

OCT 3 1921

no II, 1706

TWO SECTIONS—SECTION ONE

GENERAL LIBRARY
OCT 3 1921

The Commercial & Financial Chronicle

INCLUDING

Bank & Quotation Section
Railway Earnings Section

Railway & Industrial Section
Bankers' Convention Section

Electric Railway Section
State and City Section

COPYRIGHTED IN 1921 BY WILLIAM B. DANA COMPANY, NEW YORK. ENTERED AS SECOND-CLASS MATTER JUNE 23, 1879, AT THE POST OFFICE AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK, UNDER THE ACT OF MARCH 3, 1879.

VOL. 113.

Issued Weekly
\$10.00 Per Year

NEW YORK, OCTOBER 1, 1921.

William B. Dana Co. Publishers
138 Front St., N.Y. City.

NO. 2936.

Financial

CHARTERED 1822 THE FARMERS' LOAN & TRUST COMPANY

16, 18, 20 and 22 William Street
475 Fifth Avenue, at 41st Street
NEW YORK

MANAGEMENT OF ESTATES
CARE OF SECURITIES
DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN BANKING

FOREIGN EXCHANGE
LETTERS OF CREDIT
COMMERCIAL LETTERS
ACCEPTANCES

LONDON PARIS

Member Federal Reserve System
and New York Clearing House

Established 1874.
John L. Williams & Sons
BANKERS
Corner 8th and Main Streets
RICHMOND, VA.

Baltimore Correspondents:
R. LANCASTER WILLIAMS & CO., Inc.

GARFIELD NATIONAL BANK

23rd STREET, where
FIFTH AVENUE
Crosses Broadway

Capital, - \$1,000,000 Surplus, - \$1,000,000
A Bank for the Builders of Business

Established 1784

The Bank of New York National Banking Association

We Act as Trustee for Foreign and
Domestic Corporations

Our 137 years' experience is at the
service of our depositors

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PHILADELPHIA

CHARTER NO. 1

Wm. A. LAW, President

Financial

HARVEY FISK & SONS INCORPORATED 32 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK

OTHER OFFICES
17 EAST 45TH ST., NEW YORK
BOSTON CHICAGO PHILADELPHIA
BUFFALO

GOVERNMENT, MUNICIPAL,
PUBLIC UTILITY AND
INDUSTRIAL SECURITIES

Established 1810

THE MECHANICS AND METALS NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Capital, Surplus, Profits - \$27,000,000
Deposits, June 30, 1921 \$196,000,000

Foreign Exchange Trust Services
Bond Department

The New York Trust Company

Capital, Surplus &
Undivided Profits
\$26,000,000

Main Office
26 Broad Street

Liberty Office
120 Broadway

Fifth Avenue Office
57th St. & Fifth Ave.

Member Federal Reserve System and
N. Y. Clearing House Association.

Financial

HARRIS, FORBES & Co. Pine Street, Corner William NEW YORK

10 Drapers Gardens, London, E. C.

HARRIS, FORBES & CO., Inc.
BOSTON

HARRIS TRUST & SAVINGS BANK
CHICAGO

Act as fiscal agents for muni-
cipalities and corporations and
deal in Government, muni-
cipal, railroad and public utility

BONDS FOR INVESTMENT

List on Application

Cable Address SABA, NEW YORK

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY

INTERNATIONAL
SECURITIES

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

COMMERCIAL
LETTERS OF CREDIT

65 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK

Telephone
Whitehall 2000

EDWARD B. SMITH & Co

Members New York and Philadelphia
Stock Exchanges

Investment Securities

PHILADELPHIA

NEW YORK

The Chase National Bank of the City of New York 67 BROADWAY

CAPITAL.....\$15,000,000
SURPLUS AND PROFITS..... 20,578,000
DEPOSITS (Sept. 6, 1921).....290,959,000

OFFICERS

A. BARTON HEPBURN
Chairman of the Advisory Board

ALBERT H. WIGGIN, President

Vice-Presidents
Samuel H. Miller
Carl J. Schmidlapp
Gerhard M. Dahl
Reeve Schley
Alfred C. Andrews
Robert I. Barr
Sherrill Smith

Assistant Vice-President
Edwin A. Lee
William E. Purdy
George H. Saylor
M. Hadden Howell

Comptroller
Thomas Ritchie

Cashier
William P. Holly

DIRECTORS

Henry W. Cannon
A. Barton Hepburn
Albert H. Wiggin
John J. Mitchell
Guy E. Tripp
James N. Hill
Daniel C. Jackling
Charles M. Schwab
Samuel H. Miller
Edward R. Tinker
Edward T. Nichols

Newcomb Carlton
Frederick H. Ecker
Eugene V. R. Thayer
Carl J. Schmidlapp
Gerhard M. Dahl
Andrew Fletcher
Wm. Boyce Thompson
Reeve Schley
Wood
H. Wendell Endicott
William M. Wood

Investment Houses and Drawers of Foreign Exchange

J. P. MORGAN & CO.
Wall Street, Corner of Broad
NEW YORK

DEXEL & CO., PHILADELPHIA
Corner of 5th and Chestnut Streets

MORGAN, GREENFELL & CO., LONDON
No. 22 Old Broad Street

MORGAN, HARJES & CO., PARIS
14 Place Vendome

Securities bought and sold on Commission.
Foreign Exchange, Commercial Credits.
Cable Transfers.
Circular Letters for Travelers, available in all parts of the world.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.

PHILADELPHIA NEW YORK BOSTON

ALEX. BROWN & SONS, Baltimore

Investment Securities
Foreign Exchange
Deposit Accounts
Commercial Credits
Travelers' Credits

BROWN, SHIPLEY & CO.
LONDON

T. Suffern Tailor
Grenville Kane James G. Wallace

TAILER & CO

10 Pine Street, New York

Investment Securities

Winslow, Lanier & Co.
59 CEDAR STREET
NEW YORK
BANKERS.

Deposits Received Subject to Draft, Interest
Allowed on Deposits. Securities
Bought and Sold on
Commission.

Foreign Exchange, Letters of Credit

**Bonds for
Investment**

Kean, Taylor & Co.
New York Pittsburgh

John Munroe & Co.
30 PINE STREET, NEW YORK

Letters of Credit for Travelers
Deposit Accounts

Commercial Credits Foreign Exchange.
Cable Transfers.

MUNROE & CO.,
PARIS PAU

Maitland, Coppel & Co.
62 WILLIAM STREET
NEW YORK

Orders executed for all Investment Securities.
Act as agents of Corporations and negotiate and
issue Loans.

*Bills of Exchange, Telegraphic Transfers,
Letters of Credit*
on

The National Provincial & Union Bank of
England, Ltd., London,

Messrs. Mallet Freres & Cie, Paris,
and
Principal Places in Mexico.

Agents for the Bank of Australasia.

TRAVELERS' LETTERS OF CREDIT

August Belmont & Co.

43 EXCHANGE PLACE, NEW YORK
Members New York Stock Exchange.

Agents and Correspondents of the
Messrs. ROTHSCHILD,
London, Paris and Vienna

ISSUE LETTERS OF CREDIT
for Travelers

Available in all parts of the world.

Draw bills of Exchange and make Telegraphic
Transfers

Execute orders for the purchase and sale of
Bonds and Stocks.

Equipment Bonds

RAILROAD
TANK CAR
INDUSTRIAL

FREEMAN & COMPANY

Members New York Stock Exchange

84 PINE STREET, NEW YORK

Lawrence Turnure & Co.

64-66 Wall Street,
New York

Investment securities bought and sold on com-
mission. Travelers' credits, available through-
out the United States, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Mexico,
Central America and Spain. Make collections
in and issue drafts and cable transfers on above
countries.

London Bankers: London Joint City &
Midland Bank, Limited.
Paris Bankers: Heine & Co.

GRAHAM, PARSONS & Co.

435 CHESTNUT ST. 30 PINE ST.
PHILADELPHIA NEW YORK

Investment Securities

Deal in and Purchase
Issues of

MUNICIPAL BONDS.
BONDS AND NOTES

of
RAILROADS, UTILITIES AND
INDUSTRIAL CORPORATIONS
of
ESTABLISHED VALUE

Cable Address "Graco." Philadelphia.

BOISSEVAIN & CO.

52 BROADWAY, NEW YORK
Members of the New York Stock Exchange

INVESTMENT SECURITIES
COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT
FOREIGN EXCHANGE

MESSRS. PIERSON & CO.
Amsterdam, Holland.

KIDDER, PEABODY & CO.

115 Devonshire St.
BOSTON

18 Broad St.
NEW YORK

Commercial and Travellers
Letters of Credit

on

BARING BROTHERS & CO., LTD.
LONDON

LAZARD FRÈRES

19 Nassau Street
NEW YORK

LAZARD FRÈRES & CIE, Paris
5 Rue Pillet-Will

LAZARD BROS. & CO., Ltd., London
11 Old Broad Street

Lazard Brothers & Co., (Espana) Madrid
Lazard Brothers & Co., Ltd., Antwerp
Lazard Frères & Cie, Mayence

Foreign Exchange
Securities Bought and Sold on Commission
Letters of Credit

Redmond & Co.

New York Philadelphia
Pittsburgh
Baltimore Washington Wilmington

Investment Securities

Members

New York, Philadelphia and
Pittsburgh Stock Exchanges

HUTH & CO.

30 Pine Street New York

Foreign Bonds & Investment Securities,
Commercial Credits, Foreign Exchange,
Cable Transfers on

FREDK HUTH & CO., London
and on the Continent or Europe.

HEIDELBACH, ICKELHEIMER & CO.

37 William Street.

MEMBERS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE.

Execute orders for purchase and sale of
Stocks and Bonds.

Foreign Exchange Bought and Sold.

Issue Commercial and Travelers' Credits
available in all parts of the world. *

Investment and Financial Houses

Lee, Higginson & Co.

Investment Bankers

Boston

New York Chicago

Higginson & Co.
80, Lombard St.
London, E. C.

Hornblower & Weeks

42 BROADWAY, NEW YORK

Investment Securities

MEMBERS
NEW YORK, BOSTON AND
CHICAGO STOCK EXCHANGES

Direct wires to all principal markets

Boston Chicago
Detroit Providence Portland

Established 1888

J. & W. Seligman & Co.

No. 54 Wall Street
NEW YORK

PARSLY BROS. & Co.
BANKERS

MEMBERS PHILADELPHIA STOCK EXCHANGE

Investment
Securities

1421 CHESTNUT STREET
PHILADELPHIA

Marshall Field, Gore, Ward & Co.

137 SOUTH LA SALLE STREET
CHICAGO

14 WALL STREET
NEW YORK

H. T. HOLTZ & CO.

INVESTMENT
BONDS

39 SOUTH LA SALLE STREET
CHICAGO

Goldman, Sachs & Co.

60 Wall Street
NEW YORK

137 So. La Salle Street 60 Congress Street
CHICAGO BOSTON

14 Montgomery Street 421 Chestnut Street
SAN FRANCISCO PHILADELPHIA

411 Olive Street Hoge Building
ST. LOUIS SEATTLE, WASH.

Title Insurance Building
LOS ANGELES, CAL.

Members of New York and Chicago
Stock Exchanges

Commercial Paper

Securities bought and sold on commission
Foreign Exchange

Commercial & Travelers' Letters of Credit
available in all parts of the world

**RAILWAY
EQUIPMENT BONDS**

EVANS, STILLMAN & CO.

Members New York Stock Exchange

60 BROADWAY NEW YORK

Investment Securities

W. A. Harriman & Co.

INCORPORATED

NEW YORK BOSTON SYRACUSE

Underwriters Distributors

**Howe, Snow,
Corrigan & Bertles**

Investment Bankers

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

DAVIS & CO., LTD.

BANKERS' BROKERS

New York Buenos Aires Sao Paulo
Montevideo Rio de Janeiro Santos

Foreign Exchange { Argentine Pesos
Uruguayan Pesos
Brazilian Milreis

Bonds { Argentine Cedula
Uruguayan Cedula
Peso Dollar &
Sterling Issues

PESO COUPONS PURCHASED

49 Wall St. Tel. Hanover 394

HARPER & TURNER
INVESTMENT BANKERS

STOCK EXCHANGE BUILDING
WALNUT STREET ABOVE BROAD

PHILADELPHIA

Members Philadelphia Stock Exchange

MILLETT, ROE & HAGEN

INVESTMENT SECURITIES

MEMBERS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

52 WILLIAM ST. NEW YORK



Bonds

Short Term Notes

Acceptances

Main Office: National City Bank Building
Uptown Branch: 42nd St. & Madison Ave
Offices in 50 Cities

ROBINSON & CO.

U. S. Government Bonds

Investment Securities

26 Exchange Place New York
Members New York Stock Exchange

**Conservative
Investment Securities**

Yielding 6% to 8%

**Peabody,
Houghteling & Co.**

EST. 1865 INC. 1913

10 So. La Salle St. Chicago
366 Madison Ave., New York

ALDRED & CO.

40 Wall Street
New York

Fiscal Agents for
Public Utility and Hydro-Electric
Companies

RAILROAD, INDUSTRIAL,
FOREIGN GOVERNMENT
AND
MUNICIPAL BONDS
FOR INVESTMENT

Parker & Company

49 Wall Street, New York

Financial

ESTABROOK & CO.

Members New York and Boston
Stock Exchanges

INVESTMENT SECURITIES

15 State Street, - BOSTON
24 Broad Street, NEW YORK

PROVIDENCE SPRINGFIELD
HARTFORD

SIMON BORG & CO.,

Members of New York Stock Exchanges

No. 46 Cedar Street - - New York

HIGH-GRADE
INVESTMENT SECURITIES

ESTABLISHED 1865

A. M. Kider & Co.

5 Nassau St., N. Y.

MEMBERS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Deal in
Underlying Railroad Bonds
and

Tax-exempt Guaranteed & Preferred
Railroad & Telegraph Co. Stocks

STOCKS AND BONDS

bought and sold for cash, or carried on
conservative terms.
Inactive and unlisted securities.
Inquiries invited.

FINCH & TARBELL

Members New York Stock Exchange.
120 BROADWAY, NEW YORK

Roosevelt & Son,

Founded 1797

Seasoned
Investments

30 Pine Street
New York

R. C. MEGARGEL & Co.

Investment Securities

27 Pine Street, New York

Financial

WE FINANCE

Electric Power and Light Enterprises with records of established earnings.

WE OFFER

Bankers and Investment Dealers
Proven Power and Light Securities
Correspondence Solicited

ELECTRIC BOND & SHARE CO.

(Paid-Up Capital and Surplus \$24,500,000)
71 BROADWAY, NEW YORK

MUNICIPAL AND RAILROAD
BONDS

For Conservative Investment

R. L. Day & Co.

35 Congress St., Boston

New York Correspondents
REMICK, HODGES & CO.

PARKINSON & BURR

Members of the New York and
Boston Stock Exchanges

53 State Street BOSTON

BONDS**Baker, Ayling & Young**

BOSTON

PHILADELPHIA

BERTRON, GRISCOM & CO. INC.

INVESTMENT SECURITIES

46 Wall Street NEW YORK Land Title Building
PHILADELPHIA

James Talcott Inc

FOUNDED 1854

FACTORS

Main Office

225 4th Ave - - New York

Cable Address - Quomakel

Financial

CHASE & COMPANY

BONDS

19 CONGRESS ST., BOSTON

We Offer

HIGH-GRADE
PFD. RAILROAD STOCK
to yield 9 per cent

J. S. FARLEE & CO.

EST. 1882

66 BROADWAY NEW YORK

Tel. 9695-9699 Bowling Green

**William R. Compton Co.**

INVESTMENT BONDS

14 Wall Street, New York
St. Louis Cincinnati
Chicago New Orleans

H. MOUNTAGUE VICKERS

49 Wall Street

Bonds Guaranteed Stocks

Texas Municipal Bonds
High Yield
Short-Term County Notes

J. L. ARLITT

141 Broadway, New York
Tel. Rector 4514
Member Texas Bankers' Association

INVESTMENTS

A. B. MURRAY & Co.

14 Wall Street Phone 1073 Rector New York

Municipal, Railroad,
Public Utility
and
Industrial Securities

WATKINS & CO.

7 Wall Street NEW YORK 40 State St.
BOSTON

Canadian

Canadian

Government and Municipal

Bonds

These bonds offer exceptional opportunities for sound investment. If purchased now they will yield from

6 1/2% to 7 1/2%

Principal and interest payable in United States funds

Full Particulars C-21 on request.

Wood, Gundy & Co.

Incorporated
14 WALL STREET, NEW YORK
Toronto, Winnipeg, Montreal, London, Eng.

A. E. Ames & Co

Established 1839
Members Toronto Stock Exchange

Canadian Securities

Government, Municipal & Corporation

74 Broadway New York
Toronto Montreal
Victoria BC Chicago

BURNETT, PORTEOUS & CO

Members Montreal Stock Exchange

17 St. John Street Montreal
STOCK AND BOND BROKERS



CANADIAN SECURITIES

HOUSSER WOOD & COMPANY
INVESTMENT BANKERS CANADA
TORONTO

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT, MUNICIPAL AND CORPORATION BONDS

Correspondence Invited.

H. R. BRERETON & CO.

Dominion Bank Building
TORONTO, CANADA

Canadian Bonds

Inquiries solicited—Offerings on request

MCLEOD YOUNG WEIR & Co.

INVESTMENT BANKERS
23 JORDAN ST. TORONTO

F. WM. KRAFT, Lawyer

Specializing in Examination & Preparation of County, Municipal and Corporation Bonds, Warrants and Securities and Proceedings Authorizing Same.

Rooms 517-520, 111 W. Monroe St., Harris Trust Building
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

BANK OF MONTREAL

Established over 100 Years

Capital Paid Up.....\$22,000,000
Rest & Undivided Profits 23,531,927
Total Assets.....507,199,946

SIR VINCENT MEREDITH, Bart., President.
SIR CHARLES GORDON, G.B.E., Vice-Pres.

Head Office—MONTREAL

Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor
General Manager.

Branches and Agencies:

Throughout Canada and Newfoundland.
At London, England, and at Mexico City.
In Paris, Bank of Montreal (France).

In the United States—New York (64 Wall Street), Chicago, Spokane, San Francisco—British American Bank (owned and controlled by the Bank of Montreal).

West Indies, British Guiana and West Africa—The Colonial Bank (of London), (in which an interest is owned by the Bank of Montreal).

United Financial Corporation

Limited

INVESTMENT BANKERS

Montreal London Toronto

Affiliated with

Guaranty Trust Co. of New York.

R. A. DALY & Co.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT, MUNICIPAL AND CORPORATION BONDS

Bank of Toronto Building
TORONTO, ONT.

Canadian Government, Provincial, Municipal and Corporation Bonds

Bought—Sold—Quoted

GREENSHIELDS & CO.

Members Montreal Stock Exchange.
Dealers in Canadian Bond Issues.
17 St. John Street, Montreal

CANADIAN INVESTMENT SECURITIES

Offerings on Request
Correspondence Invited

McDonagh, Somers & Co.

Dominion Bank Building
TORONTO, CANADA

CANADIAN BONDS

R. C. Matthews & Co.

LIMITED

BOND DEALERS

Canadian Pacific Railway Building
TORONTO

Nesbitt, Thomson & Co.

Limited.

Canadian Municipal, Public Utility & Industrial bonds

222 St. James St., MONTREAL
Hamilton Toronto London, Ont.

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO

PAID UP CAPITAL.....\$18,000,000

RESERVE.....\$18,000,000

President, Sir Edmund Walker, C.V.O., LL.D., D.C.

General Manager, Sir John Aird.

Assistant General Manager, H. V. F. Jones.

New York Office, 16 Exchange Place

F. B. FRANCIS,
C. L. FOSTER,
C. J. STEPHENSON, Agents

Buy and Sell Sterling and Continental Exchange and Cable Transfers. Collections made at all points.

Travelers' Cheques and Letters of Credit issued available in all parts of the world.

Banking and Exchange business of every description transacted with Canada.

LONDON OFFICE—2 Lombard Street, E. C.

BANKERS IN GREAT BRITAIN

The Bank of England,
The Bank of Scotland,
Lloyd's Bank, Limited.

THE

ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

Established 1869

Capital Paid Up.....\$19,000,000

Reserve Funds.....19,000,000

Total Assets.....550,000,000

Head Office.....Montreal

SIR HERBERT S. HOLT, President

E. L. PEASE, Vice-Pres. & Man. Director

C. E. NEILL, General Manager

730 Branches throughout CANADA and NEW-FOUNDLAND, in CUBA, PORTO RICO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, HAITI, CORTA RICA, COLOMBIA and VENEZUELA, BRITISH and FRENCH WEST INDIES, BRITISH HONDURAS and BRITISH GUIANA.

ARGENTINA—Buenos Aires.

BRAZIL—Rio de Janeiro, Santos, Sao Paulo

URUGUAY—Montevideo.

SPAIN—Barcelona.

LONDON OFFICE—Princes Street, E. C.

NEW YORK AGENCY—68 William St.

F. T. Walker, J. A. Beatson, E. B. McInerney and J. D. Leavitt, Agents.

FRENCH AUXILIARY: The Royal Bank of Canada (France), PARIS, 28 Rue de Quatre-Septembre.

THE DOMINION BANK

HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO

Paid Up Capital.....\$6,000,000

Reserve Funds & Undivided Profits 7,819,000

Total Assets.....126,000,000

Sir Edmund Osler, Clarence A. Bogert,
President General Manager

New York Agency, 51 Broadway

C. S. Howard, Agent

London Branch, 73 Cornhill

S. L. Jones, Manager

CANADIAN AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE BOUGHT AND SOLD

TRAVELERS' AND COMMERCIAL LETTERS OF CREDIT

HERDMAN & COMPANY

Members Montreal Stock Exchange

Bankers & Brokers

Dominion Express Building

MONTREAL

CANADIAN BONDS

Æmilius Jarvis & Co

INVESTMENT BANKERS

Established 1891

Foreign

Australia and New Zealand

**BANK OF
NEW SOUTH WALES**
(ESTABLISHED 1817.)

Paid-Up Capital.....\$24,826,000
Reserve Fund.....17,125,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors...24,826,000

Aggregate Assets 31st March, 1921. \$378,462,443

OSCAR LINES,
General Manager.

358 BRANCHES and AGENCIES in the Australian States, New Zealand, Fiji, Papua (New Guinea) and London. The Bank transacts every description of Australian Banking Business. Wool and other Produce Credits arranged.

Head Office London Office
GEORGE STREET 39, THREADNEEDLE
SYDNEY STREET, E. C. 2

THE UNION BANK OF AUSTRALIA, Limited

Established 1837. Incorporated 1880.

Capital Authorized.....£9,000,000
Capital Issued.....£7,500,000
Capital Paid Up.....£2,500,000
Reserve Fund.....£2,750,000
Reserve Liability of
Proprietors.....£5,000,000

The Bank has 42 Branches in VICTORIA, 38 in NEW SOUTH WALES, 19 in QUEENSLAND, 14 in SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 20 in WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 3 in TASMANIA and 46 in NEW ZEALAND. Total, 182.

Head Office: 71, Cornhill, London, E.C.
Manager, W. J. Essame. Asst. Mgr., W. A. Laing.
Secretary, G. T. Tobitt.

**THE
Commercial Banking Company
of Sydney**
LIMITED

Established 1834.

Incorporated in New South Wales.

Paid-Up Capital.....£3,000,000
Reserve Fund.....2,040,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors...2,000,000

Drafts payable on demand, and Letters of Credit are issued by the London Branch on the Head Office. Branches and Agencies of the Bank in Australia and elsewhere. Bills on Australasia negotiated or collected. Remittances cabled.

Head Office, Sydney, New South Wales
London Office:
18, Birch Lane, Lombard Street, E. C.

**FOREIGN MONEY
BOUGHT and SOLD**
HANDY and HARMAN
Est. 1867

59 CEDAR STREET NEW YORK
Telephone 4337-8 John

Ionian Bank, Limited

Incorporated by Royal Charter.

Offers every banking facility for transaction with Greece, where it has been established for 80 years, and has Branches throughout the Country.

Also at Alexandria, Cairo, &c., in Egypt.
Head Office: Basilden House,
Moorgate Street,
LONDON, E. C. 2.

English Scottish and Australian Bank, Ltd.

Head Office:

5 Gracechurch St., London, E. C.
Authorized Capital.....£3,000,000 0 0
Reserve Fund.....1,085,000 0 0
Subscribed Capital.....2,495,525 0 0
Paid-up Capital.....1,247,762 10 0
Further Liability of Proprietors...1,247,762 10 0
Remittances made by Telegraphic Transfer.
Bills Negotiated or forwarded for Collection,
banking and Exchange business of every description transacted with Australia.
E. M. JANION, Manager.

Lincoln Menny Oppenheimer

BANKERS

FRANKFORT-O-M., GERMANY

Cable Address "Openhym"

INVESTMENT SECURITIES

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

**LONDON JOINT CITY AND
MIDLAND BANK LIMITED**

CHAIRMAN:

The Right Hon. R. McKENNA

JOINT MANAGING DIRECTORS:

S. B. MURRAY F. HYDE E. W. WOOLLEY

Subscribed Capital - - £38,116,815
Paid-up Capital - - - 10,860,565
Reserve Fund - - - 10,860,565
Deposits (June 30th, 1921) - - 371,322,381

HEAD OFFICE: 5, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON, E.C. 2.

OVER 1,550 OFFICES IN ENGLAND AND WALES

OVERSEAS BRANCH: 65 & 66, OLD BROAD STREET, LONDON, E.C. 2.

