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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF
THE HANOVER NATIONAL BANK
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

at New York, in the State of New York, at the close of business September 6th, 1921:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$97,798,129.37
U. S. Bonds to secure Circulation	100,000.00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits	3,000,000.00
U. S. Bonds and certificates of indebtedness on hand	482,900.00
U. S. Bonds deposited with Superintendent of Banks, New York State, in trust	400,000.00
Bonds, securities, etc.	4,848,823.43
Banking house	4,575,000.00
Due from banks and bankers	1,802,042.18
Checks and other cash items	678,666.33
Exchanges for Clearing House	24,372,103.71
Specie: Gold	41,477.00
Other cash in vault	424,843.44
Due from Federal Reserve Bank	15,802,169.03
Redemption fund and due from U. S. Treasurer	5,000.00
Customers' liability (acceptances executed by other banks under letters of credit)	419,934.75
Interest accrued	172,783.44
	\$154,923,872.66

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$3,000,000.00
Surplus fund	14,000,000.00
Undivided profits	\$7,296,029.27
Discount received but not earned	540,022.93
	7,836,052.20
Reserved for interest accrued	111,651.02
Reserved for taxes	791,822.09
National bank notes outstanding	100,000.00
Due to banks and bankers	\$62,172,009.78
Individual deposits subject to check	46,491,904.30
Dividends unpaid	948.00
Demand certificates of deposit	1,047.15
Certified checks	11,992,037.80
Cashier's checks outstanding	6,528,905.40
U. S. deposits	1,120,400.00
	128,307,252.43
Letters of credit and travelers' checks	357,160.17
Letters of credit (acceptances executed by other banks thereunder)	419,934.75
	\$154,923,872.66

State of New York, County of New York, ss.:
I, WILLIAM WOODWARD, President of The Hanover National Bank of the City of New York, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
WILLIAM WOODWARD, President.
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**First National Bank
SCRANTON, PA.**

Comptroller's Call September 6, 1921.

RESOURCES.	
Cash on hand and in Banks	\$3,663,464.92
Loans and Investments	21,846,288.65
United States Government Securities	4,584,428.68
Due from Treasurer of the United States	75,000.00
Bank Building and Other Real Estate	625,000.00
Overdrafts	2,584.76
Customers' Liability under Letters of Credit	21,223.64
Accrued Profit on Loans not Collected	17,067.53
Other Assets not in above	20,620.56
	\$30,855,678.74

LIABILITIES.	
Capital	\$1,500,000.00
Surplus	1,000,000.00
Undivided Profits	1,049,453.77
Reserve for Interest	100,000.00
Discount Collected and Unearned	108,348.37
Circulation	1,356,295.00
Dividends Unpaid	1,569.00
Letters of Credit	32,031.81
Deposits	25,707,980.79
	\$30,855,678.74

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Bank Statements

Statement of Financial Condition of

The Seaboard National Bank
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

at close of business, Sept. 6, 1921

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$37,938,568.49	Capital	\$3,000,000.00
Overdrafts	15.29	Surplus and Profits (Earned)	4,981,515.41
Banking House	2,735,016.97	Special Reserve	500,000.00
U. S. Bonds and Certificates of Indebtedness	6,897,687.68	Unearned Discount	206,933.19
Bonds, Securities, etc.	2,103,936.52	Circulation	63,245.00
Due from Banks (Net)	345,141.51	Reserved for Taxes	320,342.20
Due from Federal Reserve Bank of New York	4,706,027.37	Acceptances Executed for Customers	378,932.36
Cash, Exchanges and Due from U. S. Treasurer	8,384,401.53	Letters of Credit	918,673.89
Customers' Liability Account of Acceptances Executed by this Bank	378,932.36	U. S. Bonds Borrowed	300,000.00
Customers' Liability under Letters of Credit	918,673.89	Bills Payable with Federal Reserve Bank	2,500,000.00
		Deposits	51,238,759.56
Total	\$64,408,401.61	Total	\$64,408,401.61

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Bank Statements

The First National Bank of Chicago

CHARTER NUMBER EIGHT

Statement of Condition at Close of Business September 6, 1921

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts.....	\$138,984,562 16	Capital Stock paid in.....	\$12,500,000 00
United States Bonds and Certificates.....	316,246 00	Surplus Fund.....	12,500,000 00
Bonds to Secure U.S. Postal Savings Deposits.....	2,271,000 00	Other Undivided Profits.....	4,349,973 95
Other Bonds and Securities (market value)...	3,203,402 30	Discount Collected but not Earned.....	1,001,066 51
National Safe Deposit Co. Stock (Bank Bldg.)	2,681,100 00	Dividends Declared but Unpaid.....	3,646 50
Federal Reserve Bank stock.....	750,000 00	Reserved for Taxes.....	2,410,427 07
Customers' liability under letters of credit...	4,244,361 63	Rediscunts with Federal Reserve Bank...	2,000,000 00
Customers' liability account of acceptances...	11,656,497 65	Cash Letters of Credit.....	590,655 93
Cash Resources—		Liability under Letters of Credit.....	4,227,644 51
Due from Federal Res. Bank.....	\$17,199,025 48	Liability Account of Acceptances.....	12,224,169 50
Cash and Due from Banks.....	36,102,072 68	Time Deposits.....	\$1,819,673 11
Other Assets.....	1,030,149 15	Demand Deposits.....	163,739,999 82
	\$218,438,417 05	Liabilities other than those above stated	1,071,160 15
			\$218,438,417 05

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First Trust and Savings Bank

Statement of Condition at Close of Business September 6, 1921.

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Bonds.....	\$18,300,752 61	Capital.....	\$6,250,000 00
Loans and Discounts.....	53,642,307 80	Surplus.....	6,250,000 00
Federal Reserve Bank Stock.....	375,000 00	Undivided Profits.....	1,570,709 51
Customers' Liability for Acceptances.....	3,162,500 00	Reserve for Interest and Taxes.....	1,755,915 30
Demand Loans.....	\$15,781,275 69	Acceptances Executed for Customers.....	3,202,500 00
Due from Federal Res. Bank.....	3,706,379 31	Unearned discount.....	218,286 25
Cash and Due from Banks.....	6,059,512 23	Time Deposits.....	\$65,681,222 44
	25,547,167 23	Demand Deposits.....	16,099,094 14
	\$101,027,727 64		81,780,316 58
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Combined Deposits of Both Banks, \$247,339,989.51

Bank Statements

The CONTINENTAL *and*
COMMERCIAL
BANKS
Chicago

Statements of condition, September 6, 1921.

Continental *and* Commercial National Bank

Resources

Time Loans.....	\$171,308,453.44	
Demand Loans.....	67,854,084.77	
Acceptances.....	641,877.61	
Bonds, Securities, etc.....	11,560,310.18	
		\$251,364,726.00
U. S. Bonds and Certificates of Indebtedness.....		4,269,891.88
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank.....		1,200,000.00
Bank Premises (Equity).....		6,000,000.00
Other Real Estate.....		32,945.00
Customers' Liability on Letters of Credit.....		2,715,962.44
Customers' Liability on Acceptances (as per Contra).....		8,798,835.10
Overdrafts.....		20,585.90
Cash and Due from Banks.....		89,236,166.09
		<u>\$363,639,112.41</u>

Liabilities

Capital.....		\$25,000,000.00
Surplus.....		15,000,000.00
Undivided Profits.....		5,521,491.25
Reserved for Taxes.....		2,772,840.27
Circulation.....		50,000.00
Bills Payable with Federal Reserve Bank.....		4,147,000.00
Rediscounts with Federal Reserve Bank.....		7,000,000.00
Liability on Letters of Credit.....		2,954,971.59
Liability on Acceptances.....		8,805,999.99
Deposits—Individual.....	\$178,284,148.91	
Banks.....	114,102,660.40	
		<u>292,386,809.31</u>
		\$363,639,112.41

Continental *and* Commercial Trust *and* Savings Bank

Resources

Time Loans.....		\$23,168,303.08
Demand Loans.....	\$21,193,931.67	
*Bonds and Securities.....	5,987,183.11	
Cash and Due from Banks.....	24,700,791.23	
		<u>51,881,906.01</u>
		\$75,050,209.09

* Adjusted to Cost or Market Price, whichever is lower.

Liabilities

Capital.....		\$5,000,000.00
Surplus.....		5,000,000.00
Undivided Profits.....		2,266,693.26
Unearned Interest.....		113,285.58
Reserved for Taxes, Interest and Dividends.....		1,869,726.13
Demand Deposits.....	\$16,890,777.19	
Time Deposits.....	41,393,153.45	
Special Deposits.....	2,516,573.48	
		<u>60,800,504.12</u>
		\$75,050,209.09

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Combined Deposits, \$353,187,313.43

Bank Statements

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Statement of Condition at the Close of Business September 6, 1921.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$71,427,194.08
United States Bonds and Certificates	415,350.00
Other Bonds and Mortgages	14,083,381.35
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	450,000.00
Customers' Liability under Letters of Credit	2,358,495.51
Customers' Liability under Acceptances	14,555,691.28
Other Banks' Liability on Bills Bought	2,280,000.00
Cash & Due from Federal Reserve Bank	\$9,908,950.20
Due from Other Banks and Bankers	15,865,035.73
Checks for Clearing House	4,030,799.55
	29,804,785.48
	\$135,374,897.70

LIABILITIES

Capital	\$5,000,000.00
Surplus	10,000,000.00
Undivided Profits	1,660,411.35
Discount Collected but not Earned	444,649.24
Reserved for Accrued Interest and Taxes	916,541.56
Bills Payable	850,000.00
Rediscunts	4,000,000.00
Liability on Letters of Credit	2,358,495.51
Liability on Acceptances	14,162,860.86
Contingent Liability on Other Banks Bills Bought	2,280,000.00
Deposits	93,701,939.18
	\$135,374,897.70

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ILLINOIS TRUST & SAVINGS BANK.
La Salle and Jackson Streets
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Condensed Statement at Close of Business September 6, 1921.

RESOURCES

Cash and Exchange	\$24,013,225.97
U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness	27,000.00
	\$24,040,225.97
Loans & Discounts	\$103,504,470.19
Bonds and Other Securities	14,645,727.78
	118,150,197.97
Customers' Liability on Acceptances	6,931,250.00
Interest Accrued, but Uncollected	327,145.18
New Building Account	318,617.33
	\$149,767,436.45

LIABILITIES

CAPITAL, SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS	\$17,238,374.06
DEPOSITS—	
Demand	\$64,578,024.01
Time	57,390,005.35
	121,968,029.36
Contingent Account	1,000,000.00
Reserved for Taxes	1,635,281.12
Reserved for Interest	275,000.00
Other Reservations	400,000.00
Dividends Unpaid	1,053.00
Liability on Acceptances	6,776,250.00
Discount Collected, but Not Earned	473,448.91
	\$149,767,436.45

OFFICERS

JOHN J. MITCHELL, Chairman of Board
E. D. HULBERT, President
FREDERICK T. HASKELL, Vice-President
CHAUNCEY KEEP, Vice-President
HENRY A. BLAIR, Vice-President
EUGENE M. STEVENS, Vice-President
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F. I. COOPER, Assistant Cashier
E. S. LAYMAN, Assistant Cashier
J. W. KNIGHT, Assistant Cashier
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MORRIS BERGER, Assistant Secretary
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DIRECTORS

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Report of the Condition of
THE CORN EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK
OF CHICAGO

At the Close of Business September 6, 1921

RESOURCES

Time Loans	\$58,260,346.09
Demand Loans	18,513,141.83
	\$76,773,487.92
United States Bonds & Certificates of Indebtedness	1,361,600.00
Other Bonds	3,133,099.44
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	450,000.00
Customers' Liability on Letters of Credit	436,842.83
Customers' Liability on Acceptances	1,718,200.00
Cash on Hand and Checks for Clearing House	\$5,523,866.98
Due from Federal Reserve Bank	7,696,647.74
Due from Other Banks	11,590,497.18
	\$108,684,241.09

LIABILITIES

Capital	\$5,000,000.00
Surplus	10,000,000.00
Undivided Profits	1,635,964.25
Dividends Unpaid	2,380.00
Reserved for Taxes	861,072.19
Unearned Interest	616,306.14
Liability on Letters of Credit	436,842.83
Liability on Acceptances	1,718,200.00
Deposits—	
Banks and Bankers	\$25,524,429.16
Individual	62,839,046.52
	\$88,413,475.68
	\$108,684,241.09

OFFICERS

ERNEST A. HAMILL, Chairman of Board
EDMUND D. HULBERT, President
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NORMAN J. FORD, Vice-President
JAMES G. WAKEFIELD, Vice-President
EDWARD F. SCHOENECK, Cashier
LEWIS E. GARY, Assistant Cashier
JAMES A. WALKER, Assistant Cashier
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DIRECTORS

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BENJAMIN CARPENTER, President Geo. B. Carpenter & Co.
CLYDE M. CARR, President Joseph T. Ryerson & Son
HENRY P. CROWELL, President Quaker Oats Co.
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EDMUND D. HULBERT, President
CHARLES H. HULBURD, President Elgin National Watch Co.
CHARLES L. HUTCHINSON, Vice-Pres.
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CHARLES H. WACKER, President Chicago Heights Land Association



Bank Statements

National Bank of Commerce in New York

ESTABLISHED 1839

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

SEPTEMBER 6, 1921

Resources		Liabilities	
Loans and Discounts.....	\$253,625,917.86	Capital Paid up.....	\$25,000,000.00
U. S. Certificates of In- debtedness	6,603,948.58	Surplus.....	25,000,000.00
Other Bonds and Securities	6,891,325.97	Undivided Profits.....	10,485,230.13
U. S. Government Securities		Deposits	304,233,980.87
Borrowed	2,500,000.00	U. S. Government Securities	
Stock of Federal Reserve		Borrowed	2,500,000.00
Bank	1,500,000.00	Bills Payable with Federal	
Banking House.....	4,000,000.00	Reserve Bank.....	6,000,000.00
Cash, Exchanges, and due		Reserved for Interest and	
from Federal Reserve Bank	101,195,684.67	Taxes Accrued.....	4,279,454.08
Due from Banks and Bankers	7,011,238.00	Unearned Discount.....	1,951,140.68
Interest Accrued.....	524,388.26	Letters of Credit and Ac- ceptances	33,770,470.72
Customers' Liability under		Other Liabilities.....	1,350,000.00
Letters of Credit and Ac- ceptances	30,717,773.14		
	\$414,570,276.48		\$414,570,276.48

PRESIDENT

JAMES S. ALEXANDER

VICE-PRESIDENTS

J. HOWARD ARDREY
JOSEPH A. BRODERICK
GUY EMERSON

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CASHIER

ROY H. PASSMORE

AUDITOR

ALBERT EMERTON

DIRECTORS

FORREST F. DRYDEN
CHARLES E. DUNLAP
HERBERT P. HOWELL

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JOHN W. DAVIS
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HENRY W. de FOREST

VALENTINE P. SNYDER
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THOMAS WILLIAMS



THE COAL & IRON NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Condensed Statement at Close of Business September 6 1921.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Investments.....	\$14,626,106.78	Capital.....	\$1,500,000.00
Due from Banks.....	731,344.69	Surplus and Undivided Profits...	1,451,140.57
Cash and Exchanges.....	2,580,007.81	Reserve for Unearned Discount...	55,363.58
Furniture, Fixtures and Bank Im- provements.....	105,317.83	Reserve for Taxes, Interest and Contingencies.....	117,568.15
Customers' Liability, Letters of Credit, Acceptances, Etc.....	441,414.16	Circulation.....	407,800.00
		Acceptance a-c Customers.....	418,974.83
		Rediscounts on U. S. Liberty Bonds.....	595,701.07
		Deposits.....	13,937,643.07
	\$18,484,191.27		\$18,484,191.27

JOHN T. SPROULL, President

DAVID TAYLOR, Vice-President

ADDISON H. DAY, Cashier

WALLACE A. GRAY, Asst. Cashier

ALLISON DODD, Vice-President

WILLIAM H. JAQUITH, Asst. Cashier

ARTHUR A. G. LUDERS, Trust Officer

Member New York Clearing House Association

Depository of the United States, City of New York and State of New York

ESTABLISHED 1831

GARFIELD NATIONAL BANK

FIFTH AVE. AND 23RD ST.

NEW YORK CITY

Sept. 6, 1921

Capital - - - -	\$1,000,000.00
Surplus & Profits	1,658,889.59
Deposits - - - -	15,302,202.65
Total Resources	18,737,455.71

OFFICERS

RUEL W. POOR President
HORACE F. POOR Vice-President
ARTHUR W. SNOW, 2d V.-Pres. & Cashier
GEORGE G. MILNE, JR. 3d Vice-President
RALPH T. THORN Asst. Cashier
WILBUR C. HUSK Asst. Cashier
GEORGE W. MACDONALD Asst. Cashier

DIRECTORS

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William N. McIlravy Chairman of the Board
William H. Gelshehen Barrett Co.
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Thomas D. Adams Pres. Emery-Beers Co., Inc.
Attorney Horace F. Poor
Robert J. Horner Vice-President
Retired Charles S. Willis
Albrecht Fagenstecher, Jr. Pres. Charles T. Willis, Inc.
Pres. Mrs. Paper Co. Charles H. McDowell
Esmond P. O'Brien Pres. Armour Fertilizer Wks
Vice-Pres. U. S. Fertilizer Arthur W. Snow
Co., Inc. Vice-Pres. & Cashier

Trust Companies

Guaranty Trust Company of New York

140 Broadway

FIFTH AVE. OFFICE MADISON AVE. OFFICE GRAND ST. OFFICE
Fifth Ave. and 44th St. Madison Ave. and 60th St. 268 Grand St.

LONDON
BRUSSELS

LIVERPOOL
ANTWERP

PARIS
CONSTANTINOPLE

HAVRE

Condensed Statement, September 6, 1921

RESOURCES

Cash on Hand, in Federal Reserve Bank and Due from Banks and Bankers.....	\$140,655,042.81
U. S. Government Bonds and Certificates.....	34,334,744.98
Public Securities.....	24,254,160.72
Other Securities.....	30,780,662.43
Loans and Bills Purchased.....	331,835,774.41
Real Estate Bonds and Mortgages.....	2,674,016.67
Foreign Exchange.....	2,008,068.16
Credits Granted on Acceptances.....	25,176,540.91
Real Estate.....	8,658,083.41
Accrued Interest and Accounts Receivable.....	10,233,241.90
	<u>\$610,610,336.40</u>

LIABILITIES

Capital.....	\$25,000,000.00
Surplus Fund.....	15,000,000.00
Undivided Profits.....	1,131,464.93
	<u>\$41,131,464.93</u>
Accrued Dividend.....	550,000.00
Accrued Interest Payable and Reserves for Taxes and Expenses, and Other Liabilities.....	21,324,262.72
Notes, Bills, and Acceptances Rediscounted with Federal Reserve Bank.....	50,250,462.85
Notes Secured by Liberty Bonds Rediscounted with Federal Reserve Bank.....	6,808,500.00
Acceptances—New York Office.....	19,905,208.81
Foreign Offices.....	5,271,332.10
Outstanding Treasurer's Checks.....	17,103,134.55
Deposits.....	448,265,970.44
	<u>\$610,610,336.40</u>

UNION EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK OF NEW YORK

Fifth Avenue and 21st Street

Condensed Statement Sept. 6, 1921.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts.....	\$15,001,665.33
Bonds and Investments.....	608,812.21
U. S. Government Securities.....	505,259.37
Exchanges for Clearing House.....	587,816.38
Cash and Reserve.....	3,655,308.86
	<u>\$20,338,862.15</u>

LIABILITIES

Capital.....	\$1,000,000.00
Surplus and Profits.....	1,647,968.45
Circulation.....	383,897.50
Acceptances & Other Liabilities.....	1,413,973.09
Deposits.....	15,893,023.11
	<u>\$20,338,862.15</u>

SYDNEY H. HERMAN, President
LOUIS J. WEIL, Vice-President
ARTHUR D. WOLF, Vice-President
FRANK C. CAMPBELL, Vice-President
GEORGE B. CONNLEY, Cashier
EDWARD J. DONAHUE, Assistant Cashier
WILLIAM MINTON, Assistant Cashier
ROBERT SHERWOOD, Assistant Cashier

MELLON NATIONAL BANK

PITTSBURGH

STATEMENT OF CONDITION AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPT. 6, 1921

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts.....	\$54,585,824.21
United States Obligations.....	17,935,024.85
Other Bonds and Investments.....	24,024,480.86
Overdrafts.....	21.98
Cash and Due from Banks.....	14,389,154.92
	<u>\$110,934,506.82</u>

LIABILITIES

Capital.....	\$6,000,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits.....	5,655,473.11
Reserves.....	3,921,421.39
Borrowed from Federal Reserve Bank.....	6,770,000.00
Circulating Notes.....	5,273,900.00
Deposits (Banks.....)	\$21,118,740.74
Individuals.....	62,194,971.58
	<u>\$110,934,506.82</u>

Bank Statements



**THE NATIONAL CITY BANK
OF NEW YORK
AND BRANCHES**

Condensed Statement of Condition as of September 6, 1921

**CAPITAL,
SURPLUS
and
UNDIVIDED
PROFITS**
\$106,352,654.07

ASSETS	
CASH on Hand, in Federal Reserve Bank, due from Banks, Bankers and U. S. Treasurer . . .	\$182,229,246.33
Acceptances of other Banks	2,121,469.26
Loans and Discounts	\$513,697,316.77
United States Bonds, other Bonds and Securities	33,887,787.35
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	2,550,000.00
Banking House	5,060,000.00
Items in Transit—Foreign Branches	4,124,665.05
Customers' Liability Account of Acceptances	32,931,478.50
Other Assets	5,244,012.96
TOTAL	\$781,845,976.22

Head Office
55 Wall Street
New York

LIABILITIES	
Capital, Surplus and Undivided Profits	\$106,352,654.07
Deposits	561,978,824.00
Reserves (for Taxes, Interest Accrued, et cetera)	7,593,277.49
Unearned Discount	2,360,357.19
Circulation	1,230,597.50
Due to Federal Reserve Bank	40,600,000.00
Other Bank Acceptances and Foreign Bills sold with our Endorsement	20,878,268.43
Acceptances, Cash Letters of Credit and Travelers' Checks	36,588,075.64
Bonds Borrowed	2,078,000.00
Other Liabilities	2,185,921.90
TOTAL	\$781,845,976.22

IRVING NATIONAL BANK
WOOLWORTH BUILDING, NEW YORK



Condensed Statement of Condition, September 6, 1921

RESOURCES	
Cash in Vault and with Federal Reserve Bank	\$30,094,593.45
Exchanges for Clearing House and due from other Banks	43,445,326.35
Commercial Paper and Loans eligible for Re-discount with Federal Reserve Bank	73,844,831.03
<i>Other Loans and Discounts:</i>	
Call and Demand Loans	\$18,591,907.30
Due within 30 days	17,885,096.74
Due 30 to 90 days	21,720,888.76
Due 90 to 180 days	25,012,608.78
Due after 180 days	521,983.60
United States Obligations	83,732,485.18
Other Investments	4,393,290.60
Bank Buildings	9,844,153.84
Customers' Liability for Acceptances by this Bank and its Correspondents [anticipated \$2,701,638.51]	523,278.05
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$261,179,527.02

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$12,500,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	11,550,303.41
Discount Collected but not Earned	1,189,294.90
Reserved for Taxes and Expenses	1,143,454.89
Circulating Notes	2,420,260.00
Acceptances by this Bank and by Correspondents for its Account [after deducting \$377,427.35 held by this Bank]	18,003,207.03
Deposits	214,373,006.79
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$261,179,527.02

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Trust Companies

The New York Trust Company

Main Office: 26 Broad St.

Liberty Office: 120 Broadway

Fifth Ave. Office: 57th St. & Fifth Ave.



CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CONDITION

At the close of business, Sept. 6, 1921

RESOURCES

Cash on Hand and in Banks	\$ 21,439,664.27
Exchanges for Clearing House	17,912,090.64
U. S. Bonds and Certificates of Indebtedness	4,179,599.55
Other Bonds and Securities	19,881,270.49
Loans and Bills Purchased	110,080,468.85
Bonds and Mortgages	3,214,651.85
Real Estate	97,320.77
Bank Fixtures and Vaults (new offices)	510,059.51
Accrued Interest and Accounts Receivable	1,081,268.83
Customers' Liability under Acceptances and Letters of Credit	12,860,613.66
	<u>\$191,257,008.42</u>

LIABILITIES

Capital	\$ 10,000,000.00
Surplus	10,000,000.00
Undivided Profits	6,907,653.81
Circulation (Liberty National Bank)	49,605.00
Reserve for Taxes, etc.	1,321,768.50
Due Federal Reserve Bank of New York	5,850,000.00
Accrued Interest and Accounts Payable	2,383,159.19
Acceptances and Letters of Credit	12,941,717.84
Deposits	141,803,104.08
	<u>\$191,257,008.42</u>

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY



*Condensed Statement of Condition on Sept. 6, 1921
as reported to the State Banking Department*

RESOURCES

Cash on Hand and in Banks	\$ 41,019,243.86
Exchanges for Clearing House	19,734,388.13
Demand Loans	60,878,207.46
Time Loans on U. S. Government Securities	13,920,247.63
Other Time Loans and Bills Discounted	97,400,286.88
U. S. Government Securities (at market value)	12,668,236.90
New York State and Municipal Bonds	13,680,857.18
(at market value)	
Other Bonds (at market value)	19,427,450.88
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank and Other Stocks (at market value)	3,015,501.46
Bonds and Mortgages	1,117,000.00
Real Estate	8,908,772.22
Accrued Interest and Accounts Receivable	3,511,704.46
Customers' Liability on Acceptances	12,299,777.00
	<u>\$307,581,674.06</u>

LIABILITIES

Capital	\$ 20,000,000.00
Surplus Fund	11,250,000.00
Undivided Profits	8,262,170.36
Unpaid Dividends	1,000.00
Deposits	235,305,279.58
Certified and Other Outstanding Checks	16,730,090.35
Accrued Interest Payable	420,052.14
Unearned Interest	410,375.59
Reserved for Taxes, Etc.	2,223,819.16
Outstanding Acceptances	12,978,886.88
	<u>\$307,581,674.06</u>

Downtown Office: Fifth Avenue Office: 57th Street Office:
16 Wall Street at 42nd Street at Madison Avenue
Paris Office: 3 & 5 Place Vendome

Trust Companies

THE EQUITABLE TRUST COMPANY

OF NEW YORK

Alvin W. Krech, President

Condition at the Close of Business, September 6, 1921

ASSETS

Cash on hand and in Banks.....	\$25,887,902.37
Exchanges for Clearing House.....	18,848,773.59
Due from Foreign Banks.....	9,385,895.74
Bonds and Mortgages.....	1,652,600.00
Public Securities.....	13,041,425.87
Short Term Investments.....	6,259,373.59
Other Stocks and Bonds.....	20,939,332.86
Demand Loans.....	35,455,438.22
Time Loans.....	23,116,298.70
Bills Discounted.....	57,958,224.52
Customers' Liability on Acceptances (Less Anticipations).....	23,726,413.50
Real Estate.....	3,406,742.56
Foreign Offices.....	30,253,050.94
Accrued Interest Receivable and Other Assets.....	2,087,883.32

\$272,019,355.78

LIABILITIES

Capital.....	\$12,000,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits.....	16,817,531.32
Deposits (Including Foreign Offices).....	201,391,413.53
Acceptances (Less in portfolio).....	26,336,578.14
Notes Payable, Secured by U. S. Government Obligations.....	7,536,000.00
Notes Payable and Rediscounts.....	31,375.00
Accrued Interest Payable, Reserve for Taxes and Other Liabilities.....	7,906,457.79

\$272,019,355.78

TRUSTEES

Charles B. Alexander, <i>A Regent of the University of the State of New York</i>	Edward T. Jeffery, <i>Director, The Denver & Rio Grande Railroad Co.</i>
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Paul D. Cravath, <i>of Messrs. Cravath, Henderson, Leffingwell & de Gersdorff, Lawyers</i>	Chas. G. Meyer, <i>The Cord Meyer Company</i>
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Thomas De Witt Cuyler, <i>Director, Pennsylvania Railroad Co.</i>	Winslow S. Pierce, <i>of Messrs. Pierce & Greer, Lawyers</i>
James C. Donnell, <i>President, Ohio Oil Company</i>	Lyman Rhoades, <i>Vice-President</i>
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Robert Goelet, <i>Director, Southern Pacific Company</i>	Averill Tilden, <i>Vice-President, Merrill Cox & Co.</i>
Charles Hayden, <i>of Messrs. Hayden, Stone & Company</i>	Henry Rogers Winthrop, <i>of Messrs. Harris, Winthrop & Co.</i>
Henry E. Huntington, <i>Capitalist</i>	Bertram G. Work, <i>President, B. F. Goodrich Rubber Co.</i>



37 Wall Street

Madison Ave. at 45th St.

London—3 King William St., E. C. 4

222 Broadway

Paris—23 Rue de la Paix

Bank Statements

One Hundred Years of Commercial Banking

THE
CHATHAM
AND
PHENIX

NATIONAL
BANK

OF THE
CITY OF NEW YORK

CONDENSED STATEMENT

AS OF THE CLOSE BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 6, 1921

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$93,579,430.87	Capital	\$7,000,000.00
United States Bonds (Market Value)	7,033,000.00	Surplus and Undivided Profits	8,682,127.94
Other Bonds (Market Value)	6,555,000.00	Unearned Discount	611,238.00
Federal Reserve Bank Stock	360,000.00	Reserve for Taxes and In- terest	487,108.10
Other Stocks (Market Value)	618,181.18	Circulation	4,495,197.50
Customers' Liability Ac- count of Acceptances	1,493,378.52	Acceptances Executed for Customers	1,593,748.89
Loans Held for Customers	5,687,000.00	(After deducting \$1,298.34 held by Bank)	
CASH AND EXCHANGES	27,693,140.74	Loans Held for Customers	5,687,000.00
		Bills Payable Federal Re- serve Bank	None
		Rediscunts with Federal Reserve Bank	None
		DEPOSITS	114,462,710.88
	\$143,019,131.31		\$143,019,131.31

Main Office, 149 Broadway, corner Liberty St.

Branches: Battery to Bronx

Broadway and Howard St.
Bowery and Grand St.
Ninth Ave. and 14th St.
Broadway and 18th St.
5th Ave. and 33d St.
57th St. and 3d Ave.

39th St. and Seventh Ave.
86th St. and Lexington Ave.
Broadway and 105th St.
Lenox Ave. and 116th St.
125th St. at Lenox Ave.
Broadway and 144th St.

TO encourage neighborhood thrift, we invite the opening of accounts in our SPECIAL DEPOSIT Department, which we conduct at each of our Branch Banks throughout the City.

Bank Statements

Constant adherence to prudent methods enables this Bank to offer generous terms to those who may be seeking new banking connections

ESTABLISHED 1784

The Bank of New York

National Banking Association

48 Wall Street

Report of Condition, September 6, 1921

RESOURCES

Loans and Investments	\$29,449,513 64
U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation	1,400,000 00
Other U. S. Bonds and Certificates of Indebtedness	2,573,382 92
Due from Banks and Bankers	4,031,820 13
Customers' Liability on Letters of Credit and Acceptances	3,114,994 48
Cash in Vault, Federal Reserve Bank and Exchanges for Clearing House	16,019,432 79
	\$56,589,143 96

LIABILITIES

Capital	\$2,000,000 00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	7,333,780 72
Reserved for Taxes and Unearned Discount	606,087 11
Circulation	1,364,750 00
Letters of Credit and Acceptances	3,833,025 36
Deposits (Including U. S. Deposits)	41,451,500 77
	\$56,589,143 96

DIRECTORS

HERBERT L. GRIGGS, President	WILLIAM J. MATHESON, New York
LOUIS F. KIESEWETTER, Vice-President	FRANK C. MUNSON,
HENRY D. COOPER, New York	President Munson Steamship Line
PHILIP T. DODGE,	WALTER WOOD PARSONS,
President Mergenthaler Linotype Co.	Vice-Pres. Atlantic Mutual Ins. Co.
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281st Consecutive Dividend will be paid on October 1, 1921

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STATEMENT—At the Close of Business on September 6, 1921.

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Real Estate.....	\$2,027,434.94	Capital.....	\$1,000,000.00
Bonds and Mortgages.....	2,912,513.24	Surplus Fund and Undivided Profits.....	2,583,330.38
Bonds and Stocks, viz.:		Deposits.....	22,774,146.67
Public Securities (Inc. U. S. Bonds \$1,351,751.20).....	2,641,156.53	Annuity Fund.....	2,025,074.76
Private Securities.....	8,945,774.22	Interest due Depositors, Taxes, &c.....	261,678.61
Loans on Collaterals.....	5,618,355.48		
Bills Receivable (Inc. U. S. Ctfs. \$444,025.94).....	3,376,225.94		
Cash in Company's Vaults.....	1,847,088.00		
Cash on Deposit.....	949,650.14		
Accrued Interest, Rents, Suspense Account, &c.....	269,054.63		
Overdrafts.....	56,977.25		
	\$28,644,230.42		\$28,644,230.42

TRUSTEES

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Bank Statements



ATLANTIC National Bank

257 Broadway—Opposite City Hall

Statement of Condition, September 6, 1921

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES	
Cash, Exchanges and Due from Federal Reserve Bank.....	\$3,896,914.95	Capital Stock.....	\$1,000,000.00
Due from Banks and Bankers.....	117,813.36	Surplus and Undivided Profits.....	1,144,355.43
U. S. Bonds and Certificates of Indebtedness.....	1,084,268.95	Discount Collected but not Earned.....	79,266.76
Loans and Discounts.....	14,459,331.44	Reserved for Taxes.....	36,743.00
Other Bonds, Securities, etc.....	1,697,961.06	Circulation.....	238,400.00
Interest Earned but not Collected.....	32,565.97	U. S. Bonds Borrowed.....	116,100.00
Customers' Liability under Letters of Credit and Acceptances.....	664,184.41	Acceptances Executed for Customers Due Federal Reserve Bank—	691,084.17
		Bills Payable and Rediscunts secured by U. S. Government Bonds.....	\$1,342,778.33
		Other Rediscunts.....	1,000,000.00
			2,342,778.33
		Deposits.....	16,304,312.45
	\$21,953,040.14		\$21,953,040.14
Commercial and Travelers' Credits issued but not drawn against.....			\$915,923.71

Phineas C. Lounsbury, Chairman
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Dividends

281st Consecutive Dividend

The Bank of New York
National Banking Association

A quarterly dividend of FIVE per cent. (5%) has been declared by the Board of Directors, payable on and after October 1, 1921, to stockholders of record of September 20, 1921.

FRED'K C. METZ, Jr., Cashier.
September 13, 1921.

THE SEABOARD NATIONAL BANK
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

New York, Sept. 15, 1921.
The Board of Directors has declared the regular quarterly dividend of three (3) per cent, payable on October 1, 1921, to stockholders of record on September 23, 1921.

C. H. MARFIELD, Cashier.

The British Bank of South America, Ltd.
LONDON

The Board of Director. hereby give notice that they have this day declared a dividend on account of FIVE PER CENT. (Ten Shillings per share) free of income tax, on £1,000,000, the paid-up capital of the Bank, payable on September 23rd, 1921.

The British Bank of South America, Ltd.
L. G. BALLY, Secretary.

By The Bank of New York, N. B. A.
Attorney in New York.
London, August 25, 1921.

UNITED DYEWOOD CORPORATION.
New York, September 8, 1921.

Preferred Capital Stock Dividend No. 20
Common Capital Stock Dividend No. 20

The following dividends on the stocks of this Corporation have been declared:

A dividend of \$1.75 per share (from a sum set aside for the payment of \$7.00 per share for the year 1921) on the Preferred stock, payable October 1, 1921, to Preferred stockholders of record at the close of business, Thursday, September 15, 1921; a dividend of \$1.50 per share on the Common stock, payable October 1, 1921, to Common stockholders of record at the close of business, Monday, September 19, 1921.

The Transfer Books will not be closed.

Checks will be mailed by the New York Trust Company of New York.

DE WITT CLINTON JONES, Treasurer.

United Shoe Machinery Corporation

The directors of this corporation have declared a dividend of 1½% on the preferred capital stock. They have also declared a dividend of 50c. per share on the common capital stock. The dividends on both preferred and common stock are payable October 5, 1921, to stockholders of record at the close of business September 20, 1921.

L. A. COOLIDGE, Treasurer.

CONSUMERS ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER CO.

New Orleans.

The regular quarterly dividend of One and three-quarters per cent (1¾%) on the Preferred stock of the Company has been declared payable September 30, 1921, to stockholders of record September 9, 1921. The transfer books for the Preferred stock will be closed at the close of business September 9, 1921, and will be reopened on October 1, 1921.

A. L. LINN, JR., Treasurer.

HUPP / MOTOR CAR CORPORATION
Preferred Dividend No. 24

Detroit, Michigan, September 10, 1921.

The Directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 1¾% on the 7% cumulative preferred stock, payable October 1, 1921, to stockholders of record September 20, 1921. Checks will be mailed.

A. VON SCHLEGELL, Treasurer.

KAUFMANN DEPARTMENT STORES, Inc.

Preferred Dividend No. 35

Pittsburgh, Pa., September 14, 1921.

The Directors have this day declared a Dividend of \$1.75 per share on the Preferred Stock, payable October 1, 1921, to all holders of record September 20, 1921.

Cheques will be mailed.
A. JACOBI, Assistant Treasurer.

Financial

THE ATLANTIC REFINING COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

Consolidated Profit and Loss Statement for
6 Months Ended June 30, 1921.

Gross Income from Operation.....	\$54,753,224 46
Less Raw Material, Operation & General Expenses (not including Depreciation & Depletion as below).....	54,709,808 14
	\$43,416 32
Add Other Income.....	325,233 18
	\$368,649 50
Deduct Interest on Funded Debt.....	338,000 00
Profit (before usual Reserves for Depreciation, Depletion, etc., & for adjustment of Inventory values).....	\$30,649 50
Deduct Depreciation & Depletion.....	\$3,350,934 05
Insurance & Other Reserves.....	309,907 98
Adjustment of Inventory at June 30, 1921.....	4,484,008 62
	8,144,850 65
Loss for the period after providing for the usual Reserves and for adjustment of Inventory values.....	\$8,114,201 15
Surplus, December 31, 1920.....	\$66,362,073 94
Adjustment of Surplus not incident to current period.....	1,632,711 48
	\$67,994,785 42
Less Dividends declared & paid.....	1,205,100 48
	66,789,684 94
Surplus, June 30, 1921.....	\$58,675,483 79

Philadelphia, September 10, 1921.

Superior Oil Corporation
OLD DOMINION TRANSPORTATION CO.

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Three Months Ending June 30, 1921.

Gross Income.....	\$411,363.37
Operating Expenses, etc.....	\$202,650.30
Depreciation of Plant & Equipment.....	146,617.78
Depletion of Producing Wells.....	188,833.91
General and Administrative Expenses.....	60,095.54
	598,197.53
Gross Operating Loss.....	\$186,834.16
Other Income.....	4,327.53
Net Loss for the Quarter.....	\$182,506.63

SUPERIOR OIL CORPORATION,
E. J. HENRY, Secretary.

Dividends

AMERICAN POWER & LIGHT COMPANY
71 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDEND NO. 48

The regular quarterly dividend of 1¾% on the Preferred Stock of the American Power & Light Company has been declared, payable October 1, 1921, to preferred stockholders of record at the close of business September 17, 1921.

THE TEXAS COMPANY
DIVIDEND NO. 74

A dividend of 3% on the par value of all of the outstanding capital stock of this Company, for which definitive stock certificates have been issued, has been declared payable September 30th, 1921, to stockholders of record September 16th, 1921.

W. W. BRUCE, Treasurer.
August 23rd, 1921.

UNIVERSAL LEAF TOBACCO CO., INC.

The regular quarterly dividend of 2% on the Preferred Stock of Universal Leaf Tobacco Company, Inc., has been declared payable Oct. 1st, 1921, to Preferred Stockholders of record at the close of business Sept. 22nd, 1921.

D. C. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

Dividends

DULUTH EDISON ELECTRIC COMPANY.
PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDEND NO. 62.

The regular quarterly dividend of 1¾% on the Preferred Stock of the Duluth Edison Electric Company has been declared, payable October 1, 1921, to holders of record of Preferred Stock at the close of business September 21, 1921.

T. C. HARTMAN, Treasurer.

CAROLINA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY.
PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDEND NO. 50.

The Board of Directors of this Company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of one and three-quarters (1¾%) per cent on the Preferred Stock of the Company, payable October 1, 1921, to stockholders of record at the close of business September 17, 1921.

WILLIAM REISER, Treasurer.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE Dictograph Products Corporation have this day declared a quarterly dividend of 2% on the outstanding preferred stock of this company, payable Oct. 15, 1921, to the stockholders of record Sept. 30, 1921. Stock books will remain open.

Dictograph Products Corporation,
(Signed) H. DELANOIE,
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Financial

Dividends

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Puget Sound Power & Light Co.

Preferred Dividend No. 31

A \$1.50 quarterly dividend is payable OCT. 15, to Stockholders of record OCT. 1, 1921.

Stone & Webster, Inc., General Manager.

AMERICAN GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY.
PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDEND.

New York, September 12, 1921.
The regular quarterly dividend of one and one-half per cent (1½%) on the issued and outstanding Preferred capital stock of American Gas & Electric Company has been declared for the quarter ending October 31, 1921, payable November 1, 1921, to stockholders of record on the books of the Company at the close of business October 15, 1921.

AMERICAN GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY.
COMMON STOCK DIVIDEND.

New York, September 12, 1921.
A regular quarterly dividend of two and one-half per cent (2½%) on the issued and outstanding Common capital stock of American Gas & Electric Company has been declared for the quarter ending September 30, 1921, payable October 1, 1921, to stockholders of record on the books of the Company at the close of business September 17, 1921.

UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

DIVIDEND NO. 89.

A quarterly dividend of two per cent (two dollars per share) on the capital stock of this Company has been declared, payable on October 15, 1921, to stockholders of record at the close of business September 20, 1921.

THE UNITED GAS IMPROVEMENT CO.,
N. W. Corner Broad and Arch Streets.
Philadelphia, Sept. 14, 1921.

The Directors have this day declared a quarterly dividend of one per cent (50c. per share) on the Common Stock of this Company, payable Oct. 15, 1921, to holders of Common Stock of record at the close of business Sept. 30, 1921. Checks will be mailed.

Yackin River Power Company

Preferred Stock Dividend No. 22

The Board of Directors of this Company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of one and three-fourths (1¾%) per cent on the Preferred Stock of the Company, payable October 1, 1921, to stockholders of record at the close of business September 17, 1921.

Asheville Power & Light Company

Preferred Stock Dividend No. 38

The Board of Directors of this Company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of one and three-fourths (1¾%) per cent on the Preferred Stock of the Company, payable October 1, 1921, to stockholders of record at the close of business September 17, 1921.

CITY INVESTING COMPANY

61 Broadway

New York, September 15, 1921.
The Board of Directors has declared a quarterly dividend of one and three-quarters per cent, upon the preferred stock of this company, payable at its office on October 1st, 1921, to holders of preferred stock of record on the books of the Company at the close of business on September 26th, 1921.

LEHIGH VALLEY COAL SALES CO.

New York, September 9, 1921.
The Board of Directors of the Lehigh Valley Coal Sales Company have this day declared a Dividend of Two Dollars per share payable October 1, 1921, to those stockholders of the Company who are holders of full share certificates of stock, registered on the Company's books at the close of business September 15, 1921. Checks will be mailed.

BARNET LEATHER CO., INC.

81 Fulton Street, New York City.
Sept. 12, 1921.
A quarterly dividend of one and three-quarters (1¾%) per cent has been declared upon the preferred stock of the Barnet Leather Co., Inc., payable October 1st, 1921, to stockholders of record at the close of business September 23, 1921. Checks will be mailed.

PHILIP MORRIS & CO., LTD.,
INCORPORATED.

September 9th, 1921.
The Board of Directors of Philip Morris & Co., Ltd., Incorporated, have declared a dividend of two per cent (2%) on each share (par value \$10) on the outstanding capital stock of the Corporation, payable on October 1, 1921, to the stockholders of record at the close of business on September 19, 1921. Checks will be mailed.

INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY

A quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per share upon the 941,164 shares of common stock, payable October 15, 1921, has been declared to stockholders of record at the close of business September 24, 1921.

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Notices

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, CONSOLIDATED TEXTILE CORPORATION, has elected to redeem all of its Three Year 7% Sinking Fund Convertible Debenture Notes, dated April 1 1920, and will on October 1, 1921, at the office of Mercantile Trust Company, No. 115 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, City and State of New York, pay and redeem all of such notes then outstanding at 102 1/2% of the face value thereof and the accrued interest then due, upon the surrender of such notes with all interest coupons thereto appertaining maturing on and after said date. All such notes are hereby required to be then and there presented for payment and redemption. From and after such redemption date, to-wit, October 1, 1921, interest on all of such notes shall cease to accrue. The right to convert said notes into the common stock of the Company will continue up to September 21, 1921, but thereafter shall cease and determine, as provided in the Trust Indenture under which the notes are issued. New York, August 29, 1921.
CONSOLIDATED TEXTILE CORPORATION,
By F. K. RUPPRECHT, President,
HENRY B. STIMSON, Secretary.

Dillon, Read & Co. Interim Receipts

FOR
Detroit United Railway

First Mortgage Collateral 8% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds

may be exchanged on and after Monday, September 19th, for definitive bonds upon surrender of the receipts at the office of

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

Dillon, Read & Co.

Dillon, Read & Co. Interim Receipts

FOR
The Hanna Furnace Company
First Mortgage 8% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds

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

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

Dillon, Read & Co.

Financial

\$1,500,000

Orpheum Circuit Inc.**7½% Convertible Sinking Fund Gold Notes**

Dated September 1, 1921. Due September 1, 1926. Optional on 45 days' notice on any interest date at 103 and accrued interest. Principal and interest payable in Chicago or New York. Interest payable March 1 and September 1, without deduction for normal Federal Income Tax not in excess of 2%. Authorized \$2,000,000. To be presently issued \$1,500,000.

Coupon Notes in interchangeable denominations of \$1,000, \$500 and \$100

Convertible par for par at option of holder into 8% Cumulative Preferred Stock of the Company, such Preferred Stock in turn being convertible into Common Stock on the basis of 2 shares of Common for each share of Preferred. Both Preferred and Common Stocks listed on New York, Chicago and Boston Exchanges.

CENTRAL TRUST COMPANY OF ILLINOIS, CHICAGO, TRUSTEE

From the letter of Mr. Martin Beck, President of the Company, we summarize as follows:

The Company controls through the ownership of practically the entire capital stock of its subsidiaries, 46 of the best known theatres devoted to the showing of high class vaudeville, located in 36 of the principal cities in the territory extending from Chicago to the Pacific Coast and from New Orleans to Winnipeg.

The consolidated balance sheet of the Company and subsidiaries, as of July 1, 1921, shows fixed assets, including land, leaseholds, buildings and equipment of \$28,207,315.88, against which are outstanding \$5,528,000 of bonds of subsidiary companies, indicating an equity in fixed assets alone of \$22,679,315. The present note issue is the only funded obligation of the parent Company and, as shown in such balance sheet together with current liabilities of \$563,754, constitutes its total indebtedness.

The Notes are followed by \$6,765,000 par value of Preferred and 549,170 shares of Common Capital Stock, both Preferred and Common stocks being listed on the New York, Chicago and Boston Stock Exchanges, with a combined market value of substantially \$18,000,000, or 12 times the par value of Notes outstanding.

Net earnings for 1920, after depreciation, but before Federal Taxes, are stated as \$3,391,958, or in excess of 30 times interest requirement upon Notes outstanding. For the half year ended June 30 1921—the first six months being normally far less profitable in the Company's business than the latter part of the year—such net earnings after a depreciation and amortization charge of \$446,153, but before allowance for Federal Taxes, are stated as \$784,550, or in excess of 13 times the half yearly interest requirement upon the present issue. For the year 1919 earnings of the subsidiaries forming the present Company, before taxes, depreciation and bond interest, are stated as \$3,191,949.

The Trust Indenture provides for a semi-annual sinking fund of \$100,000 beginning July 1 1922, to be used for the purchase or redemption of bonds at not to exceed 103 and accrued interest. Such sinking fund is sufficient to retire substantially 50% of the entire authorized issue before maturity.

All legal details passed on by Messrs. Pam & Hurd of Chicago. Audit by Messrs. Arthur Young & Company. Offered when, as and if issued and received and subject to approval of counsel. It is expected bonds or receipts will be ready for delivery on or about September 27, 1921.

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\$1,500,000
THE AUTOCAR COMPANY
6% SERIAL GOLD NOTES

Dated September 1, 1921. Due, in Series of \$250,000, December 1, 1921, and Quarterly Thereafter

Coupon Notes in the denomination of \$1,000. Callable as a whole, or by series, on thirty days' notice, at 101½ and interest. Interest payable December 1st, 1921, and quarterly thereafter without deduction of normal Federal Income Tax up to 2%

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Girard Trust Company, Trustee

We summarize as follows from a letter of David S. Ludlum, Esq., President of the Company:

The Company was incorporated in Pennsylvania in 1899, and is engaged, at Ardmore, Pa., in the manufacture and sale of commercial automobile trucks of 1½ to 5 tons capacity.

Over 90% of the Company's output is sold direct to customers through its Branch Sales and Service Stations, which are located in thirty-one cities.

Over 25,000 Autocar trucks are in use by more than 8,000 owners.

The Company's balance sheet as of June 30, 1921, shows quick assets of \$6,012,826.28, against current liabilities of \$3,338,847.23. As the proceeds of these notes will be used to reduce present current liabilities, this issue will not materially increase the debt of the Company.

Inventory at Factory and sundries at Branches are carried at cost or at market prices, whichever is the lower. Cars and parts at Branches are carried at the same valuations as at Factory plus freight.

The Company has reduced liabilities \$916,325.16 during the first six months of 1921 and plans to pay these notes as they mature through the liquidation of present inventories at Factory and Branches.

The Indenture securing these notes will provide that

The Company shall maintain quick assets equal to not less than 150% of the amount of its current liabilities, including the principal amount of these notes outstanding, and any First Mortgage Bonds maturing within six months.

Cash, notes and accounts receivable shall equal not less than 50% of the face amount of these notes outstanding.

No mortgage shall be placed on any of the present property of the Company or its subsidiaries, excepting an improvement mortgage on the property at Newark.

The annual net factory sales have grown steadily from \$1,017,052 in 1909 to \$11,266,690 in 1920; sales for the first six months of 1921 were \$4,486,038.

Annual net earnings for the past three calendar years have averaged over \$896,000 after allowance for depreciation, but before interest and Federal Taxes. Owing to the general readjustment in values, operations for the first six months of 1921 show a small loss. Since April, 1921, however, the Company has been making an operating profit. The management anticipates that earnings for the year as a whole will be reasonably satisfactory.

The Company's capital stock is \$5,061,800. Cash dividends of not less than 10% upon the amount of stock then outstanding have been paid during each of the last five years, in addition to stock dividends. 3% in cash has been paid for the first six months of 1921.

The books of the Company have been regularly audited by Messrs. Lybrand, Ross, Bros. & Montgomery. Legalities in connection with this issue of Notes are subject to the approval of Messrs. Henry, Pepper, Bodine & Stokes and J. Howard Reber, Esq., Counsel for the Company, and of Messrs. Roberts, Montgomery & McKeehan, Counsel for the Bankers.

SUBJECT TO PRIOR SALE WE OFFER THE ABOVE NOTES MATURING AS FOLLOWS:

December 1, 1921, to yield -----7¾%	September 1, 1922, to yield -----8¼%
March 1, 1922, to yield -----8 %	December 1, 1922, to yield -----8¾%
June 1, 1922, to yield -----8 %	March 1, 1923, to yield -----8½%

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Financial

NEW ISSUE

\$2,000,000

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(ILLINOIS AND IOWA)

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Dated November 1, 1921

Issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act

Due November 1, 1951

Redeemable at the option of the obligor at par and accrued interest on November 1, 1931, or on any interest date thereafter. Coupon bonds of \$1,000 denomination, fully registerable and interchangeable. Principal and semi-annual interest, May 1 and November 1, payable at the bank of issue or at the Continental & Commercial Bank in Chicago, or at the Equitable Trust Company in New York City, at the holder's option

The following salient facts are summarized from President Guy Huston's letter and the Federal Farm Loan Act.

SECURITY—These bonds are direct obligations of the First Joint Stock Land Bank of Chicago and secured by deposit with the Registrar of the Farm Loan Bureau of the United States Treasury Department, of United States Government bonds or first mortgages upon improved farms, not exceeding 50% of appraised value of farm lands and 20% of the appraised permanent insured improvements thereon, in the states of Illinois and Iowa, admittedly the finest agricultural section in the country.

All of the mortgages have been approved by the Federal Farm Loan Board based upon the appraisals of their own agents operating in their respective territories. In addition to government inspection of the properties, the bank has had independent appraisals made by their own experts.

All bonds of the Bank are protected not only by an equity represented by at least 100% of additional land value, but also by the paid-in capital stock of the bank carrying double liability, and the accumulated surplus and reserves:

The Bank's statement of Aug. 31, 1921, shows a paid-in capital stock of \$1,200,000 and surplus and reserves of \$120,145.73.

TAX EXEMPT FEATURES—We quote hereunder from the actual bonds certified to by the Registrar of the Federal Farm Bureau of the United States Treasury Department as follows: "This bond is issued under authority of the act of Congress approved July 17, 1916, which provides that—Farm Loan Bonds issued under provisions of this act * * * and the income derived therefrom, shall be exempt from Federal, State, Municipal and Local Taxation."

We quote from the decision rendered by the United States Supreme Court February 28th, 1921, as follows: "These banks are constitutionally organized and the securities here involved are legally exempt from taxation."

GOVERNMENT SUPERVISION AND OPERATION—This Bank was chartered under the provisions of the "Federal Farm Loan Act." Under this act, the Federal Farm Loan Board exercises supervisory powers over the bank, similar to the Federal Reserve Board over the Federal Reserve Banks.

The Federal Farm Loan Board of which the Secretary of the Treasury is Ex-Officio Chairman, must approve all loans and they shall appoint land bank examiners who shall examine and report the condition of every Federal Land Bank and Joint Stock Land Bank at least twice each year.

In addition thereto the board is furnished with a complete record of bonds issued and mortgages deposited and also monthly detailed statements of all payments of principal and interest.

Although the operations of the Bank are thus rigidly restricted and supervised by the Government, it is under private ownership and management.

Its officers and directors have had many years successful experience in similar operations in the same states. (Illinois and Iowa) and the Bank has paid regular dividends at the rate of 8%.

By Act of Congress these bonds, prepared and engraved by the Treasury Department, are declared instrumentalities of the United States Government, legal investments for all fiduciary and trust funds under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government, and acceptable at par as security for Postal Savings and all other deposits of Government funds.

Price 101 and interest, to yield about 5¾% to 1931 and 5½% thereafter

Discount will be allowed at the rate of 5½% per annum on the principal sum of the bonds from the date of payment to November 1, 1921, from which latter date interest will accrue on the bonds. Interim certificates ready for immediate delivery.

KISSEL, KINNICUTT & CO.14 WALL STREET
NEW YORKTHE ROOKERY
CHICAGO

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Financial

NEW ISSUE

New Issue

\$5,000,000

JENCKES SPINNING COMPANY

Fifteen Year 8% Sinking Fund Gold Debenture Bonds

Dated September 1, 1921

Due September 1, 1936

Interest payable March 1st and September 1st at offices of Lee, Higginson & Co. in New York, Boston or Chicago, without deduction for Normal Federal Income Tax up to 2%. Callable on any interest date as a whole, or in part in blocks of not less than \$500,000; or for Sinking Fund; at 110 during first 3 years, 107 1/2 during next 2 years, 105 during 6th year and thereafter decreasing 1/4% in each year to 100 1/2 the last year.

Capitalization

(Upon completion of present financing)

Fifteen Year 8% Sinking Fund Gold Debenture Bonds (this issue)	\$5,000,000
Preferred Stock 7% Cumulative	4,094,100
Common Stock	3,600,000

From a letter of Mr. F. L. Jenckes, Treasurer, he summarizes as follows:

BUSINESS: The Jenckes Spinning Company, incorporated in Rhode Island in 1883, an out-growth of a business originated nearly 70 years ago, manufactures fabrics of a superior quality for both cord and fabric tires. Its customers include all the leading tire manufacturers of the country. It is one of the largest concerns of its kind in the world, having 317,000 ring spindles with complete equipment of complementary machinery and looms. Sales averaged \$23,730,000 per year during last five years.

ASSETS: Total Net Assets (after deducting all indebtedness other than these Bonds) are \$19,454,643, or over 3 3/4 times these Bonds. Total Assets are \$22,728,368 or nearly 2 3/4 times the total indebtedness of \$8,273,725, including these Bonds. Current Assets alone, \$9,697,272, materially exceed this total indebtedness.

These assets include no good will, patents or other intangibles. Plant is carried at approximately \$3,000,000 below appraisal, and inventories and purchase commitments are at or under present market levels.

PROFITS: Net Profits last 5 fiscal years ending June 30, 1921 (before Federal Taxes but after interest and all inventory adjustments), averaged \$2,081,346 per year or over 5 times annual interest requirements on these Bonds. Net Profits after Federal Taxes averaged \$1,589,248 or nearly 4 times these interest charges.

Stability indicated by fact that in the year of depression ending June 30, 1921, the available net profits were more than 3 times these interest charges. Profits since June 30 have been at a higher rate and for the year ending June 30, 1922, are expected at least to equal the 5-year average.

SECURITY: The Company has no funded debt other than these Bonds and has ample working capital for its normal requirements. (The Company expects to pay off all bank loans out of current operations before December 31, 1921). The Trust Agreement provides, that without the consent of holders of two-thirds of these Bonds, no mortgage may be placed upon any of the real estate or plants and also contains strong provisions regarding the maintenance of assets, etc.

SINKING FUND: Sinking Fund sufficient to retire before maturity 75% of entire issue.

STABILITY OF THIS INDUSTRY: There are now about 9,000,000 automobiles in the United States which require annually, for replacement alone, about 27,000,000 tires. It is believed that automobile tire fabric has a more steady consumption by the general public than any other principal line of cotton goods.

We recommend these Bonds for Investment

PRICE 99 AND INTEREST, TO YIELD OVER 8.10%

LEE, HIGGINSON & CO.

HARRIS, FORBES & CO.

The above statements while not guaranteed, are based upon information which we believe to be accurate and reliable

Financial

New Issue

\$2,500,000

Appalachian Power Company**Fifteen-Year 7% Secured Gold Bonds****Non-Callable**

Dated August 1, 1921

Due August 1, 1936

The Company will agree to pay interest without deduction for any Federal Income Tax not in excess of 2%, which it may lawfully pay at the source, and will also refund Pennsylvania Four Mills Tax upon application.

Summarized from a letter signed by Mr. C. N. Mason, Vice-President of the Company:

Business The Company owns and operates modern hydro-electric and steam-power stations serving seventeen cities and towns in Virginia and West Virginia with electric light and power. Power is also supplied to public utilities, manufacturing interests and mines in Virginia and West Virginia, including the famous Pocahontas coal fields.

Security These Bonds will be secured by \$6,000,000 (closed issue) General Mortgage Bonds, due August 1, 1936. These General Mortgage Bonds will be a direct mortgage on the entire property of the Company, subject only to the First Mortgage Bonds. The cost value of the physical property is largely in excess of the total funded debt of the Company outstanding in the hands of the public, including these Bonds.

Earnings

For the 12 months ended July 31:			
	1919	1920	1921
Gross Earnings.....	\$1,435,725	\$1,911,219	\$2,502,116
Operating Expenses, including			
Maintenance and Taxes.....	683,861	1,092,406	1,408,549
Net Earnings.....	\$751,864	\$818,813	\$1,093,567
Annual Interest Charges on \$9,174,000 First Mortgage			
5% Bonds.....			458,700
Balance.....			\$634,867
Annual Interest on \$2,500,000 15-Year 7% Secured Gold			
Bonds (this issue).....			175,000

Franchises All franchises afford satisfactory working conditions and are free from any objectionable features. All of the Company's transmission lines are on right-of-way owned by the Company or in which it has a perpetual easement.

Purpose

of Issue To retire an equal amount of Ten-Year 7% Bond Secured Gold Notes.

All legal matters in connection with the issuance of these Bonds will be passed upon by Messrs. Murray, Prentice & Aldrich of New York, for the Bankers, and Messrs. Curtis, Mallet-Provost & Colt of New York, for the Company. The accounts of the Company are audited annually by Messrs. Niles & Niles, Certified Public Accountants.

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

Price 90 and accrued interest, to yield about 8.15%

Interim Certificates of The New York Trust Company will be issued, exchangeable for Definitive Bonds when, as and if received from the Company.

Bonbright & Company, Inc.
Paine, Webber & Company

W. C. Langley & Co.
Montgomery & Co., Inc.

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Financial

\$25,000,000**Canadian National Railways****Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada****15-Year 6% (Non Callable) Sinking Fund Gold Debenture Bonds*****The Dominion of Canada Guarantees
Principal and Interest by Endorsement*****The Bonds are not callable as a whole or in part**

Dated September 1, 1921

Due September 1, 1936

Principal and interest payable in gold in New York City at the Agency of the Bank of Montreal**Interest payable March 1 and September 1. Bonds in coupon form of \$1,000
with provision for registration of principal. Total authorized issue \$25,000,000****CENTRAL UNION TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK, TRUSTEE****Canadian counsel advise us that these guaranteed bonds
are secured by the full credit and taxing power of the
Dominion of Canada equally with its direct obligations**

A sinking fund of \$500,000 per annum, accruing from September 1, 1921, is to be available in equal semi-annual amounts for the purchase of bonds in the market at not exceeding par and interest. If bonds are not so obtainable any unexpended balance reverts to the Railway Company.

These bonds are the direct obligation of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, which is controlled by the Government of the Dominion of Canada and forms part of the Canadian National Railways System of over 22,000 miles extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean and reaching every important traffic center in Canada.

Price 95 $\frac{1}{4}$ and Interest. To yield 6.50%

We offer the above bonds for delivery when, as and if issued and received by us, subject to the approval of legal proceedings by counsel. It is expected that Dillon, Read & Co. interim receipts will be ready for delivery on or about September 27.

Dillon, Read & Co.**The National City Company****Guaranty Company of New York****Blair & Co., Inc.****Lee, Higginson & Co.****Bankers Trust Company****Continental and Commercial****First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago****Trust & Savings Bank**

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**Orders have been received in excess of the amount of bonds offered.
This advertisement appears as a matter of Record.**

“Old Bullion”
still building
for the future

The Chemical National Bank announces the expansion of its banking facilities to include the entire 13-story building corner of Chambers and Broadway, adjacent to its present home.

With increased space and increased facilities, “Old Bullion” — as the Chemical is called — is better prepared than ever to perform every function of a bank.

Sound and dependable in the old days—

Sound and dependable now.

Seeking New Business On Our Record

THE
CHEMICAL
NATIONAL
BANK
OF NEW YORK

Founded 1824

BROADWAY AND CHAMBERS, FACING CITY HALL

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

After last week's conspicuous improvement on the Stock Exchange, the speculative tone the present week has been less confident, and there has been some recession in prices. This is unfortunate, because business circles at the moment are taking their cue from the course of Stock Exchange speculation, which it is known generally discounts the future, so that a sustained advance in values is taken as foreshadowing a betterment of the trade situation, and as the existing depression in trade has a psychological element in it, like every other state of trade, favorable or unfavorable, anything that tends to depress spirits anew merely serves to delay ultimate recovery. Steady progress, nevertheless, is being made towards a return to the normal, a departure from which has been the source of the ills under which the country is laboring, and the developments of the week have, with one exception, all been reassuring.

In the first place, U. S. Government bonds are slowly but surely appreciating in value, and that in itself is a favorable factor of no mean importance. Taking as an example the Fourth Liberty Loan $4\frac{1}{4}$ s, these closed yesterday on the Stock Exchange at 89.14, as against 88.08 on Friday of last week, and comparing with 85.34 in January. In the second place, the outlook for our agricultural population has wonderfully brightened, because of the great advance in the price of cotton and the substantial rise in wheat, even though a portion of the gain in values established last week has in both instances been lost the present week. In the third place, our banking interests are grappling in a bold and heroic way with the losses in the foreign trade which have been incurred by reason of the great slump in commodity prices and the coincident depreciation in the value of foreign currencies. Either one of these adverse happenings in the foreign trade would have involved great hardship in ordinary circumstances, and the two combined have presented a situation in which the burden has become necessarily very onerous. How the situation is being met was shown last month when those interested in the Mercantile Bank of the Americas subscribed for \$15,000,000 new stock, and is again seen in the action yesterday of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York in setting up extraordinary reserves of approximately \$15,250,000 (in addition to having previously charged off all realized losses) to cover any possible contingencies of an adverse nature in the future. Not only that, but the Trust Company has also reduced its dividends from a basis of 20% per annum to 12% per annum, though current earnings to Sept. 30 will be equal to the full dividend requirements at the old rate.

The one unpropitious element in the situation is the dabbling with tax matters at Washington. The tax revision bill as it passed the House before the taking of the Congressional recess was very unsatisfactory, but our people were inclined to rely upon the Senate to put the measure in proper shape, so as to afford the relief so urgently needed from the burdensome income taxes. Instead of that the Senate is putting the bill in even worse shape. The Committee in charge of the bill has this week accepted the action of the House in deferring the repeal of the excess profits taxes until the coming year, instead of making the repeal apply to the

current year, and it has gone the House one better in increasing the normal tax on corporations still further. The House raised the rate from 10% to $12\frac{1}{2}$ %, and the Senate proposes now to advance the rate to 15%. In this State that would be in addition to the $4\frac{1}{2}$ % income tax levied by the State, making $19\frac{1}{2}$ % altogether to be collected in income taxes, not to say anything about the other taxes that have to be paid. The move comes at a time when the Custom House reports that in the payment this week of the third instalment of the 1920 taxes "a large number of defaults occurred." It seems necessary, therefore, to warn our legislators at Washington again that until income taxes are substantially reduced all hope of any enduring revival in trade, with the reemployment of millions of idle men, will have to be abandoned.

The latest statement of the foreign trade of the United States—that for August 1921, made public on Monday of the current week—indicates that as measured by aggregate values, the outflow of merchandise for the month was somewhat heavier than in July and, in fact, in excess of any earlier monthly period since March, but with those exceptions and July 1917, the smallest in five and one-half years, and generally by a decidedly large amount. Imports, too, ran ahead of July, but showed an even more radical decline from a year ago than the exports. Consequently, the month's export balance is much heavier this year than last. For the calendar year to date both the inward and outward aggregates are not only considerably under the high-water mark of 1920, but the lowest since 1916 in the imports, and since 1915 in the exports. Furthermore, with the shrinkage greatest in the imports, as compared with a year ago, the export balance in the merchandise movement for the eight months is somewhat heavier than then shown, though very noticeably less than the high record total set in 1919.

