National Bank of Cynthiana (100.28) plus a premium of \$100, equal to a basis of about 5.97%. Date June 1 1921. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1925; \$2,000, 1926 to 1928, inclusive; \$3,000, 1929 to 1932, inclusive; and \$2,000, 1933 to 1940, inclusive.

DEARBORN COUNTY (P. O. Lawrenceburg), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Gilbert S. Nowlin, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 25 for the following 5% highway-construction and improvement bonds:

- \$18,000 Robert Cairns et al. Jackson Township bonds. Denom. \$300. Due \$600 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1936, incl.
- 6,500 Wm. Cutter et al. Center Township bonds. Denom. \$325. Due \$650 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1926, incl.
- 15,000 Herman Lichtenberg et al. Jackson Township bonds. Denom. \$250. Due \$450 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1936, incl.

Date July 5 1921. Int. M. & N.

DEL MAR SCHOOL DISTRICT, San Diego County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Geo. W. Heston, County Treasurer (P. O. San Diego), will receive proposals until July 18 for \$12,500 6% semi-ann. school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date June 28 1921. Due \$1,000 yearly from 1925 to 1936 incl. and \$500 1937. Cert. check for 2% of bid required.

DONORA, Washington County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—George W. Allen, Secretary of the Borough Council, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Aug. 8 for the purchase of \$175,000 3-5% tax-free municipal bonds. Date July 1 1921. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1932; \$15,000, 1934; \$15,000, 1936; \$10,000, 1938; \$5,000, 1939; \$15,000, 1941; \$20,000, 1942; \$20,000, 1943; \$20,000, 1944 and \$20,000 in 1945. Cert. check for \$2,500 payable to C. M. Kennedy, Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

DOUGLAS COUNTY (P. O. Alexandria), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The Minneapolis Trust Co. of Minneapolis has purchased an issue of \$55,000 6% funding bonds.

DOUGLAS COUNTY (P. O. Roseburg), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Of the \$1,100,000 road bonds voted June 7—V. 113, p. 101—\$220,000 will be offered for sale Aug. 10. Date Sept. 1 1921.

DUVAL COUNTY (P. O. Jacksonville), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Aug. 8 for \$250,000 6% coupon bridge bonds, by Frank Brown Clerk of Circuit Court and Ex-Officio Clerk Board of County Comm'rs. Bonds may be registered as to principal only at option of holder. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J-J) payable in gold at the office of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., N. Y. C., or at the office of the County Trustees. Bonds in the city of Jacksonville at option of holder. Due July 1 1931. Cert. or cashier's check on some bank in Duval County, for \$25,000 payable to the order of Charles A. Clark, Chairman Board of County Comm'rs, required. Legality of bonds to be approved by Jno. C. Thomson, N. Y. and a copy of his opinion will be furnished the successful bidder. Bids must be made on blank furnished by the Board of County Comm'rs. Bidder will state in the bid that it will pay accrued interest from July 1 1921, to date of delivery of bonds.

EAST ORANGE, Essex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Lincoln E. Rowley, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Aug. 8 for the purchase of an issue of 5 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration) school bonds not to exceed \$104,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$4,000 from 1922 to 1942 incl. and \$5,000 from 1943 to 1946 incl. Cert. check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the Custodian of School Moneys, required. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. of New York City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. Validity to be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York.

EAST SAN DIEGO SCHOOL DISTRICT, San Diego County, Calif.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Geo. W. Heston, County Treasurer (P. O. San Diego), will receive sealed bids until July 18 for \$12,500 6% school bonds, it is stated.

EAST SIDE IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Belfry), Carbon County, Mont.—*BOND APPROVAL ASKED.*—Application for approval of \$460,000 irrigation bonds has been made to the State Irrigation Bond Commission.

ELBERT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 47 (P. O. Kiowa), Colo.—*BONDS VOTED AND SALE.*—On July 11 the \$2,500 6% 10-20-year (opt.) school-building bonds (V. 113, p. 203) were voted. They have been sold to the International Trust Co. of Denver.

ELMIRA, Chemung County, N. Y.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Harry Moseson, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. July 18 for \$225,000 New Main Street Bridge bonds not to exceed 5% interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1921. Semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the office of the City Chamberlain. Due \$50,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1921 to 1940, incl. Cert. check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the above clerk, required.

EL PASO COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5, Tex.—*BONDS REGISTERED.*—On July 6 the State Comptroller registered \$20,000 5% 20-40-year bonds.

EL PASO COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6, Texas.—*BONDS REGISTERED.*—The State Comptroller on July 6 registered \$7,000 5% 20-40-year bonds.

EL PASO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22 (P. O. Colorado Springs), Colo.—*BOND SALE.*—Antonides & Co., Denver, have been awarded at 96.62 an issue of \$9,000 6% school bldg. bonds. Due in 20 years optional after 10 years.

Other bidders were:

Name	Price Bid.
Bankers Trust Co., Denver	96
Sidlo, Simons & Co., Denver	94
Bosworth, Chanute & Co., Denver	93

ELYRIA, Lorain County, Ohio.—*NO BIDS RECEIVED.*—No bids were received on July 11 for the \$100,000 6% paving bonds offered on that date (V. 112, p. 2788).

EVANS COUNTY (P. O. Claxton), Ga.—*BOND OFFERING.*—R. M. Girardeau, Clerk Board of Roads and Revenues, will receive sealed bids until Aug. 1 for \$50,000 5% court-house and jail bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1919.

EVERETT, Middlesex County, Mass.—*TEMPORARY LOAN.*—The \$200,000 temporary loan offered on July 11—V. 113, p. 203—dated July 12 and due \$50,000 on Oct. 14, Nov. 15, Dec. 15 1921 and on Jan. 16 1922, was sold to the Merchants National Bank of Boston on a 5.69% discount basis.

FERGUS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 169 (P. O. Doretail), Mont.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Ida S. Riggs, Clerk, will receive sealed bids until Aug. 10 for \$8,500 6% school funding bonds.

FILLMORE COUNTY (P. O. Preston), Minn.—*BOND SALE.*—The Minneapolis Trust Co. of Minneapolis, Kalman, Wood & Co., and the Gates-White Co., both of St. Paul have been awarded at par, an issue of \$38,500 funding bonds.

FLORENCE COUNTY, (P. O. Florence), So. Caro.—*BOND SALE.*—The \$100,000 6% tax-free serial highway and bridge bonds offered April 20—V. 112, p. 1653—have been awarded to J. H. Hilsman & Co. of Atlanta. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable in New York. Due on May 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1923 to 1938, incl., and \$4,000, 1939 to 1951, incl. Legality approved by Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt, N. Y. City.

Financial Statement.

Actual values	\$40,000,000
Assessed values, 1920	13,292,123
Total bonded debt (including this issue)	485,000
Population, 50,406	

FORT COLLINS, Larimer County, Colo.—*BOND SALES.*—The following two issues of 6% bonds were sold June 18 at par:
 \$6,000 Sanitary Sewer District No. 33 bonds, sold to James Collier, contractor, Denver.
 3,500 Sanitary Sewer District No. 32 bonds, sold to Dan Christensen, contractor, Fort Collins.

Denom. \$500. Date Aug. 1 1921. Int. F. & A. Due Aug. 1 1931. These bonds are subject to call.

FRAMINGHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—*LOAN OFFERING.*—Town Treasurer Herbert E. Stone will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. July 18 for a \$100,000 loan due Dec. 5 1921. Denom. \$50,000. Delivery will be made on or about July 20 1921, or as soon as they can be registered and certified by the Bureau of Statistics of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

FRANKLIN, Southampton County, Va.—*BOND SALE.*—The \$116,000 water and light and the \$35,000 impt. 6% 30-year bonds dated Aug. 1 1921, offered July 7—V. 112, p. 2661—were awarded to Vaughan & Co. of Franklin at par and interest. The only other bidder beside that of the successful one was W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo, who bid par.

FREEBORN COUNTY (P. O. Albert Lea), Minn.—*BOND SALE.*—An issue of \$80,000 6% funding bonds has been awarded to the Minneapolis Trust Co., Minneapolis, and the Northwestern Trust Co. of St. Paul.

GALLATIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38 (P. O. Bozeman), Mont.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Until 2 p. m. July 27, R. F. Bohart, Clerk, will entertain proposals for \$6,000 6% school bonds. Bids less than par not considered.

GARDNER, Worcester County, Mass.—*BOND SALE.*—Harris, Forbes & Co. of Boston were awarded on July 8 for 100.25, a basis of about 5.78%, the following two issues of bonds dated July 1 1921.
 \$20,000 5 3/4% water bonds. Due July 1 1931.
 8,500 6% fire department bonds. Due in 1926.
 Int. J. & J.

GARLAND, Dallas County, Texas.—*BONDS VOTED.*—The voters favored the issuance of \$30,000 sewer and \$70,000 water 1-30 yr. serial 6% bonds at the election held July 5 (V. 112, p. 2789.) The vote was 129 "for" to 52 "against." These bonds will not be offered at present.

GOBEBIC COUNTY (P. O. Bessemer), Mich.—*BOND OFFERING.*—John Luxmore, Jr., County Clerk, will receive bids until 9 a. m. Aug. 2 for \$150,000 5% public hospital bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1921. Int. semi-ann. Due \$10,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1922 to 1936, incl. Legality has been approved by Charles B. Wood of Chicago, Ill.

GREAT NECK ESTATES, Nassau County, N. Y.—*BOND SALE.*—The \$40,000 6% coupon paying bonds offered on July 11—V. 113, p. 102—were sold on that date to Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York at 100.20, a basis of about 5.95%. Date July 1 1921. Due \$4,000 yearly on July 1 from 1922 to 1931, incl.

GREEN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Laings), Monroe County, Ohio.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Jacob M. Clegg, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive sealed proposals until 12 m. to-day (July 16) for an issue of 6% school bonds not to exceed \$1,600. Denom. \$100. Date Aug. 1 1921. Int. F. & A. Due \$100 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1922 to 1931, incl. and the remainder on Aug. 1 1932 if it is necessary to sell the entire issue. Cert. check for 10% of the amount bid for, payable to the above clerk, required.

GRIDLEY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Gridley), Butte County, Calif.—*BONDS DEFEATED.*—An issue of \$225,000 high school bonds was defeated at an election held June 30. The High School Board of Trustees now proposes to levy an assessment of \$50,000 for the purpose of adding four rooms to the present structure.