Atlantic Offices: "Aquitania" "Berengaria" "Mauretania"

AFFILIATED BANKS:

BELFAST BANKING CO. LTD. THE CLYDESDALE BANK LTD.
OVER 110 OFFICES IN IRELAND OVER 160 OFFICES IN SCOTLAND

**THE NATIONAL PROVINCIAL and
UNION BANK OF ENGLAND,**
Limited.

Established 1833.

HEAD OFFICE: 15, BISHOPSGATE, LONDON, ENGLAND.

(\$5 = £1.)

Subscribed Capital - \$217,235,400
Paid Up Capital - \$46,547,080
Reserve Fund - \$44,390,205

Every description of Banking Business transacted.
THE BANK HAS NEARLY ONE THOUSAND OFFICES IN ENGLAND AND WALES,
together with Agencies in all parts of the World.

**Hong Kong & Shanghai
BANKING CORPORATION**

Paid up Capital (Hongkong Currency)....H\$15,000,000
Reserve Fund in Silver (Hongkong Curr.)H\$21,500,000
Reserve Fund in Gold Sterling..... £2,500,000

GRANT DRAFTS, ISSUE LETTERS OF CREDIT
NEGOTIATE OR COLLECT BILLS PAYABLE IN
CHINA, JAPAN, PHILIPPINES, STRAITS SET-
TLEMENTS, INDIA.

J. A. JEFFREY, Agent, 36 Wall St., New York

**The Union Discount Co.
of London, Limited**

39 CORNHILL

Telegraphic Address, Udisco: London.

Capital Authorized & Subscribed...\$10,000,000
Capital Paid Up.....5,000,000
Reserve Fund.....5,000,000
\$5=£1 STERLING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
RATES OF INTEREST allowed for money
on deposit are as follows:

At Call, 3½ Per Cent.

At 3 to 7 Days' Notice, 3½ Per Cent.

The Company discounts approved bank and mercantile acceptances, receives money on deposit at rates advertised from time to time, and grants loans on approved negotiable securities.
CHRISTOPHER R. NUGENT, Manager.

**The National Discount
Company, Limited**

35 CORNHILL LONDON, E. C.

Cable Address—Natldis London.

Subscribed Capital.....\$21,166,625
Paid Up Capital.....4,333,326
Reserve Fund.....2,500,000
(\$5=£1 STERLING.)

NOTICE is hereby given that the RATES OF
INTEREST allowed for money on Deposit are
as follows:

3½% per annum at call.

3¼% at 7 and 14 days' notice.

Approved Bank & Mercantile Bills discounted.
Money received on deposit at rates advertised
from time to time; and for fixed periods upon
specially agreed terms. Loans granted on ap-
proved negotiable securities.

PHILIP HAROLD WADE, Manager

International Banking Corporation

60 WALL STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

Capital and Surplus.....\$10,000,000
Undivided Profits.....\$4,000,000

Branches in
London Lyons San Francisco
China Java Panama
India Philippines Santo Domingo
Japan Straits Spain
Settlements

The Mercantile Bank of India Ltd

Head Office

15 Gracechurch Street, London

Capital Authorized and Subscribed.....£1,500,000
Capital Paid Up.....£750,000
Reserve Liability of Shareholders.....£750,000
Reserve Fund and Undivided Profits...£785,790
Branches in India, Burma, Ceylon, Straits Settlements, Federated Malay States, China and Mauritius.
New York Agency, R. A. Edlund, 64 Wall Street.

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA Limited

Bankers to the Government in British East
Africa and Uganda

Head Office: 26, Bishopsgate, London, E. C.
Branches in India, Burma, Ceylon, Kenya
Colony and at Aden and Zanzibar.

Subscribed Capital.....£4,000,000
Paid-Up Capital.....£2,000,000
Reserve Fund.....£2,500,000
The Bank conducts every description of banking
and exchange business.

Arnold Gillissen & Co

80-81 Damrak
AMSTERDAM

Cable Address: Achilles-Amsterdam

ROTTERDAM THE HAGUE

Established 1871

BANKERS AND STOCKBROKERS

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Foreign

BANCO DI ROMA

ESTABLISHED 1880
Head Office: Rome, Italy

Capital Fully Paid and Surplus.....\$34,000,000
Total Resources.....\$1,000,000,000
(Five Lire—One Dollar)

Over 200 Branches throughout Europe, Asia and Africa

The September Number of Our
MONTHLY BULLETIN

containing information of business developments in Italy of interest to American Bankers, is ready for distribution.

Copy mailed upon request. Kindly address

Rodolfo Bolla
One Wall Street

American Representative
New York

BANCA COMMERCIALE ITALIANA

CAPITAL.....LIT. 400,000,000
SURPLUS.....LIT. 175,000,000
DEPOSITS.....LIT. 4,975,847,867
Head Office, Milan, Italy
New York Agency, 62-64 William St., N. Y. C.
London Office, 1 Old Broad Street, E. C. 2
Constantinople
80 branches in Italy, at all the principal points in the Kingdom
AFFILIATED INSTITUTIONS
BANCA COMMERCIALE ITALIANA (France)
—Paris, Marseilles and branches
BANCA COMMERCIALE ITALIANA E BULGARA
—Sophia and branches
BANCA COMMERCIALE ITALIANA E ROMENA
—Bucarest and branches
BANCA UNGARO-ITALIANA—Budapest
BANQUE FRANCAISE & ITALIENNE POUR L'AMERIQUE DU SUD—Paris, Buenos Aires, Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and branches
BANCA DELLA SVIZZERA ITALIANA—Lugano and branches
BANCO ITALIANO—Lima and branches
SOCIETA ITALIANA DI CREDITO COMMERCIALE—Vienna, Trieste and branches
BANCO FRANCES DE CHILE—Santiago, Valparaiso
BANCO FRANCES E ITALIANO DE COLOMBIA—Bogota
CREDIT ANVERSOIS—Anvers, Brussels and branches
BOEHMISCHE UNION BANK—Prague

The NATIONAL BANK of SOUTH AFRICA, Ltd.

Over 500 Branches in Africa

Paid Up Capital and Reserves exceed \$21,000,000

Offers to American banks and bankers its superior facilities for the extension of trade and commerce between this country and Africa.

New York Agency - - 44 Beaver St.

SOCIETE GENERALE ALSACIENNE DE BANQUE

Fondée en 1881

Siege social:
Strasbourg

4, Rue Joseph Massol

Capital, 100 millions de francs entierelement versés

36 Agences notamment a

MULHOUSE METZ
COLOGNE MAYENCE
LUDWIGSHAFEN FRANCFORT
SARREBRUCK

PRAGUE CREDIT BANK

Head Office: Prague, Czechoslovakia.

Branches throughout Czechoslovakia.

Established in 1870.

Capital and Reserves Czk 129,000,000

NATIONAL BANK of EGYPT

Head Office—Cairo

Established under Egyptian Law June, 1898, with the exclusive right to issue Notes payable at sight to bearer

Capital, fully paid.....£3,000,000
Reserve Fund.....£2,000,000

LONDON AGENCY
6 AND 7 KING WILLIAM ST.,
LONDON, E. C., 4, ENGLAND.

ROTTERDAMSCH BANKVEREENIGING

Rotterdam Amsterdam
The Hague

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS . . . F.110,000,000

COLLECTIONS
LETTERS OF CREDIT
FOREIGN EXCHANGE
PURCHASE AND SALE OF STOCKS AND SHARES
Representative for the U. S. of the
Rotterdamsche Bankvereniging
J. G. van BREDA KOLFF
14 Wall Street, New York City.

BANQUE GUYERZELLER

SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME
ZURICH

Established 1864

Paid up Capital Frs. 6,000,000

Every description of banking business transacted.

KONIG BROTHERS & CO

189 Pearl Street, NEW YORK

Commercial and Travellers
Letters of Credit

on

KONIG BROTHERS, LONDON

and

NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL—MAATSCHAPPY
ROTTERDAM

Foreign

Banque Nationale de Credit

Capital.....frs. 500,000,000
Surplus.....frs. 92,000,000
Deposits.....frs. 2,420,000,000

Head Office
PARIS

350 Branches in France
4 Branches in the Rhenish Provinces

GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS

SWITZERLAND

Government, State and Municipal
BONDS
for Investment

Apply to
SWISS BANK CORPORATION
BASLE

ZURICH GENEVA

Branches all over Switzerland and in London

COMMERCIAL BANK OF SCOTLAND, Ltd

Established 1810

Subscribed Capital £5,000,000
Paid up Capital 1,750,000
Reserve Fund 1,000,000
Deposits (Nov. 1920) 41,000,000

Head Office, 14 George Street, Edinburgh
Alex. Robb, Gen'l Manager Magnus Irvine, Secretary

London Office, 62 Lombard Street
Glasgow Office, 113 Buchanan Street
233 Branches and Sub Offices throughout Scotland

New York Agents
American Exchange National Bank

Royal Bank of Scotland

Incorporated by Royal Charter, 1727.

Paid-up Capital.....£3,000,000
Reserve and Undivided Profits.....£1,082,278
Deposits.....£39,114,787

Head Office - St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh

Cashier and General Manager: A. K. Wright

London Office 8 Bishopsgate, E.C.2
Glasgow Office Exchange Square

172 Branches Throughout Scotland.
Every Description of British, Colonial and Foreign Banking Business Transacted.

Correspondence Invited

BANK OF JUGOSLAVIA, Ltd.

HEAD OFFICE, ZAGREB

New York Agency
LOTHAR BERKS,

Agent

LEO SORGER, N. CVETNIC,
Sub-Agent Sub-Agent

Subscribed Capital...J.K.200,000,000
Reserve..... 50,000,000

25 Broadway, New York

Cable Address "Jugobank"

Bankers and Brokers Outside New York

MILWAUKEE

EDGAR, RICKER & CO.
East Water and Mason Streets
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

WANTED
Goodrich Transit Co. 1st 8s, 1935
Wisconsin Municipal Issues

*Financing of Milwaukee
and Wisconsin Industries.
Investment Securities
Bought and Sold.*

First Wisconsin Company
Investment Securities
MILWAUKEE WISCONSIN

Second Ward Securities Co.

Second Ward Savings Bank Bldg.
MILWAUKEE

108 So. La Salle St.
CHICAGO

Specialists in
Wisconsin Municipals
and
High Grade Investments

INDIANAPOLIS

Fletcher American Company

INDIANAPOLIS

Capital - \$1,500,000

Specializing in Indiana and Indianapolis
Corporation and Municipal bonds
and stocks.

BREED, ELLIOTT & HARRISON

INDIANAPOLIS

Winnipeg Detroit Chicago Milwaukee

Investment Securities
Municipal Bonds
Indiana Corporation Securities

NEWTON TODD

Local Securities and
Indiana Corporation Bonds and Stocks
618 Lemcke Bldg. INDIANAPOLIS

SOUTH BEND, IND.

Goss-Geyer-Ross Company

GOVERNMENT, MUNICIPAL &
CORPORATION BONDS

Union Trust Bldg. SOUTH BEND, IND.

CHICAGO

A. G. Becker & Co.

COMMERCIAL PAPER
INVESTMENT SECURITIES

137 South La Salle Street
CHICAGO

NEW YORK ST. LOUIS SEATTLE
SAN FRANCISCO LOS ANGELES

**Greenebaum Sons
Investment Company**

Safe Investments Since 1855
S. E. Cor. LaSalle and Madison Sts.

Safe First Mortgage
Real Estate Serial Bonds
Suitable Investments for Banks, Insurance
Companies, Estates and Individuals
Approved and Recommended by the
OLDEST BANKING HOUSE IN CHICAGO

MUNICIPAL BONDS

First Mortgage
Corporation Bonds
Short Term
Industrial Note Issues

Hyney, Emerson & Co.
39 South La Salle St CHICAGO

A. O. Slaughter & Co.

Members
New York Stock Exchange
Chicago Stock Exchange
Chicago Board of Trade
158 WEST MONROE STREET
CHICAGO, ILL.

Powell, Garard & Co.

INVESTMENT SECURITIES

39 South La Salle Street
Chicago

Philadelphia St. Louis

Municipal and Corporation **BONDS**

SHAPKER & COMPANY

Formerly
SHAPKER, WALLER & CO.
134 SOUTH LA SALLE STREET
CHICAGO

John Burnham & Co.

Investment Securities

La Salle and Monroe Chicago

L. Kaufmann & Co State Bank

FOREIGN SECURITIES DEPARTMENT

114 N. LaSalle St. Chicago, Ill.
Foreign Exchange and Foreign
Securities a Specialty.

CHICAGO

Investment Securities
Underwritten & Distributed

**Federal Securities
Corporation**

38 South Dearborn Street
CHICAGO

JAMES D.

LACEY TIMBER CO.

TIMBER BONDS
based always upon
expert verification
of underlying assets
322 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVE., CHICAGO

SCOTT & STITT

INVESTMENT BONDS

111 W. Monroe St.
CHICAGO

CHRISTIAN & PARSONS CO.

Commercial Paper
Collateral Loans
Investment Securities

208 S. La Salle St. Chicago, Ill.

**FINNEY, CAMMACK
& RAY, Inc.**

Specializing in
Industrial and Railroad
Bonds and Notes

108 South La Salle Street,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

Matheny, Dixon, Cole & Co.

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.

Dealers in
Municipal and Corporation Bonds
and Illinois Farm Mortgages

MINNEAPOLIS

**Stevens & Co.**

ESTABLISHED 1910

MUNICIPAL RAILROAD
CORPORATION BONDS
COMMERCIAL PAPER
MINNEAPOLIS ST. PAUL

USE AND CONSULT

The Financial Chronicle
Classified Department
(Opposite Inside Back Cover)

Bankers and Brokers Outside New York

CLEVELAND

The Gundling-Jones Company

STOCKS—BONDS—NOTES

HANNA BUILDING, CLEVELAND

OTIS & COMPANY

Stocks Acceptances Bonds

Members of New York, Boston, Cleveland, Chicago and Detroit Stock Exchanges, the New York Cotton Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade.

CLEVELAND

New York Boston Detroit Cincinnati
Columbus Toledo Akron Youngstown
Dayton Denver Colorado Springs

THE

KLIPFEL-WASHBURN-BERKLEY CO.

INVESTMENT SECURITIES

2nd Floor National City Bldg.
CLEVELAND, O.

Dayton Warren Bucyrus

Listed - Unlisted - Inactive
Stocks & Bonds

ALBERT FOYER

Leader News Bldg. CLEVELAND, O.

HUNTER GLOVER & CO.

Investment Securities

ERIE BUILDING, CLEVELAND

Philadelphia New York Ashtabula
Cincinnati Springfield

TOLEDO

TUCKER, ROBISON & CO

Successors to

David Robison Jr. & Sons
Bankers—Established 1876

Municipal, Railroad and Corporation Bonds

Toledo and Ohio Securities

Gardner Building, TOLEDO, OHIO

Graves, Blanchet & Thornburgh

MUNICIPAL BONDS

GARDNER BUILDING
TOLEDO OHIO

BUFFALO

JOHN T. STEELE

BUFFALO, N. Y.

Government, Municipal
and Corporation Bonds

SPECIALISTS IN

Buffalo and Western New York Securities

IRVING T. LESSER

STOCKS AND BONDS

79 Ellicott Square BUFFALO, N. Y.

MICHIGAN

HUGHES, GORDON, BRASIE & CO.

High Grade Bonds

DIME BANK BLDG. DETROIT

WATLING, LERCHEN & COMPANY

Michigan Municipal Bonds
Local Corporation Bonds and Stocks

We Invite Inquiries

DETROIT

Members Detroit Stock Exchange

CINCINNATI

CHANNER & SAWYER

INVESTMENT SECURITIES

Union Trust Bldg.,
CINCINNATI, OHIO

Ohio Securities—Municipal Bonds
New York Stocks and Bonds

DEALERS IN
INVESTMENT SECURITIES

IRWIN, BALLMANN & CO.

323-330-332 Walnut St.
CINCINNATI, OHIO

EDGAR FRIEDLANDER

DEALER IN

Cincinnati Securities

CINCINNATI OHIO

PITTSBURGH

GORDON & COMPANY

INVESTMENT BANKERS

Members Pittsburgh Stock Exchange

Union Bank Building, PITTSBURGH, PA.
Phone Court 3264-5

LYON, SINGER & CO.

INVESTMENT BANKERS

Commonwealth Bldg., PITTSBURGH

Securities of Pittsburgh District
Pennsylvania Municipal Bonds

A. E. MASTEN & CO.

Established 1891

Members: New York Stock Exchange
Boston Stock Exchange
Pittsburgh Stock Exchange
Chicago Stock Exchange
Chicago Board of Trade
New York Cotton Exchange

123 Fourth Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa

Branch Office—
Wheeling, W. Va.

ALWAYS

refer to the Financial Chronicle Trading Department when you wish to buy or sell bonds or unlisted or inactive stocks.

MICHIGAN

Members of Detroit Stock Exchange

Charles A. Parcels & Co.

INVESTMENT SECURITIES

PENOBSCOT BUILDING, DETROIT, MICH.

Members Detroit Stock Exchange

Richard Brand Company

Specializing Detroit Securities

We invite your inquiries

1721-3 Dime Bank Bldg., Detroit

WHITTLESEY, McLEAN & CO.

Municipal Bonds Corporation Bonds
Stocks

Members Detroit Stock Exchange

2054 Penobscot Building DETROIT

FENTON, DAVIS & BOYLE

Investment Bankers

Chicago Detroit Grand Rapids

KEANE, HIGBIE & CO.

MUNICIPAL BONDS

DETROIT NEW YORK
431 GRISWOLD ST. 120 BROADWAY

KAY & CO. Inc.,

INVESTMENT BANKER

Penobscot Bldg. DETROIT, MICH.

Members Detroit Stock Exchange

GEORGE M. WEST & COMPANY

Established 1893

INVESTMENT BANKERS

UNION TRUST BLDG. DETROIT,
Members Detroit Stock Exchange

W. A. HAMLIN & CO.

Members Detroit Stock Exchange

Motor Stocks, Public Utilities & Oils

1010 Penobscot Bldg., DETROIT, MICH.

Joel Stockard & Co., Inc.

INVESTMENT BANKERS

Municipal, Government &
Corporation Bonds

Members Detroit Stock Exchange

Penobscot Bldg., - DETROIT - Cherry 11 06

HARRIS SMALL & LAWSON

180 CONGRESS ST., W
DETROIT

Bankers and Brokers Outside New York

PACIFIC COAST

Howard Throckmorton
CALIFORNIA SECURITIES

Bonds { Government
Municipal
Corporation

San Francisco
Alaska Commercial Building

Quotations and Information Furnished on
Pacific Coast Securities
Established 1858

SUTRO & CO.

INVESTMENT BROKERS
San Francisco Members
10 Montgomery St. San Francisco Stock
Private Wire and Bond Exchange

DENVER

Municipal and
Corporation Bonds

WILL H. WADE COMPANY
INVESTMENT BANKERS
Second Floor U. S. National Bank Bldg.
DENVER

PORTLAND, ORE.

HALL & COMPANY
INVESTMENT BONDS

Local and Pacific Coast Securities
LEWIS BUILDING PORTLAND, OREGON

DALLAS, TEXAS

BREG, GARRETT & CO.

Municipal Bonds
Farm and City Mortgages
Texas and Oklahoma

1201 Praetorian Bldg., DALLAS, TEXAS

Texas Municipal Bonds
and Warrants

Distributors of Entire Issues
yielding from 6% to 8%
We solicit inquiries from dealers,
banks and investors

GEO. L. SIMPSON & CO.
DALLAS

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

J. E. JARRATT & COMPANY

Investment Bankers
Municipal Bonds

San Antonio, Texas

ALABAMA

MARX & COMPANY
BANKERS

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

SOUTHERN MUNICIPAL AND
CORPORATION BONDS

PACIFIC COAST

Pacific Coast Securities
BONDS

of MUNICIPALITIES AND
CORPORATIONS

having substantial assets
and earning power.

WILLIAM R. STAATS CO.

LOS ANGELES
SAN FRANCISCO PASADENA

HUNTER, DULIN & Co.

GOVERNMENT
MUNICIPAL AND
CORPORATION BONDS

California Issues a Specialty

Los Angeles San Francisco
Pasadena San Diego
Oakland Santa Barbara



We specialize in California
Municipal & Corporation
BONDS

DRAKE, RILEY & THOMAS

Van Nuys Building
LOS ANGELES

R. H. MOULTON & COMPANY

CALIFORNIA MUNICIPALS
Title Insurance Building, LOS ANGELES
American Nat'l Bank Bldg., San Francisco

CHAPMAN DE WOLFE CO.

251-253 Montgomery Street,
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
Stocks and Bonds
Information and Quotations on all Pacific
Coast Securities
Members San Francisco Stock & Bond Exchange

NASHVILLE

American National
Securities Company

NASHVILLE, TENN.

Railroad and Corporation Securities
Tennessee Municipal Bonds

Caldwell & Company

SOUTHERN MUNICIPALS

Cumberland Tel. & Telep. Co. &
Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis Ry.
Nashville & Decatur Ry.
Nashville Railway & Light Co. Securities

NASHVILLE, TENN. ST. LOUIS, MO
214 Union Street 317 Security Bldg.

CHATTANOOGA

LEWIS BURKE & CO.

LOCAL AND SOUTHERN
SECURITIES

James Building CHATANOOGA

MACON

W. M. DAVIS & COMPANY
Southern Municipal Bonds
AND
Guaranteed Stocks

MACON . . . GEORGIA

ATLANTA

THE ROBINSON-HUMPHREY CO.

Established 1894.

MUNICIPAL AND CORPORATION
BONDS

ATLANTA GEORGIA

AUGUSTA

JOHN W. DICKEY

Augusta, Ga.

Southern Securities

Established 1886.

WM. E. BUSH & CO.

Augusta, Ga.

SOUTHERN SECURITIES
COTTON MILL STOCKS

NORTH CAROLINA

Wachovia Bank & Trust Company

BOND DEPARTMENT

North Carolina Municipal Notes and Bonds.
R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company Securities

Winston-Salem, N. C.

W. F. SHAFFNER & CO.

Winston-Salem, N. C.

Southern Investment
Securities

SPARTANBURG, S. C.

A. M. LAW & CO., Inc.

DEALERS IN

Stocks and Bonds
Southern Textiles a Specialty

SPARTANBURG, S. C.

NORFOLK, VA.

MOTTU & CO.

Established 1892

Investment Bankers

NORFOLK, VA.

Correspondents: E. & C. Randolph, New York

BALTIMORE

R. Lancaster Williams & Co., Inc.

INVESTMENT SECURITIES

Equitable Building

BALTIMORE MARYLAND

Bankers and Brokers Outside New York

Philadelphia

Standard Gas & Electric Company

20-Year Secured
7 1/2% Bonds
Yield 8.10%

Limited to the present issue
of \$3,500,000

Income from pledged collateral alone
exceeds Five Times interest requirements
of these Bonds.

Monthly Sinking Fund retires \$300,000
of these Bonds annually until 1924;
\$160,000 annually thereafter.
\$100, \$500 and \$1,000 Bonds for cash
or on part payments.

For full particulars
Ask for Circular CC-18

H. M. Byllesby & Co.

Incorporated
New York Chicago
111 Broadway 208 S. LaSalle St.
Providence Boston
10 Weybosset St. 14 State Street

GEO. B. EDWARDS

INVESTMENTS

72 Trinity Place, NEW YORK, N. Y.

FOR SALE—Timber, Coal, Iron, Ranch and
other properties.

Confidential Negotiations Investigations
Settlements and Purchases of Property.
United States West Indies Canada

NEW ORLEANS

Southern Municipals

Short Term Notes
Preferred Stocks
Commercial Paper
Bankers Acceptances

Hibernia
Securities Company
(Incorporated)

New Orleans

New York Office Direct Private
44 Pine Street Wire Service

S. A. TRUFANT

INVESTMENT SECURITIES

718 Common Street

Member of New Orleans Stock Exchange

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

BONDS - STOCKS
SECURITIES

Oil Properties and Leases in
Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas
Timber Lands, Plantations and Country
Real Estate

J. EDW. CRUSEL & CO.

734 Common Street New Orleans, La.
Phones—Main 4078 Long Distance 63

THAYER, BAKER & CO.



INVESTMENTS

Commercial Trust Bldg.,
PHILADELPHIA

BORDEN & KNOBLAUCH

American Gas & Elec. Co. Securities

119 S. FOURTH STREET
PHILADELPHIA

Members Philadelphia Stock Exchange

Pennsylvania Tax Free Bonds

PAUL & CO.

Members Philadelphia Stock Exchange

1421 Chestnut Street
PHILADELPHIA

READING

Sparrwardt & Co.
Investment Securities

Second Nat. Bank Bldg. Reading, Pa.

We Offer

WHITE STAR CEMENT & COAL CO.
SECURITIES

ST. LOUIS

Herndon Smith Charles W. Moore
William H. Burg

SMITH, MOORE & CO.

INVESTMENT BONDS

OLIVE ST., ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

ST. LOUIS SERVICE

MARK C. STEINBERG & CO.

Members New York Stock Exchange
Members St. Louis Stock Exchange

300 N. Broadway ST. LOUIS

PROVIDENCE

BODELL & CO.

10 WEYBOSSET STREET
PROVIDENCE

New York

Boston

The United States Life
Insurance Co.

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Organized 1850. Non-Participating Policies only.
Over Forty-Five Million Dollars Paid to Policy-
holders.

JOHN P. MUNN, M. D., PRESIDENT

Good territory open for high class personal
producers, under direct contracts with the
Company. Address Home Office, 105-107 Fifth
Avenue, New York City.