With the export totals showing such a well-defined decline from a year ago, interest naturally attaches to the extent to which the falling off may be ascribed to the lower prices now prevailing. Unfortunately, no exact data covering the current month are available, except for one commodity—cotton. In that case we note that the difference in price this year and last is sufficient to account for a difference of some 65 million dollars. In other words, except for the lower prices obtained, the value of the cotton exports would have been 65 million dollars more than actually shown. But while we are without August data for other commodities, which will not be available for several weeks yet, the July prices will serve to indicate in an approximate way the extent to which lower prices account for the smaller exports of 1921. Comparing July 1921 with 1920, we find the drop in the export prices of the general run of breadstuffs to have been about 50%; copper, 30%; cotton goods, 60 to 75%; iron and steel and manufactures, 20 to 50%, excepting structural steel, which averaged higher this year; leather, 20 to 50%; naval stores, close to 70%; refined oils, 20 to 30%; tobacco 10 to 35%; sugar, 50%, and lumber, etc., 30 to 50%. With such a shrinkage in prices, and starting with a loss of 65 million dollars in cotton, it is easy to account for this year's decline of 203 million dollars.

The total of exports from the country for August, at \$375,000,000, compares with \$578,182,691 in 1920 and \$646,054,425 in 1919, while for the two elapsed months of the current fiscal year an aggregate of 595 $\frac{3}{4}$ millions is disclosed, or 533 $\frac{1}{2}$ million dollars below 1920. For the eight months of the calendar year, moreover, the shipments of merchandise, as expressed in value, were only \$3,230,087,224, against a high record total in the preceding year of \$5,475,303,593, and a moderately smaller amount in 1919. In the August imports the contrast is between \$194,000,000 in 1921 and \$513,111,488 in 1920. For the two months of the current fiscal year the total of the imports is not much more than one-third that of 1920—372 $\frac{1}{2}$ millions, comparing with 1,050 millions—while the aggregate for the eight months since January 1, at \$1,693,204,266, compares with \$3,994,728,933. The net result of our foreign trade in August is an export balance of \$181,000,000, this comparing with \$65,071,203 in 1920 and \$338,761,347 in 1919, while for the eight months the favorable balance is, with the exception of last year, the smallest since 1915, a total of \$1,536,882,958 comparing with \$1,480,574,660 last year and \$3,010,613,251 two years ago.

The movement of gold in August 1921 was decidedly in favor of the United States. The imports, stated at \$86,238,920, came in largest part from Europe, France contributing 35 millions, Great Britain 17 millions, Sweden 12 millions, and Holland, Germany, etc., 10 millions, besides which 6 millions came from the Far East, mainly from British India, and smaller sums from Canada, South America, Mexico and the West Indies. Exports, on the other hand, were extremely meagre in amount—only \$671,652—so that the net influx was \$85,567,268, swelling to \$491,252,386 the net addition to our stock for the eight months ended August 31 1921. For the same period last year the shipments exceeded the inflow by \$82,456,096, and in 1919 by a somewhat greater aggregate—\$142,089,040.

The operations of the Pittman Act have served for over a year past to hold down the exports of silver and in several months recently the inflow has exceeded the efflux. This was particularly true of August, when we sent out but \$3,743,133 of the white metal and received \$7,852,849, giving us \$9,920,702 as the import balance for the period since January 1. In 1920 there was an export balance for the eight months of \$25,109,492 and in 1919 it reached \$107,731,760.

The solvency situation in the United States as the year advances shows no real tendency toward improvement, either as regards the number of defaults reported from month to month, or the volume of the resulting liabilities. It is true that some of the recent statements have been less unfavorable than those of several earlier months of 1921, but by comparison with former years they make a very poor exhibit. The compilation for August 1921 not only discloses a moderate increase in the number of commercial failures over the preceding month, but the number is the heaviest on record for the particular period covered. Moreover, due to a comparatively large number of defaults for heavy amounts, the volume of indebtedness showed a marked augmentation over a year ago, and exceeds any preceding August except 1914. Furthermore, as indicating that stress was severest in lines most closely ap-

proaching the ultimate consumer, the exhibit is especially unfavorable in the trading division, with general stores, grocers, butchers, etc., clothing and dry goods dealers the greatest sufferers. Of the large failures of the month the manufacturing division contributed the biggest number (36) and they make up approximately 70% of the liabilities of the group. On the other hand, heavy defaults accounted for less than one-third of the debts in the trading group. But among agents, brokers, etc., over 90% of the indebtedness was furnished by those failing for \$100,000 or over.

The number of mercantile disasters for August is stated by Messrs. R. G. Dun & Co. as 1,562, with the liabilities \$42,904,409, against 673 for \$28,372,895 last year, 468 for \$5,932,393 two years ago, 720 for \$7,984,760 in 1918, and 1,149 for \$18,085,287 in 1917. Segregating the insolvents into classes, we find the least satisfactory exhibit, as already indicated, in the trading division, the aggregate volume of debts at \$20,474,508 being more than two and one-half times that of the period in 1920, and almost ten times the total of 1919. In the manufacturing group, too, the showing is unfavorable by comparison with recent previous years, a total of \$16,479,817 contrasting with \$14,502,294 last year, and only \$2,077,093 in 1919, with every one of the fifteen lines, except machinery and tools (in which stress was particularly in evidence a year ago) sharing in the poorer showing. Agents, brokers, etc., defaults were much more numerous than a year ago, but at \$5,950,084 covered a moderately smaller aggregate of indebtedness.

For the eight months of 1921 the exhibit, differing in no essential particular from the returns immediately preceding calls for no extended comment. Suffice it to say that only in 1916 and 1915 was the number of commercial casualties for the period greater than that now reported, and the current aggregate of liabilities stands as the heaviest on record by a distinct margin. The insolvencies total 12,041, against 4,706 last year, 4,383 in 1919, and 7,395 in 1918, with the indebtedness respectively \$396,350,166 and \$137,023,183 and \$80,150,289 and \$105,567,894. Manufacturing defaults involved \$140,819,068, against \$51,505,138 and \$38,531,841 and \$42,832,847 the three years immediately preceding; trading indebtedness reached \$156,174,869, against \$38,414,508 and \$24,763,530 and \$39,741,457, and liabilities of brokers, etc., also make a very poor showing, with the comparison between \$99,356,229 and \$47,113,537 this year and last.

Apparently no time has been lost by either side in the consideration of the Irish situation. The result is that an empassé has now been reached, which it seems unlikely can be overcome. A meeting of the Dail Eireann Cabinet was held at the Mansion House in Dublin a week ago yesterday afternoon. The latest reply of the British Cabinet was discussed. In a special dispatch from that centre to the New York "Times" it was stated that "it was felt that so great was the responsibility now thrown on Eamonn de Valera and his colleagues in deciding the fate of Ireland that the opinion of the entire parliamentary body should be taken before its decision was made." Accordingly it was "decided to summon a full meeting of the Dail Eireann for Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the Mansion House." It was added that "the session will be secret." In advices

received in London from Dublin the opinion continued to be expressed that "Premier Lloyd George's invitation to a conference will be accepted." Another session of the Sinn Fein Cabinet was held a week ago to-night, and continued until a late hour. It was expected then that "R. C. Barton, the Sinn Fein envoy, will leave here for Inverness to-morrow night, certainly before Wednesday's meeting of the Dail Eireann." As early as a week ago to-day the "Westminster Gazette" published a dispatch from its Dublin correspondent, in which he said that "it can now be stated with authority that representatives from the Dail Eireann will meet the British representatives in a conference at Inverness on Sept. 20. As a matter of fact, the Dail representatives already have been decided upon. They include Arthur Griffith, John MacNeill and Robert C. Barton. It is not expected that Eamonn de Valera will attend the conference, but he and others will be immediately available for consultation by the Irish representatives."

The positive statement was made in Dublin advices late Monday evening and again Tuesday morning that "Eamonn de Valera has sent his reply to Lloyd George's note." One correspondent said that "although the nature of the reply has not been disclosed, opinion is growing that the Dail Eireann Cabinet decided to accept the invitation to the proposed conference at Inverness on Sept. 20." It developed later in the week that acceptance was coupled with conditions that made it necessary for Mr. Lloyd George to call off the conference.

On Tuesday, it is reported, there was "a conference between Joseph McGrath and Harry Boland, Dail Eireann representatives, and Premier Lloyd George, at Gairloch, Scotland." According to an official communique after it was over, they "discussed some points in reference to the conference suggested in the British Government's last communication. They returned to Dublin with Mr. Lloyd George's views for further consideration." The meeting took place between 5 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon. The New York "Times" correspondent cabled that "from the grave demeanor of the Irish envoys when they left, onlookers inferred that the situation had again taken a serious turn." There were rumors in London that a "hitch" had occurred in the negotiations. At a session of the Dail Eireann in Dublin on Wednesday, "the appointment of plenipotentiaries to the proposed conference at Inverness with British representatives to discuss the settlement of the Irish question was approved." It was stated also in a Dublin cablegram that "the Dail Eireann unanimously approved the reply to the recent proposals of Mr. Lloyd George." The following are the five plenipotentiaries selected: "Arthur Griffith, founder of the Sinn Fein and Foreign Minister of the Dail, Cabinet Chairman; Michael Collins, Finance Minister; Robert C. Barton, who has been one of the leading figures in the preliminary negotiations; Eamonn J. Duggan, Sinn Fein member of Parliament and a leading figure in the arrangement of the Irish truce; George Gavan Duffy, who has acted as representative of the Sinn Fein abroad." It was claimed that these men "were not appointed to go to Inverness in response to the Prime Minister's invitation, but have been chosen to carry on possible negotiations which may or may not follow the receipt by Mr. Lloyd George of the Dail Cabi-

net's reply." It was added that "the appointment of the plenipotentiaries is considered in political quarters as a move towards throwing responsibility for any breach in the negotiations on the Prime Minister."

The reply of Eamonn de Valera to the British Cabinet was made public in Dublin on Thursday, and it became known that the Sinn Fein leader had accepted the invitation to the proposed Inverness conference, but that the Sinn Fein delegates could negotiate only as representatives of a "sovereign State." The following paragraphs from the Irish reply are significant: "We hope that these representatives [the Sinn Fein negotiators] will find it possible to be at Inverness on the date you suggest, Sept. 20. Our nation has formally declared its independence and recognizes itself as a sovereign State. It is only as the representatives of that State and as its chosen guardians that we have authority or powers to act on behalf of our people. In this final note we deem it our duty to reaffirm that our position is, and can only be, as we have defined it through this correspondence. The principle of government by consent of the governed must be the basis of any agreement which will achieve a final reconciliation." The British Premier came back with a prompt reply, in which he called off the proposed conference at Inverness, Sept. 20. In outlining his position, Mr. Lloyd George referred to "the great concessions made by his Majesty's Government to secure a lasting settlement," and asserted that "so far every advance has been made by us. On your part you have not come to meet us by a single step." Attention was called to the fact that he did not "close the door" to future negotiations, telling De Valera that "he must consult his Cabinet, and that he will communicate the result to the Sinn Fein leaders as soon as possible." The British Prime Minister, in his reply, specially directed the attention of De Valera to the fact that "if we accepted a conference with your delegates on the formal statement of the claim which you have reaffirmed, it would constitute an official recognition by his Majesty's Government of the severance of Ireland from the Empire and of its existence as an independent republic." De Valera telegraphed Lloyd George last evening that "it should be obvious that in a case like ours if there is to be any result the negotiators must meet without prejudice and untrammelled by any conditions whatever except those imposed by the facts as they know them." The cable advices yesterday, from Gairloch, Scotland, where the British Premier is spending a vacation, stated that he was suffering from a chill and neuralgia of the face. Lord Dawson, the King's physician, and a dentist from Inverness had been summoned, it was also reported.

Developments at the Council of the League of Nations session in Geneva have not been particularly striking. A special representative of the New York "Tribune," in discussing the relative strength of the League now and six months ago, said that "these League leaders believe that the position of the organization, at least as far as Europe is concerned, is stronger than ever, and that it is not going to perish, even if the United States does remain outside. In other words, they suggest that the time will come when America may desire to ask for the terms which the League is ready to offer

for American membership, and then say that Washington is ready to negotiate." He also asserted that "a movement is gaining support among influential leaders of the League of Nations here to ignore the United States temporarily, at least, in view of the attitude the Washington Government is maintaining toward the organization, and attempt to make the League begin to function vigorously, even on the supposition that America may never join."

Progress appears to have been made in settling the dispute between Bolivia and Chile. Word came from Geneva early in the week that "Chile has consented to refer to a commission of three her dispute with Bolivia over the treaty of 1904." It was added that "Carlos Aramayo, the Bolivian delegate to the Assembly, fully accepted the plan, but asked President Van Karnebeck to defer the appointment of the commission until he had consulted his Government." He informed the Assembly President that "he was inclined to accept this arrangement without advising his Government, because he was sure this solution would be acceptable." In what was characterized by a special New York "Times" correspondent as "perhaps the most valuable speech to which the Assembly has listened," Leon Bourgeois, head of the French delegation, "laid down the official attitude of the League of Nations toward the United States, which is that the League will continue on its way, with the hope that some day the people of America will come to see that it is working for the same ideals they love." Announcement was made in a cablegram from Geneva Tuesday morning that direct word had been received from Elihu Root that he could not accept a judgeship in the International Court of Justice, and that probably John Bassett Moore of New York would be elected. The balloting for judges took place on Wednesday. John Bassett Moore of New York was chosen on the second ballot to represent the United States. The following were also elected as "full numbers" of the court: Viscount Robert Bannatyne Finlay of Great Britain, Charles Andre Weiss of France, Dionislo Anzilotti of Italy, Rafeal Altamira y Cravea of Spain, Senator Ruy Barbosa of Brazil, Antonia de Bustamente of Cuba, Max Huber of Switzerland, B. C. J. Loder of Holland, Didrik Galtrup Gjedde Nyholm of Denmark, and Yoruzo Oda of Japan. Commenting upon the election of Dr. Moore, the Geneva correspondent of the New York "Times" said that "a citizen of the United States was named for the Bench, although the Washington Government has never answered the invitation to ratify the World Court project sent to it at the conclusion of last year's Assembly." He also observed that the Court will be open to all the nations of the earth. The Associated Press correspondent observed that "the election by the Assembly of four Spanish-speaking judges on the first ballot caused great surprise. The election of three at the most had been thought possible, and only two had generally been conceded." The Geneva representative of the New York "Herald" elaborated this idea when he cabled that "the election of the new International Court of Justice, which is considered by many as the greatest step yet taken in the cause of international peace, was held to-day. It resulted in the selection of a court, which, while embracing all the different systems of law, has caused great disappointment among the English-speaking nations of the League. In this court the English system of law,

embracing hundreds of millions of people, will have but two representatives, while Spanish law, on the contrary, will have three of the eleven judges, and possibly one of the four deputy judges."

The situation between Bolivia and Chile was greatly relieved on Thursday, when the former country "withdrew her demand for the inclusion of her dispute with Chile in the agenda of the Assembly of the League of Nations." It developed that "this action on the part of the Bolivian delegation was taken as a result of new instructions from the La Paz Government." President Van Karnebeck of the Assembly announced that he had "appointed Vittorio Scialoja of Italy, Manuel Peralta of Costa Rica, and Senor Uritia of Colombia as experts who would give an opinion on the competency of the Assembly to discuss a revision of the Treaty of 1904." The Associated Press correspondent pointed out that "Bolivia's action withdraws the question entirely from this session of the Assembly, as the experts will render a report at the next meeting of that body." In an address before the Assembly on Thursday, Christian Louis Lange, delegate from Norway, charged that the big Powers keep the world armed, and thereby foil the efforts of the League of Nations to bring about disarmament.

Plans for the Washington Conference on the Limitation of Armament are gradually taking more definite shape. Announcement was made at the White House a week ago yesterday that the main American delegation would consist of only four members. They are: Charles E. Hughes, Secretary of State; Henry C. Lodge, United States Senator from Massachusetts and Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; Elihu Root, former Secretary of State, former Secretary of War, ex-Senator from New York and an American member of The Hague Tribunal; and Oscar W. Underwood, former Representative from Alabama, father of the Underwood Tariff law, and now minority leader in the Senate of the Democratic Party. Announcement was made at the White House at the same time that "the main delegation from each country participating in the conference would comprise four members, who would sit in the conference, although each delegation will be assisted by an advisory group of indefinite number, the members of which will be designated as advisory delegates." The Washington correspondent of the New York "Tribune," commenting upon the announcement of the American delegation, asserted that "all possible doubt that President Harding regards the approaching armament limitations conference as the beginning of his promised association of nations was removed to-day in the making of the formal announcement of the personnel of the American delegation. The conference is regarded by the Administration as the beginning of an association of nations, which, once the important questions for which the conference is called are disposed of, may grow into a permanent thing which will redeem promises made during Mr. Harding's campaign, that a substitute for the Wilson league would be evolved, which would lack the disadvantages, obligations and objections to the Geneva conference."

Word came from Tokio that Japan would have a large delegation—"almost 200." It was said that this delegation "plans to sail in three groups, the first on the steamship Korea Maru on Oct. 1, the

second on the Shinyo Maru on Oct. 13, and the third on the Kashima Maru on Oct. 14." It was understood that "the two chief delegates to the conference are Minister of the Marine Kato and Ambassador Shidehara. According to an Associated Press dispatch from Tokio, "the popular view concerning the delegation is that whoever goes must be prepared to meet hostility. This opinion is the outgrowth of the belief that Japanese public opinion will expect results favorable to Japan beyond the range of probable attainment."

The French Embassy in Washington received official cable advices on Monday that "Premier Briand would head the French delegation at the Washington conference on armaments and Far Eastern affairs." It was added that "other members of the delegation have not been announced. The French delegation will be accompanied by 25 advisers, for whom, together with the delegation, reservations have been made at the Willard Hotel in this city." According to a Paris cablegram that became available here at the same time, "before he leaves for America to take part in the Washington Conference on the Limitation of Armament, Premier Briand will meet and discuss his plans with the Chamber of Deputies, according to those closest in touch with Government affairs." Later in the week it was made clear in Washington dispatches that the American Government and delegation would do all in its power to have the sessions of the conference conducted as informally as possible. It was made known at the State Department also that "there is to be but one conference on the limitation of armaments and on Far Eastern questions." The correspondent of "The Sun" added that "there may be separate and distinct discussions of the problems embraced in the invitation issued by President Harding to the participating nations, but the conference will embrace all the problems that are to come before the gathering in November." Announcement was made that "satisfactory progress is being made as to the framing of the agenda and the rules that will govern the conference." It was rumored in Washington that former Secretary of State Lansing might act as advisor of the Chinese delegation.

In a cablegram from Tokio Wednesday morning it was stated that "a conference of the naval and military authorities and the officials of the Foreign Office has decided upon the following basic principles as the limitation of naval armament, according to the Asahi Shimbun: Japan has no intention of reducing the strength of her navy independently, nor of suspending the previously arranged building program. But as she has heartily approved curtailment, so as to promote the happiness of mankind, Japan is willing to make efforts to establish some arrangement with the Powers. Japan believes, first, that it is against the fundamental spirit of the Washington conference that any Power should possess superior forces sufficient to secure a decisive victory over any other Power or Powers; therefore, the Powers should minimize the scope of armament to the same degree as that of the country having the smallest naval strength among the Powers concerned. Second, the Powers concerned shall not establish any naval base or make any arrangement to serve as naval bases for their navies on the Pacific." A report was in circulation in Paris at mid-week that "Great Britain has proposed to France

and Italy that a meeting of the Supreme Allied Council for the discussion of questions pertaining to the Far East be held early in October."

It became known late Wednesday afternoon that "Secretary Hughes, in behalf of the United States Government, has submitted to the four principal Allied and Associated Powers and China, suggestions of topics to be embodied in the agenda to govern the character and scope of the questions to be considered in the forthcoming Washington Conference on Far Eastern and Pacific affairs and the limitation of armaments." Naturally there was much speculation as to the contents of the notes, but it was stated that "until the responses of the various Governments have been received the agenda will not be given publication." The Paris correspondent of the New York "Herald," in a cablegram Thursday morning, claimed information from "authentic sources" for the following assertions: "France's price at the forthcoming conference in Washington for reduction, if not the absolute elimination, of her land and naval forces, will be a definite proposal that the United States will not only lend its moral force in compelling Germany to pay for the damage she caused in Europe, but also that the United States give a concrete assurance that in case of aggression by Germany, America will supply France with military aid, and, if necessary, protect France's frontiers." He added that "unless this is accorded, it is believed in French official circles, President Harding's conference will prove unsuccessful, save in settlement of America's relations with Japan and China, in which the French are not taking great interest." Washington is said to have received unofficial advices that Marshal Foch will be the chief military adviser of the French delegation; that Earl Haig will act in the same capacity for the British, and General Diaz for Italy. It is said to be an established fact that General Pershing will act for the United States.

The Berlin Bourse, which had been closed for several days because of the wild speculation, was to have reopened last Wednesday. According to a Berlin dispatch the big banks, the private banks and the licensed brokers delivered a strong protest to the Bourse Governors against opening the Bourse on Wednesday, as originally intended. Therefore, it was decided to keep it closed "for stock trading during the entire week except Thursday." The New York "Times" representative said that "the trouble is blamed on speculation located, not abroad, but right in Berlin. On one hand, professional exchange speculators, including powerful German interests, are believed to be at work here rigging the market. On the other hand, stock speculators who cleaned up millions in paper marks during the course of the 'catastrophe boom' are believed to be profit-taking on their stock transactions and salting away their paper profits by buying up dollars and other foreign exchange as the surest means of salvaging their paper mark profits and the easiest way of escaping taxes." In a cablegram from Berlin yesterday morning, the following outline was given of the latest rulings relative to the transaction of business on the Bourse: "The Bourse Committee has decided that from Oct. 1 the Bourse shall open half an hour earlier and close half an hour later than at the present time. Dealings in dividend-paying stocks will be permitted only on Mondays, Wednesday and Fri-

days. No dealings will be permitted before 11 o'clock in the morning. Listed stocks will be increased with a view to counteracting wild speculation in unlisted stocks."

Announcement was made on Tuesday morning of the downfall of still another Cabinet, that of Bavaria. It was headed by Dr. Von Kahr. It was stated that his resignation and that of his associates was "a result of the rejection by the German National People's Party and Bavarian People's Party representatives in the Cabinet of the compromise reached at the conference held here last week between delegates from the Bavarian Ministry and members of the German Federal Government." It was said also that "this conference decided that the decree issued by President Ebert, conferring exceptional powers upon the German Cabinet, should continue in force for the time being, because of the threatening conditions in Franconia, which includes the northernmost districts of Bavaria." In a special Berlin dispatch to the New York "Times" Wednesday morning it was asserted that "the resignation of the entire Kahr Cabinet is a purely internal Bavarian affair, devoid of importance and significance except as a temporary tactical measure. Although it has resigned, it continues to conduct the business of Government, but is impotent to carry on negotiations with Berlin. There is already talk in Munich that the entire Kahr Cabinet will be its own immediate successor." The correspondent further observed that "meanwhile the Wirth Government is temporarily checkmated in its fight against Bavarian reaction."

In a recent address, Premier Lloyd George, speaking of the many and big problems with which Cabinet leaders in Europe have been confronted since the beginning of the war, called attention to the fact that he was the only Premier left of those that were in office when peace was declared. The Cabinets of other European nations have gone down in rather rapid succession. A week ago the resignation of Vincent Witos and his associates comprising the Polish Ministry, was announced. M. Witos became Premier on July 24 1920. In May of this year he tendered his resignation to President Pilsudski, but was prevailed upon to withdraw his resignation and renew his efforts to reconstruct the Cabinet." Stanislaw Gladinski, professor of political economy and finance of the University of Lemberg, was suggested for the Premiership and also for the portfolio of Minister of Finance. He recently "returned from the United States, where he studied the financial laws and political situations as they affected Poland, visiting the Polish centres in Chicago, New York, Buffalo and Detroit."

Another trifling gain in gold was shown by the Bank of England in its statement this week, namely, £408, and as this was accompanied by a cut of £1,225,000 in note circulation, total reserve was increased roughly £1,225,000. Moreover, deposits were brought down so that the proportion of reserve to liabilities advanced to 14.97%, which compares with 13.08% a week ago and 14.60% for the week of Aug. 31. In the corresponding week of 1920 the reserve ratio stood at 11.88% and the year prior to that at 23.03%. In public deposits a reduction of £427,000 was shown while other deposits fell

£11,183,000. A large curtailment was reported in loans on Government securities, £12,805,000, but loans on other securities fell off nominally, £17,000, to £79,810,000, as against £83,390,821 a year ago and £84,722,497 in 1919. Threadneedle Street's stock of gold on hand aggregates £128,410,714. This compares with £123,093,370 in 1920 and £88,243,187 the preceding year. Reserves total £21,652,000, as against £16,378,570 and £25,791,302 one and two years ago, respectively. Circulation is now £125,207,000. Last year it stood at £125,164,800 and in 1919 £80,901,885. No change has been announced in the Bank's minimum discount rate from 5½%. Clearings through the London banks for the week amounted to £544,835,000, in comparison with £581,628,000 last week and £665,411,000 a year ago. We append a tabular statement of comparisons of the principal items of the Bank of England returns:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

	1921. Sept. 14.	1920. Sept. 15.	1919. Sept. 17.	1918. Sept. 18.	1917. Sept. 19.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	125,207,000	125,164,800	80,901,885	59,398,275	40,665,740
Public deposits.....	15,052,000	15,201,579	20,128,399	38,133,386	40,764,744
Other deposits.....	129,547,000	122,575,386	91,821,859	129,955,039	128,236,171
Government securities	61,241,000	56,103,129	19,522,956	56,567,714	58,145,320
Other securities.....	79,810,000	83,390,829	84,722,497	99,547,120	96,461,654
Reserve notes & coin	21,652,000	16,378,570	25,791,302	30,047,452	32,508,022
Coin and bullion.....	128,410,714	123,093,370	88,231,187	70,995,727	64,723,762
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	14.97%	11.88%	23.03%	17.90%	19.23%
Bank rate.....	5½%	7%	5%	5%	5%

The Bank of France in its weekly statement reports a further small gain of 159,000 francs in the gold item this week. The Bank's gold holdings, therefore, now amount to 5,522,750,775 francs, comparing with 5,520,567,646 francs at this time last year and with 5,573,300,539 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 269,000 francs, bills discounted rose 72,887,000 francs and Treasury deposits were augmented by 3,320,000 francs. Advances, on the other hand, fell off 10,852,000 francs, while general deposits were reduced 11,154,000 francs. Note circulation took a favorable turn, a contraction of 126,079,000 francs being recorded. This brings the total outstanding down to 37,128,908,000 francs, contrasting with 38,665,735,035 francs on the corresponding date last year and with 35,655,028,210 francs the year previous. Just prior to the outbreak of war in 1914 the amount was only 6,683,184,785 francs. Comparisons of the various items in this week's return with the statement of last week and corresponding dates in 1920 and 1919 are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Status as of		
		Sept. 15 1921.	Sept. 16 1920.	Sept. 18 1919.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold Holdings—				
In France.....Inc.	159,000	3,574,383,719	3,542,289,230	3,595,022,122
Abroad.....	No change	1,948,367,056	1,978,278,416	1,978,278,416
Total.....Inc.	159,000	5,522,750,775	5,520,567,646	5,573,300,539
Silver.....Inc.	269,000	277,101,495	255,004,610	293,907,428
Bills discounted.....Inc.	72,887,000	2,402,916,298	1,859,724,212	940,029,180
Advances.....Dec.	10,852,000	2,213,820,000	2,004,156,536	1,275,747,418
Note circulation.....Dec.	126,079,000	37,128,908,000	38,665,735,035	35,655,028,210
Treasury deposits.....Inc.	3,320,000	41,637,000	34,841,935	87,721,969
General deposits.....Dec.	11,154,000	2,437,334,000	3,026,086,802	2,742,654,327

In its statement issued as of September 7, the Imperial Bank of Germany shows the following changes: A decline in total coin and bullion of 126,000 marks and an increase in Treasury certificates of 741,188,000 marks. The gold item was reported as unchanged. Note circulation continues to expand, and a further gain of 654,805,000 marks was registered. There was a heavy reduction in bills discounted, namely 3,540,895,000 marks, while de-

posits fell off \$4,131,790,000 marks. Notes of other banks increased 2,433,000 marks and advances 11,478,000 marks, but other liabilities were reduced 124,650,000 marks and investments 1,898,000 marks. Gold stocks on hand remain at 1,023,708,000 marks, the same as a week ago, and compare with 1,091,583,000 marks a year ago and 1,102,320,000 marks in 1919. In the week of Nov. 7 1918, gold holdings stood at 2,550,260,000 marks. Notes in circulation amount to 71,960,212,000 marks, as against 58,752,267,000 marks in 1920 and 28,408,040,000 marks the year previous.

Official discount rates at leading European centres continue to be quoted at 5% in Berlin and Belgium; 5½% in Paris and London; 6% in Rome, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Madrid; 4½% in Holland and 4% in Switzerland. In London the private discount rate for short bills is now 3⅞@4%, against 4⅛% last week, and three months' bills at 4 1-16%, against 4¼% the preceding week. Money on call in London remains at 2¾%, the same as last week. Open market discounts in Paris and Switzerland have not been changed from 5% and 3½%, respectively. No reports have been received of open market discounts at other centres, so far as we have been able to ascertain.

The Federal Reserve Bank statement, issued at the close of business on Thursday, indicated further reduction in bills discounted and further additions to gold reserves. For the combined system the gold holdings expanded \$28,000,000, while the total of bills on hand fell \$85,000,000, to \$1,468,874,000, which compares with \$2,830,808,000 at the same time last year. Total earning assets were likewise heavily reduced, namely \$85,000,000. Federal Reserve notes in circulation were reduced \$26,000,000. Deposits fell \$13,000,000; hence the ratio of reserve advanced to 67.5%, against 66.2% last week. Changes in the New York bank were along similar lines. Gold increased \$8,000,000. Bill holdings were reduced \$56,000,000. Total outstanding obligations now aggregate \$340,851,108, or less than half the amount reported last year, when bills on hand were \$863,412,000. Earning assets were contracted \$53,000,000. Federal reserve notes in circulation were \$8,000,000 smaller, while deposits declined \$27,000,000. The outcome of these changes was to bring about an advance of 2.8% in the ratio of reserve, to 75.7%.

An analysis of last Saturday's statement of the New York Clearing House banks and trust companies showed that the usual method of procedure following a deficit in reserves had been pursued; that is, member banks increased their borrowings at the Reserve institution and the result was the restoration of a surplus reserve of more than \$16,000,000. Apart from this, the showing was not especially significant. Loans fell \$8,391,000, indicating continued liquidation. Net demand deposits gained \$7,637,000, but Government deposits declined \$4,684,000. The total of demand deposits is \$3,634,961,000, which is exclusive of Government deposits of \$54,990,000. Net time deposits were also larger, having advanced \$3,522,000 to \$214,485,000. Other changes consisted of an increase in cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank of \$5,725,000 to \$70,914,000 (not counted as reserve), an expansion in

reserves in own vaults of State banks and trust companies of \$955,000, and a decline of \$468,000 in the reserve kept in other depositories, by State institutions and trust companies. As already indicated there was an increase in reserves of member banks with the Federal Reserve Bank of \$17,394,000, which served to counteract the increase in deposits, and after eliminating last week's deficit of \$400,000, brought about an increase in surplus of \$16,769,000, leaving the institution with \$16,368,930 reserve in excess of requirements. The above figures for surplus are based on reserves of 13% in excess of the legal requirements, by members of the Federal Reserve System, but not including cash in own vault to the amount of \$70,914,000 held by these member banks.

The general trend of the local money market has been toward still greater ease. The renewal rate for call loans did not drop below 5%, but money was loaned on call several days at 4½% on the Stock Exchange. A still more striking indication of the easier conditions was the offering of moderate amounts of time money at 5% for thirty days, although the nominal quotation for 30, 60 and 90-day periods was 5½%. In speculative circles surprise was caused by the return during the last hour on Thursday to a 5% call money quotation, after it had dropped earlier in the afternoon from 5 to 4½%. There was a disposition to attribute the upturn to the announcement of the withdrawal by the Government of \$49,000,000 from local institutions. Yesterday, although loans were renewed at 5%, the rate dropped to 4½% in the afternoon and did not rise above that level. Those who are predicting at least present money rates for some little time to come substantiate their predictions by calling attention to the fact that up to the close of business on Thursday the subscriptions to the \$600,000,000 offering of Treasury notes and certificates had totaled \$1,400,000,000. They are also directing attention to the continuous increase in the gold reserve of the Federal Reserve institution and in the advance in the reserve ratio of the 12 institutions as a whole from 66.2% to 67.5%, as shown in this week's statement. These same observers say that if further evidence of present monetary conditions and the probable trend of the money market during the remainder of the year is needed, it may be found in the marked success of recent offerings of corporate securities by bankers in this and other important financial centres. All of the issues brought out this week were said to have been sold within a short time. Although negotiations have been on and off for some time for a \$50,000,000 loan to the Argentine Government, the latest advices, both from that country and from local sources, are to the effect that they have been broken off.

Referring to detailed money rates, loans on call were easier and the range for the week was 4½@5½%, as against 5@5½% a week ago. For the first half of the week, namely Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the high was 5½%, the low 5% and renewals at 5½% on each day. Increased ease developed on Thursday and there was a decline to 4½% low, with 5% the high and renewal rate. Friday the range was again 4½@5% and 5% the ruling figure. The above figures apply to mixed collateral and all-industrial loans without differentiation. For fixed date funds the situation is still

essentially the same, and the range up till Thursday continued unchanged. Yesterday (Friday), however, sixty and ninety day loans were lowered to 5%, against 5½@5¾%, and four, five and six months' money to 5¾%, against 5¾@6% last week. This was regarded as surprising in view of the heavy strain of the Sept. 15 Government financing operations, and was attributed by many to the recent release of so-called "frozen credits." Trading was quiet with no important trades reported.

Commercial paper ruled quiet and featureless at rates hitherto prevailing, that is, 6% for sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character, with names not so well known at 6¼%. A small amount of New England mill paper is reported as having been placed at 5¾%. Out-of-town institutions were the principal buyers. Offerings of the best names were light.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances remain unchanged. The market was quiet and the turnover only moderate. Country banks were again in the market, but business for local account is practically negligible. Some brokers are looking for German export bills to appear in the market in the very near future as a result of the newly-arranged syndicate credits. The market showed a generally firm tone. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council remains at 5%. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rates on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve Bank 5½% bid and 5% asked for bills running 120 days; 5½@5% for ninety days; 5½@5% for sixty days and 5½@5% for thirty days. Open market quotations follow:

SPOT DELIVERY.			
Prime eligible bills	90 Days. 5 @ 4½	60 Days. 5 @ 4½	30 Days. 5 @ 4½
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.			
Eligible member banks	5½ bid		
Eligible non-member banks	5½ bid		
Ineligible bank bills	5½ 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 SEPTEMBER 16 1921.

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

While some irregularity was noted in the sterling exchange market this week, price levels have been fairly well maintained so that changes in rates were comparatively unimportant. Trading continues light and despite occasional temporary recessions, the same general firmness which marked last week's dealings remained in evidence the greater part of the time. This has occasioned some surprise, in view of the sensational weakness that has persisted not only in German marks but in several of the leading European currencies. The extremes in English currency for the week were 3 68½ and 3 74¼ for de-

mand, which compares with 3 68½@3 74 a week earlier. Towards the latter part of the week London sent lower quotations and this as usual had a depressing effect on the local market. Offerings of bills were somewhat larger, but there has been as yet no sign of the expected seasonal influx of cotton and grain bills. A moderate amount of speculation was reported first on one side then on the other of the market, and this in the absence of broad legitimate operations had a tendency to render the market susceptible to outside influences. The belief is still held that sterling is being held as firmly as possible pending the time when the usual outpouring of bills against shipments of commodities will force prices down.

The continuation of gold imports in large volume is taken as an indication that Europe is still unable to secure credits to the extent needed and it is understood that leading financiers as well as Government authorities both here and in Europe, are still at work in the endeavor to formulate some plan for the stabilization of exchange. According to a dispatch from Washington it is learned that Secretary Mellon intends to call a meeting of the American section of the Inter-American High Commission for the purpose of considering the subject of foreign exchange and its relation to foreign trade. The recent violent rise in the price of cotton is said to have greatly strengthened the banking position of the South and the improvement is expected to bring about an increased volume of business in the near future. There were some who regarded the firmness in sterling as largely due to the repayment of loans to Great Britain by France and Belgium out of the proceeds of reparations funds, but few if any were willing to make any predictions as to the future of exchange.

Referring to quotations in greater detail, sterling exchange on Saturday of last week was easier and there was a decline to 3 72½@3 74¼ for demand, 3 73@3 74¾ for cable transfers and 3 66¾@3 68½ for sixty days; trading was dull and listless. On Monday rates were maintained until the latter part of the day when an increase in the volume of commercial bills offered brought about a further recession in demand bills to 3 71⅞@3 74⅞, in cable transfers to 3 72⅞@3 74½ and in sixty day bills to 3 66⅞@3 67¼. Some irregularity marked Tuesday's trading and the trend was lower with a decline to 3 71¼@3 73⅞ for demand, 3 71¼@3 73⅞ for cable transfers and 3 65½@3 67⅞ for sixty days; the volume of business transacted was not large. Wednesday's market again turned weak, mainly as a result of lower London quotations; the range for the day on demand was 3 68⅞@3 72¼, cable transfers 3 69⅞@3 72¾ and sixty days 3 63⅞@3 66½. Dulness was the feature of Thursday's trading, though rate changes were frequent and a trifle erratic; after a decline to 3 68½, demand recovered to 3 71 1-16, while cable transfers ranged between 3 69 and 3 71 9-16 and sixty days at 3 66@3 67. On Friday the market ruled quiet, with a fractional decline to 3 69¾@3 70⅞ for demand, 3 70¼@3 71⅞ for cable transfers and 3 64@3 65⅞ for sixty days. Closing quotations were 3 64¾ for sixty days, 3 70½ for demand and 3 71 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 3 70⅞, sixty days at 3 64⅞, ninety days at 3 62, documents for payment (sixty days) at 3 64⅞ and seven-day bills at 3 69⅞. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 3 70⅞. Gold shipments continue heavy and include:

\$3,000,000 French and Swiss gold on the Paris, \$400,000 on the La Bourdonnais from France and \$4,300,000 gold on the Potomac for Belgian account. This latter is said to be German gold sent here by the Reichsbank for the purpose of making reparation payments and is one of several shipments due to arrive in the very near future. Miscellaneous amounts from South America and elsewhere were as follows: 12 bars of gold on the Pulwico from Colombia; \$13,360 on the Pastores from Port Limon; 10 packages currency on the Yucatan from Vera Cruz; 3 cases gold on the Nieuw Amsterdam from Rotterdam; 7 packages and 65 bars of gold on the Gen. G. W. Goethals from Panama; 5 packages and 20 bars of gold on the Tivivies from Cartagena and 1,516 bags of gold and silver ore on the Mineola from Peru; 45 packages of gold bullion and dust from Cristobal and 1 box of gold coin on the Lixaola from Colombia, and yesterday the Hawaiian arrived with \$4,000,000 more German gold for the Reserve Bank. Large consignments of German, French and Indian gold are expected on the Olympic, Berengaria, La France and Firland.

Movements in the Continental exchanges were again erratic with attention still centring almost exclusively on Reichsmarks. Trading though not especially active was much confused and quotations frequently wide apart with strong evidences of speculative manipulation on the part of foreign interests. As a matter of fact the market appeared to be completely dominated by developments abroad. Following the temporary improvement in marks noted at the close of last week, selling of Berlin marks was resumed practically from the start and sensational weakness developed which carried the quotation down to another new low, namely 0.89 $\frac{1}{4}$ for checks, as compared with the previous low record of 0.99 $\frac{3}{4}$ established a week earlier. Offerings again made their appearance in overwhelming volume and in the absence of adequate buying power of any sort, conditions at times developed bordering upon utter demoralization; although, as already stated, trading was at no time extensive in volume and the violent fluctuations were to a large extent merely a reflection of conditions existing in the European markets. Rumors persisted that a considerable part of the selling was for account of the German Government incidental to reparations payments, although it was conceded that German business interests may be endeavoring to get rid of their holdings of marks for fear of a possible overthrow of the Government and still more drastic declines. Bankers claim that the German people are losing confidence in their own currency and buying heavily both domestic and foreign securities, a movement in some respects paralleling that existing in Austria about a year ago when there was a rush to place funds in a more stable form of investment than Austrian kronen, with the result that Austrian exchange collapsed completely. Berlin dispatches compare the present wave of speculation with the "catastrophe boom" of the winter of 1919-20, when foreigners were said to be buying German securities because of the cheapness of the mark and natives were buying for the reason that they feared further contraction in their money's buying power and hastened to get rid of it. An additional factor in inducing selling was the circulation of reports that a possible moratorium might be declared which would block further reparation payments and necessitate the taking up of the entire German reparations question again by the Allied Governments; that is, so far as methods of settlement are concerned. Advices from the British centre indicate a well defined feeling that Germany is likely to experience increasing difficulty in meeting future payments.

This is causing some anxiety since it is argued that Germany's failure in this respect would materially affect France. Private advices suggested that the German Government may try to supervise exchange dealings with a view to preventing continued speculation. Whether this be so or not, the fact is that French and Belgian francs and Italian lire broke sharply this week on freer offerings and insistent attempts to sell. In the case of the former there was a loss of 58 points to 6.88. Belgian currency declined to 6.80, or 30 points down, while lire slumped 17 points, to 4.17 for checks. At the extreme close moderate short covering operations brought about a slightly firmer tone and some of the losses were recovered.

The official London check rate on Paris closed at 53.25, as against 49.45 last week. Sight bills here on the French centre finished at 7.06, against 7.48 $\frac{1}{4}$; cable transfers 7.07, against 7.49 $\frac{1}{4}$; commercial sight bills at 7.04, against 7.47 $\frac{1}{4}$, and commercial sixty days at 6.98, against 7.41 $\frac{1}{4}$ a week earlier. Closing quotations for Antwerp francs were 6.99 $\frac{1}{2}$ for checks and 7.00 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable remittances. Last week the close was 7.37 and 7.38. Reichsmarks finished at 0.96 $\frac{1}{4}$ for checks and 0.97 $\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers, in comparison with 1.01 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1.02 $\frac{1}{2}$ last week. Austrian kronen generally followed the lead of Berlin exchange and suffered a further recession, with the close 0.08 for checks and 0.08 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, against 0.09 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 0.10 $\frac{1}{4}$ a week ago. Exchange on Czecho-Slovakia closed at 1.20 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 1.20; Bucharest at 0.91, against 0.97; Poland at 0.02 $\frac{3}{8}$, against 0.02 $\frac{3}{4}$, and Finland at 1.30, against 1.50 in the preceding week. Greek exchange ruled about steady, until the close, when there was a slump to 5.25 for checks and 5.30 for cable transfers, comparing with 5.50 and 5.60 last week.

The former neutral exchanges moved closely parallel to the other Continental exchanges and here also sharp losses were reported. Dutch guilders broke 53 points, to 31.20 for checks. Swiss francs declined to 17.14, a loss of 21 points. Scandinavian exchange was irregular, though changes were less pronounced, while Spanish pesetas were comparatively steady at not far from last week's closing levels. Little, if any, increase in activity was noted and trading continued at a minimum.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished at 31.50, against 31.65; cable transfers 31.55, against 31.70; commercial sight bills 31.45, against 31.60, and commercial sixty days 31.09, against 31.24 last week. Swiss francs closed at 17.23 for bankers' sight bills and 17.25 for cable remittances. A week ago the close was 17.11 and 17.13. Copenhagen checks finished at 17.61 and cable transfers at 17.66, against 17.55 and 17.60. Checks on Sweden closed at 21.57 and cable transfers at 21.62, against 21.60 and 21.65, while checks on Norway finished at 12.83 and cable transfers at 12.88, against 13.05 and 13.10 the week before. Final quotations for Spanish pesetas were 13.06 for checks and 13.08 for cable transfers, as contrasted with 13.00 and 13.10 last week.

As to South American exchange, a rather better undertone prevailed and there was an advance to 31 $\frac{3}{4}$ for Argentine checks although the close was 30 $\frac{1}{4}$ and cable transfers 30 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 30 $\frac{5}{8}$ and 30 $\frac{3}{4}$ the week previous. For Brazil the quotation was fractionally lower and the final range was 12.62 $\frac{1}{2}$ for checks

and 12.75 for cable transfers. Last week the close was 12³/₄ and 12⁷/₈. Chilian exchange was firmer, at 10³/₈, against 9.95, but Peru remained at 3.40, unchanged.

Far Eastern exchange ruled steady with advances recorded in Hong Kong and Shanghai currencies. In the former the range was 53@53¹/₄, against 52@52³/₄, while the latter was quoted 75¹/₄@75¹/₂, against 70¹/₂@72¹/₂. Yokohama closed at 48¹/₂@48³/₄, against 48¹/₂@48³/₄; Manila at 49@49¹/₄ (unchanged); Singapore 44¹/₄@44¹/₂, against 43³/₄@44¹/₄; Bombay, 26³/₄@27, against 26¹/₂@27¹/₂, and Calcutta, 27¹/₂@28 (unchanged).

Pursuant to the requirements of Sec. 403 of the Emergency Tariff Act of May 27 1921, the Federal Reserve Bank is now certifying daily to the Secretary of the Treasury the buying rate for cable transfers on the different countries of the world. We give below the record for the week just past. The Federal Reserve Bank does not proclaim the rates until the morning of the following day, and therefore the latest figures it is possible to include in our table are those for Thursday noon, announced on Friday:

CABLE BUYING RATES FIXED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANK, SEPT. 9 1921 TO SEPT. 15 1921, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	Sept. 9.	Sept. 10.	Sept. 12.	Sept. 13.	Sept. 14.	Sept. 15.
EUROPE—						
Austria, krone	.001025	.001011	.000946	.000967	.00095	.000893
Belgium, franc	.0734	.0731	.0713	.0710	.0694	.0689
Bulgaria, lev	.0082	.008217	.007933	.008083	.007617	.007533
Czecho-Slovakia, krone	.012067	.012029	.011993	.011957	.011979	.012011
Denmark, krone	.1756	.1747	.1769	.1779	.1770	.1758
England, pound	3.7238	3.7388	3.7409	3.7220	3.7029	3.70
Finland, markka	.013733	.013457	.0132	.0127	.011985	.01216
France, franc	.0748	.0744	.0722	.0719	.0702	.0688
Germany, reichsmark	.010325	.009839	.009186	.009206	.009111	.009089
Greece, drachma	.0565	.0562	.0562	.0563	.0540	.0528
Holland, florin or guilder	.3168	.3174	.3190	.3149	.3138	.3127
Hungary, krone	.002275	.002236	.002067	.002058	.002043	.001944
Italy, lira	.0432	.0432	.0426	.0428	.0425	.0423
Jugoslavia, krone	.005033	.004939	.0048	.004703	.004467	.00395
Norway, krone	.1303	.1297	.1304	.1307	.1292	.1287
Poland, Polish mark	.000263	.000283	.000258	.000267	.000258	.000233
Portugal, escuda	.0959	.0972	.0948	.0946	.0927	.0896
Rumania, leu	.009767	.00954	.0087	.008113	.008413	.00845
Serbia, dinar	.020133	.019775	.0197	.018925	.01845	.016275
Spain, peseta	.1301	.1303	.1300	.1296	.1301	.1302
Sweden, krona	.2159	.2160	.2164	.2163	.2158	.2151
Switzerland, franc	.1713	.1715	.1722	.1728	.1723	.1716
ASIA—						
Hong Kong, dollar	.5100	.5113	.5180	.5225	.5220	.5158
Shanghai, tael	.6953	.6980	.7045	.7218	.7240	.7139
Shanghai, Mexican dollar	.5072	.5079	.5156	.5219	.5184	.5122
India, rupee	.2567	.2587	.2611	.2611	.2608	.2600
Japan, yen	.4833	.4830	.4839	.4839	.4821	.4807
Java, florin or guilder	.3150	.3140	.3131	.3138	.3112	.3163
Manila, peso	4.267	4.283	4.267	4.283	4.267	4.233
Singapore, dollar	4.267	4.283	4.267	4.283	4.267	4.233
NORTH AMERICA—						
Canada, dollar	.895208	.893125	.894583	.896458	.892604	.891458
Cuba, peso	.992721	.991875	.992102	.993971	.993554	.993138
Mexico, peso	.484063	.484167	.484063	.484688	.485417	.48325
Newfoundland dollar	.892917	.891042	.8925	.893333	.890833	.88875
SOUTH AMERICA—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	.6863	.6938	.7042	.7098	.7079	.6897
Brazil, milreis	.1227	.1242	.1245	.1227	.1229	.1213
Uruguay, peso	.6463	.6481	.6480	.6543	.65123	.6536

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$6,693,345 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending September 15. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$7,853,000, while the shipments have reached \$1,159,655, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week ending Sept. 15.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement	\$7,853,000	\$1,159,655	Gain \$6,693,345

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

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

Saturday, Sept. 10.	Monday, Sept. 12.	Tuesday, Sept. 13.	Wednesday, Sept. 14.	Thursday, Sept. 15.	Friday, Sept. 16.	Aggregate for Week.
\$49,100,000	\$49,000,000	\$46,800,000	\$50,000,000	\$65,000,000	\$3,800,000	Cr. 344,700,000

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

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

Banks of	Sept. 15 1921.			Sept. 16 1920.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£128,410,714	£	£128,410,714	£123,093,370	£	£123,093,370
France	142,975,349	11,080,000	154,055,349	141,691,569	10,200,000	151,891,569
Germany	51,185,400	836,100	52,021,500	51,379,000	331,500	54,910,500
Aus.-Hun.	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000
Spain	99,945,000	25,113,000	125,058,000	93,096,000	23,951,000	122,047,000
Italy	33,307,000	2,968,000	36,275,000	32,229,000	2,998,000	35,227,000
Neth. r'ds.	50,497,000	847,000	51,344,000	53,028,000	1,395,000	54,423,000
N. et. Belz.	10,663,000	1,582,000	12,245,000	10,630,000	1,071,000	11,731,000
Switz'land.	21,785,000	4,421,000	26,206,000	21,604,000	3,697,000	25,271,000
Sweden	15,830,000		15,830,000	14,519,000		14,519,000
Denmark	12,642,000	195,000	12,837,000	12,643,000	145,000	12,788,000
Norway	8,115,000		8,115,000	8,108,000		8,108,000
Total week	586,299,463	49,411,100	635,710,563	581,194,989	46,127,500	627,322,489
Prev. week	580,238,695	49,476,400	629,715,095	583,163,935	46,298,150	629,462,085

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

CAPITAL, THROUGH SCIENCE, THE "POOR MAN'S FRIEND."

Confirmations of our most thoughtful conclusions often come to us from alien sources. We attain to treasured principles by a slow process of mental assimilation, which, though directed by will and wish and patient study, is to some extent an unconscious one. It is as if there were a secret automatic action of the mind, bringing many facts together, applying them to conditions, evolving what we term "truths," apt to our reason and satisfying to our judgment. Each of us, we think, is dimly aware of this process. When, therefore, we encounter confirmations in unexpected ways and places, they seem to us "proofs strong as holy writ." Chemistry and the open shop would seem to have little bearing upon each other, but read this excerpt from an address delivered by Dr. Arthur D. Little, an industrial chemist, before a meeting of the American Chemical Society in the Great Hall of the College of the City of New York, Sept. 8:

"There is in all communities a large class that claims, with a certain superficiality of justice, that all wealth is produced by labor. But the amount of wealth that labor can produce is determined by the amount of energy placed at the disposal of the laborer and by the efficiency with which, under the guidance of management, he is enabled to utilize that energy. The amount of food consumed daily by the average New Yorker has about the same energy content as one-half pound of coal, and, like the rest of us, he is commonly unwilling to convert all that energy into useful work.

"Properly applied, however, the proportion so utilized in brain power may suffice to run a railroad or dominate an industry. In less-favored sections of the country a few men by utilizing gravity, may launch a warship. By the use of compressed air the output of the human riveter is increased from fifteen to twenty times. Hydraulic devices enable one man to operate the locks of the Panama Canal. By a delicate utilization of energy we talk from Paris to Honolulu, or fill the ether with wireless music available to all who will buy a \$40 receiver."

Dr. Little is endeavoring to answer his own question, which he propounds as follows:

"Upon what sources of energy may the world draw for the stupendous work of reconstruction and the requirements of the new social era, at the threshold of which we seem to stand?" And he declares that "we are cognizant of sources of energy inconceivably greater than any possible requirement of the human race." He names some of these, scarcely understood, and, as yet, unutilized: direct radiant energy from the sun; energy of the earth's rotation, of the winds and waves, of tidal action. And by no means least, an almost infinite form of energy which he describes as follows: "Of extraordinary interest to chemists are the accumulating evidences of inconceivably great amounts of kinetic energy possessed not only by radium, but by ordinary matter, as the constitutional energy of its atoms." And adds: "We now recognize that concealed in matter of every kind are stores of energy immensely greater than those derived from chemical reactions, or concerned with any of the forces with which we commonly deal. We recognize them as of an altogether higher order of intensity and magnitude than the energy derived from burning coal or liberated from the most powerful explosive." Dr. Little, despite all the wondrous advance possible for the human race through and by the exploration of these hidden forces of nature, foresees our dependence upon coal (not petroleum) for generations to come—but who knows *when* some one of the revolutionary discoveries will take place?

Now, is it not apparent that man prospers when he works *with* nature, not against? That production, more and still more, is the law of the better life, not destruction, the use of the explosive engine, not the bomb? Here is where the command to go forth and dominate the earth becomes a religion! The bounty is free and exhaustless, and with its reaping there may be forever "better living conditions." Does this mean a coming workless age? No. Does it mean that man is to become "the slave of the machine"? No. It means that by the use of his own energy of brain and brawn he multiplies this energy a thousand fold by harnessing it to the latent energies the chemists of the world are unfolding, and to his own good. What else? That men and women in a continuing state of society while owning the uses of things, cannot by any conceivable "collectivism" or "dividing up" own the things themselves in the same way, and that property and capital privately owned are necessary to civilization and its advance. Why? Because in the individual alone is the will-power to initiate, the directive power to control, and the motive of love to apply! Ideas and institutions, in the abstract, descend *en masse* to the public. But when they are embodied into concrete industries there must be the human sentient individual to own and operate, to apply the bounty of the infinite latent energy to the good of man through increased production, which, through the diffusion of trade, helps every man. Neither these hidden energies, nor their embodiment in "going concerns" of to-day are the work of the generation of to-day—much less the work of those who serve for wages under the guidance of "management" in the physical properties that depend upon brain-power for their creation—and that if passed on by descent to the State must lose the guidance that exists only in the individual—to say nothing of the commonplace of becoming the sport of politics.

There suddenly swims into the vision of this generation the automobile. It is an exemplification of

the explosive engine. It utilizes an energy of nature. Men assembling themselves into corporations, though retaining their individualism, develop and improve this invention—until one of our leading industries is builded. They risk their capital—their saved-up labor, their own, to do so. Has not a new avenue of hand-labor for those who risk nothing, who sell their day's labor for wages, been opened up—to the pleasure and benefit of all? Are they not acquit, having received their day's pay? How soon may this capital investment be destroyed if not transformed by a new invention, discovery? But the "labor" that earned and spent and enjoyed suffers no loss, save perhaps temporary disarrangement. Why then this arrant fallacy that the "men" own the "plant"? How false, how futile, then, this attempt, in an advancing age, in the midst of unparalleled scientific progress, to organize "labor," that it may seize more than the wage set by the necessary relations of things in an era of change?

THE TEST OF NATIONAL ECONOMY—TAX LIMITATIONS.

"Cutting the coat to fit the cloth" is a very important matter—but cutting the cloth to fit the pocket-book of the taxpayer is much more difficult. The business of the budget-maker belongs to the latter. Yet it is not quite this—and cannot be under present circumstances. Just what a people can pay—and at the same time maintain the barest needs of the Government—without crippling business so that it cannot pay even the amount determined upon, is not easy to compute. But there is one quantity we all know—and that is the fixed charges upon our national debt. These *must* be paid—and all our economies must come afterwards.

Economy is an elastic term. To those who believe in a "strong Government," one that when occasion demands will use force, which must be constantly on hand, and that looks forward to a possible use of force, will find "economy" in a large and growing army and navy. Those who feel secure, and who are willing to "take a chance" on the continuance of peace, will find economy in a small army and navy. We mention this first, because 92 to 93% of all present expenditures are for war—past, present, or contingent. Again—those who believe in "bureaucracy," in the advantages of boards and commissions to "regulate" business, will find ultimate economy in providing for these ample appropriations that will enable them to completely function. Those who believe that paternalism is not the province of a "Government by consent" will be willing to cut off these appropriations and kill the expense and at the same time kill these agencies. It is for these reasons that economy reverts to the people, who must specifically say what they want.

We have started in to "economize" without really specific directions from the people in these matters. But we have by a seven million majority given general directions, empowered representatives to carry out these "general economies," received the promise of a party, and the process is going on, and we believe, with President Harding, that real progress is being made. But such is our peculiar form of Government that we are unable to bring together the opinion of the people as to what business will bear of taxes without reducing its power to pay—and the will of these "representatives," acting as best

they can under general instructions to reduce the public expenditures. Yet Congress is not wholly without advice in these contingencies, and we find the two elements brought together in the "excess profits tax." There is demand for repeal—and it rests on the fact, apparent to those who know, that this "excess profits" is a misnomer, in that it allows a certain percentage only upon "invested capital" and then proceeds to appropriate the bulk of the remainder—that should go to reinvestment in business, that it *may* function more effectually and thus enable business to maintain Government.

Here, then, we find one specific direction. But it is only one factor in the problem. The larger question remains at present undetermined—namely how much tax can the current returns of all forms of enterprise pay without producing a condition of anemia? The margin of this determination lies between fixed charges, which must be paid, and Government expenses, which may be paid, and *must* be in a sense according to domestic policies in which war and possible war-preparation figures so largely. The people want peace, that we know. And if they are willing to trust to the growth of peace in the world military expenses may be cut to a minimum. Yet, again, how shall the percentage of allowable tax be determined save by first determining the burden business can bear—business according to current incomes therefrom, sometimes called national income? In other words, the people must first "cut the cloth" and then only Congress may "cut the coat to fit the cloth." And it must be insisted, difficult as this may be, it must be done, before the procedure of true economizing can become a success.

Unfortunately the problem is further complicated now by the fact that more is required of business than ever before, at a period when it is less able to pay than in normal times. We present a somewhat novel proposition—that the people shall set aside a given sum for the use of Congress. Yet how else are we to arrive at an ultimate solution? The budget must come inside this amount. Economy will depend upon "doing without" many apparently needed things, especially killing many war appropriations. But as long as there is a see-saw between cloth and coat, it will be a question which is really considered first.

"CEASELESS FEEDING OF THE RAILROADS FROM THE PUBLIC TREASURY."

A subscriber in Oklahoma City sends us an editorial from the Tulsa (Okla.) "World," concerning what that paper calls "an overloaded business," referring thus to the railroads. This title may be correctly applied to the roads, though in quite another sense from that this writer gives to it. He foresees continued and acrimonious discussion of the railroad problem, and declares that the country "is becoming more and more apposed to this ceaseless feeding of the roads from the public treasury." His article is so wrong throughout in both statement and argument that it is not easy to select the worst; yet it will serve to illustrate the superficial and misleading talk which tends to confuse men's minds and make them accept, if not to further strengthen, dangerous public impulses.

Perhaps there are some wealthy men "who made their millions out of railroad promotions and railroad juggling." This merely repeats the stale as-

sertion that railroad obligations are water and represent original tricks. In some degree, this was once true, but it has no point now; as an illustrative example, there is no question that England, Belgium and France have been guilty of offenses against mankind at some dates during the past two centuries, but that was no reason why this country, which is interested in the welfare of mankind and more immediately interested in its own safety, should have refused to go to their aid when attacked by a common enemy. The railroad made this country. Without it, there would have been no Pacific Coast section, as we now have it; there would have been no Oklahoma; the time was when the newer parts of the country were so eager for railroads that they were ready to grant anything and promise anything in order to get them. Mistakes were made, some wrongs were committed, some promises may have been too profuse; but that the obligations now outstanding are "water" is an assertion of demagogues and agitators, not based on any reality, and to be disproved rather than sustained by the "physical valuation" which was undertaken for the purpose and with the expectation of showing that rates had no justification in actual values.

"It is very necessary," says this writer, "that the railroad problem be approached without prejudice to the owners of the roads, but surely it is equally necessary that it be approached without prejudice to the public, which has put the values in the properties, and which must, in the last analysis, supply any funds required in the solution of the problem." Here is a confusion of thought. The record and formal "owners" are those who hold the securities; the indirect owners, vastly greater in number, are the millions whose property and welfare stand upon the life and service of most financial or public corporations, in whose assets those securities are a substantial part. The keystone belongs to the arch, the lowest foundations belong to the structure, and in the broadest sense the railroads are the property of the entire population.

"After all," says this writer, "the railroad problem is a simple one." It seems simple to some others, also, to the author of the "Plumb" plan, for instance, a plan still hiding but probably not abandoned in the desires of its proponents. That plan would virtually confiscate the present ownership of the roads (such as that is) and turn the properties over to the employees; it is a plan as simple as curing a sick man by chopping off his head. Observe the Plumb-like proposition of this article:

"The railroads have simply become overloaded with obligations, and seek to avoid that shrinkage which has overtaken every other property interest in the country. Thirty years ago existing conditions would have resulted in no problem to the Government or country. Because the railroad corporation, finding itself overloaded, would have either gone voluntarily into court for relief, or it would have been taken there on involuntary proceedings. And under a receivership or bankruptcy proceeding would have had itself relieved of its overload. Nor would the road cease to function under such conditions. There is hardly a railroad in the country but has been through that experience in former years. Why the hesitancy now? . . . If a railroad has permitted itself to become overloaded in the way of financial obligations, instead of asking Government to afford it financial relief, or the public to pay higher rates that it may liquidate its indefensible obligations, it should go to the courts for that relief available to any other private business. Then,

with a clean sheet, shorn of its unnecessary burdens, the road would find itself easily able to meet its necessary obligations under current tariffs and existing income."

This agrees with the philosophy of Chief Stone of the engineers' brotherhood, who long ago evolved the witty but abominable epigram that wages are a first lien always, and receivers' cash as good as any, although he was not reckless enough to say that "there is scarcely a railroad" which has not gone through bankruptcy.

"The stockholders of a national bank which permits itself to get into the predicament the railroads are now in would be required to yield a portion of their possessions to relieve the bank corporation." So says this writer, and adds that "if there is a sound reason why such a rule should not apply to railroad corporations we would like to hear it." There is such a reason, and there is no likeness between the two cases. The bank stockholders are liable to assessment, because they choose their own agents and those agents manage the business; the owners of railroads, nominally private properties, but "affected (and burdened) with a public interest," have no such control. For a long term before the war, railroads were subjected to throttling under the pretense of regulation, neither their receipts nor their disbursements being left to their own determining. Government prescribed rates and in effect prescribed wages for them; the latter was often done indirectly, as witness the cowardly enactment of the Adamson 8-hour law. Then the war fell upon us, with the roads already bled nearly to the exhaustion stage, and with their executives long denied any liberty except that of men with wrists and ankles shackled. As if this were not enough, Government perpetrated the worst blunder of the war in seizing these "private" properties, offering to pay a rental determined by itself, and drove the nominal owners off the premises. Using the perfectly just figure of speech which treats these properties as going industrial plants, we may say that Government proceeded to make alterations, of which the chief and worst was to jack up once more the rate of wage and make that date considerably backward, thereby piling on (before and after the return of the roads to private control) some two billions to the annual payroll of the roads as new burden. This is the manner by which "the railroads have become overloaded with obligations" and "have permitted themselves" to be burdened. A solemn pledge was given to return the properties in as good condition as when seized. To ask whether this has been fulfilled in the spirit would savor of ghastly jesting, for it has not been really fulfilled in even the letter. Considerable resistance, which did not quite prevail, was made against returning the roads at all, but the Act of 19 months ago went through. It was a compromise, and contained the defects of compromising; the fact that if it had been more wise and more just in its provisions the enemies of the country's pledge might have defeated it does not excuse the manner in which the Act has been interpreted and executed. The deadening hand of Government is not taken off, and to this hour the attempts of the roads to come to just working agreements with their men and reach a peaceful *modus vivendi* are wantonly obstructed by an intrusion of the Labor Board, for which there is no just warrant, even in the Act. Neither wise policy nor ordinary justice yet controls the Governmental treatment of the properties, and

this is "the ceaseless feeding of the roads from the public treasury," which the "Tulsa World" imagines it sees.

We may add that no personal disrespect to the writer of the article is intended by our comments upon it. He may be very competent on many topics, but in treating of this one he is under the disadvantage (not always readily escaped in the demands of journalism) of talking of something of whose facts he is ignorant and to whose principles he has not given enough reflection. The misfortune is that, since the press is a megaphone and many persons hastily assume that what they see in print is substantially true (especially if it agrees with the prejudices they have themselves gathered), a teacher who is himself wrong may unintentionally spread mischievous misinformation and thus give strength to injurious public policies.

THE DILEMMA OF THE NEW ENGLAND RAILROADS.

In a recent issue of the "Atlantic Monthly," Mr. Philip Cabot, a Boston banker, who is said to have had long and successful experience in conducting public utilities, discusses the transportation outlook for New England especially. He takes for title the inelegant though expressive "Root, hog, or die," and for sub-title, "The New Englander and his railroads." He begins by saying that the very life-blood of that section is cheap and efficient carrying; being the extreme northeast corner of the country, it has been as dependent on its railroads as a man is on his food, since the end of the China trade. Ten years ago, rumblings and cracks gave unheeded warning, and now New England railroads seem not merely bankrupt but bankrupt beyond repair.

So the producer and distributor turned to the motor truck, and in a brief five years the main radial highways have become "rights of way" and are choked with heavy traffic for which they were not designed. The penalty he foresees is heavy, and will fall on the general taxpayer. Massachusetts has spent over 25 millions in road-building, and much of that has been ground to powder under the wheels of the five-ton truck, with a certainty that repair will cost double the rate of the original construction. The contribution to this by the truck-owner directly is trivial; the back of the taxpayer as such must receive the added burden. Two million ton-miles of freight now move annually by truck, and if the rate of growth persists the total will in five years be sixty millions. The business community seems to have decided that for 100 miles or less the motor is to replace the railroad for freight carrying, and is developing business according to this expectation. The traffic so proposed for handling will in five years require, in Massachusetts alone, at least 2,000 miles of main highway constructed primarily for such purpose, at a total cost of at least 80 millions. This cannot be raised and economically spent within that term, yet "unless the thing is done promptly our industrial life will be strangled." And if this work could possibly be done, the resulting transportation would be at a prohibitory cost, so that if the money were raised and spent it would be wasted. The situation as he sees it is that, in order to provide and maintain the necessary right of way to do the business an annual outlay of over 10 millions for the next five years is necessary, "and when the job is done we shall have created a system the

operating cost of which will be prohibitive." It would be better to pay the money to the present railroad owners, whose rights of way have already cost twice the sum now needed to duplicate them and are far better adapted to the purpose.