HAMBLÉN COUNTY (P. O. Morristown), Tenn.—*BOND DESCRIPTION.*—The \$44,000 6% funding bonds, awarded as stated in V. 113, p. 204, bear the following description: Denom. \$500. Date April 1 1921. Int. J. & J. Due April 1 1951, optional after ten years.

HAMDEN, New Haven County, Conn.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Bids will be received by the Town of Hamden for \$163,000 5 1/2% school bonds, Date July 15 1921. Due \$20,000 in 1924, 1927, 1930, 1933, 1936, 1939, 1942, 1945 and in 1948. Int. J. & J. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

For further information address Edwin A. Clark, Attorney, 129 Church St., New Haven, Conn.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation of taxable property	\$13,853,507
Bonded indebtedness (incl. present)	365,000
Population (estimated) 12,000	

The official notice of this bond offering will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Noblesville), Ind.—*BOND SALE.*—The Citizens State Bank purchased \$6,200 4 1/2% Jackson Township bonds offered on July 9—V. 112, p. 102. The price paid was par and interest.

NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received for the \$5,000 4 1/2% White River Township bonds offered on the same date—V. 112, p. 102.

HANCOCK, Houghton County, Mich.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. July 20 for an issue of \$50,000 6% bonds, which were voted at an election held on June 7. Semi-annual interest (F. & A.) payable at the Superior National Bank, Hancock, Mich. Due \$10,000, 1926; \$10,000, 1931; \$15,000, 1930; and \$15,000, 1941. The bonds were offered unsuccessfully on July 6 (V. 112, p. 2789).

HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Greenfield), Ind.—*BOND OFFERING.*—County Treasurer, Grover Van Duyn, will receive bids until 10 a. m. July 21 for \$16,780 5% John Briney et al., Center Township bonds. Denom. \$839. Date Sept. 15 1920. Int. M. & S. Due \$839 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, incl.

HAYWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hayward), Alameda County, Calif.—*BONDS VOTED.*—At a recent election \$180,000 school bonds were voted, the vote being 330 "for" to 72 "against."

HEMPHILL COUNTY (P. O. Canadian), Texas.—*BOND SALE.*—An issue of \$70,000 5% (opt.) road bonds, registered with the State Comptroller May 9 (V. 112, p. 2220) has been awarded to J. F. Hamer, contractor, at par.

HERTFORD, Perquimans County, No. Caro.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Sealed proposals will be received until 2 p. m. July 20 by, B. G. Koonce, Town Clerk, for \$75,000 6% street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J.-J.) payable in gold at the office of the Chase National Bank, N. Y. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1923 to 1928, incl.; \$5,000, 1929 to 1931, incl.; and \$6,000, 1932 to 1937, incl. Bids must be unconditional and accompanied by a certified check or cash for \$1,500, upon an incorporated bank or trust company, payable to the Town Treasurer, required. Bonds have been printed and will be delivered immediately in New York or elsewhere as the purchaser may desire. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

HOLMES COUNTY (P. O. Bonifay), Fla.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Until 2 p. m. Aug. 1, R. W. Creel, Clerk of Circuit Court, will receive bids for \$31,000 6% 2-11-year time warrants. Denom. \$1,000. Int. payable annually. Warrants not to be sold for less than 80 cents on dollar, cash.

HOLMES COUNTY (P. O. Millersburg), Ohio.—*BOND OFFERING.*—T. D. Glasgo, County Auditor, will receive sealed proposals until 12 m. July 30 for \$47,000 6% coupon Section "A," Baltic-Farmerstown Road improvement bonds. Denom. \$4,700. Date July 1 1921. Int. M. & S. Due \$4,700 each six months from Mar. 1 1922 to Sept. 1 1926, incl. Cert. check for \$2,350, payable to the above auditor, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

HOOLIGEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Texas.—*BONDS REGISTERED.*—An issue of \$30,000 5% 20-40-year bonds was registered with the State Comptroller July 4.

HUNTINGTON, Suffolk County, N. Y.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Bids for \$500,000 coupon (with privilege of registration) road-improvement bonds, to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 5 3/4%, will be received until 2 p. m. July 22 by Abraham L. Field, Town Supervisor. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the Town Supervisor's office. Due yearly on July 2 as follows: \$15,000, 1925 to 1928, inclusive, and \$20,000 1929 to 1950, inclusive. Certified check for \$10,000, payable to the Town Supervisor, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for on Aug. 5 at the Town Supervisor's office. The sale of these bonds to Blodget & Co. on May 20, as reported in V. 112, p. 2220, was not completed, therefore they are being offered as noted above.

HURON COUNTY (P. O. Norwalk), Ohio.—*NO BIDS RECEIVED.*—No bids were submitted on July 11 for the \$36,465.02 6% road bonds offered on that date (V. 113, p. 204). The bonds will be sold at a private sale.

IDAHO (State of).—*NO BIDS RECEIVED.*—At the offering of the \$2,000,000 5% State highway bonds on July 6—V. 113, p. 102—no bids were received.

IDEAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Macon County, Ga.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Sealed bids will be received by J. N. Nelson, Secretary, at Oglethorpe, until 10 a. m. Aug. 2 for \$20,000 6% school-house bonds. Due serially for thirty years. Certified check for \$500 must accompany each bid.

IOWA PARK, Wichita County, Texas.—*BONDS REGISTERED.*—The State Comptroller registered \$25,000 6% 10-40-year water-works bonds on July 7.

IRON COUNTY (P. O. Crystal Falls), Mich.—*BOND OFFERING.*—John Wall, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. to-day (July 16) for \$75,000 6% road bonds. Date July 1 1919. Certified check for \$750 required. Bonds have been approved by Messrs. Wood & Oakley, Chicago. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

ISLIP UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Islip), Suffolk County, N. Y.—*NO BIDS RECEIVED.*—No bids were received on July 12 for the \$200,000 5 1/2% bonds offered on that date (V. 113, p. 204). These bonds will be re-advertised as 5 3/4%.

JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Brownstown), Ind.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Samuel Carr, County Auditor, will receive bids until 1 p. m. Aug. 1 for \$3,473.60 Wm. A. Lucas et al., Brownstown Township bonds. Denom. 1 for \$323.60 and 9 for \$350. Date July 15 1921. Int. semi-ann. Due \$323.60 June 1 1920 and \$350 yearly on June 1 from 1923 to 1931, incl.

BOND OFFERING.—J. P. McMillan, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 1 p. m. July 25 for the following 5% highway construction and improvement bonds:
 \$26,500 Geo. Schroeder et al., Washington Township bonds. Denom. \$1,325. Due \$1,325 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, inclusive.
 16,000 Henry F. Ahlert et al., Redding Township bonds. Denom. \$800. Due \$800 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, incl.
 13,000 J. F. Nichter et al., Jackson Township bonds. Denom. \$650. Due \$650 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, incl.
 6,600 Howard Fritz et al., Carr Township bonds. Denom. \$330. Due \$330 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, incl.
 Date July 15 1931. Int. M. & N.

JANESVILLE, Rock County, Wis.—*BOND SALE.*—An issue of \$4,749.95 6% street impt. bonds was sold at par over a counter June 1. Denom. \$100. Int. payable March 1 of each year. Due in 1 to 10 years.

JASPER COUNTY (P. O. Rensselaer), Ind.—*BOND OFFERING.*—John T. Biggs, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. July 25 for the following 5% improvement bonds.

\$40,000 John A. Jordan et al., Stone Road; Hanging Grove Township bonds. Denom. \$2,000. Due \$2,000 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, incl.
 21,600 Jesse G. Eldridge Road Improvement No. 3412 Barkley Township bonds. Denom. \$1,080. Due \$1,080 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, incl.
 Date June 15 1921. Int. M. & N.

JAY COUNTY (P. O. Portland), Ind.—*BOND OFFERING.*—O. L. Morrow, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 19 for the following 6% highway construction bonds:
 \$10,600 M. H. Spahr et al., Green Township bonds. Denom. \$1,060. Due \$1,060 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1926, incl.

14,200 Jacob Theurer et al., Madison Township bonds. Denom. \$710. Due \$710 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, incl. Date July 15 1921. Int. M. & N.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Louisville), Ga.—CORRECTION.—The amount of the 6% gold school bonds purchased by Robinson-Humphrey Co., of Atlanta, from this district was \$100,000 (not \$74,500, as reported in V. 112, p. 959).

JEROME COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Greenwood), Ida.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held to-day (July 16) to vote on the question of issuing \$10,000 school building bonds.

KENT, Portage County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—W. W. Reed, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. August 1 for the following 6% bonds, dated Sept. 1 1921:

- \$9,453 50 South Prospect Street improvement bonds, denominations \$945 35 each. Said bonds payable as follows: One bond of \$945 35 on the first day of Sept. 1922 and one bond of like denomination on the first day of September of each succeeding year until all of said bonds are paid.
- 38,060 00 Summit Street improvement bonds. Denom. \$951 50 each. Said bonds payable as follows: Four bonds of \$951 50 each on the 1st day of Sept. 1922 and four bonds of like denomination on the 1st day of September of each succeeding year until all of said bonds are paid.
- 21,682 80 North River Street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,084 14 each. Said bonds payable as follows: Two bonds of \$1,084 14 each on the 1st day of Sept. 1922 and two bonds of like denomination on the 1st day of September of each succeeding year until all of said bonds are paid.
- 32,847 30 DePeyster Street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,094 91 each. Said bonds payable as follows: Three bonds of \$1,094 91 each on the 1st day of Sept. 1922 and three bonds of like denomination on the 1st day of September of each succeeding year until all of said bonds are paid.
- 5,937 00 Sherman Street improvement bonds. Denom. \$593 70 each. Said bonds payable as follows: One bond of \$593 70 on the 1st day of Sept. 1922 and one bond of like denomination on the 1st day of September of each succeeding year until all of said bonds are paid.
- 40,388 80 Franklin Avenue improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,009 72 each. Said bonds payable as follows: Four bonds of \$1,009 72 each on the 1st day of Sept. 1922 and four bonds of like denomination on the 1st day of September of each succeeding year until all of said bonds are paid.
- 6,622 20 Crain Avenue improvement bonds. Denom. \$662 22 each. Said bonds payable as follows: One bond of \$662 22 on the 1st day of Sept. 1922 and one bond of like denomination on the 1st day of September of each succeeding year until all of said bonds are paid.
- 5,359 20 Brady Street improvement bonds. Denom. \$535 92 each. Said bonds payable as follows: One bond of \$535 92 on the 1st day of Sept. 1922 and one bond of like denomination on the 1st day of September of each succeeding year until all of said bonds are paid.
- 5,132 40 Alley No. 4 improvement bonds. Denom. \$513 24 each. Said bonds payable as follows: One bond of \$513 24 on the 1st day of Sept. 1922 and one bond of like denomination on the 1st day of September of each succeeding year until all of said bonds are paid.