E. W. Clark & Co.

BANKERS

521 Chestnut St., Philadelphia

Established 1837

Members New York and Philadelphia

Stock Exchanges

BOLES & WESTWOOD

Members Philadelphia Stock Exchange

Investment
Securities

Land Title Building, PHILADELPHIA

Telephone Locust 4721



BONDS

Municipal
Railroad
Public Utility
Industrial

HARRISON, SMITH & CO.

INVESTMENT SECURITIES

121 SOUTH 5TH STREET
PHILADELPHIA

LOMBARD 6100

Frederick Peirce

BONDS FOR & Co. INVESTMENT

1421 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia

NEWARK, N. J.

CONSERVATIVE
INVESTMENT SECURITIES

List upon request

F. M. CHADBOURNE & CO.

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE BUILDING
NEWARK, N. J.



TRADING DEPARTMENT



THEODORE L. BRONSON & Co.

Members New York Stock Exchange
120 Broadway, New York
Phone Rector 7580

Paterson & Ramapo Railroad
Federal Sugar Refining
Safety Car Heating & Ltg.
Alliance Realty
Central Aguirre Sugar
National Sugar Refining
Brooklyn City Railroad

Brooklyn Union Gas 5s, 1945
Texas Electric Railway 5s, 1947
Portland Gas & Coke 1st 5s, 1940
Bklyn. City & Newtown 5s, 1939
Penn. Public Service 7 1/2s, 1935
Second Ave. RR. Receivers Cfs.
Chicago Gas Lt. & Coke 5s, 1937

We have actual markets at all times in securities local to New York and Brooklyn.

Bonds, Notes and
Preferred Stocks of
Conservative
Oil Companies

Gulf Oil Corp. 7s, 1933
Humble Oil & Ref. 7s, 1923
S. O. of New York 7s, 1925-1931
Vacuum Oil Co 7s, 1936

Phones Rector
9980-5
9723-7
6922-3

Berdell Brothers
Public Utility Securities
111 Broadway, New York

Private Phones to
Philadelphia
and
Boston

Adirondack Power & Light Co.
Common Stock
American Power & Light Co.
Common Stock
Appalachian Power Co.
Common Stock
Carolina Power & Light Co.
Common Stock
Central States Electric Corp.
Common Stock
Colorado Power Co.
Common Stock

Federal Light & Traction Co.
Common Stock
Kentucky Securities Corp.
Common Stock
Lehigh Power Securities Corp.
Common Stock
Northern States Power Co.
Common Stock
Republic Railway & Light Co.
Common Stock
Tennessee Ry., Light & Power Co.
Common Stock

CARL H. PFORZHEIMER & CO.

Dealers in Standard Oil Securities
Phones 4860-1-2-3-4 Broad 25 Broad St., N.Y.

American Brass Co.

Stock

**Colt's Patent Fire Arms
Mfg. Co.**

Stock

Niles-Bement-Pond Co.

Common Stock

Telephone—Broad 3500

Spencer Trask & Co.

25 Broad Street, New York

ALBANY BOSTON CHICAGO

Members New York Stock Exchange
Members Chicago Stock Exchange

**Investment
Securities**

Davies, Thomas & Co.

Members N. Y. Stock Exchanges
5 Nassau St. New York
Telephone Rector 5520

DO YOU KNOW

That the most efficient men in their respective fields use and consult the Financial Chronicle Classified Department.

Keep this Department in mind for use when the occasion arises.

American Can Deb. 5s, 1928
American Tobacco 6s, 1944
Bronx Gas & Elec. 5s, 1960
Chic. T. H. & So. E. Inc. 5s '60
Chic. & West. Ind. 7 1/2s, 1935
Denver City Tramway 5s, 1933
Dubuque Electric 5s, 1925
K. Cy. C. Co. & St. Joe 5s, 1941
Lehigh Power Securities 6s '27

Nevada-Cal. Electric 6s, 1946
Pacific Pwr. & Light 5s, 1930
Public Serv. of No. Ill. 5s, '56
Queens Co. Water 5s, 1940
Seaboard Air Line 7s, 1923
Tacoma Eastern RR. 5s, 1953
Trinity Bldg. Corp. 5 1/2s, '39
23rd St. Ry. Ref. 5s, 1962
Two Rector St. Corp. 6s, '35

JOSEPH EGBERT

2 Rector St., N. Y.

Tel. Rector 9261

Aluminum Co. of Amer.
American Brass
Atlas Portland Cement
Chase Nat'l Bank Rights
Carbon Steel Com. & Pfd.
Central Aguirre Sugar
Eastman Kodak Com. & Pfd.
Equitable Trust

General Baking Com. & Pfd.
Niles-Bement-Pond
Mengel Co. Common
National Casket
R. J. Reynolds Tobacco
S. H. Kress Pfd.
Singer Manufacturing
Ward Baking, Com. & Pfd.

Bought—Sold—Quoted

Stone, Prosser & Doty

52 William St., New York

Phone Hanover 7733

Specialist in all
Canadian Securities

Telephone [3991] Rector
[3992] Rector
[3993] Rector
[3994] Rector

ALFRED F. INGOLD & CO.

74 Broadway, N. Y.

GLOVER & MACGREGOR

345 Fourth Ave., PITTSBURGH, PA.

Amer. Wat. Wks. & Elec. 5s, 1934
Gulf Oil Corporation 7s, 1933
West Penn Power 7s, 1946
Armstrong Cork 7s, 1931

We Will Buy or Sell

RAILROAD SECURITIES CO.

Illinois Cent. Stock Coll. 4s

Hartshorne & Battelle

Members New York Stock Exchange.
25 Broad St. Tel. Broad 7762
NEW YORK

TRADING DEPARTMENT

Amer. Steel Foundries 4s, 1923
 Arizona Power Co. 6s, 1933
 Central Pr. & Light 6s, 1946
 Clearfield Bitumin. Coal 4 1/2s, '32
 Columbia Graphophone 8s, 1925
 Continental Motors Serial 7s
 Consolidated Copper 7s, 1928
 Fonda Johns. & Glov. 4 1/2s, 1952
 Hale & Kilburn 6s, 1939
 Island Refining 7s, 1929
 Magnolia Petroleum 6s, 1937
 New Orleans Ry. & Lt. 5s, 1949
 Ohio State Telephone 5s, 1944
 Pennsylvania Pr. & Lt. 7s, 1951
 Peet Bros. Mfg. Co. 7s, 1923
 Savannah & Atlanta 6s, 1955
 Utah Gas & Coke 5s, 1936
 Wabash Valley Elec. 5s, 1936

MORTON LACHENBRUCH & CO
 42 Broad Street, New York
 Private Wires to, CHICAGO-PHILADELPHIA-ST. LOUIS
 PITTSBURGH-DETROIT-CLEVELAND-GRAND RAPIDS

OFFERINGS WANTED
 Nova Scotia Steel & Coal 1st 5s
 Denver Gas & Electric 5s, 1949
 Long Island Light 5s, 1936
 Grand Trunk Pacific 3s, 1962

BEYER & SMALL
 208 MIDDLE ST., PORTLAND, ME.
 Private Wire to Potter Bros., New York

California Elec. Generating pfd.
 Crowell & Thurlow Steamship
 Draper Corporation
 Emerson Shoe Co. 1st preferred
 Fisk Rubber Co. 1st preferred
 Gillette Safety Razor Co.
 Graton & Knight Mfg. preferred
 Liggett's International pfd.
 New England Oil com. & pfd.
 Sharp Manufacturing common

WALTER S. PLACE
 35 Congress St., BOSTON, MASS.
 Private Telephone New York and Philadelphia
 "Fort Hill 7140."

Mexican } BONDS
 French }
 Italian }

HERBERT M. SOLOMON & BRO.
 15 BROAD STREET, NEW YORK
 Telephone Hanover 5731

TO LOCATE
 the firm that has for
 disposal what you re-
 quire, insert an ad in the
Classified Department
 of The Financial Chron-
 icle (faces the inside
 back cover.)

National Ice & Coal Stocks

American Brass
 Bank of Commerce Stock
 Franklin Insurance
 Hart-Parr Pfd.

Ice Service Co. Pfd.
 Lord & Taylor Stocks
 Nat. Liberty Ins.
 Royal Typewriter

J. K. RICE, JR. & CO.

36 Wall St., N. Y.

Phones John 4000 to 4010 and 5915 to 5919

Adirondack Power 6s, 1950
 Bing'ton Lt. Ht. & Pr. 5s, '42-'46
 Fonda Johnstown & G. 4s, 1950
 Penn. Power & Light 7s, 1951
 Niagara Falls Pr. 5s & 6s
 Nickel Plate 2d 6s, 1931

Ford Motor of Canada
 Goodyear T. & R. com. & pfd.
 Lincoln Motors, Class "A"
 Packard Motor com. & pfd.
 United Lt. & Rys. com. & pfd.
 Gotham National Bank

MERRILL, LYNCH & CO.
 120 Broadway, NEW YORK
 Traders' Telephone 7683 Rector

Ches. & Ohio Conv. 4 1/2s, 1930
 Lackawanna Steel 1st 5s, 1923
 Chi. Mil. & Puget Sd. 4s, 1949
 Kansas City South. 1st 5s, 1950
 Atch.-Calif. Arizona 4 1/2s, 1962
 N. Y. Central Debenture 4s, 1934
 Mexican Government Issues

ARTHUR E. FRANK & CO.

Members of New York Stock Exchange
 100 Broadway, N. Y. Tel. Rector 5800

N. Y. Air Brake

6% Div. Scrip

Bought, Sold & Quoted

C. C. Kerr & Co.

2 Rector St., N. Y. Phone 6780 Rector

Erie Gen. 4s, 1996
 Chicago Milw. & Puget Sd. 4s, '49
 Gd. Trunk Pac. 3s&4s, all issues
 Canada & Atlantic 4s, 1955
 Prov. of Brit. Col., all issues
 Prov. of Saskatchewan 6s, 1927
 Cuban Government 6s, 1929

MILLER & COMPANY

Members N. Y. and Phila. Stock Exchanges
 120 Broadway Phone 7600 Rector, N. Y.

Railroad Bond Dept.

St. L. Mer. Bdg. & Term. 5s, 1930
 Georgia & Alabama Cons. 5s, '45
 Erie & Jersey 6s, 1955
 New Orleans Terminal 4s, 1953
 Kentucky Central 4s, 1987
 Illinois Central 4s, 1951
 South & North Alabama 5s, 1936
 Chic. & East. Ill. (new 5s), 1951

Industrial Bond Dept.

Mobile Cotton Mills 7s, any
 Grace SS. 6s, 1930-34
 Island Ref. 7s, 1929
 American Ice 5s, 1922
 Merchants Ref. 6s, 1937

Industrial Stock Dept.

Massachusetts Baking
 General Baking Com. & Pfd.
 All Guaranteed RR. Stocks
 Titusville Iron Works Pfd.
 Ind. & Ill. Coal Com. & Pfd.

CARRUTHERS, PELL & CO.

15 Broad Street, New York
 Philadelphia Phone, Locust 572

Public Utility Dept.

Eastern Mich. Edison 5s, 1937
 Kansas City Gas 5s, 1922
 Lehigh Power Securities 6s, 1927
 Kansas Gas & Elec. 5s, 1922
 Public Service N. J. 7s, 1922
 Utah Securities 6s, 1922
 Federal Lt. & Traction 5s, 1942
 Cleveland Elec. Illum. 7s, 1941
 Louisville Gas & Elec. 7s, 1923
 Niagara Falls Power 6s, 1950

Municipal Bond Dept.

Key West 5s, 1941
 Ogden, Utah, S. D. 5s, 1941
 Phoenix, Arizona, 6s, 1946
 Evanstown, Wyo., 4 1/2s, 1951
 Boxfelder S. D. 5s (Utah), 1940

Canadian Bond Dept.

City of London 6s, 1928
 Greater Wpg. W. Dist. 5s, 1922
 Alberta 5s, May 1926
 Maissonneuve 5s, 1954

Bank Stock Dept.

Chemical National Bank
 American Surety
 Columbia Trust
 Gotham National Bank
 National Park Bank

Phones 5161 to 5169 Hanover
 Balt. Phone, St. Paul 9389



TRADING DEPARTMENT



F. J. LISMAN & CO.

Members New York Stock Exchange

61 BROADWAY, NEW YORK

Belt. RR. & Stk. Yds. of Ind. 1st 4s, 1939

Brunswick & Western 1st 4s, 1938

Butte Anaconda & Pacific 1st 5s, 1944

Central Arkansas & Eastern 1st 5s, 1940

WE DEAL IN Chic. Terre Haute & So. Eastern 5s, 1960

Cinn. Indianapolis & Western 1st 5s, 1965

Galveston Houston & Henderson 1st 5s, 1933

Kansas City Memphis & Birmingham 5s, 1934

Louisiana & Arkansas 1st 5s, 1927

N. Y. Lake Erie & Western Ext. 7s, 1930

Rio Grande Junction 1st 5s, 1939

Stephenville No. & So. Texas 1st 5s, 1940

Wabash Railroad (All Issues)

AND ALL RAILROAD AND STEAMSHIP SECURITIES

Gt. Northern 7s, 1936
Chic. Burl. & Quincy Jt. 6 1/2s, '36
Penna. 6 1/2s, 1936

NEWBORG & CO.

Members New York Stock Exchange

60 BROADWAY, N. Y.

Telephone 4390 Bowling Green

PRIVATE WIRE TO ST LOUIS

Bush Terminal 4s, 1952
Central Pacific 3 1/2s, 1929
Consolidation Coal 5s, 1950
Cleve. Akron & Colum. 4s, 1940
Empire Gas & Fuel 6s, 1926
N. Y. Chic. & St. L. 1st 4s, 1937
New York Telephone 6s, 1949
New York Telephone 4 1/2s, 1939
Pennsylvania 4s, 1931
Wheeling Terminal 4s, 1940

McKinley & Morris

Members New York Stock Exchange

SIXTY BROADWAY NEW YORK

Tel. Bowling Green 2150 to 2157

Asheville Pr. & Lt. 1st 5s, 1942
Bell Tel. of Canada 5s & 7s, 1925
Carolina Pr. & Lt. 1st 5s, 1938
Chicago, Ind. & Louis. 5s, 1947
Chi., Northwest S. F. 5s, & 6s, '29
Cuyahoga Telephone Co. 7s, '21
Great Western Pr. Deb. 6s, 1925
Michigan State Tel. 5s, 1924
Nebraska Power 1st 5s, 1949
Ohio State Tel. Co. 5s & 7s

GILMAN & REYNOLDS

Investment Securities

34 Pine Street New York City

Phone 5691-4 John

**Underlying
Railroad
Bonds**

WOOD, STRUTHERS & CO

5 Nassau Street
NEW YORK

Canada Atlantic 4s, 1955
Cleve. & Pitts. 7% Guar. Stock
Chic. St. L. & N. O. Mem. 4s, 1951
Grand Trunk Pacific 3s, 1962
Grand Trunk Western 4s, 1950
G. T. P. Prairie Mtn. Sec. 4s, 1955
N. Y. Chic. & St. Louis 2d 6s, 1931
Pac. of Missouri 1st 4s, 1938
Shawinigan Wat. & P. 5s, 5 1/2s, 6s
Wisconsin Cent. Ref'g 4s, 1959

ABRAHAM & CO.

27 William St., N. Y. Tel. Broad 3723

**HAVE YOU
BANK FIXTURES
FOR SALE?**

Then consult the Financial
Chronicle Classified Department
(opposite inside back
cover).

GARDNER & CO.

20 BROAD STREET, N. Y.

Tel. Rector 7430

N. Y. & Erie 3rd 4 1/2s	1923	South Pacific Coast 4s	1937
Sunbury & Lewis. 1st 4s	1936	U. S. Steel 1st 5s	1951
St. Louis Bridge 7s	1929	Chicago & West Ind. 4s	1952
Long Island Con. 4s	1931	So. & No. Ala. 5s	1936
Long Island Ref. 4s	1949	Ala. Gt. So. 1st 5s	1927

Ohio Valley Water Co. 5s
Phila. & Eastern Certificates
Freeport (Ill.) Water Co. 5s
Peoria Water Works 4s & 5s
Birmingham Water Co. 5s, 1939
Clinton, Iowa, Water Co. 5s
Joplin Water Co. 5s
N. Y. Interurban Water Co. 5s
Racine Water Co. 5s
Wichita Water Co. 5s
New Albany Water Co. 5s
Delaware Water Co. 5s
Queens County Water Co. 5s
St. Joseph Water Co. 5s, 1941

H. C. SPILLER & CO.

INCORPORATED

17 Water St.,
Boston 9, Mass.

63 Wall St.,
New York City



American Cigar Pfd.
Geo. W. Helme Pfd.
MacAndrews & Forbes Pfd.
R. J. Reynolds Pfd.
Weyman Bruton Pfd.

Specialists in All Tobacco Securities

BRISTOL & BAUER

120 Broadway N.Y. Phone Rector 4594

BONDS WORTH BUYING

\$25,000

United N. J. RR. & Canal Co.

First Mtge. Gold 4s due Sept. 1929

Tax free in New Jersey

Guaranteed Principal and Interest

by Pennsylvania RR. Co.

Secured by a first lien on 159.12 miles of the

Penna. System, including the four track main

line between Jersey City and Trenton, and

valuable terminal property on the Hudson

River. The bonds have sold in the past as

high as 104 1/4. Legal for Savings Banks in

New York, New Jersey, Mass. and Conn

Price on application

RAYMOND M. SMITH & Co.

Incorporated

Investment Securities NEW YORK

43 CEDAR STREET

Telephone 3723 John

WANTED

Eastern Michigan Ed. 5s, 1931
Galena Signal Oil 7s, 1930
Int'l Gt. Nor. 5s, 1914 & 7s, 1922
Michigan North. Power 5s, 1941
N. Y. Munic. Ry., Ser. A 5s, 1966
Norf. & Portsmouth Tr. 5s, 1936
Second Ave. RR. Ctfs. 6s, 1919
Second Ave. RR. Consol. 5s, 1948
Wisconsin Edison 6s, 1924

HANSON & HANSON

Investment Securities

72 Trinity Place, N.Y.

Tel. Whitehall 1056

USE AND CONSULT

the Classified Department of
the
Financial Chronicle

Our Classified Department faces the
inside back cover.



TRADING DEPARTMENT



Arkansaw Water Co. 6s
 Birmingham (Ala.) Water Co. 5s
 Butler (Pa.) Water Co. 5s
 City of New Castle (Pa.) Water Co. 5s
 Chattanooga Water Co. 6s
 Clinton (Ia.) Water Co. 5s
 E. St. L. & Interurban Water Co. 5s
 Joplin (Mo.) Water Co. 5s
 Wichita (Kan.) Water Co. 5s
 Muncie (Ind.) Water Co. 5s
 St. Joseph (Mo.) Water Co. 5s
 Warren (Pa.) Water Co. 5s
 Racine (Wis.) Water Co. 5s
 Indianapolis Water Co. 4 1/2s and 5s
 Huntington (W. Va.) Water Co. 5s

HOTCHKIN & CO.

Telephone 53 State St.,
 Main 460 Boston 9, Mass.

A. T. & T. Conv. 4 1/2s, '33 (\$100 Bds.)
 Bell Tel. of Canada 7s, 1925
 Cincinnati Northern RR. Stock
 Cuyahoga Tel. 7s, 1921
 Cumberland Tel. & Tel. 5s, 1937
 C. & P. Tel. of Va. 5s, 1943
 Houston Home Tel. 5s, 1935
 Home T. & T. of Spokane 5s, 1936
 Mountain States T. & T. Stock
 Michigan State Tel. Pfd. Stock
 Michigan State Tel. 5s, 1924
 New York Tel. 4 1/2s, 1939
 New York Tel. 6s, 1949
 Pacific Tel. & Tel. 5s, 1937

T. L. MacDonald

52 Broadway, N. Y. Tel. Broad 2357-8-9

Fort Worth Pr. & Lt. 5s, 1931
 Ft. Dodge Des M. & So. 5s, 1938
 Northern States Pr. 6s, 1926
 Rochester Ry. & Light 5s, 1954
 Om., Coun. Bluff St. Ry. 5s, 1928
 Utica Gas & Electric 5s, 1957
 U. S. Public Service 6s, 1927

Louis Levenson

Public Utility—Industrial Bonds
 Short Term Securities.

Tel. Broad 4931 27 William St., N. Y.

OFFERINGS WANTED

Amer. Water Works & Elec. 5s, 1934
 West Penn Traction 1st 5s, 1960
 West Penn Railways 1st 5s, 1931
 National Securities Corp. P. L. 6s, 1924
 Power Securities Corp. Col. 6s, Inc.
 St. Joseph Water 5s, 1941
 East St. Louis & Inter. Water 5s, 1942
 Superior Calif. Farm Lands Adj. 6s, 1928

OTTO BILLO

87 Wall St., N. Y. Phone Hanover 6297

Atlantic & Danville 1st 4s, 1948
 Central New England 4s, 1961
 Ft. Worth & Rio Grande 4s, 1928
 Indianapolis & Louisville 4s, 1956
 Providence & Springf. 5s, 1922
 Northern Ohio 1st 5s, 1945
 Union Terminal of Dallas 5s, 1942
 Kanawha & West Virginia 5s, 1955
 Chataugay Ore & Iron 4s, 1942
 Florida West Shore 5s, 1934
 Mo. Kan. & Texas of Texas 5s, 1942

WOLFF & STANLEY

Telephone Rector 2920
 72 Trinity Place, N. Y.

CENTRAL UNION GAS COMPANY 1st 5s, 1927
 GRAND TRUNK WESTERN RAILWAY CO. 1st 4s, 1950
 KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN RAILWAY CO. 1st 3s, 1950
 LOUISVILLE & JEFFERSONVILLE BRIDGE CO. 4s, 1945
 LOUISV. & NASHV.—ST. LOUIS DIVISION 3s, 1980
 NEW YORK & QUEENS ELEC. LIGHT & POWER 5s, 1930
 NEW YORK & NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY 1st 5s, 1927
 SOUTHERN PACIFIC COLLATERAL TRUST 4s, 1949
 ULSTER & DELAWARE RR. 5s, 1928, & 4s, 1952

Wm. Carnegie Ewen

Tel. Rector 3273-4-5-6

2 Wall Street, New York

BULL & ELDREDGE

Members of the New York Stock Exchange
 20 Broad St., N. Y. Tel. Rector 8460

Specialists In

Short Term Securities
 Foreign Government Bonds
 New York City Bonds
 New York State Bonds
 Federal Farm Loan Bonds

CONSTABLE & FLEMING

W.M. CONSTABLE K.L. FLEMING JR.
 66 Broadway N.Y. TEL. Rector 7270

BOND BROKERS

Orders executed in Railroad
 and other Bonds on commission.

DO YOU KNOW

That the most efficient
 men in their respective
 fields use and consult the
 Financial Chronicle Clas-
 sified Department?

Keep this Department in
 mind for use when the oc-
 casion arises.

WANTED

Chic. Ind. & Louisville 6s, 1947
 Henderson Bridge 6s, 1931
 Dayton Power & Light Common
OFFERED
 Rutland Ry., Lt. & Pow. 5s, 1946
 Pittsb. McKees. & Conn. 5s, 1931

EDWIN BANCKER & CO.

INVESTMENT SECURITIES
 118 Broadway New York City
 Rector 0944-5-6

Manitoba-Montana Ext. 4s
 Illinois Central 4s, 1951, Reg'd
 Philippine Railway 4s
 Florida Cent. & Penin. 5s & 6s
 St. Louis-San Fran. p. l. 5s, "B"
 Chicago & Northwest. Deb. 5s, 1933
 Evansv. & T. H. Gen. 5s & Ref. 5s
 Wichita Falls & Northwest 5s
 Duluth South Shore & Atlantic 5s
 New York Chicago & St. Louis 2d 6s
 Atchison-East Oklahoma 4s
 National Ry. of Mexico 4s, 1977

Missouri Kansas & Texas Issues
 Mexican Govt. 5s, large & small denominations.

SAM'L GOLDSCHMIDT

Phone 5380-1-2-3 Broad

25 Broad Street

WE WILL BUY

Chicago & East. Ill. Gen. 5s, 1937
 Chicago & East. Ill. Rec. 6% Cfs.
 Evansv. & Terre Haute Gen. 5s, 1942
 Mo. Kan. & East. 1st 5s, 1942
 Mo. K. & T. of Texas 1st 5s, 1942
 Wich. Falls & N. W. 5s, All Issues
 South Western Coal & Imp. 6s, 1929
 Western Pac. 10-Year 4s, 1930

Del. Lack. & Western Coal
 Lehigh Valley Coal Sales
 Lord & Taylor 1st Pfd., 2d Pfd. & Com
 Mercantile Stores Stock & Bonds

Wm. C. ORTON & CO.

Specialists Reorganization Securities
 54 Wall Street, N. Y. Tel. Hanover 9690-9097

R. J. Reynolds

Tobacco
 B
 Stock
 Bought & Sold

MacQuoid & Coady

Members New York Stock Exchange
 14 Wall St., N. Y. Tel. Rector 9970

Baltimore Securities

J. S. Bache & Co.

Members New York Stock Exchange
 New York Tel., 6400 Broad
 BRANCHES and CORRESPONDENTS
 Albany Cincinnati Pittsburgh
 Baltimore Cleveland Rochester
 Boston Kansas City St. Louis
 Buffalo New Orleans Syracuse
 Chicago Philadelphia Troy

Consolidation Coal 4 1/2s & 5s
 St. Louis Transit 5s
 Portland Ry., Lt. & Pow. 5s, 1942
 Trinity Buildings 5 1/2s
 American Can Deb. 5s
 Two Rector Street 6s
 New York Shipbuilding 5s
 Cuban Govt. Internal 5s
 Central Argentine 6s
 Gulf States Steel 1st Pfd.
 Hudson & Manhattan Com.
 Valvoline Oil Pfd.