A dismal horoscope, certainly, but Mr. Cabot cites as the fundamental fact of the situation the "corner" position of New England geographically. From this position comes the fact that, unlike the great West, carrying in New England is largely in less than carload lots—a sort of magnified local business. New England resembles old England, "and has properly been compared to a huge terminal." In the conduct of this peculiar carrying, Mr. Cabot thinks "we have allowed ourselves to be dominated (one might almost say, hypnotized) by the ideas of train-load and motive power associated with the great name of James J. Hill."

What we call "team work," pursues Mr. Cabot, is essential to successful doing of all great operations. Once the railroads had this, and employees loyally and even affectionately spoke of their superior as "the old man." Doubtless the financial blunders and scandals to which the public mind has been so persistently called have contributed to the present railroad collapse, but Mr. Cabot deems them not the main cause. "The failure is in management, not in finance; either this great industry has assumed proportions beyond the power of men to deal with, or through lack of sufficient imagination and grasp of the nature of the problem the owners and the public have failed to attract, or have driven to distraction, the type of man that was needed." The largeness of the task is of course obvious, and the men who measure up to it are rare; but Mr. Cabot denies that finding and keeping such is beyond our power. He sees clearly that we have failed to get the right men, "or that, having got them, we have not allowed them to do their work," and so we must consider the conditions before we discharge them as incompetent.

The time has come, Mr. Cabot tells New England business men, when "we must make radical improvements in the whole railroad situation, or we die; freight rates and service, and (to a lesser degree) passenger business, must be cheapened and improved, or New England industries will perish." Neither Governmental ownership and operation nor transportation by motor will be a remedy. The two main issues to be grasped are that the railroad industry, like all others, must be conducted by men enthusiastic in the job and loyal to it and each other; next, that New England traffic conditions are more like those of Europe than in the other sections of this country and must be studied and dealt with accordingly. Returning to his statement that local traffic in New England is largely in less than carload lots, he submits that cars of 30 to 50 tons' capacity are not suited to it, but that the 5-ton motor truck, or the like-sized railway van used in England, is the better instrument. "Light trains and speed in handling must be the order of the new day." In line with this assumed demand, he finds a serious stumbling-block in the cost and delays of handling at terminals. Ways for changing this have already appeared, thus:

"Removable bodies, which can be loaded by the merchant or manufacturer in his shipping-room and slid on the motor chassis that backs into the room, will take the goods to a freight yard (not a freight

house) where overhead traveling cranes will hoist these bodies over as many intervening tracks as is necessary to deposit them on freight cars placed according to their destination, one or several bodies on each car. If necessary, tarpaulins can be stretched over them for protection against the weather, and the trains will be made up in small units, hauled by light, economical engines, which in the not-distant future will be electric. The business of transporting goods to and from the freight yards can, if necessary, be done by the railroad companies, as in England; but it will probably be wiser to leave this part of the operation in the hands of separate local agencies. By some such method deliveries of much of the local freight can be greatly speeded up and costs of handling reduced; and as to the balance systems of hauling by small electric trucks at the freight-house, such as are now being tried in the Milwaukee freight house of the St. Paul, will save much man power and reduce costs."

It happens that Senator Walsh of Massachusetts has just written to Gov. Cox of that State an open letter, urging him to call New England Governors into a conference which might make suggestions to Washington for meeting the peculiarly desperate condition of the New England roads. Reputable banking houses, he says, have already refused further advances to at least one of the big roads there; even with greatly increased rates the roads cannot hold their own, and have already drawn more than their proportionate share from the "revolving fund" provided by recent legislation. The Senator thinks that unless something is done at once there may arise the need of choosing between extending general aid, which will mean further load on an over-taxed people, or the very serious course of accepting some form of public ownership.

Whether we agree or not with Mr. Cabot, either in his idea of the seriousness of the situation or in his belief that management even more than money is needed, he has evidently thought out his conclusions rather than jumped at them. He does not overstate the destructive effects of attempted regulation in the past. Executives, as he says, have spent much of their time in attending, preparing for, or trying to avoid public hearings; they have been bound, and not permitted to follow their own judgment, yet they have been blamed for every failure. Mr. Cabot is right in calling suicidal the present attitude of railway labor in struggling for high wage and limited service, yet that is the attitude of organized labor generally. He is right in saying that railway employees "behave as if efficient and economical operation were somebody else's business," whereas it is their own; but this is about the attitude of the general public as to transportation—the roads belong to an indefinite somebody, who will do anything under compulsion, can survive any treatment, and whose welfare need not be considered.

While it is unsafe to try to set up sharp limits before possibilities, it seems to us that men are letting imagination run away with judgment as to the future of vehicles in the air, except as to military operations and the carrying of small and exceptional loads. If natural conditions and long experience prove anything, it seems to be that the carrying of passengers and merchandise, on any but a trivial scale, will long continue to be done on the surface of the earth, and neither above nor under it; that the almost perfected highway we call a "rail" road, by which resistances of gravity and surface are

brought to the minimum, will remain our instrument and dependence for many generations to come, with trains of cars as units, although perhaps not directly drawn by steam. With this as the only rational outlook, Mr. Cabot has made at least interesting and practical suggestions towards utilizing that instrument by better handling of local and small-lot traffic. We cannot see much promise in his suggestion that "a small commission composed of the leaders of our industrial life" could verify the facts and publish them so forcefully as to arouse the taxpayers to "insist that the necessary steps be taken at once"; for his own presentation, if made sufficiently public, should do all which can be done in the direction of arousing. His article is also valuable because it once more repeats and emphasizes the indispensableness of the railroad as being in effect everybody's servant and property. Nothing is so much needed now as a general and vivid appreciation of the seriousness and the personal nearness of the railroad problem. When this is clearly realized, an important step towards solving it will have been gained.

THE MANHOOD OF HUMANITY.

A new idea is not sufficiently rare in these days to challenge attention, but when the subject is of great importance and a solution is proffered by an exceptional authority, the case is different. Such an instance is before us in a book bearing the title of this article, written by an accomplished engineer.*

Accepting the War as marking the end of a vast period in the life of mankind, he terms it the end of Humanity's Childhood and the Beginning of Humanity's Manhood. He proposes then such a study of man and his agency in the course of events as will fix his real place in the natural world and his power to establish his own welfare and the progress of mankind.

To this task he comes as an engineer. The World War shows how extensive and essential is the work of the engineer. It is his business to estimate difficulties to be overcome, to appraise available resources and to organize all with regard to attaining the object in view. The engineer is at the elbow of every man who has any great task in hand. In this instance his business will be the right valuation and direction of the energies and capacities of human beings in the advancement of human well-being. This can be done only on a basis of fact. Without production humanity must perish. In that work the human factor is the most important. To direct this man's place in nature must be understood.

Here is where our author holds that the great error has been made and the new conception is to be reached. Man has been regarded as in part an animal, and in part a combination of that with something supernatural. This is essentially misleading. Man is a natural being, but of a distinct type. He is not an animal, and never was. The chasm between animals and man is wider and deeper than that between plants and animals. Plants appropriate the materials supplied by the sun, soil and air, and absorb them in a distinct plant life, and have not power to move about in space. Animals can do the same, availing themselves of much that plants have done, but have a new and original power to

move about, to creep, run, fly. The moment man found himself conscious of existence, however long ago that was, he began to act in new relations; he reached out in time. He had a past embodied in his present and preparatory to a future into which he was to go. He proceeded at once to make history and to be aware that he was doing it. An animal makes no history; he belongs to the present and the world of things, while man deals with time. Life in him discloses an entirely new form. He can appropriate everything within his reach, and, rising by his own energies, can develop and improve both himself and his surroundings. He finds himself forever questioning as to what lies at hand available as the gift of yesterday to serve to-day and then to-morrow; for both of which he not only has desires and plans, but begins at once to apply to these materials his own ability to shape them to his use.

Here then is where the work of the human engineer, according to our author, must begin. So long as man has held himself as something apart from the natural world and its laws he was not true to any law; he has felt free to make for himself speculative, artificial and unnatural laws. The science of human engineering cannot be built on that basis. To show its influence as affecting the world to-day our author quotes Prof. Keyser of Columbia as saying: "Probably no other single hypothesis (as that man is a being quite apart from the world about him) has less to recommend it, and yet no other so completely dominates the human mind."

This new conception, then, is the assumption upon which our author bases the argument of his book. The scientific view of man as occupying his own specific place in the natural world alters our whole understanding of human life, human society and the world. Man's position and specific character fix him within the sweep of the entirety of Nature's laws, in ethics, economics, philosophy, sociology and the rest. The human dimensions embrace the good, the just, the right, the beautiful. It is no longer true that self-interest lies at the root of all man's action on the assumption that he must live before he can act. That is true of animals, because they have not the capacity to produce artificially. Man is a creator and therefore not controlled in number by the supply of food by unaided nature, but by his own artificial productivity. He must therefore act to be able to live (through the action of parents or society), and in obedience to laws, as of ethics, which are natural laws.

Human excellence is measured by obedience to these laws in this relation. And all the sciences must be applied creatively for man; they must guide in his proper life as a man and not as an animal. Man's powers have to be studied in their productive capacity. He is a complex of batteries of mysterious energy, physical, chemical, mechanical, all intimately joined; they must function properly together or he cannot live. He must maintain a perpetual struggle for existence. The growth of population is so rapid that natural supplies would be readily exhausted except for his power to develop and increase them in a geometrical ratio. He requires engineering guidance to do this, as it must be ordered production. This is made possible through the human brain, which with training gives adequate value to Nature's energies and raw materials.

Humanity survives only by virtue of man's ability to exploit natural resources, converting products

**Manhood of Humanity*, by Alfred Korzybski. Dutton & Co.

of nature into forms available for his needs. To discover and obey the laws of his own nature, which must be recognized as being as definite as the laws governing plants and animals, is to open the way to everything important to human welfare and progress.

Hitherto the effort to do this has been either in zoological or supernatural lines, i.e., to draw upon animal life, on the one hand, or to treat man, on the other, as a supernatural being, a union of human and divine without understandable law.

In either direction failure ensues. Life has brought to us not only the raw material of nature, but all this as affected by and increased with the results of man's energy, the sum of his intellectual attainment and spiritual wealth, thus constituting the civilization of posterity. All the sciences, the life-regulating, no less than the physical sciences of chemistry, biology and the others, must be viewed as interlocking and inter-dependent. In economics, for example, old and familiar conceptions will have to be enlarged and definitions changed. This will be difficult. Terms such as Money, Capital and Wealth represent accepted values for which they have many standards. Money becomes no longer a term representing a certain accumulation of material possessions as available in exchange; nor does Capital denote the whole or some portion of those possessions that may be set apart for a particular use; and "Wealth" likewise means much more than the sum of the ownership of such material things. Money becomes the symbol of the accumulating and living work of past generations; Capital and Wealth expand in the same direction, as they are seen to embrace besides material things knowledge and work, i.e., the results of man's energy as directed to their use, creating value, and constituting thus a permanent force in human existence.

In this form of existence men do not die; individually in their bodies they do, but their energy survives and the wealth of any age or period is the accumulation of all that has proved precious and useful in the work of the past generations. The steam engine of to-day, for example, represents the accumulated potential acquisitions of man for, say 6,000 years, and required their continued existence for its production. The energy the engine releases was existent, but it was not available. To produce the engine, when it was invented, required continually the gathering of certain numbers of workmen and much machinery, with buildings and power, all of which are the production of past generations and are represented in the engine to-day.

This removes all inherent antagonism between Labor and Capital, as it changes the conception of ethics, of jurisprudence, of social institutions and the like, from a static into a dynamic one, in which in all these are to be recognized the results of the life and work of the men of the past, which are continuing and forever producing in a developing ratio.

The catastrophe of the War marks the close of Humanity's childhood. In the view of our author, whose conception we are giving largely in his own words, these days are the beginning of a new order in human affairs, the order of permanent peace and the swift advancement of human welfare. We shall still have to find men divided into three classes: the intellectuals, who possess the knowledge gathered by the men of the past, but who have not material wealth; the rich, who have that wealth, which is dead until transformed by the labor of the living;

and the poor, who have neither the wealth nor the knowledge, but are absorbed chiefly in the struggle for existence.

But we know at length what is the characteristic of human life; it is the power to create material and spiritual wealth, to produce civilization as a present and growing reality, charged with the surviving creations of the past and the productive labor of the living. Either without the other would end the process; human life would disappear.

We know also that the natural rate of human progress is the rate of a swiftly increasing, forward leaping function of Time. In this men are multiplying and reproducing themselves in ever better conditions, and the individual man may well be preparing for a continued existence in a life beyond where we shall find both available resources and developed powers. With that future life our author does not connect his thesis; but as presenting a brave interpretation of the present life his book is well worth attention. It is scholarly, sincere and fundamental.

The ethics of Humanity's Manhood, which we appear to have entered, we may believe will be not the ethics of tooth and claw, of profiteering, of beasts fighting for a place in the sun. It will be the ethics of a distinct and entirely natural civilization, holding the accumulations of the past as the capital for the future. This will be the creation and possession of a Humanity in which in its Manhood survival will not be of the strongest, but of the best as measured in its production of wealth, both spiritual and material, for the benefit of all, both high and low. It will be the product of the ethics of men who can be content with nothing short of a realized Brotherhood of Mankind.

The book may be taken as a scientific answer to Lord Bryce's question the other day, in his Williams-town address, when he said: "In the last resort the question, is there any cure for the world's ills, is one of the moral progress of the individual men who compose the communities." For it identifies this moral progress of the individual with that assured to the community which becomes obedient to its own God-implanted laws.

Current Events and Discussions

GERMAN MARK TO NEW LOW LEVEL—ACTION BY BOURSE.

Following the closing of the Berlin Bourse on the 8th inst. for the remainder of the week, (noted in our issue of last week, page 1099) because of the feverish speculative operations, it was decided later in the week to keep the exchange closed for stock trading throughout the present week except Thursday. Still later Berlin press advices (Sept. 15) state:

The Bourse Committee has decided that from Oct. 1 the Bourse shall open half an hour earlier and close half an hour later than at the present time. Dealings in dividend-paying stocks will be permitted only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. No dealings will be permitted before 11 o'clock in the morning.

Listed stocks will be increased with a view to counteracting wild speculation in unlisted stocks.

Vorwärts, discussing the financial situation, points out that, while Germany's financial position has steadily become worse, the economic situation has materially improved. That the German Treasury has not profited by the improvement Vorwärts attributes to "sabotage of taxation" on the part of producers.

On Sept. 13 the cable advices to the daily papers from Berlin said:

With a view to counteracting insensate Bourse speculation, the Government, according to the "Berliner Tageblatt," is contemplating steps to establish some measure of control of the money market by a system of "rationing," or, as a last resort, sequestering foreign currencies or bills thrown on the market in excess of what is regarded as legitimate requirements.

The difficulties of such intervention are obvious, and the "Tageblatt" learns it would not be resorted to except in the last extremity. An alternative the Government is reported to be seeking a means to induce German exporters and industrialists to transfer, without compulsion on their part, their foreign bills to the Treasury. The "Tageblatt" is of the

opinion that the time to intervene is now, and that all requisitions of foreign currencies or bills should be immediately placed under Government control.

The dollar with a record of 110 marks in January 1920, to-day reached 108½ for cable transfers.

On Thursday of this week (Sept. 15) the German mark declined in the New York market to .90¼ cent, the lowest point marks ever touched in the local market. In recording this the New York "Times" said:

The low quotation was touched under an avalanche of selling from local banks and Liverpool, but support came into the market at the close and marks closed at .92¼ cent, within a fraction of the opening point.

At the same time that marks were hovering about the low point, announcement was made of the receipt of \$4,330,000 in gold coin, sent by the Reichsbank to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, to be deposited to the credit of the Belgian Government on reparations account. The metal was consigned to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York by order of the National Bank of Belgium. It arrived on the steamer Potomac of the United States lines and was contained in 117 cases. The consignment is described as gold coin consisting of American dollars to the amount of \$1,060,000 and the remainder in Austrian crowns. This shipment is the second to be made to the Federal Reserve Bank by the Reichsbank on account of reparations. Ten days ago the steamer Mount Clay brought ninety-three cases of gold, valued at \$3,500,000, for this account. Others are to follow.

Announcement was made by Zimmermann & Forshay that they have \$100,000 in gold coming to them from Germany on the steamer Bayern, scheduled to sail from Hamburg yesterday. The announcement follows one made on the previous day of \$100,000 engaged on the same ship for the International Acceptance Bank, Inc. These two consignments come here in the course of regular banking transactions, and so far as known have no relation to reparations, although, of course, the metal may ultimately be used for that purpose. It is generally believed that the shipments represent a part of the endeavors of Germany to rebuild her dollar balances in New York.

On Sept. 12 London press advices stated:

The German mark underwent a sharp decline in the exchange market here to-day. Its value in the early afternoon fell to 397½ marks the pound sterling, a new low record for the mark here, while later there was a still further decline in value, the mark reaching 400 the pound. The normal parity is 20.43 marks to the pound.

The drop was ascribed in financial quarters to Germany's recent reparations payment and to the unsettled state of German politics.

RETURN OF SECURITIES LOANED TO THE BRITISH TREASURY.

The National Debt Commissioners give notice in the "London Gazette" of Aug. 19 1921 that the British Treasury has decided to exercise the option, under Clause 3 of Scheme B, of returning Southern Pacific Co. Common stock as on Nov. 20 1921, from which date the additional allowance will cease. The Treasury Register will close one calendar month before the date specified, and no further transfers can then be accepted.

A BRAZIL STATE IN DEFAULT—PROCEEDS OF SANTA CATHARINA BONDS TIED UP IN IMBRIE & CO. FAILURE.

It developed recently that the State of Santa Catharina, Brazil, had not paid the interest due June 1 1921, on the \$5,000,000 6% External Secured Sinking Fund Gold bonds of 1919 sold to Imbrie & Co. It also appears that the default has grown directly out of the failure of Imbrie & Co. The bonds were sold to the latter for \$4,325,000 and paid for "by establishing a credit in favor of the State on the books of Imbrie & Co., which credit was drawn upon by the State prior to the receivership (of the firm) to the extent of approximately \$1,500,000." Because of the receivership the State now finds the remaining \$2,825,000 in jeopardy. The facts are set out in the following advertisement which has appeared in some of the daily papers asking the bondholders to deposit their bonds with a protective committee which has been formed to uphold the rights of the bondholders.

To the Holders of State of Santa Catharina, Brazil, 6% External Secured Sinking Fund Gold Bonds of 1919:

The undersigned Committee for the holders of the State of Santa Catharina 6% External Secured Sinking Fund Gold bonds of 1919, invite the deposit of said bonds with them under a Deposit Agreement dated as of Aug. 1 1921, an original of which is lodged with the Depository, and copies of which may be obtained from the Depository or from the Secretary of the Committee. The American Trust Co., No. 135 Broadway, New York, is the Depository for the Committee.

As you are aware, the State has defaulted in the payment of interest due upon these bonds on June 1 1921, as well as in meeting the Sinking Fund requirements of the Trust Agreement, not, however, as the Committee are informed and believe, from any inability on the part of the State to pay.

The Committee, although organized and active for a considerable time, have not heretofore asked for the deposit of bonds, because they have been engaged in negotiations with representatives of the State of Santa Catharina in the hope of arriving at some amicable adjustment of the rights of the bondholders. The result of these negotiations has, however, been so unsatisfactory that the Committee are now prepared to call upon the Trustee under the Trust Agreement to institute legal proceedings in the courts of Brazil to enforce the terms of the Trust Agreement, or, if deemed necessary, the payment of the bonds in full. In the judgment of the Committee, concerted action by the bondholders is essential to success.

During the negotiations with the Committee, the representatives of the State never asserted positively that the State repudiated these bonds and never advanced any valid reasons for the defaults which have occurred. On the other hand, in the Imbrie & Co. receivership proceedings, the

representative of the State recently filed an answer in opposition to a petition of Imbrie & Co. to expunge the State's claim for an accounting, in which answer it is alleged that all the bonds are invalid. The Committee are convinced that no valid reason exists for the defaults, and in their opinion the present situation has arisen solely by reason of the fact that Imbrie & Co., in purchasing from the State the whole issue of these bonds of \$5,000,000 in principal amount for the price of \$4,325,000, paid for the same by establishing a credit in favor of the State on the books of Imbrie & Co., which credit was drawn upon by the State prior to the receivership, as the Committee are informed, to the extent of approximately \$1,500,000. It is the opinion of the Committee that this contention is prompted solely by the fear of the State that it will not realize cash upon the full amount of the credit balance in its favor on the books of Imbrie & Co., and they do not believe that the State can successfully maintain that the bonds are invalid. This belief of the Committee has been sustained by the following language contained in an opinion of the United States District Court in its decision rendered on Aug. 15 1921, directing that the claim of the State for an accounting be expunged: "It is clear that Imbrie & Co. purchased the bonds and the title thereto passed on the delivery of the bonds;" and, further: "The State has accepted a substantial sum in payment for the bonds. They should not now question the validity of the bonds." Notwithstanding this decision of the Court, the State still persists in declining to remedy the existing defaults. In any event, inasmuch as the State was willing to accept the credit of Imbrie & Co. in payment of the purchase price for these bonds, the failure of the State to realize upon this credit in full certainly should not affect the rights of bona fide holders for value of these bonds.

With respect to bonds held in pledge to secure loans of Imbrie & Co., the Committee has procured the entry of an order in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, permitting the deposit by pledges of their pledged bonds and authorizing Imbrie & Co. and the receivers of Imbrie & Co. to consent to such deposit. This order does not, however, purport to affect any orders that may be in effect in the ancillary receiverships in Boston and Pittsburgh.

It will appear from the foregoing that the difficulties that may arise in enforcing the rights of the bondholders are such that the formation of this Committee was not only necessary but imperative, and that the deposit of bonds with them, and such other co-operation as they may request, will greatly promote the protection and enforcement of the rights of the bondholders.

The Committee already has authority to represent approximately \$2,000,000 in principal amount of these bonds.

Under the deposit agreement, the time for the deposit of bonds expires Sept. 20 1921.

New York, Sept. 2 1921.

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The "Wall Street Journal" in its issue of Aug. 16 in discussing the court decision referred to above had the following to say. This makes it plain that a considerable amount of the bonds has been pledged with bankers as collateral for loans.

Judge Manton in the United States District Court on Monday handed down a decision denying the claim of the State of Santa Catharina, Brazil, for an accounting in the matter of a \$5,000,000 bond issue sold to Imbrie & Co. This decision if appealed and upheld in a higher court will result in establishing the validity of the bond issue so far as courts in the United States are concerned, and will make it clear that any further withholding of interest due on the bonds by the State is an act of repudiation.

The State of Santa Catharina bonds were bought by Imbrie & Co., who opened a credit in favor of the State of Santa Catharina for the purchase price. At the time of the failure of Imbrie & Co. there was about \$3,300,000 (according to the advertisement above quoted the amount due is \$2,825,000.—Ed.) still due Santa Catharina on this credit. The other \$1,700,000 (\$1,500,000 by the advertisement) having been withdrawn by the State from the banking firm.

About \$1,000,000 of the bonds have passed into the hands of the public through sale by Imbrie & Co. and some \$3,000,000 are held by bankers as collateral for a loan to Imbrie & Co. The bankers are, therefore, intimately concerned with the result of this decision.

The attitude of Santa Catharina in seeking to avoid payment of the bonds has been to depress their market price from 85% to 35%, as pointed out by the attorneys for the petitioners, Rabenold & Scribner, with the result that the State is now in a position to buy up all of the outstanding bonds for less than the \$1,541,000 cash received by it on account thereof and still preserve its claims against the Imbrie estate for the balance.

The position is taken that, the plaintiff South American State having appealed to our Courts for a decision in the matter, it will be without moral ground for further withholding of interest payments in case our courts finally sustain the validity of the bonds. Intimations have been received from the State Department that once the matter has been adjudicated in our courts favorably to the petitioners, Imbrie and others the United States will take up the matter of payment with Santa Catharina on behalf of the bondholders.

T. W. LAMONT TO VISIT MEXICO TO DISCUSS STATUS OF MEXICO'S EXTERNAL OBLIGATIONS.

Announcement was made on the 14th inst. of the acceptance by Thomas W. Lamont, of J. P. Morgan & Co., of an invitation to visit Mexico and discuss on behalf of the International Committee of Bankers of Mexico the status of the outstanding external obligations of that Government. The announcement came in the form of the following statement issued at the offices of J. P. Morgan & Co.

The International Committee of Bankers on Mexico has requested its Acting Chairman, Thomas W. Lamont, to accept the invitation extended some time ago by the Mexican Government officials, and, at his convenience, to proceed to Mexico for the purpose of discussing there the status of the outstanding external obligations of the Mexican Government. Mr. Lamont has been asked by the other sections of the International Committee, namely, the British, French, Swiss, Dutch and Belgian, to represent their interests during the pending discussions in Mexico City. The Department of State at Washington is cognizant of the fact that the International Committee's representative will shortly visit Mexico.

Commenting on Mr. Lamont's proposed mission the "Journal of Commerce" of Sept. 14 said in part:

It is understood that Mr. Lamont will take with him to Mexico a staff of statisticians and other technical experts and that the whole financial situation will be studied thoroughly from all angles in an attempt to find ways and means to restore the Mexican Government's prestige in international finance. It is roughly estimated that Mexico has defaulted on some \$200,000,000 of securities, largely held outside of the country, and that interest due on these obligations approximates \$40,000,000.

No Washington Conference.

Dispatches in yesterday's newspapers from Washington to the effect that Thomas W. Lamont had been present at a series of conferences in Washington to discuss the prompt liquidation of the external debt of Mexico are branded as incorrect by Mr. Lamont.

For some time Wall Street has been permeated with rumors that negotiations were in progress to clear up Mexico's external indebtedness and from time to time there have been sharp advances in Mexican bonds listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The Mexican 5s sold up around 51 yesterday and the 4s changed hands between 38 and 39. The delay of Mexican officials in meeting the country's obligations has long been recognized as one of the great obstacles in the way of formal recognition of the Mexican Government by Washington. As the Obregon administration is supposed to be anxious to secure the good will and friendship of American business and political interests the chances of Mr. Lamont's mission being successful in securing the Government's promise to meet defaulted obligations are regarded as bright.

In referring to the fact that the Mexican Embassy at Washington had been notified of the acceptance by Mr. Lamont of the invitation from the Mexican Government, Washington advices to the "Journal of Commerce" on Sept. 13 said:

Mr. Lamont is reported to have received satisfactory assurances from Government officials with regard to the prospect of the early recognition of the Obregon regime by the United States.

The statement was made to-night by sources close to the Mexican administration that a representative of an associate house of J. P. Morgan & Co. was en route to Mexico City in regard to the plans for the liquidation of the external debt and might be expected to arrive there Wednesday. It is reported here that a group of international bankers already have worked out ways and means for the rehabilitation of Mexico's finances.

Mr. Lamont will not visit the Mexican Capitol in any capacity representing the United States Government.

It is stated that an invitation has also been extended to James Speyer of Speyer & Co. Mr. Speyer is at present in Europe.

DARWIN P. KINGSLEY SEES LITTLE PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE IN EUROPE.

In the essential things that go to make peace, little, if any progress, in Europe has been made since the signing of the armistice, according to Darwin P. Kingsley, President of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, and President of the New York Life Insurance Company, Mr. Kingsley returned on the Aquitania on the 12th inst., after a business trip of two months to England, France, Germany, Switzerland and Belgium. Stating that he brought back "only two pleasant and encouraging impressions from Europe," Mr. Kingsley added:

The first is that Germany has gone to work. The second is the restraining influence and generally beneficial effect of the American troops in Coblenz, led and inspired as they are by General Henry T. Allen. General Allen is not only a fighting man but a diplomat, and has achieved an almost unique position in the relations that have sprung up between the Germans and the Allies in the occupied territory.

Germany is at work. American manufacturers who come into competition with the goods that Germany is turning out realize that no one can compete with them. But Germany politically is in a parlous state. Her relations with France have not moved toward a condition of peace, but, on the contrary, the feeling between the two nations now is worse than it has ever been. France's attitude toward Germany is a very human attitude, one that I think most Americans sympathize with, but in my judgment very unwise and likely ultimately to react on France herself. In plain English, France substantially wants to destroy Germany politically and industrially. It is no secret that the relations between the British and the French in the occupied territory are not pleasant and, indeed, that the relations between the two nations are not exactly cordial.

Broadly speaking, I should say that in the essential things that go to make peace there has been very little if any progress in Europe since the signing of the armistice.

ARTHUR REYNOLDS OF CHICAGO BELIEVES SOLUTION OF EUROPEAN PROBLEMS WILL BE SLOW.

In a review of conditions in Europe, made on Sept. 12 with his return from a three-months' trip abroad, Arthur Reynolds, President of the Continental and Commercial Banks of Chicago, describes the situation in Europe as "very complex," and, to his mind "the problems will require a long time for their solution." While Mr. Reynolds feels sure that the problems will be worked out, he expresses the opinion that "the process will be slow, and readjustment in this country will be affected directly by the difficulties over there." He is further quoted in the Chicago "Post" as saying:

America has gone farther and more rapidly in liquidation than any of the other countries involved in the war. We suffered some hardship because of the pressure that was necessary in order to bring about deflation of prices, but we made progress in the right direction, and it is now possible to see by contrast how we have benefited from that process and what serious dangers we escaped.

In all the European countries prices are very high, and in most of them are constantly going higher. This is making the problem of living more and

more difficult, causing discontent and ever-increasing demands for higher wages.

That, in turn, adds to the cost of the production of commodities, and hampers the nations in the foreign trade which is so essential to their recovery from the financial effects of the war. The result is that labor is the paramount question in all these countries, and statesmen and business leaders are much concerned as to the manner in which it is to be answered.

Conditions in England.

England has accomplished more than the other European nations in digging out from under the load of war complications, but conditions there are still far from satisfactory. The government is paying 15 shillings a week to each of her unemployed. This is a measure adopted during the war, and may have been wise at the time, but it is now realized that it injects into the economic situation a dangerous element that will be hard to remove. Strikes are less frequent now than they were a few months ago, but it seems to me the people are not working so hard as they should, or as they must if they are to win in the struggle to get on their feet again.

In France the people, especially the farming element, are hard at work and making headway. They bought about 5,000,000,000 francs of government securities last year and paid off \$750,000,000 of their external debt. In the cities, conditions are less satisfactory, and the evidences of inflation and reckless expenditure are more noticeable. The government has a serious task ahead of it in the balancing of its fiscal budget. There seems to be no doubt that the external debt of France will be taken care of, but the outcome as regards internal obligations is not so assuring. Here also there is constant clamor for higher wages, the paper money mills are working steadily and prices are moving upward.

Bad Conditions in Italy.

Italy is in probably the worst financial condition of all the Allied nations, because inflation there is greatest. Prices are five or six times those of normal times and going higher. A street laborer who ordinarily received 3½ lire for ten hours' work now is paid 40 lire for seven hours' work, and spends his present wages more quickly than he did those of pre-war times. There is much unrest, but I saw no serious disturbances.

Holland and Switzerland, which are generally supposed to have become very wealthy from their trade during the war, are in the dumps. Business is very bad, and the people are discouraged. Although these countries are not laboring under the crushing burden of debt that inflicts their neighbors, they are having their troubles in common with all.

Belgium is making rapid strides toward rehabilitation. Her people are all at work and their crops this year are as good as I ever have seen. The scars of war are fast disappearing and intensive cultivation is bringing the country back to its former appearance of thrifty prosperity.

GOLD STANDARD ADOPTED BY DAIREN (MANCHURIA) PRODUCE EXCHANGE.

A cable dispatch from Dairen, Manchuria, states that the Dairen Produce Exchange changed from the silver standard to the gold standard on Sept. 6, instead of on Sept. 14, as originally intended, and it is reported that it has proven to be highly successful. Hereafter the gold yen will be the only medium of exchange in transactions of beans, bean cakes and bean oils, such commodities having been quoted in terms of silver yen before Sept. 6.

When this exchange was established in 1913 plans were formulated whereby prices were to be quoted in terms of gold. After careful deliberation, it was deemed advisable to defer the adoption of such policy until some future date, as the economic situation of Manchuria at that time did not appear propitious for such a step, consequently the silver standard was put in use as a temporary measure.

On June 30 1921 there were 32,000,000 gold yen notes of the Bank of Chosen in circulation throughout Manchuria, whereas only 840,000 silver yen notes were in use on the same date. Undoubtedly this wide disparity in favor of the gold yen was the dominating factor in the decision of the Dairen Produce Exchange to abolish the silver standard in their market. In addition to this, the recent world-wide fluctuation of the silver market has played a prominent part in having the Manchurian people appreciate that the gold yen is a superior medium of exchange to the silver yen, more especially as the former is amply backed by the gold reserve. It is thought inevitable that the interior districts will follow this example as the feeling in favor of the gold yen is strong, this being accentuated by the fact that with a gold standard the natives can obtain more favorable terms from buyers, as the latter will be relieved of the great risks they were compelled to run when trading on a silver basis.

When business in Manchurian products is transacted on a silver basis the merchants are confronted with many risks, the most prominent of which are (a) the direct risk in the difference between gold and silver; (b) the indirect risk in the constant fluctuation of commodity prices. It is however, a fact that some merchants prefer to assume the first-mentioned risks, as in many instances it would react to their advantage in the form of additional profits, but the majority, realizing that this desire for gambling in exchange has seriously retarded the healthy improvement of trade in Manchuria, especially as it relates to their export business, deemed it advisable to establish a more staple medium for transactions.

The abolition of silver standard relating to foreign trade has much significance. Under the silver standard, Manchurian exporters had to take into account not only the

price of products in silver yen, but exchange between (a) gold yen and dollars and (b) gold yen and silver exchange; for protection against loss caused by fluctuations in exchange, exporters had to include in quotations a premium above ordinary cost of merchandise.

Since the outbreak of the World War, the importation of beans, bean cakes and bean oils to this country has rapidly expanded, and now that one of the greatest obstacles to the maintenance and expansion of foreign commerce has been removed, namely the silver standard, it is therefore reasonable to assume that the exportation of these products will steadily increase and prove the means of bringing them into closer contact with the rest of the world.

PROPOSED REMEDIES FOR BRAZILIAN ECONOMIC CRISIS.

On Aug. 30 the Department of Commerce at Washington announced the receipt of the following from Commercial Attache W. L. Schurz, at Rio de Janeiro, July 2:

The present economic situation in Brazil has evoked endless discussion, and the suggestion of innumerable remedies, most of which are based upon the belief that the break in exchange, which occurred in June and which still continues, is responsible for the prevailing conditions. As a result of this false hypothesis most of the suggestions offered have evidenced the usual tendency to rely on artificial Governmental measures, rather than the natural processes of increasing production and decreasing consumption. Among the remedies which have already been tried out, but which have thus far failed of any singular success, are included the rediscount operations of the Banco de Brasil, the valorization of coffee, the fiscalization decree limiting daily interbank transactions to £5,000, and the American loan of \$50,000,000. Half of this loan has already been used, and it is rumored that the remaining \$25,000,000 will be taken up shortly.

Factors Preventing Trade Balance.

Although the commercial deficit of Brazil, excluding its foreign obligations, amounted to 220,453,000 milreis in April, 1921, a balance might nevertheless have been expected by late July or August had trade taken the anticipated normal course and the decline in imports continued. Unfortunately, however, several factors were operating to prevent this equalization. Increasing quantities of German goods were entering the country at prices which encouraged buying that should otherwise have been curtailed; the expected increase in the price and exportation of coffee failed to materialize; and the meat industry was paralyzed by the various foreign embargoes against products from the pest-infected district of Sao Paulo.

Recommendations of Chamber of Commerce.

At the close of a series of special meetings held by the Brazilian Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of considering means of averting a panic, resolutions were drawn up recommending the following measures to the consideration of the Government:

(1) The delivery of the goods held in warehouses to the consignees by the Government, which should issue one-year bonds to cover the operations and should guarantee an exchange rate of 5 milreis to the dollar. This proposal has received little support from the sounder element in the business community, which considers that the responsibility of the Government would be too great and that the result would be doubtful.

(2) The use of the gold reserve held in the Caixa da Amortizacao as guaranty of paper money, amounting to 69,000,000 milreis. There are strong legal and patriotic objections to the utilization of this fund.

(3) The use of the Italian credits, amounting to about 40,000,000 milreis. This sum represents the amount of the 100,000,000 milreis credit granted by Brazil to Italy for purchases in this country for which Italy has already drawn. It is proposed that the Government utilize these bills in the exchange market.

(4) The prohibition of the importation of luxuries and non-necessities. The suggested list to be barred, or on which prohibitive duties would be placed, includes jewelry, perfume and liquors and raw materials for their manufacture, and silks. This class of merchandise represents such a small share of the total imports, however, that its elimination could have little effect on the exchange situation; but if the elimination of automobiles and parts, imports of which amounted to 84,000,000 milreis in 1920, and the curtailment of large purchases of military materials were included, the proposition would doubtless prove a salutary move.

(5) The stimulation of production and exportation. This very logical suggestion has been given great prominence, for while some of the staple agricultural products have little demand in foreign markets at present, or a demand only at very low prices, the country can at least come nearer to economic self-sufficiency. Among the industries capable of much greater development are the following:

Iron and Steel.—By utilization of the vast ore resources of Minas Geraes. The imports of iron and steel and their manufactures in 1920 amounted to 292,541,000 milreis.

Cotton Textiles and Yarn.—In spite of the rapid growth of this industry, Brazil is still depending on foreign countries, particularly England, for a large amount of cotton. Imports of cotton for 1920 amounted to 169,006,000 milreis.

Wheat.—The imports of wheat in 1920 were valued at 141,068,000 milreis and the imports of wheat flour at 80,724,000 milreis. It is estimated that all of this could be grown in Rio Grande do Sul, Santa Catharina and Parana. . . .

(6) Postponement of public works not under contract, especially such projects as would require importation of considerable quantities of foreign equipment. The present Administration has been much criticised for the costly construction and reclamation projects which it has undertaken in a time of financial depression, but thus far these Government expenditures show no sign of curtailment.

In the meantime customs receipts have dropped to about 60% of what they were a year ago, the requirement that 55% of the amount of all import duties be paid in gold milreis causing importers to leave their goods in the customs warehouses to await the improvement of the exchange.

In our issue of Aug. 6, page 577, we referred to the adoption of bills by the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies for the regulation of storage charges to relieve the exchange situation.

AMERICAN SYNDICATE BUYS PROPERTY OF HAPSBURG FAMILY IN AUSTRIA.

A somewhat unusual business transaction was consummated in the Ritz Hotel at Paris, on Sept. 10, when an agreement was signed by Samuel Untermyer, representing a group of prominent Americans, and the Archduke Frederick of Austria and members of his family, by which the Americans acquired control of all the Archduke's estates in the dismembered Austrian Empire, having a value, it is estimated, of \$200,000,000. These estates are said to include the rich steel works and mines at Teschen, vast forest lands stretching across many miles of several new Central European republics, farms, factories, apartment houses, palaces, castles, and even the celebrated Albertina Museum at Vienna, in which are housed about 1,000,000 articles of artistic and historical interest.

Included in the American syndicate which purchased the Hapsburg estates are Charles H. Sabin, J. Leonard Replogle, Frank A. Munsey, Thomas J. Felder, William A. Honnald, Louis Chevrillon and Dr. Hugh Young, of Johns Hopkins University. In reporting the plans of the American syndicate for operation of the newly acquired properties, as made public by Mr. Replogle, the New York "Times" on Sept. 13 had the following to say:

The management of the estate of Archduke Frederick of Austria and his family, in which a group of American capitalists has obtained an interest, will be operated by the General Real Estate & Trust Co., recently incorporated in Geneva, Switzerland, with a capitalization of \$500,000. Two-thirds of the stock of this company is owned by the Hapsburg family, while one-third is owned by the American syndicate. Rene Viviani, former Premier of France, has been retained to obtain a release of the properties which have been confiscated by various Governments. These details were divulged yesterday by J. Leonard Replogle, who heads the American interests.

The properties of the Hapsburg family taken over by the General Real Estate & Trust Company include approximately 1,200,000 acres of land, of which 60,000 acres is in Italy, 120,000 in Rumania, 290,000 in Hungary, 200,000 in Austria, and 200,000 in Czecho-Slovakia. It includes from twelve to fourteen beet sugar factories, several coal mines, apartment houses in the larger cities of Austria and Hungary, and the Albertina Museum at Vienna. The value of the art objects in this museum alone is estimated at \$100,000,000. The Hapsburg family before the war was considered among the wealthiest in Europe, comparing with the Czar of Russia and the Rothschilds.

It is the intention of the trust company, which is headed by H. S. Endsley as President, to liquidate the land holdings and other properties as soon as possible, but as about 50% of this property has been confiscated by various countries it is believed that realization upon them will be a long drawn out affair. The manufacturing plants, however, will be operated as heretofore by the trust company, which is to be managed by Charles S. Sabin, President of the Guaranty Trust Company of this city; Mr. Replogle, President of the Vanadium Steel Company, and Frank A. Munsey. Mr. Endsley was President of the Replogle Steel Company during its period of reorganization. Rene Viviani is general counsel of the General Real Estate & Trust Company, and Samuel Untermyer represents the American interests.

Associated with Messrs. Sabin, Replogle and Munsey are Thomas J. Felder, William A. Honnald, Louis Chevrillon and Dr. Hugh Young of Johns Hopkins University. Mr. Felder has been interested in the negotiations from the very start, and was associated with Mr. Replogle in securing an interest in the Bergunhuten steel plant. He is a son-in-law of the late Milton Smith, President of the Louisville & Nashville RR.

The investment in the General Real Estate & Trust Company has been completely financed and there will be no offering of securities either in this country or abroad. The investment is a personal one on behalf of the individuals of the American group. And as the holdings of the Hapsburg estate is liquidated by the trust company, dividends will be distributed in proportion to the holdings of the Hapsburg family, which is two-thirds, and to the American syndicate, which is one-third.

Mr. Replogle has made two visits abroad investigating the property, one last year and one this year. The plans call for Mr. Replogle making an annual visit to Europe in behalf of the local syndicate.

Mr. Viviani has been entrusted with the task of bringing the matter before the mixed tribunal of the League of Nations on the ground that the confiscation of some of the estates was a violation of the Treaty of St. Germain.

Negotiations for control of this vast estate started two years ago when Mr. Replogle on one of his visits abroad negotiated with Eugene Schneider, the French steel manufacturer, to obtain an interest in the Bergunhuten steel plant located at Teschen, Czecho-Slovakia. This deal went through and Mr. Replogle is one of the directors of this company. Following this the parties interested were approached on the matter of taking over additional properties, and finally the deal reached such large proportions that the assistance of other Americans was solicited.

The Teschen steel plant is said to be modern in every detail. It employs approximately 20,000 men at the present time, and, according to Mr. Replogle, is operating at about 85% of capacity. It has its own by-product coke ovens, coal mines, bar and plate mills, and besides being one of the lowest cost producers of steel compares with any of the large plants in this country in equipment. Mr. Schneider will continue to operate this plant.

AMERICAN PROPERTY RIGHTS IN SOVIET RUSSIA—FOREIGN DEBTS PROPOSED AS BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION.

A statement regarding the attitude of the Soviet Government toward American property rights in Russia came from Leonid Krassin, Foreign Trade Commissioner, on Sept. 9, according to whom the only American property not National-

ized by the Russian Soviet Government is the Westinghouse electric factory. Among those which are regarded as the property of the Soviet Government are the Russian interests of the New York Life Insurance Company, the National City Bank and the Singer Sewing Machine Company. Krassin is reported as stating that "in an effort to better the international situation, and reestablish industries and trade the Soviet Government is willing to make foreign property and even foreign debts a basis for negotiation." The Associated Press account of his contentions regarding American property rights came from Moscow, Sept. 9; they were received here by the daily papers for publication on Sept. 12 as follows:

Leonid Krassin, Soviet trade representative, told The Associated Press to-day that the Westinghouse electric factory on the Volga River was the only American property that had not been nationalized by the Soviet Government. He said the exception was made in that case because the managers did not abandon the factory, but entered into an arrangement with the Soviet Government which amounted to practically the same thing as nationalization.

Concessions are now being offered to manufacturers of other countries, M. Krassin said, in an effort to revive manufacturing to utilize raw materials. He said that the Soviet Government takes Westinghouse products and pays money to the concern, which in turn pays the Soviet Government a percentage on production.

He said the International Harvester plant had not exactly been nationalized, but that the Soviet Government did not recognize American ownership of the plant, which he said was still operating. He declared that the Singer Sewing Machine factory was taken over by the old Russian Government and converted into a factory for the manufacture of arms before the Soviet regime. Consequently, he said, the Soviet Government recognizes no American property rights in the factory.

He said also that the interests of the New York Life Insurance Company and the National City Bank in Russia were regarded as the property of the Soviet Government.

However, he continued, while the Soviet Government recognized no legal right of any foreigner to property held in Russia before the revolution, yet for purposes of negotiation in an effort to better the international situation and to reestablish industries and trade, the Soviet Government was willing to make foreign property and even foreign debts a basis for negotiation.

When asked if the Soviet Government would give foreign owners of property in Russia preference in granting concessions in lines formerly controlled by certain interests in Russia, he said:

"Naturally we consider the special knowledge of former factory owners. It is our desire to get industrial concessions into the hands of men who know their business thoroughly."

A Swedish concern has been granted a concession to establish a ball-bearing factory in Russia, which M. Krassin said, is the only foreign concession actually signed up.

Under the new economic policy concessions will probably be granted shortly to Leslie Urquhart to take over certain mining properties formerly owned by him. There are also negotiations pending with Norwegians and Swedes for the manufacture of matches and paper, and with German financiers for the mining of iron ore in Kurska, where there are valuable deposits of magnetic ore.

M. Krassin said the persons to whom concessions would be granted would be allowed to deal individually with workmen, through unions, and that the Government would not interfere. He declared that the Soviet Government still adheres strictly to the principle of State monopoly in export and import trade, although recognizing domestic free trade both in retail and wholesale dealings. Special arrangements, he said, will be made for the exportation of the products manufactured by foreign concerns, but those foreign firms desiring to sell to Russians must deal through the Soviet co-operatives or the Soviet Government on a cash or credit basis.

The following principles were laid down by Foreign Trade Minister Krassin in detailing on Sept. 9 the new economic policy of Russia, according to special copyright advices to the New York "Times" from Moscow.

1. The Soviet Government recognizes no right of ownership in goods or factories in Russia, whether owned by Russians or foreigners. Former owners wishing to reopen will be in exactly the same position as other concessionaires, but exceptions probably will be made in the case of large or small interests who carried on work throughout the revolution. The Westinghouse Company is a case in point.
2. The Soviet Government similarly disavows its legal obligation of foreign debts, but Krassin expressly stated that, taking France, for instance, they would be willing to negotiate on a consolidation basis.
3. Import and export remain in the hands of the Government, but foreign concessionaries will be allowed to import machinery, &c., and export produce or manufactured goods. Foreigners trading here will be allowed to import goods from abroad provided they are paid for by credits abroad, and not by money taken out of Russia.
4. The general scheme of concessions will be a lease on a royalty basis, to be paid in cash, or preferably in products. The guiding principle of all such concessions will be an increase in production. Once this is guaranteed the Soviets will be prepared to offer generous terms.

Krassin suggested that to meet immediate needs for instance, agricultural machinery, a foreign consortium should import goods under guarantee of the national and local authorities and sell direct to the peasants in return for a yearly percentage of the latter's products—a sort of hire-purchase system. He declared that agricultural machinery already being "carried" by banks in America and Great Britain might better be earning money in Russia where it is so urgently needed.

Asked what guarantee a consortium or other concessionaire would have that the Soviet Government would keep its obligations, he replied indignantly that it had never broken its word yet, adding that other national revolutions established the principle that new regimes wiped the slate clean as far as their predecessors' obligations were concerned.

Krassin made clear that liberty of trade applies only to internal trade. The Government even when permitting imports and exports, intends to retain full control over them. It desires to encourage trade and industry in Russia, whether handled by natives or foreigners, and will allow profitable returns on the same, but will not let Russia become the prey of foreigners.

This is fully in accord with the new interpretation given by the Communist Party to the economic change; "Communism means the increase of production for the general benefit, combined with the prevention of exploitation for general protection."

SPEYER & CO. EXCHANGING TEMPORARY RECEIPTS FOR DEFINITIVE SAN PAULO BONDS.

Speyer & Co. are now delivering, at their office, No. 24-26 Pine St., the Definitive Bonds of the issue of \$10,000,000 State of San Paulo, Brazil, Fifteen-Year 8% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds External Loan of 1921, due Jan. 1 1936, in exchange for their temporary receipts for such bonds. The offering was referred to in our issues of March 5, page 884; April 16, page 1568; and May 7, page 1923.

HUNGARY'S PAPER BILLIONS.

A special copyright cablegram from Zurich, Sept. 9, appeared in the New York "Times" of the 10th inst. as follows:

Owing to the heavy demand made on the Hungarian bank note printing machinery it wore out, and the Hungarian Government was forced to engage a large Zurich printing firm to turn out for it 5,000,000,000 kronen worth of notes. Before long, however, the Hungarian Government found that it was running short of paper. Consequently, it has just ordered another 5,000,000,000 kronen worth from the same Zurich firm.

INDIAN GOVERNMENT RUPEE LOAN.

The subscriptions to the 1921 Indian Government Rupee Loan, for the first six weeks following the opening of the loan on June 20, exceeded 1,650,000,000 according to the Near East "American." This is learned from "Commerce Reports" of Sept. 12, which states that the loan, which is free of income tax, is at 6%, five and ten-year bonds at par.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE TO BE DISCUSSED BY INTER-AMERICAN HIGH COMMISSION.

A meeting of the American Section of the Inter-American High Commission to discuss the subject of international exchange and its bearing on foreign exchange will be held in Washington in the near future. At the call of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, Chairman of the Commission. Meetings of the sections of the Commission in the Pan-American countries will be held simultaneously for like discussions. The New York "Times" in a Washington dispatch Sept. 9, said:

The Ministers of Finance of the different countries have been asked to send to Secretary Mellon as soon as possible after the meetings full statements of the discussions which take place. On the basis of these statements, made over the responsible signatures of the ministers of finance, the Secretary of the Treasury will have authenticated declarations from the various Ministers of Finance throughout Latin America. Recently there have been unofficial and irresponsible statements blaming the United States for the present unsettled exchange situation, charging either that the United States was deliberately depressing exchange or that it was doing nothing to relieve the situation.

The Inter-American High Commission, which was established in 1915 to deal with uniformity of law and fiscal relations among the American nations and to aid in economic stability, consists of national sections in each of the twenty-one American republics, except Mexico, with the respective Minister of Finance as Chairman and including in addition in each case eight other members, made up of prominent jurists and financiers. Secretary Mellon is Chairman and John Bassett Moore is Vice-Chairman of the American sections.

Mexico is the only American republic not a member of the Commission.

NATIONAL BANKS NOT REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR PERMISSION TO PURCHASE STOCK IN EDGE CORPORATIONS.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York on Sept. 15 issued through Governor Strong the following circular (No. 400) to member banks in the local Federal Reserve District:

According to a recent decision of the Federal Reserve Board, it no longer requires national banks to obtain its permission before purchasing stock in Edge Corporations. The text of the Board's decision, under date of Sept. 8 1921, withdrawing its former ruling on this subject is sent to you for your information as follows:

"The Board has ruled heretofore that any national bank which desires to invest stock of a corporation organized under the provisions of Section 25 (a) of the Federal Reserve Act must make application to the Board for permission to subscribe to such stock. That ruling was not intended as an interpretation of the law but was promulgated as a matter of regulation based upon practical considerations. Upon careful consideration of the practical value of this requirement in the light of experience, the Board has decided to withdraw this ruling and will no longer require national banks to obtain the Board's permission before purchasing stock in Edge Corporations. It should be remembered, however, that national banks are required by the terms of Section 25 to apply for and obtain permits from the Federal Reserve Board before investing in the stock of international banking or financial corporations organized under State law; and that the aggregate amount of stock held by any national bank in all corporations engaged in business of the kind described in Sections 25 and 25 (a) of the Federal Reserve Act must not exceed 10% of the subscribing bank's capital and surplus.

APPOINTMENT BY WAR FINANCE CORPORATION OF COMMITTEES TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS UNDER AGRICULTURAL CREDITS ACT.

The War Finance Corporation announces this week the appointment of the local Agricultural Loan Agencies in the various agricultural and live-stock districts throughout the country whose duty it will be to receive applications for loans in their districts under the Agricultural Credits Act

recently passed by Congress (the text of which we give elsewhere to-day) and to make recommendations as to these loans to the War Finance Corporation. "This method of procedure" the Corporation in its announcement of this week says, "will save a great deal of time to the local borrowers and will give the War Finance Corporation the benefit of the experience and local knowledge of conditions by the bankers, who will compose the Agricultural Loan Agencies." While all of the committees are not yet ready for announcement, a list of the location of the principal offices and the membership of some of the committees which are complete is furnished by the Corporation, which in its announcement says:

As the administration of the Act is almost entirely a banking proposition, the list of members consists of bankers, both State and National, who are familiar with agricultural conditions in their sections. In order that frequent meetings of the committees may be held, it was found necessary to appoint three members in or near cities where agencies are located. Where two or more States are served by one Agency, members were appointed from each State. The names were chosen on the recommendations of the various business organizations in the different districts. Members of the committees are unpaid and the Corporation has been gratified at the very large proportion of acceptances on the part of the individuals selected, indicating that they realize the opportunity for great public service.

The procedure in making application for loans will be as follows: The financial institutions desiring an advance will fill out the application form, which can be obtained from the nearest Agricultural Loan Agency, Federal Reserve Bank, or the War Finance Corporation at Washington. Forms will be submitted in triplicate to the local Agricultural Loan Agency. The members of the Agency will then investigate the case thoroughly and will send the application form with their recommendations to the War Finance Corporation. If the application is finally approved by the Corporation the money will at once be made available to the borrower.

All of the committees are not yet ready for announcement as some of those invited to serve on the committees have not yet answered. The other committees will be announced from time to time as their membership is filled. The following list gives the location of the principal offices and the membership of some of the committees which are now complete.

Headquarters at Indianapolis.
Evans Woolen, Chmn., Indianapolis, Ind.
Andrew Smith, Indianapolis, Ind.
Jas. M. McIntosh, Indianapolis, Ind.
Jas. S. Royse, Terre Haute, Ind.
K. A. Osterle, Muncie, Ind.

Headquarters at Louisville.
James B. Brown, Chmn., Louisville, Ky.
John W. Barr, Louisville, Ky.
Embrey L. Swearingen, Louisville, Ky.
M. O. Hughes, Lexington, Ky.
Gen. E. H. Wood, Pageville, Ky.

Headquarters at New Orleans.
Chas. DeB. Claiborne, Chairman, New Orleans, La.
R. M. Sims, New Orleans, La.
L. M. Pool, New Orleans, La.
W. J. Mitchell, New Orleans, La.
Travis Oliver, Monroe, La.

Headquarters at Denver.
Albert A. Reed, Chairman, Denver, Colo.
W. B. Morrison, Denver, Colo.
D. T. Stone, Grand Junction, Colo.
Geo. F. Trotter, Pueblo, Colo.
Lou D. Sweet, Denver, Colo.

Headquarters at Minneapolis.
R. E. MacGregor, Chmn., Minneapolis, Minn.
C. T. Jaffray, Minneapolis, Minn.
S. L. Prentiss, Winona, Minn.
A. A. Bennett, Renville, Minn.
Jas. L. Mitchell, St. Paul, Minn.
F. H. Johnson, Sioux Falls, S. D.
E. J. Weiser, Fargo, N. D.

Headquarters at Helena.
T. A. Marlow, Chmn., Helena, Mont.
R. O. Kaufman, Helena, Mont.
A. C. Johnson, Helena, Mont.
Lee M. Ford, Great Falls, Mont.
R. J. Covert, Billings, Mont.

Headquarters at Jackson.
Oscar Newton, Chmn., Jackson, Miss.
Senator LeRoy Percy, Greenville, Miss.
Oscar Johnson, Clarksdale, Miss.
J. P. Thomas, Grenada, Miss.
Frank Foote, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Headquarters at Omaha.
F. W. Thomas, Chmn., Omaha, Neb.
A. W. Pratt, Omaha, Neb.
Carl Well, Lincoln, Neb.
C. H. Randall, Randolph, Neb.
R. P. Morsman, Omaha, Neb.

Headquarters at Raleigh.
J. R. Young, Chmn., Raleigh, N. C.
Samuel F. Austin, Nashville, N. C.
Chas. E. Taylor, Wilmington, N. C.
J. Elwood Cox, High Point, N. C.
Dr. B. W. Kilgore, Raleigh, N. C.

Headquarters at Portland.
Edward Cookingham, Chmn., Portland, Ore.
Chas. Stewart, Portland, Ore.
E. R. Corbett, Portland, Ore.
F. L. Meyers, La Grande, Ore.
Wm. S. Walton, Salem, Ore.

Headquarters at Memphis.
R. B. Snowden, Chmn., Memphis, Tenn.
D. M. Armstrong, Memphis, Tenn.
T. M. Preston, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Peter Fyfe, Covington, Tenn.
John D. McDowell, Memphis, Tenn.

Headquarters at Ft. Worth.
Marion Sansom, Chmn., Ft. Worth, Tex.
W. L. Smallwood, Ft. Worth, Tex.
Judge W. F. Ramsey, Dallas, Tex.
Lee Baldwin, Socorro, New Mex.
E. A. Cahoon, Roswell, New Mex.
Geo. D. Campbell, San Antonio, Tex.
C. L. Ezell, El Paso, Tex.

Headquarters at Richmond.
Richard E. Cunningham, Chmn., Richmond, Va.
A. F. Ryland, Richmond, Va.
Tench F. Tighman, Norfolk, Va.
Warren M. Goddard, Richmond, Va.
E. Frank Story, Franklin, Va.

Headquarters at Spokane.
R. L. Rutter, Chmn., Spokane, Wash.
J. K. McCormack, Spokane, Wash.
J. W. Spangler, Seattle, Wash.
S. M. Jackson, Tacoma, Wash.
W. D. Vincent, Spokane, Wash.

Headquarters at Cheyenne.
George R. Abbott, Chmn., Cheyenne, Wyo.
A. H. Marble, Cheyenne, Wyo.
John W. Hay, Cheyenne, Wyo.
George W. Perry, Sheridan, Wyo.
B. B. Brooks, Casper, Wyo.

Headquarters at Columbia.
J. Pope Matthews, Chmn., Columbia, S. C.
C. L. Cobb, Rock Hill, S. C.
H. L. McColl, Bennettsville, S. C.
Wm. Barnwell, Columbia, S. C.
J. C. Self, Greenwood, S. C.

The operations of this committee, according to well-informed bankers, should aid the general business situation, relieving the agricultural situation materially. The loans should especially aid, it is stated, in preventing the unseasonable marketing of farm products. Under the Act there is a billion dollars available for such loans. It is expected that this money will be extended on more or less long-time credits without interference with land bank activities, probably being issued in loans on such security as non-perishable warehouse products, breeding stock, and in a limited way on feeding stock, although the latter is more or less short-term dealings.

Other members of the St. Louis district committee have not been announced, although the Corporation indicates that operations under the new amendment will be begun at once.

HENRY M. ROBINSON TO ACT FOR THE WAR FINANCE CORPORATION IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA.

We reported last week (page 1102) that the War Finance Corporation had extended a credit of \$1,200,000 for the marketing of the Arizona cotton crop. Announcement is now made that Henry M. Robinson, President of the First National Bank of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Trust & Savings Bank, has been appointed Chairman of the War Finance Corporation Committee for Southern California and Arizona. There has been no announcement as yet as to the other members of the committee for this district. Mr. Robinson makes public the following statement from Eugene Meyer, Jr., Managing-Director of the War Finance Corporation, covering the plans and activities to be carried on under the Act:

The Agricultural Relief Act is a measure of great significance to our agricultural interests. It is a very constructive piece of legislation, and, in my opinion, is thoroughly workable from the administrative point of view. It recognized the new conditions existing in our international and domestic trade, and aims to meet those conditions by giving the War Finance Corporation power to assist in financing the carrying of agricultural commodities until they can be marketed in an orderly way. The inability and unwillingness of foreign merchants and manufacturers to purchase the greater part of their requirements for the year during the period immediately following the harvesting of our crops, as they are accustomed to do in normal times, coupled with the failure of our own merchants and manufacturers to carry normal stocks, has brought about a situation which makes it necessary for us to market our staple agricultural products over a longer period than usual.

The pressing need at the present time, therefore, is for additional facilities to finance our staple agricultural products so that they can be marketed more gradually than formerly. The Agricultural Relief Act aims to provide these facilities along sound lines and in a way that will be helpful not only to the producers themselves, but also to the whole business of the country.

It should be clearly understood that the Act is an emergency measure designed to meet the abnormal conditions now confronting us. Experience in connection with its administration, however, should enable us to determine to what extent, if any, additional financial machinery of a permanent character is necessary to take care of the marketing of our staple agricultural products in an orderly way under normal conditions.

When completely in operation, it is probable, Mr. Robinson says, that the War Finance Corporation will make advances to responsible banking institutions which finance products for export. These advances probably will be made:

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

Each application, of course, will have to be considered on its merits and in accordance with law and the requirements of the Corporation.

TEXT OF AGRICULTURAL AMENDMENT TO WAR FINANCE CORPORATION ACT.

The following is the full text of the McNary bill amending the War Finance Corporation Act so as to provide financial relief for producers of and dealers in agricultural products, as approved by the President on Aug. 24. As stated in our issue of Aug. 27, page 902, the bill empowers the Corporation to issue \$1,500,000,000 in its own bonds, and to make advances to the extent of \$1,000,000,000 for financing agricultural exports. The Corporation is empowered to make advances, for periods not exceeding one year from the respective dates of the advances (a) to any person or association of persons engaged in the United States in dealing in, or marketing agricultural products, (b) to any person without the United States purchasing such products, but in no case is any of the money so advanced to be expended without the United States, and (c) any bank, banker or trust company in the United States, which makes or has

W. L. HEMINGWAY APPOINTED TO THE AGENCY COMMITTEE OF THE WAR FINANCE CORPORATION FOR THE ST. LOUIS DISTRICT.

In addition to the appointment as above announced by the War Finance Corporation of Agricultural Loan Agencies which will receive applications for loans under the Agricultural Credits Act, we learn that W. L. Hemingway, Vice-President of the National Bank of Commerce, has been appointed a member of the agency committee of the War Finance Corporation in the St. Louis district. Appointment was made by Eugene Meyer, Jr., Managing-Director of the War Finance Corporation. Mr. Hemingway has accepted. The committee will function in St. Louis. An amendment to the War Finance Act gives the Corporation power to make loans to banks which have made loans for agricultural and livestock purposes. The committee on which Mr. Hemingway has been appointed will receive applications and recommend action on such transactions in the St. Louis district.

made an advance or advances for the purpose set forth in paragraph (a), or to any producer set forth in said paragraph. The special powers thus granted can only be exercised prior to July 1 1922, though we notice that the first paragraph of Section 12 of Title I, of the War Finance Corporation Act, as amended, provides that "the power of the Corporation to issue notes or bonds may be exercised at any time prior to Jan. 1 1925, but no notes or bonds shall mature later than Jan. 1 1925."

An Act to amend the War Finance Corporation Act, approved April 5, 1918, as amended, to provide relief for producers of and dealers in agricultural products, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That when used in this Act the term "person" includes partnerships, corporations, and associations, as well as individuals.

Sec. 2. That section 1 of Title I of the War Finance Corporation Act, approved April 5, 1918, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"That the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Agriculture, and four additional persons (who shall be the directors first appointed as herein-after provided) are hereby created a body corporate and politic in deed and in law by the name, style, and title of the War Finance Corporation (herein called the Corporation), and shall have succession for a period of ten years: *Provided*, That except as otherwise provided by this Act the Corporation shall not exercise any of the powers conferred by this Act except such as are incidental to the liquidation of its assets and the winding up of its affairs, after July 1, 1922."

Sec. 3. The War Finance Corporation Act, approved April 5, 1918, as amended, is amended by adding after section 21 of Title I thereof the following new sections:

"Sec. 22. Whenever the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be of the opinion that conditions arising out of the war, or out of the disruption of foreign trade created by the war, have resulted in or may result in an abnormal surplus accumulation of any staple agricultural product of the United States or lack of a market for the sale of same or that the ordinary banking facilities are inadequate to enable producers of or dealers in such products to carry them until they can be exported or sold for export in an orderly manner, the Corporation shall thereupon be empowered to make advances, for periods not exceeding one year from the respective dates of such advances, upon terms, not inconsistent with this Act, as it may determine;

"(a) To any person engaged in the United States in dealing in, or marketing any such products, or to any association composed of persons engaged in producing such products, for the purpose of assisting such person or association to carry such products until they can be exported or sold for export in an orderly manner. Any such advance shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding 1½% in excess of the rate of discount for 90-day commercial paper prevailing at the Federal Reserve Bank of the district in which the borrower is located at the time when such advance is made;

"(b) To any person without the United States purchasing such products, but in no case shall any of the money so advanced be expended without the United States. Every such advance shall be secured by adequate security of such character as shall be prescribed by the Board of Directors of the Corporation. The rate of interest charged on any such advance shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The Corporation shall retain power to recall an advance or require additional security at any time.

"(c) To any bank, banker, or trust company in the United States which makes or has made an advance or advances to any such person as is described in paragraph (a) of this section for the purpose therein set forth or which makes or has made an advance or advances to any producer for the purpose set forth in paragraph (a). The aggregate of advances made to any bank, banker, or trust company shall not exceed the amount remaining unpaid of the advances made by such bank, banker or trust company for purposes herein described. Such advances shall bear interest at the rates fixed by the Corporation.

"Sec. 23. Notwithstanding the limitation of section 1, the advances provided for by section 21 and section 22 of this Act may be made until July 1, 1922. The Corporation may from time to time extend the time of payment of any such advance or advances through renewals, substitution of new obligations, or otherwise, but the time for the payment of any advance made under authority of section 21 and section 22 shall not be extended beyond three years from the date upon which such advance was originally made.