Cert. check for 1% of amount bid for, payable to the City Treasurer required. Bonds to be delivered at the City Clerk's office. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

These are the same bonds which were offered on July 11—V. 112, p. 2790.

KIMBALL, Brule County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—W. D. Lovell, of Minneapolis, was the successful bidder at par for the \$30,000 water-works and the \$10,000 sewer 6% bonds offered unsuccessfully April 11 (V. 112, p. 1784).

KING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 172, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The State of Washington was awarded at par for 6s the \$2,000 coupon school bonds offered July 9 (V. 113, p. 103).

KING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 180, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The State of Washington was the successful bidder at par for 6s for the \$10,000 coupon school bonds offered July 9 (V. 113, p. 103).

KIOWA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Eads), Colo.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—Further details are at hand relative to the sale of the \$10,000 6% building bonds, awarded as reported in V. 112, p. 2790. Date June 15 1921. Due 1941, optional 1931. Bonded debt, \$10,000. Assessed value, \$407,900. Population, about 250.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. July 26 by John L. Greer, City Recorder, for the purchase of \$60,000 6% coupon street-improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1921. Bonds will be payable at the Chase National Bank, New York. Int. J. & J. Due \$12,000 yearly on July 1 from 1922 to 1926, inclusive. Certified check on some bank in the city of Knoxville for \$1,200, payable to the City of Knoxville, required. The bonds will be sold subject to the approval as to legality of Shaffer & Williams, of Cincinnati, whose approving opinion will be furnished the successful bidder without charge.

LACKAWANNA, Erie County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Joseph O'Connor, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until July 18 for \$200,000 paving bonds.

LAC QUI PARLE COUNTY (P. O. Madison), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The Minneapolis Trust Co. of Minneapolis has been awarded an issue of \$74,500 6% ditch bonds.

LA CROSSE, La Crosse County, Wisc.—BOND SALE.—The following three issues of 6% bonds, aggregating \$185,000, offered June 30 (V. 112, p. 2790), were awarded to the Batavian National Bank of La Crosse, at par, with a depository arrangement:

- \$30,000 water-extension bonds of 1921. Due \$15,000 on March 1 1922 and \$15,000 March 1 1923.
- 30,000 sewer-extension bonds of 1921. Due \$15,000 March 1 1922 and \$15,000 March 1 1923.
- 125,000 street-improvement bonds of 1921. Due \$25,000 yearly on March 1 from 1922 to 1926, inclusive.

Date July 1 1921.

LAKE BENTON, Lincoln County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The Minneapolis Trust Co. of Minneapolis has been awarded at par \$19,000 6% sewer bonds.

LANSING, Ingham County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—Eldredge & Co. of New York and Watling, Lerchen & Co. of Detroit, jointly, purchased the following \$500,000 5% bonds offered on July 11. The price paid was 94.31, a basis of about 6.01%.

\$200,000 street-paving bonds (not \$220,000 as incorrectly stated in V. 112, p. 2562).

200,000 bridge-repair bonds.

100,000 sewerage-system extension bonds.

Date July 15 1921. Due yearly on July 15 as follows: \$30,000 from 1923 to 1926, incl.; \$70,000 from 1927 to 1931, incl., and \$30,000 in 1932. In giving the offering of these bonds in V. 112, p. 2562, notice of which had come to hand officially, we stated that the bonds would bear date of Sept. 1 1921 and would mature on Sept. 1 from 1923 to 1932, incl., but the purchasers were granted the privilege of changing the date and the maturity as they desire.

LAURENS COUNTY (P. O. Dublin), Ga.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held Sept. 18 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$250,000 6% 20-year school bonds.

LEAGUE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Fresno County, Calif.—NO BIDS.—No bids were received at the offering of the \$19,000 6% school bonds July 5 (V. 113, p. 103).

LEONIA, Bergen County, N. J.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—At the offering of the \$88,000 5½% park bonds, July 11 (V. 113, p. 103) no bids were received.

LIMA, Allen County, Ohio.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received for the \$83,000 6% bridge bonds offered on July 11 (V. 112, p. 2790).

LINCOLN COUNTY (P. O. North Platte), Neb.—BOND ELECTION.—On Aug. 3 \$50,000 refunding and \$115,000 bridge bonds will be voted upon.

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13 (P. O. Genoa), Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—On July 7 \$5,000 6% 15-30-year (opt.) funding bonds were authorized. These bonds have already been sold to the International Trust Co. of Denver subject to being authorized at the said election. The notice of sale and election appeared in V. 113, p. 204.

LINN COUNTY (P. O. Albany), Ore.—BOND SALE.—A. E. Schmidt of Albany was the successful bidder at par for the \$150,000 5% road bonds on July 9—V. 112, p. 2790. Date Oct. 1 1919. Due \$75,000 Oct. 1 1927 and 1928.

LOGAN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Logan), Hocking County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—H. R. Harrington, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 23 for \$20,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$2,000. Int. payable at the above Clerk's office. Due \$2,000 yearly on March 1 from 1923 to 1932, incl. Cert. check for \$1,000, payable to the above Clerk required.

LOGAN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Logan), Logan County, W. Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Miss Ella Ferrell, Secretary Board of Education, until 10 a. m. July 28 for \$405,000 5½% 5-20-year school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. The validity of said bonds has been approved by the Attorney-General of the States of West Virginia and said bonds are now incontestable in either a court of law or equity.

LONG BEACH, Los Angeles County, Calif.—NEW FORM OF GOVERNMENT.—Reports say that the city of Long Beach on July 5 adopted the city manager form of government.

LONGMONT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Longmont), Boulder County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,076 11 bonds, mentioned in V. 113, p. 103, have been sold to W. B. Cheek, contractor, of Fort Collins.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATER WORKS DISTRICT NO. 4, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,250 6% tax-free bonds offered Jan. 3—V. 112, p. 80—have been awarded to the National Bank & Trust Co., Pasadena, and Drake, Riley & Thomas of Los Angeles jointly. Denom. \$1,000 and \$506 25. Date June 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the office of County Treasurer. Due \$1,506 25 on June 1 from 1921 to 1960, inclusive.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation.....\$309,270
Total debt (this issue only)..... 60,250

MACCLESFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Macclesfield), Edgecombe County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago has purchased \$25,000 6% coupon tax-free bonds. Denom. \$500. Date April 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the First National Bank, Chicago. Due in 20 years.

Financial Statement.

Total value of property, estimated.....\$1,100,000
Assessed valuation for taxation..... 972,985
Total bonded debt (this issue only)..... 25,000
Population, 1,200.

MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Sheridan), Mont.—BONDS VOTED.—Improvement school bonds amounting to \$15,000 have been voted.

MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 (P. O. Pony), Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,000 6% 5-10-year (opt.) school bonds offered June 13—V. 112, p. 2447—have been awarded to H. J. Schreiner of Pony at par. Date June 16 1921. The only other bidder was the State of Montana, which bid par.

MAHONEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Mahonemen), Minn.—PRICE PAID.—The price paid by the Minneapolis Trust Co. of Minneapolis for the \$75,000 6% school-building bonds (V. 113, p. 205) was par. The bonds are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1920. Int. A. & O. Due April 1 1935.

MALDEN, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—On July 7 various municipal bonds aggregating \$226,000 were sold to Watkins & Co. of Boston for 100.105.

MANATEE COUNTY (P. O. Bradentown), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—I. M. McDuffee, Chairman Board of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids until Aug. 5 for \$345,000 6% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 15 1921. Int. F. & A. Due \$23,000 Aug. 15 1936 to 1950, incl. Certified check for \$500, payable to B. D. Gullett, Superintendent Board of Public Instruction, required.

MARICOPA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48 (P. O. Phoenix), Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—At 2 p. m. July 18 \$5,000 6% bonds will be offered for sale.

MARION SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Chas. W. Postill, Township Trustee, will receive bids at his office in the I. O. O. F. Building in Rensselaer, Ind., until 2 p. m. August 6 for \$20,000 6% coupon bonds. Denom. \$500. Date June 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the State Bank of Rensselaer, Rensselaer, Ind. Due \$1,000 each six months from July 1 1925 to Jan. 1 1934, incl. Cert. check for \$500, required.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Jasper), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. July 26 by B. L. Graham, Clerk of County Court, for \$50,000 6% highway bonds. Bonds are registerable as to principal. Date Jan. 15 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J.-J.) payable in Jasper or N. Y. at option of holder. Due Jan. 15 1931. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company for \$2,000 required. Bids must be unconditional as to legality.

MARTIN COUNTY (P. O. Stanton), Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 7 the State Comptroller registered \$60,000 5½% serial special road bonds.

MEBANE, Alamance County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 2 p. m. July 26 Alice M. Fowler, Town Clerk, will receive sealed proposals for \$170,000 6% street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1921. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable at the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., New York. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$9,000, 1923 to 1932, inclusive, and \$16,000, 1933 to 1937, inclusive. Certified check or cash for \$3,400, payable to the Town Treasurer, required. These bonds are to be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co. 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. All bids must be on blank forms which will be furnished by the above Clerk or said trust company. Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser at the office of U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co. in New York City on Aug. 5 1921, or as soon thereafter as the bonds can be prepared, and must then be paid for in New York funds.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY (P. O. Charlotte), No. Caro.—RATE OF INTEREST.—The \$600,000 coupon (registerable as to principal) road bonds, awarded to A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., of New York (V. 113, p. 205) bear 6% interest.

MEDFORD, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary loan of \$100,000 dated July 8 1921 and due June 15 1922 was awarded on July 8 to the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston, on a 5.70% discount basis.

MEDINA, Medina County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—W. P. Ainsworth, Village Clerk, will receive sealed proposals until 12 m. August 2 for \$25,800 6% coupon water main extension bonds. Denom. 1 for \$800 and \$50 for \$500 each. Date April 1 1921. Semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Village Clerk's office. Due each six months as follows: \$800 April 1 1922; \$500 Oct. 1 1922; \$1,000 April 1 1923; \$500 each Oct. 1 and \$1,000 each April 1 from Oct. 1 1923 to April 1 1930, incl. and \$1,000 each six months thereafter, to and including, Oct. 1 1936. Cert. check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

MELROSE, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On July 14 a temporary loan of \$50,000 dated July 15 1921 and due March 15 1922, was awarded to the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston on a 5.58% discount basis, plus a \$1 premium.