TRADING DEPARTMENT



TELEPHONE RECTOR 4061

WE
HAVE
ORDER
S
IN

STOCKS

Brighton Mills
Bucyrus Co. Pfd.
Foundation Co.
Manhattan Elec. Supply Co
Mich. Stamping
Waring Hats

BONDS

Beaver Board 8s, 1933
Consol. Utilities 8s, 1925
Cincinnati Abattoir 8s, 1925
Hershey Choc. 7 1/2s, 1930
Holden Evans SS. 7s, 1924
Welch Grape Juice 8s, 1931

UNLISTED DEPT.

RASMUSSEN & COMPANY

Members Chicago Board of Trade

111 Broadway

New York

We Buy and Sell

GOVERNMENT
RAILROAD
INDUSTRIAL
PUBLIC UTILITY
AND OIL

Stocks and Bonds

MELHUSH & Co.

Established 1884

41 Wall Street New York

Branch Offices and Correspondents in 30 Cities

West Penn Power 5s, 1946
West Penn Power 6s, 1924
American Power & Light 6s, 2016
Central Vermont Rwy. 5s, 1930

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Com.
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Pfd.

A. R. Smith & Company

42 Broadway
NEW YORK

C. A. C. Building
CLEVELAND, OHIO

Specialists in
CHICAGO SECURITIES

ROBERTS, HISCOX & COMPANY

29 South La Salle Street
CHICAGO, ILL.

G. C. BENSINGER CO.
17 Whitehall Street
New York City

CABLE CODES

BENSINGER CODE-BOOK SPECIALISTS OFFER

"BENTLEY COMPLETE PHRASE CODE" pocket size, \$7.50
office size, \$8.00
Largest selling code—used all over the world—
saves more than 50% over plain English cabling.

ASK FOR IMPORTANT CODE CIRCULAR NO. 339
BENSINGER—PHONE—BOWL. GR. 6989

MUNICIPAL
BONDS

B. J. Van Ingen & Co.

46 Cedar St. New York
TEL. 6364 JOHN

United Royalties Co.

Curb Market Specialists
Barnes & Company

UNDERWRITERS

HEYWOOD BROOKS & CO.

149 BROADWAY NEW YORK

CHICAGO SECURITIES

Bought, Sold & Quoted

BABCOCK, RUSHTON & CO.

Members New York, Chicago and Boston
Stock Exchanges

HOME INS. BLDG. 7 WALL STREET
CHICAGO NEW YORK

ALL FOREIGN
CHECKS
BONDS
CURRENCIES

R. A. SOICH & CO.

16-18 Exchange Place New York
Telephone: Bowling Green 3230-9.

Guaranteed Stocks

Write for Quotation Sheets.

Joseph Walker & Sons

Members New York Stock Exchange
61 Broadway New York

Are you seeking a
position as a

BANK OFFICIAL

or have you need for one?
Then you should use and
consult the Financial
Chronicle Classified De-
partment (opposite inside
back cover.)

Chile Copper

Outstanding features of this large pro-
ducer discussed in the current issue of
our Market Review. With the copper
industry improving this article should
prove of interest.

Ask for C-651

E. D. DIER & CO.

Stocks - Bonds - Grain
42 New Street, New York
Philadelphia Pittsburgh Cleveland
Chicago Milwaukee

Foreign Bonds

Inquiries invited from
banks, brokers and dealers

Jerome B. Sullivan

FOREIGN MUNICIPAL &
GOVERNMENT, & CO. R.R. BONDS
44 BROAD STREET, NEW YORK
Tel. Broad 1723-4; 7130-4; 5634-5

Government, Municipal, Railroad
Public Utility Industrial
INVESTMENT BONDS

A. B. Leach & Co., Inc.

Investment Securities

62 Cedar St., New York 105 So. La Salle St., Chicago

Philadelphia Boston Cleveland Detroit Minneapolis
Scranton Hartford Pittsburgh St. Louis Milwaukee

French, Italian & German
Exchanges are very low

French 4s, 5s & 6s, All Issues
Italian 5s, All Issues
German Government & Municipal
BONDS

Bought, Sold & Quoted

DUNHAM & CO.
SPECIALISTS

43 Exchange Place, New York
Telephones 8300-16 Hanover

TRADING DEPARTMENT

N. Y., Chicago & St. L. Eq. 5s, 1931
 Virginian Ry. Co. Equip. 6s, 1928
 Penna. RR. Equip. 6s, 1928-1935
 Portland Ry. Co. Ref. 5s, 1930
 Portland Ry. Lt. & Pr. Co. 5s, 1942
 Shawinigan Water & Pr. Co. 6s, 1950
 Shawinigan Wat. & Pr. Co. 5½s, 1950
 Lehigh Valley Coal Co. 1st 5s, 1933

Biddle & Henry

104 South Fifth Street
 Philadelphia

Private Wire to New York Call Canal 8487

Established 1865

BIOREN & Co.

410 Chestnut St., Philadelphia
 Members of New York and Philadelphia
 Stock Exchanges.

Little Schuylkill RR. & Navig. Co.
 Pittsb. Ft. Wayne & Chicago, Pref.
 Pennsylvania Tank Line Equipments
 Roanoke Traction & Light 5s, 1958
 Consolidated Lt., Ht. & Pow. 5s, 1946

Waterloo Cedar Falls & Nor. Ry. 1st 5s, 1940
 Indiana Service Corporation Adj. 3-6s, 2020
 Midland Valley RR. Adj. Series "A & B"
 Horn & Hardart of New York Common
 Eisenlohr Bros. Common & Preferred
 Association Gas & Electric Preferred
 Midland Valley RR. Preferred

GEORGE N. FLEMING

221 Lafayette Building Philadelphia
 Telephone Lombard 6414

Province of Ontario 6s, 1943
 Lehigh Valley Transit 4s, 5s, 6s
 American Light & Traction 6s, 1925
 Lukens Steel 8s, 1940

McCown & Co.

Members Philadelphia Stock Exchange
 Land Title Bldg., Philadelphia
 New York Telephone CANAL 4845

WE WILL BUY

Baldwin Locomotive 5s, 1940
 Public Service, Newark Term. 5s, 1955
 Penn. Central Light & Power 6s, 1963
 Lehigh Valley Consol. 4½s & 6s, 1923
 N. Y. Chicago & St. Louis 1st 4s, 1937

ARTHUR C. RICHARDS & CO.

DREXEL BLDG. PHILADELPHIA
 Bell: Lom. 7056 Keystone: Main 6711

BONDS

Government
 Municipal
 Railroad
 Corporation

G. H. WALKER & CO.

Members New York Stock Exchange
 Broadway and Locust ST. LOUIS

St. Louis Transit 5s, Cdfs. of Dep
 Un. Rys. of St. L. 4s, Cdfs. of Dep

STIX & CO.

Members St. Louis Stock Exchange
 509 OLIVE ST. ST. LOUIS

Mo. Kan. & Texas 1st 4s, 1990
 Chic. & Erie 5s, 1982
 Union Pacific Conv. 4s, 1927

Montgomery Bros.

Telephone 25 Broad St.,
 Broad 8063 New York

United Kingdom 5½s, 1929 & 1937

Baltimore & Ohio 1st 4s, 1948
 Bethlehem Steel P. M. 5s, 1936
 Lackawanna Steel 5s, 1923
 Midvale Steel 5s, 1936
 New York Central Cons. 4s, 1998
 St. Louis-San Fran. P. L. 5s, 1950
 Argentine Government 4s & 5s
 Brazilian Govt. 4s, 4½s & 5s
 City of Tokio 5s
 Japanese Govt. 4s, 4½s & 5s
 Mexican Government 4s & 5s
 Uruguay 5s, 1919

L. M. PRINCE & CO.

Members New York Stock Exchange
 20 Broad Street, New York Tel. Rector 9830

Aluminum Co. of Amer. 7s, 1933
 Aluminum Co. of Amer. 7s, 1925
 Gulf Oil Co. 6s, 1923
 Gulf Oil Co. 7s, 1933
 H. J. Heinz 7s, 1930
 Vacuum Oil 7s, 1936
 Grand Trunk Pacific 3s, 1962
 Grand Trunk RR. 6s, 1936
 Govt. of Newfoundland 6½s, 1928-36
 Province of Ontario 6s, Sept. 15 1943
 Prov. of Saskatchewan 6s, Aug. 1927
 City of Montreal 6s, 1922-1923

CANADIAN SECURITIES

Bought, Sold & Quoted

J. H. HOLMES & CO.

Member New York and Pittsburgh Stock Exchanges.
 61 Broadway New York. Union Bank Bldg., Pittsburgh
 Direct Private Wire Connection.

Ala. Gt. Southern Cons. 5s, 1943
 Ches. & Ohio Ref. & Impt. 5s, 1929
 Chic. Milw. & St. Paul Deb. 4s, 1925
 Ch. St. P. M. & Omaha Cons. 6s, 1930
 Ft. Worth & Denver City 6s, 1921
 Georgia RR. & Banking 6s, 1971
 Illinois Central Coll. 4s, 1952-1953
 Louis. & Nash. So. Ry. Mon. Jt. 4s, '52
 Minneapolis & St. L. Cons. 5s, 1934
 New Orleans Texas & Mexico 6s, 1925
 Northern Ry. of California 5s, 1938
 St. Louis Bridge 7s, 1929
 United N. J. RR. & Canal 4s, 1944

S. P. LARKIN & CO.

RAILROAD BONDS
 80 Broad St. New York City
 Telephone: Broad 3484

Elkhorn Coal Co. S. F. 6s, 1925
 Internat. & Gt. North. 1st 7s, '22
 Virginia Ry. & Power 5s, 1934
 Colorado & Southern 4½s, 1935
 M., St. P. & S. Ste. M. Con. 5s, '38

Prince & Whitely

Members N. Y. Stock Exchange
 52 Broadway 173 Orange St.
 New York New Haven
 Private wires to Philadelphia, Baltimore,
 Richmond, New Haven

Chase National Bank Rights
 First National Bank
 Bank of Commerce

FRANK J. M. DILLON

71 Broadway NEW YORK, N. Y.
 Tel. 6460 Bowling Green

WILL BUY OR SELL

Willys Corp. 1st pfd. or cdfs.
 Maxwell Motors undep. com. & 1st pfd.
 H. H. Franklin Mfg. Com. and Pfd.
 Carlisle Tire Corp. units
 Chalmers Motor 6s, 1922

Motor Stocks Specialists
 Tire and Rubber Stocks

R. B. Hathaway & Co.

30 Nassau St., N. Y. Tel. John 5020

A BUSINESS EXECUTIVE

and capable head for any one
 of your Departments can be
 obtained by inserting a small
 ad in the *Classified Department*
 of the

FINANCIAL CHRONICLE

Our Classified Department faces the
 inside back cover.

Pennsylvania Co. 4s, 1952
 Kansas City Southern 5s, '50
 Illinois Cent. Coll. 4s, 1953
 Chic. St. P. M. & Om. 6s, 1930
 Reading, J. C. Coll. 4s, 1951
 St. L. San Fr. Ser. B 5s, 1950
 Ore.-Wash. RR. & Nav. 1st 4s, '61
 Cons. Gas of Balt. 7s, 1931
 Duquesne Light 7½s, 1936
 Puget Sd. P. & Lt. 7½s, 1941
 Toledo Edison 7s, 1941
 Ohio Power 7s, 1951
 Niagara Falls Power 6s, 1950
 Pub. Ser. New. Tml. Ry. 5s, '55

Vilas & Hickey

Members of New York Stock Exchange
 49 Wall St., New York
 Railroad Dept. Tel. Hanover 8317—Public Utility Dept. Tel. Hanover 193



TRADING DEPARTMENT



Georgia-Carolina Power Co.
First Mortgage Sinking Fund 5s, 1952

This company serves a developed industrial section comprising Augusta, Ga., suburbs and adjacent territory to Aiken, S. C., with electric light and power. Earnings show a steady increase over a period of years.

Price to yield 7.75%

Descriptive circular upon request

PYNCHON & CO.

Members New York Stock Exchange
111 Broadway, New York Telephone Rector 970
Chicago—Milwaukee—London—Liverpool—Paris
Private Wires to principal cities of United States and Canada

Cuba Railroad Imp. & Equip. 5s, 1960
Current River Railroad 5s, 1927
Nebraska Power 5s, 1949
Omaha & Council Bluffs St. Ry. 5s, 1928
Peoples Gas Light & Coke 5s, 1943
St. Louis Transit 5s, 1924, & Cdfs.
Springfield Ry. & Light 5s, 1933
Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron 6s, 1929
Wickwire Spencer Steel 7s, 1935

E. F. LELAND & CO.

61 Broadway New York
Phone Bowling Green 2940

MEMBERS
N. Y. Stock Exch. Chicago Stock Exch.
N. Y. Cotton Exch. Chicago Bd. of Trade.
DIRECT WIRES TO
Chicago, St. Louis Cleveland
and other Financial Centres.

Gulf Oil Corporation
Humble Oil & Ref. Co.
Magnolia Petroleum Co.
Lucey Manfg. Co. "A"
Kirby Lumber Co. Com & Pf.

DUNN & CARR

Houston, Texas

American Brass
Scovill Mfg. Co.
Connecticut Bonds and Stocks

THE R. F. GRIGGS CO.

Waterbury, Conn.

CANADIAN MUNICIPAL WATER POWER BONDS

BOUGHT AND SOLD

Sterling Bond Corporation, Limited

136 St. James St., Montreal, Can.

CINCINNATI SECURITIES

Westheimer & Company

Members of the
New York Stock Exchange
Cincinnati Stock Exchange
Chicago Board of Trade
Baltimore Stock Exchange

CINCINNATI, OHIO
BALTIMORE, Md.

Northern Calif. Power 5s, 1948
Yosemite Valley RR. 1st 5s, 1936
Market St. Ry. 5s, 1924—Scrip

SUTRO BROS. & CO.

120 BROADWAY, NEW YORK
Telephone: Rector 7350
Members of New York Stock Exchange

WE WILL BUY

Utica Gas & Electric 7 1/2s
Utica Gas & Electric 5s

Mohawk Valley Investment Corp.

Organized Under New York State Banking Laws
225 Genesee St. Utica, N. Y.

B. W. Strassburger

SOUTHERN INVESTMENT SECURITIES

Montgomery, Ala.

A BUSINESS EXECUTIVE

and capable head for any one of your Departments can be obtained through the Financial Chronicle Classified Department (opposite inside back cover).

Use and Consult It.



When Purchasing Bonds

Find out first if they are fundamentally sound. For one dollar we will send you an up to date unbiased opinion on the security of any bond issue.

Investment Registry of America, Inc.

ESTABLISHED 1919
608 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia

Selling to the Individual

—an interesting and valuable nineteen page booklet which we will send any Security Salesmen interested in the

Special Babson Course on Investments and Security Selling

—a Course which will save you time, money and costly hard knocks—a Course which will prevent those "lost sales"—which will make you a far better Security Salesman, as you will need to be to make good in the face of the ever increasing competition in your business.

This helpful booklet and an outline of our Course we will send immediately at your request.

Simply Ask for Booklet 60KA

Babson Institute Wellesley Hills, 82, Mass.

If There Is A Market We Can Find It

We hold sales of stocks and bonds every Wednesday charging \$1.50 entrance fee for each item. Our weekly catalogues and postal card service reach every market. We take pleasure in furnishing quotations.

Barnes & Lofland

Stock Brokers & Auctioneers
147 S. 4th St., Philadelphia

L. A. HUGHES & CO.

HIGH-GRADE BONDS FOR INVESTMENT

Semi-Monthly Investment Circular Free on Request

100 Broadway, New York

Financial

Remitting Money Abroad



Branches	Affiliations
ENGLAND	BRAZIL
FRANCE	COLOMBIA
SPAIN	ECUADOR
ARGENTINA	GUATEMALA
CHILE	SAN SALVADOR
PERU	VENEZUELA
URUGUAY	NICARAGUA
MEXICO	

Correspondents in Belgium, Holland, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, etc.
Telephone Whitehall 700

ANGLO-SOUTH AMERICAN BANK, LIMITED
New York Agency, 49 Broadway

Notices

No. 12021.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT.
OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY.
Washington, D. C., September 24, 1921.
WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that
"The METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK" in the CITY OF NEW YORK in the County of NEW YORK and State of NEW YORK has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking;
NOW THEREFORE I, D. R. CRISSINGER, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "THE METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK" in the CITY OF NEW YORK in the County of NEW YORK and State of NEW YORK is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty-one hundred and sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.
CONVERSION of "Metropolitan Bank" with 6 branches in the Borough of Manhattan, County and State of New York, and 1 branch in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings and State of New York.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF witness my hand and Seal of office this TWENTY-FOURTH day of SEPTEMBER, 1921.
D. R. CRISSINGER,
Comptroller of the Currency.
(Currency Bureau. Seal of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department.)

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

Financial

Argentine Government

5% Loan of 1909

Principal and interest payable at FIXED RATE of exchange in New York.

Repayable not later than 1945 by operation of a cumulative Sinking Fund of 1% per annum.

Part of this issue is listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The unlisted bonds may be had at lower prices than the listed. The small £20 pieces sell lower than the large £100 pieces.

At to-day's market the SMALL PIECES can be bought on an income basis of 7.48%, to yield about 8.45%.

ASK FOR OUR OCTOBER 1ST CIRCULAR.

We also deal in Argentina peso internal bonds and Argentina Cédulas, or mortgage bonds.

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY
65 BROADWAY—NEW YORK

SECURITIES DEPARTMENT



TELEPHONE WHITEHALL 2.000



ON THE HEELS OF BLACK HAWK

A strong migratory tide set in to Wisconsin as a result of the attractive descriptions given of the country by Black Hawk War correspondents to eastern papers.

Major Henry Dodge, Wisconsin's first territorial governor, took his oath of office in 1836 at Mineral Point.

Madison, the present capital, was platted in the winter of 1837, and a saw-mill was hauled by team from Milwaukee to turn out the lumber for the first state house.

FIRST WISCONSIN NATIONAL BANK
Milwaukee

Milwaukee Incorporated in 1846



Illinois Trust & Savings Bank

La Salle at Jackson Chicago
Capital and Surplus \$15,000,000

Pays Interest on Time	Has on hand at all times a variety of excellent securities.
Deposits, Current and Reserve	Government, Municipal and Corporation Bonds.
Accounts. Deals in Foreign Exchange.	Transacts a General Trust Business.

Financial

There Are Good Reasons

THERE ARE GOOD REASONS why our business, which was started with one man and an office boy twelve years ago, has grown to an organization of over 100 expert workers. There are good reasons why our business now requires the entire floor of one of New York's largest office buildings, and several annexes, whereas it started twelve years ago in one small room.

THERE ARE GOOD REASONS why our gross income per annum has increased from about \$40,000 twelve years ago, to over \$1,000,000 at the present time. There are good reasons why our volume of business in this year of extreme depression is running 50% ahead of last year.

In a series of announcements to appear in this publication, some of these reasons will be given. Watch for them.

MOODY'S INVESTORS SERVICE

JOHN MOODY, President

35 Nassau Street, New York City

BOSTON
101 Milk Street

PHILADELPHIA
Real Estate Trust Bldg.

CHICAGO
First National Bank Bldg.

Primarily a "Trust Company"

THE New York Life Insurance and Trust Company has specialized for more than ninety years in the administration of Personal Trusts. Along with this business the Company has developed banking facilities which have recently been modernized so as to afford every convenience, and interest is allowed on deposits subject to check as well as on time deposits.

The policy of the management is to continue to specialize in Personal Trusts and to conduct its banking business along time tested lines that will keep it a safe depository for the funds of individuals or corporations.



New York Life Insurance and Trust Company

EDWIN G. MERRILL, President

52 WALL ST. NEW YORK

Over **80%** Of the Banks in
New York City use
NATIONAL SAFETY PAPER
FOR THEIR CHECKS

George La Monte & Son
61 Broadway New York

New Jersey
Securities

OUTWATER & WELLS
18 Exchange Place Tel. 20 Montgomery
Jersey City, N. J.

Dividends

WINSLOW, LANIER & CO
59 CEDAR STREET
NEW YORK

THE FOLLOWING COUPONS AND DIVIDENDS ARE PAYABLE AT OUR BANKING HOUSE DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1921:

OCTOBER 1ST, 1921.

Cleveland & Mahoning Valley Ry. Co. Reg'd 5s.
Cleveland & Pittsburgh RR. Co. Gen. Mtge.
4 1/8s and 3 1/8s.

Marion County, Indiana.
Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago Ry. Co.
Common and Special Stock 1 1/4% dividend.

OCTOBER 4TH, 1921.

Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago Ry. Co.
Preferred and Original Stock 1 1/4% dividend.

OCTOBER 10TH, 1921.

Indianapolis School Building 4 3/4% Bonds.

THE KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN
RAILWAY COMPANY.

No. 25 Broad St., New York, Sept. 20, 1921.
A quarterly dividend of ONE (1) PER CENT has this day been declared upon the Preferred Stock of this Company, from surplus earnings of the current fiscal year, payable October 15, 1921, to stockholders of record at 3:00 o'clock P. M., September 30, 1921.

Checks in payment thereof will be mailed to stockholders at the addresses last furnished the Transfer Agent.

G. C. HAND, Secretary.

MINNEAPOLIS ST. PAUL & SAULT STE.
MARIE RAILWAY COMPANY.
DIVIDEND NO. 37

The Board of Directors have this day declared out of the surplus earnings of the fiscal year ending December 31, 1920, a semi-annual dividend of Three and one-half per cent (3 1/2%) on the Preferred Stock and a semi-annual dividend of Three and one-half per cent (3 1/2%) on the Common Stock, both payable October 15, 1921, to stockholders of record at 3 P. M., September 30, 1921.

G. W. WEBSTER, Secretary.
Minneapolis, September 20, 1921.

NEW YORK, ONTARIO AND WESTERN
RAILWAY CO.
Grand Central Terminal.

September 27, 1921.
A dividend of two per cent. (\$2 per share) on the Common Stock of this Company has been declared, payable on Monday, October 17, 1921, to stockholders of record at the close of business at twelve o'clock, noon, on Saturday, October 8, 1921.

R. D. RICKARD, Secretary.

Garfield National Bank

5TH AVE. AND 23RD ST.

New York, September 21, 1921.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held this day, a quarterly dividend of Three Per Cent. upon the Capital Stock of this bank was declared, payable, free of City and State tax, on and after September 30, 1921, to stockholders of record at close of business September 27, 1921.

A. W. SNOW, Cashier.

Atlantic National Bank

New York, September 20, 1921.

A quarterly dividend of two and one-half per cent. (2 1/2%) and an extra dividend of one-half per cent. (1/2%), free of tax, has been declared on the capital stock of this bank payable on and after October 1, 1921, to stockholders of record at the close of business September 30, 1921.

FRANK E. ANDRUSS, Cashier.

LIMA LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, INCORP.
17 East 42nd Street, New York City.

Sept. 29, 1921.
The Board of Directors has this day declared a dividend of seven (7%) per cent. upon the Common Stock of the Company, payable in installments, as follows:

1 1/4% December 1, 1921 to stockholders of record at the close of business Nov. 15 1921.
1 1/4% March 1, 1922 to stockholders of record at the close of business February 15, 1922.
1 1/4% June 1, 1922 to stockholders of record at the close of business May 15, 1922.
1 1/4% September 1, 1922, to stockholders of record at the close of business August 15, 1922.

L. A. LARSEN,
Vice-President and Treasurer.

LIMA LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, INC.
17 East 42nd Street, New York.

September 26, 1921.
The Board of Directors has this day declared a quarterly dividend of one and three-quarters (1 3/4%) per cent. upon the Preferred stock of this Company for the three months ended September 30, 1921, payable November 1, 1921, to stockholders of record at the close of business on October 15, 1921. Transfer books do not close.

L. A. LARSEN,
Vice-President and Treasurer.

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

EQUITABLE NATIONAL COMPANY
INCORPORATED

175 FIFTH AVENUE,
New York

DIVIDEND NOTICE

The Board of Directors of the
**NATIONAL EQUITABLE
INVESTMENT COMPANY**

has declared a quarterly dividend of
TWO PER CENT. on the Preferred
Stock of the Company, payable October
1st, 1921, to stockholders of record at
the close of business September 24, 1921.

Transfer books will be closed at 12 M.
on September 24th, 1921, and will
reopen on October 1st, 1921.

Checks for the dividend will be mailed
September 30th, 1921.

EDGAR P. EAST, Treasurer.
September 23, 1921.

**THE ALLIANCE REALTY
COMPANY**

September 26, 1921.

The Board of Directors have
this day declared a dividend
of **2%** on the outstanding capi-
tal stock of the company, pay-
able October 18, 1921, to stock-
holders of record at the close of
business October 8, 1921.

Howard W. Smith,
Secretary.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

Five Year 7% Convertible Gold Notes
Due April 1, 1925

Coupons from these notes, payable by their
terms on October 1, 1921, at the principal office
of the trustee in the Borough of Manhattan,
City of New York, will be paid at the Guaranty
Trust Company of New York at 140 Broadway.

R. A. NICKERSON, Treasurer.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co.

Three-Year Six Per Cent Gold Notes
Due October 1, 1922.

Coupons from these Bonds, payable by their
terms on October 1, 1921, at the office or agency
of the Company in New York or in Boston, will
be paid in New York at the Bankers Trust Com-
pany, 16 Wall Street, or in Boston at The
Merchants National Bank.