"All advances made under section 21 or under section 22 of this Act shall be made against promissory note or notes, or other instrument or instruments in writing imposing on the borrower a primary and unconditional obligation to repay the advance at maturity, with interest as stipulated therein, with full and adequate security in each instance by indorsement, guaranty, pledge, or otherwise. The Corporation shall retain the power to require additional security at any time. All notes or other instruments evidencing advances to persons outside the United States shall be in terms payable in the United States, in currency of the United States, and shall be secured by adequate guaranties or indorsements in the United States, or by warehouse receipts, acceptable collateral, or other instruments in writing, conveying or securing marketable title to agricultural products in the United States.

"Sec. 24. Whenever in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the Corporation the public interest may require it, the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to make advances upon such terms not inconsistent with this Act as it may determine to any bank, banker, or trust company in the United States, or to any co-operative association of producers in the United States which may have made advances for agricultural purposes, including the breeding, raising, fattening, and marketing of live stock, or may have discounted or rediscounted notes, drafts, bills of exchange or other negotiable instruments issued for such purposes. Such advance or advances may be made upon promissory note or notes, or other instrument or instruments, in such form as to impose on the borrowing bank, banker, trust company, or co-operative association a primary and unconditional obligation to repay the advance at maturity with interest as stipulated therein, and shall be fully and adequately secured in each instance by indorsement, guaranty, pledge, or otherwise. Such advances may be made for a period not exceeding one year and the Corporation may from time to time extend the time of payment of any such advance through renewals, substitution of new obligations or otherwise, but the time for the payment of any such advance shall not be extended beyond three years from the date upon which such advance was originally made. The aggregate of advances made to any bank, banker, trust company, or co-operative association shall not exceed the amount remaining unpaid of the advances made

by such bank, banker, trust company or co-operative association for purposes herein described.

"The Corporation may, in exceptional cases, upon such terms not inconsistent with this Act as it may determine, purchase from domestic banks, bankers, or trust companies, notes, drafts, bills of exchange, or other instruments of indebtedness secured by chattel mortgages, warehouse receipts, bills of lading, or other instruments in writing conveying or securing marketable title to staple agricultural products, including live stock. The Corporation may from time to time, upon like security, extend the time of payment of any note, draft, bill of exchange, or other instrument acquired under this section, but the time for the payment of any such note, draft, bill of exchange, or other instrument shall not be extended beyond three years from the date upon which such note, draft, bill of exchange, or other instrument was acquired by the Corporation. The Corporation is further authorized, upon such terms as it may prescribe, to purchase, sell, or otherwise deal in acceptances, adequately secured, issued by banking corporations organized under section 25 (a) of the Federal Reserve Act: *Provided*, That no purchase of acceptances of the said banking corporations shall be made except for the purpose of assisting the said banking corporations in financing the exportation of agricultural and manufactured products from the United States to foreign countries. No such acceptances shall be purchased which have a maturity at the time of such purchase of more than three years.

"Advances or purchases may be made under this section at any time prior to July 1, 1922.

"Sec. 25. The aggregate amount of all advances made under sections 21, 22, and 24, and of all notes, drafts, bills of exchange, or other securities purchased under section 24 remaining unpaid, shall not at any one time exceed \$1,000,000,000.

"Sec. 26. Whenever in this Act the words 'bank, banker, or trust company' are used, they shall be deemed to include any reputable and responsible financing institution incorporated under the laws of any State or of the United States with resources adequate to the undertaking contemplated.

"Sec. 27. In order to enable the Corporation to carry out the purposes of this Act, the Comptroller of the Currency is hereby authorized to furnish to the Corporation for its confidential use such reports, records, or other information as he may have available relating to financial condition of national banks to which the Corporation has made or contemplates making advances, and to make, through his examiners, for the confidential use of the Corporation, examinations of banks, bankers, or trust companies, other than national banks, to which the Corporation has made or contemplates making advances: *Provided*, That no such examination shall be made without the consent of such bank, banker, or trust company.

"Sec. 28. No person, bank, banker, or trust company receiving money under the provisions of this Act shall loan such money at a rate of interest greater than 2% per annum in excess of the rate of interest charged or received by the Corporation upon such money.

"Sec. 4. Section 21 of Title I of the War Finance Corporation Act is hereby amended by striking out paragraphs (b) and (c) thereof, and by striking out at the beginning of the first paragraph the letter (a).

"Sec. 5. The first paragraph of section 12 of Title I of the War Finance Corporation Act is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

"Sec. 12. That the Corporation shall be empowered and authorized to issue and have outstanding at any one time its notes or bonds in an amount aggregating not more than three times its paid-in capital, such notes or bonds to mature not less than six months nor more than five years from the respective dates of issue, and may be redeemable before maturity at the option of the Corporation, as may be stipulated in such notes or bonds, and to bear such rate or rates of interest as may be determined by the board of directors, but such rate or rates of interest shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury. Such notes or bonds shall have a first and paramount floating charge on all the assets of the Corporation, and the Corporation shall not at any time mortgage or pledge any of its assets. Such notes or bonds may be issued at not less than par in payment of any advances authorized by this title, or may be offered for sale publicly or to any individual firm, corporation, or association, at such price or prices at not less than par as the board of directors, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, may determine."

The power of the corporation to issue notes or bonds may be exercised at any time prior to January 1 1925, but no notes or bonds shall mature later than July 1 1925.

Sec. 6. Paragraph 1 of Section 13 of Title I of the War Finance Corporation Act is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

"That the Federal Reserve banks shall be authorized, subject to the maturity limitations of the Federal Reserve Act and to regulations of the Federal Reserve Board, to discount the direct obligations of member banks secured by such notes or bonds of the Corporation and to rediscount notes or other negotiable instruments secured by such notes or bonds and indorsed by a member bank. Discounts or rediscounts under this section shall be at an interest rate equal to the prevailing rate for eligible commercial paper of corresponding maturities."

Sec. 7. That Section 15 of Title I of the War Finance Corporation Act be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

"Sec. 15. That all moneys of the Corporation not otherwise employed may be kept on deposit, subject to check, with the Treasurer of the United States, or in any of the Federal Reserve banks, or may, upon the direction of the board of directors of the Corporation, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, be invested in bonds or other obligations of the United States issued or converted after September 24 1917, or upon like direction and approval, may be used from time to time in the purchase or redemption of any bonds issued by the Corporation.

"The Federal Reserve banks are hereby authorized to act as depositories for and as fiscal agents of the Corporation in the general performance of the powers conferred by this title.

"Beginning July 1 1922, the directors of the Corporation shall proceed to liquidate its assets and wind up its affairs, except as specifically provided in this title; but the directors of the Corporation, in their discretion, may, from time to time prior to such liquidation, sell and dispose of any securities or other property acquired by the Corporation.

"After July 1 1922 the Corporation may, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, deposit with the Treasurer of the United States, as a special deposit, out of the money belonging to the Corporation, or from time to time received by it in the course of liquidation or otherwise, an amount equal to the aggregate amount of all outstanding bonds or notes of the Corporation, including principal and interest to maturity. Moneys so deposited shall constitute a special fund for the payment of principal and interest of such bonds or notes, or for the purchase or redemption of such bonds or notes at not more than par and accrued interest, and may be drawn upon or paid out for no other purpose.

"Whenever there shall have been deposited in such special fund an amount equal to the aggregate amount of all bonds or notes of the Corporation then outstanding, including principal and interest to maturity, the corporation may, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, pay into the Treasury of the United States, as miscellaneous receipts, any moneys belonging to the Corporation, or received from time to time in the course of liquidation or otherwise, in excess of a reasonable reserve to meet all liabilities and expenses during liquidation. Whenever any such payment is made, an amount of capital stock of the Corporation equal in par value to the amount so paid in shall be canceled and retired.

"All net earnings of the Corporation not required for its operations shall be accumulated as a reserve fund until such time as the Corporation liquidates under the terms of this title.

"Any balance remaining after the payment of all the Corporation's debts, and after the retirement of all its capital stock as herein provided, shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts, and thereupon the Corporation shall be dissolved."

Approved, August 24 1921.

PROPOSED ISSUE OF \$30,000,000 JOINT STOCK LAND BANK BONDS.

Announcement that the Joint Stock Land Banks had authorized the issue of \$30,000,000 10-30 year bonds with interest at $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ was contained in advices from the Washington bureau of the "Journal of Commerce" Sept. 13, from which we quote the following:

The first offering of these bonds has just been made to private investors in Chicago. Within the next ten days, it is reported here, a large block of the \$30,000,000 bonds will be placed on the market through a group of bond houses. The details of the plans for the flotation of the issue are not available here.

It is reported that the bonds will be put out for two purposes:

1. To provide \$12,000,000 with which to liquidate loans that have already been made to farmers by the commercial banks; and
2. To raise \$18,000,000 additional to loan to the farmers.

During the closing hours of the last session of Congress a bill was passed raising the maximum interest rates payable on Farm Loan bonds and Joint Stock Land Bank bonds from 5 to $5\frac{1}{2}\%$. This action is expected to make it easier for the banks to dispose of the bonds through the group of bond houses, as lower interest rates have not proved to be attractive.

Reports which have recently been made to the Department of Agriculture are said to indicate that there will be a rise in the commodity prices. The agricultural outlook is regarded as somewhat more promising.

It is understood that the officers of the American Association of Joint Stock Land Banks believe the \$30,000,000 issue will be sold without much difficulty.

Elsewhere to-day we refer to the offerings of bonds of the First Joint Stock Land Bank of Chicago and the California Joint Stock Land Bank. At a conference of representatives of the American Association of Joint Stock Land Banks in Chicago a month ago (Aug. 15) with representatives of local banks and security houses to consider the floating of new land bank bonds it was tentatively decided to float approximately \$20,000,000. W. W. Powell, Secretary of the Association, was reported in the Chicago "Post" of Aug. 16 as saying:

The loans will result in a general loosening up of the credit situation in all the rural districts. This will benefit everybody from the farming machinery manufacturers to the mail-order houses. And the farmer will find himself lifted out of the straits to which the drop in crop prices had reduced him.

The bonds, we confidently expect, will be marketed at par. In all probability, including the Federal farm loans, about \$100,000,000 of these rural credit securities will be issued during the next few years.

OFFERING OF FIRST JOINT STOCK LAND BANK OF CHICAGO FARM LOAN BONDS.

Kissel, Kinnecutt & Co., of New York and Chicago, announced an offering yesterday (Sept. 16) of a new \$2,000,000 issue of First Joint Stock Land Bank of Chicago $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ Farm loan bonds (Illinois and Iowa). The bonds which are issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act, are offered at 101 and interest, to yield about $5\frac{3}{8}\%$ to 1931 and $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ thereafter; a discount will be allowed at the rate of $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ per annum on the principal sum of the bonds from the date of payment to Nov. 1 1921, from which later date interest will accrue on the bonds. Interim certificates ready for immediate delivery. The description of the bonds, etc., submitted by the bank, is printed as follows in the firm's circular:

These bonds as indicated above are secured by deposit of United States Government bonds, or, by first mortgages on approved farm lands in the States of Illinois and Iowa.

By recent Act of Congress the coupon rate has been raised temporarily from 5% to $5\frac{1}{2}\%$, redeemable from 5 years to 10 years, and the maturity from 20 to 30 years. These bonds will be dated Nov. 1 1921, maturing Nov. 1 1951, but redeemable at par and accrued interest upon any interest date on and after Nov. 1 1931. These bonds are—"deemed and held to be instrumentalities of the Government of the United States, and as such, they and the income derived therefrom, shall be exempt from Federal, State, Municipal and local taxation."

The bank has paid since Jan. 1919, regular quarterly dividends uninterruptedly, and its 5% bonds have sold as high as 103, a substantial portion of the original 5% bonds having been marketed at 102 and interest. Since organization the bank has loaned \$18,690,875 on lands that were valued at \$44,234,659, or $42\frac{1}{4}\%$ of the appraised value. On basis of actual sale of lands on which this bank has loaned the average sale per acre was \$224.07, whereas the average amount loaned per acre was \$86.22 or less than $38\frac{1}{4}\%$ the law permitting loans at 50%.

The bonds are in coupon form, of \$1,000 denomination, and are fully registerable and interchangeable. Principal and semi-annual interest, May 1 and Nov. 1, is payable at the bank of issue or at the Continental & Commercial Bank in Chicago, or at the Equitable Trust Co. in New York City, at the holder's option. We also quote from the circular the following salient facts, summarized from President Guy Huston's letter and the Federal Farm Loan Act:

These bonds are direct obligations of the First Joint Stock Land bank of Chicago and secured by deposit with the Registrar of the Farm Loan Bureau of the United States Treasury Department, of United States Government bonds or first mortgages upon improved farms, not exceeding 50% of appraised value of farm lands and 20% of the appraised permanent insured improvements thereon, in the States of Illinois and Iowa, admittedly the finest agricultural section in the country.

All of the mortgages have been approved by the Federal Farm Loan Board based upon the appraisals of their own agents operating in their respective territories. In addition to Government inspection of the properties, the bank has had independent appraisals made by their own experts.

All bonds of the bank are protected not only by an equity represented by at least 100% of additional land value, but also by the paid-in capital stock of the bank carrying double liability, and the accumulated surplus and reserves.

The bank's statement of Aug. 31 1921 shows a paid-in capital stock of \$1,200,000 and surplus and reserves of \$120,145 73.

It is pointed out by the firm that Joint Stock Land bank bonds are the only ones enjoying complete tax exemption, with the exception of Liberty $3\frac{1}{8}\%$, Federal Land bank bonds and certain old outstanding Governments and Territorial, such as Philippines and Porto Ricos. By Act of Congress these bonds are legal investments for all fiduciary and trust funds under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government, and acceptable at par as security for Postal Savings deposits.

OFFERING OF CALIFORNIA JOINT STOCK LAND BANK BONDS.

The bond department of the Bank of Italy (head office San Francisco) is offering an issue of \$1,000,000 California Joint Stock Land Bank $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ bonds at 101 and accrued interest yielding about $5\frac{3}{8}\%$. The bonds in denomination of \$1,000, and in coupon form registerable and interchangeable, are dated Nov. 1 1921 and are due Nov. 1 1951; they are not callable prior to Nov. 1 1931. Interest is payable semi-annually, May 1 and Nov. 1. The bonds are issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act and are exempt from all Federal, State, Municipal and local taxation, excepting only inheritance taxes. They are legal investment for Savings banks in California. The bank in its offering says:

By an Act of Congress these bonds are declared instrumentalities of the Government of the United States and are prepared and engraved by the Treasury Department. They are secured by either first farm mortgages, or United States Government bonds, or certificates of indebtedness.

These bonds and the collateral pledged as security have been approved by the Federal Farm Loan Board of the United States Government.

The banks operate under Federal charter and Government supervision, and may be designated by the Secretary of the Treasury as financial agents of the Government and depositaires of public funds.

A legal investment for all fiduciary and trust funds under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government and acceptable as security for postal savings and all other deposits of Governmental funds.

Security Approved by United States Government.

First mortgages on farm lands, or United States Government bonds, or certificates of indebtedness, are deposited with a registrar approved by the Farm Loan Board at Washington as collateral security for the bonds. The mortgages are limited by law to one-half of the value of the land and 20% of the value of permanent, insured improvements, such value to be determined by an appraiser of the Federal Farm Loan Board. Before bonds are issued the original application and appraisers' report, on which such loans are based, must be submitted and approved by the Federal Farm Loan Board in Washington. The bank operates under Federal charter and Government supervision and may be designated by the Secretary of the Treasury as a financial agent of the Government and a depository of public funds.

Legal for Trust Funds and Security for Deposits.

The bonds of the Joint Stock land banks are legal investments for all fiduciary and trust funds under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government, and acceptable as security for Postal Savings and all other deposits of Governmental funds.

Exemption from Taxation.

The Act provides that: "Farm Loan bonds issued under the provision of this Act shall be deemed and held to be instrumentalities of the Government of the United States, and as such they and the income derived therefrom shall be exempt from Federal, State, municipal and local taxation." It will be noted that this exemption clause covers completely all forms of taxation exclusive of inheritance taxes and includes both principal and interest.

Supreme Court Decision.

Under decision of the Supreme Court of the United States handed down Feb. 28 1921, the constitutionality of this Act and the tax-exemption features of these bonds were fully sustained.

PROPOSED FARM LOAN BOND ISSUE.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon stated yesterday (Sept. 16) that "in accordance with the general plan of financing the Federal land banks as announced in connection with their last issue and in harmony with suggestions recently made, the Federal land banks will, about Oct. 1, make another general offering of Federal farm loan bonds."

"These bonds," he added, "will bear 5% interest. Selling price and amount of the issue will be announced later." In referring to the plans respecting the forthcoming issue, the "Journal of Commerce" printed a Washington dispatch under date of Sept 16, saying:

The Federal Farm Loan Board to-morrow will announce the date upon which the next issue of bonds will be brought out and the rate of interest which will be offered on the securities. There was a conference here to-day, attended by officials with representatives of the syndicate, which has previously handled the offerings of the Federal Board, at which time the question of the new issue was discussed. The bond houses represented were the National City Company, the Guaranty Company, Brown Bros., Lee, Higginson & Co., Harris, Forbes & Co. and Alexander Brown & Sons of Baltimore.

The conference will be continued to-day, and it is expected that a statement will be issued regarding the outlook of further loans to assist farmers in their present predicament. It is understood that the amount of the new issue may not be determined for several days, as this will depend upon the condition of the market. The bonds will bear interest at the rate of 5½%, it is confidently predicted.

Reports in financial circles have been to the effect that the Federal Farm Loan Board expected to bring out its new issue some time between Oct. 15 and Nov. 1. Another is scheduled for early in 1922. Owing to the developments at the meeting to-day it is possible that there may be some change in the dates. While the size of the issue has not been decided upon it is reported that it will range from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000.

Inasmuch as the bonds are tax exempt it is thought here that they will be absorbed, since the maximum rate of interest has been raised from 5 to 5½%.

BENEFITS TO FARMERS FROM FEDERAL FARM LOAN LAND BANKS AND JOINT STOCK BANKS CLAIMED TO BE DELUSIVE.

That many of the benefits expected from Federal Farm Loan Land Banks and Joint Stock Land Banks have been delusive, and that the farmer has gained nothing from an attempt to override inexorable economic laws, was the statement made at Des Moines, Iowa, on Sept. 13 in the annual report of E. D. Chassell, Secretary of the Farm Mortgage Bankers' Association, at the eighth annual convention of the Association. "After four and a half years the Federal Land Banks have made loans to about 130,000 farm owners, less than 3% of the 6,448,366 farm owners in the United States," said Mr. Chassell. "There are 3,063 counties in the U. S. Estimating 16 townships to the county the farm loans average less than three to a township." Continuing he said:

"When the Federal Land Banks began loaning money at 5% in 1917 it was predicted by their friends that the rate thus established would govern in all States and no allowance was made for supply or demand for money. The prevailing rate has subsequently been twice raised and it is now at the legal limit of 6% with a possibility that Congress may be compelled to grant a still higher rate. Instead of controlling and reducing the prevailing rate of interest where their loans are made, careful investigation shows that the average interest rate in all State has increased on farm loans in the last five years.

"The Federal Farm Loan Banks are now loaning money at 6%, obtained from the sale of 5% bonds, allowing 1% as a margin for expenses and dividends. Their legal loan rate is 6%. If any 5½% bonds, such as recently authorized to compete with other securities, are issued by the Federal Land Banks, expenses and dividends must in future be paid out of a margin of ½ of 1%, instead of 1%."

Mr. Chassell then pointed out that the borrower of \$1,000 from a Federal Land Bank only receives \$950 in cash, but pays 6% interest on the full \$1,000. The remaining \$50 he receives in the form of land bank stock, and if this earns no dividends, as he predicted because of decreased margin for expenses and dividends, then the farmer's loan, instead of bearing a 6% interest rate, bears an interest rate of 6.315%. He also stated that the overhead expenses of the land banks are too great, showing by Government figures for June, 1921, that the yearly expense is approximately \$1,817,727.72, paid from interest paid by farmers, in addition to which is an appropriation of \$303,000 by Congress. This latter amount he compared with the administrative expenses of less than \$40,000 per year for the Farm Mortgage Bankers' Association, and showed that administrative expenses of the Farm Land Banks are about 35 times as great per unit of loan as those of his own organization, since the Farm Land Banks had aggregate loans on July 31 1921 of \$364,738,851 63, as against nearly two billions of live loans now carried by the 269 members of the Farm Mortgage Bankers' Association, or less than one-fifth the amount of loans, with over seven times the amount of expense.

Concerning Joint Stock Land Banks, Mr. Chassell showed that several have difficulty in meeting their outstanding note obligation, totalling \$13,781,822 14, claiming their own bonds as assets for the amount of \$14,761,500 to pay these notes. These bonds, however, Mr. Chassell stated, are carried at par, and could not be sold for over 98 on the market, thus writing off about a million dollars of such assets. Mr. Chassell pointed out what he asserted were fatal defects in the organization of the joint stock banks, in that they are restricted from lending throughout the country and confined to their own State of location and one adjoining State. This, he said, militates against profitable business, as local conditions are likely to injure certain districts at different times. He also protested against a uniform rate of interest for the entire country, stating that in pioneer localities, where credit facilities are most acutely needed, the banks cannot be operated profitably because the interest rates are insufficient to defray expenses and losses. He pointed out that the Dallas, Texas, bank showed a loss on July 31 1921 of \$49,836 69, with only a little more than \$2,000,000 of loans, while the Montana Joint Stock Land Bank, with only about \$1,000,000 of loans, showed a loss of \$35,214 83.

He asserted that the failure to observe economic laws will continue to militate against the success of these banks, until they are placed upon a sound economic basis, and said: "To attempt to bring about permanently prosperous times for agriculture by raiding the national treasury for individual subsidies to an average of three farmers in a township every four

years would be like trying to pay the national debt by dropping nickels in a slot."

Mr. Chassell detailed the activities of his association, and referred to the great attention now being paid to the question of tax exemption of securities. He called attention to the ranging of numerous organizations in the campaign against such securities, these including the Investment Bankers' Association of America; the National Tax Association; the Tax Conference of New York; the Chamber of Commerce of the U. S.; the Illinois Implement Vehicle Dealers' Association; the Rochester Chamber of Commerce; the National Association of Real Estate Board and many others. He also called attention to resolutions for the amendment of the Federal Constitution on this subject, introduced by Senator Reed Smoot and Representative L. T. McFadden. His own association he shows to have flourished, despite the Farm Land Banks, its membership having increased from 169 to 269 in four years.

INJUNCTION PROCEEDINGS TO PREVENT OPERATIONS OF OUTSIDE CURB MARKET.

An injunction suit to force the discontinuance of the outside Curb Market in Broad Street—conducted by the New York Curb Stock and Bond Market, Inc.—was filed in the State Supreme Court on Sept. 8 by property owners in the neighborhood in which the market operates, on the ground that it is a nuisance, interfering with the rights of the realty owners and the public. At the time indoor trading was begun last June by the New York Curb Market (formerly the New York Curb Market Association) those who elected to continue trading on the outside curb—so-called "outlaws"—formed the New York Curb Stock and Bond Market, Inc., and (as stated in our issue of July 2, page 26), a resolution was adopted by interests identified therewith to contest any injunction which might be obtained to prevent them from conducting operations on the outside market. Regarding the proceedings which have just instituted, the New York "Times" of Sept. 9 said:

The suit names as defendant the Curb Stock and Bond Market, Inc., formed by curb brokers who did not follow the other curb brokers when they transferred their activities to an indoor market in Trinity Place.

The complaint asks that the members of the outdoor corporation be restrained from conducting the business of buying and selling securities from the street and sidewalks in the vicinity, from publishing quotations of transactions there, and from congregating in the street or sidewalks for the purpose of doing any business whatsoever.

The Complainants.

The complaining property owners and the value of their property as given in the complaint are: Broad Exchange Co., \$5,000,000; Western Union Telegraph Co., \$1,000,000; Johnston Building Estate Corporation, \$2,500,000; White's Oil Realty Corporation, \$1,050,000; Wall Street Journal Building Co., \$975,000; No. 51 Broad Street, Inc., \$1,100,000, and the Seaboard National Bank, \$2,443,000.

The injunction application, filed by Parker & Aaron, as attorneys, allege that the Curb Stock & Bond Market, Inc., was formed last December and now has about 300 members. It is alleged that the members have been using the street and sidewalks and have been consummating trades by the "sign language and by word of mouth" from windows in 35 and 39 Broad Street since June 27 1921.

The property owners say the curb brokers have appropriated half the roadway in a space about 60 feet wide, "and by collusion and understanding with the Police Department" have had the market separated from the roadway by a line of heavy posts, and that only members of the association are allowed within that boundary. The complaint says that the hours in which the curb market is in session are the same as the trading hours on the New York Stock Exchange and fit in with the hours when the financial institutions in the neighborhood are busiest. Hence, it is argued, travel on the sidewalks and in the street is heaviest during those hours.

Say Rental Values Are Lessened.

The petition alleges that the defendant is "depriving the plaintiffs and their neighbors and the public of the fair, free and reasonable use of the street as a thoroughfare, thus lessening the rental value of the adjacent buildings." It is alleged that the acts of the defendants are "committed unlawfully and without warrant and in defiance of and to the great prejudice of and injury to the rights of the plaintiffs and their neighbors and the public." The plaintiffs say that the congestion around the curb market is made the more annoying for persons who have business there, because of the crowds of sightseers during the trading hours.

The plaintiffs say that they protested to Thomas A. Cook, President of the defendant organization, who, with other officers, occupies a small office at 32 Broadway, and that he replied that the membership of the defendant is growing, and the "the Mayor and Police Commissioner will protect the defendant in conducting its business in the block referred to, and it has a right to do so."

Affidavits by real estate experts asserting that the value of the surrounding property is lessened by the outdoor market, and a score of photographs showing the crowds assembled in the street were attached to the complaint.

EXTENT OF POSTAL SAVINGS DEPOSITS.

The total deposits in the United States Postal Savings on Aug. 31 were approximately \$152,400,000, a decrease for the month of about \$100,000. This, according to the Division of Postal Savings, is the smallest decrease shown in deposits for several months. It adds:

Aside from the fact that this is the smallest decrease shown in deposits for several months, it is very gratifying to observe that there has been a general improvement in deposits throughout the country. The offices enjoying increases are distributed throughout the United States and the deposits at the industrial centres showed an improvement.

During the month of August the following offices reported gains in deposits of over \$12,000:

Boston, Mass.\$34,291	New York, N. Y.\$36,686
Seattle, Wash.92,151	Tacoma, Wash.25,155
Atlantic City, N. J.57,333	Bremerton, Wash.12,775

The attached statement contains a list of Postal Savings depository post offices with amounts on deposit in excess of \$500,000:

New York, N. Y.	\$47,472,053	San Francisco, Calif.	\$1,024,379
Brooklyn, N. Y.	14,985,099	Cleveland, Ohio	932,722
Chicago, Ill.	6,858,725	Los Angeles, Calif.	911,140
Boston, Mass.	6,091,377	Jersey City, N. J.	829,990
Pittsburgh, Pa.	3,318,632	Cincinnati, Ohio	819,454
Seattle, Wash.	2,961,620	St. Paul, Minn.	712,072
Detroit, Mich.	2,737,945	Uniontown, Pa.	683,501
Philadelphia, Pa.	2,660,495	Columbus, Ohio	676,583
Tacoma, Wash.	1,901,391	McKeesport, Pa.	614,210
Newark, N. J.	1,683,879	Buffalo, N. Y.	583,853
Portland, Oregon	1,579,645	Providence, R. I.	567,615
Kansas City, Mo.	1,496,447	Passaic, N. J.	536,897
Milwaukee, Wis.	1,162,785	Ironwood, Mich.	531,574
St. Louis, Mo.	1,079,116	Butte, Mont.	500,250

BENEFITS TO MEMBERS OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANK FROM EARLIER DELIVERY OF REGISTERED BANK MAIL.

A saving of \$1,000 a day in interest charge on the basis of 5½% is being effected to the business community of New York through the earlier delivery of registered bank mail arriving in New York City, according to a report received by Postmaster-General Hays from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The bank reports that an average of \$6,000,000 daily is collected through the Clearing House on the day of receipt, which, under the old conditions, would have been received too late for clearing.

On July 1 the Post Office Department arranged to have this class of mail made up in direct sacks, either at the place of origin, or so arranged in transit, and sent direct to the postal stations in the financial district without going through the general post office. This method saves considerable handling, and often avoids twenty-four hours' delay by getting the mail into the Clearing House before 10 a.m., the time when transactions for that day close. The Federal Reserve Bank reports that during two weeks immediately preceding the inauguration of the direct pouch method, the sum of approximately \$800,000 a day was deferred in the U. S. Treasurer's account. Checks received from the Treasurer have been collected on the day of receipt, and immediate credit given therefor. At 5½% this would be equal to \$100 per day saving in interest charge. The amount collected would be even greater during those periods of each year when the volume of transactions are larger than the period under review.

The Federal Reserve Bank also reports that the hour gained in dispatching mail permits it to forward \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 more daily to western ports on the "20th Century," which would indicate a daily saving to business interests in our district of about \$75 to \$150.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL HAYS TO REORGANIZE MOTOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICE.

Postmaster-General Hays announced this week the appointment of Ralph H. Matthiessen, President of the Motor Haulage Company of New York City, as a special assistant of the Postmaster-General to reorganize the motor transportation, and issued the following statement outlining his plans with reference to this branch of the service:

Mr. Matthiessen was selected because of his experience in the motor transport business, and because of the success he has made in New York City for efficiency and economy in this work. His acquisition adds to the corps of successful business men that Mr. Hays is introducing to all branches of the Postal Service.

Mr. Matthiessen, during his service to the Government, will organize a Bureau of Motor Vehicle Transportation in the Department of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General. There are now 271 cities in which Government-owned motor vehicles are operated, maintaining over 3,600 motor vehicles. Its operating expenses annually amount to about \$15,000,000. There are nearly 5,000 supervisory officials, clerks, chauffeurs, mechanics, etc., employed in this class of service. There are used for these trucks about 25,000 tires each year.

The motor vehicle service extends only to mail service within cities, such as collection and delivery of mail and transportation of mail from one point to another within cities. Rural carriers and contractors on star routes in rural territory operate their own motor vehicles.

The Post-Office Department began operating its own machines on a small scale with the establishment of the Parcel Post. Its great expansion has been made possible through the large number of motor trucks received from the War Department.

The growth of this motor service occurred under abnormal conditions, such as produced by the war, and the tremendous growth of parcel post. Each large city built it up as a separate unit with a minimum of uniformity. Some few cities have splendid organizations and efficient service; many have been inferior and wasteful, due to lack of more uniform supervision.

Postmaster-General Hays believes that the motor truck service of the Post Office Department should be a big mail transportation aid, just as is the Railway Mail Service, and as efficiently managed.

Mr. Matthiessen will organize a force of expert field men taken from cities where the service is best managed and endeavor to build up the weak points. There will be expert mechanics and garage men picked to organize the repair work, and the operation of garages now a part of the motor vehicle service. There will be men picked for their traffic experience because street congestion is a factor in the operation of any motor

vehicle in large cities. The postal management is determined to know what this, and all other branches of the service, are costing. Statisticians for that purpose will be selected from cities where the best cost keeping methods are used.

STATE INSTITUTIONS ADMITTED TO FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.

The following institutions were admitted to the Federal Reserve system in the week ending Sept. 9:

District No.	Capital.	Surplus.	Total Resources.
District No. 4—			
The Minerva Banking Co., Minerva, O.	\$50,000	\$3,084	\$395,253
First-Tyler Bank & Trust Co., Sistersville, W. Va.	200,000	100,000	2,721,283
District No. 6—			
Citizens Bank of Claxton, Claxton, Ga.	30,000	3,000	134,759
District No. 7—			
Victor Savings Bank, Victor, Iowa.	50,000	30,000	520,256

INSTITUTIONS AUTHORIZED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD TO EXERCISE TRUST POWERS.

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

- The First National Bank of Butler, Butler, New Jersey.
- The First National Bank of Montpelier, Montpelier, Indiana.
- The First National Bank of Blooming Prairie, Minnesota.

RAY M. GIDNEY MADE CONTROLLER-AT-LARGE OF NEW YORK FEDERAL RESERVE BANK.

Ray M. Gidney, who has been Manager of the Buffalo Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York since May 15 1919, has been appointed Controller-at-large of the Federal Reserve Bank at its main office in New York. Mr. Gidney will take up his new duties Sept. 15 1921. Other changes were announced as follows by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York this week:

Walter W. Schneckenger succeeds Mr. Gidney as Manager of the Buffalo branch. He was promoted to the managership from his former office as Cashier. H. W. Snow, Jr., has been advanced to Cashier of the branch from the office of Assistant Cashier, and Clifford L. Blakeslee will continue in his office as Assistant Cashier, to which he was recently appointed.

TREASURY CERTIFICATES AND TREASURY NOTES OVERSUBSCRIBED.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon announced on Sept. 15 that preliminary reports indicated subscriptions aggregating more than \$1,400,000,000 to the Treasury's combined offer of \$600,000,000 in short-term notes and certificates dated Sept. 15. The offering of the Treasury notes and certificates was referred to by us last week, page 1109. The subscriptions were closed at noon Sept. 15. The Treasury notes (Series B-1924) at 5½% interest, are dated and bear interest from September 15 1921, and are due Sept. 15 1924. Details of this note offering were given in our item of a week ago. Two series of Treasury certificates were comprised in the offering of last week, namely, Series TM3-1922, 5%, due March 15 1922, and Series TS-1922, 5¼%, due Sept. 15 1922. Both are dated and bear interest from Sept. 15 1921. The following was the text of the certificate offering.

The Secretary of the Treasury, under the authority of the Act approved Sept. 24 1917, as amended, offers for subscription, at par and accrued interest, through the Federal Reserve banks, Treasury certificates of indebtedness, in two series, both dated and bearing interest from Sept. 15 1921, the certificates of Series TM3-1922 being payable on March 15 1922 with interest at the rate of 5% per annum semi-annually, and the certificates of Series TS-1922 being payable on Sept. 15 1922, with interest at the rate of 5¼% per annum, payable semi-annually.

Applications will be received at the Federal Reserve banks. Bearer certificates will be issued in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000, and \$100,000. The certificates of Series TM3-1922 will have one interest coupon attached, payable March 15 1922, and the certificates of Series TS-1922 two interest coupons attached, payable March 15 1922 and Sept. 15 1922.

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

The certificates of these series will be accepted at par, with an adjustment of accrued interest, during such time and under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed or approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, in payment of income and profits taxes payable at the maturity of the certificates. The certificates of these series do not bear the circulation privilege.

The right is reserved to reject any subscription and to allot less than the amount of certificates of either or both series applied for and to close the subscriptions as to either or both series at any time without notice. Payment at par and accrued interest for certificates allotted must be made on or before Sept. 15 1921, or on later allotment. After allotment and upon payment Federal Reserve banks may issue interim receipts pending delivery of the definitive certificates. Any qualified depository will be permitted to make payment by credit for certificates allotted to it for itself and its customers up to any amount for which it shall be qualified in excess

of existing deposits when so notified by the Federal Reserve bank of its district. Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness of Series TS-1921 and Series TS2-1921, both maturing Sept. 15 1921, and of Series F-1921 and Series H-1921, both maturing Oct. 15 1921, with any unmatured interest coupons attached, will be accepted at par, with all adjustment of accrued interest, in payment for any certificates of the Series TM3-1922 or TS-1922 now offered which shall be subscribed for and allotted.

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

AMENDMENTS OF SENATE COMMITTEE TO TAX REVISION BILL—RECOMMENDATIONS OF SECRETARY MELLON.

The Senate Finance Committee virtually completed the work of redrafting the Administration's tax revision bill yesterday (Sept. 16) when it adjourned until next Tuesday,—its final vote on the bill being deferred until next week. While certain of the features of the bill have been referred to the Treasury tax expert, Dr. T. S. Adams, for investigation and report Senator Penrose, Chairman of the Committee, stated on the 15th inst. that the bill would be ready for submission to the Senate with the reconvening of Congress next Wednesday, Sept. 21. The bill as passed by the House on August 20 (details of which were given in our issue of Aug. 27, page 904) has been materially changed by the Senate Committee during the past ten days. The reading of the bill by the Committee was completed on the 7th inst. and on the 8th and 9th inst. Secretary of the Treasury Mellon appeared before the Committee to submit his recommendations regarding amendments to the House bill. On the 8th inst., the repeal of the excess profits taxes, effective as of January last, and the tax on capital stock for 1922, payable July 1 1922—both said to represent President Harding's final opinion on taxation adjustment—and a reduction of the high income surtaxes to 25%, beginning next January, were the chief recommendations made by Secretary Mellon, according to advices from Washington on the 8th inst. to the New York "Times," from which we also quote as follows:

As a substitute for the loss in revenues by such radical repeals and reductions, Mr. Mellon suggested that the tax on the net income of corporations should be increased from 10 to 15% instead of to 12½%, as provided in the House bill. Additional revenues to make up the losses, he said, could be obtained by reducing the transportation taxes by half during 1922 and repealing them in 1923. The House bill repeals all the transportation taxes as well as the tax on cosmetics and proprietary medicines. These latter taxes, the Secretary insisted, should be retained, but collected from the manufacturer rather than the consumer.

Secretary Mellon said that if these recommendations were enacted there would be a greater revenue yield than provided in the House bill and, in his opinion, sufficient to meet the needs of the Government if rigid economies were followed. He estimated that the yield under his proposed plan would be \$3,176,000,000.

Secretary Mellon recommended that House provisions as to increasing the exemption for married persons from \$2,000 to \$2,500 on incomes not in excess of \$5,000, and the increased allowance for dependents from \$200 to \$400, should be retained in the Senate measure.

Mr. Mellon abandoned his recommendation of a tax on automobiles, an increase in the first class postage from 2 to 3 cents, and a stamp tax on checks. He said there did not appear to be any necessity for additional sources of taxation if the Government departments followed an economical program.

Aside from modifying his recommendations as to reduction on surtaxes and the suggestion that the capital stock tax be repealed, the recommendations followed along the lines of his original recommendations made to the Ways and Means Committee before the White House conference at which reductions in Government expenditures were agreed upon.

In his original statement Mr. Mellon recommended that surtaxes should be reduced to 32%, effective January last, and reduced to 25% next January. He now believes that these high surtaxes should be collected for 1921 and the reduction to 25% be made operative next January.

Mr. Mellon strongly insisted that the repeal of the excess profits tax, as of January last, was the most important step the Government could take to place the country upon the high road to prosperity and industrial activity. He said the experts had come to the conclusion that the returns from excess profits taxes would not reach \$450,000,000 this year, and even if this amount should be realized, he declared, it was a wrong tax to impose in peace times, as it throttled industrial initiative and in the end worked against the interests of the unemployed. It was pointed out that many industries were making no effort to renew their activities because of the tax.

The views of Secretary Mellon appeared to meet with the approval of a majority of the Republican members of the committee, although Senator Smoot expects to offer his suggestions for a tax on manufacturers and a sales tax. He will have very little support in the committee, it is said.

On the 9th inst. a statement indicating the six changes in the existing law advocated by Secretary Mellon and the Administration was given out by the Senate Committee. The statement also included two tables which give the estimated revenue under the bill that passed the House and under the bill as it was expected to be amended by the Finance Committee. It was reported on the 9th that the bill would be framed to yield a total revenue of \$3,200,000,000, instead of \$2,785,790,000, the total that, it is estimated, would be the result if the suggestions of Secretary Mellon were followed to the letter. The New York "Times" which is authority for this also said in its Washington advices of the 9th inst.:

The changes proposed by Secretary Mellon follow:

- 1—Repeal of profits tax as of Jan. 1 1921.
- 2—Reduction of maximum surtax rate to 25% as of Jan. 1 1922.
- 3—Increase of corporation income tax to 15% as of Jan. 1 1921.
- 4—Decrease of transportation tax and insurance tax 50% as of Jan. 1 1922, and repeal as of Jan. 1 1923.
- 5—Tax on proprietary medicines, perfumery and cosmetics on the manufacturers' or importers' selling price as of Jan. 1 1922.
- 6—Elimination of the capital stock tax as of July 1 1922.

The tables showing the estimated revenues under the House bill and as amended in accordance with the suggestions of the Secretary of the Treasury for the fiscal year 1922 and the calendar year 1922 are as follows:

ESTIMATED REVENUE.		
	Fiscal Year 1922.	Calendar Year 1922.
Losses from House bill:		
Profits tax.....	\$250,000,000	\$450,000,000
Capital stock tax.....		60,000,000
Total loss.....	250,000,000	510,000,000
Gains from House bill:		
Corporation tax.....	160,500,000	267,500,000
Transportation.....	65,500,000	131,000,000
Insurance.....	5,000,000	10,000,000
Perfumery, cosmetics, &c.....	3,000,000	6,000,000
Total gains.....	234,000,000	414,500,000
Net loss.....	16,000,000	95,500,000

The other table submitted by Secretary Mellon follows:

Fiscal Year 1922.	As Passed by House.	As Proposed.	As Passed by House.	As Proposed.
Personal.....	\$800,000,000	\$800,000,000	\$750,000,000	\$750,000,000
Corporation.....	450,000,000	610,500,000	400,000,000	667,500,000
Profits tax.....	669,000,000	419,000,000	450,000,000	
Miscellaneous.....	1,160,455,000	1,233,955,000	981,290,000	1,068,290,000
Back taxes.....	235,000,000	235,000,000	300,000,000	300,000,000
Total.....	\$3,314,455,000	\$3,298,455,000	\$2,881,290,000	\$2,785,790,000

In the course of his testimony before the Committee, Secretary Mellon suggested various new taxes that might be, if necessary, substituted for taxes already under consideration or mentioned. These would include taxes on documents, a stamp tax, increase of letter postage to three cents and an automobile tax. The Secretary, however, expressed it as his opinion that no new taxes would be necessary.

He also asked for an appropriation of \$500,000,000 to be utilized as a sort of "leeway" fund in readjusting the Victory Loan debt which matures in 1923 and totals \$3,800,000,000.

The actual revision of the House bill was undertaken by the Senate Committee, section by section, on the 10th inst. Regarding the Committee's action on that day, the press accounts from Washington said:

The principal sections agreed upon to-day were those defining foreign traders and foreign trade corporations, providing the same treatment for personal service corporations as for other corporations and fixing the basis for determining gain or loss in accord with decisions of the Supreme Court. Some minor changes in the House language were made for the purpose of clarification, it was stated.

Senator Smoot, Republican, of Utah, announced to-day it was his plan to withhold his bill embodying the sales tax plan and offer it as a substitute for the House bill as amended by the Committee. Should the Committee reject it, and the general belief seems to be that it will, the Utah Senator plans to offer it in the Senate.

In reporting the approval by the Senate Committee on Monday, the 12th inst., of two of the House provisions, viz. one fixing the maximum income surtax rate at 32%, as compared with the present 65%, and the other increasing by \$500 the exemption allowed to heads of families having net incomes of \$5,000 or less and by \$200 the exemption allowed on account of each dependent—the Washington press advices said:

In voting to reject Secretary Mellon's proposal that the maximum income surtax rate be reduced to 25% the Committee took under consideration a Treasury plan to reduce the rate in each of the income surtax brackets by 1%, so as to lighten the taxes on those having incomes of less than \$68,000 a year, as well as those whose incomes exceed that amount.

The House provision repealing excess profits taxes as of Jan. 1 next, instead of Jan. 1 1921, as recommended by Secretary Mellon was approved by the Committee on the 13th inst. On the same date the committee inserted a provision in the House measure repealing the capital stock tax, effective next year, and adopted an amendment increasing the corporation income tax from 10 to 15% instead of 12½% (as proposed by the House) effective Jan. 1 1922.

The further action of the Committee on the 13th inst. was reported as follows in the Washington press dispatches:

Provisions in the House bill stricken out to-day included those exempting from the income tax the salaries of the President and Judges of Federal courts, the first \$500 of income from investments in building and loan associations and contributions made by corporations for charitable purposes. The committee also disagreed to the House provision allowing travelling salesmen to deduct from their income all expenses incurred while on the road.

A new section added to the House bill would require individuals having a gross income of \$5,000 annually to make a return, irrespective of whether the total amount of net income was taxable. Chairman Penrose said the Treasury expected through this provision to collect income tax from many persons not now making returns.

Another provision added by the committee would permit banks to deduct for purposes of Federal taxation the amount of taxes paid to States on the shares of stockholders.

The committee agreed to sections of the House bill exempting from tax interest on bank deposits of foreigners engaged in business in this country, but not having regular places of business, and exempting fraternal beneficiary societies from Federal taxation. It also agreed to the House provision permitting corporations after next Jan. 1 to make consolidated returns for subsidiary companies or an individual return for each subsidiary.

Discussing action on the levy sections, Chairman Penrose said in his opinion no new taxes would have to be imposed and that sufficient funds

would be raised by the levies already agreed upon. The thought of the committee, he added, was to repeal the taxes on the transportation of freight and passenger, with the levies on oil by pipe lines and on express packages retained because there was no particular demand for their repeal.

Under the bill as amended to-day corporations would pay \$60,000,000 less in taxes in 1922 than under the present law, but it was explained that most of this loss in Government revenue would be made up by committee changes already agreed upon or anticipated.

The reduction in corporation taxes would be accounted for by repeal of the capital stock tax. In the calendar year, 1923, however, corporations would pay \$242,500,000 less than under the present law, according to Treasury estimates. This would be brought about through repeal of the profits tax, which would cut Government revenues \$450,000,000 a year. As an offset corporations, it was explained, would pay an additional 5% income tax, estimated at \$267,500,000.

Among the more important of the changes made by the Committee on the 14th inst. was the decision to retain in force for 1922 all transportation taxes on freight, passenger and Pullman accommodation, at however, half the present rates. The House bill would repeal these taxes on Jan. 1 next. Further action on the bill by the Committee on the 14th inst. was detailed as follows in the advices from Washington to the daily papers:

While agreeing to the House plan to repeal State taxes on perfumes, cosmetics, toilet preparations and proprietary medicines, the Committee voted to impose a manufacturers' tax of 4% on toilet articles and 2% tax on toilet soaps and powders which the House bill proposed to repeal.

Five per cent reductions in the taxes on fur articles, motorboats and yachts, portable electric fans and works of art, agreed upon by the House, were disapproved by the Committee, which voted to continue the present rate of 10% in each case.

The section of the House bill reducing the tax on candy from 5% to 3% was amended to provide that candy sold at wholesale for more than 40 cents a pound should bear a tax of 10%.

In accepting the House reduction from 10% to 5% in the tax on sporting goods, the Committee decided to make taxable skates, snowshoes, skis, toboggans and baseball, football and basketball equipment, which were eliminated by the House.

Under a new section to the House bill, the Committee proposed the tax on chewing gum be reduced from 3% to 2%. The House measure made no change in this levy.

The House provision repealing all of the so-called luxury taxes was accepted, but the Committee deferred action on the proposal to impose a manufacturers' tax on a number of the articles on which a retail tax is now imposed.

Sections of the House bill accepted without change included those relating to taxes on cereal beverages and soft drinks, repealing the tax on eye-glasses and spectacles, eliminating the license levies on yachts and motorboats of not more than five tons or not over 32 feet in length, and imposing a tax of 10% on camera lenses. The beverage tax changes were accepted subject to possible amendment after further information on this subject has been furnished by Treasury experts.

While the Senate Committee was revising the House measure, representatives of manufacturing interests, in conference here, decided to support and work for a tax revision program substantially the same as that which Senator Smoot of Utah, Republican member of the Finance Committee, has announced he will offer as a substitute for the pending measure. The main features of this program are:

- Enactment of a new general manufacturers' tax;
- Retention of present income taxes on individuals, with revision of surtaxes;
- Retention of the present income tax of 10% on corporations;
- Retention of existing taxes on tobacco, narcotics and oleomargarine, and
- Retention of existing inheritance taxes.

Spokesmen for the manufacturers explained the proposed manufacturers' tax was not a general sales tax, inasmuch as it would be "levied, assessed, collected and paid upon every commodity manufactured, produced or imported, when sold, leased or licensed for consumption or use without further process of manufacture."

The rate of the proposed manufacturers' tax was not agreed upon, but it was reported discussion revolved around a maximum of 3%.

Action of the Senate Committee to-day in voting to recommend restoration of the transportation taxes and changes in other proposed excise levies was taken despite assurances from Secretary Mellon and Director of the Budget Dawes that the \$350,000,000 reduction in Government expenditures agreed upon at the White House conference last month would be effected. Senators said they wanted a wider margin between Government income and outgo than would be provided if the House changes in the present law had been accepted.

Director of the Budget Dawes furnished the committee to-day detailed statements showing how it is proposed to effect the \$350,000,000 savings in Government expenditures for this fiscal year agreed upon at the White House conference last month.

"Both the Secretary (of the Treasury) and myself," wrote Mr. Dawes, "feel it possible to state that there is such reasonable assurance that the total reduction of \$350,000,000 in ordinary expenditures during the fiscal year 1922, heretofore determined upon, will be reached, that your committee may safely consider it as a fixed amount in the determination of the legislative taxation program."

The statements furnished the committee embraced savings of \$305,000,000, but the Director-General explained that figures for the Navy Department had not been included. Estimates from that department are not yet at hand, but the Director assured the committee that pressure would be brought to bear on the Navy to reduce its outgo.

Mr. Dawes's revised estimate was tabulated as follows:

	Aug. 10.	New Estimate.	Net Reduction.
War Department.....	\$450,000,000	\$390,000,000	\$60,000,000
Shipping Board.....	200,000,000	100,000,000	100,000,000
Railroads.....	545,000,000	456,000,000	89,000,000
Veterans' Bureau.....	-----	-----	37,500,000
Miscellaneous.....	-----	-----	18,500,000
Total.....	-----	-----	\$305,000,000

On the 15th the Committee which had the previous day accepted the taxes of 4 cents a gallon imposed by the House on cereal beverages, reconsidered its action and lowered the rate to 2 cents a gallon, the rate fixed by the House bill on unfermented fruit juices; still drinks are taxed 3 cents a gallon under the House bill. All amendments to the inheritance tax features of the bill were perfected on

the 15th inst.; these it is stated are of a purely technical nature. Approval was given to the tobacco schedule, which remains the same as in existing the law. In doing this, the suggestion of Secretary Mellon that \$25,000,000 or \$50,000,000 additional could be realized from tobacco was not entertained, as the Committee members believed the point of absorption had been reached.

On the 9th inst. Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, acting Democratic leader, issued a formal statement attacking the proposals to repeal the profits tax and cut the surtax rates, declaring such action "very objectionable" Senator Hitchcock said:

The proposal to do away with the excess profits tax and with all surtaxes over 25% on individual incomes, is in my opinion, very objectionable. To repeal the excess profits taxes retroactive to Jan. 1 last adds to the mistake. The surtax is the extra tax paid by individuals with large incomes. The larger the income the higher the rate of tax until under the present law the rate reaches 64%. That is to say, a man having \$50,000 income a year would pay 25% on everything above that amount regardless of whether the excess was \$1,000 or \$1,000,000.

I think the graduation should continue upward, as it does not, at least until the rate of tax reaches 64%. Such vast incomes as \$500,000 or over cannot be used as incomes. They are merely capital increases. And as such they add enormously each year to the wealth of a few. They are contrary to the public interests and ought to be considered contrary to public safety. They can be limited and restricted by limitation.

In my opinion, one great benefit which has come from high taxes on incomes has been to arouse a great interest in Government economy by making the people feel the cost of Government. The tax on consumption is not felt by the well-to-do, and as long as the revenues of our Government were raised in that way the well-to-do classes were indifferent to the needs of economy. When men began paying definite taxes on their incomes they started the demand for economy in Government expenditures.

The country produces a certain amount of wealth each year. The share of it which each person receives is his income. If the very fortunate get incomes much larger than they can legitimately spend they deprive others of what they actually need. This creates an evil. To remedy this, graduated income taxes and graduated inheritance taxes are desirable. They not only distribute the burdens of Government in proportion to the benefits received but they tend to return to society in general the excessive amounts certain favored individuals have received and for which they have no real use.

On the 7th inst. the Real Estate Board of New York submitted to the committee a brief in which it urged that all corporations organized for building, operating, selling or exchanging real estate, and for no other purposes, should be exempt from the taxation contemplated in the pending taxation bill. The brief was submitted by Edward P. Doyle, Charles G. Edwards and Lawrence McGuire. We learn from the New York "Times" which also said:

The Real Estate Board contends that it is "the bounden duty of Congress to encourage in every way the building industry," and adds that this is a duty that is "paramount to the raising of revenue for wasteful and extravagant government."

"You can get an accurate idea," says the brief, "of the burden imposed on the head of a family of five in New York City by citing the cost of Federal Government annually to such a family, which is \$250, while the State and local government cost is \$290, or a total of \$540. Partly due to this excessive taxation and partly due to the cost of material and the inefficiency of labor, an apartment of four rooms and bath, the smallest decent unit for a family of five, costs, with the land, either in a multi-family house in the thickly settled sections of the city or in a one or two family house in the suburbs, \$6,000."

For such a house or apartment, the Real Estate Board contends, a minimum rent of \$960 must be charged, or 16% of the cost, of which it is claimed 7% represents interest on the investment, 3% taxes and water, 2% heat, 2% light, insurance and incidentals, and 2% necessary repairs. The shortage of apartments in New York City is estimated at 100,000.

The board contends that the States themselves recognized that "real estate organizations are heavily burdened by taxation for local purposes, and they should not be asked to pay the special taxes for State purposes." The same rule, it is argued, should apply in matters of national taxation.

Senator Simmons of North Carolina, speaking for the six Democratic members of the committee, on the 9th inst., declared against retroactive repeal of this tax and characterized as "indefensible" the proposal of Secretary Mellon to reduce the income surtax rates from 63%, to 25%, effective Jan. 1 1922. He declared that the 32% maximum rate fixed in the House bill was too low.

PRESIDENT HARDING IN REVIEW OF WAR EXTRAVAGANCES AND WORK OF CONGRESS.

A monumental accomplishment which has marked the work of the extraordinary session down to the time of its recess is the term used by President Harding in describing the work of the Administration in a letter in which he reviews the measures placed on the statute books by the new Congress. The letter, commented upon by us last week, page 1082, in our article on "The Financial Situation," is addressed to Senator Medill McCormick of Illinois, and while bearing date Aug. 29, was not made public until Sept. 7. The missive deals with "some of the extravagances incident to war" and states that "the Administrative departments are now in full sympathy with the program of rigorous and unremitting economy through which I believe we will be able during the next year to cover back into the Treasury so large a sum that the aggregate of taxation may be reduced to \$3,500,000,000 a year." The President

observes that "we shall be greatly aided in a policy of progressively reducing expenditures by the budget law, Republican in origin, design, enactment and execution." In reciting other accomplishments of his Administration the President says in part:

The series of measures looking to the amelioration of conditions in the great agricultural industries would in other times have constituted a striking legislative product of a year's session. These include the law for control of the packing industry, the act for the regulation of grain exchanges and the law for the extension of credits to foreigners through the War Finance Corporation to enable them to carry their crops until the markets will absorb them.

The following is his letter in full in which in instancing extravagances due to war he says that "approximately \$3,500,000,000 have been poured out under the direction of the Shipping Board; yet I have from the War Department the curious bit of information that only one vessel built by the Shipping Board ever carried any American troops to fight in Europe."

The White House, Washington, D. C., August 29 1921.

My Dear Senator McCormick:

Thank you for your letter of congratulation on the accomplishment of the Administration down to date. You have been good enough to speak kindly of the work which the executive departments have accomplished, as well as of that which has been done by the Congress. For myself, I feel disposed to emphasize what seem to me the remarkable achievements of the extraordinary session of the Congress.

In view of the fact that during the war practically no consideration was given to preparation for the new conditions which would come with the return of peace, and that in the two years after the armistice there was hardly any more administrative attention to these problems, I cannot but account it a monumental accomplishment which has marked the work of the extraordinary session down to the time of its recess. For two years before the inauguration of the present Administration a Republican Congress patiently and assiduously labored to reduce expenditures. These efforts despite that the Administration was not at that time in political accord with the Congress, produced results which we can summarize in the statement that the appropriations for the current fiscal year will aggregate about four and a quarter billion dollars, and that this is:

Three-quarters of a billion less than the expenditures for the previous fiscal year.

A billion and a half less than the last Administration asked of Congress.

Three billions less than were appropriated for the second preceding fiscal year.

The labors of the Republican majority to lay a foundation for economic reconstruction and to reduce taxation deserve the utmost appreciation of the country. The habit of vast expenditures without proper consideration for results is the inevitable fruit of war. Our Government, for example, expended between five and six billion dollars for the manufacture of aircraft, artillery and artillery ammunition.

To show for this expenditure, it has been officially testified that less than 200 American-made airplanes or 200 American-made cannon ever went into action on the fighting front of the war, while not more than 1% of the ammunition expended by American artillery was, according to the same testimony, of American manufacture.

Approximately \$3,500,000,000 have been poured out under the direction of the Shipping Board, yet I have from the War Department the curious bit of information that only one vessel built by the Shipping Board ever carried any American troops to fight in Europe. This was a cargo boat, the Liberty, which, according to the War Department records in Oct. 1917, carried approximately fifty soldiers, these were the only soldiers, according to the record, that were transported to Europe before the armistice in a vessel built by the Shipping Board.

According to the most conservative estimate which has come to me, the Railroad Administration has cost the Government between one and a quarter and one and a half billion dollars, and the end is not yet.

Such is the summary of some of the extravagances incident to war. It is gratifying to be able to say, therefore, that probably no other Government in the world has during a similar period so drastically reduced expenditures as has the Government of the United States during the last two years on the insistence of the Republican Congress. Moreover I am happy to assure you that the administrative departments are now in full sympathy with the program of rigorous and unremitting economy through which, I believe, we will be able during the next year to cover back into the Treasury so large a sum that the aggregate of taxation may be reduced to \$3,500,000,000 a year.

It should be remembered that the service of the national debt demands a billion and a quarter of dollars annually; that nearly a half billion dollars a year was appropriated for war risk insurance, vocational training, the maintenance of hospitals—in short, for the care of those suffering the disabilities arising from the war; and that approximately a quarter of a billion dollars more is appropriated for pensions on account of earlier wars.

In short, half the present total expenditures of the Government arises from wars of the past. Similar burdens are imposed upon the taxpayers of other countries, and a well-nigh universal protest against a possible repetition of gigantic conflict gives rise to the common hope that the conference in November may lighten the burdens of both armament and taxation, not only for this but for other lands.

Almost without exception the Governments of other countries are faced with great deficits. Their people not only suffer from the general business depression, unemployment, chaotic exchanges and disorder in agricultural prices, but they carry very heavy burdens of taxation, which, nevertheless, is insufficient to meet the current expenditures of their Government.

Budget Law and Other Measures.

We must not overestimate our good fortune and the prudence of our Congress, which permits us to balance revenue and expenditure at a time when deficits are the rule throughout the world. We shall be greatly aided in policy of progressively reducing expenditure by the budget law, Republican in origin, design, enactment and execution. It was the first of a series of measures placed on the statute books at the present extra session of Congress, but I do not hesitate to say that in ordinary times it alone would have been considered a highly creditable chief product of a year's legislative program. Yet in a time of such legislative activity as the present, it is only one among many measures of the first importance to be enacted. It was quickly followed by the enactment of the Immigration law, calculated both to limit the inflow of population during a period of depression and to hasten the day when we may effect the true Americanization of all newcomers to our shores.

The series of measures looking to the amelioration of conditions in the great agricultural industries would, in other times, have constituted a striking

legislative product of a year's session. These include the law for the control of the packing industry, the act for the regulation of grain exchanges, and the law for the extension of credits to farmers, through the War Finance Corporation, to enable them to carry their crops until the markets will absorb them.

The establishment of a Veterans' Bureau insures a consummation of those reforms in caring for our disabled men which were inaugurated by Executive order. We have established peace and are seeking to establish the generous production and profitable exchange of foodstuffs and commodities under the conditions of peace and corollary assurance of good wages and general employment.

In order that the Senate Finance Committee may devote its uninterrupted attention to the permanent tariff and revenue measures, Congress wisely determined upon a thirty-day recess. We may confidently hope, I am sure, that after the recess and before the end of the extraordinary session Congress will adopt both the tariff and taxation measures, and that along with these it will pass the bill to permit funding the debts owed us by foreign governments. This, I hope, will shortly be followed by arrangements under which the debtor countries will begin paying interest on their obligations.

Likewise I am confident that the bill facilitating the funding of the debt of the railways to the United States will become law during the extraordinary session, thus insuring a large and immediate demand for employment of men now idle.

Surveying the national situation as a whole, it is plain that we are working our way out of a welter of waste and prodigal spending at a most impressive rate. We have made much progress toward retrenchment and greatly increased efficiency.

I have all assurance that thoughtful men and women throughout the country will appreciate what has been accomplished and sincerely support our efforts for yet more of achievement along the same lines.

Most sincerely yours,

WARREN G. HARDING.

To Hon. Medill McCormick, United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

PRESIDENT HARDING DECREES THAT GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES BE KEPT WITHIN INCOME.

The determination to have Government expenditures kept within the Nation's income was reached during a discussion of the preliminary estimates for next year's budget between President Harding and Director of the Budget Dawes during the week-end cruise of the President and his party on the Mayflower over Labor Day. The New York "Commercial" in referring, in a Washington dispatch of Sept. 6, to the policy to which the Administration proposes to adhere, said in part:

Heretofore the aggregate of expenditures has been controlled by the anticipated revenue only in a perfunctory sort of way. Frequently the end of the fiscal year has found the outgo greatly in excess of the income, leaving a deficit to be cared for through an issue of Treasury certificates or increased taxes during the succeeding year.

But this practice now has come to an end, the President has decreed. Cabinet chiefs and other department and bureau heads will be given peremptory instructions to give sympathetic co-operation to Budget Director Dawes, to the end that appropriations shall be kept within the estimated revenues.

President Harding came to this determination after several hours' discussion of the preliminary estimates for next year's budget with Director Dawes on the Mayflower during the Presidential party's week-end cruise. The President said on his return on Sept. 6 that the only business transacted on the trip was the work on the budget.

The plan agreed on was to "go ahead and cut to the bone." As Mr. Harding explained to the newspaper correspondents, "the Administration simply must make the garment according to the cloth."

Some displeasure has been aroused by the economy efforts, it was revealed, but this will be put down ruthlessly. "Cut to the bone" is the command from the White House, and no official will be allowed to stand in the way.

Hardly had the Mayflower tied up at the Navy Yard and had landed her distinguished passengers, before Budget Director Dawes had in joint session the organizations which are counted upon to make it possible for the Administration to operate the Government on a strictly business basis. These organizations are the Federal Purchasing Board and the Federal Liquidation Board.

It is the function of these boards to supervise and co-ordinate all purchases and all sales of surplus by every branch of the Government. This system was described officially to-day as a replica of that which has obtained in the United States Steel Corporation for years.

Each department of the Government, it was explained, will buy its supplies, as in the past, and will dispose of its surpluses. But there will be a representative of each Government department on each of the two boards. Through this method, each department will be kept advised as to the purchases and sales of the other branches.

For example, competitive bidding will be eliminated and one department will not be permitted to buy in the open market when another department has a surplus of the needed articles. The lighthouse service now needs vessels to lay buoys. An appropriation ordinarily would be asked. Now the navy, with a surplus of mine sweepers, which are splendidly equipped for laying buoys, will be called upon to transfer to the lighthouse service as many of them as are needed.

The meeting of the two boards to-day was presided over by Colonel Smithers (Sept. 6) chief co-ordinator of the United States, whose relation to the boards is similar to that of Judge Gary to the several subsidiaries of the Steel Corporation. Director Dawes addressed the meeting advising them of President Harding's decree that expenditures must be kept within income.

PRESIDENT HARDING DEPLORES RELIANCE OF LOCAL ADMINISTRATIONS ON FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

The inevitable tendency to rely unduly on the National Government "for performance of many functions which can only be discharged by local administrative entities" is deplored by President Harding in a letter to Dr. Howard W. Odum, Director of the School of Public Welfare, of the

University of North Carolina prompted by a conference on town and country administration held at the University. The letter was made public at Chapel Hill, N. C., on the 11th inst., as follows:

My attention has been called to the regional conference on local government, which you are about to hold for broad consideration of the social, industrial and technical problems of local government.

It is a pleasure to record my hearty endorsement of the efforts you are making, and to emphasize the need which I believe exists for an earnest and continuing presentation of these subjects to the people throughout the country. The problems are manifold and difficult, accentuated by the complexity of conditions which have arisen during and following the war.

There has been an inevitable tendency, because of the overwhelmingly important work which confronted the National Government, to rely unduly upon it for performance of many functions which can only be discharged properly by local administrative entities. This, together with the further fact of our country's rapid growth and the consequent difficulty of adequately planning local governmental machineries, has resulted in a certain inefficiency of the minor administrative organisms which greatly needs to be corrected. It will be corrected whenever the attention of the people is fully aroused and the national genius for administration is effectively applied.

PRESIDENT HARDING DECLARES PURPOSE TO AID THOSE DISABLED IN WAR.

President Harding voiced anew on Sept. 11, the country's interest in those disabled in the World War, his remarks having been addressed to veterans of the Fifth Division assembled in reunion at Atlantic City. The President in his remarks said:

Nothing Too Good for Veterans.

There is nothing too good in America for its veteran defenders. All America is proud of what you and your division did at the Meuse. All America is proud of what our soldiers did in the critical days of the War. I would be the last man to say that we of America won the War, but I am glad to say that we of this Republic saved the morale of the allied armies. We saved for ourselves and the world the present-day status of civilization.

I am not unmindful of the job that you did over there. I am not unmindful of the service you rendered the country under your former Commander in Chief, and I ask that you render the same faithful service during the years I am in office.

There is still greater service to be rendered in establishing national lines of peace. It is up to you to help solve the problems that have been thrust upon us by the enemy from within.

I want this to continue as an America of opportunity and service and as an America of grateful appreciation. The man who came back wounded and impaired in ability to carry on the vocation of his life deserves the fullest aid and assistance in our power to give, and I purpose to use all the influence I have to see that he gets it, but I am not so much concerned with those who came out of the War unimpaired.

You may be disappointed in matters of legislation, but I want you to know that we are interested in your welfare.

INTERNATIONAL MERCANTILE MARINE AGREEMENT WITH GREAT BRITAIN NOT APPLICABLE TO AMERICAN VESSELS.

A new agreement entered into with the British Government by the International Mercantile Marine was submitted to the U. S. Shipping Board on Sept. 9 by P. A. S. Franklin, President of the International. The new agreement is supplementary to the 1913 agreement, which bound the corporation "to pursue no policy injurious to the interests of the British mercantile marine or of British trade." The new pact provides that vessels operated by the International Mercantile Marine under the American flag shall not be regarded as affected by the original agreement. It is stated that the latest agreement was presented in compliance with a request made last March by the Shipping Board which conducted an extensive inquiry after Senator Jones of Washington, in an address before the National Merchant Marine Association, directed attention to the corporation's contract.