MEMPHIS CITY SCHOOLS (P. O. Memphis), Shelby County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—On July 11 the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago was awarded the \$250,000 6% 26-year (aver.) tax-free bonds—V. 112, p. 2791—at 101.21, a basis of about 5.91%. Coupon bonds which may be

registered as to principal Date July 1 1921. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$5,000 1927 to 1946, incl.; \$10,000 1947 to 1958, incl., and \$15,000 1959 and 1960. These bonds are now being offered to investors to yield from 6% to 5.70%, according to maturity.

MICHIGAN (State of).—BOND SALE.—On July 12 the \$10,000,000 soldiers' bonus bonds offered on that date—V. 113, p. 205—were sold as follows for 100.46, a basis of about 5.71%, with an option until Oct. 1 1921 on \$5,000,000 more of these bonds at the same price. The bonds will mature July 1 1941 and were sold to a syndicate composed of the following companies:

Bankers Trust Co., Guaranty Company of N. Y., National City Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., Estabrook & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Wm. R. Compton Co., Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Remick, Hodges & Co., Stacy & Braun, Eldredge & Co., Eastman, Dillon & Co., Redmond & Co., Ames, Emerich & Co., Hannahs, Ballin & Lee, Blodget & Co., all of New York; Detroit Trust Co., First National Co., Keane, Higbie & Co., Watling, Lerchen & Co., Detroit; Merrill, Oldham & Co., Curtis & Sanger, both of Boston; Michigan Trust Co. of Grand Rapids, Mich.

These bonds are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the State Treasurer or at the office of the fiscal agent in N. Y. City. These bonds, it is stated, are legal investments for savings banks and trust funds in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut and other States and are eligible to secure postal savings deposits. Legality to be approved by John C. Thomson of New York City. These bonds, authorized under an amendment to the State Constitution passed at an election, and by Act of the Legislature, constitute direct and general obligations of the State of Michigan and are issued for the purpose of paying bonuses to soldiers. The Act authorizing their issuance provides for a tax levy to pay the interest on these bonds and provides for the creation of a sinking fund to be used solely for the payment of the bonds at maturity. We were officially advised on July 15 that the option granted the syndicate has been exercised and that the whole \$15,000,000 bonds, offered to investors to yield 5.50%, have been sold.

NOTES AWARDED IN PART.—Of the \$15,000,000 one-year notes offered on July 12—V. 113, p. 205—only \$5,000,000 have been sold at par as 6s to the same syndicate that purchased the above soldiers' bonus bonds. The notes are dated July 1 1921 and are due July 1 1922. These notes, which were offered to investors by the syndicate, were quickly absorbed.

With reference to the sale of the above notes and bonds, the Detroit "Free Press" of June 13 had the following to say:

"Sale of \$15,000,000 of soldier bonus bonds and notes was made Tuesday by the Administrative Board at a premium of \$46,000 and payment of bonus claims will commence within 10 days. Governor Groesbeck believes the money may be received in time to send some of the checks out the first of next week. The \$5,000,000 of notes are ready for immediate delivery and money for their sale is expected to reach the treasury this week.

"The purchasers of the State securities are a group of Detroit and New York banks and trust companies organized as the First National Co. of Detroit for the purpose of bidding on the bonus bonds. The members signing the bids were the First National Co., the Bankers Trust Co. of New York, the Detroit Trust Co., the Guaranty Company of New York, Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York and the National City Co. of New York. The bid that was accepted provides that the buyers are to receive \$10,000,000 of 5 3/4% 20-year bonds and \$5,000,000 of one-year 6% notes, with interest payable semi-annually. In addition the buyers receive an option of \$5,000,000 more of 5 3/4% 20-year bonds at par and accrued interest, and a premium of \$4 60 for each \$1,000 bond. The option expires Oct. 1. Between now and Oct. 1 the State is to issue no notes or bonds without consent of the buyers of this issue.

"The buyers agree, however, in order to save the State from the necessity of abandoning its highway construction program for the present session, to take an additional \$3,000,000 of 6% one-year highway bonds at not less than par and accrued interest. There had been much fear that sale of the bonus bonds and notes would so interfere with possible sales of highway bonds that road work would be at a standstill within a few weeks. There are 17,200 bonus applications that have been approved and will be paid as rapidly as possible after the money from the sale of the bonds and notes is received. These bonus payments have been found to average \$200 each, so \$3,440,000 of the \$15,000,000 certain to be received by the State before Oct. 1 will go to the veterans whose applications are ready to be paid. There are about 60,000 more applications in the hands of the Adjutant-General, most of which have been examined, and will be approved in a short time. These will account for a large share of the remaining \$11,000,000.

"The First National Co. was the only bidder to appear at the time fixed for opening bids Tuesday. It presented four alternative offers. All provided that no other Michigan securities should be marketed before Oct. 1 without consent of the syndicate and all contained the provision that, if accepted, the syndicate would take the \$3,000,000 of highway notes at least at par. The first proposal was to take \$10,000,000 of 20-year 5 3/4% of bonus bonds and \$5,000,000 of the one-year 6% notes at a premium of \$75,000, provided that the notes should be convertible at any time before Oct. 1 into 20-year 5 3/4% bonds or 30-year 5 1/2% bonds.

"The second proposal was that the syndicate take \$10,000,000 of 20-year 5 3/4% bonds and \$5,000,000 of 6% one-year notes at a premium of \$51,000, with the privilege of exchanging the notes for 20-year 5 3/4% bonds at \$1,005 10 for each \$1,000, or for 30-year 5 1/2% bonds at par.

"The third proposal was to take \$10,000,000 of 5 3/4% 20-year bonds and \$5,000,000 of 6% one-year notes and pay a premium of \$37,000, no options being exacted.

"The proposal finally accepted, which was the fourth offered, provides that the syndicate shall take \$10,000,000 of the 5 3/4% 20-year bonds and \$5,000,000 of the 6% notes at a premium of \$46,000 and with an option on an additional \$5,000,000 of 5 3/4% 20-year bonds at a premium of \$4 60 on the \$1,000."

NOTE SALE.—On July 15 the above syndicate acquired the \$3,000,000 highway impt. notes—V. 113, p. 205—at par for 6s. Date July 15 1921. Due July 15 1922.

MICHIGAN CITY SCHOOL CITY (P. O. Michigan City), Laporte County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of bonds offered on July 12—V. 112, p. 2791—were sold as follows: The \$35,000 refunding bonds going to local banks of Michigan City for 5 1/2s at par, and the other \$35,000 bond issue to Thomas D. Sherrin & Co. for 6s at 100.46, a basis of about 5.93%.

MIDDLESEX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Dry Wells Township, Nash County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 6% school bonds offered July 7 (V. 113, p. 103) were awarded to the Middlesex Banking Co., at par and accrued interest. Date July 1 1921. Due \$1,500, 1922 to 1931, inclusive; \$2,500, 1932 to 1941, inclusive; and \$3,500, 1942 to 1951, inclusive. Other bidders were: W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo, and C. H. Coffin, Chicago.

MILAM COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 9 \$10,000 5 1/2% serial bonds were registered with the State Comptroller.

MILBANK, Grant County, So. Dak.—BONDS VOTED.—An issue of \$50,000 community house construction bonds was voted at a special election held recently in the city.

MILLS COUNTY (P. O. Glenwood), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The White-Phillips Co., Davenport, has purchased, at par and interest less \$5 39 equal to 99.10 a basis of about 6.135%, the \$60,000 6% funding bonds offered July 7 (V. 112, p. 2791). Date July 1 1921.

MILTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Milton), Umatilla County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—Keeler Bros. & Co. of Portland have been awarded \$100,000 Union High School bldg. bonds.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Geo. M. Link, Secretary Board of Estimate and Taxation, will receive bids until 2:30 p. m. July 27 for \$1,230,000 5% school bonds. Date Aug. 1 1921. Int. semi-annually. Due \$41,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1922 to 1951, incl. The bonds will be sold at the best price offered by a responsible bidder, either above or below par.

The official notice of this bond offering may be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

BOND OFFERING.—Dan C. Brown, City Comptroller, will receive bids until 2:30 p. m. July 27 for the purchase of \$340,590 33 special street impt. bonds. The bonds will be dated Aug. 1 1921, to bear interest at the rate of 5% per annum, payable semi-annually and to become due and payable one-tenth thereof one year from the date of the bonds and one-tenth thereof on Aug. 1 of each and every year thereafter to and including Aug. 1 1931. Cert. check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable

to C. A. Bloomquist, City Treasurer, required. All proposals and subscriptions must state the total number of bonds bid for, the denominations thereof and the total amount offered thereof, including premium and accrued interest from date of said bonds to date of delivery.

The official advertisement of this bond offering will be found among the municipal advertisements of next week's issue.

MOCKSVILLE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mocksville), Davie County, N. C.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held July 19 for purpose of voting upon an issue of \$9,000 serial school bonds not to exceed \$90,000 and for the levying of a sufficient tax to pay the bonds.

MOHAVE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13 (P. O. Yucca), Ariz.—FURTHER INFORMATION.—We are informed that the \$8,000 school bonds voted June 30—V. 113, p. 206—bear 6% interest and mature in 20 years, optional after 10 years.

MONROE, Platte County, Nebr.—BOND OFFERING.—J. T. Smith, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. July 29 for the following 6% bonds:

\$4,400 heat and lighting bonds.
2,000 water extension bonds.
Denom. \$500 and one for \$400. Date Mar. 1 1921. Due in 1941, optional after 1931. Prin. and int. payable at the office of County Treasurer. These are bonds which were offered without success on May 23.—V. 112, p. 2447.

MORROW COUNTY (P. O. Mt. Gilead), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 11 a. m. July 23 by E. D. Meckley, County Auditor, for the following 6% coupon Mt. Vernon-Tiffin (Hosack) road improvement bonds.

\$4,000.00 Township portion bond. Due \$500 each six months from March 1 1922 to Sept. 1 1925.
7,765.49 Landown's portion bonds. Due \$265.49 March 1 1922; \$350 Sept. 1 1922; \$350 March 1 1923; and \$400 each six months from Sept. 1 1923 to Sept. 1 1931.

Date Sept. 1 1921. Int. M. & S. Cert. check for 5% of the amount bid for, drawn upon a bank doing business in Morrow County, Ohio, payable to the above Auditor, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. The bonds will be printed and ready for delivery on the first day of Sept. 1921. Said bonds will be delivered and paid for at the County Treasurer's Office, Mt. Gilead, Ohio. Blank proposals may be had on application at said Auditor's office and the use of them in bidding is required.