H. BLAIR SMITH, Treasurer.

**FINANCE AND TRADING
CORPORATION**

52 Broadway
New York, September 27, 1921.

The Board of Directors has declared a dividend
at the rate of 7% per annum upon the Preferred
Stock of this corporation for the three months
ending September 30, 1921, payable October 1,
1921, to stockholders of record at the close of
business September 28, 1921. Transfer books
will not close.

W. S. HOOD, Treasurer.

PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO.
COMMON STOCK DIVIDEND NO. 23

The regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per
share upon the Common Capital Stock of this
Company, will be paid on October 15, 1921, to
shareholders of record at close of business Sep-
tember 30, 1921. The transfer books will not
be closed and checks will be mailed from the
office of the company in time to reach stock-
holders on the date they are payable.

A. F. HOCKENBEAMER,
Vice-President and Treasurer.
San Francisco, California.

KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT CO.
Kansas City, Missouri

FIRST PREFERRED DIVIDEND NO. 9
Kansas City, Mo., September 21, 1921.
The regular monthly dividend of Sixty-six and
Two-thirds cents (66 2-3c.) per share on the
First Preferred Stock of the Kansas City Power
& Light Company has been declared payable
October 1, 1921, to stockholders of record at the
close of business September 20, 1921.

CHESTER C. SMITH, Secretary.

Dividends

The following coupons and registered interest
are payable at the Main Office of

The New York Trust Company

NEW YORK

DUE OCTOBER 1, 1921

- | | |
|---|--|
| Beadle County, S. D., Court House Bonds | Monterey Light & Power Co., 1st Gold 6's |
| Birmingham Railway, Light & Power Co., 4½'s | New London Gas & Electric Co., 1st Mtge. 5's |
| Black Mountain Railway Co., 1st Mtge. 5's | New London Gas & Electric Co., 2nd Mtge. 5's |
| Cameron County, Texas, La Feria Water Imp. Dist. No. 3, 6's | New York & Stamford Railway Co., 1st Mtge. 5's |
| Citizens Gas & Fuel Co., of Terre Haute, 1st Mtge. 5's | Peekskill Lighting & Railroad Co., 1st Mtge. 5's |
| Columbia University Club 5's | Pine Bluff Natural Gas Co., 20 Yr. 1st Gold 6's |
| Elder Steel Steamship Co. Inc., 8% Secured Gold Notes | Radford Water Power Co., 6's |
| Erie Electric Motor Co., 1st Ref. S. F. Gold 5's | Santa Fe Water & Light Co., 1st Mtge. Prior Lien 5's |
| Fonda, Johnstown & Gloversville Railroad Co., Cons. 6's | Santa Fe Water & Light Co., 1st Cons. Mtge. 4's |
| Fulton Light, Heat & Power Co., 1st Mtge. 5's | Scranton, Montrose & Binghamton Railway Co., 1st S. F. 6's |
| Gary Street Railway Co., 20 year Deb. 5's | Spring Brook Water Supply Co., 1st Mtge. 5's |
| Glacier County, Montana, Relief Bonds | Steel Car Equipment Co., 7% Equipment Gold Notes, Series "A" |
| Hamptons Hotel Corporation, 1st 6's | Tomkins Cove Stone Co., 1st Mtge. 6's |
| Kansas City Southern Railway Co., 1st Mtge. 3's | The Tri-City Railway & Light Co., 1st Lien Coll. Trust 5's |
| Kingsport Utilities, Inc., 3 Yr. 6% Gold Notes | Union Electric Co., Dillon, Mon- tana, 1st Mtge. 5's |
| Kingsport Utilities, Inc., 1st Mtge. 20 Yr. Gold 6's | United Light & Railways Co., 7% Secured Gold Notes, Series "B" |
| Lincoln Heat, Light & Power Co., 1st Mtge. 5's | United Light & Railways Co., 7% Gold Notes, Series of 1920 |

DUE OCTOBER 10, 1921

Llano County, Texas, Bridge 6's & 8's

DUE OCTOBER 15, 1921

Village of Long Beach, 6% Sewer Bonds

Hollandsche Bank voor Zuid-Amerika

(Banco Holandes de la America del Sud)
(Banco Hollandez da America do Sul)

AMSTERDAM HAMBURG

BUENOS AYRES

RIO DE JANEIRO SANTOS SAO PAULO
SANTIAGO DE CHILE VALPARAISO

Capital Authorized FL.50,080,000
Capital paid up and Reserves FL.30,080,000

- Advances on documentary bills
- Bills negotiated and collected
- Foreign Exchange
- Commercial Information
- Mail and cable transfers
- Letters of credit

**Grants Facilities for entering into business
relations in ARGENTINA, BRAZIL and CHILE.**

Correspondents All Over the World

Financial

Cuba Cane Sugar Corporation

To the Holders of 7% Convertible Debentures of Cuba Cane Sugar Corporation

The Cuba Cane Sugar Corporation has arranged with a group of bankers to secure at once a loan of \$10,000,000 under an arrangement which requires the subordination of the debentures to the new money for the period of said loan and of any renewals, substitutions or refundings thereof. As a consideration therefor, the Corporation is offering to increase the rate of interest on assenting debentures from 7 per cent. to 8 per cent. per annum from July 1, 1921, to the maturity of the debentures, provided the plan becomes effective.

The Corporation has addressed a circular letter to all of the debenture holders whose names are known to it, setting forth its present condition and the details of the plan. All holders of debentures who have not received this letter should communicate immediately with the Corporation at its office, No. 123 Front Street, New York City, or obtain copies of the letter from Bankers Trust Company, New York City; Old Colony Trust Company, Boston, Massachusetts, or Continental and Commercial Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago, Illinois.

Debenture holders are urgently requested forthwith to assent to the plan by depositing their debentures at the offices of any one of the three institutions above-named. Temporary negotiable receipts will be issued therefor, and application will be made at once to list these receipts on the New York Stock Exchange.

By order of the Directors.

CUBA CANE SUGAR CORPORATION,

By W. E. Ogilvie, President.

September 27, 1921.

The Firm of

Jelke, Hood & Bolles

Has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

F. FRAZIER JELKE
CHARLES C. HOOD

September 30, 1921.

40 Wall Street, New York

We beg to announce the formation of the firm of

JELKE, HOOD & Co.

(MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE)

with offices at the above address, to conduct a bond and stock investment business.

F. FRAZIER JELKE
CHARLES C. HOOD
ALEXANDER M. MAIN

October 1, 1921.

Dividends

DRIVER-HARRIS COMPANY HARRISON, N. J. NOTICE OF QUARTERLY DIVIDEND PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDEND NO. 36

The Board of Directors, at a meeting held on September 16, 1921, declared the regular quarterly dividend of one and three-quarters per cent (1¾%) on the outstanding preferred stock, for the quarter ending September 30, 1921, payable on October 1, 1921, to stockholders of record at the close of business on September 20, 1921. Transfer books will close from September 20, 1921, to October 1, 1921. Checks will be mailed.

P. E. REEVES,
Treasurer.

MIDDLE WEST UTILITIES COMPANY.

Notice of Dividend on Preferred Stock
The Board of Directors of Middle West Utilities Company has declared a six months' dividend of One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) upon each share of its Preferred capital stock, payable November 15th, 1921, to all preferred stockholders of record on the Company's books at the close of business, at 5:30 o'clock p. m. October 31, 1921.

EUSTACE J. KNIGHT, Secretary.

GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION.

The Board of Directors of General Motors Corporation has declared a dividend of \$1.50 a share on the Preferred Stock, a dividend of \$1.50 a share on the 6% debenture stock, a dividend of \$1.75 a share on the 7% debenture stock, and a dividend of 25c. a share on the common stock without par value, payable November 1, 1921, to holders of record at the close of business October 3, 1921.

M. L. PRENSKY, Treasurer.
September 22, 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.

C. B. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

ALLIED CHEMICAL & DYE CORPORATION

61 Broadway

New York, September 27, 1921.

The Board of Directors has this day declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.00 per share on the common stock of this Company, payable November 1, 1921, to common stockholders of record at the close of business on October 17, 1921.

CLINTON S. LUTKINS, Secretary-Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY

New York, N. Y., Sept. 27, 1921.

The Board of Directors has declared a quarterly dividend of One and a Half Dollars (\$1.50) per share on the Capital Stock, payable Oct. 31st, 1921, to the stockholders of record at the close of business Oct. 15th, 1921. The transfer books will remain open. Dividend checks will be mailed.

T. K. STUART, Assistant Treasurer.

WESTERN POWER CORPORATION

The Board of Directors have declared a quarterly dividend of one and one-half (1½%) per cent on the Preferred Stock, payable October 15th, 1921, to stockholders of record at the close of business September 30th, 1921.

H. P. WILSON, Secretary.

INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY

New York, September 28th, 1921.

The Board of Directors have declared a regular quarterly dividend of one and one-half per cent. (1½%) on the preferred capital stock of this Company, payable October 15th, 1921, to preferred stockholders of record at the close of business October 7th, 1921.

OWEN SHEPHERD, Treasurer.

CRUCIBLE STEEL COMPANY OF AMERICA.

DIVIDEND NO. 10.—RESOLVED. That a dividend of one per cent (1%) be declared out of undivided profits upon the Common Stock of this Company, payable October 31, 1921, to stockholders of record, October 15, 1921.

W. R. JORALEMON, Secretary.

Meetings

HAVERHILL GAS LIGHT CO.

Stone & Webster, Inc., reports that, on account of a Special Meeting of the Stockholders of Haverhill Gas Light Company, to be held on October 10, 1921, the stock transfer books will be closed from October 1, 1921 to October 10, 1921, both inclusive.

Financial

Underlying Bonds

of the

New York City Traction Co.'s

Brooklyn Rapid Transit System

Atlantic Ave. RR. Co., Brooklyn,
5s, 1931-34

Brooklyn Bath & West End RR.
5s, 1933

Brooklyn City & Newtown RR.
5s, 1939

Brooklyn City Railroad Co.
5s, 1941

Bklyn, Queens Co. & Suburban
5s, 1941

Brooklyn Union Elevated Railroad
5s, 1950

Coney Island & Brooklyn Railroad
4s, 1948

Jamaica & Brooklyn Road Co.
5s, 1930

Kings County Elevated Railroad
4s, 1949

Nassau Electric Railroad
5s, 1944; 4s, 1951

Interborough Rapid Transit System

Manhattan Railway Company
1st 4s, 1990

Steinway Railway Company
1st 6s, 1922

Miscellaneous

Second Avenue Railroad
6% Receiver's Certificates

New York Railways System

Bleecker Street & Fulton Ferry
4s, 1950

Broadway & Seventh Avenue R R.
5s, 1943

Broadway Surface Railroad Co.
5s, 1924

Central Crosstown Railroad
6s, 1922

Columbus & Ninth Avenue RR.
5s, 1993

Lexington Ave. & Pavonia Ferry
5s, 1993

South Ferry Railroad Company
5s, 1919

34th Street Crosstown Railway
5s, 1996

23rd Street Railway Company
5s, 1962

Third Avenue Railway System

Dry Dock East B'way & Battery
5s, 1932

42nd St. Manhattanv. & St. N. Ave.
5s, 1940

Southern Boulevard Railroad
5s, 1945

Union Railway Co., New York,
5s, 1942

Westchester Electric Railroad
5s, 1943

Yonkers Railroad Company
5s, 1946

*The facts affecting the investment standing of the underlying bonds
of the New York City Traction Companies are completely
available only to the specialist*

Inquiries invited

Wm Carnegie Ewen

First National Bank Building

2 WALL ST.

Tel. Rector 3273-4

NEW YORK

Financial

New Offering

TAX FREE

"Instrumentalities of the United States Government"

\$3,250,000

Joint Stock Land Bank

5½% Bonds

Issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act

Dated Nov. 1, 1921

Due Nov. 1, 1951

Price—101 and Interest

To Yield About 5¾% to Optional Maturity and 5½% Thereafter

Redeemable at par and accrued interest on any interest date after ten years from date of issue. Coupon Bonds fully registerable and interchangeable. Denomination, \$1,000. Interest payable semi-annually, May 1st and November 1st. Principal and interest payable at the bank of issue or through any office of the undersigned.

Exempt from all Federal, State, Municipal and Local Taxation
Excepting only Inheritance Taxes

AUTHORITY—By Act of Congress these bonds are declared instrumentalities of the Government of the United States and are prepared and engraved by the Treasury Department.

By a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, rendered February 28, 1921, the constitutionality of this Act and the tax exemption features of these bonds were fully sustained.

SECURITY—Obligations of the issuing bank, shareholders' liability being double the amount of their stock and collaterally secured by either first farm mortgages or United States Government Bonds of Certificates of Indebtedness.

GOVERNMENT SUPERVISION—These banks operate under Federal charter and Government supervision.

Their bonds and the collateral pledged as security have been approved by the Federal Farm Loan Board, a Bureau of the Treasury Department of the United States Government.

TAX EXEMPTION—Principal and interest of these bonds are exempt from Federal, State, Municipal and local taxation, except Inheritance taxes. This exemption includes all Federal Income taxes.

A LEGAL INVESTMENT for all fiduciary and trust funds under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government and acceptable as security for Postal Savings and other deposits of Governmental Funds, and the banks may be designated by the Secretary of the Treasury as financial agents of the Government and depositaries of public funds.

Banks of Issue and Loan Territory

Bankers Joint Stock Land Bank, Milwaukee, Wis., Wisconsin & Minnesota
Liberty Joint Stock Land Bank, Salina, Kans. Kansas & Missouri
Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank, Lincoln, Nebr. Nebraska & Iowa
Fremont Joint Stock Land Bank, Fremont, Nebr. Nebraska & Iowa
Des Moines Joint Stock Land Bank, Des Moines, Ia. Iowa & Minnesota
Iowa Joint Stock Land Bank, Sioux City, Ia. Iowa & South Dakota

All statements herein are official, or based on information which we regard as reliable, and, while we do not guarantee them, they are the data upon which we have acted in the purchase of these bonds.

The Federal Farm Loan Act

This Act, approved by Congress, July 17, 1916, was designed primarily to provide capital for agricultural development and to create standard forms of investment based on farm mortgages.

The Act creates under the Treasury Department a Federal Farm Loan Bureau, under the general supervision of the Federal Farm Loan Board, the latter consisting of five members, including the Secretary of the Treasury and four others appointed by the President with the approval of the Senate.

One of the powers of the Federal Farm Loan Bureau is to charter Joint Stock Land Banks with a minimum capital of \$250,000 which must be fully paid before it can issue bonds. A Bank may make farm loans in the State in which it is located and one adjoining State on the Government's Amortization Plan, which provides for the payment of loans in fixed installments in not less than five or more than forty years.

Under the direction and control of the Federal Farm Loan Board, a bank may issue farm loan bonds not to exceed fifteen times the amount of its paid-in capital. Before bonds are issued, the original application and appraiser's report on which such loans are based must be submitted to and approved by the Federal Farm Loan Board. The original act was recently amended permitting, until July 1, 1923, the issuance of bonds bearing interest at the rate of 5½%.

The banks operate under Federal charter and Government supervision, and are subject to examination twice yearly by Government examiners who are subject to the same requirements, responsibilities and penalties as are applicable to national bank examiners.

Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.

Chicago

New York

William R. Compton Co.

New York

Financial

New Issue

\$50,000,000

GOVERNMENT OF THE ARGENTINE NATION

Two-Year 7% Treasury Gold Notes

Dated October 1, 1921

Due October 1, 1923

Interest payable April 1 and October 1

Principal and interest payable in United States gold dollars in New York at the offices of
The Chase National Bank and Blair & Co.

Coupon Notes in denomination of \$1,000

Exempt from all present or future Argentine taxes

DIRECT OBLIGATION: These Notes are to be the direct obligation of the Argentine Government and will be issued in accordance with Laws No. 8889 and 9468.

NATIONAL FUNDED DEBT: We are advised that the national funded debt, both external and internal, on December 31, 1920, was approximately \$533,000,000, equal to about \$63 per capita.

FOREIGN TRADE: Argentine leads all South American countries in the volume of foreign trade; the published statistics show the following approximate comparison expressed in round numbers:

	1920	1919	1918	1917
Exports	\$971,000,000	\$995,000,000	\$773,000,000	\$531,000,000
Imports	824,000,000	633,000,000	483,000,000	367,000,000
Total	1,795,000,000	1,628,000,000	1,256,000,000	898,000,000
Excess of Exports .	147,000,000	362,000,000	290,000,000	164,000,000

PURPOSE OF ISSUE: We are advised that the present issue will be utilized to pay the Bank of the Argentine Nation for advances made to the Government.

GOLD RESERVE: Recent published figures show a total of approximately \$463,000,000 gold held against notes in circulation, representing a ratio of about 80% and indicating that Argentine currency is one of the soundest in the world.

PREVIOUS ISSUES: During the European war a total of \$73,500,000 Argentine Government Notes bearing not over 6% interest were sold in the United States and all were promptly paid at maturity.

GENERAL: Area of Republic is approximately 1,100,000 square miles, exceeding one-third that of continental United States, exclusive of Alaska; national wealth calculated at over \$13,800,000,000.

We recommend these Notes for Investment

PRICE: 99 5/8 AND INTEREST TO YIELD OVER 7.20%

When, as and if issued and received by us, and also subject to approval of counsel.

Delivery may be made either in the form of temporary notes or interim receipts.

Blair & Co., Inc.

White, Weld & Co.

The New York Trust Company

The Equitable Trust Company of New York

Spencer Trask & Co.

Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co.

Salomon Bros. & Hutzler

Graham, Parsons & Co.

First National Bank of Boston

Union Trust Company, Pittsburgh

The Union Trust Company, Cleveland

The Cleveland Trust Company

First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago

Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago

Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank

Northern Trust Co., Chicago

The statements presented above are based on information obtained partly by cable from official and other sources. While not guaranteed, we believe them to be reliable.

All statistics relating to money are expressed in United States dollars at par of exchange.

Financial

\$31,154,000**The Pennsylvania Railroad Equipment Trust****6% Gold Certificates**

Issued under the Philadelphia Plan

DIVIDENDS PAYABLE JANUARY 15 AND JULY 15

Entire issue (but not any part) redeemable on any interest date at 103 per cent. and accrued interest. Certificates in denomination of \$1,000 each with privilege of registration as to principal.

The Certificates now offered mature in annual installments of approximately \$3,894,000 from January 15, 1928, to January 15, 1935. They are part of a total issue of \$58,412,000 maturing from January 15, 1921, to January 15, 1935, of which the Certificates maturing January 15, 1921, have been paid.

These Certificates are issued against standard railroad equipment under an Equipment Trust Agreement between the Director-General of Railroads, the Railroad Company, and the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Trustee.

We are informed that these are the only Certificates which have been issued under such agreements under the Philadelphia Plan.

SUBJECT TO PREVIOUS SALE AND CHANGE IN PRICE WE OFFER THE ABOVE CERTIFICATES AT PRICES TO YIELD 5.80% UPON THE INVESTMENT IF HELD TO MATURITY AS FOLLOWS:

Certificates maturing	January 15, 1928, at	101.04%	and accrued interest
" " " 15, 1929, "	101.18%	" " "	" " "
" " " 15, 1930, "	101.30%	" " "	" " "
" " " 15, 1931, "	101.42%	" " "	" " "
" " " 15, 1932, "	101.53%	" " "	" " "
" " " 15, 1933, "	101.64%	" " "	" " "
" " " 15, 1934, "	101.74%	" " "	" " "
" " " 15, 1935, "	101.84%	" " "	" " "

Pending the preparation of the definitive certificates temporary receipts of United States Mortgage & Trust Company, New York, exchangeable for definitive certificates when received by them, will be delivered. The right is reserved to reject any application and to allot a smaller amount than applied for.

Kuhn, Loeb & Co.**The National City Company****Guaranty Company of New York****Dillon, Read & Co.****Kidder, Peabody & Co.****Lee, Higginson & Co.****Brown Brothers & Co.****Blair & Co., Inc.****Cassatt & Co.****The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh****Girard Trust Co. of Phila.****Commercial Trust Co. of Phila.****Continental and Commercial Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago**

All of the above certificates having been sold, this advertisement appears as a matter of record only

Financial

ADDITIONAL NEW ISSUE

\$5,000,000

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

6% Gold Bonds

Dated September 15, 1921

Due September 15, 1943

Principal and semi-annual interest (March 15 and September 15) payable at the option of the holder at the agency of the Bank of Montreal, New York, in United States gold coin, or at the office of the Treasurer of Ontario, Toronto, or Bank of Montreal, Montreal, in Canadian gold. Coupon Bonds of \$1,000 denomination, registerable as to principal only.

Not Callable Before Maturity

Legal Investment for Savings Banks in Connecticut, New Hampshire and Vermont

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Assessed Value of Taxable Property 1921.....	\$2,054,212,000
Gross Funded Debt (Including this issue).....	\$185,186,900
Less: Sinking Funds and revenue-producing debt....	118,708,265
Net Funded Debt.....	66,478,635
Contingent Liabilities, fully secured	
(Of this amount \$7,800,000 represents guarantees of bonds of the Canadian Northern Ontario Ry. now owned and controlled by the Dominion of Canada.).....	\$10,099,936
Assets of the Province, including cash, sinking funds, government buildings, crown lands, water powers, etc. (October 31, 1920).....	645,983,604
Subsidy Receivable Annually from Dominion Government	2,396,378
Population	2,820,909
Area	407,252 sq. miles.

The Bonds are a direct and primary obligation of the Province of Ontario and a charge upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province. The Province has never found it necessary to exercise its power to levy a direct general tax. A Sinking Fund is provided by statute toward the retirement of all of the Provincial funded debt.

Financially and commercially Ontario is Canada's leading Province. Its population is more than one-third and its annual production of agricultural, manufactured and mineral products over 45% of that of the entire Dominion.

An abundance of water powers, excellent transportation facilities and a plentiful supply of raw materials have enabled a steady expansion both industrially and commercially.

We recommend these Bonds for Investment.

PRICE 99 AND INTEREST, TO YIELD APPROXIMATELY 6.10%

Legality of this issue will be approved by Mr. E. G. Long, of Toronto. Temporary Bonds of the Province, exchangeable for definitive Bonds, when, as and if issued and received by us, will be ready for delivery on Monday, October 3, 1921.

LEE, HIGGINSON & CO.

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY

E. H. ROLLINS & SONS

SPENCER TRASK & CO.

CLARK, DODGE & CO.

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

Financial

\$15,000,000

State of West Virginia
Highway 5% Gold Bonds

Dated July 1, 1921

Due July 1, 1927-1946, inclusive

Principal and semi-annual interest (January 1 and July 1) payable in gold at The National City Bank in New York or at the office of the State Treasurer, Charleston, West Virginia. Coupon bonds in the denomination of \$1,000 each with the privilege of registration as to principal only or both principal and interest.

Exempt from all taxation by the State of West Virginia, or by any county, district or municipal corporation thereof, and free from all Federal Income Taxes.

Legal investment for Savings Banks in New York State, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Rhode Island.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

(Officially reported)

Assessed valuation for taxation, 1919.....	\$1,489,834,833
Total bonded debt.....	28,500,000
Sinking Fund.....	\$2,500,000
Net bonded debt (less than 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ % of assessed valuation).....	26,000,000
Population, 1920 Census, 1,463,610	

These Bonds are a direct obligation of the State of West Virginia and the Act of the Legislature authorizing their issuance provides for the levy and collection of an annual State tax on all property in the State and other revenue sufficient to pay interest and principal at maturity.

West Virginia's great wealth is in coals of various kinds, petroleum and natural gas. Extensive manufacturing of iron, steel, lumber, timber, flour, glass, and the tanning, currying and finishing of leather is carried on in the northwestern section along the Ohio River. Agriculture and stock raising are also important industries. West Virginia has excellent facilities for distributing its products, being traversed by the following railroads: The Baltimore & Ohio, Chesapeake & Ohio, Norfolk & Western, Pennsylvania, Virginian, Western Maryland, Wheeling & Lake Erie, numerous local lines, and also having the Ohio River for water transportation.

AMOUNTS, MATURITIES AND PRICE

Amount.	Maturity.	Approx. Yield.	Amount.	Maturity.	Approx. Yield.	Amount.	Maturity.	Approx. Yield.
\$750,000	1927	5.41%	\$750,000	1934	5.22%	\$750,000	1940	5.17%
750,000	1928	5.36%	750,000	1935	5.20%	750,000	1941	5.16%
750,000	1929	5.32%	750,000	1936	5.20%	750,000	1942	5.16%
750,000	1930	5.29%	750,000	1937	5.19%	750,000	1943	5.15%
750,000	1931	5.27%	750,000	1938	5.18%	750,000	1944	5.15%
750,000	1932	5.25%	750,000	1939	5.17%	750,000	1945	5.15%
750,000	1933	5.23%				750,000	1946	5.15%

Price 98 and Interest

On All Maturities

Watkins & Co. Redmond & Co. The National City Company
Harris, Forbes & Co. Bankers Trust Co. Wm. R. Compton Co.
Eastman, Dillon & Co. E. H. Rollins & Sons

The above information is based upon official statements and statistics on which we have relied in the purchase of these Bonds. We do not guarantee but believe it to be correct.

Financial

\$10,000,000

City of Toronto, Ontario

Gold 6% Bonds

Dated July 1, 1921

Due serially July 1, 1925 to 1951, inclusive

Principal and semi-annual interest (January 1 and July 1) payable in gold at the agency of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in New York City or Toronto at the holder's option. Coupon bonds in denomination of \$1,000 with the privilege of registration as to principal only.