The supplementary agreement was discussed with the Board by Mr. Franklin on the 8th, the Board announcing at the conclusion of the conference that hearings would be held in New York Oct. 4 and 5, at which time the original, as well as the supplementary agreement, would be taken up for consideration. Mr. Franklin is quoted as saying:

I am satisfied that this new agreement fully complies with the resolution of the Shipping Board, passed at its meeting on Mar. 3 1921, and clearly defines what the company has always contended, that its agreements did not apply to any American flag vessels which it owns or operates. I am glad that a hearing is to be held at New York Oct. 4 and 5, with the object of thoroughly familiarizing the new Shipping Board with the affairs of the International Mercantile Marine Company.

The agreement was signed by Rear Admiral F. L. Field and Vice-Admiral Sir Osmond de B. Brock, as "two of the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral" of Great Britain; by Stanley Baldwin, as President of the British Board of Trade, and by officers of each of the subsidiary companies involved. The press dispatches from Washington state:

It is specified that the agreements of Aug. 1 1903; Oct. 1 1910, and Sept. 1 1913, "shall be read and construed as if there were excluded therefrom any and all vessels documented under the laws of the United States of America . . . which are at any time operated by the parties hereto of the

second part (the I. M. M.) or by any company under their control which is not a British Company."

It was stipulated that the new agreement "shall expire or be terminated in the same manner as the principal agreements."

In the preamble it was set forth that the agreement had been drawn to satisfy doubts which "have been raised in the United States of America" as to whether Great Britain controlled vessels of the I. M. M. which operated under the American flag.

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE TO DISCONTINUE INDEMNITY TRADING OCT. 1.

The following dated Chicago Sept. 7, is from the New York "Commercial" of the 8th inst.

Board of Trade members to-day voted overwhelmingly to discontinue trading in indemnities on and after Oct. 1, the vote on the amendment submitted by the directors being 545 for the amendment to 41 votes against it. By this vote, the members of the exchange backed up the officials of the Board of Trade, who contended this should be done as a matter of good faith.

The amendment to the rules providing for the inauguration of trading in cotton seed oil and similar products was also carried by a big majority, 580 for it to five against. It is believed that with Chicago the natural centre for this trade, a big business will be built up in a short time.

The passing of the amendment doing away with indemnities or "puts" and "calls" will mean a big change in the operations of many members of the Exchange. A considerable number of members of the Exchange have confined their business almost entirely to indemnities, and they will now be obliged to turn their attention to other departments of the trade. In many other ways it is expected there will be a contraction of trade, as the indemnities have been used as a basis for active trading by many operators. Some commission men are of the opinion it will cut down business at least 20%.

Officials of the Board of Trade were pleased at the outcome of the ballot, which was in effect a vote of confidence in the administration, as was regarded as demonstrating the good faith of the institution.

Regarding the action of the Board, the Chicago "Tribune" of the 8th inst. quoted President Joseph P. Griffin, as saying:

Action of the Board of Trade members in voting to eliminate the indemnity rule was a clear indication of the earnest desire of the grain trade to aid in enforcement of the new law. Such contracts at times serve a useful economic function, and the Board of Trade's voluntary elimination of them was in line with public opinion in the grain trade itself as in the legislative centres.

The full effect of the Capper-Tincher law will not be known until it has been in operation for some time. The grain trade will do everything possible to aid in carrying out its provisions, despite the fact that the law does not by far represent the wishes of the grain trade.

Previous reference to the intention of the Board to end "puts" and "calls" deals appeared in our issue of Aug. 27, page 906.

PIG IRON PRODUCTION IN THE U. S. IN FIRST HALF OF 1921.

The American Iron & Steel Institute recently issued special statistical bulletin No. 4 which gives the production of pig iron in the United States for the first six months of the present calendar year. The figures show that the output for the first six months of 1921 was barely one-half of the production of either half of 1920. The amount for the first half of the current year is given as 9,530,981 tons, as against 18,490,385 tons in the second half of 1920, and 18,435,602 tons in the first half of 1920. In the following we show the half-yearly figures as reported by the American Iron & Steel Institute back to 1900:

PRODUCTION OF PIG IRON IN HALF YEARLY PERIODS.

	Gross Tons.		Gross Tons.
1900—1st half	7,642,569	1911—1st half	11,666,996
2d half	6,146,673	2d half	11,982,551
1901—1st half	7,674,613	1912—1st half	14,072,274
2d half	8,203,741	2d half	15,654,663
1902—1st half	8,808,574	1913—1st half	16,488,602
2d half	9,012,733	2d half	14,477,550
1903—1st half	9,707,367	1914—1st half	12,536,094
2d half	8,301,885	2d half	10,796,150
1904—1st half	8,173,438	1915—1st half	12,233,791
2d half	8,323,595	2d half	17,682,422
1905—1st half	11,163,175	1916—1st half	19,619,522
2d half	11,829,205	2d half	19,815,275
1906—1st half	12,582,250	1917—1st half	19,258,235
2d half	12,724,941	2d half	19,389,162
1907—1st half	13,478,044	1918—1st half	18,227,730
2d half	12,303,317	2d half	20,824,261
1908—1st half	6,918,004	1919—1st half	16,278,175
2d half	9,018,014	2d half	14,737,189
1909—1st half	11,022,346	1920—1st half	18,435,602
2d half	14,773,125	2d half	18,490,385
1910—1st half	14,978,738	1921—1st half	9,530,981
2d half	12,324,829		

Notwithstanding the repeated reductions in prices, the demand for practically all kinds of iron and steel products kept continually shrinking. The steady decline in the amount of unfilled orders on the books of the United States Steel Corporation affords an excellent example of this falling off in demand. The Steel Corporation on April 12 1921, made its first readjustment from the 1919 price schedules which had been maintained up to that time with undeviating persistency regardless of general market conditions. The reductions which were made effective April 13 averaged about \$7 per ton from the 1919 prices and were announced in a schedule of nine items. Other reductions followed in quick succession, but the slump in orders was nowise checked

—in fact the depression in the steel trade became greatly intensified. The "Iron Age" of this city compiles each month a record of pig iron production (exclusive of the small amount of charcoal iron produced) and in presenting its tabulation for July 1921 said that the output in that month had been the smallest since December 1903. In August, however, some recovery in production occurred.

According to the record of the "Iron Age," the production of pig iron (always excluding the insignificant amount of charcoal iron produced) in January was 2,416,292 tons; in February, 1,937,257 tons; in March, 1,595,522 tons; in April, 1,193,041 tons; in May, 1,221,221 tons; in June, 1,064,833 tons; in July, 864,555 tons, and in August 954,193 tons. These monthly totals, however, do not furnish an absolutely reliable test of the course of production since the number of days in the months varies. The average production per day for the different months shows more conclusively the downward trend in the rate of output. The "Iron Age" gives the average daily output in January at 77,945 tons; in February the average output was 69,187 tons per day; in March, 51,468 tons per day; in April, 39,768 tons per day; in May, 39,394 tons per day; in June only 35,494 tons per day, and in July but 27,889 tons per day, and in August 30,780 tons per day.

While drastic reductions in prices were witnessed at the very close of 1920, it is perhaps well to take note of the further declines recorded in the first half of 1921. For example, No. 2X Philadelphia pig, which in 1920 had risen to the unprecedentedly high price of \$53 51, was quoted on Jan. 4 1921 at \$34 79, and on June 28 1921 was down to \$25 50, a drop of more than 50% in a little over nine months. No. 2 Valley Furnace on June 28 1921 commanded only \$21 00, as against \$33 00 Jan. 4 1921 and \$50 00 early in September 1920. No. 2 Southern at Cincinnati moved down from \$39 50 Jan. 4 1921 to \$26 00 June 28, after having been quoted at as high as \$46 50 in October 1920. No. 2 Birmingham, which got up to \$42 00 in 1920, brought only \$35 00 Jan. 4 and \$21 50 June 28 1921. In the second half of the year, there have been in all cases reductions to still lower levels. Bessemer pig iron at Pittsburgh dropped from \$50 46 in October 1920 to \$33 96 Jan. 4 1921 and to \$24 46 June 28 1921. In like manner Gray Forge iron at Pittsburgh was quoted at \$50 96 in 1920, but on Jan. 4 1921 brought only \$33 96, and by June 28 was down to \$21 96. The following table compiled from quotations appearing in the "Iron Age," shows the prices of the various grades of pig iron at the beginning of January and the end of June for the last three years.

Grade.	June 28 1921.	Jan. 4 1921.	June 29 1920.	Jan. 6 1920.	July 1 1919.	Jan. 1 1919.
No. 2x, Philadelphia	\$25 50	\$34 79	\$47 15	\$44 35	\$29 00	\$36 15
No. 2 Valley Furnace	21 00	33 00	45 00	39 00	26 75	31 00
No. 2 Southern at Cincinnati	26 00	39 50	45 60	40 60	28 35	34 60
No. 2 Birmingham	21 50	35 00	42 00	37 00	24 75	31 00
Bessemer pig at Pittsburgh	24 46	33 96	46 40	38 40	29 35	33 60
Gray Forge iron at Pittsb'g.	21 96	33 96	44 40	38 40	27 15	31 47

The slump in output seems to have been general and confined to no particular section of the country. There is no instance in the tabulation of production by States as prepared by the American Iron & Steel Institute in which the output for the first half of 1921 equaled the production in the last half of 1920. The middle western States seemed to have suffered to a relatively less degree than the other regions, but even here the showing is inordinately bad. Pennsylvania is credited with a production of 7,241,726 tons for the first half of 1920; 6,741,408 tons the second half of 1920 and with only 3,577,570 tons the first half of 1921. In like manner the product of New York and New Jersey combined in the three successive half years was respectively 1,207,475 tons, 1,393,659 tons and 506,113 tons. Similarly the record of Alabama for the three respective half years stands at 1,225,236 tons, 1,167,726 tons and 659,225 tons. When we come to the middle western States we find as already stated that the drop in the last half-year period is not quite so pronounced. Thus, Illinois for the three half-years shows 1,634,164 tons, 1,646,711 tons and 1,030,801 tons, respectively. Indiana and Michigan combined make a similar showing, the output for these States being 1,426,045 tons in the first half of 1920, 1,513,476 tons in the second half of 1920 and 1,019,010 tons in the first half of 1921. Wisconsin and Minnesota (combined) too disclose like results, the record for the three successive half-year periods being 345,091 tons, 336,314 tons and 211,574 tons. In the following we show the production of pig iron by States for the last three half-yearly periods.

HALF-YEARLY PRODUCTION OF ALL KINDS OF PIG IRON BY STATES.

States.	Blast Furnaces.			Production—Gross Tons. (Includes spiegeleisen, ferro-mang., ferro-silicon, ferro-phosphorus, &c.)		
	In Blast Dec. 31 1920.	June 3 1921.		1st Half of 1920.	2d Half of 1920.	1st Half of 1921.
		In.	Out.			
Maine	0	0	0	0		
Massachusetts	1	0	1	1	6,180	4,101
Connecticut	0	0	2	2		1,537
New York	16	3	24	27		
New Jersey	1	1	3	4	1,207,475	1,393,659
Pennsylvania	73	27	134	161	7,241,726	6,741,408
Maryland	2	1	6	7	254,420	289,313
Virginia	4	2	15	17	223,522	205,780
Alabama	15	8	35	43	1,225,236	1,167,726
Georgia	0	0	4	4		659,225
Texas	0	0	1	1		
West Virginia	3	1	4	5	374,906	397,473
Kentucky	0	0	7	7		117,215
Mississippi	0	0	1	1		
Tennessee	3	0	17	17	159,041	124,166
Ohio	49	14	66	80	4,130,811	4,402,659
Illinois	16	6	20	26	1,634,164	2,081,847
Indiana	12	7	9	16	1,646,711	1,030,801
Michigan	10	2	11	13	1,426,045	1,513,476
Wisconsin	3	1	6	7		1,019,010
Minnesota	2	0	3	3	345,091	366,314
Missouri	3	1	3	4		211,574
Iowa	0	0	0	0		
Montana	0	0	0	0		
Colorado	3	2	3	5	206,985	257,599
Oregon	0	0	1	1		185,071
Washington	0	0	0	0		
Total	216	76	376	452	18,435,602	18,490,385

CALVIN FENTRESS ON THE LUMBER SITUATION.

"The settlement of building trades disputes in Philadelphia, a likelihood of a similar settlement in Chicago, and with the thorough liquidation in lumber prices, I believe the lumber industry throughout the country is getting back to normal faster than any other industry," says Calvin Fentress, of Baker, Fentress & Co. Mr. Fentress adds:

The lumber industry is in a peculiarly strong position. A study of statistics shows practically all of the large industries greatly increased their productive capacity during the war—one of the few exceptions being the lumber industry. This, it will be recalled, was because the Government requested that home building, which consumes so large a part of lumber production, be deferred until after the war was ended. The present situation, therefore, is:

(1) The production of lumber during the war was not increased; on the contrary there were a number of years before the war in which production exceeded that of any of the war years. It is evident that we have not built up, in the lumber industry, a large number of plants which could only exist on war demands.

(2) Building during the war was deferred and has since been held back by high price of labor and the falling lumber market. Thus there has been dammed up for a number of years the unsatisfied lumber requirements for home building.

These conditions forecast an early increased demand for lumber, and the employment of a larger proportion of the 732,000 men who, under normal conditions, are employed in lumber manufacturing plants, lumber camps, &c.

WAGES OF CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES IN THE NAVY REDUCED.

Wage reductions affecting approximately 60,000 civilian workers in the U. S. Navy went into effect yesterday, Sept. 16. The reductions ranged from 13 to 20%, and were in line with the recommendations made by the Naval Wage Board, a special commission appointed by Secretary Denby to make a study of economic and industrial conditions on which to figure readjustments. The Board held that \$1,000 per year was the minimum on which an American family could live with the present level of prices. A summary of the recommendations which became effective Sept. 16 was given in press dispatches from Washington on Sept. 7 as follows:

* Overhead positions, including supervisors, foremen and such so-called non-producers, felt the full force of the recommendations. In addition to a general reduction of 20% in pay for such employees, the number of such positions was decreased one-third, and in some cases one-half.

Unskilled labor was reduced from 48 cents per hour to 41 cents. The Board refused to ask American citizens to work for less, despite the collapse of the unskilled labor market in other industries. Skilled labor, including the great mass of navy yard workers, were dropped from 84 cents per hour to 73 cents.

† In many cases the Wage Board made reductions below those recommended by local boards. In general the established wages were made uniform for all yards. According to the Board's report, the scale runs 4 cents an hour below prevailing wages in railroad trades and 5 cents higher than in ship-building trades.

‡ The Board, in its report, also pointed out that the wages recommended were only 45% higher than pre-war scales. They likewise called attention to the readjustment between war and peace conditions that now is "perhaps at its most acute stage, one of the painful results of the war."

"The decrease in wages is due to three causes," the report said. "(a) Decrease in living costs amounting to 16.7%, according to Department of Labor figures; (b) the general industrial depression in the country, which may well be expected to be but a phase of the readjustment from war to pre-war conditions that is now perhaps at its most acute stage; (c) to the treatment by a certain number of employers of labor purely as a commodity to be obtained at the cheapest possible rate." The report of the Naval Wage Board was

quoted and referred to in Washington dispatches of Sept. 7 to the N. Y. "Times," which had the following to say:

"The board does not believe," the report adds, "that it is decent for the Government to pay less money than this [\$1,000] to American citizens with families to support.

"The laborer usually has a family to support, and with present prices of the necessities of life, with less than 41 cents per hour, it is practically impossible for him properly to clothe, house, feed and educate his family.

"The board believes that it is contrary to the public interest to give less wages than the above to first-class laborers."

The report received the general approval of Secretary Denby to-day and the new wage scale will become effective Sept. 16.

In general, the established wages are made uniform for all navy yards in the country, and according to the board's report are 4 cents an hour less than the prevailing wages for the railroad trades and 5 cents an hour higher than those now paid in the shipbuilding trades.

The decreases are from 13 to 14% for artisans, 10% for technical employees, 15% for clerks and supervisors, and 20% for certain of the other overhead positions.

In addition the number of authorized supervisors is decreased about one-third and the other overhead positions are decreased in some cases as much as 50%.

The wages for artisans or skilled labor is fixed by the board at 73 cents an hour, and on this point a lengthy statement of findings was made.

Living Up 80%, Wages 45.

"The board invites attention," says the statement, "to the fact that the present cost of living is 80% higher than that obtaining in 1913. The wages herein recommended are only about 45% higher than the pre-war scale.

"There has been more talk about high wages and less about high prices than statistics appear to justify. To secure a pre-war living scale the artisans' present rate of pay should, with present prices, be nearer 90 cents an hour than 73 cents an hour.

"The decrease in the living scale is probably a transient condition, but it is one of the painful results of the war. It is a fact that the condition of unemployment in the shipbuilding trades is more or less a general condition throughout practically all trades and localities of the country."

The Board finds the decrease in wages is due to three causes:

"(1) The decrease in living costs, amounts according to figures from the Department of Labor, to 16.7%.

"(2) General industrial depression, a phase of readjustment to pre-war conditions, that is now at perhaps its most acute state.

"(3) The treatment, by a certain number of employers, of labor purely as a commodity, to be obtained at the cheapest possible rate.

"Fluctuations in rates paid to workmen in all trades," says the report, "are so great that it has been difficult to determine what may be termed the 'prevailing rate' in any narrow vicinity.

Cite Wage Cuts in Industries.

Comparing present conditions with those a year ago, when the present Navy scale was established, the Board finds there has been a general decrease in wages of about 18.5%.

For railroads, decreases in pay have been but 10%; in steel plants, the decreases exceed 25%.

A year ago the Navy Department Wage Board reported that the highest wage for any trade was 85 cents an hour and the pay at that time of shipbuilding trades, then almost fully employed was 80 cents.

The pay as determined by the Department of Labor for the automobile and similar industries was 77 cents an hour.

If the average decrease in wages of 18.5% be applied to the foregoing rates, we would obtain a prevailing current wage for artisans throughout this country of somewhere near 65 cents an hour.

One item of the Board's report is on the subject of the payment of wages on a productive labor basis, and is of interest, as the Board says, in that "efficiency at navy yards, as elsewhere, depends upon the sympathetic cooperation between the workmen and the management. The essential thing is to incorporate into the management of the navy yard the brains of the workmen that do the work.

The Board recommended a liberal construction of provisions of the law by which ideas advanced by employees may be met with various forms of reward, such as public recognition, entry upon employee's records or preferential treatment when discharges or promotions are to be made; cash rewards are also to be paid in some cases.

Monthly meetings are provided at all yards and stations, where shop committees of each trade are to take part. These meetings are to be attended by the commandant in person, and the right of employees to present any grievances through their shop committees is made free and untrammelled.

SOUTHERN TEXAS AND SAN ANTONIO FLOODS.

Beginning Friday, Sept. 9, southern Texas was devastated by storms and floods—the precipitation in localities varying from two to twenty-four inches of rain in twenty four hours. From Temple clear to the Rio Grande the raging waters and wind took a toll of upwards of 200 lives while destroying property conservatively placed at \$5,000,000. The edge of Austin was touched by a tornado. In the low lands the grade of an already short cotton crop was materially damaged. Along the San Gabriel River in Williamson and Milan Counties 110 lives were lost—mostly Mexican farm laborers. At Thorndale alone sixty-five bodies of Mexicans were recovered.

The greatest destruction was at San Antonio where the small San Antonio River rising at the upper limits and meandering through the city burst its banks and sent a wall of water through the heart of the business section. The raging torrent swept away or damaged half of the 26 bridges that span the stream. At once the pumping plant of the water works was put out of commission, and sewerage mains were severed, adding the danger of pestilence. Electric lights, telephone and telegraph went out. Hotels, churches, office buildings, banks, department stores were flooded as the water rose in some places of the down town district to ten feet.

From the business center the flood tore southward, joined by torrents from other creeks, through the Mexican quarters and carried away some two hundred homes of the poorer classes while the loss of life mounted to sixty persons—mostly children. Mayor O. B. Black has stated that he places the property damage at \$3,000,000. The greatest loss has been to stocks of goods that were washed away or covered with mud. The Mayor says that San Antonio, the largest city in Texas, has its Alamo from which it has ever drawn its lesson of self-reliance; that while the people of his stricken city appreciate the kind and generous offers from all parts of the country, no assistance is needed, and that the people of San Antonio will quickly recover from their disaster.

SALE OF RAILROAD EQUIPMENT TRUSTS BY U. S. GOVERNMENT TO AID RAILROAD SETTLEMENTS.

A statement issued by the War Finance Corporation on Sept. 12 announces the sale by the Director-General of Railroads, with the approval of the President, of \$7,500,000 6% railroad equipment trust certificates now held by the Government to Kuhn, Loeb & Co., of New York, the price being par and interest. The War Finance Corporation, it appears, did not conduct the sale itself, as it possesses no authority to act for the Government in marketing railroad securities prior to the passage of the Railroad Funding Bill, but Mr. Eugene Meyer, Jr., Managing Director of the Corporation, who has been actively interested in the matter, received the bankers' offer and turned it over to the Director-General. The bankers are quoted as saying that they have purchased the certificates to hold and will not offer them to the public. The official announcement follows:

Statement Issued to the Press by War Finance Corporation Sept. 12 1921.

The Director-General of Railroads announced to-day that he had, with the approval of the President, confirmed the sale, at par plus accrued interest, of \$7,500,000 par value of railroad equipment trust certificates now held by the Government. The purchasers are Messrs. Kuhn, Loeb & Co., bankers of New York.

The offer for the purchase of these securities was received from Messrs. Kuhn, Loeb & Co. by Eugene Meyer, Jr., Managing Director of the War Finance Corporation, and transmitted by him to the Director-General of Railroads shortly before Mr. Meyer's departure for a Western trip.

The equipment trust certificates bear interest at 6% per annum, and mature serially from 1928 to 1935, inclusive. The securities sold are of the following railroad companies:

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Co.....	\$1,500,000
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Co.....	1,500,000
Norfolk & Western Railroad Co.....	1,500,000
Central Railroad Co. of New Jersey.....	1,500,000
Southern Pacific Co.....	1,500,000

While the amount involved in this transaction is not large, when compared with the \$500,000,000 or more which the Government is owing to the railroads, the sale has aroused much interest both as showing the improved condition of railroad credit since the sale of 6% certificates was possible at this time at par and interest, and as evidence of the willingness of Government and bankers to co-operate in an effort to hasten the settlement of the Government's obligations to the roads with a view to enabling the latter to meet their pressing requirements for rehabilitation, improvements, &c., and thus stimulate industrial activity.

Government officials at Washington express the confident belief that the Director-General will be able shortly to negotiate further large blocks of the equipment trust certificates which he holds, possibly up to a total of \$200,000,000. However, he is not permitted under the terms of the existing law to dispose of the certificates for less than par and interest and it is questionable just what amount of his holding will be found saleable at that figure.

It is considered important therefore that the Railroad Funding Bill, which was passed by the House shortly before Congress adjourned for its summer recess, should become a law as quickly as possible so that the credit of the War Finance Corporation may be available in disposing of the railroad securities held by the Director-General or the United States Treasury. This measure, which was fully described in the "Chronicle" of Aug. 27, p. 910 to 912 and 914, also authorizes the funding of the indebtedness of the roads to the Government for not exceeding fifteen years, thus obviating the necessity which now exists under the Transportation Act of offsetting the same against the amounts due the roads from the Government. With moderate use of Treasury funds and realization, with the help of the War Finance Corporation, on the negotiable portion of the railroad securities in Federal vaults, it is believed there should be no difficulty in discharging the entire \$500,000,000 of Government indebtedness to the railroads recently under Federal management.

There are included in the \$7,500,000 of equipment trust certificates just sold five lots of \$1,500,000 each, consisting of Acheson, C. B. & Q., Norfolk & Western, Central of New Jersey and Southern Pacific, being parts of as many equipment issues, together aggregating nearly 25 millions which, with similar issues made by 75 other railroads, the whole representing in the neighborhood of \$330,000,000 face value, were created under identical trust agreements, the Guaranty Trust Co. being trustee and turned over to the Government in payment for new rolling stock allocated to the several roads at the close of Federal control.

One-fifteenth of each issue of these equipment trusts matures yearly on Jan. 15 and the first installment has already been paid (on Jan. 15 1921), leaving still outstanding and in the hands of the Government prior to the present sale, no previous attempt having been made to market the same, substantially the following amounts, aggregating as of May 31 \$310,175,300:

Equipment Trust 6% Gold Notes Held by Director-General of Railroads May 31 1921 Pursuant to Federal Control Act of 1918.

Ala. Great Southern RR....	\$154,000	Kanawha & Michigan Ry....	\$954,800
Ann Arbor RR.....	733,600	Kansas City Southern Ry....	890,400
Ach., Topeka & S. Fe Ry....	6,895,600	Kansas City Terminal Ry....	175,000
Atlanta Dirn. & Atlantic Ry.	917,600	Lake Erie & Western RR....	597,800
Atlantic Coast Line & O. Ry.	5,954,200	Louisville & Nashville RR....	9,770,600
Atlantic Coast Line RR. and Louisville & Nashville RR., Joint lessees of Georgia RR....	1,104,600	Maine Central RR.....	1,122,800
Baltimore & Ohio RR.....	16,406,600	Minneapolis & St. Louis RR....	4,776,800
Boston & Maine RR.....	4,974,200	Mo. Kansas & Texas Ry....	1,377,400
Buff. Roch. & Pittsb. Ry....	1,870,400	Missouri Pacific RR.....	9,549,400
Carolina Clinch. & Ohio Ry....	5,640,600	Mobile & Ohio RR.....	567,000
Central RR. Co. of N. J.....	3,202,000	Monongahela Railway.....	460,600
Charleston & W. Caro. Ry....	763,000	Morgantown & Kingwood RR	2,427,600
Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.....	10,468,000	Nash. Chatt. & St. L. Ry....	1,211,000
Chicago & Alton RR.....	1,695,400	New York Central RR.....	12,762,400
Chicago & Quincy RR.....	5,666,000	N. Y. N. H. & Hartford RR....	4,019,400
Chicago & Eastern Ill. RR....	691,600	Norfolk Southern RR.....	123,200
Chicago Ind. & Louisv. Ry....	970,200	Norfolk & Western Ry....	6,426,000
Chicago Great Western RR....	607,600	Northwestern Pacific RR....	253,400
Chicago Junction Ry.....	446,600	Pennsylvania RR.....	48,544,000
Chicago Milw. & St. Paul Ry.	15,348,200	Pere Marquette Ry.....	8,519,000
Chicago & North West. Ry....	9,308,600	Pittsburgh & Lake Erie RR....	543,200
Chicago R. I. & Pacific Ry....	7,576,100	Pittsb. MeK. & Yough. RR....	2,613,800
Chicago St. P. M. & O. Ry....	2,195,200	Rich. Fred. & Potomac RR....	918,400
Chicago & West. Ind. RR....	269,400	Rutland Railroad.....	345,800
Ch. N. O. & Tex. Pac. Ry....	893,200	Seaboard Air Line Ry.....	1,540,000
C. C. & St. Louis Ry.....	4,738,000	Southern Pacific Co.....	2,626,400
Colorado & Southern Ry....	980,000	Spokane Port. & Seattle Ry....	9,606,800
Delaware & Hudson Co.....	3,651,200	Southern Railway.....	1,329,400
Detroit Tol. & Ironton RR....	788,200	Terminal RR. Assoc. of St. L.	319,200
Detroit & Tol. Sh. Line RR....	467,600	Texas & Pacific Ry.....	2,233,000
Erie Railroad.....	4,201,400	Toledo & Ohio Central Ry....	2,003,400
Ft. Worth & Denver City Ry.	240,800	Toledo St. L. & Western RR....	1,103,200
Grand Trunk Ry. of Canada.	838,600	Virginian Railway.....	1,521,800
Grand Trunk Western Ry....	2,825,200	Wabash Railroad.....	10,381,000
Great Northern Ry.....	4,008,200	Washington Southern Ry....	393,400
Hocking Valley Ry.....	2,623,600	Washington Terminal Co....	88,200
Illinois Central RR.....	8,509,200	Western Maryland Ry.....	799,400
Indiana Harbor Belt RR....	550,200	Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry....	4,281,200

Note.—A table showing the maximum and minimum amounts of equipment trusts authorized to be created by the several roads under this arrangement was given in the "Railway & Industrial" Section for Nov. 27 1920.

An interesting feature of these certificates is the fact that the Government or any corporation like the War Finance Corporation marketing them has the option, if it desires, to ensure the ready saleability of a portion of any issue to stamp the remainder of such issue (the installments maturing after 1930) before selling the same with a statement making the latter inferior in preference and priority. Particulars regarding this right will be found in the "Railway & Industrial" Section for May 1921, page 5, and more fully stated in the "Chronicle," V. 110, p. 922.

The certificates, it should be added, are not guaranteed in any way by the Director-General or the United States Government, but each issue is secured on its own allocated rolling stock, backed by the credit of the railroad that purchased this rolling stock. The certificates were issued under what is known as the "Philadelphia plan" for securing equipment trusts.

The Washington press dispatches speak of the Director General as having in his possession, available for sale, equipment trust certificates to a total of \$380,000,000. It is apparent therefore, that this figure, if correct, includes issues other than the \$310,000,000 equipment certificates above described, dated Jan. 15 1920, possibly issues not strictly in the nature of equipment trusts; perhaps those referred to in the following table as having been acquired by the U. S. Treasury under Control Act of 1918. Or it may be that the larger total embraces to some extent the equipment trusts obligations created in accordance with the plan under which the National Railway Service Corporation was formed. (Compare Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry. in "Chronicle" of July 16, p. 291, and Wheeling & Lake Erie in "Chronicle" of Feb. 19 1921; also see "Chronicle" V. 111, p. 458 and "Railway & Industrial Section, page 5)

In addition to the equipment trusts aforesaid, the Government (or the Director-General of Railroads) holds numerous railroad obligations but many of these are notes (secured by collateral) and could not be readily marketed. Under the original Federal Control Act it was provided that to meet immediate corporate requirements the roads could issue

bonds, equipment trusts, &c., which the Government should be authorized to buy. In this way the Government became the owner of the following miscellaneous bonds, notes, &c.:

Obligations of \$65,297,250 Held by U. S. on May 31 1921 Acquired Under Section 7 of Federal Control Act of 1918.

Boston & Maine RR.....	\$26,695,000	Receiver M.K.&T.Ry. of Tex	\$52,000
Chicago Junction Ry.....	200,000	New York Central RR.....	6,500,000
Chicago T. H. & S. E. Ry....	50,250	N. Y. N. H. & Hartford RR....	3,000,000
Erie Railroad.....	3,000,000	Pennsylvania RR.....	20,000,000
Hudson & Manhattan RR....	1,400,000	Pittsburgh & Lake Erie RR....	500,000
Receiver Int. Grt. Nor. Ry....	250,000	Seaboard Air Line RR.....	1,850,000
Locomotive Superheater Co.	750,000	Washington Brandywine & Minneapolis & St. Louis RR....	50,000

In addition to the equipment trust certificates bonds and other obligations above mentioned, the Government has acquired under the Transportation Act of 1920, a large amount of 6% promissory notes secured by collateral, viz.: (a) Under Section 207 to refund indebtedness to the Government existing at end of Federal control 6% notes running not over 10 years, \$89,506,500 of May 31 1921, viz.: B. & O., \$9,000,000; Chic. Mil. & St. Paul, \$20,000,000; N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R., \$60,626,500; Gulf Mobile & Northern, \$480,000; (b) Under Section 210 as amended, 6% notes running not over 15 years to a total of \$222,225,667 (as of July 29 1921) representing loans from the Revolving Fund. A list of these last named notes will be found in "Chronicle" of Aug. 13, p. 697.

MEXICAN OIL TAXES RESCINDED.

Following the rescinding of the oil taxes, called for under the Mexican export tax decree of June 7, the return by the Obregon Government of payments made by various oil companies in compliance with that decree was announced in Associated Press dispatches from Mexico City on Sept. 13. The return of the taxes, it is stated, was in accordance with an agreement said to have been reached with five American oil company heads in Mexico City last week. It is further said that such taxes as were paid were proportionately small as compared with the usual payments, as the larger companies had postponed their payments. The repeal of the oil duties was noted in the following copyright cablegram to the New York "Times" from Mexico City, Sept. 8.

One of the first results of the conferences held by the American oil group with Finance Minister de la Huerta is the repeal of the decree calling for the payment of inflexible bills for oil duties. These bills were issued by the Carranza regime and were redeemed by their collection as part of the taxes. President Obregon signed a decree this afternoon retiring them. It is estimated that a small amount, less than a million, is in circulation, and this amount is held by speculators, who demanded high prices when the oil companies were obliged to use them to pay taxes.

During the conferences the Government presented a project offering a reduction of taxes on exportation if the oil companies would build refineries in Mexico. The finished product would pay a much lower rate.

It is understood that the time limit given for the payment of the export tax is Dec. 25. The object of the oil group is to start immediate shipments and the rate on exportation will be averaged when the cost of production and the market prices in London and New York are taken into consideration. The conference agreed to adopt a sliding scale, making averages each three months.

Walter C. Teagle, President of the Standard Oil Company one of the members of the Committee representing American oil companies which went to Mexico to effect an adjustment of the oil tax dispute, issued a statement with his return from Mexico on Sept. 9 in which he said:

Our sojourn of one week in Mexico City was very pleasant. President Obregon and Secretary of Hacienda de la Huerta received us cordially and throughout our negotiations were most courteous. Every disposition to arrive at an amicable settlement was manifested by the Mexican officials and we feel that the adjustment which was made, representing concessions on both sides, was all that could be expected in the circumstances.

The companies which we represent expect to resume immediately their exportation of oil from Mexico, and it is hoped that they may be able to continue the development of the industry in Mexico to the advantage of all concerned, both the companies themselves and the Government and people of Mexico.

We see no reason to doubt that the personal contact now established with the Mexican officials will result in better understanding and mutual benefit.

Mr. Teagle stated that as a result of the agreement the American companies which discontinued exports of oil to Mexico following the imposition of the duties, would resume their shipments. The committee of which Mr. Teagle was head, also included E. L. Doheny, President of the Mexican Petroleum Company; J. W. Van Dyke, President of the Atlantic Refining Company; H. F. Sinclair, Chairman of the Sinclair Consolidated Company and Amos L. Beatty, President of the Texas Company.

DEVELOPMENTS IN NEGOTIATIONS LOOKING TO SOLUTION OF IRISH PROBLEMS—CANCELLATION OF CONFERENCE.

The cancellation by Premier David Lloyd George of Great Britain of the conference which he had proposed be held at Inverness on Sept. 20, for the further discussion of the proposals looking to the adjustment of the Irish problem is the latest development of the interchanges which have taken place between the Prime Minister and Eamonn de Valera, the so-called President of the Irish Republic. This action of Lloyd George results from the reiteration of the claim of the envoys of the Dail Eireann to negotiate with Great Britain "as the representative of an independent and sovereign state." This claim, Lloyd George states, "would

make a conference between us impossible," since it would, he states "constitute an official recognition by His Majesty's Government of the severance of Ireland from the Empire and of its existence as an independent republic." In canceling the arrangements for next week's conference, Lloyd George announces that he must consult his colleagues on the course of action this new situation necessitates. Lloyd George's letter suggesting the conference at Inverness on Sept. 20 "to ascertain how the Association of Ireland with the Community of Nations known as the British Empire can best be reconciled to Irish National Aspirations" was given in our issue of the 10th inst., page 1119. Mr. de Valera, in his reply declaring the willingness of the Sinn Fein to enter into such a conference reaffirmed the claim of Ireland to independence and a Sovereign State, and insisted that the Sinn Fein envoys be recognized as representatives of such a State. The couriers through whom this reply was delivered,—Harry Boland, Secretary to de Valera, and Joseph McGrath, were received by Lloyd George at Gairloch, Scotland, on Sept. 13, and an official communique issued thereon that date said:

Mr. McGrath and Mr. Boland had an interview with Mr. Lloyd George this afternoon and discussed some points in reference to the conference suggested in the British Government's last communication. They return to Dublin with Mr. Lloyd George's views for further consideration.

Both the letter of de Valera which was presented by the couriers and the answer of Lloyd George canceling next week's conference were made public on the 15th inst.: the following is de Valera's letter as reported in Associated Press advices from Dublin:

We are unhesitating in declaring our willingness "to enter a conference to ascertain how the association of Ireland with the community of nations known as the British Empire can best be reconciled with Irish national aspirations.

Our readiness to contemplate such an association was indicated in our letter of Aug. 10. We have accordingly summoned the Dail, that we may submit to it for ratification the names of the representatives it is our intention to propose. We hope that these representatives will find it possible to be at Inverness on the date you suggest, Sept. 20.

In this final note we deem it our duty to reaffirm that our position is and can only be as we have defined it throughout this correspondence. Our nation has formally declared its independence and recognizes itself as a sovereign State. It is only as representatives of that State and as its chosen guardians that we have authority or powers to act on behalf of our people.

As regards the principle of government by consent of the governed, in the very nature of things it must be the basis of any agreement that will achieve the purpose we have at heart—that is, the final reconciliation of our nation with yours.

We have suggested no interpretation of that principle save the everyday interpretation, the same for example, in which it was understood by the plain men and women of the world when on Jan. 5 1918, you said:

"The settlement of Europe must be based on such grounds of reason and justice as will give some promise of stability. Therefore, it is that we feel that government with the consent of the governed must be the basis of any territorial settlement in this war.

These words are the true answer to the criticism of our position which your last letter puts forward. The principle was understood then to mean the right of nations that had been annexed to empires against their will to free themselves from the grappling hook. That is the sense in which we understand it. In reality, it is your Government, when it seeks to rend our ancient nation and to partition its territory, that would give to the principle an interpretation that would undermine the fabric of every democratic State and drive the civilized world back to tribalism.

I am, Sir, faithfully yours,

EAMONN DE VALERA.

The text of Mr. Lloyd George's reply to the Dail Eireann was telegraphed on the 15th, and from London the Associated Press cablegrams give it as follows:

I informed your emissaries who came to me here Tuesday that reiteration of your claim to negotiate with his Majesty's Government as the representative of an independent and sovereign State would make a conference between us impossible.

They brought me a letter from you in which you specifically reaffirmed that claim, stating that your nation "has formally declared its independence and recognizes itself as a sovereign State," and it is only, you added, "as representatives of that State and as its chosen guardians that we have any authority or powers to act on behalf of our people."

I asked them to warn you of the very serious effect of such a paragraph, and offered to regard the letter as not delivered to me, in order that you might have time to reconsider it. Despite this intimation, you have now published the letter in its original form. I must accordingly cancel the arrangements for the conference next week at Inverness, and must consult my colleagues on the course of action this new situation necessitates. I will communicate this to you as soon as possible, but, as I am for the moment laid up here, a few days' delay is inevitable. Meanwhile, I must make it absolutely clear that his Majesty's Government cannot reconsider its position, which I have stated to you.

If we accepted a conference with your delegates on the formal statement of the claim which you have reaffirmed, it would constitute an official recognition by his Majesty's Government of the severance of Ireland from the Empire and of its existence as an independent republic.

It would, moreover, entitle you to declare, as of right acknowledged by us, that in preference to association with the British Empire you would pursue closer association by treaty with some other foreign power. There is only one possible answer to such a claim as that.

The great concessions which his Majesty's Government made to the feeling of your people in order to secure a lasting settlement deserved, in my opinion, some more generous response, but so far every advance has been made by us.

On your part you have not come to meet us by a single step, but have merely reiterated in phrases of emphatic challenge the letter and the spirit of your original claims. I am, yours faithfully,

LLOYD GEORGE.

On the 14th inst. it had been announced that the appointment of plenipotentiaries to the proposed conference at Inverness was approved by the Dail Eireann at its session at Dublin, and that it had likewise unanimously approved the reply to the proposals of Lloyd George regarding the Irish peace negotiations. The Associated Press advices from Dublin on Sept. 14 also stated:

The Dail's official bulletin announcing approval of the five plenipotentiaries says this was done "in view of a possible conference with representatives of the British Government."

The appointments of plenipotentiaries approved were those of the following:

Arthur Griffith, founder of the Sinn Fein and Foreign Minister of the Dail, Cabinet, chairman.

Michael Collins, Finance Minister.

Robert C. Barton, who has been one of the leading figures in the preliminary negotiations.

Eamonn J. Duggan, Sinn Fein member of Parliament and a leading figure in the arrangement of the Irish truce.

George Gavan Duffy, who has acted as representative of the Sinn Fein abroad.

The Dail plenipotentiaries, it was explained, were not appointed to go to Inverness in response to the Prime Minister's invitation, but have been chosen to carry on possible negotiations which may or may not follow the receipt by Mr. Lloyd George of the Dail Cabinet's reply.

The appointment of the plenipotentiaries is considered in political quarters as a move towards throwing responsibility for any breach in the negotiations on the Prime Minister.

The Associated Press last night announced from London that Mr. de Valera had telegraphed Premier Lloyd George expressing surprise that the Premier did not see that Ireland's cause would be irreparably prejudiced if she entered the proposed conference without making her position quite clear. Mr. de Valera's telegram said:

I received your telegram last night and am surprised that you do not see that if we on our side accepted a conference on the basis of your letter of Sept. 7 without making our position quite clear, Ireland's representatives would enter the conference with their position misunderstood and the cause of Ireland's right irreparably prejudiced. Throughout the correspondence that has taken place you have defined your Government's position. We have defined ours.

If the positions were not so definitely opposed there would indeed be no problem to be discussed. It should be obvious that in a case like ours if there is to be any result the negotiators must meet without prejudice and untrammelled by any conditions whatever except those imposed by the facts as they know them.

PRESIDENT HARDING ANNOUNCES AMERICAN DELEGATION TO CONFERENCE FOR LIMITING ARMAMENTS.

Names of the delegates from the United States to the international conference on limitation of armaments and related questions, which will be held beginning Nov. 11 at Washington, were made public by President Harding on Sept. 9 as follows:

Charles Evans Hughes, Secretary of State.

Henry Cabot Lodge, Senator from Massachusetts, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and Republican floor leader in the Senate.

Elihu Root, former Secretary of State, former Secretary of War, ex-Senator from New York and an American member of The Hague Tribunal.

Oscar W. Underwood, of Alabama, former Democratic floor leader in the House, father of the Underwood Tariff Law and present leader of the Democratic minority in the Senate.

The main delegation from each country participating in the conference will, it is stated, be confined to four members. It is said further that only the chief Allied Powers—France, Great Britain, Japan, Italy and the United States—will take part in the discussion of the question of disarmament.

JAPAN NAMES THE BASIC PRINCIPLES FOR THE LIMITATION OF NAVAL ARMAMENTS.

The first intimation of what appears to be Japan's attitude on the question of the limitation of naval armaments was given in dispatches from Tokio to the Associated Press on Sept. 13. These dispatches said:

A conference of the naval and military authorities and the officials of the Foreign Office has decided upon the following basic principles as the limitation of naval armament, according to the "Asahi Shimbun":

"Japan has no intention of reducing the strength of her navy independently, nor of suspending the previously arranged building program. But as she has heartily approved curtailment, so as to promote the happiness of mankind, Japan is willing to make efforts to establish some arrangement with the Powers.

"Japan believes, first, that it is against the fundamental spirit of the Washington conference that any Power should possess superior forces sufficient to secure a decisive victory over any other Power or Powers; therefore the Powers should minimize the scope of armament to the same degree as that of the country having the smallest naval strength among the Powers concerned.

"Second, the Powers concerned shall not establish any naval base or make any arrangement to serve as naval bases for their navies on the Pacific."

Concerning the second provision, the "Asahi Shimbun" says that the naval officers originally suggested that fortified islands in the Pacific should be prohibited, but this was amended as above.

Furthermore, continues the paper, Japan wants to suggest that limitation should be put on future warship construction after a certain year, to be named, because destruction of existing warships or suspension of construction on those building would involve inconvenience. Also the period for the completion of previously planned vessels should be extended. For example, it is pointed out, the United States should extend her three-year program

over a longer period, thereby regulating the augmentation of her naval strength.

Concerning seaplanes, submarines and other destructive agencies, it is stated, there will be further discussions. Definite plans will be drawn up after this draft is submitted for consideration by the Cabinet and Diplomatic Advisory Council.

The Japanese newspapers say that the Japanese Government, on the belief that army matters may occupy a more important place in the conference than was first believed, has decided to send to Washington additional influential representatives.

The Japanese army, which was founded on the French and then the German system, has few officers who are fluent in the use of the English language. General Kanoe Utsonomiya and General Yur are the only superior officers who speak English perfectly, but, as both these men are unavailable, the opinion is growing, according to the newspapers, that Lieutenant-General Baron Yusaku Ueyhara, Chief of the General Staff, should be named as the supreme Japanese military adviser to the delegation at Washington.

It is argued that, as he uses the French language fluently, he could negotiate with the French delegation if the question of conscription is brought up, Japan and France being the only two great Powers now having conscription laws.

According to the "Yamato Shimbun," Japan has received a communication from the United States concerning the agenda of the conference, suggesting as subjects army and navy restrictions, the open door and equal opportunity in China and Siberia, non-encroachment on the territories of other Powers, spheres of influence, mandates, if they have not been previously settled, and also the question of Manchuria and the Chinese Eastern Railway.

The same newspaper insists that great progress has been made between Japan and the United States in the negotiation of the immigration question, based on the Morris-Shidehara report, but with modifications of it.

BRITISH WORKERS AND LABOR CHIEFS URGED PEACE CONFERENCE WITH IRISH LEADERS.

A copyright cablegram from London Sept. 6 to the New York "Times" said:

The Parliamentary Committee of the Trades Union Congress and the National Executive Committee of the Labor Party, at a joint meeting at Cardiff to-night, sent a telegram to the Prime Minister on the Irish crisis. The message says:

"The British Government in our opinion should invite the representatives of the Irish people to meet them face to face in conference. The promotion of peace involves personal negotiation in conference in order that the British Government and the Irish leaders may escape from verbal controversy to recognition of the realities of the problem which confronts them.

"The termination of negotiations would, according to you, mean the resumption of hostilities in an intensified form. We declare most emphatically that a new war would be an outrage to the moral sense of the whole world and would never receive the sanction of the British people.

"The trades union and labor movement of this country must resist to the utmost further reference to the arbitration of force and insist upon the assembly of a peace conference without delay. We believe this is the desire of the citizens of both countries and that once continuous conversations supersede written communication any obstacle to reconciliation would disappear, and the negotiations would be carried to a successful issue."

WARNING AGAINST CIRCUMSCRIBING POWERS OF ULSTER PARLIAMENT.

Warning to the British Government against circumscribing the powers of the new Ulster Parliament was given by Hugh O'Neill, Speaker of Parliament, in an address at Ballymena, County Antrim, on Sept. 11, according to Associated Press accounts from Belfast, which reports him as saying:

Any diminution of the rights and privileges of the new Ulster Parliament as a result of the projected negotiations between members of the British Cabinet and the Sinn Fein," he declared, "would lead to a bitter civil war in Ireland. It would mean war between North and South Ireland the horrors and misery of which we do not like to contemplate. The calamity, as Prime Minister Lloyd George has truly said, would not be confined to Ireland.

"The war would become worldwide," he continued. "Hundreds of thousands of people from Great Britain and the empire would support the point of view held in Northern Ireland, and there would be hundreds of thousands of people from the United States, and possibly from the British colonies and dependencies, who would come to the aid of Southern Ireland. In brief, there would be in Ireland a war which would embroil Great Britain and the United States, and would spread horror over the earth."

Irish has been declared the official language of the Irish Republican Parliament, declared Pierce Beasley, a prominent Republican, in addressing the Waterford Gaelic festival to-day. He added that when the Dail Eireann controlled its own Government it would "no longer allow an English Education Board to officiate, but would start to make Irish the spoken and written language of Ireland from the centre to the sea."

"The Dail Eireann," he continued, "will make Irishmen out of the sons of Spaniards or Englishmen, and even make Irishmen out of Orangemen."

This remark, in which was seen an application to Eamonn de Valera, who was born in America, evoked peals of laughter.

APPELLATE TERM OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT HOLDS 10% ON PRESENT VALUE OF PROPERTY REASONABLE RENT.

The definition of reasonable rent, a matter which has been the subject of a great deal of controversy since the enactment of amendments to the rent laws of New York State, was held to be a return of 10% on the present value of the property in a case decided by the Appellate Term of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn. The decision, announced on Aug. 31, was given in the case of apartment house tenants in Brooklyn, who had refused to pay increased rent on the ground that it was oppressive. The case was that of

Esther Hirsch et al., respondents, vs. Morris Weiner, appellant. In an opinion, written by Justice Kelby and concurred in by Justices Cropsey and Lazansky, five rules, intended for the guidance of municipal courts, landlords and tenants, were promulgated. The following is laid down as the sensible way to determine a reasonable rent:

(1) Determine the present fair market value of the premises by offering opinion evidence as to both fee and rental value or by other competent evidence. (2) Determine the gross rentals demanded by the landlord. (3) Determine the allowable operating expenses for the past year, consisting ordinarily of payments for taxes, water rates, insurances, janitor services, legal expenses, collection of rent, necessary supplies, such as coal, gas and electricity, and necessary current repairs. Allowance should be made for loss of rent by vacancies or non-payment and for annual depreciation, if proved. (4) Deduct from the gross rental the operating expenses, giving the net rental. (5) If this net rental does not exceed 10 per cent of the present value of the property, then the rent demanded is not unreasonable.

The Court said it mattered not whether the property is mortgaged or not, since its rental value is in no way affected thereby, but interest paid on mortgages and expenses of negotiating mortgages are not to be included among operating expenses. The full text of the decision follows:

Thirty-four actions were brought against as many tenants living in the premises Nos. 2104 and 2114 Caton Ave., in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York. All of these actions were tried together as one, and separate judgments rendered. Each of the actions was brought to recover five months' rent, viz., for the months of October, November and December 1920, and January and February 1921. The amount of rent reserved in written leases, executed by the several parties herein, is claimed to be the reasonable rental value of the several apartments.

In the particular action tried, the one arising under the tenancy of Morris Weiner, it appeared that a written lease was executed by the landlords and Weiner on July 20 1920, for one year from Oct. 1 1920, to Sept. 30 1921. The majority of the other written leases with the other tenants were executed for the same term in the month of Aug. 1920. All of them, therefore, were executed prior to the Housing Bills passed at the special Legislative session of Sept. 1920 and which became law Sept. 27 1920.

The answer of the tenants in the case at bar simply sets up the affirmative defense under the statute that the amount of rent sued for was "unjust and unreasonable, and that the agreement under which the same was sought to be recovered is oppressive." The answer also sets up as a separate defense "that the premises were unfit for the purpose for which demised." No mention of this latter so-called defense appears elsewhere in the record, and no attention will be accorded to it in this Court.

At the opening of the trial it was stipulated that the rent of the tenant's apartment had been increased over the rent as it existed one year prior to the agreement under which rent is now sought to be recovered.

The plaintiffs then undertook the burden, under Chapter 944, Laws of 1920, of showing that the amount of rent sued for was reasonable. The plaintiffs offered and the trial judge admitted opinion evidence of real estate experts as to the present market and rental value of the premises, and the plaintiffs further undertook to prove their operating expenses of the premises during the past year as shown by the bill of particulars.

What is a reasonable rent? And what factors are to be considered in determining the reasonableness of rent? Questions of law arise under the new statutes which many of the trial justices decide in different ways. Some trial justices allow income on actual money invested only; some on the landlord's equity; some say that they never make allowance for depreciation; others that they never allow legal expenses; ordinary repairs are spread over a period of years by some justices, while others add repairs to capital account.

The statutes could easily have been made more definite and certain, but we have to deal with them as they are, and endeavor to lay down some general principles by which they should be interpreted. The facts in the present case will aid in elucidating a general rule.

It appears that the present landlords purchased the property in Feb. 1920 for the sum of \$196,000 and that the total gross rental at the time of purchase was \$27,000. The assessed valuation for 1920 was \$192,000. The property was assessed for the year at \$245,000, but it appears this assessment has been reduced to \$215,000. The value of the lots it appears is \$25,000.

The premises No. 2104 Caton Ave. contains sixteen apartments and seventy rooms and has upon it a first mortgage of \$36,000 at 5½% and a second mortgage of \$27,750 at 6%. The premises No. 2114 Caton Ave. contains twenty-three apartments and one hundred and eight rooms and has a first mortgage of \$52,500 at 6% and a second mortgage of \$36,000 at 6%. Plaintiffs claim an estimated charge for renewing mortgages of \$1,000. Taxes for the year were \$4,876 80. Water rates \$456 86. Yearly insurance \$380 48. Janitor's services \$1,375. Coal bills \$4,888 80. Gas and electric bills \$236 12. The yearly repairs claimed by the landlords and supported by proof were \$4,423 31. A claim of \$1,725 45 for services in collecting rents and for supervising the property was also made, the rents being collected in this case by the husband of one of the owners. There was also a claim for loss of rents of \$292 35, which is not supported by the proof.

The evidence supports a finding that the fair market value of the premises at the time of the commencement of the action was \$215,000 and the value of the land \$25,000, leaving the value of the building \$190,000.

It is the appellant's contention that the landlords are entitled to a fair return only on the amount of cash actually paid as part consideration for the premises, viz., \$49,750, and not upon the fair market value of the premises prevailing at the time for which rent is sought to be recovered, nor even upon the full consideration of \$196,000. This contention is clearly unsound. The amount of cash paid by an owner when purchasing cannot help to determine the amount he should have as his net rental. If this were so, an owner whose property came to him by will or gift in any form would not be entitled to any net return and could charge as rent only enough to pay the expenses. And under such a rule an owner whose property was free and clear, though he may have borrowed from his bank or elsewhere every dollar he paid for it, would be entitled to and would obtain a larger net return than if he had mortgaged the property for a part or the whole of its cost. If a house were purchased for \$10,000 and the purchaser paid \$1,000 in cash and gave back a purchase money mortgage for \$9,000, he is still obligated to pay the \$9,000. If appellant's theory were correct the buyer would only be entitled to as net income for rent a fair percentage, say at most 10% on the \$1,000, or \$100 a year, as net rent for a \$10,000 property.

We think it matters not, in determining the reasonableness of a rent charge, whether the property is mortgaged. Its rental value is in no way affected thereby. This is the recognized rule (People ex rel. Fitch-

burgh R. Co. v. Haren, 3 Supp., 86). If this were not the rule there would be discrimination, and the reasonable rental of one property would be larger than that of another though the properties and their operating expenses were identical. Take this as an illustration: Two houses exactly alike and adjoining each other, both free and clear and under same ownership and with the same amount of operating expense; each should yield the same return and there should be no difference in their rental value; but if the owner placed a mortgage on one of the houses the rental value of that one would be lessened, while the rental value of the other one would remain as it had been. This would be the result if the fair and reasonable net rents allowable were in excess of 6% or of the rate of interest carried by the mortgage.

And the higher the rate of interest paid on the mortgage the greater would be the amount of the reasonable rent charge. This may be demonstrated: Assume property worth \$5,000 free and clear, reasonable net return 10%, or \$500; operating expense, \$500; the reasonable gross rentals, upon this hypothesis, would be \$1,000, the total of the expenses and the reasonable net return. Assume the same situation, except that the property is mortgaged for \$3,000, with interest at 6%; then if the mortgage should be considered, the owner's net return of 10% would be figured only on the equity of \$2,000 and would be \$200; this amount, plus the operating expense of \$500, plus interest on mortgage of \$180 totals \$880, which would be the reasonable gross rental. Assume again a situation as last stated, except that the interest rate on the mortgage was 5%; then the gross rental would be \$850. Upon that basis the rental value increases as the interest rate on the mortgages increases, but decreases as the amount of the mortgage increases. And the logical conclusion from such a method of calculating rental value would be that if the mortgage equalled or exceeded the property's value the owner would not be entitled to any net return and the rental value would just equal the operating expenses.

The September housing legislation (Chap. 944, Laws of 1920) requires the landlord to give a bill of particulars. This must include among other things the annual interest charge upon any incumbrance paid by the landlord and "such other facts as the landlord claims affect his net income from such property." It is argued that this shows the Legislature intended mortgages to be considered in fixing rental value. But we do not so construe those provisions. The rule to which we have called attention says it is immaterial whether the property is mortgaged. This holding is well established and has been recognized generally and should not be deemed changed unless there is a plain legislative direction to that effect. We find none in these statutes. The reference to interest paid on mortgages may be disregarded.

We know no other logical method for determining rental value than to take the present market value of the property regardless of its incumbrances as one of the factors. What the owner paid for it may be some evidence of its present value or it may not be, depending upon the time of and the circumstances surrounding its purchase. The Appellate Term in the First Department has held otherwise in *Hall Realty Co. v. Moos* (188 N. Y. Supp., 858). There it is said that proof of present value is inadmissible and that the owner is entitled only to a "reasonable income on his investment." The same Court, however, has also said in another case (*Schwartz v. Deutsch*, 187 Supp., 521): "The return upon the investment of the owner of the apartment or at least upon the value of the premises should be a material factor in determining what amount will constitute a reasonable rental." This statement may mean that the value of the property is to be the factor only if it be less than the amount of the owner's investment. But why should such a rule prevail? If the investment of the owner be the basis it should be used in all cases. There should not be one basis for one case and a different basis for another. The courts cannot prescribe one rule for "Mr. White" and another rule for "Mr. Black." If the amount of the investment be the factor, then does it matter when the property was bought and the investment made? Or is not the owner's real investment in his property the sum it is worth—the amount for which he can sell it?

If the rental value is to be determined in part by what the owner paid for the property, would he have any "investment" if the property came to him by will? And if the investment exceeded the property's present value why should a tenant be obliged to pay a larger rent because of that fact? Though property has been acquired for \$10,000 maybe a number of years ago, if it be fairly worth \$15,000 now, why should not the owner who has held it all the time have a fair return upon the amount it now represents? If he sold it for \$15,000 the new owner would be entitled to rentals based upon that figure. We think the change of ownership should not affect the rental value. That value is the same regardless of who the owner is or may be. Rental value is not a matter of individuality.

It is obvious that expenses for taxes, insurance, janitor services, repairs, gas and electricity, should be allowed an owner in calculating what gross income should be allowed. We think it is established in this case, as well as in other cases before us, that an annual charge for depreciation on the value of the buildings at the time for which rent is sought should be allowed. The great weight of evidence is that an annual charge of 2% per year for depreciation on the value of the buildings is fair. The Federal and State governments allow such depreciation in the calculation of income tax. There is also judicial authorities for some allowance for depreciation (*Schwartz v. Deutsch*, 187 Supp., 521).

When vacancies are proven allowance should also be made for failure of rent by reason thereof.

It also appeared in the evidence that the landlords had paid or obligated themselves to pay for repairs made to a boiler on the premises. Two sections of the boiler had become defective and were replaced by the landlords at an expense of \$575. There was also included in the repair account a new floor on the roof at a cost of \$400, new electric wiring, \$773; awnings and window shades, \$45, and new plumbing \$925. Appellant claims that the items for boiler, awnings and window shades and new plumbing should be distributable against future earnings for "a period of years;" that the item for new floor should be considered "a replacement chargeable against depreciation reserve;" and that the item for electric wiring should be considered an addition to investment and capitalized. We think all of these items were properly allowed by the Court below as current repairs. There are of course instances where buildings are largely remodeled and rebuilt where the improvement should be charged to increase of capital, but the items here for review are not of that character. Nor is the Court impressed with the argument that repairs should be spread over a period of years and charged against future income. If that were so repairs made in the past should be brought forward and charged to current income.

In the case at bar the landlords stipulated that they would accept 7% on the fair value of the premises as the proper amount of net income. We think that this is not only fair, but that a larger rate of net income would be fair. The evidence shows that at the present time one can buy with reasonable safety first mortgage coupon bonds that are producing income at 8% to 8½%. The investor in real estate, if building of houses is to be encouraged, should at least get as much income from real property, with all its attendant trouble, as the investor in mortgages on realty and franchises.

We think the sensible way to determine these questions is as follows:

1. Determine the present fair market value of the premises. This may be done by offering opinion evidence as to both fee and rental value (see *Graeber v. Nichols*, decided by this Court on Dec. 30 1920) or by introducing other competent evidence.

2. Determine the gross rentals demanded by the landlord.

3. Determine the allowable operating expenses for the past year. These ordinarily consist of payments for taxes, water rates, insurance, janitor's services, necessary legal expenses made by the landlord incidental to maintaining his right to possession and necessary expenses actually paid out for collecting rents; also payments for necessary supplies incident to the use of the premises, such as coal, gas and electricity, and also necessary current repairs for the year. Allowance should also be made for loss of rents by reason of vacancies or tenants failing to pay. Allowance for annual depreciation if established by the proof should be made upon the fair market value of the buildings.

4. Deduct from the gross rentals the operating expenses and this will give the net rental.

5. If this net rental does not exceed 10% of the present value of the property, then the rent demanded is not unreasonable. The reasonableness of a rent charge may vary under changing financial conditions. Upon the proof in this record showing the return upon other well recognized and generally accepted forms of investment we think that 10% as a net return to an owner of real property is not unreasonable. But such a percentage might be excessive if the evidence showed a different situation regarding other investments.

The landlords should not be allowed to charge as an operating expense the interest paid on mortgages, or expense in negotiating mortgages. The reason for this is apparent. The landlord is getting a return as rent on his total investment, which includes that part represented by the mortgages on the property, which must be paid to save the amount actually advanced.

Applying these rules to the facts in the case at bar we find the net rental much less than 10% and therefore reasonable.

The judgments are affirmed, with \$10 costs in each case.

CROPSEY and LAZANSKY, JJ., Concur.

The decision of the Supreme Court called forth protests from organizations representing tenants, and on Sept. 6, at a special meeting of the Mayor's Committee on Rent Profiteering, called to consider the effect of the decision, a resolution was adopted and forwarded to Governor Miller, petitioning him immediately to convene the Court of Appeals, to hear an appeal from the Appellate Term's decision in order that conflicting questions might be settled before Oct. 1. The resolution pointed to the congestion and overcrowding in the city, the fact that building enterprises now in process are insufficient for the increase in population and that the present earning capacity of citizens is less to-day than it was a year ago.

The committee was composed of Otto B. Shulhof, chairman; Commissioner of Accounts David Hirshfield, Health Commissioner R. S. Copeland, Tenement House Commissioner Frank Mann, Justice Henry M. Goldfogle, Albert I. Solosky, Edward I. Hannah, Sidney Cohen and J. Pendleton Wilson, counsel. The meeting of the Mayor's Committee followed the announcement by Senator Lockwood that he would convene the Lockwood Joint Legislative Committee for investigating the housing situation with the purpose of appealing the decision of the Appellate Term.

The first steps toward an appeal to the Appellate Division were taken Sept. 8, following the arrival from Washington of Harold G. Aron, attorney for the tenants in the case at issue. With regard to further developments on that date, the New York "Times" said:

Senator Charles C. Lockwood discussed the question of appeal yesterday with Mr. Aron and other counsel in the case. Definite action would have been taken earlier but for the unavoidable absence in Washington of Mr. Aron, who was engaged in litigation involving the U. S. Shipping Board.

When asked by the "Times" to indicate the line of argument the appeal might take Mr. Aron said that in general the rulings on the matter of depreciation and the return on the value of the house rather than the capital invested would be attacked. He said it would be unwise at this time to enter into a technical discussion of the opinion, but outlined his theory of a fair rent.

"The court has rendered a real public service in facing the problem," he said, "as shown by the fact that they had courage to lay down some rules. Whether the rules are correct is for the higher court to determine. At any rate, the decision shows that the rent laws are workable.

"My theory of arriving at a rent differs from that of the court. I am glad that the court saw fit to base its conclusions on findings of fact rather than upon the theory that the renting of private property, having become a public utility, was therefore subject to rate regulation.

"My theory regarding a fair rent is that inasmuch as the rent laws apply only to buildings which were actually constructed at the time the laws took effect and did not apply to new buildings, it seems to me that every building is affected by what you might call an experience rating under normal conditions. If you take the rent at a normal period, say 1918, and increase that by an amount which the landlord proves to have been the increase in operating expenses and then allow the landlord a return on the investment based on the present market value of good securities, you will leave the parties in the same relative position as they were when the rents were fixed by the law of supply and demand."

In illustrating his point Mr. Aron took a house whose rents in 1918 totaled \$30,000, with \$15,000 expenses and interest on a \$10,000 mortgage at the rate of 6%. If the landlord could show that his present expenses were \$5,000 more than in 1918 he would be allowed the 1918 rent plus \$20,000 expenses, and in addition the rate of interest on the mortgage would be reckoned at 9%, the present value of money. In this way the owner would receive \$35,900 in rents, as compared with \$30,000, an increase based on his increased expenses, or "a return on the investment based on the present market value of good securities."

Illustrates Case in Point.

In illustrating the manner in which the Brooklyn decision worked out Mr. Aron assumed that a man bought ten \$10,000 houses, paying \$1,000

for an equity in each house and having the balance on mortgage. As the recent ruling gives the man 10% of the market value of the property, the man's gross income on each house would be \$1,000. Deducting \$540 for interest on a \$9,000 mortgage at 6%, the net income would be \$460 on an investment of \$1,000, or 46% on his money. On the other hand, the man who owned a \$10,000 house free and clear and without encumbrances of any kind, would receive merely the 10% on his investment.

Mr. Aron differs from the court in its method of computing depreciation. In his brief submitted to the Appellate Term he said it was erroneous to compute the depreciation on other than the actual investment "for the obvious reason that it thus becomes a means of making a profit; to allow 2% on a building having a life of fifty years costing \$171,000 and to allow that depreciation on an assumed value of \$200,000 is to return to the landlord more than his investment under the guise of depreciation.

"The true measure of depreciation in these rent cases, as in all others, is to allow such sum to be deducted each year as will, if invested in a sinking fund, amortize over the life of the building the original investment. Obviously, 2% a year on a sum greater than the original investment is clearly an erroneous allowance, even if the building has only a life of 50 years. The true allowance to the landlord should be such annual allowance as will, in the language of Mr. Justice Lehman in *Schwartz vs. Deutsch* 'keep the capital intact,' and in the instant case a sinking fund contribution of \$817.35 per year at 5% and \$1,120.05 at 4% would in 50 years pay back the original investment in the buildings, whereas the court has, in fact, allowed a deduction of \$4,000 for depreciation in addition to \$3,450 for repairs.

"If the sum allowed by the court for depreciation and repairs (\$7,450) is computed on a sinking fund basis at 5% for 50 years, the alleged life of the improvement will aggregate a total of \$1,558,577.40, and at 4%, \$1,137,404.58, where the actual cost of the buildings to the plaintiffs was \$171,000.

"If the sum allowed by the court for depreciation alone is computed on a sinking fund basis at 5% for 50 years, it will aggregate a total of \$836,820.08, and at 4%, \$610,687.02, whereas the actual capital invested was \$171,000."

PROGRAM OF GENERAL SESSIONS OF A. B. A. CONVENTION.