MT. PLEASANT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Mt. Pleasant), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Mt. Pleasant Bank of Pleasantville, purchased at 101 a basis of about 5.88% the \$55,000 6% school bonds offered July 12—V. 113, p. 104. Date Aug. 1 1921. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1923 to 1927 incl. and \$3,000 from 1928 to 1942, incl.

MURFREESBORO GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Hertford County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Aug. 10 for \$15,000 6% school bonds, by the Board of County Commissioners (P. O. Winton). Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. Due in 20 years. Cert. check for \$500 payable to the Clerk of County Commissioners required. J. A. Northcott is Clerk. Board of County Commissioners.

MURRAY CITY, Hocking County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Oscar Allbaugh, Village Clerk will receive sealed proposals until 12 m. July 21 for \$1,750 6% deficiency bonds. Denom. \$350. Date July 15 1921. Int. semi-ann. Due \$350 yearly on July 15 from 1922 to 1926, incl. Cert. check for 10% of the amount bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

NAGLEE BURK IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Tracy), an Joaquin County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held in this district Aug. 2 to vote on the question of issuing \$200,000 bonds for the establishment of the district.

NEWARK, Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The Ironbound Trust Co. and the Federal Trust Co., both of Newark, bidding the same price were awarded the following 5 1/2% coupon or registered bonds offered on July 14—V. 113, p. 104, each taking one half of each issue.

\$1,800,000 school bonds offered, sold \$1,799,000 at 100.10, a basis of about 5.49%.
250,000 public improvement bonds offered, sold \$250,000 at 100.10, a basis of about 5.48%.
100,000 fire-house bonds offered, sold \$100,000 at 100.10, a basis of about 5.49%.
100,000 fire-apparatus bonds offered, sold \$100,000 at 100.

NEW CASTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. New Castle), Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$400,000 5 1/2% bonds offered on July 12—V. 112, p. 2664—were sold to J. H. Holmes & Co. of Pittsburgh, and the National City Co. and Harris, Forbes & Co., both of New York, for 101.5115, a basis of about 5.39%.

NEWTON COUNTY (P. O. Newton), Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller registered \$100,000 5 1/2% 10-30-year road district bonds on July 4.

NORFOLK, Madison County, Nebr.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by S. R. McFarland, City Clerk, until 5 p. m. July 18, for an issue of 6 1/2% Paving District No. 15 special assessment bonds not exceeding \$165,000. Denom. to suit purchaser. Date about Dec. 1 1921. Prin. and ann. int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer of Madison County. Due serially for nine years. Cert. check on a Nebraska Bank for \$200, required.

NORTHBRIDGE, Worcester County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—On July 8 Wise, Hobbs and Arnold purchased at 100.061 for 5s a basis of about 4.99% an issue of \$75,000 coupon tax-free sewer loan of 1920 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 15 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the National Shawmut Bank of Boston. Due \$3,000 yearly on July 15 from 1922 to 1936 and \$2,000 yearly on July 15 from 1937 to 1951, incl.

NORTHEAST TOWNSHIP, Erie County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Christ Schultz, Secretary of the Township Supervisors, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 6 at the offices of Brooks, English and Quinn, 609 Marine Bank Building, Ninth and State streets, Erie, Pa., for the purchase of \$45,000 5 1/2% tax-free bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1921. Due Dec. 1 1951 optional \$15,000 on and after Sept. 1 1931 and \$15,000 on and after Sept. 1 1941. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

NORTH PLATTE, Lincoln County, Neb.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. July 21 by O. E. Elder, City Clerk, for the following 6% bonds:

\$100,000 water extension improvement bonds.
65,000 sewer bonds.
Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J.-J.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Due in 20 years, optional any time after five years. Cert. check for 1% of the amount bid required. According to official circular, there has never been any default in principal or interest by this municipality and there has never been any litigation in regard to any previous bond issue and there is none now pending in regard to this issue. These bonds were voted June 21 (not June 24 as reported in V. 113, p. 104).

NORTH TONAWANDA, Erie County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 8 p. m. July 18 sealed bids will be received by F. C. Goltz, City Clerk, for the following 6% street improvement bonds:

\$40,500 bonds. Denom. \$4,050. Cert. check for \$1,000, required.
30,200 bonds. Denom. \$3,020. Cert. check for \$1,000, required.
32,600 bonds. Denom. \$3,260. Cert. check for \$1,000, required.
6,800 bonds. Denom. \$680. Cert. check for \$500, required.
Date July 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the State National Bank in North Tonawanda. Due one bond of each issue yearly on July 1 from 1922 to 1931, incl. All checks are to be made payable to the City Treasurer. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

OCEAN CITY, Cape May County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Harry A. Morris, City Clerk, will receive sealed proposals until 2 p. m. Aug. 1 for an issue of 6% paving bonds not to exceed \$78,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1921. Int. A. & O. Due \$4,000 yearly on April 1 from 1922 to 1938, inclusive, and \$5,000 on April 1 in 1939 and 1940 Certified check on a national or State bank or trust company in New Jersey for 2% of the amount bid, payable to the City Treasurer, required. The opinion of Caldwell & Raymond, of New York City, will be furnished the purchaser.

OHIO (State of).—BONDS PURCHASED BY THE STATE.—The following is a list of bonds purchased by the State Industrial Commission and deposited with the State Treasurer as provided under Section 1464-58, General Code of Ohio, for the fiscal year ending June 30 1920:

Table listing various bond purchases by the State Industrial Commission, organized by county (Akron, Allen, Ashland, Ashtabula, Athens, Auglaize, Barberton, Belmont, Bexley, Breckinridge, Brooklyns, Butler, Canton, Carroll, Celina, Centerburg, Chagrin Falls, Champaign, Cincinnati, Clark, Cleveland, Columbus, Coshocton, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Darke, DeGraff, Delaware, Defiance, DuRoss, East, Euclid, Fairfield, Franklin, Fremont, Galena, Gallia, Geauga, Hamilton, Hancock, Hocking, Hubbard, Huron, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Kent, Kenmore, Knox, Lake, Lakewood, Lancaster, Leetonia, Liberty, Licking, Madison, Mahoning, Marion, Medina, Mercer, Miami, Milan, Morrow, Mount Vernon, Muskingum, Newburg, Newton, Noble, Norwalk, Nottingham, Ottawa, Paulding, Perry, Pickaway, Pike, Portage, Putnam, Richwood, Ross, Sandusky, Scioto, Seneca, Shelby, Sherman, Stark, Steubenville, Summit, Tazewell, Tuscarawas, Union, Van Wert, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Williamsport, Wood, Woodhull, Woodrow, Woodworth, York).

Table listing financial entries for Madison County, Mahoning County, Mansfield, Marion Co., Medina County, Miami County, Middletown, Montgomery Co., Morgan Co., and various municipalities like Shaker Heights and Union Co.

Table listing financial entries for Morgan Co., Morrow Co., Mt. Sterling, Mt. Vernon, Muskingum Co., Nankin, Nelsonville, Nevada, New Albany, Newark, New Concord, New Lebanon, New Philadelphia, New Richmond, New Straitsville, Niles, North Canton, Northfield, Norwalk, Norwood, Orrville, Ottawa County, Paulding County, Pickaway Co., Portsmouth, Preble Co., Preble Co., Putnam Co., Rushville, St. Marys, St. Marys, Sabina, Sandusky Co., Sandusky Co., Shaker Heights, and Union Co.

Table listing financial entries for Shaker Heights, Stark Co., Summit Co., Tipton Co., Toledo, Trumbull Co., Trumbull County, Tuscarawas Co., Union Co., and various municipalities like Shaker Heights, Stark Co., Summit Co., Tipton Co., Toledo, Trumbull Co., Trumbull County, Tuscarawas Co., Union Co.

Table listing financial entries for U. S. A. Registered Gold Bond, U. S. A. First Lib. Loan Conv., U. S. A. 3d Lib. Loan Bds., U. S. A. 4 1/2% Victory Loan, Wadsworth, Wapakoneta, Warren, Washington Co., West Carrollton, West Liberty, Westerville, Whitehouse Village, Wickliffe, Williams Co., Williams County, Wilmington, Wood County, Woodville, Wooster, Worthington, Wyandotte Co., Wyandotte Co., Xenia, Grand Total, ODELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, OGDEN CITY, and ONEIDA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

ONEIDA, Madison County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Minnie E. Brophy, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. Aug. 5 for the following 5½% bonds:

\$48,000 00 Series U-1 paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$800. Due \$4,800 yearly on June 15 from 1922 to 1931, incl.
11,328 60 Series V-1, sewer bonds. Denom. \$566 43 each. Due \$1,132 86 yearly on June 15 from 1922 to 1931, incl.
4,000 00 Series T-1, drainage bonds. Denom. \$400. Due \$400 yearly on June 15 from 1922 to 1931, incl.

Date June 15 1921. Int. J. & D. Cert. check for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the City Chamberlain, required. The favorable opinion of George S. Clay of New York City, will be furnished the purchaser.

ORANGE, Orange County, Texas.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$250,000 6% wharf and dock bonds voted recently—V. 113, p. 104—bear the following description: Date July 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the City Treasurer or at the National Bank of Commerce, N. Y. C. Due as follows: \$10,000 per year for the first five years, \$12,000 per year for the next five and \$14,000 per year for the last ten years. As soon as these bonds have been approved by the Attorney-General of Texas and Wood & Oakley, Att'ys of Chicago, they will be offered for sale.

Financial Statement.

Assess. valuation, 1920.....	\$10,600,000
Bonded indebtedness.....	713,000
Warrant debt.....	90,000
Floating debt.....	None.

ORANGE SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Rome City), Noble County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The Lincoln-National Bank of Fort Wayne purchased at 100.002, a basis of about 5.99%, the \$34,500 6% school building bonds offered on July 7—V. 112, p. 2792.

OREGON (State of)—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. July 28 by Roy A. Klein, Secretary of the State Highway Commission at room 510, Multnomah County Court House, Portland, for \$2,030,000 State highway bonds. Date Aug. 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. 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 Aug. 1 1921 to date of delivery of bonds will be added to the amount of the successful bid. Purchase price to be paid on delivery of the bonds at Portland, Ore. The bonds will be printed, executed and ready for delivery about Aug. 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. Bids will be received on \$2,000,000 par value maturing on Oct. 1 1925 or as alternate bids will be received on serial bonds maturing \$50,000 Oct. 1 1926 and the same amount each April 1 and Oct. 1 thereafter to April 1 1946 when the full amount is paid. Denom. \$1,000 each.