THESE bonds are a direct general obligation of the City of Toronto, payable from taxes against all the taxable properties within the City. Under the laws of the Province of Ontario, every By-Law authorizing the issuance of debentures must provide a specific sinking fund to be raised each year sufficient to retire the debentures at their maturity, which system, if continued, guarantees that no refunding of a single loan will be necessary, but that every one will be paid in full at maturity.

Toronto, the capital of Ontario since 1794, is the second largest city in Canada. It is the financial and railroad center of English Canada, enjoys the advantage of a fine natural harbor and is an important distributing point for the Dominion. Toronto is the headquarters of Canada's wealthiest, most populous and most productive province in both agriculture and manufacturing. Its products are exported to all parts of the world.

AMOUNTS, MATURITIES AND PRICES

(Accrued interest to be added and payment to be made in U. S. funds)

Amount	Due	Price	Approx. Yield	Amount	Due	Price	Approx. Yield
\$157,000	1925	97.00	6.93%	\$355,000	1939	99.00	6.09%
166,000	1926	97.00	6.75%	376,000	1940	99.00	6.09%
176,000	1927	97.00	6.64%	399,000	1941	99.00	6.09%
187,000	1928	96.50	6.65%	423,000	1942	99.00	6.08%
198,000	1929	96.50	6.59%	448,000	1943	99.00	6.08%
210,000	1930	96.50	6.53%	475,000	1944	99.00	6.08%
223,000	1931	96.50	6.49%	503,000	1945	99.00	6.08%
236,000	1932	97.00	6.39%	534,000	1946	99.00	6.08%
250,000	1933	97.50	6.31%	566,000	1947	99.00	6.08%
265,000	1934	98.00	6.23%	600,000	1948	99.00	6.07%
281,000	1935	98.00	6.22%	635,000	1949	99.00	6.07%
298,000	1936	98.50	6.16%	674,000	1950	99.00	6.07%
316,000	1937	99.00	6.10%	714,000	1951	99.00	6.07%
335,000	1938	99.00	6.10%				

Guaranty Company of New York The National City Company
Harris, Forbes & Co.

The above information is based upon official statements and statistics on which we have relied in the purchase of these Bonds. We do not guarantee but believe it to be correct.

Financial

We have purchased from the United States Railroad Administration

\$26,112,000

Equipment 6% Gold Notes

Dated January 15, 1920. Redeemable on any interest date at the option of the issuing companies at 103 and interest. Interest January 15th and July 15th. Principal and interest payable in New York at the office of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Trustee. Coupon Notes in denominations of \$1,000 and \$100, with privilege of registration as to principal.

These Notes constitute the direct obligations of the issuing companies and are secured by standard railroad equipment, under the Equipment Trust Agreement dated January 15th, 1920, between Walker D. Hines, Director General of Railroads, the respective railroad companies and the Trustee. Under that agreement no railroad company secures title to equipment until the Notes of that particular company have been paid in full. The Notes are divided into fifteen series, the first of which matured and was paid January 15th, 1921.

We offer these Notes in the following amounts:

\$5,176,800	\$7,381,600
Illinois Central Railroad Company	New York Central Railroad Company
\$5,319,200	\$2,123,200
Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company	Delaware & Hudson Company
\$631,200	
Atlantic Coast Line and Louisville & Nashville Railroad Joint Lessees of the Georgia Railroad Company	
\$510,400	\$1,506,400
Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific Railway Company	Pittsburgh, McKeesport & Youghiogeny Railroad Company
\$2,771,200	\$692,000
Michigan Central Railroad Company	Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway Company

These various issues all mature in approximately equal annual installments on January 15, 1928 to 1935, inclusive

Price for all issues and maturities to yield 5.80%

Pending preparation of definitive Notes, delivery will be made on or about October 14th, 1921, in the form of receipts of the Central Union Trust Company of New York against temporary Notes of the railroad companies deposited with them. Legal details pertaining to this purchase have been passed upon by Messrs. McAdoo, Cotton & Franklin, New York.

WHITE, WELD & CO.
BROWN BROTHERS & CO.

BLAIR & CO., Inc.
LEE, HIGGINSON & CO.

HORNBLOWER & WEEKS CASSATT & CO. GRAHAM, PARSONS & CO.
WEST & CO. EDWARD B. SMITH & CO. REDMOND & CO.
DOMINICK & DOMINICK KISSEL, KINNICUTT & CO.

This information and these statistics are not guaranteed, but have been obtained from sources we believe to be accurate.

September 26, 1921.

Financial

NEW ISSUE

\$9,000,000

CONSOLIDATED GAS ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY OF BALTIMORE

First Refunding Mortgage 7% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds

Series C, Convertible

Dated October 1, 1921

Due October 1, 1931

Redeemable as a whole, or in part for sinking fund only, at any time on 60 days' notice, at 102 and accrued interest.

Convertible, par for par, at holder's option, at any time prior to and including April 1, 1931, into a new series of 6½% Thirty-Year First Refunding Mortgage Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, Series D, dated October 1, 1921, due October 1, 1951.

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

From the letter of Mr. Herbert A. Wagner, President, he further summarizes as follows:

BUSINESS: The Company does the entire gas, electric light and power business in the City of Baltimore, and surrounding counties and also supplies all the power for the operation of the entire street railway system in this area. The total population served is about 775,000.

SECURITY: These \$9,000,000 7% Series C Bonds (equally with \$3,500,000 6% Series A Bonds pledged under the Company's 7% Secured Convertible Note issue and \$7,750,000 7½% Series B Bonds) are secured by mortgage on all property now owned or hereafter acquired. Bonds are reserved to refund all underlying issues.

EARNINGS:

Years Ended	Gross Earnings	Net Earnings After Taxes	Fixed Charges	Net Earnings Times Fixed Charges	Balance
June 30, 1915	\$6,789,401	\$3,212,818	\$1,640,361	1.96	\$1,572,457
1916	7,431,768	3,583,692	1,580,058	2.27	2,003,634
1917	8,498,809	4,018,644	1,672,223	2.40	2,346,421
1918	10,619,588	4,203,904	2,071,339	2.03	2,132,565
Dec. 31, 1919	12,813,617	4,800,711	2,283,622	2.10	2,517,089
1920	15,433,458	4,981,667	2,428,285	2.05	2,553,382
1921 (4 mos. est.)	16,729,417	5,779,094	2,845,642	2.03	2,933,452

Effective July 1, 1921, the Public Service Commission granted the Company an increase of 17 cents per thousand cubic feet in the net maximum rate for gas. The above earnings for the year 1921 (4 months estimated) include only 6 months' benefit from this increase. The Company's gas and electric rates have been and still are considerably lower than those in any other large city on the Atlantic seaboard.

SINKING FUND: An annual Sinking Fund of 1% of all First Refunding Mortgage Bonds from time to time outstanding, first payment not later than August 1, 1923, is to be used for purchase or call and retirement of First Refunding Mortgage Bonds.

DIVIDENDS: The Company has \$2,500,000 8% Preferred and \$14,608,700 Common capital stock outstanding. Continuous cash dividends on the Common stock have been paid since 1909, at rates averaging nearly 7% per annum for the last 11 years. The present rate, 8%, has been paid since April 1, 1917.

THE PRIVILEGE OF CONVERSION during the 9½ years to April 1, 1931, into 30-year 6½% Bonds secured by the same mortgage, is an attractive feature of this issue.

We recommend these Bonds for Investment

PRICE 97½ AND ACCRUED INTEREST, YIELDING ABOUT 7.35%

These Bonds are offered subject to the approval of the Public Service Commission of Maryland.

ALEX. BROWN & SONS
BROWN BROTHERS & CO.

LEE, HIGGINSON & CO.
JACKSON & CURTIS

SPENCER TRASK & CO.

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

This advertisement appears as a matter of record only, all the above bonds having been sold.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The New York Trust Company announces the opening of its new Office at Number 100 Broadway on Monday, October 3, 1921. In this office the activities of the two present downtown offices will be consolidated.

Customers and other friends of The New York Trust Company are invited to inspect this new office and to acquaint themselves with the facilities offered by the Company.

The New York Trust Company

Main Office
100 Broadway

Fifth Avenue Office
57th St. & 5th Ave.

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

The first days of President Harding's unemployment conference do not indicate that it is likely to break up as that of Mr. Wilson's so miserably did, nor is it yet hopeless that the meeting may render some negative service at least by giving great publicity and the indorsement of representative employers to some fundamental economic truths which cannot be prevented from operating as their nature compels, even though they may be refused attention by the many to whom they are for the time displeasing. The purpose of the gathering is excellent, and that some good may be wrought by it must be in the hopes of persons who have not lost self-control.

In venturing to speak of the proceedings thus far, we must begin by commending some utterances of the President in an opening address which was fit and sound throughout. As he well said, "liquidation, reorganization, readjustment, re-establishment, taking account of things done and the sober contemplation of things to be done, the finding of firm ground, and the open, sure, and onward way—all these are a part of the inevitable, and he who thinks they might have been avoided by this or that plan or this policy or that only hugs a delusion when reason is needed for a safe council." But he said one thing more, which we hope he thoroughly means and intends to stand by to the utmost:

"I would have little enthusiasm for any proposed relief which seeks either palliation or tonic from the public treasury. The excess of stimulation from that source is to be reckoned a cause of trouble rather than a source of cure. We should achieve but little in a remedial way if we continued to excite a contributing cause."

Most true, and most timely is this, and it may be commended to the persons in or about Washington and claiming to be both representative and powerful, who constitute the "blocs" that threaten to impede progress unless they are permitted to direct it by their views of their own interests. "Excess of stimulation" from the public treasury, whether intentional or merely a consequence, is indeed "a cause of trouble" rather than curative, and Governmental interventions between employers and employees (as in the present situation of the railways, for example) aggravates the difficulties. It is to be hoped that the President's lack of enthusiasm for such quackery may be strong enough to lead him to oppose without cease any and every scheme for "relief" by Government dole or intervention.

The first plan proposed, and said to have come from the "manufacturers'" committee, would adopt in industry what is dubbed "the split week," using more workers by allowing present ones only part-time. But this is open to incurable objections. To push aside, even temporarily, present workers who have established a moral right to preference by staying on their jobs and have perhaps increased that right by accepting the situation in respect to wages and working hours would be a gross injustice to them; nor shall we relieve our troubles and secure our future by using bad means for good ends. If it is said that those now at work ought to make some sacrifice for the sake of others unfortunately idle, is it not true that sacrifices (unless in the overpowering emergency of a defensive war) should be voluntarily made and not imposed, and does this proposition differ greatly in character, as respects the

workers who are to be pushed aside, from a proposition that the savings deposits of these workers might be tapped for the relief of the idle who have none? Further, such a plan would tend to diminish, rather than increase, efficiency and production, two factors that are of vast importance in the whole situation, and greatly need to be increased instead of subjected to any reducing influences. Still further, this plan is none the better because it is in line, in effect if not by intention, with the ancient doctrine of unionism that employment for the largest possible number of persons is a summum bonum, and, as an inseparable corollary, that production should be carefully kept down, in order that employment be "made" for the largest possible number.

Another plan, also said to be from the same committee, would attempt to bring things back to the solid ground by a general price-slashing. It is well summed up by one news dispatch thus:

"The bold policy of restoring business conditions to normal by slashing prices of all commodities to a present-day replacement basis, so that would-be purchasers may regain confidence in the market and 'the buyers' strike' be broken, was taking form tonight. The scheme, in a sense, provides that producers and retailers alike, by taking a loss on goods acquired at high prices, get back as quickly as possible to a more reasonable basis; the way will be paved then for the necessary reductions in the cost of labor."

Now while it is quite true that many holders of stocks, in both wholesale and retail trade, could help themselves and others by a material mark-down instead of trying to hang on, this plan also has serious objections. One is that it proposes a sacrifice which men are naturally very reluctant to make and to some of them looks like giving up the struggle. The consumer has passed out of the "silk-shirt" delirium and is looking and waiting for low prices. It is as hopeless to seek to stop or greatly retard the disposition to hang back in a falling market as to do the like with the disposition to buy in a time of mounting prices; to rush and jam for the front line in the latter case and to look about and go slow in the former are almost instinctively deemed the rule of safety. The reluctant buyer will not be instantly convinced of opportunity now. One of the department stores of this city has just paid for a page advertisement announcing its readiness to buy a half-million dollars' worth of varied goods, (presumably at sternly-viewed prices) and sell them at retail at exact cost. If the store gets the goods, it will have no means of proving good faith except by its own reputation, or of distinguishing, to the customer, these particular goods from others; a reputation for bargain sales can be made only by such sales, and those must become convincing by time and repetition. Further, how could a "buyers' week," if really undertaken and carried through, be more than a temporary palliative, increasing the consumer's intent to continue hand-to-mouth trading until the real bottom is reached?

But as to "unemployment," which is the one special subject of the conference, it would be illuminating to find out, so far as practicable, not merely how many are without work but (still more important) how many are in that position because they resist labor "liquidation." Men who refuse work not on their own terms as to place, or kind, or wage, or

working hours and conditions; men who would rather loaf and grumble and threaten than accept what the labor market offers—how do these differ, in respect to the consideration justly due them, from the one who comes to the kitchen door with a hunger plea and when fresh bread and butter is brought out to him shrugs his shoulders and says he wants cake and jelly?

Let us all observe the truth, and not try to give it other hues by looking through squinting eyelids. We are inevitably brought back, in every strictly truthful examination, to the same point: men are idle, to a very large proportion out of the whole unemployed, because they refuse employment. For observe that the thing is progressive and cumulative in operation and result. The obstinate who demand the cake of a so-called "American" standard of living, and will not even temporarily take bread, not only reduce production by the amount their own real and hearty labor might add to it, but prevent others from working. Does not the mere statement of this truth make extended illustrations of it needless? Scantiness of labor hinders agricultural production and contributes to high food prices; scantiness of raw materials hinders the manufacturing processes which carry those along to the finish; labor scantiness in one or another way impairs transportation efficiency; and so all along. When one man will not move he prevents the man close behind him from moving. And all through the complicated and interwoven fabric of industry and trading largely runs this impediment of still sullen labor that wants (and waits for) coming down by everybody else and vows that it will be the last and slowest in the liquidation process.

Conferences like that now in Washington may be useful if they illuminate and enforce economic truths, but are not likely to evolve any "prescriptions" which can be "put up" and "taken."

Building operations in Canada have yet to experience any real revival from the comparative inactivity in construction work that has characterized the course of events for a quite extended period. It is true, of course, that at some points in the Dominion, both East and West, there has recently been a little more doing than a year earlier, but this has been at smaller towns, as a rule, and has had a rather inappreciable effect on the general result. The fact seems to be that the absence of any mentionable recession in the cost of labor and materials serves to check activity, or at least holds contemplated work in abeyance. The latest available returns cover the month of August 1921, and indicate that the projects launched at 28 cities in the Eastern Provinces call for an outlay of only \$6,806,308, against \$7,241,695 in 1920, and close to 11 million dollars in 1919, while in the West (17 cities) the contrast is between \$2,372,492 and \$2,141,422 and \$2,602,856. For the whole of the Dominion, therefore, the aggregate expenditure arranged for is but \$9,178,800, against \$9,383,117 and \$13,490,602. The eight months' total is, of course, less than that of 1920, but runs ahead of 1919. Specifically, the disbursements arranged for under contracts in the 28 cities in the East foots up \$53,739,899, against \$55,479,901 and \$41,753,651, and in the West (17 cities), \$15,548,068, against \$24,019,815 and \$9,614,240, giving in all an aggregate of \$69,287,967, against \$79,499,716 and \$51,367,891. In 1913 and 1912, however,

with a boom in building in the West, the outlay was well in excess of 100 million dollars.

Political affairs in Ireland have taken a characteristic course. At the very moment when the outlook appeared gloomiest, there comes a sudden turn for the better. Prime Minister Lloyd George's reply to the latest communication of De Valera was dispatched on Thursday, and was of a nature to leave the door open for a new conference with the Irish representatives. Earlier in the week such a possibility seemed remote. In a speech in Dundee, Scotland, a week ago to-day, Winston Spencer Churchill, Secretary for the Colonies, was believed to have outlined the position and attitude of the British Government on the whole Irish situation. In doing so he only emphasized what Premier Lloyd George had asserted and reiterated in his exchange of notes with Eamonn de Valera, the Sinn Fein leader. Secretary Churchill expressed himself in favor of a personal conference on the points at issue, instead of a further exchange of notes. He made it plain, however, that the British Government could not permit the Sinn Fein to send delegates to such a meeting as "representatives of a foreign State." He further asserted that "the Government would not allow pedantry, hair-splitting or quibbling to stand in the way of peace," and he declared that "when its fundamental principles were challenged it was well to make it quite clear there could be no further concession on the part of the Government." The Colonial Secretary was said to have "warned his hearers that if the truce came to an end, a war more serious than heretofore faced them in Ireland, while the establishment of an independent Ireland would lead to civil war." He, like Lloyd George, said that the British Government could not make further concessions, declaring that "we have reached the end of our tether," and adding that his Government was "profoundly disappointed by De Valera's rejection of the offer of Dominion home rule." Nevertheless, as early as last Sunday the political correspondent of the London "Sunday Times," who is credited with being particularly well informed on British Government affairs, was quoted as expressing the opinion that a conference would be arranged, and strongly intimated that De Valera had insisted on a sovereign State for Ireland, because he knew that if he didn't "he might be deposed from his leadership by the Dail Eireann."

Reports reached London from Cork on Sunday that members of the British constabulary had "halted and roughly treated a party of citizens returning from a social gathering." The reports also stated that "at the same hour a Republican police patrol of five men were accosted on St. Patrick's Bridge by a large patrol of British police." According to a dispatch from Belfast the same night, "two persons were killed and 36 wounded in rioting, during which bombs were thrown." The situation in Belfast became so serious that "a proclamation under the Defense of the Realm regulations, prohibiting the assembling of three or more persons together in the riot zone in the Newtownards Road and Ballymacarrett area, the scene of the fierce fighting yesterday, was issued to-night [Monday]. The order came into force at 8:30 o'clock."

The understanding in political circles at that time was that "the British Cabinet's reply to Eamonn de Valera will give a clear indication that it

is the last word the Government has to say in the matter by way of correspondence." The London correspondent of the New York "Times" said that "it will reiterate the impossibility of recognizing the Sinn Fein leaders as representatives of a sovereign and independent State, but that the British position will not be laid down as a condition which must be accepted before the conference is held. It will set it forth simply as a fact for the Sinn Fein's knowledge." The London correspondent of the New York "Tribune" cabled that "Lloyd George has received answers from his colleagues, generally approving his draft, and it will be forwarded with little change." He added that "the reply, it was stated today, proposes a definite date for a conference, asking that the Sinn Fein delegates meet with the Government in London early in October. It is forecast as declaring it impossible to admit a discussion of Ireland's separation from the Empire, but not insisting that Sinn Fein pledge allegiance beforehand—a reasonable document which will enable De Valera, if he really wants a conference, to have one without trouble." It became known Wednesday morning that the Dail Cabinet had been called to meet at the Mansion House the next day to consider the note of the British Cabinet, which was expected to be in hand by that time. According to a London cablegram to the Chicago "Tribune," there was some doubt as to whether the reply would be ready by that time. Lloyd George was expected back in London next Monday.

The note was sent to De Valera on Thursday. It reiterated the position previously taken relative to the undesirability of further correspondence and the inability of the British Government to meet in conference delegates who maintained that they must be recognized as representatives of a sovereign State. As representatives of Ireland they were invited to a conference on Oct. 11. The British Premier said that he renewed the offer of a conference, "with a view to ascertaining how the association of Ireland with the community of nations known as the British Empire may best be reconciled with the Irish national aspirations." According to cable advices from London last evening, De Valera promptly notified Lloyd George of his acceptance of the formers' invitation.

Various questions have been considered this week by the Assembly of the League of Nations in Geneva. H. A. L. Fisher, representing the British Government, announced at a session at the beginning of the week that he would shortly introduce a resolution by the terms of which the League would ask for action at the forthcoming Washington Conference on Limitation of Armament on "the question of the private manufacture of arms and the failure of the United States to ratify the St. Germain convention for the control of the arms traffic." Lord Robert Cecil, representing South Africa, thought that the Assembly itself should fix an "arms manufacture convention date."

Another question that was taken up was the dispute between Poland and Lithuania over Vilna. The Assembly decided to leave the matter to the League Council. Concessions by both sides were urged. In the public debate Poland was severely criticised for failing to recall General Zellgouski.

The Assembly also made another effort to settle "the frontier disputes between Albania and Jugo-

Slavia, on the one hand, and between Albania and Greece on the other." At its session on Tuesday the Assembly "reserved decision on the point as to whether the Council of the League shall fix the date to apply the economic blockade as a weapon of the League against nations breaking the Covenant, or merely to recommend the date when the blockade shall be applied." The Assembly adopted an interpretative resolution of the blockade committee which substantially is as follows: "The action of a defaulting State cannot create a state of war. It merely entitles other members of the League to resort to acts of war, or to declare themselves in a state of war with the Covenant-breaking State. It is the duty of each member of the League to decide for itself whether a breach of the Covenant has been committed. Fulfillment of their duties under Article 16 is required from members of the League by the express terms of the Covenant. They cannot neglect them without a breach of their treaty obligations. All cases of breach of the Covenant should be referred to the Council of the League, as a matter of urgency, at the request of any member of the League."

At the same session Lord Robert Cecil "forced through Assembly Committee No. 3 of the League a resolution calling for preparation before the next meeting of the Assembly of the League of Nations of general proposals for world disarmament in the form of a treaty draft 'or other equally definite plan.'" The Geneva correspondent of the New York "Times" said that "he forced H. A. L. Fisher of England to take the floor and declare England's principle on disarmament. In his speech Mr. Fisher said he only wanted to say that the present Assembly should take no headlong steps which might prove disastrous. He laid much emphasis on the importance of regional understandings for disarmament, and said that such understandings would come into effect before the general disarmament Lord Robert Cecil was working for."

The following day the Constitutional Committee of the League of Nations submitted a decision to the Assembly that "political treaties bearing upon international relations are the only conventions which must be registered with the Secretariat of the League of Nations."

The Geneva correspondent of the New York "Times" observed yesterday morning that "the Washington Administration has apparently revised its ideas about the relation of the United States to the League of Nations. It now writes notes to the League—actual official notes on State Department paper, with the State seal and signed 'Hughes'—whereas its attitude three months ago as expressed to Sir Eric Drummond, the League Secretary-General, by the American Consul at Geneva, was that since the United States had no relations with the League it would not answer its communications. Now Sir Eric has just received not one note, not two, not three, but fourteen of them, all in a bunch and in due diplomatic form. What has produced this change in attitude between June 30, when the Consul delivered his laconic message, and this week, when fourteen notes arrived at one time?"

Word came from Paris that the French Government had approved the tentative agenda for the Washington conference, as issued by the American State Department, and as presented to the French

authorities by Myron T. Herrick, the American Ambassador. It was stated, however, that the French "delegation would be instructed to point out that the Treaty of Versailles constituted France's only protection against German aggression, and that France must maintain adequate forces to insure the enforcement of the Peace Treaty and as a guarantee of the payment of reparations by Germany." In a Washington dispatch to the New York "Herald" the statement was made that, while the United States was "willing to accept any changes in the number of delegates to the conference that the participating Powers may desire," our Government believes better results would be obtained if each delegation did not exceed four members.

Dispatches from Paris early in the week stated that Premier Briand was still planning to attend the Washington conference, in spite of reported opposition on the part of political enemies and published statements that he would not. In a Paris cablegram Wednesday morning it was stated that he would sail for America on Oct. 29. Yesterday morning it was reported that he would not be able to stay until the close of the conference. Former President Poincaré is opposing his coming at all. The London "Sunday Observer," which is said to reflect Government opinion, in discussing the importance of the conference, said: "The conference must succeed because, for all the parties to it, it were better that it had never been called than that it should fail. And it must succeed if the world is to get on. The discussion in the Assembly, representing fifty nations of the world, at Geneva, shows that the world is waiting for it." The "Observer" called the armament conference "a second peace conference—America's recovery of the initiative which was let go when Wilson lost power." But the "Observer" stated flatly that "there must be an understanding regarding America and the League of Nations, with which it is clear other nations will conduct their business."

Another angle of the British ideas relative to disarmament was presented at Tuesday's session of the Assembly of the League of Nations. The correspondent of the New York "Herald" reported the matter in part as follows: "Regional disarmament under definite regional engagements, instead of by general convention, is Great Britain's solution of the disarmament problem, and this is indorsed by France." The London representative of the New York "Herald" said that the whole question of inter-Allied war debts is expected to be raised at the November conference in Washington. In a cablegram to his paper the Paris correspondent of the New York "Herald" outlined the French attitude toward disarmament, as he understood it. He asserted that "unless the Washington conference in November can find a way to give France the moral support of the Allies in the event of a new German-made war, to take the place of the military aid promised at Versailles, but still unapproved by Great Britain and the United States, the French delegates will not discuss the reduction of land armament. No matter how long the parley lasts, France will block progress on this phase of armament limitation until her safety is guaranteed by other nations."

Through an Associated Press cablegram from Tokio Wednesday afternoon the personnel of the Japanese delegation became known here. It will consist

of "Prince Iyesato Tokugawa, President of Peers, Vice-Admiral Tomosaburo Kato, Minister of the Navy, and Baron Kijuro Shidehara, Ambassador to the United States." It was added that "the delegation includes eighteen others representing the Ministry of Finance, twelve the Ministry of the Navy, and seven the Army." The Washington correspondent of the New York "Evening Post" intimated in a dispatch to his paper Wednesday evening that President Harding does not expect that the conference will "bring the millennium," and that he believes the attitude of Great Britain and Japan will largely determine the success or failure of the gathering.