The details of the program which will be presented at the 47th Annual Convention of the American Bankers' Association to be held at Los Angeles Oct. 3 to 7 have become available the present week. Last week, pages 1122-1124, we announced some of the plans which were under way respecting the convention proper and the various divisions of the Association. More complete information is given in the latest outline of the program, which, however, it is noted, is subject to change. The general convention sessions are scheduled for Tuesday Oct. 4, Wednesday Oct. 5, Thursday Oct. 6 and Friday Oct. 7. The Trust Company Division will hold its sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday Oct. 4 and 5; the Savings Bank Division has an extended program covering Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Oct. 3 to 6; the National Bank Division will meet on Wednesday and Thursday Oct. 5 and 6; the State Bank Division will convene on Monday and Wednesday, Oct. 3 and 5; the Clearing House Section has set apart Tuesday Oct. 4 and Thursday Oct. 6 for its deliberations while the State Secretaries Section will meet on Monday Oct. 3. Further below we give the outline of the program of the General Sessions, as thus far arranged the features of the programs which the various divisions will present being given elsewhere in to-day's issue of our paper. In an announcement which came to us early this week, the Association said:

The following and other speakers and their subjects will be arranged in the program later: Sir D. Drummond Fraser, K.B.E., International Credits, "The Ter Meulen Bond Scheme;" Frank O. Watts, Chairman American Finance Group at International Chamber of Commerce Meeting, London, June 25 to July 3, inclusive, and President of the First National Bank of St. Louis—"Our Part in the World's Commerce;" Dr. Henry T. Suzzallo, President of the University of Washington—"Economic Intelligence in Public Opinion;" Judge Chas. F. Moore, Counsel Seaman Paper Co., N. Y. City—"Our Free Country;" Wm. Sproule, President Southern Pacific Company—"The Railroad Situation."

G. B. Walker, Secretary of the Public Relations Committee, has since advised us that the order of the convention's general session speakers' program will be:

Tuesday, Oct. 4: J. M. Elliott, John H. Puelicher, John S. Drum. Wednesday: A. D. Noyes, Henry T. Suzzallo, William Sproule. Thursday: F. O. Watts, Sir D. Drummond Fraser, Francis W. Hirst. And Friday: Donald McFayden and Judge Chas. F. Moore.

The following is the outline of the program of the general convention sessions, which will be held in the Auditorium at 5th and Olive Streets.

GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE CONVENTION.

Tuesday, October 4.

Convention called to order, John S. Drum, President.
Invocation, Bishop W. B. Stevens, Episcopal Diocese.
Address of Welcome, J. M. Elliott.
Response to Address of Welcome, John H. Puelicher.
Annual Address, John S. Drum, President. (Including report of Administrative Committee and Executive Council).
Report of Economic Policy Commission.
Address, (Speaker to be announced later).
Public Relations Commission Report, Francis H. Sisson, Chairman.
Address, (Speaker to be announced later).
Insurance Committee Report, L. E. Sands, Chairman.
Communications, Announcements.
Adjournment.

(Note).—The following official and committee reports having been published in pamphlet form and distributed to the members will not be read.

Executive Manager, Guy E. Bowerman; Treasurer, Harry M. Rubey; General Counsel, Thomas B. Paton; Protective Committee, W. G. Fitzwilson, Secretary; Protective Department, L. W. Gammon, Manager.

Wednesday, October 5.

Call to order, John S. Drum, President.
Invocation, Rev. Willisie Martin, Pastor 1st M. E. Church, Hollywood, Calif.

Report of Trust Company Division, Edmund D. Hulbert, President Savings Bank.

Division, W. A. Sadd, President; Clearing House Section, A. A. Crane, President.

Address, (Speaker to be announced later).

Report of National Bank Division, Henry McKee, President; State Bank Division Elliott C. McDougal, President; American Institute of Banking, Robert B. Locke, President.

Address, (Speaker to be announced later).

Report of Commerce & Marine Commission, John McHugh Chairman; State Secretaries Section, D. S. Kloss, President.

Address.

Communications, Announcements.

Adjournment.

Thursday, October 6.

Call to Order, John S. Drum, President.

Invocation, Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin, Jewish Synagogue.

Report of Committee of Five, C. deB. Claiborne, Chairman; Committee on Public and Private Thrift, S. Fred Strong, Chairman.

Address, (Speaker to be announced later).

Report of Committee on Public Education, John H. Puelicher, Chairman.

Address, (Speaker to be announced later).

Report of Agricultural Commission, Joseph Hirsch, Chairman; Nominating Committee.

Election of Officers.

Appointment of Resolutions Committee.

Report of Committee on Federal Legislation, C. H. McNider, Chairman.

Communications, Announcements.

Adjournment.

Friday, October 7.

Call to Order, John S. Drum, President.

Invocation, Rt. Rev. John J. Cantwell, Bishop Diocese Monterey & Los Angeles.

Report of Committee on State Taxation, Ernest J. Perry.

Committee on State Legislation, Craig B. Hazlewood.

Address, (Speaker to be announced later).

Resolutions Committee Report.

Address, (Speaker to be announced later).

Discussion.

Installation of Officers.

New Business.

Communications, Announcements.

Adjournment Sine Die.

COMMITTEE, DIVISION AND SECTION MEETINGS OF THE A. B. A.

In our item above giving the details of the program of the general sessions of the convention of the American Bankers' Association we indicate the days which have been set apart for the general body and the various divisions of the Association; an outline of the Committee, Division and Section meetings is furnished as follows:

Monday, October 3 1921.

Administrative Committee, Finance Committee, Committee on Public Education, Executive Committee (Trust Company Division).

Executive Committees (Clearing House Section and National Bank Division).

Executive Committee (State Bank Division).

Board of Control—State Secretaries Section.

State Secretaries Section meeting, Insurance Committee, Committee on Public and Private Thrift.

Commerce and Marine Commission (Luncheon meeting).

State Bank Division meeting, Committee on State Taxation, Executive Committee—Savings Bank Division.

Committee of Five, State Legislation and State Legislative Council. Committee on Membership, Economic Policy Commission, Agricultural Commission.

Federal Legislation and Federal Legislative Council.

Public Relations Commission.

Bank Advertising and Publicity Conference.

Executive Council.

Tuesday, October 4.

Savings Bank Division meeting, Clearing House Section meeting, Trust Company Division meeting.

Nominating Committee.

Wednesday, October 5.

State Bank Division meeting, Trust Company Division meeting, National Bank Division meeting.

Thursday, October 6.

Savings Bank Division meeting, Clearing House Section meeting, National Bank Division meeting.

Friday, October 7.

Executive Council (organization of new council).

Administrative Committee meeting.

PROGRAM FOR SESSIONS OF SAVINGS BANK SECTION OF A. B. A.

The program of the Savings Bank Section of the American Bankers' Association at the Convention to be held in Los Angeles the coming month is an extended one; a national conference of Savings Bankers is planned for Monday Oct. 3, and on the same day the annual reunion luncheon will take place; the sessions proper will be held on Tuesday Oct. 4 and Thursday Oct. 6, while on Wednesday Oct. 5 the subject of "School Savings Banking" will be discussed at

a luncheon. The details of the program of the Savings Bank Division are furnished as follows:

Monday Oct. 3, Auditorium Bldg., Berean Hall.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SAVINGS BANKERS

Savings Bank Advertising:

W. D. Longyear, Chairman, Vice-President Security Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles.

- a. Methods—

W. R. Moorehouse, Cashier, Guar. Tr. & Sav. Bank, Los Angeles.
- b. Results—

Alvin P. Howard, Vice-Pres., Hibernia Tr. & Sav. Bk, New Orleans.
- c. Cost—

C. H. Toll, Vice-President, Security Tr. & Sav. Bank, Los Angeles.

Real Estate Mortgages:

John W. B. Brand, Chairman, Treasurer, Springfield Institute for Savings, Springfield.

- a. Relation to Sound Savings Banking—
 1. Investment of bank funds.
 2. Liquidity.
 3. Term of maturity.
 4. Amortization.
 5. Extension and foreclosure.

Raymond R. Frazier, President, Washington Mutual Savings Bank, Seattle.

b. Valuation, primary and secondary—

1. Land
2. Building
3. Depreciation and Obsolescence.
4. Public Liens.

c. Interest Rates—

1. Urban and rural.
2. Competition with Government Credit Institutions.
3. Forecast.

W. B. Blakewell, Vice-Pres. Mercantile Tr. Co., San Francisco.

General Discussion:

1:00 P. M. Hotel Alexandria, Ball Room.

ANNUAL REUNION LUNCHEON.

This is in charge of the following committee on arrangements for the Savings Bank Division, which has invited as guests the elected officers of the American Bankers' Association and of this Division, also former presidents of the Division:

- M. N. Avery, Guaranty Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles (Chairman)
 C. H. Toll, Security Trust & Savings Bank (Vice-Chairman).
 Leo S. Chandler, California Bank.
 H. A. Kahler, Citizens Trust & Savings Bank.
 Ralph N. Dobbs, Bank of Italy.
 C. R. Bell, Hellman Commercial Trust & Savings Bank.
 Jay Spence, Los Angeles Trust & Savings Bank.
 J. C. Lipman, Union Bank & Trust Co.

Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2:00 P. M., Hotel Alexandria, Ball Room.

ANNUAL MEETING—FIRST SESSION.

President's Address

Appointments

Announcements

Laws that Encourage and Protect Savings as to

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| a. Organization | e. Interest Rate |
| b. Management | f. Service |
| c. Supervision | g. Security |
| d. Reserves | h. Flexibility |

a. Mutual—William E. Knox, Vice-President & Comptroller, Bowery Savings Bank, New York.

b. Departmental—Charles F. Stern, Vice-President, Los Angeles Trust & Savings Bank, formerly State Superintendent of Banks, Cal.

c. Composite—H. P. Borgman, Vice-President, Peoples State Bank, Detroit.

d. National—Investment of Savings Bank Resources—Samuel H. Beach, President, Rome Savings Bank, Rome, New York.

Discussion

Closing Remarks—Raymond R. Frazier, President, Washington Mutual Savings Bank, Seattle. Chairman, Committee on State Legislation

Wednesday, Oct. 5, 1:00 P. M. Luncheon, Hotel Alexandria, Ball Room.

SCHOOL SAVINGS BANKING.

This meeting is open to all bank officers, managers and employees who operate school systems or desire information.

Speakers—J. S. Dodge, State Superintendent of Banks, California; W. C. Wood, State Superintendent of Schools, California; Phillip J. Lawlor, Bank of Italy, San Francisco; Frank Hummler, First National Bank, Scranton; C. J. DuFour, Supt. of Schools, Alameda; Miss Meta C. Mohr, Farmers & Merchants Savings Bank, Oakland; A. B. Post, Bank of San Jose, San Jose; J. E. Hall, Alameda Savings Bank, Alameda; A. E. Adams, First National Bank, Youngstown.

Thursday, Oct. 6, 2:00 P. M., Hotel Alexandria, Ball Room.

ANNUAL MEETING—SECOND SESSION.

Thrift and Saving.—Addresses followed by discussion as time permits.
 Public Economy.—(Including Budget control of expenditures and credit for the benefit of all people and not minorities and special interests)
 John S. Chambers, Vice-President, Bank of Italy, Sacramento. Formerly Comptroller of the State of California.

Combining Insurance with Saving Accounts.—Alexander C. Robinson, President, Peoples Savings & Trust Company, Pittsburgh.

Practical School and Industrial Savings Banking.—Charles H. Deppe, Vice-President, Union Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati.

Postal Savings System—Proposed Changes in the Postal Savings System.—A. E. Adams, President, Dollar Savings Bank and First National Bank, Youngstown.

- a. Reports of Standing Committees (printed)
- b. Reports of Special Committees.
- c. Reports of Convention Committees: Resolutions—Nominations.
- d. New Business.
- e. Adjournment.

Organization Meeting of New Executive Committee.

PROGRAM OF TRUST COMPANY DIVISION OF A. B. A.

As indicated in our issue of Saturday last, page 1123, the present year's Convention of the Trust Company Division of the American Bankers' Association will be the occasion of the Division's "silver" anniversary. While

the various speakers and their subjects were referred to in our item of a week ago, we give here the order of the program as thus far arranged.

Tuesday, October 4.

[No details for this day's session yet announced.—Ed.]

Wednesday, October 5.

Call to order.

Annual Address, President Edmund D. Hulbert.

Greetings by and messages from Organizers and past active workers in Division.

"Your Executive Committee and its Work" Theodore G. Smith, Chairman Executive Committee, Vice-President Central Union Trust Co., N. Y.

"Recent and Current Events at the National Capitol of Interest to Trust Companies." Henry M. Campbell, Chairman of Board, Union Trust Company, Detroit.

"The Trust Officer—The Man and His Equipment."

Judge William R. Hervey, Vice-President Los Angeles Trust & Savings Bank

"The National Publicity Campaign," Francis H. Sisson, Vice-President Guaranty Trust Company, New York City.

"A Bird's-Eye View of Forty-three State Legislative Sessions," Nathan D. Price, Vice-President Hartford-Connecticut Trust Company.

"Investments." J. N. Babcock, President New York City Association of Trust Companies, Vice-President Equitable Trust Company, New York City.

"The State and City Trust Company Section or Association and its Work." By Chairmen or Presidents of those organizations.

"The Relationship of Insurance to Trusts," Herbert M. Morgan Assistant Vice-President St. Louis Union Trust Company.

"Facts and Figures We Need." L. H. Roseberry, Vice-President Security Trust and Savings Bank, Los Angeles.

"Practical Co-operation With the Bar." William S. Miller, Vice-President, the Northern Trust Company, Chicago.

"Payment for Services Rendered." Geo. D. Edwards, Vice-President, Commonwealth Trust Company, Pittsburgh.

"The Spread of Community Trusts." Frank J. Parsons, Vice-President, United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York.

"Staff Relations and How to Develop Them." P. E. Hathaway, Employment Manager, The Northern Trust Co., Chicago, Ill.

Tuesday Evening.

Publicity Conference, Led by Francis H. Sisson, Vice-President, Guaranty Trust Co., New York.

"Some Businesses We Have Managed," A Symposium.

PROGRAM OF NATIONAL BANK DIVISION OF A. B. A.

Comptroller of the Currency D. R. Crissinger, will address the National Bank Division of the American Bankers Association at the first day's session of the Division at Los Angeles, on Wednesday October 5. The subject of Comptroller Crissinger's remarks will be "Our New Responsibilities." Henry M. Robinson, President of the First National Bank of Los Angeles, H. C. Carr, Vice-President of the First National Bank of Porterville, Cal., and Tully C. Knowles, President of the College of the Pacific at San Jose, Cal., are the others scheduled to address the National Bank Division, the program for which is as follows:

Monday, October 3.

Executive Committee, Standing Committee—Clark Hotel.

Wednesday, October 5, 2 p. m.—Division Meeting, Berean Hall.

Call to Order.

Invocation, Dr. James A. Francis, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Los Angeles.

Report of President, H. H. McKee.
 Chairman of Executive Committee Report.—Waldo Newcomer; Secretaries Report, Edgar E. Mountjoy.

Appointment of Committees on Resolutions and Nominations.

Address, Hon. D. R. Crissinger, Comptroller of the Currency, "Our New Responsibilities."

Address, "The Spirit of the West," H. C. Carr, Vice-President, First National Bank of Porterville, Cal.

Adjournment.

Meeting of Executive Committee at conclusion of Division meeting.

Thursday, October 6.—Berean Hall, Auditorium.

Call to Order, President.

Address, "Free Ports and Free Zones," Henry M. Robinson, President, First National Bank of Los Angeles, Cal.

Address, "Labor and Radicalism," Dr. Tully C. Knowles, President, College of the Pacific, San Jose, Cal.

Unfinished Business, New Business.

Report of Committee on Resolutions, Committee on Nominations.

Election and Installation of Officers.

Meeting of New Executive Committee.

PROGRAM OF STATE BANK DIVISION OF A. B. A.

The State Bank Division of the American Bankers Association as we reported a week ago, (page 1123) will be addressed by Guy Huston, President of the Joint Stock Land Bank of Chicago and L. E. Thomas, Examiner of State Banks of Louisiana. The Los Angeles sessions of the State Bank Division will be held on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, Oct. 3 and 5; the program will be as follows:

Monday Afternoon, October 3.

Ball Room, Hotel Alexandria.

Invocation.

"The Star Spangled Banner."

Address of the President, E. C. McDougal, President Marine Trust Company, Buffalo, New York.

Report of the Federal Legislative Committee, J. D. Phillips, Chairman, Vice-President and Cashier Green Valley Bank, Green Valley, Illinois.

Report of the State Legislative Committee, R. S. Hecht, Chairman, President Hibernia Bank & Trust Company, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Report of the Membership Committee, George W. Rogers, Chairman, Vice-President American Bank of Commerce & Trust Co., Little Rock, Ark.

Report of the Committee on Public Relations, H. A. McCauley, Chairman, President Sapulpa State Bank, Sapulpa, Oklahoma.
 Report of the Conference Committee, C. B. Hazlewood, Chairman, Vice-President Union Trust Company, Chicago, Illinois.
 Address, "Country Banks and Farm Finance" by Guy Huston, President of the First Joint Stock Land Bank of Chicago and President of the Huston Banking Company of Blandinsville, Ill.
 Current Topics. Three minute talks by anybody and everybody.
 Committee Appointments.
 New Business.
 Adjournment.

Wednesday Afternoon, October 5.
 Ball Room, Hotel Alexandria.

Address, "Importance of Efficient Bank Supervision and How It May Be Secured," by L. E. Thomas, Examiner of State Banks of Louisiana.
 Report of the Committee on Exchange, Charles deB. Claiborne, Chairman Director Whitney-Central Trust & Savings Bank, New Orleans, Louisiana, and President National and State Bankers Protective Association.
 The Committees on Exchange—the Committee of Seven of the State Bank Division and the Committee of Five of the American Bankers Association—are cooperating with the National and State Bankers Protective Association in endeavoring to obtain Congressional action authorizing charges for the collection of checks.
 New and Unfinished Business.
 Report of the Committee on Resolutions.
 Report of the Committee on Nominations.
 Election and Installation of Officers.
 Adjournment.

Executive Committee Meeting.—A meeting of the new Executive Committee of the State Bank Division will be held immediately after adjournment.

PROGRAM OF CLEARING HOUSE SECTION OF A. B. A.

Besides a symposium on the Clearing House Examiner System, led by Charles H. Meyer, Chief Examiner of the Chicago Clearing House Association, the program of the Clearing House Section of the American Bankers Association, contains addresses by Alexander Dunbar, Vice-President of the Bank of Pittsburgh, at Pittsburgh, Pa.; Robert B. Locke, President of the American Institute of Banking and Dr. James A. Francis of Los Angeles. There will also be a discussion of Clearing House Problems led by George A. Kelsey, Manager of the Cleveland Clearing House Association. An address by Fred I. Kent, Vice-President of the Bankers Trust Co. of New York. The program which the Clearing House has arranged for the annual meeting in Los Angeles, follows:

Tuesday, October 4, Clark Hotel.

Call to Order, President A. A. Crane.
 Invocation.
 President's Address.
 Report of Chairman of Executive Committee, James Ringold.
 Report of Secretary, D. A. Mullen.
 Appointment of Committees—Nominations and Resolutions.
 Address, Dr. James A. Francis, Los Angeles.
 Address, "The Slogan of To-day", Alexander Dunbar, Vice-President Bank of Pittsburgh (Pres. Penn. Bankers Association.)
 Address, "The Institute Clearing House" Robert B. Locke, President, American Institute of Banking.
 Adjournment.

Thursday, October 6, Clark Hotel.

Call to Order, President.
 Symposium, Clearing House Examiner System led by Chas. H. Meyer, Chief Examiner Chicago Clearing House Association.
 Speakers:
 E. A. James, Examiner, Salt Lake City Clearing House Association.
 Francis Coates, Jr., Examiner Cleveland Clearing House Association.
 John W. Wilson, Examiner, Los Angeles Clearing House Association.
 J. H. Peterson, Examiner, New Orleans Clearing House Association.
 Discussion of Clearing House Problems led by Geo. A. Kelsey, Manager Cleveland Clearing House Association.
 Report of Nominating committee.
 Election and Installation of Officers.
 Unfinished Business, New Business.
 Adjournment.

The announcement that Mr. Kent would be a speaker has come to us since the foregoing program was prepared.

PROGRAM FOR STATE SECRETARIES SECTION OF A. B. A.

For the Los Angeles meeting of the State Secretaries section of the American Bankers Association scheduled Oct. 3, the following is the program:

Monday, Oct. 3, Clark Hotel.

Call to Order—President.
 Annual Address—President—Secretary D. S. Kloss.
 Appointment of Resolutions and Nominations Committees.
 Report of Secretary-Treasurer M. A. Graettinger, Illinois.
 Committee on Simplified Income Tax Forms for Banks, Secretary W. F. Keyser, Chairman, Mo.
 Committee on Forms—Secretary W. C. Macfadden, Chairman, No. Dak.
 Committee on Insurance—Secretary Geo. H. Richards, Chairman, Minn.
 Committee on Federal Tax Law Revision (appointed by Central States Conference)—Secretary M. A. Graettinger, Chairman, Illinois.
 State Convention Dates—G. E. Bowerman, Executive Mgr., A. B. A.
 Report of Committee on Resolutions and Nominations.
 Election and Installation of Officers.
 Adjournment.

The newly elected Board of Control will meet immediately after adjournment.

It is announced that no provision for headquarters for the State Secretaries Section has been made this year. Arrangements will be made for a desk at the general informa-

tion bureau of the Los Angeles Committee for use of those secretaries who do not have individual State Headquarters. The Board of Control will meet in the Clark Hotel Banquet Room 1:30 P. M., Oct. 3.

SECRETARY OF TREASURY MELLON AND OTHER GOVERNMENT HEADS IN APPRECIATION OF A. B. A. COOPERATION.

The following letter has been received by Marco H. Hellman, representing Los Angeles bankers in charge of the coming convention of the American Bankers Association, from A. W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury.

With respect to the annual convention of the American Bankers Association, to be held in Los Angeles in October, I am glad to extend my best wishes for the success of the convention. I am glad also to have this opportunity to express to the American Bankers Association my sincere appreciation of the helpful cooperation which the Treasury has constantly had from American bankers in the past, and my confident hope that the Treasury will continue to have the cooperation of the Association in meeting the many financial problems which confront the Nation, with the broad vision and earnest effort that have characterized the Association's activities in the past.

Sincerely yours,

A. W. MELLON, Secretary.

Mr. Hellman is also in receipt of communications from Secretary of State Hughes and Secretary of Commerce Hoover, both of whom interested as they are in the restoration of the country to more normal business conditions, were asked to attend the annual convention of the American Bankers Association. In asking Secretary Hughes and Secretary Hoover to attend the sessions of the Convention, the bankers were in hope that their program for better business conditions could be reviewed by these men and approved in the light of their knowledge of international conditions. Although the press of national business will not permit them to leave Washington for such an extended trip, they have expressed in their letters to Mr. Hellman their hearty approval and best wishes for the success of the Convention itself and of the curative measures to be discussed there. The American Bankers Association has the reputation of always coming to the assistance of the Government at any time it is called upon, and the fact is evidently fully appreciated at Washington, from the tone of the letters received.

DISCUSSION OF INTERNATIONAL REGULATION OF NATIONAL FINANCE AT A. B. A. CONVENTION.

In calling attention to the fact that one of the most interesting of the discussions at the annual convention next month of the American Bankers' Association will be that of the international regulation of national finance, the publicity Committee of the Convention (Marco H. Hellman, Chairman) says under date of Sept. 9.

For more than a decade the great American banking firms have engaged in international financial transactions in a steadily increasing extent. Not only has this included the financing of large foreign enterprises of a private or semi-private nature, but has included more and more of late, the relieving of the financial stress of foreign governments. However, the average banker in the United States has never given serious consideration to this phase of world banking. His problems were always more or less localized, and he left to the great banking houses of the Atlantic seaboard the problems of foreign financing with which they, as international bankers, were coming into constant contact. However, now that the entire financial structure of the continental nations as well as those of the Near East is in a most chaotic condition, even the small bankers of the United States is forced to take a most lively interest in those aspects of foreign finance that are continuing to affect the exchange rate of these countries. With the manufacturers of almost every section cut off from foreign markets through the greatly depreciated currency of these European countries, the problem has changed from a foreign one to one of the most vital concern to the banker in interior America. One of the most interesting phases of the discussions at the Convention of the American Bankers Association to be held in Los Angeles Oct. 3 to 7, will be that of the international regulation of national finance. By this is meant that in the opinion of some of the wisest financiers of the country, there should be formed some international body, which through economic pressure or otherwise should devise some means to reestablish the depreciated currency of these mushroom states so that international trade can again be resumed. Experts from abroad will lend their knowledge to the Convention, and it is hoped that with the cooperation of this great body of bankers, some definite plan to relieve the present situation can be devised.

SPECIAL TRAIN ENROUTE TO A. B. A. CONVENTION.

The first of the special trains carrying banker delegates to the Forty-Seventh Annual Convention of the American Bankers' Association in Los Angeles, Oct. 3 to 7 1921, left the Grand Central Terminal yesterday (Sept. 16). This special de luxe train is going by way of the northern route, and will carry its passengers to such well-known points in the West, Northwest, and Canada, as Portal, Moose Jaw, Medicine Hat, Banff, Lake Louise, Glacier, Vancouver, Seattle, Portland, Shasta Springs, San Francisco, Yosemite Valley, and other points of interest enroute, arriving in Los Angeles, Sunday, Oct. 2. According to the Association, it is the first substantial quota of Atlantic seaboard

bankers to start for the Convention, and will be followed at intervals by other special trains which will leave New York, Chicago and other important cities throughout the United States. This is simply a forerunner of the many hundreds of American bankers who will journey to the most important banking gathering of the year.

INDUSTRIAL LOS ANGELES.

[By Charles F. Stern, Vice-President, First National Bank of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Trust and Savings Bank, formerly State Superintendent of Banks of California.]

For thirty years Southern California has been advertised as a winter resort, and for the last three or four years there has been a movement on foot to make this section a summer resort as well.

These movements, excellent as they are, fall far short of the mark, and what those of us are interested in the industrial future of Southern California must do is to show the people of the United States that the very climatic conditions which make this an ideal playground, also permit of a complete working cycle of 365 days in the year. Our traffic is not blocked by snow or ice, and summer production is not hindered by the killing heat of the Middle West.

Originally people came to Southern California to play, and because they have stayed to work, some 4,000 manufacturing institutions of varying sizes have sprung up in and around Los Angeles, with the result that since the war we have awakened to the fact that Southern California has a very definite industrial future, if so be that we take full advantage of our opportunities.

Aside from our climatic asset, what are our governing conditions, and how do they compare with the offerings of other sections of the United States?

Let us consider the economic requirements for industrial growth under the six great basic headings of:

- Markets
- Water
- Raw Materials
- Transportation
- Power
- Labor

If any one of these six requirements were lacking, and could not be supplied, our plan for industrial structure would fail. Because of the interlocking of these requirements it is somewhat difficult to segregate exactly their relative importance, but because all six are definitely at our disposal it is the less necessary that such a segregation should be made. It is merely enough that they are available.

As a result, Los Angeles is on the threshold of a new industrial era, with new conditions to face and new problems to solve.

For centuries there has been a westward movement of people—first across Asia and Europe, then across the Atlantic, and, in the last 150 years, the movement has been westward across this continent. To-day, we on the west slope of the Sierras face, across the Pacific, the beginnings of this world-encircling movement, and, as a result, Oriental trade can and will flow back along the lines of our own advancement. The railways that brought us west will take our products east, with the result that we on the Pacific Coast occupy the same position in regard to Pacific trade that people of the Atlantic Seaboard have occupied in regard to Atlantic trade in the past century.

Our geographical position is ideal. As ships through the Panama Canal seek the Orient, by the great circle route, they must pass within a few miles from our port, and even San Francisco lies farther from their most direct route than does this city, while for sailings from American ports to the South Seas and to that part of the Orient lying south of the Equator, the most direct routes runs from Southern California.

As far as the trans-continental haul is concerned, the Southern Pacific line, tapping the Southern States, comes directly here. The economic haul from the Mississippi Valley and points south of Kansas City and Chicago, via the Santa Fe, lies directly to Los Angeles. The dividing line between Los Angeles and San Francisco on the economic haul from the inter-mountain territory lies half-way between Ogden and Salt Lake City, so that all that part of the Colorado tapped by the Denver & Rio Grande is tributary to Los Angeles. For traffic coming west from Omaha over the Union Pacific and down from Pocatello and Butte, there is so little difference in the economic haul between San Francisco and Los Angeles that we are in full position to compete. San Francisco has a little the best of it in mileage, but to reach that city the bay must be ferried or freight hauled around the bay through San Jose and up the Peninsula—even after the expensive railway portages at Port Costa.

Los Angeles can compete at every point, and this ability to stand competition is vital, since for years the Mississippi Valley and the inter-mountain country have furnished the raw materials for the industrial workshops of the Ohio Valley and of the Atlantic seaboard, and those workshops have in turn furnished America's business upon the Atlantic.

In the San Francisco Bay district, the Port of Los Angeles is considered more or less of a joke, but it is extremely doubtful how long that idea will be maintained, for there is every indication that what happened at Ashtabula, on the Great Lakes, where a hand-made harbor was dug from the clay banks, will take place in the district surrounding the present Los Angeles harbor, with the result that this city in the future may have even a more compact and more efficient harbor, because it must be built to order, than it would have if we had the natural benefits of San Francisco Bay with which to start. At Los Angeles harbor we must utilize every inch of space and must dig our slips and channels as we need them, making each slip a part of a compact whole. We are forced to make a tailor-made harbor, fitted to our own measure, and to our own needs, and, so long as we draw specifications to fit these needs, we will gain by the compactness and the efficiency which is being forced upon us. Already thirty-nine steamship companies, having vessels in international service, operate at this harbor and our commerce has increased from 192,000 tons in 1919 to 476,000 tons in 1920—not bad for a single year.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &c.

No sales of bank or trust company stocks were made at the Stock Exchange or at auction this week.

The New York Stock Exchange memberships were posted for transfer this week, the consideration each case being \$86,000, an advance of \$6,000 over the last preceding transaction.

Sales of New York Curb Market seats were reported, one early last week at \$4,250 and another at \$4,500 in each instance an advance of \$250 over the last preceding transaction.

The Guaranty Trust Company of New York yesterday reduced its quarterly dividend from 5% to 3%, or from a basis of 20% per annum to 12% per annum. The step was dictated by prudence and conservatism, as current earnings would have warranted continuance of the old rate. The company has taken a further noteworthy step in submitting to the stockholders of the company a report of condition as of Sept. 6, with an explanatory statement indicating that extraordinary reserves of approximately \$15,250,000 had been set up to cover "any losses that may be sustained from banking operations in Central and South America." The following is the explanatory announcement:

To the Stockholders:

Your directors have unanimously voted a dividend for the quarter ending September 30 of 3%; this contrasting with 5% quarterly that has been paid for some years.

Your directors have heretofore charged off all realized losses; but in addition, in order to anticipate any other possible losses, have now set up extraordinary reserves of approximately \$15,250,000, charging such reserve items against the company's surplus and undivided profits accounts. The Company's statement thus shows capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$41,131,464. These figures have been arrived at by the directors, in consultation with leading authorities, after exhaustive examination; and make complete allowance for all accounts concerning which question has been raised. These include any losses that may be sustained from banking operations in Central and South America, where the shrinkage in the value of customers' loans, due to the unprecedented fall in the price of commodities and the fluctuation in exchange, have been excessive.

The company's current earnings (before charge-offs) for the nine months ending Sept. 30 will be in excess of five million dollars, the total dividend requirements for the year at the former rate, but your directors have adopted the conservative course, first of setting up immediately ample reserves against all its known or potential losses; and second, at this time, of making a certain reduction in its dividend distribution so as to devote a greater portion of its earnings than heretofore to the increase of its surplus fund.

By order of the Board of Directors.

The condensed statement as of Sept. 6 of resources and liabilities follows:

<i>Resources—</i>		<i>Liabilities—</i>	
Cash on hand, in Fed. Res. Bk. & due from banks and bankers.....	\$140,655,042 81	Capital.....	\$25,000,000 00
U. S. Govt. bds. & certifs.....	34,334,744 98	Surplus fund.....	15,000,000 00
Public securities.....	24,254,160 72	Undivided profits.....	1,131,464 93
Other securities.....	30,730,682 43		
Loans and bills purchased.....	331,835,774 41	Accrued dividend.....	550,000 00
Real est. bds. & mtges.....	2,674,016 67	Accrued int. payable & reserves for taxes & expenses & other liab.....	21,324,262 72
Foreign exchange.....	2,008,068 16	Notes, bills & acceptances rediscounted with Fed. Reserve Bank.....	50,250,462 85
Credits granted on accept.....	25,176,540 91	Notes secured by Liberty bds. rediscounted with Federal Reserve Bank.....	6,808,500 00
Real estate.....	8,658,083 41	Acceptances—N. Y. office.....	19,905,208 81
Acrr. int. & acct. receiv.....	10,233,241 90	Foreign offices.....	5 2 1,332 10
		Outstand. treasurer's cks.....	17,103,134 55
		Deposits.....	448,265,970 44
	\$610,610,336 40		\$610,610,336 40

Samuel Moore, Jr., a member of the banking firm of E. J. Moore & Co., died on Sept. 11 after a prolonged illness.

John Willard Lapsley, a member of the New York Stock Exchange, died on Sept. 8. Mr. Lapsley was 54 years of age. He was a member of the Stock Exchange since 1907, and had formerly been connected with the firm of which his father, the late Howard Lapsley was the head. Following the death of his father he became associated with E. & C. Randolph, and at the time of his death had his offices at Maxwell & Co., 15 Broad Street.

Stuart D. Preston has been elected an Assistant Secretary of the American Trust Company of this city.

The Industrial Bank of New York has leased the first floor of the Fourth Avenue Building, at the southeast corner of 4th Avenue and 27th Street. The new quarters will be occupied as soon as the bank can obtain possession and make necessary alterations. The present tenants will vacate the premises Feb. 1 and remodeling will begin immediately afterwards. The bank expects to move on or about April 1. The Industrial Bank opened for business Dec. 22, 1919, in its present quarters at 4th Avenue and 24th Street. The bank has made steady gains until now the deposits total more than \$7,000,000. The bank plans to add an up-to-date Safety Deposit Department to its present services when the change in location is made.

The officers of the bank are: Staughton B. Lynd, President; Ralph A. Stephenson and Richard H. Gatling, Vice-Presidents; Junius B. Close, Cashier, and David V. Austin, Assistant Cashier. The following are the directors of the

bank: Frank N. B. Close, Vice-President Bankers' Trust Co.; Williams Cochran, Luke, Banks & Weeks; Philip De Ronde, President Oriental Navigation Co.; J. Fletcher Farrell, Vice-Pres. and Treas., Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp.; Donald G. Geddes, Clark, Dodge & Co.; Thomas Hildt, President Merchants National Bank, Baltimore, Md.; Arthur Iselin, William Iselin & Co.; Percy H. Johnston, President Chemical National Bank, New York; Frederic A. Juilliard, A. D. Juilliard & Co.; Darwin P. Kingsley, President, New York Life Insurance Co.; Staughton B. Lynd, President; Charles M. Macfarlane, Vice-Pres. and Treas., Morris & Co., Chicago, Ill.; Paul Moore, Taylor, Bates & Co.; George Nichols, Minot, Hooper & Co.; Richard E. Reeves, President Hunter Mfg. & Commission Co.; Samuel W. Reyburn, President Lord & Taylor; Frank Morse Smith, H. J. Baker & Bro.; Paul Sturtevant, Harris, Forbes & Co.; Everett B. Sweezy, Vice-Pres. First National Bank of New York; Melvin A. Traylor, President First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill.; Stephen H. Tyng, President Stephen H. Tyng, Jr., & Co., Inc.; Royall Victor, Sullivan & Cromwell; John J. Watson, Jr., Vice-President International Agricultural Corp.; Ridley Watts, Ridley Watts & Co.; C. Morton Whitman, Vice-President Clarence Whitman & Son, Inc.; Malcolm D. Whitman, Vice-Prest. Wm. Whitman & Co., Inc.; George Whitney, J. P. Morgan & Co., and Thomas B. Yuille, President Universal Leaf Tobacco Co.

Application to convert the Metropolitan Bank of this city into the Metropolitan National Bank of this city has been made to the Comptroller of the Currency. Reference was made in our issue of May 21 to the proposed offer to purchase the minority shares of the Metropolitan Bank by the Chase Securities Corporation (a subsidiary of the Chase National Bank) which controls the Metropolitan Bank. It was stated at that time that it was understood that ultimately the Metropolitan Bank would be merged in the Chase National.

Jeremiah Milbank has been elected a director of the Chase National Bank of this city. Mr. Milbank is a member of the firm of Milbank & Co., 40 Wall Street.

William S. Hall, President of the Hempstead Bank, Hempstead, L. I., and Cashier of the Freeport Bank, Freeport, L. I., died at his home in Freeport on Sept. 9. Death was due to apoplexy, following a stroke of paralysis suffered by Mr. Hall some months ago. Mr. Hall was 60 years of age and a native of Hempstead. He had been Cashier of the Freeport Bank since its organization in 1892.

The Boston "Transcript," in its issue of Aug. 31, printed a statement sent by Bank Commissioner Joseph C. Allen, on that day, to each depositor in the closed Hanover Trust Co. of Boston, showing the exact status of the bank's affairs at the close of one year of liquidation. "He explains," said the "Transcript," "that the plan for the taking over of the bank by the Boston National Bank has been held up by court action of the trustees in bankruptcy of Charles Ponzi and that unless the sale takes place he will proceed at once to pay a dividend of 50% in the Savings Department and to liquidate that department as soon as possible. The Commissioner states that during the year \$1,400,000 of the assets have been liquidated, but that there remains a sum of more than \$1,500,000 of loans unpaid, which will take a long time to realize and which do not disclose sufficient value to pay the commercial creditors in full." The Hanover Trust Co. was closed by Commissioner Allen on Aug. 11 1920, as reported in these columns in our issue of Aug. 14 1920.

L. A. Lewis, Cashier of the Broad Street National Bank of Philadelphia, was recently elected a director of the institution.

The Northeastern Trust Co. of Reading, Pa., recently authorized an increase in its capital from \$250,000 to \$500,000. The bank is now ready to issue the new stock, we are advised. As of Aug. 1 last, the Northeastern Trust Co. had deposits of \$842,498 and total resources of \$1,210,852. John L. Rhoads is President of the institution.

The McDowell National Bank of Sharon, Pa., recently acquired a majority interest in the Sharon Savings & Trust Co. of that place. This will bring under one management

two of the oldest and largest banks in that district. The McDowell National Bank has resources of approximately \$4,000,000 and the Sharon Savings & Trust Co. resources of about \$2,000,000. Under the merger the enlarged McDowell National Bank will have a capital of \$300,000 (par value of shares \$100) with surplus and undivided profits of about the same amount.

Charles D. Zell, the former Treasurer of the failed Agricultural Trust Co. of Lancaster, Pa., pleaded guilty to 14 indictments charging him with embezzlement and fraudulent entries in the books of the institution in Quarter Sessions Court on Sept. 15, according to a press dispatch from Lancaster on that date, printed in the Philadelphia "Record" of Sept. 16. The dispatch states that it was announced that at the request of State Bank Commissioner Fisher, the local District-Attorney, Major William C. Rehm, will not arraign Zell for sentence until the November term of the Court. The dispatch further states, that it is understood the Commonwealth will use Zell in the case of Frank E. Herr, the former Assistant Treasurer of the institution, who is charged with the alleged making of false entries in the books of the bank. We last referred to the affairs of the Agricultural Trust Co. in these columns in our Sept. 10 issue.

At a meeting of the directors of the Merchants National Bank of Baltimore held on Sept. 13 Eugene Levering, who has been Chairman of the executive committee of the institution, created in June last, when the National Bank of Commerce was consolidated with the Merchants National Bank, was made Chairman of the board of directors to succeed the late John B. Ramsay, who resigned shortly before his death. The position was not filled during his lifetime out of respect to Mr. Ramsay, who has held it largely as an honorary office during his long illness. Mr. Levering was formerly President of the National Bank of Commerce, and the position of Chairman of the executive committee was created for him. At the same meeting J. Cleveland Wands, heretofore an Assistant Cashier of the bank, was elected a Vice-President. Mr. Wands has been with the Merchants National Bank for several years. The directors also declared a quarterly dividend of 3%, the same rate as declared last quarter. This dividend places the bank upon a 12% basis annually and is payable Oct. 1 to stockholders of record Sept. 26.

The acquisition of the Central National Bank of Columbus, O., by the Citizens Trust & Savings Bank of that city (referred to in these columns in our Aug. 6 issue) became effective Sept. 6 when the former institution was opened as the central branch of the Citizens Trust & Savings Bank. The affairs of the central branch remain as heretofore in the hands of Howard C. Park as Director-Manager, with the valuable assistance of William Trautman, formerly a Vice-President and director of the Central National Bank. Charles Schenck, heretofore Cashier of the merged institution, is now Assistant Manager of the central branch. The entire former board of directors of the Central National Bank will continue to manage the affairs of the Central branch of the Citizens Trust & Savings Bank. Mr. Park, the Director-Manager of the central branch, is President of the Columbus Clearing House and is one of the best known bankers in Columbus. The capital of the Citizens Trust & Savings Bank has been increased from \$700,000 to \$900,000, the \$200,000 of new stock having all been taken by the stockholders of the former Central National Bank. The surplus and undivided profits of the institution amounts to \$243,626; deposits (as of Sept. 6 1921) amount to \$11,709,675, and total resources aggregate \$13,129,029. The personnel of the Citizens Trust & Savings Bank is as follows: R. H. Schryver, President; G. W. Bright, Chairman board of directors; Walter B. Beebe, 1st Vice-President; O. A. Miller, Vice-President; Julius F. Stone, Vice-President; John H. Lange, Cashier; Leo J. Schlaechter, Auditor; John B. Dury, Assistant Cashier; John Blanpied, Assistant Secretary; M. C. Williard, Manager safe deposit department.

On Jan. 1, next, the Salem Bank of Goshen, Ind., and the Elkhart County Trust Co. of that place, are to be consolidated under the title of the Salem Bank & Trust Co. The new bank will have a capital of \$200,000 (par value of shares \$100), with surplus of \$50,000. Haines Egbert will be President; Anthony Deahl and L. W. Vail, Vice-Presidents; William H. Nymeyer, Cashier, and C. Edwin Stout,

Secretary. The Salem Bank was established in 1854 and the Elkhart County Trust Co. in 1900.

At the August meeting of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Chicago, Herbert P. Snyder was appointed Assistant Vice-President, to succeed Arthur N. Cordell, who has resigned to enter a manufacturing business.

Earl R. Obern, formerly manager of the publicity department of the Noel State Bank, Chicago, has become associated with the Old National Bank of Battle Creek, Mich. Mr. Obern will take charge of the Old National Bank's new business and publicity department.

Carl J. Lankenau, former teller of the Bay City Bank, Bay City, Mich., was arraigned before United States Commissioner Frank S. Pratt Sept. 2 on a Federal warrant charging him with taking \$60,000 from the Bay City Bank, according to a special dispatch from Bay City to the Detroit "Free Press," printed in its issue of Sept. 3. We quote from the dispatch as follows:

Marshall Schindehette went to Algonac Thursday (Sept. 1) to arrest Lankenau, but he was not at that place, and the officer returned. As soon as Lankenau learned that the warrant was out he started for this city and arrived here Friday to give himself up. Leo P. Kalahar, State Bank Examiner, is the complaining witness.

It is alleged that 3,000 \$20 Federal Reserve Bank notes in a single package disappeared on Jan. 5 last and that the \$60,000 was last given into the care of Lankenau. The warrant alleges that Lankenau falsely claimed and pretended that he turned the money over to David Miller, Cashier of the bank, whereas he converted it to his own use.

The warrant is the culmination of an investigation, which has been conducted by the State Banking Department and the Bay City Bank for several months.

The investigation included a grand jury investigation by Judge Houghton a month ago, the Attorney-General's Department prosecuting, but nothing developed. The bank is covered by insurance, Lankenau steadfastly maintains his innocence.

The People's State Bank of Rochester, Minn., the closing of which was reported in these columns in our August 20 issue, may be liquidated through the Olmstead State Bank of Rochester, according to a press dispatch from that place, printed in the Minneapolis "Journal" of September 10. The dispatch is as follows:

Stockholders of the People's State Bank of Rochester, closed by the State Bank Examiner, at a meeting attended by W. A. Smith, of Windom, Bank Examiner, decided to petition the State Banking Department for permission to liquidate the accounts of the closed bank through the Olmstead State Bank of Rochester, according to a statement by A. R. Zick, a director. Depositors would be paid 100 cents on the dollar, said Mr. Zick.

A press dispatch from Lincoln, Neb., dated Sept. 10, printed in "Financial America" of Sept. 12, reports the closing of the Community State Bank at Table Rock, Neb., by order of the State Trade & Commerce Department. A receivership, it is said, will be asked to liquidate its affairs. The bank has a capital of \$20,000 and its deposits are estimated at \$175,000.

A press dispatch from Jefferson City, Mo., under date of Sept. 16, states that the Farmers' State Bank at Winston, Mo., has been placed in the hands of a State bank examiner by State Director of Finance Hughes. The closed bank had a capital of \$10,000.

According to a press dispatch from Jefferson City, Mo., dated Sept. 16, the People's Exchange Bank at Sturges, Mo., has been placed in the hands of a State bank examiner by State Director of Finance Hughes. The bank, it is said, had a capital of \$10,000 and deposits of approximately \$70,000.

According to the Atlanta "Constitution" of Aug. 24, T. R. Bennett, Superintendent of the State Banking Department, on Aug. 23 announced that the Bank of Bronwood, Bronwood, Ga., would reopen. The bank re-opens with a capital of \$25,000 and a surplus of \$15,000. The "Constitution" further states that Superintendent Bennett is preparing to grant permission to several other banks to re-open their doors after being closed for several months by orders of the State Banking Department.

Arthur Ross has been appointed receiver for the closed Bank of Denton, at Denton, N. C., according to the Raleigh "News & Observer" of Sept. 8. Efforts looking toward the re-organization of the bank, it is said, proved unsuccessful. The Bank of Denton was closed by a State Bank Examiner on Aug. 22, as reported by us in these columns in our issue of Sept. 3.

According to the Raleigh "News & Observer" of Sept. 8, efforts looking towards the re-organization of the Bank of Thomasville, Thomasville, N. C. (the closing of which on Aug. 22 was reported in these columns Sept. 3) have failed and the Corporation Commission has named T. J. Finch receiver for the institution. Mr. Finch, it is understood, is President of the First National Bank of Thomasville.

His Majesty the King of Italy has recently conferred upon Messrs. Siro Fusi and John Stewart Durland, Agents of the Banco Commerciale Italiana, the Order of Chevalier of the Crown. Dr. Guido Pedrazzini, formerly Officer of the Order of the Crown of Italy, was recently made Commander of the same Order. Dr. Pedrazzini, who is senior Agent of the Banca Commerciale Italiana, has had this further honor conferred upon him in recognition of his work during the war and post-war periods.

The Comptroller of the Currency announced on Sept. 6 the voluntary liquidation of the Exchange National Bank of Wichita Falls, Texas, effective August 31 1921. The bank had a capital of \$100,000.

The Comptroller of the Currency has approved the application to convert the First State Bank of Oklahoma City, Okla., into the Fidelity National Bank of Oklahoma City, Okla. The institution has a capital of \$200,000.

Authoritative opinion on the overseas situation has been furnished the last few days in interviews with P. C. Hale, First Vice-President of the Bank of Italy, San Francisco, who has just returned from a seven months' exhaustive study of Old World financial, industrial and economic progress. Mr. Hale says:

Critical, indeed, is the economic and industrial status of Europe, but conditions are much better in every way than I expected. Under careful supervision the industries of England, France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Turkey and other countries I visited may work out their vexatious economic problems, but the task will take years. As I see it, the United States may not expect a payment of her huge war credit for five years, at the very least.

From careful studies of conditions, I am convinced that it will be all of five years before industrial Europe regains normal production. England, France and Italy are very much stronger in an economic way than they were a year ago.

In my judgment Germany will be able to pay her indemnities to the Allies if she is allowed to function on the present scale. Germany's chief danger right now is from the tremendous issues of fiat money.

Italy is improving in an economic way after an experience with extreme socialists who took over 600 factories in the Milan section alone and made failures of them. The reflex from the socialists' failure was understood at once by the Italian laborer, and the reaction was such that Italy to-day is improving very satisfactorily in an industrial manner.

My study of industrial Europe and its financial condition took me into England, France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Turkey, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Scotland. Of all these countries England, in my judgment, is in the poorest industrial shape, a condition that is due to disastrous labor troubles.

By transaction consummated in Los Angeles Sept. 9 the Bank of Santa Maria, one of the oldest financial institutions in northern Santa Barbara County, becomes closely affiliated with the First National Bank of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Trust & Savings Bank, of which banks Henry M. Robinson is President. These banks already constitute the strongest financial interest in the Pacific Southwest, having aggregate resources of more than \$130,000,000, and this transaction gives to the Santa Maria institution the financial support of the Robinson banks. The resources of the Bank of Santa Maria exceed \$5,470,000, while the capital, surplus and undivided profits approach \$900,000. The transaction does not entail an outright purchase, but the stockholders of the Bank of Santa Maria, through an exchange of shares, become co-partners in the entire business of the Los Angeles institutions.

The Bank of Santa Maria occupies a particularly important position in northern Santa Barbara County, and is the banking centre for the movement of commodities, not only of northern Santa Barbara County itself, but also for southern and eastern San Luis Obispo County. Mr. Paul O. Tietzen, who organized the Bank of Santa Maria 33 years ago, and who is now its President, will continue in office, as well as Manager L. P. Scaroni, who has been connected with the institution for more than 22 years. The negotiations leading up to the closing of this transaction were under the direction of J. O. Moore, Assistant to the President of the Los Angeles Trust & Savings Bank, and were consummated by Mr. Charles F. Stern, formerly State Superintendent of Banks and now Vice-President of both the First National Bank of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Trust & Savings Bank.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Sept. 8—12013, The Farmers National Bank of Sardinia, O.----- \$30,000
President, W. L. Kautz; Cashier, Eugene Carter.
Sept. 10—12014, The City National Bank of Hackensack, N. J. 100,000
President, George P. Pitkin; Cashier, W. B. Todd.

CORPORATE EXISTENCE EXTENDED.

5971—The First National Bank of Center, Tex.----- Sept. 9 1941
CORPORATE EXISTENCE RE-EXTENDED.
2562—The Merchants & Farmers National Bank of Greensburg, Pa.----- Sept. 9 1941
2566—The First National Bank of Butte, Mont.----- Sept. 11 1941
2570—The First National Bank of Grand Forks, No. Dak.----- Sept. 11 1941

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

Sept. 6—727, The Peoples National Bank of Pittsburgh, Pa. Capital, \$1,000,000. Liquidating agent, Joseph W. Ward, 409 Wood St., Pittsburgh, Pa. Absorbed by the First National Bank at Pittsburgh, No. 252. Liability for circulation assumed under Section 5223, U.S.R.S. Liquidation effective at close of business Sept. 3 1921.
Sept. 6—11486, The Exchange National Bank of Wichita Falls, Tex. Capital, \$100,000. Effective Aug. 31 1921. Liquidating agent, P. L. Jennings, Wichita Falls.
Sept. 7—9282, The Central National Bank of Columbus, O. Capital, \$200,000. Effective Sept. 3 1921. Liquidating agent, Howard C. Park, Columbus, O. Absorbed by the Citizens Trust & Savings Bank of Columbus, O.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are now grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroads (Steam), Street and Electric Railways, Banks, Trust Companies, and Miscellaneous.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Miscellaneous (Concluded), Street and Electric Railways, and Banks.

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, and Banks.

Transactions at the New York Stock Exchange daily, weekly and yearly.—Brought forward from page 1231.

Table with columns: Week ending Sept. 16 1921, Stocks (Shares, Par Value), Railroad, State, Mun & Foreign Bonds, U. S. Bonds. Rows: Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Total.

Table with columns: Sales at New York Stock Exchange, Week ending Sept. 16, 1921, 1920, Jan. 1 to Sept. 16, 1921, 1920. Rows: Stocks—No. shares, Par value, Bank shares, par, Bonds (Government, State, R.R. and misc.), Total bonds.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Table with columns: Week ending Sept. 16 1921, Boston (Shares, Bond Sales), Philadelphia (Shares, Bond Sales), Baltimore (Shares, Bond Sales). Rows: 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, Week ending Sept. 10 1921, Members of Fed'l Res. Bank, State Banks, Trust Companies, Grand aggregate. Sub-headers: Capital, Profits, Loans, Discounts, Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Depositaries, Net Demand Deposits, Net Time Deposits, Nat'l Bank Circulation.

a U. S. deposits deducted, \$283,000. Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$2,448,000. Excess reserve, \$313,470 increase.

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House statement for the week ending Sept. 10 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.

Table with columns: Week ending Sept. 10 1921, Sept. 3 1921, Aug. 27 1921. Rows: 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:

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

Table with columns: Sept. 10, 1921, Changes from previous week, Sept. 3, 1921, Aug. 27, 1921. Rows: Circulation, Loans, disc'ts & investm'ts, Individual deposits, Due to banks, Time deposits, United States deposits, Exchanges for Clearing House, Due from other banks, Reserve in Fed. Res. 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 Sept. 10. The figures for the separate banks are the average 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, Week ending Sept. 10 1921, Members of Fed. Res. Bank, Irving National, N.Y. County Nat, Continental, Chase National, Fifth Avenue, Commonwealth, Garfield Nat, Fifth National, Seaboard Nat, Coal & Iron, Union Exch Nat, Brooklyn Tr Co, Bankers Tr Co, U.S. Mtg & Tr Co, Guaranty Tr Co, Fidelity Tr Co, Columbia Tr Co, People's Tr Co, N.Y. Trust Co, Lincoln Tr Co, Metropolitan Tr Co, Nassau Nat, Bkn Farns L & Tr Co, ColuWbla, Equitable Tr Co. Sub-headers: Capital, Net Profits, Loans, Discounts, Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Depositaries, Net Demand Deposits, Net Time Deposits, Bank Circulation.

Summary table with columns: Avge. Sept. 10, Totals, actual condition, Totals, actual condition, Totals, actual condition. Rows: State Banks, Greenwich Bank, Bowery, State Bank, Avge. Sept. 10, Totals, actual condition, Totals, actual condition, Totals, actual condition.

Summary table with columns: Avge. Sept. 10, Totals, actual condition, Totals, actual condition, Totals, actual condition. Rows: Trust Cos., Title Guar & Tr, Lawyers Tr & Tr, Avge. Sept. 10, Totals, actual condition, Totals, actual condition, Totals, actual condition.

Summary table with columns: Gr'd aggr. avge. Comparison, previous week, Gr'd aggr., act'l Comparison, previous week. Rows: Gr'd aggr. avge. Comparison, previous week, Gr'd aggr., act'l Comparison, previous week.

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*Includes deposits in foreign branches not included in total footing as follows: National City Bank, \$96,152,000; Bankers Trust Co., \$9,560,000; Guaranty Trust Co., \$85,816,000; Farmers Loan & Trust Co., \$11,108,000; Equitable Trust Co., \$24,985,000. Banks carried in banks in foreign countries as reserve for such deposits were: National City Bank, \$33,811,000; Bankers Trust Co., \$1,129,000; Guaranty Trust Co., \$17,594,000; Farmers Loan & Trust Co., \$1,334,000; Equitable Trust Co., \$6,795,000. c Deposits in foreign branches not included. g As of Aug. 1 1921.

STATEMENTS OF RESERVE POSITION OF CLEARING HOUSE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES.

Table with columns for Averages and Actual Figures, showing Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositories, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, and Surplus Reserve for various dates from Sept. 10 to Aug. 20.

* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank.

a This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies, but in the case of members of the Federal Reserve Bank includes also amount of reserve required on net time deposits, which was as follows: Sept. 10, \$4,953,600; Sept. 3, \$4,833,020; Aug. 27, \$4,934,220; Aug. 20, \$4,843,320.

b This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies, but in the case of members of the Federal Reserve Bank includes also amount of reserve required on net time deposits, which was as follows: Sept. 10, \$5,000,450; Sept. 3, \$4,950,720; Aug. 27, \$4,950,030; Aug. 20, \$4,882,020.

State Banks and Trust Companies Not in Clearing House.—The State Banking Department reports weekly figures showing the condition of State banks and trust companies in New York City not in the Clearing House as follows:

SUMMARY OF STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK, NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.

(Figures Furnished by State Banking Department.)

Table showing summary of state banks and trust companies, including Loans and Investments, Gold, Currency and bank notes, Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Total deposits, Deposits eliminating amounts due from reserve depositories, Reserve on deposits, and Percentage of reserve, 20.7%.

* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on Sept. 10 were \$49,034,400.

k The Equitable Trust Co. is no longer included in these totals, it having become a member of the Clearing House and being now included in the statement of the Clearing House member banks. The change began with the return for Sept. 25.

Banks and Trust Companies in New York City.—The averages of the New York City Clearing House banks and trust companies combined with those for the State banks and trust companies in Greater New York City outside of the Clearing House, are as follows:

The Federal Reserve Banks.—Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board on Sept. 15.—The figures for the system as a whole are given in the following table, and in addition we present the results for seven preceding weeks, together with those of corresponding weeks of last year.

Aggregate gains of \$28,100,000 of gold and of \$3,100,000 of other cash reserves, accompanied by reductions of \$25,900,000 in Federal Reserve note circulation and of \$12,300,000 in deposits, are indicated in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly consolidated bank statement issued as at close of business on Sept. 14 1921. The bank's reserve ratio, in consequence of the above changes, show a rise from the 66.2 to 67.5%.

Federal Reserve bank holdings of bills secured by United States Government obligations show a further reduction for the week of \$35,600,000, other discounted bills decreased by \$44,700,000, while holdings of acceptances purchased in open market fell off \$4,200,000. Pittman certificates used as cover for Federal Reserve bank note circulation show a decrease of \$3,000,000, while other certificates on hand, in consequence of purchases made in open market by the New York bank, show an increase for the week of \$2,700,000.

Total earning assets in consequence of the changes noted were \$34,900,000 less than the week before, the Sept. 14 total of \$1,710,300,000 being 47.4% below the total reported on the corresponding date last year.

Of the total holdings of \$503,700,000 of paper secured by United States Government obligations, \$345,200,000, or 68.5%, were secured by Liberty and other U. S. bonds; \$132,900,000, or 26.4%, by Victory notes; \$3,800,000, or .8%, by Treasury notes and \$21,800,000, or 4.3%, by Treasury certificates, compared with \$355,900,000, \$154,500,000, \$2,800,000 and \$26,100,000 reported the week before.

The total of discounted paper held by the Boston, New York and

COMBINED RESULTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK.

Table showing combined results of banks and trust companies in Greater New York, with columns for Loans and Investments, Demand Deposits, Total Cash in Vaults, and Reserve in Depositories, broken down by week ended from July 9 to Sept. 10.

* This item includes gold, silver, legal tenders, national bank notes and Federal Reserve notes.

Condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.—The following shows the condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at the close of business Sept. 14 1921, in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Large table showing resources and liabilities of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, including Gold and gold certificates, Gold settlement fund, Gold with foreign agencies, Total gold held by bank, Gold with Federal Reserve Agent, Gold redemption fund, Total gold reserves, Legal tender notes, silver, &c., Total reserves, Bills discounted, Government obligations, For other Federal Reserve banks, All other—For members, For other Federal Reserve banks, Less: Rediscouunts with other F.R. banks, Bills bought in open market, Total bills on hand, U.S. Government bonds and notes, U.S. certificates of indebtedness, One-year certificates (Pittman Act), All others, Total earning assets, Bank premises, 5% redemp. fund agst. F.R. bank notes, Uncollected items, All other resources, Total resources, Liabilities, Capital paid in, Surplus, Reserved for Government Franchise Tax Deposits, Government, Member banks—Reserve account, All other, Total deposits, F.R. notes in actual circulation, F.R. bank notes in circula'n—net liability, Deferred availability items, All other liabilities, Total liabilities, Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F.R. note liabilities combined, Ratio of total reserves to F.R. notes in circulation after setting aside 35% against deposit liabilities, Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.

Note.—In conformity with the practice of the Federal Reserve Board at Washington, method of computing ratios of reserves to liabilities was changed beginning with the return for March 18. Instead of computing reserves on the basis of net deposits—that is, including in the total of deposits "deferred availability items" but deducting "uncollected items"—the new method is to disregard both amounts and figure the percentages entirely on the gross amount of the deposits. For last year, however, the computations are on the old basis; that is, reserve percentages are calculated on basis of net deposits and Federal Reserve notes in circulation.

Cleveland banks includes \$71,000,000 of bills discounted for the Richmond, Atlanta, Minneapolis and Dallas Reserve banks, compared with \$69,600,000 shown on the previous Wednesday. Richmond's rediscouunts with the New York Reserve Bank show an increase from \$24,900,000 to about \$25,000,000, while Atlanta reports an increase from \$9,700,000 to \$12,700,000 in bills rediscouunted with the Boston and Cleveland banks. Bills discounted by Minneapolis with the New York Reserve Bank show a further reduction from \$11,000,000 to about \$9,100,000, while rediscouunts of the Dallas bank with the Boston and Cleveland Reserve banks show a slight increase from \$24,100,000 to \$24,300,000.

Government deposits were \$11,500,000 less than the week before; reserve deposits show a decline of \$1,100,000 while other deposits composed largely of non-members' clearing accounts and cashiers' checks show a nominal increase.

As against an increase of \$36,100,000 in Federal Reserve note circulation for the preceding week to meet the holiday demand for currency, the week under review saw a return flow to the Reserve banks of \$25,900,000, reducing Federal Reserve note circulation to \$2,491,700,000, a decrease of nearly 25% from the total for the corresponding date in 1920. There was also a decrease of \$4,700,000 in the banks' aggregate liabilities on Federal Reserve bank notes in circulation, the Sept. 14 total of \$103,100,000 being less than one-half the corresponding total in 1920.

Total gold reserves on Sept. 14 were \$2,684,500,000, indicating a gain since Jan. 1 of \$621,700,000, as against a loss of \$40,900,000 in other cash reserves, i. e., silver and legals.

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPT. 14 1921.

Table showing combined resources and liabilities of the Federal Reserve Banks at the close of business Sept. 14 1921, with columns for Sept. 14 1921, Sept. 7 1921, Aug. 31 1921, Aug. 24 1921, Aug. 17 1921, Aug. 10 1921, Aug. 3 1921, July 27 1921, and Sept. 17 1920, including resources like Gold and gold certificates, Gold settlement fund, Gold with foreign agencies, Total gold held by banks, Gold with Federal Reserve agents, Gold redemption fund, and Total gold reserve.

Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, Sept. 16 1921.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—More normal conditions have obtained in the stock market this week than for some time previously. The violent disturbance reported earlier in the month in the cotton market, and which was reflected in the grain and stock markets, has gradually subsided and practically all subsequent developments have been of a favorable character.

Call loan rates, which had run up to 5 1/2% during the disturbance mentioned, have dropped back to 4 1/2% and the increasing reserves reported by the Federal Reserve System seem to indicate that any serious stringency in the money market this Fall is quite unlikely. Reports from the steel industry are of a more cheerful tone. The U. S. Corporation states that its wire production has materially increased under the stimulus of an advance in prices of from two to three dollars per ton.

The Government report of foreign trade for August shows an increase in volume for both exports and imports as well as balance in favor of this country, and gold continues to flow automatically to this centre, the receipts week by week aggregating a large amount. Foreign exchange has been irregular. Sterling declined early but recovered later in the week while German marks have been quoted in this market at only a fraction above 0.90.

Under these conditions the stock market has been more active than of late and the trend of prices has been toward a higher level. A considerable number of prominent railway issues have fluctuated over a range of from 2 to 3 1/2 points with net results somewhat smaller. Industrials, led by Bald. Loc. and Mex. Pet., have covered from 3 to over 6 points with similar results.

The following sales have occurred this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Sales for week, Range for week, Range since Jan. 1. Lists various stocks like Am Br Shoe & F., American Chicle, etc., with their respective sales and price ranges.

For volume of business on New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Boston exchanges, see page 1227.

State and Railroad Bonds.—No sales of State bonds have been reported at the Board this week.

The market for railway and industrial bonds, in response to easier money market conditions and a better investment demand, has been more active than during the summer months and has broadened its scope. More than three-fourths of the issues traded in have moved to a higher level and several are unchanged.

A list of the exceptional feature includes Balt. & Ohio, Canadian Nat., Ches. & Ohio, Rock Island, Cuba Cane Sugar, Du Ponte, So. Pacific, Sinclair and the Steels.

United States Bonds.—Sales of Government bonds at the Board are limited to the various Liberty Loan issues.

Table titled 'Daily Record of Liberty Loan Prices' showing sales of various Liberty Loans (First, Second, Third, Fourth, Victory) with columns for dates and prices.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Table showing transactions in registered bonds with columns for bond type, price, and date.

Quotations for Short-Term U. S. Govt. Obligations.

Table showing quotations for short-term U.S. government obligations with columns for maturity, rate, bid, asked, and price.

Foreign Exchange.—Sterling exchange moved within comparatively narrow limits. In the Continental exchanges reichsmarks again established a new low record.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 3 64/64 for sixty days, 3 69/64 for 90 days, and 3 70/64 for 120 days. Commercial banks sight 3 69/64 for 30 days, 3 63/64 for 60 days, 3 61/64 for 90 days, and 3 61/64 for 120 days.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 6.85 for 6.98 for long and 6.91 for 7.04 for short. German bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short bills.

Exchange at Paris on London, 53.25 francs; week's range, 51.70 francs high and 53.25 francs low.

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies like Sterling, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, and Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders.

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par. St. Louis, 15@25c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. San Francisco, par. Montreal, \$120.325 per \$1,000 premium. Cincinnati, par.

The Curb Market.—Prices in the Curb Market this week moved in uncertain fashion, an upward movement being usually followed by profit-taking. Trading was quite active and covered a broad list of securities. MacAndrews & Forbes com., while not specially active, was conspicuous for an advance from 89 1/2 to 106, due to the declaration of a quarterly dividend of 2 1/2% as against 1 1/2% paid previously.

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Sept. 10 to Friday Sept. 16), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Railroads, etc.), PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1, and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1920.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-rights. | Less than 100 shares. a Ex-dividend and rights. z Ex-dividend. b Ex-rights (June 15) to subscribe share for stock of Gen. Allden Coal Co. at \$5 per share and ex-dividend (100% in stock Aug. 22).

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For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see second preceding page.

Table with columns for date (Saturday Sept. 10 to Friday Sept. 16), price per share, and stock names under 'NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE'. Includes sub-columns for 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1' and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1920'. Lists various stocks like Am Smelt, American Sugar, and many others.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-rights. § Ex-div. and rights. ¶ Par value \$100. ○ Old stock. § Ex-dividend.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see third preceding page

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Sept. 10, Monday Sept. 12, Tuesday Sept. 13, Wednesday Sept. 14, Thursday Sept. 15, Friday Sept. 16); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1; and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1920. Includes various stock listings like Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) P., Lorillard (P.), Mackay Companies, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sale on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-rights. α Ex-div. and rights. x Ex-div. e Reduced to basis of \$25 par. # Par \$100.