PALMYRA, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sanford M. Young, Village Clerk, will receive sealed proposals until 7:30 p. m. July 18 for \$118,000 highway bonds not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1921. Interest semi-annual. Due \$8,000 yearly on July 1 from 1922 to 1935, inclusive, and \$6,000 on July 1 1936. Certified check for \$2,000, drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company, required. The approving opinion of Geo. S. Clay, of New York City, will be furnished the purchaser.

PALO ALTO, Santa Clara County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The Bank of Palo Alto purchased June 27, at par, an issue of \$55,000 Peninsula Hospital purchased bonds.

PALO PINTO COUNTY (P. O. Mineral Wells), Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held July 30 to vote on the question of issuing \$1,000,000 road bonds.

PARIS, Bourbon County, Ky.—CORRECTION.—We learn that we were in error in reporting that \$250,000 bonds had been voted in V. 113, p. 104—for we are now advised by the Mayor that no such bonds were voted by Paris, Ky.

PARMA, Canyon County, Ida.—BOND SALE.—On July 5 Keeler Bros. & Co. of Portland were awarded the \$29,000 6% water-works extension bonds—V. 112, p. 2563—for \$29,425, equal to 101.46. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1921. Int. J&J. Due April 1 1941, optional 1931.

PASSAIC COUNTY (P. O. Paterson), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by John M. Morrison, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, until 2 p. m. July 27 for the purchase of an issue of 5½% coupon (with privilege of registration) road and bridge improvement bonds not to exceed \$398,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the First National Bank of Paterson. Due \$22,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1922 to 1937, incl. and \$23,000 yearly on Aug. 1 in 1938 and 1939. Cert. check for 2% of amount bid for drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company payable to the County of Passaic, required. The opinion of Messrs. Hawkins Delafield & Longfellow of New York, that the bonds are binding and legal obligations of the billage will be furnished the purchaser. The bonds will be prepared and executed under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., who will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

PELHAM FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Pelham), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 6% registered bonds offered unsuccessfully on Feb. 8—V. 112, p. 1055—were sold on July 1 at par and interest. Date March 1 1921. Due \$2,000 yearly on July 1 from 1925 to 1929, inclusive.

PENSACOLA, Escambia County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—F. D. Sanders, Mayor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 8 for all or any part of the \$400,000 4½% gold dock and belt railroad impt. bonds offered without success on Jan. 10 (V. 112, p. 285). Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in gold at the office of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., New York. Due Jan. 1 1950. The bonds will be engraved under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co. of New York, and the legality of the bonds will be approved by John C. Thomson, attorney, of New York, whose opinion as to the legality, or a duplicate thereof, will be delivered to the purchaser, or purchasers. Bids must be on form of proposal furnished by the City of Pensacola. The notice of this offering has already appeared in V. 113, p. 206. It is reported again because additional data has come to hand.

PHILLIPS AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES JOINT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 91, Colo.—BOND ELECTION—SALE.—Subject to an election in August, the Bankers Trust Co. of Denver has purchased \$3,000 7% 10-20-year (opt.) bonds. Total bonded debt, this issue only. Valuation, \$90,305.

PIEDMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT, San Bernardino County, Calif.—NO BIDS.—At the offering of the \$19,000 6% school bonds July 5—V. 112, p. 2792—no bids were received. These bonds are now being offered at a private sale for par and accrued interest.

PINE LEVEL TOWNSHIP, Johnson County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. Aug. 6 by D. B. Oliver, Chairman Board of County Comm'rs., at the office of the Board in Smithfield for \$15,000 5% bonds. Date Jan. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. and payable at the Hanover Nat. Bank, N. Y., or the office of the County Treasurer. Due Jan. 1 1950. The approving opinion of Shafer & Williams of Cincinnati, as to the legality of the bonds will be furnished to the purchasers, or purchaser, free of charge, and the bonds will be sold upon said opinion. The bonds must be taken up and paid for on the day of sale.

PIONEER, William County, Ohio.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were submitted for the \$8,000 6% refunding bonds offered on July 8—V. 112, p. 2665.

POLK COUNTY (P. O. Osceola), Nebr.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$125,000 5½% court-house bonds awarded to James T. Wachob—V. 113, p. 206—of Omaha, at 90.80 and interest are described as follows: Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1921. Int. J. & J. Due in 15 years, optional after five years.

POLYTECHNIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Polytechnic), Tarrant County, Texas.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by S. S. Ogilvie, Sec'y of the School Board, until 8 p. m. Aug. 1 for \$265,000 6% coupon 40 yr. serial school bonds. Date June 25 1921. Int. payable (A. & O.) in New York or Chicago. Cert. check for 5% of amount bid, payable to the President of the School Board, required.

POMONA, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. July 19 by T. R. Trotter, City Clerk, for \$200,000 road bonds (municipal) bearing 5½% interest and extending over period of 20 years. 2% of amount of bid must accompany bid.

PORTLAND, Ore. BOND SALE.—On July 11 the \$500,000 4% tax-free gold coupon water bonds—V. 113, p. 105—were sold to E. H. Rollins & Sons and the National City Co., both of New York, jointly at 78.042 and interest, a basis of about 5.65%. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the City Treasurer's office or at the fiscal agency of the City of Portland in New York. Due July 1 1946. These bonds, which are stated to be eligible as a security for Postal Savings Deposits, are being offered to investors at 79.75 and interest, yielding about 5.50%.

POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY (P. O. Council Bluffs), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—Reports say that the State Savings Bank of Council Bluffs has purchased \$258,850 bridge fund and \$127,690 general fund bonds.

PRESTON, Franklin County, Ida.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that the \$32,000 6% funding bonds offered June 30 (V. 112, p. 2793) have been sold to the Hanchett Bond Co., Inc., of Chicago.

PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP, Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—M. M. Marlow, Township Clerk, will receive sealed proposals until 2 p. m. July 23 for \$14,500 6% Bailey stone road improvement bonds. Denom. 1 for \$2,500 and 6 for \$2,000 each. Date Aug. 1 1921. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,500, 1922 and \$2,000 from 1923 to 1928, incl. Cert. check drawn upon some solvent bank, for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the above clerk, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

PUTNAM COUNTY (P. O. Greencastle), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—R. E. Knoll, County Auditor, will receive sealed proposals until 10 a. m. Aug. 1 for \$95,000 6% coupon public hospital bonds. Denom. \$500. Date June 15 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$2,500 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1940 inclusive. Optional June 15 1926.

QUAY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19 (P. O. Tucumcari), N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.—On Aug. 1 \$27,000 school building bonds will be offered for sale.

QUAY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 (P. O. Tucumcari), N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.—On Aug. 1 \$15,000 school building bonds will be offered for sale.

RACINE, Racine County, Wis.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received for the three issues of bonds aggregating \$810,000, offered July 5 (V. 113, p. 105).

REDFIELD SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Redfield), Jefferson County, Ark.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received between 10 a. m. and 12 m. on July 27 by J. T. Kirkin, Secretary, for the purchase of \$11,000 6% tax-free coupon improvement and equipment bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1921. Int. J. & J. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Due July 1 1931. Cert. check for \$250, payable to the above official, required.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation of taxable property in school district for 1919	\$304,650 00
Composed of the following:	
(a) Real estate.....	\$ 89,550
(b) Personal property.....	215,100
Actual value, estimated.....	\$761,625 00
Total debt, including this issue.....	15,000 00
Current annual income of the district.....	4,414 34
(a) Derived from taxation on 12 mills.....	3,702 14
(b) All other sources.....	712 20
Estimated expenses of the district for 1919.....	3,400 60
Population, 1,200.	

REDWOOD COUNTY (P. O. Redwood Falls), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The Northwestern Trust Co. of St. Paul has purchased the \$130,000 County Ditch No. 49 bonds offered June 6—V. 112, p. 2338.

ROANOKE, Randolph County, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the City of Roanoke until 8 p. m. Aug. 28 for the \$150,000 7% gold tax-free coupon bonds voted recently (V. 113, p. 105). Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1921. Int. (J. & D.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York. Due Aug. 1 1951. Total bonded debt (including this issue) July 11 1921, \$195,000. Assessed value 1920, \$2,000,669.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—NOTE OFFERING.—J. C. Wilson, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 2:30 p. m. July 18 for the purchase of \$275,000 school construction notes due in 4 months from July 21 1921 at the Central Union Trust Co. of N. Y. City and will be deliverable at the Central Union Trust Co. on July 21 1921.

ROYSE CITY, Rockwall County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 6 \$5,000 6% 5-30-year water-works bonds were registered with the State Comptroller.

RUSH CITY, Chisago County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that John F. Sommer, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until July 25 for \$21,600 6% water bonds.

RUSH COUNTY (P. O. Rushville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles A. Frazee, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 2 p. m. July 19 for \$29,440 5% Erb W. Dearinger et al. Walker Twp. bonds. Date April 30 1921. Int. M. & N. Due four bonds each six months from May 15 1922 until all paid. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

SALIDA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Stanislaus County, Calif.—BONDS NOT YET SOLD.—The \$15,000 6% school bonds offered unsuccessfully June 14—V. 113, p. 105—have not yet been sold.

SALTCREEK TOWNSHIP (P. O. New Point), Decatur County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 6% bonds offered on July 7—V. 112, p. 2666—were sold on that date for 100.52, a basis of about 5.93%, to Thomas D. Sheerin & Co. Date May 15 1921. Due each six months as follows: \$500 Aug. 1 1922 to Feb. 1 1925, incl.; \$1,000 Aug. 1 1925 to Feb. 1 1929, incl.; \$1,500 Aug. 1 1929; \$1,000 on Feb. 1 and \$1,500 on Aug. 1 in 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934 and 1935. \$1,000 Feb. 1 1936, and \$6,500 on Aug. 1 1936.

SAN BERNARDINO, San Bernardino County, Calif.—PRICE PAID.—The price paid for the \$90,000 6% bridge bonds, award of which was mentioned in V. 112, p. 2668, was \$90,350, equal to 100.38.

SANTA BARBARA HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Santa Barbara), Santa Barbara County, Calif.—BONDS DEFEATED—NEW ELECTION ASKED.—Recently the voters voted down a bond proposition for \$600,000 because they objected to the proposed sites for the building of the new high school. Petitions are now being circulated asking the Board of Education to issue an election call for the purpose of voting \$750,000 high-school building bonds.