At Wednesday's session "the Disarmament Committee of the Assembly of the League of Nations reported favorably a resolution expressing the gratification of the League that President Harding had called a conference in Washington to consider disarmament." The representative of the New York "Times" said, however, that "although this resolution expresses the sincere well wishes of the vast majority of the delegates here, it should be pointed out that very few diplomats gathered at Geneva have much hope in the Washington conference achieving important disarmament progress. They regard it as nothing more or less than an effort by America to better her diplomatic situation with regard to Japan. They attach great importance to the Washington conference as a diplomatic battle over national claims, but they do not see it as a disarmament parley. And so the delegates of the Assembly are consistent when, while expressing all good wishes for disarmament progress at Washington, they hold to the League plans for the reduction of armaments, feeble as those plans are."

The German Reichstag reopened Wednesday, Sept. 28. The first day's session was purely formal, "mostly for memorial exercises for Mathias Erzberger and other members who died during the recess." The Berlin correspondent of the New York "Tribune" declared that the session was "expected to be the most important since the close of the war." He added that "so far as Germany is concerned, the session is expected to produce two big results: The reorganization of the German financial and taxation system in the hope of preventing an economic and financial crash." He added that "politicians and financiers have been speaking for some time of the danger of an economic collapse, and Chancellor Wirth himself has openly expressed fear of it, despite his statement on the assumption of the Chancellorship that Germany could meet the Allied reparations demands if she tried. Active hope is entertained that the new session of the Reichstag will lead to the building of a strong Government, with Dr. Wirth at its head, which will prevail on the Allies to revise their reparations program on what Winston Churchill, the British Cabinet Minister, called in his recent speech at Dundee, 'a practical scale.'"

The Reichstag was not in session Thursday. It was expected in political circles in Berlin the day before that a vote on the peace treaty with the United States would be reached yesterday. The document was considered by the Foreign Affairs Committee on Thursday. It adopted a resolution, "recommending that the Reichstag ratify the Peace Treaty with the United States." The New York

"Times" correspondent sent word that on Wednesday the treaty "was laid before the members of the Reichstag in the form of a law embodying the text of the treaty in both the English and German versions. This was accompanied by a Government memorandum, or White Paper, explaining how the treaty came into being, and particularly pointing out that America was bound by the joint peace resolution of Congress and therefore could not entertain any proposals for a departure from that basis; the Wirth Government, therefore, had the alternatives of accepting the treaty unconditionally or prolonging negotiations with America indefinitely, for which latter course the Government felt it could not assume the responsibility." He said also that "the memorandum argues that the treaty is not so unsatisfactory as it may look, since far-reaching concessions have been obtained in the way of promises of a square deal in its interpretation by America." According to the correspondent, also, "no opposition is expected when the treaty law comes up for debate." Dispatches from Berlin last evening stated that the Reichstag had adopted the treaty. In a Washington dispatch to the New York "Times" Thursday morning it was claimed that "Democratic Senatorial leaders admit that opposition to the ratification of the Peace Treaty with Germany will not avail to defeat it. One Democratic Senator said that an opposition total of twenty, even including Borah and other Republicans, would be an extreme estimate." The New York "Tribune" correspondent said that "in a conference between the President and Senator Lodge, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, at the White House, the Executive was assured that the German treaty and the other peace treaties would be ratified." The Washington advices yesterday morning stated that probably a vote would be taken on Oct. 14 or 15. Word was received from Washington last evening that a unanimous agreement had been reached to bring the German treaty to a vote on the former date.

In an address before the Association of German Industry in Munich on Wednesday, Walter Rathenau, Minister of Reconstruction, was quoted as saying that "Germany must continue her efforts to meet the reparations obligations, in order to convince the world of her good-will and sincerity in trying to fulfill the terms of the Allied ultimatum. At the same time an international readjustment of the world's financial situation, including the reparations problems, as suggested by Winston Churchill, the British Cabinet Minister, in his address at Dundee, is absolutely necessary if the complete breakdown of the world's economic fabric is to be averted."

In a cablegram yesterday morning the Berlin correspondent of the New York "Herald" gave a more reassuring account of the situation. He said: "German party leaders who met at a dinner given for Chancellor Wirth last night agreed that the parties represented should accept the Chancellor's taxation program, which is now pending before the National Economic Parliament. The Industrial party made the condition that the Government must make serious efforts to reduce expenses. This applies notably to superfluous officials who are packing Government offices. It was also demanded that public services, such as railroads and the postal system, be placed on a basis where they will make expenses. Chancellor Wirth agreed to these economies. The same

demands were made yesterday at the National Business Men's Convention in Munich. Financiers and manufacturers agreed to raise a loan of 1,500,000,000 marks gold on their credit abroad to meet reparations demands. They also made the condition that the Government leave everything to private initiative, only adopting voluntary centralization where necessary and avoiding Socialist State control schemes. The adoption of Chancellor Wirth's taxation scheme as modified means that various Socialist projects for the confiscation of capital and the Government's participation in industry have been dropped. Other methods proposed for taxing real values also have been postponed in a final effort to meet the budget shortage through the old taxation mechanism. German industry and finance make their co-operation in meeting the national obligations conditional upon being allowed the fullest freedom."

The situation between Poland and Russia has appeared threatening. In an Associated Press dispatch from Paris, a week ago to-day, it was claimed that "the severance by Poland of diplomatic relations with the Russian Soviet Government is regarded in high French official circles as probable, and it is thought similar action by Rumania may follow as a result of the dispute over the Bessarabian boundary." The correspondent added that "the French Government, however, considers war between Poland and Russia impossible, because both physically are incapable of carrying on hostilities."

Replying to the Polish note, "threatening to break off diplomatic relations unless the peace treaty signed in Riga is complied with by Russia, George Tchitcherin, Soviet Foreign Minister, proposes a delay in the time limit of the ultimatum from Oct. 1 to Oct. 5, it was announced. The Polish Government replied that it would execute the terms of the treaty, and reaffirmed its position, as set forth in the note." Later accounts, however, indicated that all difficulties were in the way of being adjusted.

Word came from Lemberg Tuesday morning that on Monday night in that city Gen. Joseph Pilsudski "narrowly escaped death by assassination." The shooting took place as he was "entering an automobile in City Hall Square on his way to a theatre, after attending a banquet." Although three shots were fired, the President escaped without injury, but Count Gabowski, who was accompanying him, was wounded in the leg, but not seriously."

The finding of ways to relieve the unemployed, and particularly to give them work, has been under active discussion in London as well as in Washington. It was definitely reported in cable advices from the former centre a week ago to-day that the British Government had decided to give "actual financial assistance to some scheme having in view the promoting of trade revival." Colonial Secretary Winston Churchill, in his Dundee speech, was quoted as saying that "the Government has recognized that special national assistance must be given in areas where unemployment is exceptionally acute." In a later cablegram from the British capital it was said that "Government co-operation with banks and financial agencies, in order to increase advances to manufacturers, is one of the devices which the Cabinet is considering as a means of re-

ducing unemployment." The further assertion was made that "the real reason of unemployment is the fall of exports, and one cause of this fall is the difficulty which industry finds in these days of high costs and heavy taxation in getting credit and capital to work upon." In outlining further the reported plans and intentions of the Government, one correspondent said that "the Government has no intention of supplying credit or capital itself. The experience of the last few years has made it more reluctant than ever to attempt to meddle with private industry, but it is contended that there is no reason why it should not stimulate the bankers to take risks that otherwise they would not take. It is suggested that in much the same way that the German Government used to stand behind German banks in financing enterprises that were deemed of national importance, so the British Treasury should undertake to guarantee British banks which are loaning money to approved firms wishing to extend their operations and increase employment. The form that this assistance will take is still under consideration, but it is not unlikely that it will consist in undertaking to indemnify bankers for loss of principal or interest on advances made for this specific object. A committee of the Cabinet is now examining the possibilities, and the results of their deliberations will be laid before Parliament when it meets on Oct. 18."

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 4 3-16% as against 4 1-16@ 4 3-16% a week ago. Three months bills are 4 1/8%. Money on call is also higher, having been advanced to 4%, in comparison with 2¾% the week preceding. Open market discounts in Paris continue at about 5%, but Switzerland quotes 4%, against 3½%, previously ruling.

A small loss in gold was shown by the Bank of England statement this week, viz., £2,930, while total reserve was reduced £569,000, in consequence of an increase in note circulation of £566,000. However, there was another advance in the proportion of reserve to liabilities, bringing it up to 18.61%, or the highest ratio this year. Last week it was 17.39% and a year ago 11.07%. The high record for 1920 was 23.49% in the week ending March 18. There were during the week substantial reductions in the deposit items. Public deposits fell £1,729,000 and other deposits £9,783,000. Loans on Government securities decreased £6,330,000, while loans on other securities declined £4,626,000. Threadneedle Street reports gold holdings as £128,414,367. A year ago the total was £123,114,715 and in 1919, £88,159,199. Total reserve amounts to £21,891,000, which compares with £14,073,780 in 1920 and £22,466,759 a year earlier. Circulation is now £124,972,000, as against £127,490,935 last year and £84,142,440 the year prior to that, with loans at £80,494,000 in comparison with £109,312,765 and £81,990,018 one and two years ago, respectively. Notwithstanding the fact that the reserve ratio has been advanced to the highest level of the year, predictions that the Bank's minimum discount rate would be lowered were not fulfilled and the 5½% figure was

maintained. Clearings through the London banks for the week were £585,196,000. This compares with £627,685,000 last week and £694,924,000 a year ago. We append a tabular statement of comparisons of the principal items of the Bank of England returns:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1921. Sept. 28.	1920. Sept. 29.	1919. Oct. 1.	1918. Oct. 2.	1917. Oct. 3.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	124,972,000	127,490,935	84,142,440	62,252,480	41,828,955
Public deposits.....	12,231,000	16,139,467	35,862,662	30,525,411	42,512,204
Other deposits.....	105,420,000	111,027,414	121,220,060	137,127,288	128,744,973
Govt. securities.....	33,360,000	21,883,129	70,735,213	57,671,045	58,735,220
Other securities.....	80,494,000	109,312,765	81,990,018	99,726,902	58,371,795
Reserve notes & coin	21,891,000	14,073,780	22,466,759	28,355,195	32,348,421
Coin and bullion.....	128,414,367	123,114,715	88,159,199	72,157,675	55,727,376
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	18.61%	11.07%	14.30%	16.90%	18.89%
Bank rate.....	5½%	7%	5%	5%	5%

The Bank of France continues to report small gains in its gold item, the increase this week being 183,000 francs. The Bank's gold holdings now aggregate 5,523,095,775 francs, comparing with 5,479,549,698 francs on the corresponding date last year and with 5,574,184,210 francs the year before; of these amounts 1,948,367,056 francs were held abroad in both 1921 and 1920 and 1,978,278,416 francs in 1919. During the week silver gained 175,000 francs, bills discounted increased 167,736,000 francs, Treasury deposits rose 8,077,000 francs and general deposits were augmented by 84,530,000 francs. Advances was the only item to show a decrease, a falling off of 22,144,000 francs being recorded. Note circulation registered an expansion of 208,485,000 francs, bringing the total outstanding up to 37,129,457,000 francs. This contrasts with 39,207,943,550 francs at this time in 1920 and with 36,255,602,530 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.

Gold Holdings—	Changes for Week.	Status as of		
		Sept. 29 1921.	Sept. 30 1920.	Oct. 2 1919.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
In France.....Inc.	183,000	3,574,728,719	3,531,182,642	3,595,905,794
Abroad.....	No change	1,948,367,056	1,948,367,056	1,978,278,416
Total.....Inc.	183,000	5,523,095,775	5,479,549,698	5,574,184,210
Silver.....Inc.	175,000	277,328,495	256,305,961	291,457,720
Bills discounted.....Inc.	167,736,000	2,460,270,298	2,293,176,633	995,906,453
Advances.....Dec.	22,144,000	2,188,514,000	2,000,746,551	1,281,579,314
Note circulation.....Inc.	208,485,000	37,129,457,000	39,207,943,550	36,255,602,530
Treasury deposits.....Inc.	8,077,000	35,025,000	55,918,055	65,267,291
General deposits.....Inc.	84,530,000	2,474,076,000	3,251,403,134	2,753,614,502

The Imperial Bank of Germany in its statement issued as of Sept. 23, showed that gold had been reduced 2,000 marks, but total coin and bullion increased 564,000 marks. Treasury certificates were heavily expanded, 1,121,004,000 marks, while notes of other banks gained 1,929,000 marks and advances 28,666,000 marks. Note circulation continues to increase, the latest addition being 709,250,000 marks, which brings the total note circulation outstanding to another new high point of 82,178,365,000 marks, in comparison with 59,263,661,000 marks last year and 28,619,040,000 marks in 1919. Bills discounted sustained a drastic decline, namely 4,426,267,000 marks, while deposits were cut 3,751,002,000 marks. Other liabilities were increased 260,650,000 marks and other investments 2,160,000 marks. Stocks of gold on hand, which are still declining, have reached a total of 1,027,705,000 marks. A year ago they stood at 1,091,582,000 marks, and in 1919 1,096,980,000 marks.

The Federal Reserve Bank statement, which was issued at the close of business on Thursday, shows a further addition to gold reserves, this time \$14,000,000 for the combined system, but total bills on hand were expanded \$21,000,000, to \$1,441,792,000, as against \$3,001,111,000 a year ago. Total earning assets increased \$14,000,000 while deposits increased \$26,000,000. Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation were further reduced \$17,000,000. In the local institution, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, gold gained \$10,000,000 and the total of the gold reserves is now \$1,028,478,000, in comparison with \$497,032,000 in the same week of 1920. Total bills on hand increased \$28,000,000, but this leaves the amount at only \$274,774,000 as against \$970,595,000 a year ago. Total earning assets were increased \$36,000,000, but deposits showed a gain of \$44,000,000. For the 12 reporting banks the reserve ratio was higher at 69.0% which compares with 68.7% a week ago, but the New York Bank's reserve ratio fell slightly to 82.4%, against 81.1.

The most noteworthy features of last week's statement of New York associated banks and trust companies, issued on Saturday, were the drawing down of reserve credits at the Federal Reserve Bank, which in turn led to a reduction of surplus reserves and a large contraction in demand deposits. This latter amounted to no less than \$68,110,000, so that the total is now \$3,619,843,000, exclusive of Government deposits of \$222,519,000. The contraction is said to represent Government operations as well as corporate financing. Net time deposits increased \$2,008,000 to \$217,252,000. Loans increased \$5,302,000. Cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank gained \$762,000 to \$70,004,000 (not counted as reserve), while reserves in own vaults of State banks and trust companies expanded \$147,000. An increase was reported in reserves of State institutions and trust companies kept in other depositories of \$743,000. As shown above, member banks reduced their borrowings at the Reserve Bank materially, the net amount being \$31,579,000, with the result that notwithstanding the cut in deposits, surplus registered a loss of \$21,966,310 to \$32,658,930, as against \$54,625,240 a week earlier. In aggregate reserve the reduction was still greater, namely \$30,689,000, carrying the total held down to \$511,729,000. The above figures for surplus are based on reserves above legal requirements of 13%, but not including cash in vault to the amount of \$70,004,000 held by these banks on Saturday of last week. The bank statements will be found in more complete detail in a subsequent section of this issue.

There have been no striking developments in the local money market. Most of the call loans were arranged at from 5 to 5½%. During the last hour yesterday afternoon a 6% quotation was announced. Many observers believe that it will prove only temporary. They claim that they do not see anything in the general situation on which to base expectations of materially higher money during the rest of this year. It is known, of course, that the offering of new issues has been very heavy recently, particularly equipment trust certificates of the railroads, but it is thought that not more than a week or two will be required to catch up with the demand. There are indications that several foreign loans may be brought out in this market within the next few weeks. The

\$50,000,000 offering for the Argentine Government met with a prompt sale. In some banking circles the opinion is expressed that the offering of a fair amount of foreign Government securities might help the general investment market here rather than choke it up still further. Those who entertain this idea contend that the demand for equipment trust certificates is confined largely to institutions, and that small investors do not put their money into them to any great extent. It is believed, however, that there are sufficient investors with money to absorb a fair amount of foreign issues. It is an open question as to what extent they will be brought out, and the volume would determine the effect of such offerings upon the money market. The Treasury announced the withdrawal of only a nominal amount of its funds from local depository institutions the present week. There have been no intimations of another offering of Treasury notes or certificates in the immediate future. The railroads as a whole have not yet determined to what extent they will do new financing within the next three or four months. The questions of wages, rates and earnings are still sufficiently uncertain to make them more than usually cautious about incurring new obligations on a large scale.

As to detailed money rates, loans on call ranged between 5 and 6% during the week, in comparison with 4½@5½% a week earlier. Quotations were all but stationary the greater part of the time. On Monday 5% was the only rate quoted, this being the high, low and ruling figure. Tuesday there was an advance to 5½%, but the low was still 5% and renewals again at that level, while on Wednesday and Thursday all loans on call were put through at 5%. Friday preparations for the usual month-end settlements brought about an advance and for a brief period the quotation ruled at 6%. Renewals, however, were still negotiated at 5%, which was the low. In the earlier part of the week loans were made outside the Stock Exchange at 4½%. The above figures apply to mixed collateral and all-industrials alike. For fixed-date funds the situation remains without essential change. Toward the latter part of the week a somewhat firmer undertone was noted, but rates remained at 5½% for sixty and ninety days, and 5½@5¾% for four, five and six months, the same as a week ago. Some money is being put out for the shorter maturities, but the market taken as a whole was a dull affair with only a light volume of business passing.

Commercial paper continues to be quoted at 5¾% for sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character, with names less well known at 6%. Some New England mill paper is being sold at as low as 5½%. A good demand was reported, with country banks furnishing most of the business.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances came in for a moderate turnover and here also out-of-town institutions were the principal buyers. The undertone was steady, with quotations at the levels previously current. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council is still 4½%. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rates on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve Bank 5% bid and 4¾% asked for bills running 120 days; 4⅞@4¾% for ninety days; 4⅞@4¾% for sixty days and

4 7/8 @ 4 3/4 % for thirty days. Open market quotations are as follows:

SPOT DELIVERY.			
	90 Days.	60 Days.	30 Days.
Prime eligible bills.....	4 7/8 @ 4 3/4	4 7/8 @ 4 3/4	4 7/8 @ 4 3/4
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.			
Eligible member banks.....	5 1/4 bld		
Eligible non-member banks.....	5 1/4 bld		
Ineligible bank bills.....	5 1/4 bld		

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 30 1921.

Federal Reserve Bank of—	Discounted bills maturing within 90 days (incl. member banks' 15-day collateral notes) secured by—			Bankers' acceptances dis'ct'd for member banks	Trade acceptances maturing within 90 days	Agricultural and like stock paper maturing 91 to 180 days
	Treasury notes and certificate of indebtedness	Liberty bonds and Victory notes	Other-wise secured and unsecured			
Boston.....	5	5	5	5	5	5
New York.....	5	5	5	5	5	5
Philadelphia.....	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Cleveland.....	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
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	5 1/2	6	6
Minneapolis.....	6	6	6 1/2	6	6 1/2	6 1/2
Kansas City.....	6	6	6	6	6	6
Dallas.....	6	6	6	6	6	6
San Francisco.....	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2

Trading in sterling exchange continues to be restricted, for the most part, to strictly routine business, and transactions in the aggregate have again been of minimum proportions. In keeping with this, fluctuations have been relatively unimportant, though after a time irregularity developed and the trend was toward slightly lower levels, with the extremes for the week on demand bills 3 73 3/8 high and 3 70 3/4 low. However, the market has been largely nominal and a dull, uninteresting affair, with large operators still holding aloof to await developments in the international political situation. Price levels are being controlled to a very considerable extent by movements on the London market, although toward the close of the week offerings began to make their appearance here in larger volume and renewed predictions were heard that the long expected influx of commercial bills incidental to seasonal cotton and grain shipments was about to begin. When this is actually inaugurated it is expected to bring about sharp recessions since the market is evidently receiving little real banking support. The opinion is widely held that much depends upon the reparation situation, and bankers and financiers here are following the progress of events abroad very closely. The improvement in foreign as well as domestic monetary conditions, as evidenced by a rise in the Bank of England's ratio of reserve to the highest level of the year, was regarded as gratifying. Persistent reports that Germany will be unable to maintain indemnity payments upon the scale required have led to further discussion as to the steps the Allies are likely to take toward either modifying the present plan or else entering into some new arrangement. It is felt that the question is a serious one upon which much depends. Talk continues in a desultory way on plans for extending credits to foreign countries for exports, and the latest suggestion to arouse some interest is that favoring a huge syndicate to grant acceptances on a large scale for foreign shipments. The belief is that acceptances of syndicates would in addition to facilitating the financing of exports, also eliminate largely the numerous individual negotiations and thus secure similar

terms and security for all concerned. No definite conclusions have been reached as yet, however. Reports of large loans to Great Britain for the purpose of improving sterling and promoting foreign trade were subsequently officially denied by J. P. Morgan & Co., the British fiscal agents in this city. Referring to quotations in greater detail, sterling exchange on Saturday last was easier and demand declined fractionally to 3 72 1/2 @ 3 73 3/8, cable transfers to 3 73 @ 3 73 1/8 and sixty days to 3 66 3/4 @ 3 67 5/8. On Monday the market was dull and somewhat irregular, with quotations again a shade lower; at 3 72 1/8 @ 3 72 3/4 for demand, 3 72 5/8 @ 3 73 1/4 for cable transfers and 3 66 3/8 @ 3 67 for sixty days. After weakness in the early dealings on Tuesday, rates steadied and the range for demand was 3 71 3/4 @ 3 72 7/8, cable transfers 3 72 1/4 @ 3 73 3/8 and sixty days 3 66 @ 3 67 7/8. On Wednesday price levels sagged off on somewhat freer offerings and lower cable quotations from London, though rallying before the close; demand ranged at 3 70 13-16 @ 3 72 7/8, cable transfers 3 71 5-16 @ 3 73 3/8 and sixty days 3 65 1-16 @ 3 67 1/8. Dulness was still in evidence on Thursday, and the undertone was a trifle easier with prices down to 3 70 3/4 @ 3 71 1/8 for demand, 3 71 1/4 @ 3 72 3/8 for cable transfers and 3 65 @ 3 66 1/8 for sixty days. On Friday the supply of commercial bills was smaller, consequently rates were firm and demand sold up to 3 72 @ 3 73 1/8, cable transfers to 3 72 1/2 @ 3 73 5/8 and sixty days to 3 66 1/4 @ 3 67 3/8. Closing quotations were 3 67 for sixty days, 3 72 3/4 for demand and 3 73 1/4 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 3 72 5/8, sixty days at 3 64 3/4, ninety days 3 62 7/8, documents for payment (sixty days) 3 66 3/4 and seven-day grain bills 3 71 1/2. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 3 72 5/8. Gold arrivals continue heavy and the week's shipments include:

\$2,517,000 on the La Lorraine from France; \$1,895,000 on the Empress of India Indian gold from Bombay; \$2,600,000 on the Cedric from Liverpool; 11 packages of gold on the Westerdyke from Rotterdam, and approximately \$4,250,000. Belgian gold on the Oregonian sent here to complete reparations payments. There were in addition a host of minor amounts as follows: 14 boxes of gold on the Anna from Colombia; 3 packages on the Quillota and 83 packages, gold and silver bullion and silver bars from South America; 24 bars of gold and 4 packages gold on the Gen. W. C. Gorgas from South American ports; 4 packages currency and 42 bars of silver on the Orizaba from Tampico; 2 cases gold bullion on the Toloa from Central America; 92 bags of gold ore from Chile on the Cacique; 42 bars of silver and \$7,600 in currency on the Orizaba from Mexico; two boxes and \$2,100 gold dust on the Santa Marta from Colombia; \$610,700 on the Lafayette from France; 4 cases silver coin, 41 silver bars, 34 cases gold and silver bullion and two packages gold on the Ebro; 23 bars of gold on the Vinton County from Colombia and 13 cases specie on the Maracaibo from Curacao. The Spanish steamer Cabo Creux brought \$1,978 United States currency from Spain. Additional consignments are on their way here and the steamers Adriatic and Bayern will bring a large amount of the precious metal.

Late arrivals included \$800,000 on the Adriatic, \$142,000 and one case of gold and platinum on the Turrialba from Colombia.

Another sensational slump in the German mark took place this week and proved the feature of trading in the Continental exchanges. Dealings, it is true, in this market showed little if any increase and the radical changes in quotations reflected almost wholly movements at other centres. In the initial transactions Berlin checks ruled at about 0.91 cent, but with the receipt of sharply lower cable quotations

from abroad, the price here broke to the phenomenally low figure of 0.76 cent for checks, again establishing a new low record and comparing with the previous low point last week of 0.88 $\frac{3}{4}$ cent. This, of course, was due to a renewal of selling on a large scale. According to what are considered reliable reports, a very considerable proportion of the selling was for account of the German Government and is said to be in preparation for the next reparations payment. Some selling was noted by private interests. Trading on the London market was active and excited, but at Berlin and other German centres conditions were reported as almost bordering upon panic at times, German holders seemingly being determined to convert their marks into some more enduring form of property at almost any cost. In the later dealings short covering brought about a partial recovery and prices rallied to 0.86 $\frac{1}{2}$ cent.