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Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now—"and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds.

Table of U.S. Government, Foreign Government, and State and City Securities. Columns include Bond Name, Interest, Price, Week's Range, Range Since Jan. 1, and High/Low.

Table of U.S. STOCK EXCHANGE bonds. Columns include Bond Name, Interest, Price, Week's Range, Range Since Jan. 1, and High/Low.

*No price Friday; latest bid and asked. aDue Jan. dDue April. eDue May. pDue June. hDue July. kDue Aug. qDue Oct. pDue Nov. qDue Dec. sOption sale.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Rate, Price, Week's Range, Range Since Jan 1, and various other financial metrics. It is divided into two main sections: N.Y. STOCK EXCHANGE and 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, Price (Friday Sept 16), Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Rate Since Jan 1, and Range Since Jan 1. Includes sub-sections for N.Y. Stock Exchange and Southern Pacific Co.

* 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.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Sept. 10 to Friday Sept. 16) and stock prices. Includes a 'Sales for the Week' column.

Table listing various stocks and bonds under the heading 'STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE'. Columns include stock names, share counts, and price ranges for the current year and previous years.

* Bid and asked prices. d Ex-dividend and rights. e Assessment paid. A Ex-rights. B Dividend. P Par Value \$10 per share.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Sept. 10 to Sept. 16, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes items like U S Lib Loan 3 1/2%, 1st Lib Loan 4%, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Sept. 10 to Sept. 16, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes items like American Radiator, American Shipbuilding, etc.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange Sept. 10 to Sept. 16, both inclusive compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes items like Amer Vitrifed Prod com 50, Amer Wind Glass Mach 100, etc.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, Sept. 10 to Sept. 16, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes items like Arundel Corporation, Celestine Oil, Cent Teresa Sugar pref., etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Sept. 10 to Sept. 16, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes items like Alliance Insurance, American Gas, Amer Railways, etc.

New York Curb Market.—Below is a record of the transactions in the New York Curb Market from Sept. 10 to Sept. 16, both inclusive, as compiled from 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 Sept. 16, Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes items like Industrial & Miscell., Acme Coal, Acme Packing, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range since Jan. 1., Other Oil Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range since Jan. 1.

Table with multiple columns: Bonds (Concluded), Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jun. 1. Includes various bond listings with prices and dates.

Quotations for Sundry Securities.

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "f."

Large table listing various securities including Standard Oil Stocks, RR. Equipments, and other financial instruments with their respective prices and market status.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Table listing New York City Banks and Trust Companies with columns for Bank Name, Assets (A), Liabilities (L), and other financial metrics.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Table listing New York City Realty and Surety Companies with columns for Company Name, Assets (A), Liabilities (L), and other financial metrics.

* Ex-dividend. † New stock. ‡ Ex-dividend. § Ex-rights. ¶ Last sale. # Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. * New stock. † Last sale. ‡ Nominal. § Ex-dividend. ¶ Ex-rights.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the first week of September. The table covers 18 roads and shows 11.87% decrease in the aggregate from the same week last year:

Table with columns: First Week of September, 1921, 1920, Increase, Decrease. Lists 18 roads and their earnings for the first week of September 1921 and 1920, along with percentage changes.

Net earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.—The table following shows the gross and net earnings with charges and surplus of STEAM railroad and industrial companies reported this week:

Table with columns: Gross from Railway, Net from Railway, Net after Taxes. Lists various railway and industrial companies with their gross and net earnings for 1921 and 1920.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PUBLIC UTILITY COS.

Table with columns: Name of Road or Company, Month, Latest Gross Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Jan. 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Lists numerous electric railway and public utility companies with their monthly and cumulative earnings.

Table with columns: Name of Road or Company, Month, Latest Gross Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Jan. 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Continuation of the table from the previous section, listing more companies and their earnings.

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.

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, Net after Taxes, Fixed Charges, Balance, Surplus. Lists companies with their gross earnings, net earnings after taxes, fixed charges, and balance/surplus.

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 Aug. 27. The next will appear in that of Sept. 24.

New York New Haven & Hartford RR.

(Report for the Quarters ending June 30 and March 31.)

In view of the interest in this company's affairs we have obtained a transcript of the quarterly reports made by it to Public Service Commission for the first two quarters of 1921 and 1920. The net results for the month of July are so much more favorable that we show those in comparison with the earlier months of the year as reported to the I.-S. C. Commission.

Table: Total Operating Revenue and Railway Operating Income (After Taxes) for 1921. Columns: Gross, Net, March, Gross, Net. Rows: July, June, May, April.

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTERS ENDING JUNE 30 AND MARCH 31 IN 1921 AND 1920.

Table: Income Statement for the Quarters ending June 30 and March 31 in 1921 and 1920. Columns: June 30 Quarter, March 31 Quarter. Rows: Transportation, Passenger, Other transportation, Incidental, Joint facility, Total oper. revenues, Operating Expenses, Total oper. expenses, Net revenue from oper., Railway tax accruals, Uncollectible revenues, Operating income, Non-Operating Income.

Table: Operating Statistics for Calendar Years. Columns: 1920, 1919, 1918. Rows: Revenue freight-tons, Revenue freight ton-miles, Average freight rev. per train-mile, Average rev. per ton of freight, Passengers carried, Average pass. rev. per train-mile, Average revenue per passenger.

After allowing, no doubt, for Federal guaranty or compensation and lap-overs. The Federal compensation during Federal control Jan. 1 1918 to Feb. 29 1920 amounted to \$17,095,884 per annum.—V. 113, p. 1053.

Colorado & Southern Railway Co.

(22d Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1920.)

This company is controlled by the Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR. by ownership of \$23,657,500 of the \$31,000,000 Common stock, and the corporate income statement for the years 1919 and 1920 taken from the report of that company (and these as now in the present report referred to as not a final statement) was given in "Chronicle" of June 4, p. 2413.

President Hale Holden, Chicago, Jan. 1, said in substance:

Federal control ended on Feb. 29 1920. The annual compensation for the use of the properties by the U. S. RR. Administration was as follows: but these figures are based on the average net operating revenues of the companies for the 3-year period to June 30 1917 inclusive, and they are subject to a revision (not yet completed) by the I.-S. C. Commission.

Operating Results.—For the entire year compared with 1919 these show the following changes:

Table: Changes in Operating Revenue and Expenses. Columns: Incr'se Oper. Rev., Incr'se Oper. Exp., Change in Oper. Rev. Rows: C. & S. Ry., F.W. & D.C. Ry., Wich. Vall. Ry.

Percentages of Oper. Revs. Required for Oper. Expenses—1920, 1919. Rows: The Colorado & Southern Ry. Co., Fort Worth & Denver City Ry. Co., The Wichita Valley Railway Co.

Funded Debt.—During the year the following changes have been made in the long-term debt:

(1) Colorado & Southern Ry. Co.—15 6% notes of \$70,000 each were issued under Equipment Trust Agreement dated Jan. 15 1920 to Director-General of Railroads for 300 55-ton capacity all steel hopper coal cars and 5 heavy Santa Fe type locomotives; total note issued, \$1,050,000.

(2) Fort Worth & Denver City Ry. Co.—15 6% notes of \$17,200 each, issued under Equipment Trust Agreement, dated Jan. 15 1920, to Director-General of Railroads for 5 heavy Mikado locomotives; total issued, \$258,000.

(3) Deferred rentals retired under Eq. Tr. Agreement, ser. "C" \$112,000.

Improvements.—For the physical improvements and developments of the system the following sums have been expended: Improvements, &c., in 1920—

Table: Improvements, &c., in 1920. Columns: Colo. & So. F.W. & D.C. Wich. Vall. Rows: Total, Less equipment retired.

Federal Valuation.—It is believed that the engineering and land reports of the Bureau of Valuation will be received before the end of 1921, and that the tentative valuation will be announced early in 1922.

Maintenance, &c., in Colorado & Southern Ry. Co.—During the year 27.01 miles of new 90-lb. ARA Type "A" rail were laid in the main line, replacing worn 75-lb. and 85-lb. rail, while 12,000 ft. of 56-lb. rail were laid in narrow-gauge main line. 26,180 90-lb. rail anchors and 46,978 85-lb. rail anchors were applied to main line track, and 74,000 tie plates were applied on standard-gauge main line track, and 33,205 plates were applied on narrow-gauge main line track. 413,403 cross-ties were renewed; 10 miles of main track were ballasted with gravel or waste rock and 2.8 miles with volcanic cinder.

Agricultural Products.—In 1917 the Colorado & Southern, Fort Worth & Denver City and the Wichita Valley lines handled 1,932,526 tons, representing agricultural, live stock, forest and farm implement products, and in 1919 these three lines handled 2,512,505 tons of the same products, an increase of 30% over 1917. The number of carloads of live stock handled into the Denver Union Stock Yards by the Colorado & Southern in 1910 was 3,953 cars, and in 1920 10,046 cars, showing an increase of 154%.

In dairying the production has increased rapidly in Colorado & Southern territory. Union County, N. Mex., leads that State in daily production, having over 10,000 cows in the county classed as milk stock in 1920 as compared with 5,000 in 1917. Of the 63 counties in Colorado 14 counties which are served by the Colorado & Southern have approximately 60,000, or 24% of the total number of milk cows in the State.

Maintenance on Ft. Worth & Denver City Ry. Co.—During the year 15.48 miles of 85-lb. rail and 28.91 miles of 90-lb. ARA Type "A" rail were laid in the main line; also 40,185 rail anchors and 118,225 tie plates. 119,766 cross-ties were renewed in the main line. Approximately 32 miles of repair gravel ballast were applied on tracks previously ballasted.

Oil, &c.—Oil production along the line of the Fort Worth & Denver City Ry. Co. has been steady throughout the year, but there has been a considerable decrease in crude oil and its products received from connections. Although there were large increases in the production of crops throughout this territory, the farmers were unable to market them profitably and consequently unable to make improvements or increase area under cultivation.

Denver & Interurban RR.—The property has been operated by a receiver since June 12 1918, and the operation for the year 1920 shows operating revenues \$296,784 agst. \$276,344 in 1919; operating expenses, \$363,735 agst. \$177,104; balance, deficit, \$66,951 agst. net earnings of \$99,240; deficit after fixed charges, \$175,991 agst. \$23,607 in 1919.

On Labor Day, Sept. 6 1920, a head-on collision occurred between a regular and an excursion train, which resulted in the death of 12 and the injury of 134 passengers. Claims amounting to a substantial sum were presented and settled before Dec. 31 1920; the charges to operating expenses on account of this unfortunate accident adversely affected the results on this property for the year.

Colorado Springs & Cripple Creek District Ry.—The property was operated by the receiver throughout the spring and summer months of 1920. Operation was discontinued about Oct. 1 1920 and has not since been resumed.

Trinity & Brazos Valley Ry.—The property was returned to the receiver under provisions of Transportation Act, 1920, on March 1. The receiver has succeeded in obtaining advances for losses in operation during the guaranty period.

OPERATING STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table: Operating Statistics for Calendar Years. Columns: 1920, 1919, 1918. Rows: Revenue freight-tons, Revenue freight ton-miles, Average freight rev. per train-mile, Average rev. per ton of freight, Passengers carried, Average pass. rev. per train-mile, Average revenue per passenger.

OPERATING STATEMENT OF COLORADO & SOUTHERN RAILWAY (1,099 MILES) FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table: Operating Statement of Colorado & Southern Railway. Columns: 1920, 1919, 1918, 1917. Rows: Operating Revenues, Freight, Passenger, Mail, express, &c., Total oper. revenues, Maint. of way & struc., Maint. of equipment, Traffic, Transportation, General, Miscellaneous, Operating expenses, Net revenue, Tax accruals, &c., Operating income, Hire of equipment, Dividend income, Income from fund. sec., Miscellaneous, Gross income, Deduct, Hire of equipment, Rents, &c., Int. on funded debt, Miscellaneous, First pref. div. (4%), Second pref. div. (4%), Balance, surplus.

COLORADO & SOUTHERN RY. INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEAR 1920

Table: Colorado & Southern Ry. Income Account for Year 1920. Columns: Federal Oper. Guar. Period (Jan. & Feb.), 4 Mos. (Mar.-Aug.), Total (Sep.-Dec.), Total for Year. Rows: Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net from oper., Ry. tax accruals, Uncollec. ry. rev., Ry. oper. income, Rents & hire of equip., Standard return (Jan. and Feb.), Federal guar. 6 mos. end. A. G. 31 (est.), Inc. fr. lease of road, Dividend income, Inc. from fund. sec., Income from unfund. secur. & accounts, Miscell. income, Gross income, Rents & hire of equip., Rent for leased roads, Miscell. tax accruals, Int. on funded debt, Int. on unfund. debt, Amortization, Miscell. charges, Net income, 1st pref. dividend, 2d pref. dividend, Inc. to P. & L.

* Includes corporate general expenses and war taxes for Jan. & Feb. 1920 and the corporate lapovers prior to Jan. 1 1918 excl. from other columns.

OPERATING STATEMENT OF FORT WORTH & DENVER CITY RY. (454 MILES) FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns (1920, 1919, 1918, 1917) and rows for Freight revenue, Passenger revenue, Mail, express, &c., Total oper. revenue, Maint. of way & struc., Maint. of equipment, Traffic, Transportation, General, Miscellaneous, Operating expenses, Net revenue, Tax accruals, &c., Operating income, Hire of equipment, &c., Gross income, Hire of equip., joint facility rents, &c., Int. on funded debt, Miscellaneous, Invest. in phys. prop'y, Common dividend (8%), Balance, surplus.

x Practically all on stock owned by Colorado & Southern Ry.

FORT WORTH & DENVER CITY RY. INCOME ACCT. FOR YEAR 1920.

Table with 4 columns (Federal Oper. Guar. Period 4 Mos., Total Year, *Corp. Inc. For Year) and rows for Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net from oper., Ry. tax accruals, Uncollec. ry. revs., Ry. oper. income, Hire & rent of equip., Standard return, Inc. from fund. sec., Inc. from unfunded securities & acc'ts, Miscell. income, Due under guaranty, Gross income, Hire & rent of equip., Rent for leased roads, Int. on funded debt, Int. on unfund. debt, Miscell. charges, Net income, Dividends, Bal. to P. & L.

* Includes corporate general expenses and war taxes for Jan. & Feb. 1920 and the corporate lapovers prior to Jan. 1 1918 excl. from other columns. The corporate income account for the year of the Wichita Valley Ry. shows: Operating revenue, \$1,526,432; operating expenses, \$1,372,328; net from operations, \$154,105; operating income (after taxes), \$96,431; standard return (Jan. & Feb.), \$58,728; estimated amount due under guaranty, \$270,738; other non-operating income, \$248,987; gross income, \$574,884; income deductions, \$431,498; balance to P. & L., \$143,386.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 1920 (Compare V. 111, p. 384.)

Table with 4 columns (Assets, Liabilities) and rows for Investment in road and equipment, Deposited in lieu of mtge. property, Miscellaneous physical property, Investments in affiliated companies, Other investments, Cash, Time drafts and deposits, Agents and conductors, Materials and supplies, Other current assets, Special deposits, Traffic, &c., balance receivable, Miscellaneous accounts receivable, Interest and dividends receivable, U. S. Gov't deferred assets, Deferred assets, Unadjusted debits, Total, Capital stock, Common stock, Preferred stock, Funded debt, Non-negotiable debt to affiliated cos., Traffic, &c., balances, Audited accounts & wages payable, Miscellaneous accounts, Interest matured unpaid, Dividends, &c., matured unpaid, Unmatured interest, &c., accrued, U. S. Gov't deferred liabilities, Other deferred liabilities, Accrued depreciation, &c., Tax liability, Operating reserves, Unadjusted credits, Add'to prep. through inc. & sur., Appropriated surplus, Profit and loss, Total.

y Investments in affiliated companies include: (a) stocks, \$5,960,276; (b) bonds, \$11,332,327; (c) notes, \$1,323,002; (d) advances, \$386,226. -V. 112, p. 2413.

Boston & Maine Railroad.

(Results for the Quarters ending June 30 and March 31.)

The detailed statement of earnings for the first two quarters of 1921 and 1920 as furnished to the Massachusetts P. S. Commission and the monthly results (after taxes but before rents) as reported to the I.-S. C. Commission are given below:

Total Operating Revenue and Railway Operating Income (After Taxes) for 1921.

Table with 4 columns (Gross, Net, Gross, Net) and rows for July, June, May, April.

INCOME STATEMENT FOR QUARTERS END. JUNE 30 AND MAR. 31.

Table with 4 columns (June 30 Quarter, 1921, 1920, March 31 Quarter, 1921, 1920) and rows for Transportation, Freight, Passenger, Other transportation, Transport'n, water line, Incidental, Joint facility, Total oper. revenues, Operating Expenses, Maint. of way & struc., Traffic, Transportation, rail line, Transport'n, water line, Miscellaneous operations, General, Transp. for investment, Total oper. expenses, Net revenue from oper., Railway tax accruals, Uncollectible ry. rev., Ry. operating income, Non-Operating Income, Rent from equipment, Joint facility rent income, Inc. from lease of road, Misc. rent income, Dividend income, Income from funded sec., Income from unfunded securities and accounts, Miscellaneous income, Gross income, Deductions, Hire of freight cars, Rent for equipment, Joint facility rents, Rents for leased roads, Miscellaneous rents, Interest on funded debt, Int. on unfunded debt, Total deductions, Applied to sinking and other reserve funds, Dividend appropriations, Invest'm't in phys. prop., Balance, deficit.

Table with 4 columns (1921, 1920, 1921, 1920) and rows for Ry. operating income, Non-Operating Income, Rent from equipment, Joint facility rent income, Inc. from lease of road, Misc. rent income, Dividend income, Income from funded sec., Income from unfunded securities and accounts, Miscellaneous income, Gross income, Deductions, Hire of freight cars, Rent for equipment, Joint facility rents, Rents for leased roads, Miscellaneous rents, Interest on funded debt, Int. on unfunded debt, Total deductions, Applied to sinking and other reserve funds, Dividend appropriations, Invest'm't in phys. prop., Balance, deficit.

Atlantic Refining Co.

(Semi-Annual Statement of Earnings—6 Mos. end. June 30 '21)

The consolidated profit and loss statement for the six months ending June 30 1921 will be found in the advertising columns of this issue.

Table with 4 columns (1921, 1920, 1921, 1920) and rows for Gross income, Raw material, operating expenses, &c., Net income, Other income, Total income, Interest, Insurance and other reserves, Depreciation and depletion, Federal taxes, Inventory adjustment, Net income, Previous surplus (adjusted), Dividends, Profit and loss surplus June 30.

International & Great Northern Railway Co.

(Tenth Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1920.)

Thornwell Fay, Executive Officer, Houston, Texas, July 15, reported to Jas. A. Baker, the receiver, in substance:

"Interest Deductions."—The corporate income statement shows the "interest deductions" as \$1,776,192. This includes (along with the \$930,643 interest paid—see below) the interest accrued during the year, amounting to \$845,616 on the company's obligations in default, no portion of which has been paid [viz.: (a) On 3-year 5% notes, \$550,000; (b) on First Ref. bonds, \$55,400; (c) on defaulted coupons of 3-year notes, \$203,500, and on defaulted coupons of First Ref. bonds, \$20,215; (d) on judgment claims antedating receivership, \$16,330; (e) other, \$171].

Following is summary of the fixed charges paid during the year on authority of the Court: (a) Principal: Equipment notes of 1913, \$100,000, and Equipment notes of 1916, \$78,000. (b) Interest: Equipment notes of 1913, \$16,458; Equipment notes of 1916, \$26,730; receiver's certificates, \$84,000; Colorado Bridge bonds, \$13,120; 1st M. bonds, \$790,335; total, \$1,108,643. Receiver's Certificates.—The receiver's certificates, \$1,400,000, due to have been paid on Nov. 1 1920, were extended on authority of the Court for a period of one year at the same rate of interest, 6% per annum. Claims.—On Dec. 31 1920 there were \$296,607 unpaid claims dating prior to the receivership on Aug. 10 1914, \$296,607, principally for personal injury, loss and damage of freight and damage to live stock, all of which have been reduced to judgment but without preference. No provision has been made for funds with which to pay these accounts. They are accruing interest at 6% per ann. from the dates of judgment.

Federal Control.—Federal control ended at midnight Feb. 29 1920, but this road's contract with the U. S. R.R. Administration was not signed until Feb. 28 1920. The rental compensation fixed was \$1,577,530 per ann., or \$3,413,671 for the entire 26 months of Federal control—far short of "just compensation" in view of the income resulting from operations during the calendar years of 1916 and 1917, directly caused by the expenditure of large sums of money during the years 1915, 1916 and 1917, for equipment, ballast and other improvements. The average "test period" income was not a fair measure of just compensation. The net income during the calendar year of 1917 amounted to \$3,254,472 nearly as much as the total amount allowed by the Director-General for the whole of the 26 months of Federal control. A very complete showing of our case was made to the Director-General, but without appreciable results.

The property when returned to us on March 1 1920 was not in as good repair nor as well equipped as it was on Jan. 1 1918. We have filed claims for the amount necessary to meet this deficiency of guaranteed maintenance. When the property passed into the hands of the Director-General it was in good physical condition, and its net earnings were most satisfactory. When it was returned to us it was not in as good physical condition, and was operating at a loss of more than \$1,500,000 per ann. due largely to the enormous increase in wages, coupled with new working rules, requiring the payment of wages for skilled workmen to ordinary laborers, and the employment of two or three people to do the same job of work that formerly required the service of only one employee. Heavy penalties are now inflicted for extra service. For example, if a shop employee is called, after being released, to fix a headlight on a locomotive, he receives pay for five hours, notwithstanding it may require only 30 minutes or one hour to do the work, and in addition, he must be furnished with one or more helpers or

assistants. Final settlement with the Director-General of matters growing out of Federal control of railroads has not yet been made.

Wage Increase.—The pay-rolls have increased due to the Adamson Law, Federal control and the U. S. R.R. Labor Board, from \$4,733,589 in the year 1916 to \$10,987,899 in the year 1920.

Guaranty Period.—The United States offered to guarantee that the operating income for a period of six months, March 1 to Aug. 31 1920, should not be less than an amount equal to one-half of the annual compensation named in the contract with the Director-General of Railroads.

Federal Valuation.—It is expected that the accounting, engineering and land reports will be presented to us by the Inter-State Commerce Commission during the year 1921, and it is probable that the tentative report of valuation will be rendered about Jan. 1 1922.

Operating Revenues.—Gross operating revenues amounted to \$19,514,093 (the largest in the history of the property), an increase of \$5,103,802 as compared with 1919, or 35.4%. Notwithstanding this large increase in gross revenues, the operating results for the year show a loss of \$1,644,731.

Summary Shows Monthly Gross Revenues.

Table with columns for months (Jan to July) and years (1920, 1919, Increase). Rows show revenue figures and percentage increases for each month.

U. S. mail revenue shows an increase of \$422,532, or 209.4%, of which \$307,637 relates to the period of Nov. 1 1916 to Dec. 31 1919, being retroactive allowances under decision of the I.-S. C. Commission.

Express revenue amounted to \$507,926, an increase of 21.5%, due to increase in volume of business.

Miscellaneous transportation revenue amounted to \$128,773, an increase of \$93,099, or 319.8%, due to the re-establishment of settlements with connecting lines for switching service.

On July 29 1920 general increases in rates of transportation were authorized, the freight and switching rates being increased 35% in this territory. On account of the time required to fix the necessary tariffs it was not until Aug. 26 that the rates became effective.

The revenue derived from freight traffic increased \$3,926,909, or 39%. This increase is due to increase of 27% in tons hauled one mile, and the increase in freight rates granted by the Inter-State Commerce Commission effective Aug. 26 1920.

Revenue from passengers increased \$495,617, or 14.5%. The number of revenue passengers carried was 2,161,798, an increase of 102,914 compared with the previous year and is the largest number of passengers handled in any one year in the history of the road.

Operating Expenses.—Operating expenses amounted to \$20,277,879, an increase of \$4,838,291, or 31.9%—nearly 2 1/2 times the expenses for the year 1917, with only a small increase in the volume of business as reflected by the total revenue service train miles—4,379,399 train miles in 1917 and 4,446,650 train miles in 1920, an increase of less than 2%.

Maintenance of Way and Structures.—The increase of \$747,127 is due principally to the increase in rates of pay effective May 1 1920, and to increases in force and material, especially ties applied during the first six months after the end of Federal control, made necessary by reason of failure on the part of the Director-General to fulfill his contract maintenance obligation before the property was returned to you.

The average cost of cross ties, 628,017; bridge ties (B. M. in feet), 357,162; switch ties (B. M. in feet), 906,960; 32,926 tie plates were applied. The average cost of cross ties was \$1,247.39, bridge ties \$41,567.99 per thousand B. M. and switch ties \$44,226.60 per thousand B. M., as compared with \$1,099.66, \$38,570.00 and \$37,014.34, respectively, for 1919.

The work of relaying 59 miles between Longview Junction and Palestine with new 85-lb. steel rail, releasing 75-lb. rail, commenced during Federal control, was completed during the year. This section of track, on which the traffic density is heavy, is now in excellent condition, well ballasted with gravel and laid with 60.5 miles of 85-lb. rail and 20.8 miles of 75-lb. rail. On the Columbia branch 40 miles of 75-lb. re-layer rail was put down.

Maintenance of Equipment.—These expenses increased \$950,341, or 24.6%, of which approximately \$550,000 is due to wage increases granted maintenance of equipment employees by the Labor Board, effective May 1 1920, and the national agreement made with the same class of employees by the Director-General, which was in effect only eight months of the year 1919.

Average Cost of Repairs Per Unit of Equipment Owned During the Year. Table with columns for Locomotives, Freight Cars, Passenger Cars and rows for years 1920 and 1919.

Transportation Expenses.—The increase of \$2,996,491, or 41.3%, in transportation expenses is due to wage increases made effective May 1 1920 by the Labor Board, increase in the cost of fuel for locomotives and increase in number of employees on account of the increase in traffic handled.

The cost of conducting transportation has been seriously affected by the unbalanced movement of traffic resulting from the preponderance of southbound tonnage for export through Gulf ports and the Mexico gateway at Laredo.

The increase in price of fuel oil accounts for \$1,200,000 of the transportation expense increase, while \$650,000 of the amount is due to the wage award of the Labor Board.

The fuel cost per locomotive mile in 1920 was more than 3 1/2 times the cost in the year 1916.

Taking these two items into consideration, with the unbalanced traffic, for the purpose of elimination to reach a more normal basis of operating expenses, we find that the cost of conducting transportation would have been 36.12% of the total operating revenues, instead of 52.58%, or a saving of approximately \$5,600,000. This is a striking illustration of the effect on the cost of railroad operations growing out of the changed conditions during and following the World War.

Needed Improvements.—Shortage of funds, resulting from Federal control, and the general unsettled financial condition of the railroads, has rendered impossible the carrying forward of any extensive program of needed improvements.

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for years 1920, 1919, 1918, 1917. Rows include Average miles operated, Passengers carried, Revenue tons carried, etc.

INCOME FROM TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS.

Table with columns for Fed'12 Mos, Guar.6Mos, Corp.4Mos, Cons.12Mos, Federal 1920, 1919. Rows include Operating Revenues, Freight, Passenger, Mail, Express, Miscellaneous, etc.

OPERATING STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for years 1920, 1919, 1918, 1917. Rows include Operating Revenue, Freight, Passenger, Mail, Express, &c., Incidental, etc.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with columns for years 1920, 1919. Rows include Assets (Inv. in road & equip, Sinking funds, etc.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, etc.).

a Compensation account, \$3,417,981, less advances of \$2,655,684.—V.113,p.1053.

United Drug Co., Boston.

(Report for Half Year ending June 30 1921.)

The omission of the usual dividend on the Common stock and the declaration of the usual Pref. dividends are noted on a subsequent page. Compare V. 113, p. 544, 634, 1061.

President Louis K. Liggett says in substance:

Finances Improving.—Our quick assets show a decrease of \$6,000,000; the quick liabilities a decrease of \$16,350,000. However, there must be charged against this decrease in liabilities our issue of gold notes and gold bonds, amounting to \$15,000,000.

That there was not a further reduction in our quick liabilities was due to the fact that on Dec. 31 we had contract obligations for the completion and equipment amounting in all to \$4,281,000.

Our contracts for raw materials are below normal for the volume of business that we are now doing.

Inventories.—We have carefully reviewed our inventories, both in the manufacturing plants and retail stores, as of June 30, and have written them down to or below replacement value, so that we can say with safety

Protective Committee.—Joseph B. Mayer, F. L. Bartlett, William G. Baker, Jr., C. N. Mason, Henry M. Watts, T. Duncan Whelen, with Commonwealth Title Insurance & Trust Co., Philadelphia, depository.

Plan of Reorganization Dated Dec. 10 1920.

Table with 2 columns: Description of securities and their value. Includes items like 'Capital of Present Co. (excl. \$1,000,000 Com. stock)', '1st Mtge. bonds of Olean St. Ry.', etc.

Distribution of Securities of the New Corporation.

(1) Each depositor under protective agreement dated April 19 1920 for each \$1,000 bonds of present company with coupons of Jan. 1 1920 and since shall receive \$200 of Common stock of new corporation, whether or not such depositor shall have purchased the bonds and securities of the new corporation.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

General Industrial and Public Utility News.—The following table summarizes recent industrial and public utility news of a general character, such as is commonly treated at length on preceding pages under the caption "Current Events and Discussions" (if not in the "Editorial Department"), either concurrently or as early as practicable after the matter becomes public.

Steel and Iron Production, Prices, &c.

MARKET REVIEW.—"Iron Age" of Sept. 15 says in brief: (1) Advance in Wire.—"An advance of \$2 to \$3 per ton in the prices of the American Steel & Wire Co., effective Sept. 10, has broken the long succession of declines in steel products."

(2) Production Increases.—"The Steel Corporation's wire production, in response to the restocking orders, has gone up to 40% of capacity and promises to increase further. In sheets and tin plate the corporation's rate is still 50%. For all subsidiaries the average is 33%, against 30% in August."

"A reduction of 298,000 tons in the Corporation's unfilled orders, in August, has a more favorable construction than was generally given when it is stated that shipments were 100,000 tons more in August than in July."

"While reports are not of one tenor, demand on the whole is better than in August, indicating that July was the low month of the nine. (3) Other Prices.—Lag.—"Apart from wire, prices tend lower, the heavy products, plates, shapes and bars lagging most."

(4) Fabricated Steel.—"Fully 25,000 tons of fabricated steel work was awarded in the week, including 15,000 tons for the Federal Reserve Bank in New York, and 3,000 tons for viaducts in Pittsburgh. About 6,000 tons of new work has been added to pending projects."

(5) RR. Inquiries Increase.—"Equipment inquiries show some increase. One from the Rio Grande is for 1,000 steel cars and the Lackawanna is asking for 1,000. The B. & O., which is in the market for 1,000 cars and 1,000 steel underframe box car bodies, is also figuring on the repair of 3,000 to 6,000 freight cars of various types."

(6) Foreign.—"Our cable report puts the British steel output for August at 432,600 tons, indicating a marked recovery from the coal strike, as this is close to the Jan. and Feb. rate. Pig iron output at 93,600 tons in August is still abnormally low. Steel companies are working into a better market position as German and Belgian works become farther filled up."

(7) Prices.—In addition to the changes noted in the "Market Review" below, it is announced that Republic Iron & Steel Co., Chicago, three of the largest independent sheet manufacturers, on or about Sept. 15 announced a \$5 ton advance in black and galvanized sheets, putting their prices up from 2.75c. to 3c. in black and from 3.75c. to 4c. in galvanized."

Coal Production, Prices, Shipments, Etc.

WEEKLY REVIEW.—"Coal Age" of Sept. 15 reports in brief: (1) Outlook.—"The most hopeful signs indicating better business in the offing are the expected increase in purchasing power in the South because of the increase in cotton prices and the probable gain in purchasing power by the Northern and Western farmers because of the better market at home and abroad for their wheat."

of any of the last nine years. Compared with the average of the eight years preceding, 1921 is 62,000 tons in arrears and is steadily falling further behind.

(3) Bituminous—Shipments.—"The all-rail movement to New England during the first week of September was 2,580 cars, as compared with 2,670 in the preceding week. The smokeless shippers are still favored by the low range of marine freights and there is only a very scattering demand for the Pennsylvania coals all-rail."

"In the Middle West, where bituminous coal is sold for domestic purposes, the demand for lump has grown so heavy that many mines are at least two weeks behind in filling orders. Screenings are in heavy oversupply and have been softening rapidly."

"Lake shipments are dwindling rapidly. Dumpings during the week ended Sept. 10 were 451,595 net tons. While the interior markets served by the Head-of-the-Lake docks are taking more coal, the volume so shipped is not sufficient to provide dock storage space for the tonnage which has been going up the Lakes weekly. Total Lake dumpings for the season are 17,190,948 net tons, as compared with 12,918,876 tons for the same period in 1920."

Receipts of Coal at Duluth-Superior Harbor During the Season of 1921.

Table with 4 columns: Month, Hard, Soft, Total. Rows for May, June, July, August.

Total to Aug. 31 1921 1,206,699 6,513,729 7,720,428
Corresponding period, 1920 919,488 3,079,418 3,998,906

"Foreign markets are at a standstill and the movement of soft coal to tide fell off sharply during August. Dumpings at Hampton Roads during the week ended Sept. 8 for all accounts were 216,740 gross tons, an increase of 33,000 tons, accounted for by the tonnage which is being urged on New England and the desire of shippers to clear up tidewater accumulations on demurrage dumpings for foreign account aggregated only \$5,649 net tons."

(4) Anthracite.—"Production of hard coal fell off during week ended Sept. 3 being estimated at 1,790,000 net tons, compared with 1,893,000 during the preceding week. Western stocks of anthracite are heavy but dealers apparently feel that hard coal cannot go lower and are keeping their yards full. In the East the normal demand for this time of the year is being experienced, although there is a tendency to cut down seasonal household requirements, due, no doubt, to a desire to economize. The steam business has shown signs of awakening and there is much less independent distress tonnage being thrown on the market. New England anthracite receipts for the week ended Sept. 3 were 2,479 cars, or at the same rate as during the preceding week."

Coal Production in Great Britain in Gross Tons for Calendar Years.

Table with 4 columns: Week-1921-Yr. to Date, Week-1920-Yr. to Date, August 6, August 13, August 20, August 27.

Oil, Oil Products, Production, Prices, &c.

Prices.—Standard Oil Co. of N. J. on Sept. 15 reduced its oil prices, making the present price of kerosene in bulk 5 cents a gallon and gasoline in bulk 16 cents a gallon. "Wall St. J." Sept. 15. The Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana on Sept. 13 advanced prices for the certain grades of Haynesville crude oil 10c. and 5c. to 75c. and 65c. a bbl., respectively.

Other Prices, Wages & Trade Matters.

Ships of U. S. Registry Made Exempt from 1913 Contract by Int. Merc. Mar. Co.—See that company below and "Times" Sept. 10, p. 17. Also full text of original agreement in "Times" of Jan. 21 1921, p. 2.

Full Text of Award in Chicago Building Trades Case.—"Chicago Economist" Sept. 10, p. 564 to 565. Rehearing granted for Sept. 21 but withdrawn because of numerous failures, notably among hoisting engineers and pipe trades unions to submit to terms as agreed—"Fin. Am." Sept. 14, p. 4; Sept. 13, p. 1.

Table with 6 columns: By Train, Driven Away, By Boat, 1920, 1921. Rows for January through August.

* Partly estimated.

Prices.—A slight upward tendency is noted for prices in various lines. Sales of print cloths have fallen off with the higher prices due to the advance in cotton, and many mills are reported as "withdrawing" from the market. "Fruit of the Loom" (Consol. Textile Corp.) is selling at 19c. per yard agst. 17c. a week ago and 16c. abt. Aug. 1. Boston "N. B." Sept. 15, p. 2. Average retail food prices in 15 cities show an increase ranging from 1 to 8%.

Crushers have advanced prices for linseed oil 2c. a gallon to 75c. a gallon for carload lots because of flaxseed crop report. National Biscuit and Loose-Wiles have made another cut in prices. Wholesale prices for lumber have declined 30 to 75% at New York since Sept. 1 1920, according to A. R. Krichbaum of "Lumber," the trade publication, "Post" Sept. 10, p. 12. (Financial). "Glut in European Market," see "Times" Sept. 14, p. 32.

Legislation, Taxation and Miscellaneous.

Taxation.—Changes in tax bill proposed by Senate Finance Committee. See "Current Events" and "Times" Sept. 14 to 17 incl. German Mark on Sept. 15 Touches New Low, 92 1/2 c.—"Times" Sept. 16, p. 26. Purchases of Rolling Stock by China—U. S. Share Small.—"Ry. Review" Sept. 10, p. 350. Agricultural Department Forming New Board to Control Packers.—"Times" Sept. 16, p. 16.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of Sept. 10.—(a) Clearings for August, p. 1081, 1083. (b) U. S. crop report, p. 1083. (c) British exports in July, p. 1087. (d) Labor bonuses in Britain to cease, p. 1118. (e) German mark below one cent, p. 1099. (f) War Finance Corporation loans, &c., p. 1102. (g) Mexican Petroleum, findings in rumor case, p. 1103. (h) Report of Federal Reserve Bank regarding (1) Acceptances, (2) Petroleum situation, (3) building operations, (4) employment situation, (5) retail trade and prices, p. 1105 to 1107. (i) Gompers and A. F. of L., p. 1110. (j) Measures to relieve unemployment, p. 1110, 1111. (k) West Virginia coal labor troubles, p. 1111 to 1112. (l) Mexican oil settlement, p. 1113. (m) Views on Ford offer for Muscle Shoals plan, p. 1114. (n) Motor truck versus RRs. (Edward G. Riggs in the "Forum"), p. 1116 to 1118. (o) Wood pulp commission, p. 1122. (p) Weekly commerce reports, p. 1122. (q) Steel production in August, p. 1129. (r) Crude oil production and stocks in U. S. in July, p. 1129. (s) Lake Superior iron ore shipments in August, p. 1130.

Amalgamated Sugar Co.—Reported \$2,000,000 Financing. A dispatch from Salt Lake City states that it is reliably reported that Horace Havemeyer, New York, has succeeded in financing the company through Eastern banks in the sum of \$2,000,000.—V. 113, p. 852, 296.

American Linen Co., Fall River, Mass.—Resignation.—James E. O'born has tendered his resignation as Treasurer, to become effective in November.—V. 113, p. 420.

withdrawn and all subscriptions under it will be released and the properties will continue to be long to and shall be disposed of for the sole benefit of the syndicate.—V. 113, p. 855, 541.

Hudson Bay Co.—To Exploit Oil Fields—Earnings.—

The recent discovery of oil in several sections of Canada has brought to the company an unusual number of inquiries for land. In commenting on the situation, Sir Robert M. Kindersley, in a statement to stockholders, said in part:

"We have had many inquiries during the last year with regard to our mineral and oil rights, and I would like to take this opportunity to explain to you that as far back as 1910 we inserted a clause in our contracts for sale of lands retaining for the company all mineral rights. We have, therefore, all oil and other underlying rights that may exist on some four million acres of land, spread over the three Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, and the lands around our various fur posts. We entered into a provisional agreement some year or more ago with the Imperial Oil Co. to exploit certain of our lands, and a considerable amount of work has been done by it. This agreement has recently been renewed for a further three months.

"We are also negotiating with a firm of world-wide reputation in the oil industry for its co-operation with your company in the exploration of some of our lands for oil.

The London "Statist" of July 30 reports as follows:

Issued capital, £3,000,000, in 400,000 5% Cum. Pref. £5 shares and 1,000,000 Ordinary £1 shares.

Table with columns: Year to May 31, Fur Sales, General Trading, Interest from Land, Total Income, Taxes & Expenses, Net Income. Rows for 1915-1921.

Table with columns: Year to May 31, Net Profit, Div., Trade, Land, Amount, Special Alloc'n, Carried Forward. Rows for 1915-1921.

* Loss. z After transfer of £32,098 from taxation reserve to land account. x After provision for excess profits duty and other contingencies. y After transfer of £187,902 from taxation reserve to land account. a Year to March 31. b Subject to tax.—V. 113, p. 541.

Hupp Motor Car Corporation.—Balance Sheet June 30.—

Table with columns: Assets, Liabilities. Rows for Plant, equip., &c., Good-will, Cash, Accts. receivable, Inventories, Sundry secur., Can. Victory bds., Deferred charges, Liberty bonds, &c., Total.

—V. 113, p. 1872.

Imperial Oil Corp.—Stock Allotment Forecast.—

The engineering department indicates that development of property during this half-year period will entitle its stockholders to probably a 10% stock allotment at an early date. This will be the same as that distributed last May.—V. 113, p. 855.

Imperial Tobacco Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Dividends.—

An interim dividend of 1½% has been declared on the Ordinary stock, payable Sept. 29. The regular semi-annual dividend of 3% on the Preferred stock has also been declared, payable Sept. 30. An interim dividend of 1½% was paid on the Ordinary stock in June last.—V. 113, p. 736, 298.

Indiahoma Refining Co.—Attachment.—

"The Guaranty Trust Co., New York, has secured an attachment against the Export Oil Corp., Constantin Refining Co. and the Indiahoma Refining Co. in the amount of \$566,836.

Affairs of the Indiahoma Refining Co. have been in a bad tangle for a long time. At a meeting of its creditors a short time ago a committee of three bankers was appointed to go into the affairs of the company, and the creditors decided to wait for a report of this committee before making another move. The company formerly owned a half interest in the Export Oil Corp., but a short time ago it announced that it had sold its interest in this corporation to the Constantin Refining Co. So, to protect its interests, the Trust Co. included all three of these companies in its action.—V. 113, p. 957, 965.

Indiana Electric Corp.—Merger Denied.—

The Indiana Public Service Commission has denied the company's petition for authority to merge seven public utility companies and for authority to issue a total of \$12,100,000 stocks, bonds and notes with which to finance the purchase and to assume a total of \$8,962,000 liens against two of the companies. See V. 113, p. 855.

International Button Hole Sewing Machine Co.—Dividend Decreased.—

A quarterly dividend of 1% has been declared on the stock, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 15. This compares with 1½% paid quarterly from April 1920 to July 1921, incl., and 1% paid quarterly from 1907 to Jan. 1920, incl.—V. 110, p. 1192.

International Mercantile Marine Co.—Files New Agreement Exempting American Ships from British Compact.—

President P. A. S. Franklin submitted Sept. 9 to the Shipping Board a new agreement entered into with the British Government supplementary to the 1913 agreement, which bound the corporation "to pursue no policy injurious to the interests of the British mercantile marine or of British trade."

The new agreement, which provide, that vessels operated by the I. M. M. under the American flag shall not be regarded as affected by the original agreement was presented in compliance with a request made last March by the Board.

Mr. Franklin in a statement issued after his conference with board members said: "I am satisfied that this new agreement fully complies with the resolution of the Shipping Board, passed March 3 1921 and clearly defines what the company has always contended, that its agreements did not apply to any American flag vessels which it owns or operates. I am glad that a hearing is to be held at New York Oct. 4 and 5, with the object of thoroughly familiarizing the new Shipping Board with the affairs of the company." Compare also V. 112, p. 378, 1029.—V. 113, p. 966, 625.

Jenckes Spinning Co., Pawtucket, R. I.—Bonds Offered.—

Lee, Higginson & Co. and Harris, Forbes & Co. are offering at 99 and int., yielding over 8.10%, \$5,000,000 15-Year 8% Sinking Fund Gold Debenture bonds (see advertising pages):

Dated Sept. 1 1921, due Sept. 1 1936. Int. payable M. & S. at offices of Lee, Higginson & Co. in New York, Boston and Chicago, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and

\$500(*) Callable on any int. date as a whole, or in part in blocks of not less than \$500,000, or for sinking fund; at 110 during first 3 years, 107½ during next 2 years, 105 during 6th year and thereafter decreasing ½% in each year to 100½ the last year. Industrial Trust Co. of Providence, R. I., trustee.

Data from Letter of Treas. F. L. Jenckes, Pawtucket, R. I., Sept. 15.

Company.—Incorp. in Rhode Island in 1883, an outgrowth of a business which originated nearly 70 years ago. Manufactures fabrics for both cord and fabric tires. Plants can weave 700,000 pounds of tire fabric a week and spin all the yarn required for this output. Plants located at Pawtucket, R. I., and Gastonia, N. C., have 317,000 ring spindles. Products are sold to all of the leading tire manufacturers in the country.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used for additional working capital by retirement of current bank loans and other debt.

Capitalization (Upon Completion of Present Financing).

Table with columns: 15-Year 8% Sinking Fund Gold Debenture bonds, Preferred stock 7% Cumulative, Common stock, par value \$100.

Table with columns: Year, No. of Spindles, Sales, Profits, Federal Taxes, Net after Fed. Taxes. Rows for 1917-1921.

x After deducting current interest reserves for depreciation of plant, &c. Dividends.—Has maintained the regular 7% div. on its Pref. stock since issuance in 1911. During past 5 years net profits have aggregated \$7,946,240, of which cash dividends of \$707,319 have been paid on the Pref. stock and \$824,580 on the Com. stock and the balance, \$6,414,335, has been reinvested in the business. Stock dividends of \$300,000 in 1917 and \$1,800,000 in 1920 were paid on the Common stock.

Sinking Fund.—Annual payments to sinking fund will begin Jan. 1 1923 and will be at the following minimum rates: First 4 years to retire \$150,000 bonds a year; next 4 years to retire \$200,000 bonds a year; next 4 years to retire \$350,000 bonds a year; last 2 years to retire \$475,000 bonds a year, which amounts will be sufficient to retire at least 75% of this issue.

Directors.—Albert A. Jenks, Pres.; Isaac B. Merriman, V.-Pres. & Genl. Mgr.; F. L. Jenckes, Treas.; Robert J. Jenckes, Charles D. Owen, Jr., Houghton P. Metcalf, J. Richmond Fales.

Kansas Oklahoma & Gulf Holding Co.—Organized.—

See Kansas Okla. & Gulf Ry. under "Railroads" above.

Kennecott Copper Co.—Copper Production (in Lbs.).—

Table with columns: 1921-August-1920, 1921-8 Mos.-1920, Decrease. Rows for 5,174,740, 11,268,000, 6,093,260, 44,956,000, 75,877,660, 30,921,660.

B. B. & R. Knight, Inc.—Acquires Converse & Co. Stock.

The company has acquired in exchange for \$2,325,000 7% non-cumulative second preferred stock all the outstanding stock of Converse & Co., the New York Commission house selling agent for the B. B. & R. Knight Inc., Consolidated Textile Corp. and other cotton mills. [The Knight company recently created a \$3,000,000 issue of 7% non-cumul. pref. stock, for this purpose.—V. 113, p. 736.]

B. B. & R. Knight is controlled by the Consolidated Textile Corp. and the acquisition of Converse Co. is expected to result in increased selling efficiency and economies in operations throughout the entire organization. Converse & Co., with the same management, will continue as selling agents for the Knight, Consolidated Textile, and numerous other mills now represented by them.—V. 113, p. 736.

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—Financial Condition.—

Sales for each month in 1921 have shown an increase over figures for corresponding months of last year in spite of the decline in prices of most commodities. Sales for the 8 months ended Aug. 31 amounted to \$32,584,305 as compared with \$30,213,932 for 1920. The company now has 194 stores in operation.

Charles B. Van Dusen, Vice-President and General Manager, Sept. 15, says: "We have upwards of \$1,000,000 in cash on hand and no bank loans. We have only \$500,000 of commercial paper outstanding. A year ago at this time we had outstanding loans of \$4,683,000, which consisted of \$3,350,000 bank loans and \$1,333,000 commercial paper.

"On Dec. 30 1920 our inventories were all written at replacement values with no old merchandise on hand. Last year we had on hand over \$2,000,000 more merchandise than we have now. Last year's stock was abnormally high, but at present we are about normal.

"In spite of the fact that merchandise has been consistently on the toboggan throughout this year we all believe that 1921 will be the best year in the history of the company."—V. 113, p. 1161, 736.

Lamson & Hubbard Corp.—No Par Shares.—

The company has filed a certificate with the Mass. Commissioner of Corporations stating that stockholders have voted to change the Common shares (authorized 200,000, outstanding 120,000) of \$25 par value to an equal amount without par value.—V. 109, p. 1797.

Long Mfg. Co., Detroit.—Bonds Offered.—

King, Howland & Co., Chicago, are offering at prices ranging from 99.80 and int. to 95.65 and int., yielding 8.20%, according to maturity, \$300,000 8% 1st Mtge. Serial Gold bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1921. Due serially Sept. 1 1922 to 1931. Int. payable M. & S. without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 4% at National City Bank, Chicago, or Detroit Trust Co., Detroit, trustee. Callable at 105 on 60 days' notice after Jan. 1 1922.

Company.—Was established in 1903 and manufactures automobile radiators exclusively for both passenger cars and trucks. Has two plants, one at Detroit, Mich., used for manufacture of radiators for passenger cars, and one at Fremont, O., used for manufacture of radiators for trucks. Unfilled orders July 30 1921, \$1,500,000.

Purpose.—To retire current bank loans.

Earnings.—Net earnings applicable to payment of principal and interest for 6 years ended Dec. 31 1920 averaged over \$189,000, or over 7 times maximum annual interest on this issue.

Table with columns: Gross sales, Common stock outstanding. Rows for 1920, 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916, 1915.

Loose-Wiles Biscuit Co.—Accumulations—Report.—

A dividend of 1½% on account of back dividends covering period from Nov. 1 1916 to Feb. 1 1917, has been declared on the 2d Pref. stock, payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 10. A 1st Pref. account has been paid quarterly on this issue since Nov. 1 1920; 1½% was paid in May 1920.

The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1½% on the 1st Pref. stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June 1.

See also annual report under "Financial Report" above.—V. 113, p. 1161.

MacAndrews & Forbes Co.—Dividend Increased.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 2½% on the Common stock along with the regular quarterly dividend of 1½% on the Preferred stock. Both payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Sept. 30. In April and July last, quarterly dividends of 1½% each were paid on the Common stock; this compares with 2½% paid in July and Aug. 1920 and in Jan. 1921.—V. 112, p. 2089.

McCrary Stores Corporation.—August Sales.—

Table with columns: 1921-August-1920, 1921-8 Mos.-1920, Decrease. Rows for \$1,133,432, \$1,133,842, \$410, \$8,399,361, \$8,436,893, \$37,532.

—V. 113, p. 736, 299.

MacMillan Co. (Publishers), N. Y.—Capital Increase.—

The stockholders Sept. 14 voted to increase the capital stock from \$745,000, consisting of 1,450 shares Preferred and 6,000 shares Common stock, par \$100, to \$1,945,000, to consist of 1,450 Preferred and 18,000 shares of Common, par \$100. It is proposed to issue the additional Common stock as a 200% stock dividend. See V. 113, p. 1161.

Magnolia Petroleum Co.—Acquisition.—

The Western Oil Fields Corp. has sold to Magnolia Petroleum Co. its Desenberg lease of 50 acres in the Mexia field of Texas, including a 25,000 barrel well, for more than \$1,000,000 cash. This lease cost the Western

Deduct: Reserve for depletion, \$2,002,703; div. Pref. stock, \$207,336; div. Common stock, \$850,240; leases abandoned and sold, \$894,371; miscellaneous adjustments, \$886,500; adjustments and eliminations through consolidation, \$1,164,581; surplus May 31 1921, \$7,431,701.
Gross crude oil production, year ended May 31 1921, 1,427,899.99 bbls.—V. 113, p. 1162, 1060.

Rand Mines, Ltd.—Gold Output (in Ounces).—
1921—Aug.—1920. Increase 1921—8 Mos.—1920. Decrease.
711,526 702,083 9,443 5,329,582 5,543,028 213,446
—V. 113, p. 858, 543.

Remington Typewriter Co.—Obituary.—
Secretary George K. Gilluly died in Brooklyn, N. Y., on Sept. 11.—V. 112, p. 2313.

Royal Dutch Co.—Concessions.—
A recent dispatch from Amsterdam states that the Senate recently passed the Djambi Concessions Bill, and the Royal Dutch-Shell group has now definitely obtained the concession for the working of this big field, considered to rank among the richest in the world, although no definite borings have taken place as yet to bear out this view.
The Royal Dutch is also said to have applied for a concession for exploring all oil fields in the Dutch East Indies.—V. 113, p. 529.

Schofield Oil Co., Inc.—Receivers.—
Samuel L. Kessler and Frederick Schofield, Newark, N. J., were recently appointed receivers.

Sears Roebuck & Co., Chicago.—Business Improved.—
Officials say that business is improved and that sales so far this month are only 20% below September sales of last year. Indications are that the percentage of decreases will be materially reduced during the remainder of September.
It is stated that the number of orders received the past fortnight exceeded 650,000, or 100,000 more than a year ago.—V. 113, p. 1061, 737.

Singer Mfg. Co.—Dividend Payable in Francs.—
The directors have declared a dividend of 20 francs per share, payable Sept. 30 to holders of record Sept. 15. This compares with a dividend of 20 francs per share paid in March last, and one of 30 francs per share paid in Dec. 1920. Compare V. 111, p. 2529; V. 112, p. 379, 1151.

Standard Oil Co. of N. J.—Resumes Mexican Oil Exports.
President Walter C. Teagle, on his return from Mexico with other members of the committee representing American oil companies who had had negotiations with Mexican officials, said: "The companies which we represent expect to resume immediately their exportation of oil from Mexico, and it is hoped that they may be able to continue the development of the industry in Mexico to the advantage of all concerned, both the companies themselves and the Government and people of Mexico."—V. 113, p. 1061, 191.

Superior Oil Corporation.—Earnings.—
Results for Quarter and Six Months ending June 30.

	Three Mos.		Six Months
	1921.	1921.	1920.
Gross income	\$411,363	\$1,040,020	\$829,730
Expenses (oper., general & admin.)	598,197	927,399	286,250
Depreciation of plant and equipment		151,229	63,428
Depletion of producing wells		202,087	
Interest			39,924
Gross operating profit	loss\$186,834	loss\$240,695	\$440,128
Other income	4,328	8,099	
Net profit before Federal taxes	loss\$182,506	loss\$232,596	\$440,128

—V. 113, p. 427.

Tenth & Twenty-Third Street Ferry Co.—Bonds.—
Notice was given Sept. 14 that the committee appointed under the extension agreement of June 1 1919 has declared the principal of all extended First Mtge. bonds now outstanding to become due and payable on Sept. 19. All extended bonds should be surrendered to the Bankers Trust Co., substituted trustee, 16 Wall St., N. Y. City, on or before Sept. 19, for payment of principal and interest on that date, as no further interest will accrue on the bonds after Sept. 19.—V. 112, p. 1748.

Tindel-Morris Co.—Sale of Collateral.—
The Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh, trustee under collateral trust agreement dated May 1 1918, whereby Tindel-Morris Co. pledged \$750,000 1st Mtge. 6% 20-Year gold bonds due May 1 1938, securing an issue of \$600,000 6% notes, default having been made in the payment of the principal and interest of the notes and the trustee having been requested, in writing, by the holders of one-third of the notes, to sell the collateral securing the same, will sell, in one lot, the \$750,000 1st Mtge. 6% bonds at the office of J. M. Askin Co., auctioneers, Room 510, Peoples Bank Bldg., Pittsburgh, on Sept. 28, to the highest responsible bidder.—V. 112, p. 1748.

Toledo Edison Co.—New Name, &c.—
See Toledo Ry. & Light Co. under "Railroads" above and V. 113, p. 1157. It is reported that a group of New York bankers is negotiating for the purchase of an issue of \$13,500,000 new securities to prepare for \$10,000,000 Toledo W. Light & Pwr. Co. 7% notes maturing Dec. 1 1921, and \$3,000,000 7% bonds due Dec. 1 1922.

Truscon Steel Co.—Sales, &c.—
A press dispatch from Youngstown, O., Sept. 13, says: "August sales were 100% larger than those of April and the largest of any month in the year. The company is operating its pad mesh and hy-rib departments to capacity, working night and day. Its operations in all departments average 70%. An official of the company says the outlook is much improved."—V. 112, p. 1525.

United Drug Co.—Omits Common Dividend—Six Months Statement—New Director.—The directors on Sept. 12 voted to omit the payment of the quarterly dividend usually paid Oct. 1 on the outstanding \$33,925,100 Common stock.

Complete Common Dividend Record.

	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	Jan. to July 1921.	Incl. Oct. '21.
Regular	3 3/4	5	6 1/2	7 1/4	2% quarterly.	None.
Extra						

The directors declared the regular dividends of 1 1/4% on the 1st Pref. stock, payable Nov. 1 and of 1 1/2% on the 2d Pref. stock, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Oct. 15 and Nov. 16, respectively.
For semi-annual report see under "Financial Reports" above.
Frederick C. Dumaine has been elected a director and as a member of the executive committee.—V. 113, p. 1061, 634.

United Gas Improvement Co., Phila.—Company Willing to Enter Into Negotiations with City Regarding Gas Works Lease.
President Samuel T. Bodine has stated that the management is prepared to enter into negotiations with representatives of the city for "working out a better, fairer and more equitable arrangement than that under which the gas works are now being operated." Mr. Bodine's statement was given when he was asked as to the attitude of the company with regard to certain suggestions made by the Mayor a few days ago by a number of citizens, headed by Samuel H. Barker, for working out the gas problem.—V. 113, p. 1162.

United Oil Producers Corp.—Bonds.—
The \$4,000,000 8% guaranteed production bonds offered on Aug. 25, have practically all been sold, it is reported. These bonds are guaranteed by Imperial Oil Corp. and Middle States Oil Corp. See full details in V. 113, p. 635.

United States Food Products Co.—Possibility of Note Issue, &c.—The Boston "News Bureau" Sept. 10 says:
The company is considering some financing to provide working capital and to fund loans of about \$4,500,000. Originally these loans totaled \$6,000,000. The company has 140,000 barrels of whiskey in bond which it has been selling to wholesale druggists and grocers. It has a quantity of molasses on hand, which will doubtless be converted into alcohol before the new molasses season arrives.

The Food Products brands of yeast—a new line—have made a good impression, and the \$750,000 loss encountered last year from that branch of the business should be wiped out in 1921.
Eventually all of the former subsidiaries will be consolidated, eliminating many accounting duplications. There were about 30 subsidiaries of the old Distillers Securities Co. to which the Food Products Co. succeeded, and a number of them have already been dissolved under the new plan.—V. 112, p. 2650, 2199, 2080, 1875, 380, 169.

United States Steel Corp.—Unfilled Orders.—
See "Trade and Traffic Movements" above.—V. 113, p. 1163.

Vanadium Corp. of America, Inc.—Earnings.—
Net income, before depletion and depreciation charges in the 6 mos. ended June 30 1921, was \$86,613. After charging off \$146,904 for depreciation and depletion the first half year showed a total deficit of \$60,291.
Current assets as of June 30 were \$4,164,430, against current liabilities of \$27,968. These totals would leave a net working capital of \$4,136,462. Of the \$4,164,430 current assets, \$897,157 was in cash and receivables and the remainder in inventories consisting of raw vanadium and vanadium in the various stages of refinement.
So far this year the company's business has been poor, although much better than that of some of the steel companies, and since the close of the first six months there has been some improvement.
President J. Leonard Replogle states, however, that the company is in good financial shape and could stand two more years of the present depression without being in distress.—V. 112, p. 1612.

Victor Talking Machine Co.—Regular Dividends.—
The company has declared a quarterly dividend of \$10 per share on the Common stock, and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 on the Preferred stock, both payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Sept. 30. Like amounts were paid in July last on the Common and Preferred stocks.—V. 112, p. 1974.

Wagner Electric Mfg. Co., St. Louis.—Sales, &c.—
The company reports that its sales are about 50% of normal and that its plant is producing at 35% of its normal capacity. Business is being obtained equally in all of its lines, consisting principally of motors, generators, transformers and automobile equipment.

President W. A. Layman is quoted as saying that merchandise obligations had been reduced since Jan. 1 by 85% and that a reduction of 30% in all obligations had been effected. The inventory carryover has been reduced by about 25%.—"Electrical World" Sept. 10.—V. 111, p. 2532.

Western Oil Fields Corp.—Sells Mexia Lease.—
See Magnolia Petroleum Co. above.—V. 112, p. 661.

CURRENT NOTICES

Classes will begin at the Wall Street Division of the School of Commerce at New York University on Sept. 20. The curriculum of the school has been further expanded to meet the needs of firms and their employees in the financial district. The establishment of the Far Eastern Division at the Wall Street Centre for the promotion and study of trade relations with the East is one of the developments of the year. Additional courses in language will also be offered, including French, Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese and Russian. The new courses on the oil industry are also attracting much interest. The foreign trade and shipping fields are covered in a series of courses which are said to be more comprehensive than any similar group of courses offered by American educational institutions.

The "New Oil Fields of Northern Canada" is the title of an interesting pamphlet on the Mackenzie District that has recently been issued by the Department of the Interior through its Natural Resources Intelligence Branch at Ottawa. The report contains a description of the area of the new district, a resume of progress and development, a synopsis of the regulations and other valuable information regarding routes of transportation, communication, climate, sources of supply, accommodation and such details. A route map of the district accompanies the pamphlet which may be obtained free of charge, upon application to the Superintendent of the Natural Resource Intelligence Branch, Department of the Interior, Ottawa.

Announcement is made by Goodwillie & Co. of the opening of its offices in Chicago and Milwaukee for the transaction of an investment business in railroad, corporation and municipal bonds. Arthur L. Goodwillie, formerly Vice-President of C. F. Childs & Co. and later Vice-President of Counselman & Co., is President of the corporation; R. L. Megowen, formerly of Megowen & Co. and later General Sales Manager of Counselman & Co., is Vice-President, and Edward C. Stoddard, formerly with Henry L. Doherty & Co. of New York and later Secretary and Treasurer of Counselman & Co., is Treasurer. Goodwillie & Co. are incorporated under the laws of Illinois with a capital of \$600,000.

Walter M. Wellepp and Leonard M. Bruton announce the formation of the co-partnership of Wellepp-Bruton & Co., with offices at 413 Munsey Bldg., Baltimore, Md., for the purpose of conducting a conservative investment banking business. Mr. Wellepp has been connected with the New York Stock Exchange firm of Poe & Davies for the past six years, while Mr. Bruton was previously associated with Bruton, Runge & Morris.

P. H. Ryan and H. W. Culver have formed a partnership under the name of Culver & Co., with offices at 1504 Walnut St., Philadelphia, for the purpose of conducting a general investment business. Mr. Ryan recently acquired a membership in the Philadelphia Stock Exchange.

Dominick & Dominick have just prepared a booklet of 11 pages regarding the affairs of the North American Co., particularly relative to the 6% preferred stock. The booklet gives information relative to earnings properties owned, business, &c.

Vilas & Hickey, members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce the opening of a department to trade in public utility bonds under the management of John L. Lequin, Jr., who was formerly associated with Redmond & Co.

Joseph Gilman and John H. Reynolds announce the formation of a co-partnership to succeed to the investment business of Joseph Gilman. The new firm will specialize in telephone, telegraph and public utility securities.

The Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y. has been appointed transfer agent and registrar of stock of the Armstead Snow Motors of the United States, and also registrar of stock of the Producers Finance Corporation.

Hayden, Stone & Co., New York and Boston, have issued a booklet covering numerous mining properties and also containing tables of statistics of railroad, mining, oil and other industrial companies.

Arthur C. Knolhoff, who has for several years been prominently connected with the wholesale woolen business, has become associated with the bond department of Hallgarten & Co.

Donald S. Dugliss, formerly with Harvey Fisk & Sons, John Muir & Co. and Struthers & Hiscoe, is now with Dresser & Escher, 115 Broadway, New York City.

Louis Heineman of Sutro Brothers & Co. has just returned on the Aquitania after a ten weeks trip through France, Italy, England and Switzerland.

Morton Goodman & Co. have moved to their new quarters in the Drexel Bldg., Philadelphia, where a general investment business is being conducted.

Joseph A. Zeller is now associated with Arthur C. Richards & Co. of Philadelphia in their public utility department.

The Commercial Times.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

New York, Friday Night, Sept. 16 1921.

An increase in trade is becoming rather more general. The business is not in large lots; quite the contrary. The pace is cautious, but at the same time it is towards improvement. The industries are going ahead with more confidence. The steel and iron trade is in rather better shape, with some advance in prices of certain products. The lumber trade shows the most activity and the steadiest prices seen for twelve months past. Building is more active. The August figures are the third largest on record. This city is active. Some reports declare that there is something like a boom going on in building in the Metropolis; certainly builders show more confidence under the spur of an insistent demand for dwellings and other buildings. Prices of commodities in general throughout the country are firmer than they were a week ago. That fact is one of the outstanding features. Another is that collections are better. And the South, it becomes clearer each week, is in a much better position following the recent advance in cotton of nearly 100%, as compared with the prices ruling in June. Higher prices for lumber, rice and wheat have also helped the South. Business is better there; the people have more money to spend. At the West things also look more cheerful.

At Chicago the talk is more hopeful in all lines of business, although conservative people think that this note is perhaps being slightly over-emphasized. Still there is no denying that there is an increasing feeling of cheerfulness in many parts of the West. There is less unemployment in Chicago and San Francisco. Japan is buying lumber on the Pacific Coast. More than two-thirds of the corn crop is out of danger of frost, and threshing is unusually well advanced for this time of the year. Kansas City and other cities report a better trade. The grain crop has been hurried to market, the farmers have money and they are spending it more freely. Most of the workers in the building trades who recently quit work have returned to their jobs. Packers anticipate no labor trouble; most of their employees are identified with the industry. Some cotton mill workers at the South who recently struck have returned to work. Labor costs are still high, but the tendency is toward a reduction to meet the demands of the times and bring production back somewhere near normal, which is the crying need at this juncture in American history. The hardware, as well as the building trades, shows a better tone. Cotton has declined during the week \$3 to \$4 50 a bale. And grain is also lower, especially wheat, which has dropped about 6 cents per bushel. But some reaction was due after the recent very rampant markets, and a decrease in wild speculation in cotton is not to be regretted. All the accounts go to show that the cotton crop is small, and Lancashire is evidently becoming rather anxious over the question of future supplies, judging from her big purchases in Liverpool of American cotton. Exports of wheat continue on an enormous scale. Those of corn are also remarkable in contrast with those of a year ago. The total this week is no less than 3,740,000 bushels, or considerably more than double those of last week, while a year ago scarcely any corn was leaving the country. Thus far this season corn exports have reached the imposing total of 25,700,000 bushels, as against less than 800,000 bushels during the same period last year. Of wheat the exports thus far this season are over 110,000,000 bushels, including 11,600,000 bushels during the past week alone. The cotton exports, too, though not large compared with former times, are still running well ahead of those of a year ago, including about 40,000 bales to-day, which is noticeably larger than any latterly reported on a single day. Taking the country over there is a fair domestic trade, with the tendency towards a slow improvement. Money rates have shown a downward tendency. The ratio of gold reserves is the highest thus far for many a long day. It is regrettable that foreign exchange of late has declined and that the German mark has fallen well below one cent for the first time in history. But to-day rates in general were steadier, and it is hoped that improvement in the value of European currencies is not far off, both for the sake of Europe itself and also as a matter of first importance to the export trade of this country. Finally, merchants are gratified at the recent rise in the stock market as in a sense the barometer of the country. It is gratifying to them to recall that within about a month there has been a rise in industrial and active railroad stocks here of 3 to 20%, which they take as at least partly a reflection of improving business conditions in the United States.