SAUNDERS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Ashland), Nebr.—BOND SALE.—The Omaha Trust Co. has purchased at 94.85 an issue of \$50,000 6% 30-year school bonds.

SCARSDALE, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 5½% coupon water bonds offered July 13—V. 113, p. 207—were sold to Harris, Forbes & Co., N. Y., at 101.134 a basis of about 5.39%. Date July 1 1921. Due 910.00 yearly on July 1 from 1926 to 1950, incl.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Township of Vevay and City of Mason, Ingham County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—G. L. Peck, Secretary of the Board of Education, will receive sealed proposals until 6 p. m. July 30 at his office in Mason for the purchase of \$150,000 6% bonds. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1926 and 1927; \$7,000 from 1928 to 1930, incl.; \$8,000 from 1931 to 1933, incl.; \$9,000 in 1934 and 1935, and \$75,000 payable in 1936. Purchaser to pay for the printing of the bonds and attorney's fees connected with this bond issue. Certified check for 2% of amount bid for, payable to the above Secretary, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

SIBLEY COUNTY (P. O. Gaylord), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The Minneapolis Trust Co. of Minneapolis has been awarded an issue of \$45,000 6% funding bonds.

SOUTH KINGSTON, Washington County, R. I.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 5½% serial coupon bonds offered on July 11—V. 113, p. 207—were sold on that date to local investors at par.

SOUTH SANPETE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Manti), Sanpete County, Utah.—BOND SALE.—The Palmer Bond & Mtge. Co. of Salt Lake City have purchased \$30,000 5% tax-free 20-year school bonds.

Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable in New York City. Due Jan. 1 1941.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation 1920	\$8,470,759	Sinking funds	10,303
Estimated actual value	12,760,000	Net bonded debt	87,197
Bonded debt, incl. this issue	97,500	Population 1920 (Census)	8,363

SPARTANBURG COUNTY (P. O. Spartanburg), So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$193,000 5% highway bonds offered July 7 (V. 113, p. 106) have been sold.

SPIRIT LAKE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 50 (P. O. Spirit Lake), Kootenai County, Ida.—BOND SALE.—The \$26,940 6% school-building and equipment bonds, voted June 30 by 253 "for" to 23 "against," have been sold to the State of Idaho at par.

STANBERRY DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Stanberry), Gentry County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$68,500 6% serial tax-free drainage bonds has been purchased by Theis & Diestelkamp Investment Co., St. Louis. Denom. \$500. Date April 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A.-O.) payable at the St. Louis Union Trust Co., St. Louis. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$1,500 1924, \$2,000 1925 and 1926, \$2,500 1927 and 1928, \$3,000 1929, 1930 and 1931, \$3,500 1932, \$4,000 1933 and 1934, \$4,500 1935 and 1936, \$5,000 1937 and 1938, \$6,000 1939 and 1940 and \$6,500 1941. They are being offered to investors to yield 6%.

SUMMIT, Union County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Frederick C. Kentz, City Clerk, will receive sealed proposals until 8 p. m. July 19 for the purchase of an issue of 5½% coupon or registered (at option of the purchaser) school bonds not to exceed \$500,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable in gold coin at the Irving National Bank of New York City. The bonds comprise two series, one of which (herein designated Series A) consists of \$80,000 bonds maturing serially, \$20,000 bonds on June 1 in each of the years 1922 to 1925 incl., and the other of which (herein designated Series B) consists of \$420,000 bonds maturing serially, \$10,000 of bonds on June 1 in each of the years 1923 to 1931 incl., and \$11,000 of bonds on June 1 in each of the years 1932 to 1961 incl. The successful bidder will be furnished with the opinion of Messrs. Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt of N. Y. City that the bonds are valid and binding obligations of the city of Summit. The bonds will be engraved 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 on the bonds.

The sum required to be obtained by the sale of the bonds of Series A (exclusive of the amount of any interest accrued on the bonds) is \$80,000, and the sum required to be obtained by the sale of the bonds of Series B (exclusive of the amount of any interest accrued on the bonds) is \$420,000. No more bonds of each series will be sold than will produce the sum respectively required to be obtained by the sale thereof and an additional sum of less than \$1,000. If less than the maximum authorized amount of each series is sold, the unsold bonds will be those last maturing. Unless all bids are rejected, the bonds of each series will be sold to the bidder or bidders complying with the terms of sale and offering to pay not less than the sum required to be obtained as above stated and to take therefor the least amount of bonds, commencing with the last maturity and stated in a multiple of \$1,000, and if two or more bidders offer to take the same amount of bonds, then the bonds will be awarded to the bidder or bidders offering to pay therefor the highest additional price (such additional price being less than \$1,000). In addition to the price paid the purchasers must pay accrued interest from the date of the bonds to the date of delivery. The right is reserved to reject all bids. Cert. check drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the order of the city, required.

SUTTON COUNTY (P. O. Sonora), Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 4 an issue of \$100,000 5½% serial special road bonds was registered with the State Comptroller.

SWAMPSCOTT, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Webster & Atlas National Bank of Boston was the successful bidder on a 5.63% discount basis, for a temporary loan of \$50,000 dated July 5 and due Dec. 20 1921.

BOND SALE.—The following four issues of coupon and tax-free bonds offered on July 12 (V. 113, p. 207) were sold to the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston at 100.02, a basis of about 5.33%:
\$42,000 5% "Sewerage Loan Act of 1920" bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 on Aug. 1 from 1922 to 1933, inclusive, and \$1,000 on Aug. 1 from 1934 to 1951, inclusive.

\$15,000 5¼% "Atlantic Avenue Loan" bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$3,000 on Aug. 1 from 1922 to 1926, inclusive.

10,000 5¼% "Burrill Street Loan" bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 on Aug. 1 from 1922 to 1926, inclusive.

7,500 5¼% "Burpee Road" bonds. Denom. 1 for \$500 and 7 for \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on Aug. 1 from 1922 to 1928, inclusive, and \$500 Aug. 1 1929.

Date Aug. 1 1921 (not Aug. 1 1922, as incorrectly reported in V. 112, p. 207).

Financial Statement Town of Swampscott, Mass., July 1 1921.

Assessed valuation 1918 less abatements	\$13,665,839.00
Assessed valuation 1919 less abatements	13,915,565.00
Assessed valuation 1920 less abatements	15,267,078.00

Average net valuation for years 1918-19-20 \$42,848,482.00

Debt limit 3% of average valuation \$14,282,827.00

Total gross debt including these issues \$428,484.00

Deductions— 882,150.00

Water debt \$257,200.00

Sewerage bonds 248,350.00 505,550.00

Net debt \$376,600.00

Borrowing capacity July 1 1921, \$51,884.00.

SWEETWATER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Rock Springs), Wyo.—BOND OFFERING.—J. B. Young, Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 15 for \$150,000 school bldg. bonds mentioned in V. 112, p. 2666. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 15 1921. Int. Jan. 1 payable locally or at State Treasurer's office. Due in 20 years optional after 10 years.

TACOMA, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The following 6% bonds were issued by the City of Tacoma during June:

Dist. No.	Amount.	Purpose.	Date.	Due.
1239	\$545 50	Sidewalk	June 15 1921	June 15 1926
1240	760 70	Grading	June 18 1921	June 18 1926

The above bonds are subject to call yearly.

TARBORO, Edgecombe County, No. Caro.—BONDS NOT SOLD—BONDS RE-OFFERED.—The three issues of 6% bonds aggregating \$118,000, offered July 12—V. 113, p. 207—were not sold. These bonds will be re-offered on July 26.

TAYLOR CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Taylor), Loup County, Nebr.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No sale was made of the \$35,000 6% school bonds offered July 9—V. 112, p. 2794.

TEILMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Fresno County, Calif.—NO BIDS.—At the offering of the \$20,000 6% school bonds on July 5—V. 113, p. 106—no bids were received.

TEXAS (State of).—BONDS REGISTERED.—The following bonds were registered on July 4 with the State Comptroller:

Name—	Amount.	Rate of Int.	Due.
Denton Co. Common S. D. No. 13	\$3,000	5%	20 years
Grayson County Common S. D. No. 88	2,600	5%	5-20 years
Anderson County Common S. D. No. 37	1,400	5%	10-20 years
Taylor County Common S. D. No. 53	1,000	5%	5-20 years
Guadalupe County Common S. D. No. 20	2,400	6%	5-20 years
Franklin County Common S. D. No. 24	2,000	5%	10-20 years

TIPPECANOE COUNTY (P. O. Lafayette), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The Preiwin Construction Co. purchased at par and accrued interest the \$38,500 James M. Stingle et al., County Unit Road bonds offered on July 8—V. 113, p. 106. Date June 4 1921. Due \$1,925 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, inclusive.

TOCCOA, Stephens County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—W. A. Hamby, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. July 25 for the following three issues of 6% bonds:
\$30,000 street-paving bonds.
25,000 sewerage and water-works-impmt. bonds.
5,000 school improvement bonds.

Denom. \$1,000. Due in 10-30 years. Certified check for \$500 required. Legality approved by Charles B. Wood of Chicago.

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Said bonds will bear interest at the rate of 5% per annum, payable semi-annually, be dated August 1, 1921, and be payable as follows: \$41,000.00 thereof on the first day of August, 1922, and \$41,000.00 thereof on the first day of August of each and every year thereafter to and including the first day of August, 1951.

The bonds will be sold at the best price offered by a responsible bidder, either above or below par. The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

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TRAVIS COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 7, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$35,000 5½% serial bonds was registered with the State Comptroller July 4.

UMATILLA DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Umatilla), Umatilla County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$30,000 6% drainage bonds voted some time ago has been awarded to Clark, Kendall & Co. at 90.00.

WALKER COUNTY (P. O. La Fayette), Ga.—BONDS VOTED.—Recently an issue of \$400,000 road bonds was voted. The vote was 2,493 "for" to 356 "against."

WALLA WALLA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The State of Washington was the successful bidder July 5 at par for the \$7,500 6% school house bonds offered July 2—V. 113, p. 106—Denom. \$750.

WALTON, Orange County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank, Walton, purchased at par the \$50,000 5¼% coupon village bonds offered July 9—V. 112, p. 2794.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Brenham), Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller registered on July 5 \$500,000 5½% serial special road bonds.

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Goldsboro), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 5% bridge bonds offered July 5 (V. 112, p. 2667) have been awarded to Sutherland, Barry & Co., Inc. of New Orleans. Date June 1 1921. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1926 to 1930, incl., and \$3,000 1931 to 1935, incl.