The Jackson Cotton Mills, Nashua, N. H., are running overtime, weaving departments being operated on a night schedule. The Anchor Duck Mills, at East Rome, Ga., have resumed operations on a work schedule of full time of 55 hours per week. The Vardary Cotton Mills of Greenville, S. C., are preparing to run day and night. Full-time operation of the Caswell Cotton Yarn Mills at Kingston, N. C., will be started on Sept. 19. Of the 1,800 textile workers who went on strike in Charlotte, N. C., June 1, all except

about 200 have returned to work. Most of the textile workers of the Kingston, N. C., cotton mills, who struck last Tuesday in protest against a 12% wage reduction, have returned to work at the lower rate. At the Modena Mills, Gastonia, N. C., on Saturday last 200 workers struck because of an increase in the number of working hours from 55 to 60 per week. The United Textile Workers of America will soon begin a campaign for a universal 44-hour week in the textile industry. As a result of low water in the river, three of the four cotton mills in Lumberton, N. C., which are operated by power furnished by the Yadkin River Power Co., have been notified that no power will be furnished after Thursday noon of each week. The Pepperel Mills, of Biddeford, Me., have curtailed to three days running per week, the new schedule affecting about 3,000 persons. Rhode Island cotton manufacturers are discussing the question of another decrease in wages for cotton textile workers about Dec. 1.

The Reading plant of the Bethlehem Steel Co. will make an 8% reduction in common labor rates and a corresponding equitable adjustment of all other wages, piece rates, tonnage rates, etc.

The International Longshoremen's Association has accepted a wage cut approximating 22% and the long-standing differences between this association, the United States Shipping Board and the American Steamship Owners' Association have been settled.

In Chicago the unions in the building trades voted to remain at work and advised those who had quit to return to their jobs. The carpenters have refused to accept the Landis award, which included a cut in wages for them from \$1 25 to \$1 an hour, and the plumbers also voted to refuse to abide by the arbitration ruling. Practically all other unions voted to go back to work. The two building employers' organizations have announced that they will employ non-union men, beginning to-morrow, unless the union men are back at work.

Packers' wage agreements, as fixed by Judge Alschuler, arbitrator, have expired, and no contracts have been submitted by either side. Union leaders recently met in Omaha and decided to resist any wage reduction or modification of working rules. Packers assert there is no change in the situation and they do not fear any outbreaks. Several months ago the packers were reported as planning a 12½% cut in wages, but took no action. Cutting wages may not be done at once, but some reductions will be necessary before long, if present conditions continue. Four of Chicago's largest packing companies have just begun what is known as the "American shop representation" system, which is said to be virtually an open-shop policy in the packing industry.

The Willys-Morrow Co., of Elmira, N. Y., has issued a call for 2,000 former employees to return to work. The plant has been closed for several weeks.

Gary, Ind., wired Sept. 14 that a general reduction in prices, ranging from house rents, etc., had gone into effect there. The cuts follow closely the big reduction in wages of steel workers. Lower prices were recorded in restaurants, house rents, clothing, etc. Physicians reduced their call charges to \$2.

Secretary Mellon will call, on Sept. 23, a meeting of the American section of the Inter-American High Commission, to consider the subject of foreign exchange and its bearing on foreign trade. Merchants will await the result with interest, as having a possible bearing on export trade.

Bagasse, or sugar-cane stalk, from which the juice has been extracted, is being made into building material by a manufacturing company at Marrero, La., across the Mississippi River from New Orleans. It is said to be virtually a substitute for lumber.

LARD lower; prime Western, 11.50@11.60c.; refined to Continent, 13.50c.; South American, 13.75c.; Brazil in kegs, 14.75c. Futures at one time acted rather firm but later declined with grain and cotton, especially as hogs were also lower. Nearby deliveries were especially weak. Distant months, however, showed a certain steadiness. Some of the smaller packers were making hedge sales, but leading packers from time to time were buyers. To-day futures were higher but they end 30 to 33 points lower for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
September delivery.....	11.10	11.10	10.97	10.75	10.62	10.82
October delivery.....	11.17	11.15	11.05	10.80	10.70	10.87
January delivery.....	9.75	9.70	9.72	9.65	9.50	9.55

PORK quiet; mess \$25 50@26; family, \$30@34; short clear, \$23@27. September closed at \$17 90, a rise of 30c. for the week. Beef, quiet; mess, \$12@14; packet, \$13@14; family, \$15@16; extra India mess, \$19@20; No. 1 canned roast beef, \$2; No. 2, \$3 25; 6 lbs., \$16 50. Cut meats quiet; pick'ed hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 19½@19¾c.; pickled bellies, 10 to 12 lbs., 16@17c. Butter, creamery extras, 45@45½c. Cheese, flats, 15@22c. Eggs, fresh gathered extras, 45@47c.

COFFEE on the spot quiet; No. 7 Rio 7½c.; No. 4 Santos 10½@11½c.; fair to good Cucuta 11@11½c. Futures were lower on easier firm offers, a break in cotton and considerable liquidation. The South was selling here, chiefly of the distant months for New Orleans account. Also there was considerable liquidation of Dec. coffee. The coffee trade has not yet awakened. The idea that it might be spurred into activity and strength by the recent

rise in stocks and cotton has not been verified by the event especially as at times stocks and cotton have shown a certain irregularity if not weakness. To-day prices advanced. The market looks sold out if not oversold. Prices end 21 to 24 points lower or the week.

Spot (unofficial) 7½c | December... 7.47@7.48 | May... 7.83@7.90
September 7.12@Nom. | March... 7.70@ | July... 8.03@8.05

SUGAR.—Raws fell ¼c. on Tuesday on sales of Porto Rico at 4.25c. c. i. f., including 35,000 bags in port and 10,000 bags loading. Full-duty sugars for middle September loading and clearance were offered, it was said, at 2 11-16 to 2¾c. The Cuban Committee still quoted 3.25c. c. and f. Later in the week Philippine sugar sold at 4c. Porto Rico was offered at 4.25c. c. i. f. Refined was dull. Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 33,452 tons, against 31,226 last week, 13,974 last year and 32,692 in 1919; exports, 44,253 tons, against 62,606 last week, 21,935 last year and 79,446 two years ago; stock, 1,214,484, against 1,225,285 last week, 306,440 last year and 710,703 two years ago. Exports included 31,926 to United States Atlantic ports, 1,428 to Galveston, 648 to Canada and 10,251 to Europe. To-day futures were unchanged to 4 points higher. They end 5 to 17 points lower than a week ago.

Spot unofficial... 4½c. | December... 2.38@ | May... 2.38@2.40
September 2.75@Nom. | March... 2.33@2.35 | July... 2.57@2.59

OILS.—Linsed in better demand and higher. Lineoleum and other large consumers are more interested in the market. August carloads were quoted at 77@80c.; less than carloads 79@82c.; five bbls. or less 81@84c. Coconut oil, Ceylon bbls. 9¾@10c.; Cochin 9¾@10c.; olive \$1 10@ \$1 20. Soya bean, 10@10½c. Lard strained winter 87c. Cod, domestic 40c.; Newfoundland 43c. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, 800 bbls. September closed at 10.03@10.25, October at 10.05@10.16, December at 9.65@9.70, January at 9.67@9.68 and March at 9.78@9.80; spot 10c. Spirits of turpentine, 68c. Common to good strained rosin, \$5 25.

PETROLEUM quiet but steady. There was much talk of the possibility of an advance in Wyoming crude oil in the trade, and this was substantiated by reports from Denver stating that prices in the Salt Creek and other important Wyoming fields and probably the Cat Creek field in Montana will be advanced. Many local observers, however, consider this unlikely. In fact, they believe reductions will be made because of the revival of Mexican importations. Gasoline quiet. Kerosene in better demand. Demand for cases goods from the Near East has improved, but inquiries from large consuming centres is not up to expectations. Demand for gas oil has increased. Gasoline U. S. Navy specifications, 17c.; export naphtha, cargo lots, 18½c.; 63 to 66 deg., 21½c.; 66 to 68 deg., 22½c. Refined petroleum, tank wagon to store, 13c.; gasoline, steel bbls., to garages, 24c. Kerosene for export in cargo lots, 6 to 7c.; in bbls., 13@14c.; in cases, 17½@18½c.

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
Somerseset, 32 deg. and above	1 20	Plymouth	0 65	Headton	1 00
Ragland	0 60	Kansas & Okla. home	1 00	Moran	1 00
Wooster	1 80	Corsicana, light	85	Henrietta	1 00
Lima	1 58	Corsicana, heavy	50	Caddo, La., light	1 25
				Caddo, heavy	60

RUBBER quiet and slightly lower. Factory demand is light. London and Singapore markets also quiet. Buyers here are only in the market for immediate wants. Smoked ribbed sheets, spot and September delivery, 14¼c.; October-December, 14½c.; January-March, 15½c.; January-June 16¼c. Paras quiet; up-river fine, 18¼c.; coarse, 10c.; Island fine, 17c.; coarse, 8c.

HIDES were firmer but quiet here. River Plate markets however, were still brisk. It was rumored that British buyers had taken 4,000 Armour La Plata steers at \$46.50. River Plate stocks are smaller. Here 12c. to 13c. was quoted for Colombians and Venezuelans; 3,500 flint Peruvians sold at 13c.; Bogata was quoted 13@14c.; Orinoco 12 to 13c.; city packer spreads 17c. Some 5,000 La Blanca steers sold at \$47, the highest point thus far. They were taken for export to Europe.

OCEAN FREIGHTS have been quiet and naturally rather weak. They are falling in London. The Shipping Board has only 470 steel freight ships in active operation out of a fleet of 1,400. The Shipping Board has sold 19 vessels of its wooden fleet at prices approximating \$5,000 each.

Charters included wheat from North Pacific to United Kingdom-Continent 60s. option barley 61s. 3d. Sept.; fuel from South Wales to Kurrachee 20s.; 30,000 qrs. 10% from Atlantic range to West Coast of Italy one port 20c., two ports 21c., three ports 22c. September; 37,000 qrs. from Montreal to Continent 18c. spot; 31,000 qrs. from Montreal to Antwerp-Hamburg range 19c. September; 20,000 qrs. (same) 18c.; timber from Gulf to Rotterdam and one port United Kingdom 160s. October; 33,000 qrs. from Montreal to West Italy 5s. 9d. September; 30,000 qrs. from Montreal to Antwerp 4s. 10½d. September; 45,000 qrs. from Montreal to Mediterranean, not east of West Italy 5s. 6d. option Adriatic 3d extra, September; grain from North Pacific to United Kingdom or Continent 57s. 6d. October; oil cake from Gulf to Denmark \$8, option Helsingfors \$9, September; 200,000 cases of oil from Atlantic range to South Africa 26c. September; grain from Montreal to Antwerp 18c. September; 40,000 qrs. grain from Gulf port to Liverpool or Birkenhead 5s. prompt; 20,000 qrs. from a Gulf port to United Kingdom or Havre-Hamburg 5s. 6d.; option of Marseilles or West Italy 6s. 4½d. Sept. 25; 19,000 qrs. from Atlantic range to United Kingdom 5s. September; 23,000 qrs. from Montreal to Mediterranean port 5s. 10½d. September; 40,000 qrs. from Gulf port to Antwerp and Hamburg 6s. 3d. prompt; grain from Atlantic range to Rio Janeiro 23c. September; from Montreal to United Kingdom, two ports, 5s. 9d. September; lumber from Gulf to River Plate 180s.; barley from Montreal to United Kingdom 4s. 6d. September.

TOBACCO has been quiet or at best in only moderate demand here and with the market practically untested on worth while business many feel at sea as to just what price level would be reached on good sized sales. The impression

of some is that prices would be eased in such circumstances. There is a report that about 1200 bales of Java have been bought. There seems to be some demand for Java wrapper but as a rule manufacturers hold aloof. Some improvement has resulted from better weather in the tobacco crop in Kentucky, although it is maturing rather slowly. In Penn. cutting is about three-fourths done. In Virginia, it is progressing; leaf is curing well but is chaffy. In Wisconsin tobacco is growing under favorable conditions.

COPPER in the main has been quiet. Large agencies are not inclined to go below the 12¼c. level. In the open market, however, conditions, it is said, are growing easier and a few small tonnages have been sold at 12½c. Rumors were also afloat that odd lots could be had at 12c. but large interests discredit this. There is a rather better inquiry but actual business is small. Wire drawers have shown more interest in the market as a result of the better demand for finished materials. Japan has been buying moderately here. Tin lower on a decline in London and falling exchange; spot, 26¾c. Lead in rather better demand and firmer at 4.60c. for spot New York. Zinc quiet and lower at 4.15c. spot St. Louis.

PIG IRON has been firmer though the demand was mainly for small lots. Chicago reports not a little activity with foundry malleable and basic up \$1. Sales reported at \$20 50 for East Pennsylvania plain foundry. The demand is gradually improving, and the feeling in the trade is more cheerful.

STEEL as a rule has been quiet but here and there rather better business has been done and wire prices have advanced on larger sales \$2 to \$3 per ton. They have been the lowest on the list in relation to cost. But latterly demand has increased noticeably for sixty days and even more distant deliveries. Wire fence quotations have remained quite and unchanged. The big corporation's output of wire is now up to 40% of capacity. Of sheets and tin plate it is still 50%; subsidiaries 33% against 30 in August. Steel bars it is true have recently sold as low as 1.50c. on what appears to have been a three months worth while contract but most business it seems has been done at \$2 to \$3. a ton higher. Plates and shapes have sold at \$1.60 to \$1.65. Wrought pipe prices have been irregular; discounts are 2 to 3 points lower. Sheets are in slower demand here. Jobbers have cut prices for rounds and squares 20 cents per 100 lbs. Wire products are \$2.60 for plain, \$2.10 for galvanized and \$2.90 for wire nails Pittsburgh. Some German tonnage for this country on galvanized sheets for July and August shipment has not yet been received. Five hundred tons of Belgian steel rails sold on the Pacific coast for \$37.50 a ton delivered, or about half the cost from domestic mill. Pittsburgh wired to-day: The Brier Hill Steel Company, Youngstown, O., and the Inland Steel Company, Chicago, two of the largest independent sheet manufacturers, have announced \$5 a ton advances in black and galvanized sheets, putting their prices up from 2.75c. to 3.00c. in black, and from 3.75c. to 4.00c. in galvanized.

WOOL has been steady for domestic with foreign auction sales at firm prices. Boston reports the tone rather better. Not everybody there is doing even a fair business, however. Some find trade dull; others pretty good. London and Australian markets have been strong. On Sept. 9 in London offerings were 8,500 bales of privately owned wool and 3,500 bales for the British Australian Wool Realization Association. Sold well at full prices. Several good lines, greasy merino, realized 31d. New Zealand, 2,600 bales. Greasy crossbreds sold to home buyers to the extent of 1,592 bales. Similar qualities sold to buyers from Falkland Islands, France and Germany. Best sold at 14d. and 8½d. for greasies. Boston wired Sept. 9 that the East India sales closed in Liverpool with prices at the top of the series, the best white wools suitable for the United States at an advance of about 25% compared with July.

Bradford cabled Sept. 11 that the market was more active in tops at an advance of 2d. to 3d. per pound. In London on the 12th instant auctions were resumed with offerings of 2,700 bales privately owned and 6,295 bales for the British Australian Wool Realization Association. All sold mostly at unchanged prices. New Zealand scoured merino, Scotland getting the best combing at 35½c., pieces 34½c., bellies 32½c. and necks 30d. Australian merinos mainly Sydney and Queensland and mostly sold. Demand good from foreign countries, especially Germany. Best greasy merino brought 22½d., large supply pieces 10½ to 19d. In London on Sept. 13, privately owned wools covering 10,000 bales sold at the full recent prices. Home interests were the chief buyers. Foreigners bought less owing to falling exchange. Australian merinos were scarce, chiefly Queensland and West Australian grades, the best greasy merinos at 16½d. and 18½d. respectively.

New Zealand furnished 4,287 bales crossbreds, the bulk going to Yorkshire at the highest prices thus far. Greasy half-breds went at 16d. and slipe half-breds at 19½d. The highest point on this series for Puntas was also recorded, 3,862 bales of greasy crossbreds of fine grade offered. The best sold at 15d. Boston wired Sept. 13th: "Cables from Australian sales at Sydney say the selection is good with the market firm and inclining upward. Good 64s.-70s. warp wools are quoted as high as 20 pence for very choice wools figured to cost about 70 cents clean landed duty free, at current exchange." Melbourne cabled Sept. 13:

up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

Table comparing cotton shipments for September 16 (Week and Since Aug. 1) for 1921 and 1920. Includes categories like Via St. Louis, Via Mounds, &c, and Total gross overland.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 16,325 bales, against 1,519 bales for the week last year, and that the season to date the aggregated net overland exhibits an increase over a year ago of 129,991 bales.

Table for 'In Sight and Spinners' Takings' comparing 1921 and 1920. Includes Receipts at ports to Sept. 16 and Net overland to Sept. 16.

North. spinners' takings to Sept. 16... * Decrease during week. † Less than Aug. 1. a These figures are consumption; takings not available.

Table showing 'Movement into sight in previous years' for weeks ending Sept. 19, 20, and 21 in 1917, 1918, and 1919.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Telegraphic reports to us this evening from the South denote that rain has fallen in most sections during the week, but at most points the precipitation has been light.

TEXAS.—GENERAL.—Cotton suffered serious damage where rainfall was excessive, but elsewhere was revived by the rain. Weevil still working in some localities especially in the Northeast.

Large table with columns: Rain, Rainfall, Thermometer (high, low, mean). Lists various Texas locations like Galveston, Abilene, Brenham, etc., and their respective weather conditions.

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 September from Sept. 10 to Sept. 16, listing Spot and Options prices.

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

Table showing futures prices for September through August, listing Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday closing prices.

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 middling cotton at various markets including Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, etc., from Saturday to Friday.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF COTTON MANUFACTURES.—We give below a statement showing the exports of domestic cotton manufactures for July and for the seven months ended July 31 1921, and for purposes of comparison like figures for the corresponding periods of the previous year are also presented.

Table of Domestic Exports of Cotton Manufactures for July 31, 1921 and 1920, and 7 months ending July 31.

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 for which statistics are obtainable;

Table of World's Supply and Takings of Cotton, showing visible supply and total takings for 1921 and 1920.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 460,000 bales in 1921 and 492,000 bales in 1920—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 1,502,162 bales in 1921 and 1,115,211 bales in 1920, of which 1,087,162 bales and 704,211 bales American. b Estimated.

BOMBAY COTTON MOVEMENT.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay for the week ending Aug. 25 and for the season from Aug. 1 for three years have been as follows:

Table of Bombay Cotton Movement for August 25 receipts at Bombay for 1921, 1920, and 1919.

troller to sign a warrant for \$10,000 issued by the Governor against the Western and Atlantic rental fund and purchased by the Bank of Tifton. The action was brought as a test case to determine the validity of the proposed issue of \$2,500,000 worth of these warrants by the State.

The first step, the "Constitution" continues, was taken in the litigation Saturday when the mandamus proceedings were filed in the Superior Court of Fulton County. Judge John T. Pendleton set the case for hearing before the motion division Sept. 20. A quick appeal will be taken from the decision of the Fulton Judge to the Supreme Court to obtain a final ruling.

The Governor was represented by Judge Arthur Powell of Atlanta, and Attorney General George M. Napier. If the Supreme Court rules that the issue of the warrant is valid the entire issue of \$2,500,000 will be sold. The proceedings in the Fulton Superior Court are of a friendly nature brought simply to test the validity of the securities. It is expected that the case will get to the Supreme Court in October.

Indiana.—Result of Vote on Basic Law Amendments.—According to official tabulation, 12 of the 13 proposed amendments to the Indiana Constitution, submitted to the voters of Indiana at the special election held Sept. 6, were defeated. The two tax measures, one which would authorize the Legislature to establish a system of taxation and the other calling for a State income tax, were defeated by decidedly large majorities. Official returns from the 3,384 precincts in the State, according to the Indiana "News" of Sept. 13, showed the following results:

Amendment No. 1.
For 130,242 | Against 80,574
The purpose of the amendment is to enfranchise women and to require the foreign-born to be fully naturalized before they can vote. Under the present Constitution the foreign-born can vote on taking out first papers, and before a naturalization court has passed on their qualifications for citizenship. Women already have the franchise right because of an amendment to the Federal Constitution, which was ratified by the States after the present amendment to the State Constitution was started by the Indiana General Assembly.

Amendment No. 2.
For 90,269 | Against 110,333
The amendment was designed to authorize the State's General Assembly to classify counties, townships, cities and towns for the registration of voters. Under it registration could be required in larger cities and dispensed with in rural districts.

Amendment No. 3.
For 76,963 | Against 117,890
Under the present Constitution a legislative apportionment is based on a special census of all men more than twenty-one years old. Women are not counted, and under Amendment No. 3, the apportionment would be based on the total vote for all candidates for Secretary of State. It was designed to save the cost of a special census.

Amendment No. 4.
For 83,265 | Against 101,790
The amendment was designed to authorize the Governor to veto separate items of an appropriation bill. The State's General Assembly usually passes appropriation bills near the end of a session, and, if the Governor vetoes them, he may have to call a special session in order to provide money for the State Government and State institutions.

Amendment No. 5.
For 74,177 | Against 113,300
Under the present Constitution the terms of some of the State officers are two years and some are four years. The amendment would make all of them four years with the exception of judges.

Amendment No. 6.
For 82,389 | Against 115,139
Under the present Constitution the terms of some of the county officers are four years and some two. The amendment would make the terms of all four years. It also would remove the county surveyor from the list of constitutional officers and would enable the Legislature to provide either for the appointment or election of a surveyor or county engineer.

Amendment No. 7.
For 76,587 | Against 116,683
The term of the prosecuting attorney under the present Constitution is two years. The amendment would make it four years. Proposal of a separate amendment was necessary because the office of prosecuting attorney is provided for in a constitutional provision separate from that for county officers.

Amendment No. 8.
For 78,431 | Against 117,479
The amendment would take the place of the present provision of the Constitution which permits every person, being of good moral character, and a voter, to be admitted to practice law. The amendment would authorize the Legislature to provide for educational tests.

Amendment No. 9.
For 46,023 | Against 149,294
The State superintendent of public instruction is now elected by popular vote. The amendment would make the office appointive instead of elective. It has been suggested that the Legislature would authorize either the Governor or the State Board of Education to appoint.

Amendment No. 10.
For 31,876 | Against 166,276
This amendment, which was discussed more than any other, was designed to take the place of the provision of the present Constitution for uniformity and equality and authorizing exemptions of certain property, including municipal, church and school. It was intended to authorize classification of property, with different valuations or different rates on each class, if believed desirable, in the hope of bringing more intangibles in the duplicate.

Amendment No. 11.
For 39,005 | Against 157,827
The amendment would authorize the State's General Assembly to pass a graduated income tax law and provide for reasonable exemptions.

Amendment No. 12.
For 55,027 | Against 142,969
The amendment was designed to permit negroes to belong to the State militia. Under the provisions of the present Constitution membership is limited to white persons.

Amendment No. 13.
For 80,191 | Against 117,140
This amendment was designed to prohibit an increase in term or salary during the term for which an officer was elected or appointed.

Maine.—Unofficial Returns on Proposed Amendments to Constitution.—Three proposed amendments to the Maine Constitution were voted upon at the special election held Sept. 12. One, permitting voters absent from their homes on election day to vote by mail, was approved by the voters. The other two, one of which would enable the Legislature to issue State bonds for the building of certain highways and the second would make possible the payment of a bonus to Spanish War veterans, were defeated. Unofficial returns of 70% of the State, according to a dispatch from Portland to the Boston "Herald" dated Sept 15 are:

	Yes.	No.
Absent voting	12,946	10,367
Highway bonds	8,756	14,262
Spanish war bonus	11,046	13,391

Ohio.—Constitutional Amendments to be Voted on This Fall.—Three Constitutional amendments will be submitted to the voters of Ohio for their approval at the November election. They are: Soldier bonus, poll tax and senatorial redistricting. The soldier bonus amendment would authorize the issuance of \$25,000,000 in bonds to pay former soldiers, sailors and marines who were in the service during the World War \$10 for each month served, the total not to exceed \$250.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS
this week have been as follows:

ADAMS COUNTY (P. O. Decatur), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Hugh D. Hite, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Sept. 21 for \$18,000 4½% John W. Heller, Hartford Township bonds. Denom. \$900. Date Aug. 15 1921. Int. M. & N. Due \$900 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, incl. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

ALLEN COUNTY (P. O. Lima), Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$100,000 road bonds offered on Sept. 7—V. 113, p. 871—were not sold as no bids were received.

ALLIANCE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Alliance), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 6% bonds offered on Sept. 9 (V. 113, p. 871) were sold to the City Savings Bank of Alliance at 100.002, a basis of about 5.99%. Date Sept. 1 1921. Due \$5,000 yrly. on Sept. 1 from 1922 to 1935, incl.

AMITE, Tangipahoa Parish, La.—BOND SALE.—Reports say that the contract for the town water works system was let on Aug. 23 to Hayden & Co., Inc., of Pass Christian, Miss. The amount of their bid is \$76,500 and they are to accept in payment the \$90,000 5% bond issue of the town, and return the difference between the amount of their bid and the par value of the bonds with accrued interest to the town.

ANNONA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Annona), Red River County, Tex.—BONDS NOT YET SOLD.—No sale has yet been made of the \$35,000 5% school bldg. bonds, which were mentioned in V. 113, p. 1073. Denom. \$1,000. Interest annually (Jan. 1).

ARAPAHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35, Colo.—ADDITIONAL DATA.—The \$6,000 6¾% school building bonds, which were mentioned in V. 113, p. 977—are in denomination of \$500 and are dated Aug. 15 1921. Prin. payable at the County Treasurer's office and semi-annual interest payable (Feb. 15 and Aug. 15) at Kountze Bros., N. Y. Due \$500 yearly on Aug. 15 from 1922 to 1933, inclusive.

Assessed valuation 1920	\$767,060
Total bonded debt (this issue only)	6,000
Population, estimated	500

ARIZONA (State of)—BOND SALE.—We are advised that the \$1,000,000 6% tax anticipation bonds, offered on Sept. 10—V. 113, p. 1173—have been sold to the First National Bank of Los Angeles at par and accrued interest with a premium of \$125, the State to furnish the bonds. Date Sept. 15 1921. Due Sept. 15 1922. We are advised that "the importance of this purchase to the State of Arizona lies in the fact that while Arizona has levied a current tax of more than six million dollars the money has not yet been paid in and as a result State warrants are widely distributed through banks and business houses of Arizona. In addition the normal schools and other activities of the State are having financial difficulties. The sale of these bonds to the First National Bank of Los Angeles releases immediately one million dollars to the Treasury of the State to take up these warrants. The bonds are a direct obligation of the State of Arizona and legal in California, they are also legal for postal savings, free of all Federal income tax and are tax free in Arizona.

Joseph S. Jencks, Judge of the Superior Court, refused to sustain the suit brought by the Bankers Trust Co., of Denver, to stop the State Loan Commission from selling the above \$1,000,000 tax anticipation bonds on Sept. 10. The company has given notice of appeal to the State Supreme Court.

ARUNDEE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Merced County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that \$6,000 6% bonds have been sold to the Bank of Italy.

ASBURY PARK, Monmouth County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—A. Grace King, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Sept. 27 for an issue of 4¾% memorial playground and golf course bonds not to exceed \$50,000. Denom. \$1,000. Int. semi-annually. Due \$1,000 from 1923 to 1972, incl. Cert. check for 2% of the amount bid for, required.

ASHLAND, Boyd County, Ky.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Sept. 29 by W. A. Manning, City Clerk, for \$160,000 5¾% coupon water works improvement bonds offered unsuccessfully on Aug. 17—V. 113, p. 978. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 15 1921. Int. semi-ann. (J.-J.) payable at the First National Bank, Cincinnati, unless the purchaser of the entire issue desires the payment of interest in New York at a bank mutually agreed upon. The July 15 1921 coupon is omitted. Due on Jan. 15 as follows: \$25,000, 1946 and 1951; \$20,000, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955 and 1956 and \$10,000, 1957. Cert. check for 2% of bid, payable to the Mayor, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

ATHENS COUNTY (P. O. Athens), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Fred Cornwell, County Auditor, will receive sealed proposals until 12 m. Sept. 24 for \$60,000 6% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1921. Int. M. & S. Due \$6,000 yrly on Sept. 1 from 1922 to 1931, incl. Cert. check for \$1,200, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

ATLANTA, Fulton County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. R. Seawright, Chairman Finance Committee, at the office of B. Graham, City Comptroller, until 12 m. Sept. 28 for \$136,500 6% 1-10 year serial street impt. bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Date Sept. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at City Treasurer's office or a city's fiscal agency in New York City. Bonds are in coupon form but may be registered both as to principal and interest. These bonds, it is reported, have been validated by the Superior Court of Fulton County and tax-free. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, which check must be made payable to the City of Atlanta.

BARBERTON, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The three issues of 6% improvement bonds aggregating \$36,400 which were reported as being offered without success on Aug. 30—V. 113, p. 1073—have been sold recently to a contractor.

BARTLESVILLE, Washington County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 6 the Brown-Crummer Co., of Wichita, was awarded the \$300,000 6% 15-year conventional hall and community hall bonds of 1921—V. 113, p. 872—at par and accrued interest. Date May 15 1921. Other bidders, all of whom bid below par, were: Geo. I. Gilbert, Oklahoma City; American National Bank, Oklahoma City; C. Edgar Honnold, Oklahoma City; Hanchett Bond Co., Inc., Chicago, and W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo.

CORRECTION.—In an item which appeared in V. 113, p. 978, we stated that the City Commissioners had adopted resolutions authorizing the issuance of \$27,000 street improvement bonds, but we have since been informed that the report was incorrect.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Smith Carmichael, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 8 for the following two issues of 5% highway impt. bonds: \$8,100 John H. Dunn et al., Rockcreek Township bonds. Denom. \$405. Due one bond every six months from May 15 1922. 15,700 James W. Shaw et al., Clifty Township bonds. Denom. \$785. Due one bond every six months from May 15 1922. Date Oct. 8 1921. Interest M.-N.

BELMAR, Monmouth County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Fred V. Thompson, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Sept. 27 for an issue of 5% coupon (with privilege of registration) Belmar Park bonds not to exceed \$20,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1922. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the office of the Borough Collector in Belmar. Due \$1,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1923 to 1942, inclusive. Certified check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the Borough required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

Jan. 10 1921. George L. Simpson & Co. made the successful bid, offering par and accrued interest and asking a brokerage of \$5,295. The brokerage will be paid out of the general fund, the law prohibiting its payment out of any proceeds of the bonds, which must be sold at par and accrued interest.

Other bidders agreed to take the bonds for the following brokerage: J. B. Oldham, \$8,250; Breg, Garrett & Co., \$6,750; Dallas Trust & Savings Bank, for Sherwood & Merrifield, New York, \$13,490.

The bonds bear 5 1/2% interest from Jan. 10 1921, aggregating \$8,250 up to Sept. 10. The County therefore gets \$225,000 principal, and \$8,250 accrued interest, or \$233,250 altogether. It pays the broker \$5,295 to sell them and has net \$227,955.

When bids were opened for these bonds April 1, J. B. Oldham bid the equivalent of 93.50. Bidders were given another chance on April 15, at which time W. A. Myrick made the best bid, offering about 94.75. All bids were rejected both times. Mr. Myrick himself advising rejection of his bid on the second offering, stating that he believed the County could do better by waiting.

DAMASCUS TOWNSHIP (P. O. McClure), Henry County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—L. A. McClure, Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 1 for \$30,000 6% coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Farmers' State Bank in McClure. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1922 to 1951, incl. Certified check for 5% of the amount bid for required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

DANVILLE, Pittsylvania County, Va.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 5 1/2% street impmt. bonds, offered unsuccessfully on Mar. 1—V. 112, p. 958—have been sold. Date Mar. 1 1921. Due \$1,000 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1922 to 1946, incl.

DECATUR, Wise County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—Election for issuing \$175,000 water and sewer bonds carried by big majority: for 245 against, 81.

DECATUR COUNTY (P. O. Greensburg), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,700 4 1/2% bonds offered on Sept. 10—V. 113, p. 1174—were sold to the City Trust Co. of Indianapolis at par and accrued interest. Date Nov. 15 1919.

DEFIANCE COUNTY (P. O. Defiance), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. T. Miller, County Auditor, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Sept. 23 for \$18,000 6% bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1921. Int. M. & S. Due \$3,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1928 to 1933, incl. Certified check for \$500, payable to the County Auditor, required. Bidders to satisfy themselves as to legality of this issue. Purchaser to pay accrued int.

DE KALB COUNTY (P. O. Auburn), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,500 5% bonds offered on Sept. 12—V. 113, p. 1174—were sold to the City National Bank of Auburn, Ind., at par and accrued interest.

DENVER (City and County), Colo.—BOND SALE.—International Trust Co., and Bosworth, Chanute & Co., both of Denver, have been awarded the following 6% tax-free bonds: \$18,500 Alley Paving District No. 61 bonds. Date July 1 1921. Int. J. & J. Due on or before July 1 1933.

DECHUTES COUNTY (P. O. Bend), Ore.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—BONDS RE-OFFERED.—No sale was made of the \$50,000 6% road bonds offered on Sept. 7—V. 113, p. 873. They will be re-offered on Oct. 1.

DUBUQUE, Dubuque County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The following 5% bonds—V. 113, p. 1174—have been sold "over the counter" at par and accrued interest. \$50,000 water works bonds. Date Aug. 15 1921. \$50,000 sewer bonds. Date Sept. 1 1921.

EAST CLEVELAND, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Chas. A. Carran, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Sept. 24 for the following 6% coupon special assessment bonds, aggregating \$209,500: \$55,000 street-improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 1931. Certified check for \$1,100 required.

EAU CLAIRE, Eau Claire County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 25 the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago purchased \$20,000 6% sewer impmt. bonds at par and interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1921. Int. J. & J. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1922 to 1941, incl.

EDMOND, Oklahoma County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$36,000 6% water works extension bonds has been sold. It is dated.

EL PASO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 54, Colo.—BOND OFFERING.—H. H. Detrick, Secretary, will receive sealed bids at Suite 500, Exchange National Bank Building, Colorado Springs, in care of F. F. Schreiber, until 12 m. Sept. 30 for \$30,000 6% high school bids, bonds recently voted. Int. semi-ann.

ENTERPRISE, Wallowa County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 25, \$48,397 6 1/2% impmt. bonds were sold to the Warren Construction Co., at par and accrued interest. Denoms. 96 for \$500 and 1 for \$397 64. Date Sept. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the fiscal agency of the State of Oregon in New York City. Due in 10 years, optional on any interest payment date, on or after Mar. 1 1922. There were no other bidders.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY (P. O. Pensacola), Fla.—WARRANTS NOT SOLD.—No sale was made on Sept. 8 of the \$106,000 6% coupon time warrants.—V. 113, p. 979.

FAIRPORT, Lake County, Ohio.—NO BIDS.—No bids were received on Aug. 29 for the three issues of 6% bonds aggregating \$123,000 which were offered on that date—V. 113, p. 753.

FAYETTE COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 4, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Sept 8 the State Comptroller registered \$75,000 5% serial bonds.

FOREST, Hardin County Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—A. F. Barteldt, Village Clerk, will receive sealed proposals until 12 m. Sept. 29 for \$3,100 6% deficiency funding bonds. Date April 1 1921. Int. semi-annually. Due one bond yearly on April 1 from 1924 to 1929 incl. Cert. check for 10% of the amount bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

FRANKFORT, Franklin County, Ky.—BOND OFFERING.—Mervin Parrent, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Sept. 26 for \$75,000 6% storm, water and sanitary sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1921. Int. semi-ann. Due Jan. 1 1941. Cert. check for \$1,000, payable to the City of Frankfort, required.

FRANKLIN, Merrimack County, N. H.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank Proctor, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. Sept. 26 at the Franklin Savings Bank in Franklin for the purchase of \$80,000 5% coupon water works refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the First National Bank in Boston, or at the holder's option at the office of the City Treasurer in Franklin, N. H. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$6,000 from 1922 to 1926, incl. and \$5,000 from 1927 to 1936, incl. Said bonds are issued under authority of and in compliance with Chapter 129, Laws of 1917, and a vote of the City Council of the said City of Franklin, New Hampshire, passed on the 29th day of August 1921. They will be engraved under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the First National Bank of Boston; their legality will be approved by Messrs. Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser. All legal papers incident to this issue will be furnished the purchaser. All legal papers incident at any time. Bids must be for the entire issue. Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser on or about Saturday Oct. 1 1921, at the First National Bank of Boston in Boston, Mass.

Financial Statement August 1 1921. Assessed valuation \$7,185,719 Total debt 222,426 Less water debt 84,000 Net debt \$138,426

FULTON RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Itawamba County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,000 school bonds offered on Aug. 5—V. 113, p. 555—have been sold to the Bank of Tupelo of Tupelo.

GOODHUE COUNTY (P. O. Red Wing), Minn.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 9 \$221,937 95 5/8% 10-14-year trunk highway reimbursement bonds were sold to the Wells-Dickey Co. at par. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 15 1921. Int. M. & S.

GRAND RAPIDS, Wood County, Ohio.—NO BIDS.—No bids were submitted on Sept. 8 for the \$10,163 44 6% bonds offered on that date—V. 113, p. 979.

GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Grandview Heights), Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—D. S. Field, Clerk, will receive sealed proposals until 12 m. Oct. 6 for \$235,000 6% bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1921. Int. payable semi-annually. Due \$5,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1928 to 1946 incl. and \$10,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1947 to 1960 incl. Cert. check for \$2,500, payable to the Board of Education, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

GRANVILLE COUNTY (P. O. Oxford), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—C. G. Powell, Register of Deeds and ex-officio Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 10 for \$150,000 6% 25-year road bonds. Int. semi-ann. Cert. check for \$1,000 required.

GRISWOLD, Cass County, Ia.—BONDS DEFEATED.—On Sept. 6 the \$50,000 6% bonds—V. 113, p. 754—were voted down.

GUADALUPE COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 5, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Sept. 7 \$65,000 5 1/2% serial bonds were registered with the State Comptroller.

HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Greenfield), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Grover Van Duyn, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Sept. 21 for \$13,600 5% Jasper E. Allen et al., Sugar Creek Township bonds. Denom. \$680. Date Sept. 1 1921. Int. M. & N. Due \$680 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, incl.

HARDIN COUNTY (P. O. Kenton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Dean C. Jones, County Auditor, will receive sealed proposals until 12 m. Sept. 28 for \$79,250 6% bridge bonds. Denom. 1 for \$250 and 79 for \$1,000 each. Date Oct. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$8,000 from 1923 to 1931 incl., \$7,250 in 1932. Cert. check for \$500, drawn upon a Kenton, Ohio, bank, required. Bonds to be delivered at the above Auditor's office within 15 days of the date of sale. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

HARRISBURG, Dauphin County, Pa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$800,000 5% city bonds offered on Sept. 13—V. 113, p. 874—were not sold as no bids were received.

HARRISON COUNTY (P. O. Corydon), Indiana.—BOND OFFERING.—Wm. Taylor, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Oct. 15 for the purchase of \$22,400 6% W. D. Hurn et al., highway improvement bonds. Denom. \$560. Date Oct. 15 1921. Int. M.-N. Due one bond every six months from May 15 1923. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

HARRODSBURG, Mercer County, Ky.—BOND SALE CHANGED.—The "Harrodsburg Herald" of Sept. 2 said: "As was announced in the 'Herald' the Harris Savings Bank & Trust Company of Chicago was the highest bidder for the water works bonds, bidding \$101 55 for them, making a total of \$101,550 for the \$100,000 issue. The papers were completed after the purchase and forwarded to the purchaser. Last week a letter was received in which the purchaser questioned the power of the City to issue the full \$100,000 of bonds at 6% as contemplated. The point made was that in the notice of the election it was stated that the amount required to be raised annually for a period of twenty years by taxation to pay the \$100,000 and interest would be \$3,150. A calculation will show that \$8,150 per year will retire only \$93,000 of bonds in twenty years at 6% interest; that it will in the same time retire \$97,000 of bonds at 5 1/2% interest.

HARTFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Hartford), Hartford County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received at the Hartford-Connecticut Trust Co., Hartford, Conn., until 12 o'clock noon, Sept. 23 1921, for the sale of \$285,000 First School District of Hartford, Conn., 4 1/2% coupon bonds, dated Oct. 1 1919, due Oct. 1 1959, issued in denominations of \$1,000 each. The district reserves the right to redeem any or all of said bonds after Oct. 1 1929. Bonds are issued for building purposes and are part of an issue of \$300,000 which constitutes the entire debt of the district. The right is reserved to sell the whole or any portion of said bonds and to reject any and all bids.

1921, offered on Sept. 6—V. 113, p. 875—have been sold to Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Blyth, Witter & Co., R. H. Moulton & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Mercantile Trust Co. and the Security Trust & Savings Bank for \$1,500,190 (102.40) a basis of about 5.76%. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$30,000 1922, \$33,000 1923, \$36,000 1924, \$39,000 1925, \$42,000 1926, \$45,000 1927, \$48,000 1928, \$51,000 1929, \$54,000 1930, \$57,000 1931, \$60,000 1932 and 1933, and \$70,000 1934 to 1946, inclusive.

LORAIN, Lorain County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Chas. L. Patterson, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Sept. 19 for \$10,000 6% coupon park and playground bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 15 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the office of the Sinking Fund Trustees. Due Sept. 15 1936. Cert. check for 2% of the amount bid for, drawn upon any Lorain, Ohio, bank or any national bank outside of said city, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

LUFKIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lufkin), Angelina County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—An issue of \$50,000 6% coupon or registered school bonds has been voted. Denom. \$1,250. Date July 1 1921. Int. J. & J. payable at the City State Bank & Trust Co., Lufkin; Seaboard National Bank, N. Y., or First National Bank, Chicago. Due \$1,250 yearly on July 1 from 1922 to 1961 incl. Bonded debt (incl. this issue), \$117,500. Sinking fund, \$15,400. Assess. value, \$5,600,000.

McCOOK, Red Willow County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 8 the Fidelity National Bank & Trust Co. of Kansas City and the Omaha Trust Co. of Omaha, purchased at 95, \$100,000 6% intersection paving and \$250,000 7% Paving District No. 2 bonds. Date Oct. 1 1921. These are the bonds, which were offered but not sold on Sept. 5—V. 113, p. 1175.

MACKAY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Mackay), Custer County, Ida.—BOND SALE.—Keeler Bros. & Co., of Denver, have been awarded \$40,000 6% tax-free gold bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & D.) payable in gold at New York City, N. Y. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1932 to 1936, inclusive, and \$3,000 1937, to 1941, inclusive.

Financial Statement.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Actual valuation, estimated; Assessed valuation 1920; Total bonded debt; and Population, estimated.

MADISON, Lake County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. Oct. 3 by Wm. Rae, City Auditor, for the \$25,000 water works and \$25,000 sewer bonds not to exceed 6% interest—V. 112, p. 2001. Denom. \$500. Due in 20 years.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Anderson), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 5% Moses E. Pearson et al., Anderson Township bonds, offered on Sept. 1 (V. 113, p. 980), were sold to the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. at par and accrued interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1921. Due \$1,000 every six months beginning May 15 1922.

MAMARONECK, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Edgar L. Howe, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8:30 p. m. Sept. 19 for \$11,000 dock bonds, not to exceed 5% interest per annum. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1921. Int. payable semi-annually. Due \$1,000 yrly. on Oct. 1 from 1926 to 1936, incl. Cert. check drawn upon a duly incorporated bank for 5% of the amount bid for, required.

MANSFIELD, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—C. E. Rhoads, City Auditor, will receive sealed proposals until 12 m. Sept. 22 for the following 6% sanitary sewer construction bonds:

- List of bond offerings for Mansfield, Ohio, including Temple Court bonds, Arthur Avenue bonds, First Avenue bonds, Second Avenue bonds, Third Avenue bonds, Fourth Ave. bonds, Grace Street bonds, Monroe Street bonds, and Myers Street bonds.

Date Sept. 1 1921. Int. M. & S. All bids to be accompanied with a certified check payable to the Treasurer of the City of Mansfield, Ohio, for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, upon condition that if the bid is accepted the bidder will receive and pay for such bonds as may be issued as above set forth within ten days of the time of award, said check to be retained by the city if said conditions are not fulfilled. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

MARION, McDowell County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Aldermen, at the office of Mayor, until 11 a. m. Oct. 10 for the purchase of \$50,000 6% 30-year street impt. bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the First National Bank, Marion, or at some agreed New York Bank. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check or cash deposit of 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for payable to D. A. Neal, Clerk to the Board of Aldermen, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—R. A. Lemcke, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Sept. 19 for \$32,000 5% W. P. Phillips et al. free gravel road bonds. Denom. \$800. Date Sept. 15 1921. Int. M. & N. Due \$1,600 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931 inclusive.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY (P. O. Charlotte), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 12 m. Oct. 10 P. M. Gresham, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive bids for \$75,000 6% coupon bridge bonds, registerable as to principal. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., N. Y. (or such other place as may be mutually agreed upon between the Board and purchaser of bonds). Due \$5,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1922 to 1936 incl. Cert. check upon a national bank or upon a bank or trust company in North Carolina for \$2,500 required. Bonds are to be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co. of the City of New York, or such other company as may be mutually agreed upon between this Board and the purchaser, who will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the county officials and the seal impressed thereon. The legality of the bonds will be approved by such attorneys as may be mutually agreed upon between the Board and the purchasers of said bonds, whose favorable opinion will be furnished without charge. All bids must be upon blank forms which, together with other information, will be furnished by the above official. Bonds will be delivered in Charlotte, Cincinnati, Baltimore or New York at purchaser's option, as soon after the sale of said bonds as shall be practicable.

MEDFORD, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary loan of \$50,000 offered on Sept. 9 was awarded to the Commonwealth Trust Co. on a 5.10% discount basis. Denom. 4 for \$10,000 and 2 for \$5,000 each. Due July 14 1922.

MEDINA, Medina County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,789 35 6% coupon general street improvement bonds offered on Sept. 12—V. 113, p. 980—were sold to the State of Ohio and par and accrued interest.

MELROSE, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—William M. Lavender, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Sept. 19 for the purchase at discount of a temporary loan of \$50,000. Denom. 4 for \$10,000 each and 2 at \$5,000 each. Due \$25,000 on Feb. 20 1922 and April 20 1922. These notes will be engraved under the supervision of the Old Colony Trust Company, Boston. The Old Colony Trust Company will guarantee the signatures and will certify that the notes are issued by virtue and in pursuance of an order of the Board of Aldermen the validity of which order has been approved by Messrs. Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston. These notes are exempt from taxation in Massachu-

sets. The legal papers incident to this issue will be filed with the Old Colony Trust Company, where they may be inspected.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—FURTHER INFORMATION.—On Sept. 6 the Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. and the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago purchased the tax-free coupon bonds aggregating \$1,070,000 at the following interest rates. The price paid was 100.01 and interest a basis of about 5.65%.

- List of bond offerings for Memphis, Tenn., including water bonds, recreation park bonds, street improvement bonds, sewer bonds, grade separation bonds, river terminal and warehouse bonds, and grade separation bonds.

Denom. \$1,000. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., N. Y., or at Memphis, Tenn. The following is a complete list of bids received, the different issues being designed by the numbers above:

Table with columns: Bidder, Rate of Int., Bid for Different Bond Issues, and Premium. Lists various bidders like Caldwell & Co., Bank of Commerce & Trust Co., etc., and their respective bids.

The City of Memphis bid par and accrued interest for item (8) for sinking fund. (* Not included. Notice that these bonds were sold on Sept. 6 has already been given in V. 113, p. 1175.

MEXIA, Limestone County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—On Aug. 30, the following two propositions were voted: \$150,000 alley paving and street crossing bonds. Vote 160 to 82. 25,000 storm sewer bonds. Vote 160 to 83.

MICHIGAN (State of).—BOND OFFERING.—Frank E. Gorman, State Treasurer, will receive sealed bids at his office in Lansing until 10:30 a. m. Sept. 22 for the purchase of \$10,000,000 5 1/2% coupon Soldier's bonus bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1921. Int. payable semi-annually. Due Oct. 15 1941. Cert. check for 1% of the amount bid for, payable to the above Treasurer, required. The above bonds are issued by the State Administrative Board of the State of Michigan, pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 1 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan, first extra session, 1921 as amended.

The official notice of this offering may be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

MILAN, Erie County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—R. W. Sweet, Village Clerk, will receive sealed proposals until 12 m. Sept. 30 for \$15,381 6% Seminary Road improvement bonds. Denom. 1 for \$881; 2 for \$1,000 each and 25 for \$500 each. Date July 1 1921. Int. payable semi-annually. Due each six months as follows: \$500 from April 1 1923 to April 1 1934, incl.; \$1,000, Oct. 1 1934; \$500 April 1 1935; \$1,000, Oct. 1 1935; \$500, April 1 1936; and \$881 on Oct. 1 1936. Cert. check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

MONROE TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Darke County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—L. V. Leiter, Clerk (P. O. Arcanum R. D. No. 4), will receive sealed bids until 1:30 p. m. Oct. 1 for \$50,000 6% bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1921. Int. M. & S. Due \$1,000 each six months from March 1 1932 to Sept. 1 1956 incl. Cert. check drawn upon some solvent bank for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the above Clerk, required. Bidder is to receive and pay for the above bonds at the First National Bank in Pittsburg, Ohio. This issue of bonds will be approved by Shafter & Williams, attorneys-at-law, Cincinnati, Ohio, and their final approving opinion will be furnished the purchaser of the bonds free of charge. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

MUSKOGON, Muskegon County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The following 6% bonds offered on Sept. 6—V. 113, p. 1076—were sold to Payne Webber & Co. of Chicago at 100.10, a basis of about 5.98%: \$50,000 emergency relief bonds. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$10,000 1922 and \$20,000 1923 and 1924. 50,000 general improvement bonds. Due \$5,000 yearly on Sept. 1 1922 to 1931, inclusive. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1921. Int. M. & S.

NEW BRAUNFELS, Comal County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller on Sept. 6 registered \$35,000 6% 5-40 year water works extension bonds.

NEWPORT NEWS, Warwick County, Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Oct. 3 for \$125,000 bridge-repair \$50,000 street-impt. and sanitary sewer and \$50,000 general-impt. 5 1/2% 30-year coupon bonds by J. L. Ficklen, City Clerk. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the National City Bank, N. Y. Due April 1 1951. Certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP (P. O. Wanamie), Luzerne County Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Thomas W. Turner, Sec'y of the Board of Twp. Comm'rs, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Sept. 30 for \$35,000 5 1/2% coupon improvement bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 1 1921. Due yrly. on Sept. 1 as follows: \$5,000 in 1923 and \$10,000 from 1933 to 1935, incl.

NEWTON COUNTY (P. O. Kentland), Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$17,622 5% bonds and the \$29,800 5% bonds offered on Sept. 5 and Sept. 7, respectively, were not sold, as no bids were received.

NILES, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Homer Thomas, City Auditor, will receive sealed proposals until 2 p. m. Sept. 28 for \$18,800 6% Russell Avenue improvement bonds. Denom. 1 for \$800 and 18 for \$1,000 each. Date April 1 1921. Int. payable semi-annually. Due yrly. on April 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1925 to 1930, incl. and \$800 in 1931. Cert. check for 1% of the amount bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

NORTH ADAMS, Berkshire County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary loan of \$50,000 which was offered on Sept. 9 was sold to R. L. Day & Co. of Boston on a 5.19% discount basis. Date Sept. 9 1921. Due Nov. 9 1921.

which were offered on Sept. 9 were sold to the Citizens Savings Bank of Providence, R. I. on a 5.875% discount basis. \$30,000 revenue notes. Denom. \$10,000. Due Nov. 2 1921. 165,700 funding notes. Denom. 1 for \$14,000; 1 for \$10,000; 1 for \$9,200; 1 for \$7,500 and 5 for \$25,000 each. Due Mar. 12 1922.

WEST PARK, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Stephen Hendrickson, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Sept. 20 for the purchase of the following 6% special assessment bonds: \$2,216 60 bonds. Denom. 1 for \$316 60 and 10 for \$200 each. Date Sept. 1 1921. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$200 from 1922 to 1930, inclusive, and \$516 60 in 1931. 9,118 26 bonds. Denom. 1 for \$118 26 and 9 for \$1,000 each. Date Sept. 1 1921. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1922 to 1930, inclusive, and \$118 26 in 1931. 1,585 47 bonds. Denom. 1 for \$85 47 and 10 for \$150 each. Date Sept. 1 1921. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$85 47 in 1922 and \$150 from 1923 to 1931, inclusive. 17,760 00 bonds. Denom. 1 for \$760 and 17 for \$1,000 each. Date Oct. 1 1921. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$760 in 1922; \$1,000, 1923, and \$2,000 from 1924 to 1931, inclusive. 7,679 70 bonds. Denom. 1 for \$679 70 and 7 for \$1,000 each. Date June 1 1921. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$679 70 in 1922 and \$1,000 in 1924 and each year from 1925 to 1931, inclusive. 1,920 63 bonds. Denom. 1 for \$120 63 and 9 for \$200 each. Date Sept. 1 1921. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$120 63 in 1922 and \$200 from 1923 to 1931, inclusive.

Interest semi-annual. Said bonds will be sold to the highest and best bidder for not less than their par value and accrued interest. Bidders for more than one issue of the foregoing described bonds are required to separately state the amount bid for each issue. All bids must state the number of bonds bid for and the gross amount of the bid and accrued interest to date of delivery. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check on some bank other than the one making the bid, unconditionally payable to the Treasurer of said city, for 5% of the amount of the bonds bid for, upon condition that if the bid is accepted the bidder will receive and pay for such bonds within 15 days after the time of the award, said check to be retained if said condition is not fulfilled.

WHATCOM COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The State of Washington has purchased \$7,000 6% building bonds at par.

WHITE COUNTY (P. O. Monticello), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$197,732 90 6% Bunnell Ditch bonds offered unsuccessfully on June 8—V. 113, p. 279—were sold on Sept. 1 to W. K. O'Connell at par. Denom. 10 for \$72 90 and 190 for \$1,000 each. Date May 3 1921. Int. J. & D. Due from Dec. 1 1922 to 1931, inclusive.

BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$16,000 6% bonds offered on Sept. 8—V. 113, p. 1078—were not sold as no bids were submitted.

WICHITA COUNTY (P. O. Wichita), Tex.—PRICE PAID.—The price paid by the Mortgage Trust Co. and associates for the \$1,500,000 6% road bonds—V. 113, p. 1079—was par. They were purchased on Aug. 22.

CORRECTION.—The report in V. 113, p. 107—stating that this county had sold \$500,000 road bonds to a St. Louis bank was incorrect.

WILKES-BARRE Luzerne County Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$245,000 5% tax-free impt. bonds offered on Sept. 13—V. 113, p. 1079—were sold to the Rudolph Kleybolte Co. of Cincinnati, at par. Due from 1937 to 1947.

WINONA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Winona), Winona County, Minn.—BIDS DECLINED—BONDS RE-OFFERED.—The bids received on Sept. 7 for the \$50,000 coupon bonds, at not exceeding 5 1/4% interest—V. 113, p. 984—were turned down. They will be offered again on Sept. 23 at a rate of interest at not to exceed 6%. Sealed bids for these bonds will be received until 7:30 p. m. on that day by Adele H. Kressin, Clerk of Board of Education. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the office of City Treasurer, or at a bank approved by the board to be selected by the successful bidder. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$10,000 1923, \$15,000 1924, \$10,000 1925, \$5,000 1926 and \$10,000 1927. Certified check or cash deposit on a responsible bank for 2%, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

The official notice of this offering may be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

WISNER, Cumings County, Neb.—BONDS VOTED.—An issue of \$35,000 electric light and power bonds was voted by 373 to 41.

YORK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. York), York County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$80,000 5 1/4% coupon or registered (purchaser's option) school bonds offered on Sept. 8—V. 113, p. 889—were sold to Biddle and Henry at 101 2/4, a basis of about 5 3/4%. Date Sept. 1 1921. Due \$5,000 on Sept. 1 1927, and Sept. 1 1928 and \$10,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1929 to 1933, incl., with the last \$20,000 due Sept. 1 1934.

YORKVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 (P. O. York), York County, So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—Spitzer, Rorick & Co. of Toledo, have been awarded at 94, a basis of about 6.55%, it is stated, the \$125,000 6% 20-year school bonds, which were offered on Sept. 3—V. 113, p. 984. Date Sept. 1 1921.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

BRANDON, Man.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$72,000 6% 20-year municipal bonds was recently awarded to Bell, Gouinlock & Co. of Toronto.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—DEBENTURE SALE.—An issue of \$98,900 6% 20-year municipal debentures was recently awarded to J. M. Robinson & Sons of Montreal.

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NEW LOANS

\$50,000
CITY OF WINONA, MINN.
SCHOOL BONDS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of the City of Winona, Minnesota, will meet on **FRIDAY, THE 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1921, AT 7:30 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING**, in the Board's office in the New High School Building, situated on Broadway Street between Johnson and Washington Streets, in said city, and then and there open, consider, and act upon bids for all of the bonds of the school district in said city in the aggregate amount of fifty thousand (50,000) dollars to be issued for the purpose of paying indebtedness and obligations incurred by said school district prior to January, 1921, and for the payment of salaries of teachers.

Said bonds will bear date and be delivered October 1st, 1921, and will be issued in denominations of one thousand (1,000) dollars each and will draw interest at a rate not to exceed six (6) per cent per annum payable semi-annually on the 1st day of June and December after issue and be represented by coupons attached to said bonds.

The principal of said bonds will be payable as follows: Ten thousand (10,000) dollars on the 1st day of December, 1923, and the further sum of fifteen thousand (15,000) dollars on the 1st day of December, 1924, and the further sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars on the 1st day of December, 1925, and the further sum of five thousand (5,000) dollars on the 1st day of December, 1926, and the further sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars on the 1st day of December, 1927.

Both principal and interest will be payable at the office of the City Treasurer, Winona, Minnesota, or at a bank approved by the Board to be selected by the successful bidder.

A deposit of two per cent of the principal sum of the bonds for which each bid is made, either in cash or certified check on a responsible bank, will be required.

None of said bonds will be sold for less than par value and accrued interest and said Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. All bids must be in writing, sealed, and endorsed "Proposals for School Bonds," and addressed to the Clerk of said Board at Winona, Minnesota, and delivered to said Clerk at or before the time set for opening bids.

Winona, Minnesota, September 7th, 1921.
ADELE H. KRESSIN,
Clerk of Board of Education,
City of Winona, Minnesota.

NEW LOANS

State of Connecticut
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
Hartford, September 14, 1921.
The Treasurer will open bids September 20th, 12 M. Standard Time, for the purchase of the whole or any part of
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KINGSVILLE, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—A. E. Ames & Co. have been awarded \$60,000 6½% 20-installment debentures at a price of 97.69.

LEAMINGTON, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—An issue of \$25,000 6% 10-year municipal debentures was recently disposed of.

OTTAWA, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Frank H. Plant, Mayor, will receive sealed tenders until 12 m. Sept. 22 for the following 6% coupon debentures:
 \$178,714 37 debentures. Due in ten years.
 133,162 33 debentures. Due in fifteen years.
 328,883 01 debentures. Due in twenty years.
 1,170,000 00 debentures. Due in thirty years.
 Denom. \$1,000, \$500, \$100, \$50 and odd amounts. Date July 1 and 5. Int. (J. & J.). Debentures will be paid at the Bank of Nova Scotia at Ottawa, Toronto, and Montreal, and if payable in the United States at the National Bank of Commerce in New York City. Tenders will be received for bonds payable as to principal and interest in Canada and for bonds payable both in Canada and the United States. Certified check for \$10,000 required.

SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Sask.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—The following, according to the "Financial Post" of Toronto, is a list of authorizations granted by the Local Government Board from Aug. 20 to Aug. 29.

School Districts.—Graton, \$12,000; Marquette, \$12,500; Herzel, \$900; Selkirk, \$3,500; Smiley, \$1,500; Enniskillen, \$2,500; Queen's County, \$4,000; Surbiton, \$1,000; Imperial, \$3,500; Rouse, \$1,000; Southdean, \$1,400; Louisa, \$10,600; Punnichy, \$700.

Village.—Druid, \$1,000.
DEBENTURE SALES.—The following we learn from the same source is a list of debentures amounting to \$37,050 reported sold in the same period:
 Schools. Denholm, \$5,500, 20-years, 8%. Waterman-Waterbury Mfg. Co., Regina, Forgan, \$4,500 20-years, 8%, C. C. Cross & Co., Regina.

Rural Telephone.—Antelope, \$3,700, 15-years 8%, R. M. McLeod, Regina. Bonnie View, \$1,650, 15-years, 8%, Mrs. E. Ashworth, Loreborn New Fletwoode, \$10,700, 15-years 8%, W. D. Craig, Regina. Estlin, \$2,000 15-years 8%, W. D. Craig, Regina.

Village.—Aberdeen, \$4,000, 15-years 8%, W. H. Lawrence, Aberdeen. Town.—Unity, \$5,000, 15-years 8%, various, Unity.

SARNIA, Ont.—BOND SALE.—An issue of 5½% and 6% bonds aggregating \$295,500 were sold to Wood, Gundy & Co. and R. C. Matthews & Co., both Toronto.

SHERBROOKE, Que.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$309,000 6% 10-year bonds was recently sold to Rene T. Leclerc of Montreal, at 98.25, a basis of about 6.23%.

TORONTO, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,000,000 4½% City of Toronto, guaranteed bonds offered on Sept. 13—V. 113, p. 1179—were sold to a syndicate composed of Lee, Higginson & Co., Spencer Trask & Co., Bankers Trust Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Warren & Co., Inc., and R. A. Daly & Co., at 82.03, (Canadian funds) equal to 73.57 in New York funds. Date Sept. 1 1913. Due Sept. 1 1953. The following is a list of bids received.

	—Price— Toronto New York Funds. Funds.	
Tenderers— Lee, Higginson & Co., Boston; Bankers Trust Co., N. Y.; E. H. Rollins & Sons, Boston; Spencer, Trask & Co., New York; Warren & Co., Inc., Boston; R. A. Daly & Co., Toronto.	82.03	73.57
Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., N. Y.; Blair & Co., New York; Coffin & Burr, Boston; Old Colony Trust Co., Boston	81.185	73.47
Stacy & Braun, Toledo; A. E. Ames & Co., Toronto. Harris, Forbes & Co., Toronto; National City Co., Toronto	81.31	72.91
United Financial Corp., Ltd., Montreal; R. O. Matthews & Co., Ltd., Toronto; Guaranty Co. of New York; C. D. Barney & Co., New York; Blythe, Witter & Co., San Francisco; Hannahs, Ballin & Lee, New York; Marshall Field, Gore, Ward & Co., Chicago.	80.688	72.528
Wood, Gundy & Co., Toronto, and Messrs. Paine, Webber & Co., N. Y.; Dillon, Read & Co., Toronto	79.923	79.613
New York Dominion Securities Corp., Toronto	79.613	
Miller & Co., New York; Brandon, Gordon and Waddell, New York; Houser, Wood & Co., Toronto	79.0735	
First National Company, Detroit; Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Chicago; Hallgarten & Co., New York; Canada Bond Company, Ltd., Toronto; Aemilius Jarvis & Co., Toronto	78.334	70.731

The offer of the syndicate composed of Messrs. Lee, Higginson & Co., Boston; Bankers Trust Co., New York; E. H. Rollins & Sons, Boston; Spencer, Trask & Co., New York; Warner & Co., Inc., Boston, and R. A. Daly & Co., Toronto, of 82.03 (Toronto funds) being the highest was accepted, which means that the cost of the money to the Harbor Commissioners is 5.73%.

NEW LOANS

\$30,000

Borough of Essex Fells, N. J.

WATER WORKS BONDS

The Borough of Essex Fells, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, will sell at public auction, upon terms hereinafter set forth, at the Borough Hall in said Borough, on FRIDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1921, at eight (8) o'clock in the evening, a sufficient number of bonds of said Borough to produce the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000), of the issue of bonds authorized in said sum to be issued for the purpose of increasing the capacity of the water works and plant owned by the Borough of Essex Fells, the purchase of other pumps, machinery and apparatus, and the laying of additional mains and pipes, pursuant to the requirements of a contract between said Borough and the Borough of Verona, dated July 21st, 1921.

Said bonds will be coupon bonds, will bear date October 1, 1921, will carry interest from their date at the rate of six per centum (6%) per annum, will be in denominations of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) each, and will mature Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800) on October 1, 1923, Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800) on October 1, 1924, Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900) on October 1, 1925, and thereafter in successive annual installments of Eleven Hundred Dollars (\$1,100) each, commencing October 1st, 1926.

Unless all bids be rejected, said bonds will be sold to the highest bidder or bidders who shall comply with the terms of sale and who shall offer to pay not less than Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) and to take therefor the least amount of bonds, commencing with the first maturity and stated in a multiple of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000); and if two or more bidders shall offer to take the same amount of said bonds, then to the bidder or bidders offering to pay therefor the highest additional price.

All bidders will be required at the time of said sale to deposit a certified check for two per centum (2%) of the amount of bonds bid for, drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company, to secure the municipality against any loss resulting from the failure of the bidder to comply with the terms of his bid. The right will be reserved to reject any and all bids.

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NEW LOANS

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

SOLDIERS BONUS BONDS

The undersigned will receive sealed bids at his office in the City of Lansing, Michigan, until the TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE, UP TO TEN-THIRTY O'CLOCK A. M. OF SAID DAY, for the sale of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) of State of Michigan Soldiers Bonus Coupon Bonds in denominations of \$1,000 each, to be issued by the State Administrative Board of the State of Michigan, pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 1 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan, First Extra Session, Nineteen Hundred Twenty-One, as amended. Said bonds will be dated October 15, 1921, and will mature on the 15th day of October, 1941, and will bear interest at the rate of Five and One-Half Per Centum (5½%) per annum, payable semi-annually. A certified check in a sum equal to One Per Cent (1%) of the amount of the bid, payable to the order of the State Treasurer of the State of Michigan, must be submitted with each bid.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

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