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 111 (P. O. Milliken), Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election \$12,000 6% school-building bonds were voted. These bonds have already been sold to Bosworth, Chanute & Co., of Denver, subject to being approved by the voters at the said election. The notice of sale and election appeared in V. 112, p. 2795.

WEST MIDDLESEX, Mercer County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—D. M. Lyle, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. July 26 for the following bonds, dated Jan. 1 1921:

\$24,000 water works extension and electric light plant bonds.
15,000 sewer bonds.
10,000 paving bonds.
Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 on Jan. 1 1923 and \$2,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1924 to 1945, incl. The bidders are requested to put in a separate bid on the \$24,000 first due and a separate bid on the \$25,000 last due;

then a bid on the whole \$49,000. Bids will be received on interest basis of 5%, 5¼% and 5½%, tax-free to holder and 6% taxable to the holder. Cert. check for \$1,000 required.

WEST NEW YORK, Hudson County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$750,000 5½% school bonds offered on July 12—V. 113, p. 107—were sold on that date to the Weehawken Trust Co. at 100.10, a basis of about 5.49%. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$18,000 from 1922 to 1931, incl., and \$19,000 from 1932 to 1961, incl.

NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received for the \$160,000 6% assessment bonds, \$160,000 6% general improvement bonds and the \$20,000 5¼% school bonds offered on the same date.

WHITE (P. O. Aurora), St. Louis County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Joseph Makela, Town Clerk, until 2 p. m. July 26 for \$200,000 6% coupon refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Int. J.-D. Due \$25,000 June 27 1922 to 1929, incl. Cert. check for \$5,000, payable to Gust. Mattson, Town Treasurer, required.

WHITELAND, Johnson County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The Whiteland National Bank purchased at par and accrued interest the \$4,500 5% electric light bonds offered on July 4—V. 113, p. 107—Date June 20 1920. Due 1 bond each year beginning June 20 1922.

WHITE PLAINS, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Eugene S. Martin, Commissioner of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. July 19 for the following 6% registered bonds: \$18,000 public works bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1923 to 1931, inclusive.

14,500 public safety bonds. Denom. 1 for \$500 and 14 for \$1,000 each. Due \$2,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1924 to 1930, incl., and \$500 on Aug. 1 1931.

Date Aug. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the office of the above Commissioner. Cert. check drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of the amount bid for required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

WHITNEY, Hill County, Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—On July 25 an election will be held to vote on the question of issuing \$15,000 electric-light-plant bonds.

WOOD COUNTY (P. O. Bowling Green), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 6% Port Clinton road bonds offered on July 11—V. 112, p. 2795—were sold to the Wood County Savings Bank Co. of Bowling Green at par.

WOOD COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Wisconsin Rapids), Wisc.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received

NEW LOANS

PROPOSALS FOR FIVE MILLION DOLLARS' WORTH OF FIVE PER CENT BONDS OF THE SANITARY DISTRICT OF CHICAGO, BEING THE THIRTY-FOURTH ISSUE THEREOF.

Sealed proposals addressed to the Board of Trustees of The Sanitary District of Chicago and indorsed "Proposals for Purchasing Bonds" will be received by the Clerk of said The Sanitary District of Chicago at Room 700, 910 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, until ten (10) A. M. (standard time), on Thursday, July 28th, 1921.

The bonds for the purchase of which said bids will be received are the thirty-fourth and present issue of five million (\$5,000,000.00) dollars' worth of bonds of said The Sanitary District of Chicago in denomination of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars each, all to bear date the first day of July, 1921, with interest at the rate of five per cent (5%) per annum, payable semi-annually on the first day of January and the first day of July of each year until said bonds are paid. Two hundred and fifty thousand (\$250,000.00) dollars of the principal of said five million (\$5,000,000.00) dollars' worth of bonds hereby offered for sale are to be payable on the first day of July, 1922, and two hundred and fifty thousand (\$250,000.00) dollars of the principal of said bonds hereby offered for sale are to be payable on the first day of July of each succeeding year up to and including the year 1941, both principal and interest to be payable at the office of the Treasurer of said The Sanitary District of Chicago.

Proposals will be received for five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) worth of said bonds or any portion thereof.

Each proposal must be accompanied by certified check or cash in amount equal to three per cent (3%) of the amount of the bid. All certified checks or drafts must be drawn on some responsible Chicago bank and must be payable to the order of the "Clerk of The Sanitary District of Chicago." Said amount of three per cent (3%) of the amount of the bid will be held by said The Sanitary District of Chicago until all of the said proposals have been canvassed and the bids have been awarded.

The right is reserved to sell the whole or any portion of said five million (\$5,000,000.00) dollars' worth of bonds and to reject any and all of said bids.

Said bonds to be paid for and delivered at the office of the Treasurer of said The Sanitary District of Chicago.

An opinion by Wood & Oakley will be furnished certifying the legality of said bond issue.

Financial Statement.

Equalized value of property, 1920	\$1,764,288.16
Authorized indebtedness 3%	52,928,634.86
Outstanding bonds, July 7, 1921	\$16,581,000.00
Amount of present issue	5,000,000.00
Total bonded debt, including present issue	\$21,581,000.00
Fixed contract liabilities	4,617,000.00
Total	\$26,198,000.00
Unexercised debt incurring power	\$26,730,634.86

For further information apply to the Chairman of the Committee on Finance of the Board of Trustees of The Sanitary District of Chicago, Room 700, 910 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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July 7, 1921.

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- \$20,000 in 1927
- \$20,000 in 1930
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- \$20,000 in 1942
- \$20,000 in 1945
- \$3,000 in 1948

Interest payable semi-annually on the fifteenth days of January and July.

Financial Statement

Assessed valuation of taxable property \$13,853,507. Estimated population 12,000. Bonded indebtedness, including present issue, \$365,000, approximately 2.64% of the grand list.

No offer for less than par and accrued interest can be accepted.

For further information address:

EDWIN A. CLARK, Attorney,

129 Church St.,

New Haven, Conn.

NEW LOANS

\$2,000,000 STATE OF COLORADO HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT BONDS

The undersigned invites sealed bids at his office in the Capital in Denver, until

10 A. M. WEDNESDAY, AUG. 3, 1921, for the purchase of all or any portion of TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000) State of Colorado Highway Bonds, bearing five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually at office of State Treasurer or at banking house of Kountze Bros., N. Y. City. Said Bonds are dated June 1, 1921, issued in denominations of \$50 and multiples thereof as desired by successful bidder, due June 1, 1951, but optional June 1, 1931.

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WOOD COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Wisconsin Rapids), Wisc.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received at the office of B. M. Vaughan, in the Wood County Realty Bldg., Wisconsin Rapids, until 11 a. m. July 27 for \$37,495 6% bonds. Cert. check for \$1,000 required.

WRAY, Yuma County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$50,000 6% 15-year water-extension bonds, which was recently offered unsuccessfully (V. 113, p. 108) was sold to Julius Achle of Denver, who was acting as agent for the International Trust Co. of Denver, at 90.50 on July 7.

WYOMING COUNTY (P. O. Warsaw), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Sherwood and Merrifield purchased at 100.683, a basis of about 5.42% the \$176,000 5 1/2% highway bonds offered on July 9—V. 113, p. 108. Date Aug. 1 1921. Due \$8,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1923 to 1944, incl.

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CANADA (Government of)—DEBENTURE SALES.—According to the "Monetary Times," the following debenture issues were sold during June in addition to the ones already reported:

Name—	Rate.	Maturity	Amount.	Price Paid.	Basis	Purchaser.
Galt, Ont.-----	6 instal.		\$163,010	97.22	6.37	A. Jarvis & Co.
Havelock, Ont.---	6 20 years		23,400	92.25	6.72	Bank of Ontario.
La Tuque, Que.---	6 5 years		300,000	97.80	6.63	Municipal Deb. Corp.
Mail'd'y'le, B. C.---			6,000			Local Investors
Mont. East, Que.---	6 20 years		100,000	93.92	6.55	Ver'les Vid. & Boul's
Ontario (Prov.)---	6 20 years		3,300,000	97.17	6.25	A. E. Ames & Co. and Wood, Gundy & Co.
Preston, Ont.---	6 1931-1940		36,946	95.27	6.80	R. C. Mathews & Co.

KENTVILLE, KINGS COUNTY, N. S.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—J. Carroll, Town Clerk, will receive sealed tenders until July 25 for the following 6% debentures. Denom. \$500. Semi-ann. int. payable at the Town Clerk and Treasurer's office.

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\$2,000.00 for Water connections.
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NORTH BAY, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Thomas H. Noble, Chairman of the Finance Committee will receive sealed tenders until July 23 for \$45,000 6% (20 equal annual installment) school bonds.

SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Sask.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—The following according to the "Financial Post" is a list of authorizations granted by the Local Government Board from June 8 to June 25.

School Districts—Keeler, \$14,000; Roland, \$1,500; Brookview, \$2,700; Podolia, \$850; Ridgehill, \$700; Wilmot, \$4,500; Kingscourt, \$4,500; Wexford, \$1,400.

Rural Telephone—St. Paul, \$4,600; Swift Current, \$3,650; City View, \$250.

Town—Sintaluta, \$8,000.
Villages.—Kuroki, \$1,200.

DEBENTURE SALES.—The following, we learn from the same source, is a list of debentures amounting to \$56,954, reported sold in the same period. Eastman, \$4,000 15-yrs. 8%, Waterman-Waterbury Co., Regina; Foam Lake, \$18,000 15-yrs., 8%, Nay & James, Regina; Elstow, \$14,900, 15 yrs., 8% Nay & James, Regina; Brandon, \$3,500, 10-yrs., 8%, Waterman-Waterbury Co.; Driver, \$1,200, 8-yrs. 8%, A. V. Cluff, Driver; Drumague, \$5,500, 15-yrs., 8%, Waterman-Waterbury Co.; Crane Valley, \$4,500, 15-yrs. 8%, Waterman-Waterbury Co.

Rural Telephones.—Dalrymple, \$1,500, 15-yrs., 8%, W. Lehane, Regina; Lone Corner, \$350, 2-yrs., 8%, J. Barber, Qu'Appelle.
Towns.—Bredenburg, \$3,504, 10-yrs. 7 1/2%, W. Traguair, Welwyn.

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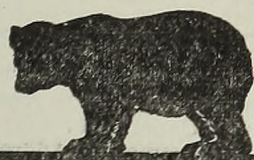
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