Little or no activity was noted in other leading Continental currencies. French francs were adversely affected by the weakness in marks and lost ground appreciably, declining to 6.97 for sight bills, though the high for the week was 7.19. Antwerp francs were about steady throughout, ruling at or near 7.06 for checks. Lire showed some irregularity and yesterday broke for a short time to 3.92 $\frac{1}{2}$ for checks, a loss of about 20 points, but quickly rallied. The break was not regarded as particularly significant, since it was mainly in response to freer offerings and lower quotations from abroad. Exchange on the Central European Republics moved in sympathy with Berlin and suffered further declines, Polish marks registering another new low level of 0.0148, against 0.02 last week. Greek drachma were maintained for the first part of the week at 5.00 but subsequently dropped 25 points to 4.75 for checks. Cable advices from Berlin under date of Sept. 28 state that the Bourse had again been compelled to close temporarily but that the money market was the scene of insistent demands for foreign paper. The dollar was said to have brought 132. The continued drop in marks at that centre is causing violent outbursts on the part of many of the newspapers against what they regard as the inactivity of the Government in attempting to stem the deterioration in currency values.

The official London check rate on Paris closed at 52.06, as against 52.50 last week. Sight bills here on the French centre finished at 7.11 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 7.12; cable transfers 7.12 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 7.13; commercial sight at 7.09 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 7.10; and commercial sixty days at 7.03 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 7.04 a week ago. Closing quotations for Antwerp francs were 6.99, cable transfers 7.00 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 7.05 and 7.06 last week. Reichsmarks finished the week at 0.84 for checks and 0.85 for cable transfers, against 0.90 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 0.91 $\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week. Austrian kronen, which moved in sympathy with German exchange, were heavy and also established another new low of 0.05 $\frac{1}{4}$, but finished at 0.05 $\frac{3}{4}$ for checks and 0.06 $\frac{1}{4}$ for cable remittances. For Italian lire the close was 3.98 for bankers' sight bills and 3.99 for cable transfers, in comparison with 4.13 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 4.14 $\frac{1}{2}$ the week before. Czechoslovakia exchange finished at 1.06, against 1.17 $\frac{1}{2}$; Bucharest at 0.90 $\frac{1}{2}$ (unchanged), and Poland at 0.0148, against 0.02, and Finland at 1.50, against 1.60. Greek exchange closed at 4.75 for checks and 4.80 for cable remittances. Last week the close was 5.00, and 5.05 a week earlier.

In the former neutral exchanges the feature of an otherwise dull week was the strength of Dutch and Swedish exchange, which was attributed to the fact that Germany is paying off its debt to these countries. In common with other exchanges, however, trading in this market was very quiet and prices not very far from nominal. Danish exchange has also showed marked improvement of late, owing mainly to the discontinuation of foodstuff imports; also improved trade balances. Spanish pesetas were steady, chiefly as a result of speculative purchases.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam after an advance to 32.15 finished at 31.95, against 31.72; cable transfers 31.84, against 31.77; commercial sixty days at 31.38, against 31.54 last week. Swiss francs closed at 17.34 for bankers' sight bills and 17.36 for cable transfers, against 17.24 and 17.26 a week earlier. Copenhagen checks finished at 17.83 and cable transfers 17.87, against 17.80 and 17.85. Checks on Sweden, after an advance to 22.45, receded and closed at 22.17, and cable transfers closed at 22.22, against 21.95 and 22.00 the week previous, while checks on Norway finished lower at 12.22 and cable transfers at 12.24, against 12.66 and 12.68 a week ago. Final quotations for Spanish pesetas were 13.01 for checks and 13.03 for cable transfers. Last week the close was 13.03 and 13.05.

CABLE BUYING RATES FIXED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANK, SEPT. 23 1921 TO SEPT. 29 1921, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	Sept. 23.	Sept. 24.	Sept. 26.	Sept. 27.	Sept. 28.	Sept. 29.
EUROPE—						
Austria, krone.....	\$.000868	\$.000868	\$.000786	\$.000657	\$.000582	\$.00059
Belgium, franc.....	.0711	.0707	.0705	.0705	.0705	.0702
Bulgaria, lev.....	.00716	.006933	.0069	.00692	.00682	.0069
Czechoslovakia, krone.....	.011679	.011268	.010893	.010204	.010093	.010342
Denmark, krone.....	.1780	.1775	.1775	.1778	.1785	.1780
England, pound.....	3.7452	3.7339	3.7293	3.7312	3.7313	3.7177
Finland, marka.....	.015671	.015314	.014929	.015214	.014557	.014467
France, franc.....	.0717	.0713	.0712	.0712	.0712	.0710
Germany, reichsmark.....	.009244	.009158	.008558	.008153	.007989	.008175
Greece, drachma.....	.0489	.0486	.0484	.0481	.0481	.0478
Holland, florin or guilder.....	.3181	.3180	.3194	.3214	.3219	.3179
Hungary, krone.....	.001375	.001543	.001521	.001488	.001479	.001496
Italy, lira.....	.0416	.0415	.0414	.0413	.0410	.0404
Jugoslavia, krone.....	.004533	.00470	.004638	.004517	.004425	.0045
Norway, krone.....	.1267	.1267	.1263	.1260	.1257	.1234
Poland, Polish mark.....	.000221	.000211	.000175	.000155	.00015	.000158
Portugal, escuda.....	.0915	.0956	.0962	.1017	.1108	.1025
Rumania, leu.....	.009125	.00864	.008188	.008025	.008438	.00865
Serbia, dinar.....	.0179	.01894	.01825	.0183	.017767	.0181
Spain, peseta.....	.1304	.1300	.1302	.1303	.1305	.1302
Sweden, krona.....	.2194	.2198	.2204	.2244	.2234	.2220
Switzerland, franc.....	.1727	.1725	.1725	.1727	.1731	.1728
ASIA—						
Hong Kong, dollar.....	\$.5410	\$.5390	\$.5435	\$.5500	\$.5483	\$.5540
Shanghai, tael.....	7.575	7.600	7.900	7.955	7.965	7.990
Shanghai, Mexican dollar.....	\$.5419	\$.5438	\$.5556	\$.5700	\$.5656	\$.5738
India, rupee.....	.2744	.2742	.2748	.2731	.2733	.2725
Japan, yen.....	.4796	.4789	.4789	.4786	.4786	.4784
Java, florin or guilder.....	.3143	.3100	.3157	.3129	.3172	.3175
Manila, peso.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Singapore, dollar.....	.4238	.4267	.4250	.4238	.4250	.4233
NORTH AMERICA—						
Canada, dollar.....	\$.99167	\$.900313	\$.901354	\$.903333	\$.906875	\$.908542
Cuba, peso.....	\$.993971	\$.993971	\$.994388	\$.994388	\$.994592	\$.9948
Mexico, peso.....	\$.489375	\$.487813	\$.485417	\$.485417	\$.486042	\$.486719
Newfoundland dollar.....	\$.896875	\$.898021	\$.899271	\$.900417	\$.9050	\$.906042
SOUTH AMERICA—						
Argentina, peso (gold).....	\$.6890	\$.7107	\$.7383	\$.7363	\$.7314	\$.7221
Brazil, milreals.....	.1260	.1267	.1272	.1283	.1277	.1276
Uruguay, peso.....	.6412	.6524	.6670	.6750	.6806	.6715

South American exchange improved, mainly on announcement of the flotation of an extensive new loan for Argentina, and the Argentine check rate closed at 32.32 and cable transfers at 32.25, against 30 $\frac{7}{8}$ and 31 $\frac{1}{8}$ last week. Brazil was also firmer, at 13.00 for checks and 13.25 for cables, which compares with 13.00 and 13.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ a week ago. Chilean exchange was likewise stronger, finishing at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 10 $\frac{3}{4}$, and Peru finished at 3.39, against 3.22.

The establishment of a new high level for silver had a favoring effect on some of the Far Eastern exchanges, and Hong Kong finished at 56 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 56 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 53 $\frac{1}{4}$ @54; Shanghai at 81 $\frac{3}{4}$ @82, against 76@76 $\frac{1}{2}$; Yokohama, 48 $\frac{1}{2}$ @48 $\frac{3}{4}$ (unchanged); Manila, 48 $\frac{3}{4}$ @49, against 49@49 $\frac{1}{4}$; Singapore, 44 $\frac{1}{4}$ @44 $\frac{1}{2}$ (unchanged); Bombay, 28 $\frac{1}{4}$ @28 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 28 $\frac{1}{4}$ @28 $\frac{1}{2}$ and Calcutta, 29@29 $\frac{1}{4}$, against 28 $\frac{3}{4}$.

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$7,481,240 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending September 29. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$8,481,540, while the shipments have reached \$1,000,300, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week ending Sept. 29.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$8,481,540	\$1,000,300	Gain \$7,481,240

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. 24.	Monday, Sept. 26.	Tuesday, Sept. 27.	Wednesday, Sept. 28.	Thursday, Sept. 29.	Friday, Sept. 30.	Aggregate for Week.
\$44,100,000	\$49,500,000	\$37,700,000	\$40,400,000	\$55,000,000	\$87,000,000	Cr. 314,900,000

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. 29 1921.			Sept. 30 1920.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£128,414,367	£	£128,414,367	£123,114,715	£	£123,114,715
France a	142,989,149	11,080,000	154,069,149	141,247,806	10,240,000	151,487,806
Germany	51,185,250	860,750	52,046,000	54,578,950	348,700	54,927,650
Aus.-Hun.	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000
Spain	100,026,000	24,910,000	124,936,000	98,101,000	23,774,000	121,875,000
Italy	33,403,000	2,974,000	36,377,000	32,229,000	2,998,000	35,227,000
Netherl'ds.	50,497,000	861,000	51,358,000	52,028,000	1,465,000	53,493,000
Nat. Belg.	10,663,000	1,592,000	12,255,000	10,660,000	1,070,000	11,730,000
Switz'land.	21,788,000	4,420,000	26,208,000	21,613,000	3,720,000	25,333,000
Sweden	15,821,000	---	15,821,000	14,614,000	---	14,614,000
Denmark	12,642,000	195,000	12,837,000	12,643,000	145,000	12,788,000
Norway	8,115,000	---	8,115,000	8,120,000	---	8,120,000
Total week	586,487,766	49,261,750	635,749,516	579,892,971	46,129,700	626,022,671
Prev. week	586,450,476	49,214,450	635,664,926	580,794,228	46,303,350	627,097,578

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of £77,531,652 held abroad.

THE RAILROAD LABOR BOARD AND THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

In a recent communication to the Railroad Labor Board the Pennsylvania asked for a hearing upon the distinct and important issue raised between itself and the Board by the action of the latter, and now the road makes public another letter, in which it gives its reasons for declining to appear at the hearing set down for last Monday. President Rea re-states (and calls attention of the Board to his re-statement) several paragraphs from the request for a vacating of the decision of the Board concerning the election of spokesmen to deal with the company on behalf of its employees. In these paragraphs again brought to attention was a summary of the approximate proportion of the road's employees who had already expressed themselves satisfied with the manner and result of that election; these figures need not be cited again, having already been in print,

but Mr. Rea now adds a renewal of the road's assurance of intention to try "to re-establish with its employees a contented and harmonious relationship, based upon honest, efficient and economical railroad operation, which can be secured only by close and unrestricted co-operation between the management and its own employees."

But, says Mr. Rea, the Board's consent for a hearing limited the carrier to oral testimony upon two questions: what employees, if any, who are not in actual active service (such as those laid off, furloughed or on absent leave) shall be permitted to vote on the election of spokesmen to represent the men upon agreements and working conditions, and (second) "how the representative capacity of the spokesmen of unorganized employees shall be ascertained"; further, the carrier was to be permitted to offer evidence as to the action on shop craft rules by representatives of those crafts. But the carrier now again asks the Board to note its application for vacating the Board's decision, and especially to the carrier's averment that contracts as to working rules and conditions have already been entered into between the road and representatives of approximately 150,000 of its men, and the carrier "again denies the right or power of the Board to set aside and hold for naught the said contracts without a hearing upon the justness and reasonableness thereof."

The road therefore views much of the subject as already res adjudicata, and inasmuch as the Board has refused the carrier's request that it find in the Transportation Act (and admit) the carrier's right to establish rules and conditions of work, and that the contracts heretofore entered into by the carrier and its shop craftsmen are in full force and effect, but, on the contrary, the Board has distinctly refused to make such a finding, and has refused to hear the carrier "upon the issue of law and fact presented in its application," the carrier is compelled to see that "there is nothing for it to present in the way of oral evidence on the date named," Sept. 26.

Accordingly the carrier declines to appear at that date, but "notes that it is referred by the Board to its Decision 224 (Docket 426), in which the Board arrogates to itself the right to ignore the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States determining the respective rights of employers and employees, and decides that hitherto unquestioned legal rights must give way to the Board's views of what is just, fair and reasonable as between the parties and the public." The carrier cannot accept such novel, startling, and possibly revolutionary views, and "it does not believe the Transportation Act has deprived, or was intended by Congress to deprive, either employers or employees of their constitutional and legal rights as established by the Supreme Court and other courts of the United States." It has not denied and is not now denying the Board's jurisdiction "to hear and decide such disputes as fall within the purview of the Transportation Act, but it denies the right of the Board to invade the domain of management and to assert jurisdiction over grievances, of whatever kind and character, in connection with the employment, the discipline, and the discharge of its employees."

The sections of Title III of the Transportation Act which establish this Board and define its duties have already been substantially quoted in the "Chronicle" (Aug. 27, page 893), and therefore need not be repeated. They show that all disputes arise

ing between any carrier and its employees are to be first considered by the parties; if not so disposed of, they are to go to certain adjustment boards, which "may be established by agreement"; then, in certain specified circumstances, the Labor Board is to take up and dispose of the case. But two points should be noticed and remembered: first, that the only disputes to be taken up and handled in this manner are such as might lead to "interruption in the operation of any carrier," so that the evident aim of this title was to provide some means for making sure that disputes between carriers and their men should not cause trouble to the public by interruption of operations; second, that the Labor Board is constituted only as a virtual appellate tribunal, and has no original jurisdiction whatever. The subject-matter which may come before the Board is that of "any dispute" of this possibly threatening character, *and nothing else*. The wisdom and working feasibility of this piece of machinery for ostensible pacification (and even its validity as related to fundamental rights) may be open to question; but its definitions of power conferred are too clear to permit misconception. Possibly the members of this Board, quick in taking themselves over-seriously, failed to read Title III, or to make sure that they understood it.

So Mr. Rea is right in contending that what the Board has attempted is *ultra vires*; it is so plainly such that any competent court may be likely to make quick disposal of it and recall the Board's members from their exaggerated notion of their official importance. Furthermore, the stand Mr. Rea has taken is not only one he could not avoid taking, but one by which he performs a public service; for the Board's attempt to assume original jurisdiction and intervene in a case which had not been brought to it in the manner provided is something of national and perhaps far-reaching concern.

Consider what the Board's course implies and threatens. Welfare and growth require increased production and lower commodity prices; this can be had only by industrial peace, and that peace can be had only as employer and employee draw together and stay together, discussing and disposing of their own differences. The railroads (and very prominently the Pennsylvania) are intelligently and earnestly trying to reach common ground, and they are making visible progress; but nothing could be so potent in halting and blocking that progress and keeping alive all the misunderstandings and quarrelings in railroad and general service as outside intervention, especially in the name and under the authority of the Government. Look for trouble, and it is always found; advertise for grievances, and be understood as promising in advance to straighten them (mainly according to the complainants' view) and grievances will rise and roll forward like the tide before a high wind. This is too obvious to need enlarging on, but observe how restiveness among railroad employees and their talk of strike are increased with it, the Board's unauthorized action having thus operated against even the wage cut which went into effect on July 1. So we find one attempted Governmental intervention somewhat opposed by another. Employees who had acquiesced in labor deflation as an unavoidable necessity are led to wonder whether any cut at all cannot be averted by the old strike threat, and those who had apparently begun moving towards the *esprit de corps* which formerly existed more or less have re-

belliousness again revived, one re-awakened grumbler infecting others.

Reports in this week are that on next Monday the strike vote will be counted and that an affirmative majority is expected; that does not mean (as close observers know) the immediate calling of a strike; the head of the trainmen's brotherhood lately called the men's attention to a recent cut in living costs, and the restiveness which outside interferences have caused or continued is indicated anew by the remark of another officer of that brotherhood, that "our past experience has been that 98% of the men will always vote to strike," thus, of course, leaving the vote to serve as a club for the leaders to brandish.

On last Monday Vice-President Atterbury, who is in charge of operation on the Pennsylvania, told an employees' meeting that, while the farmers and the steelmakers say they have liquidated, two factors have not been materially touched by liquidation, namely coal and transportation, and "both, curiously enough, have been touched with the damning touch of Government control." Rates, he said, must come down, voluntarily or involuntarily. The employees from the accounting department who were present know, he said, that the earnings to-day are "insufficient to meet our fixed charges, sinking funds and dividends, and those of you who are in touch with operation know that what we are doing is done at the sacrifice of the property." One thing in the minds of those who are attempting "group" control in Congress is rate-lowering, said Gen. Atterbury, and apparently there is not much left but a still further wage-cutting, the 12% being insufficient; "that is not a pleasant thing to contemplate, but it is facing us, unless we want a receivership or Government ownership," and the former of those two would bring wages down. Incidentally, the account of this occasion is significant in two respects which should not pass unnoticed: one is that the meeting was of 500 members of the road's Mutual Beneficial Association, and the other is that, on the Chairman's call for a vote on approval of what had been said, all hands were raised.

Does the public concern in the issue raised by the Pennsylvania need urging? No interest and no business in this country, not even excepting the packing business, which the Federal Trade Commission deems so inexpressibly wicked, has been so plagued and beset and impeded by Governmental meddling as has the universal business of transportation. That meddling has produced the mischiefs it must in its nature produce; as well expect train effectiveness to be enlarged by setting all brakes on and locking them and by regularly greasing the rails on grades and curves as that a centralized and outside control could escape muddling and weakening transportation. Take one test in passing: notoriously the public safety and the effectiveness of railway carriage require strict discipline, complete grasp and control of working details by the managers, enforced and always remembered individual responsibility; do those come about by leaving each road to manage its own operations, or by having some Director-General or "board" butting in from the outside? Have we really learned nothing from the term of Governmental "control"?

We think we have learned something, and we profess to be trying to relax the deadening Governmental hand and generally return to normalcy; but are our professions in this respect substantial and

moving? If they are, it is good policy and even somewhat necessary to approve and stand by President Rea in his notice to the Board that "the carrier also asserts and will exercise its right to deal with its own employees [its own, observe] without the intervention of individuals or organizations whose manifest object is the denial of the fundamental right of employer and employee to deal in the first instance directly with each other respecting wages and working conditions in which they alone are directly interested."

EDUCATION AND WORK—UNIONIZATION.

In an opening address at Union College, Dr. Charles A. Richmond, President, is quoted as saying: "However men may differ as to specific remedies for the present disorders, all men of sense agree at one point, and that is the necessity of getting back to work. In the four years of the war the fruits of the work of millions of men for many years has been destroyed. It is gone, and no amount of economic juggling will bring it back. If the prosperity of the world is to be restored it will be because we are all willing to work harder and to put more of ourselves into our work." And to this statement the speaker adds a particularization as follows: "The idea that in coming to college a boy is postponing his lifework for four years while he floats down the stream of time untroubled by the hard realities that other young men of his own age have to face is not at all our idea of what a college means."

Inspired by these statements a severe analyst might ask—are we not as a people enamored too much by "athletics" throughout our educational course? Would not work be dignified and production increased if "needed exercise" were obtained in some useful employment outside of hours rather than in mere games of skill? How often we read in the "biographies of great men"—"he worked his way through college"! And yet, considering the fact that the environment in which we live is to a large extent already made for us on our advent into active life, we must deem the query as somewhat captious. The sons of rich men who do not have to work their ways through college also make successes of life. Nor can such odd work hours be made always to fit into our economic field. The comment of the education goes deeper than this reasoning might imply. And it does touch a vital spot in our present every-day affairs.

We read that the League of Nations has given up consideration of disarmament because the world is not now ready for it—that disarmament cannot come until it is demanded by a public sentiment strong enough to maintain it if and when ordered. In a word the spirit of peace is not now strong enough. On a parallel plane, may we not ask, is the spirit of work for work's sake strong enough to settle our labor problems? And do our colleges take sufficient note of this? Do we all seek too much the easiest way in life? Are we impressed with the potency of the feeling that no matter how much we know, or have, our duty lies still in work? Do we really measure up to the truth that common labor is as necessary and useful as skilled labor? And do we rise above wage measurements in what we do? As we say—an iron environment surrounds us, and it is a natural growth. We have not abolished common labor and never will—only the theorists at-

tempt it. Into this environment we are thrust when life really begins for us. Shall our aim be to escape all the "drudgery"? This requires definition. Can there be any greater drudgery than that of the office man, at his desk, even though he be an executive? Can there be any greater burden than the care of property, than the constant vigil which alone makes the plant a going concern?

If common labor could rise to the spirit of work for work's sake as the dignified duty of every man as he makes the most and best of his individual opportunities; if the skilled laborer and executive could descend in spirit to the plane that recognizes the inherent worth of all work to society; would we not come nearer to a basis of settlement? It is a difficult matter to discuss. We have spoken of a fixed environment—private ownership of property and pursuits ready-made and established for us, as elements of the example. These the individual cannot change and, as we think, should not. And one of the urgent necessities of life is to fit itself into this environment. And while each is necessary to the whole plan under which we live, a common recognition of the dignity and worth of work for work's sake would bring our growing "classes" closer together. And the *spirit* would be ripe for the adjustment of differences and disputes. This "spirit" cannot come while society as a whole is the victim of what is known as "unionization," a segregation into units that war with each other.

It is not so much a question, then, as to whether the college-bred man is more successful in business than his less fortunate brother as it is a question as to whether the educational process unfits him for a proper sympathy for his fellows, whether it inculcates a desire for the easiest way through the power of wealth rather than through the hard work, whatever form it may take, which realizing responsibility acts upon it. The business environment is, of course, subject to change, and is changing all the time—but it will always embody work, skilled and unskilled. Out of the changing whole—a changing, advancing, civilization! Every invention lessens the "drudgery," expands the field of opportunity—but only the fool believes there will come a time when man may live without work. And this work-a-day world is the environment that can never change. So that the educational ideal must prefigure ever the presence and not the absence of work. And work here must be defined as actual production in the ways, means and products of life, regardless in spirit of kind or station. Here is the common meeting ground for employer and employee. And here in the excess of the spirit will be found the fusing of those differences which are unavoidable, and without which ambition and emulation would fade into sloth and indifference. Not a change in the natural conditions inherent in the nature of things, but a change in the *spirit* which energizes, infuses and harmonizes all we do and are!

THE PART PLAYED BY SERVICE COST IN RETAIL PRICES—REMEDY SUGGESTED.

Among the numerous investigations carried on by Congressional Committees and Commissions one has recently been made by the "Joint Congressional Commission of Agricultural Inquiry." Our attention is arrested by the publication of conclusions reached, as made by Chairman Anderson of this Commission. We publish these conclusions in full

on a subsequent page, and reprint here the following:

"In general, 37 cents of the consumer's dollar represents the cost of producing the article, and the cost of material that went into it; 14 cents represents all profits, and 49 cents the cost of service.

"Reduction of service costs can come only through a better understanding of the problem by both middleman and the consumer, through better organization of the business of distribution by the middleman, and by the organization of his requirements by the consumer. The science of distribution, of finding markets, of relating outputs to market, are all in their infancy. We know very little of many factors that influence consumption, such as unemployment, wages, and the consumer psychology. The same genius of organization that has been applied to production must be applied to distribution.

"Some people say there are too many middlemen. Probably there are, but they could not exist without customers, and they could not make either wages or profits without serving someone's convenience in selling or buying.

"After all, the producer and the consumer are the largest factors in the problem. They are the most numerous, but they are at the same time the least influential, because the products and the selling power of the one, and the requirements and the buying power of the other, are unorganized. If we find a way to organize the products and selling power of the producer, on the one hand, and the requirements and buying power of the consumer, on the other hand, and if we can apply the same genius of organization to distribution that has been applied to production, we will have taken a long step in the solution of the problem of distribution."

On the strength of the facts and theories in this statement, newspaper accounts tell us, the Commission is "about to recommend to Congress remedial legislation, having found that the temporary farmers' tariff has done little to better the condition of the farmers of the country." Without stopping to inquire into the accuracy of these cost proportions, or the pertinency of these conclusions, may we not ask in all seriousness, what is there here upon which to base really helpful legislation? Is not this statement, taken as a whole, tantamount to saying that if "business" could be organized into one stupendous whole, its parts functioning with clock-like regularity, then the whole of consumption could not only be supplied adequately, but costs, wages and prices could be accurately predetermined? For, no matter what consumption might desire to be, it would be compelled to be what the monster organization might determine it should be and ought to be. And, inevitably, supply and demand would meet in eternal equilibrium. One might remark that the "genius" of trade has been at work for hundreds of years to make supply and demand equal, but has found demand ever changing, as well as supply. And it is only in these latter Utopian days that it has been deemed possible for political governments through regulatory laws to do what "genius" left free to work out its own methods and laws has been unable to do.

And now in the aftermath of world war in the American Congress an "agricultural bloc" proposes to put the screws of legislation to the "unorganized" genius of trade to equalize supply and demand the world over. There used to be a phrase in common use, "Herculean Endeavor," that applies. Just this, and it needs nothing more, is the belief of those who would regulate that which cannot be regulated. Of

course we know little of the consumers' power. Consumers of the world (and must not the whole world of production, distribution and consumption be organized on a definite and always certain plan?) do not know themselves as year follows year. Let the good earth produce with unchanging exactitude and the little that man does who "tickles the soil" be as regular as the "stars in their courses," still human desire must be "organized" and thus cabined if not crimped to supply the equation of perfection. And nothing short of an organized whole will suffice. Organize agriculture and not manufacture and the equilibrium is broken. Distribution and middlemen are a bone of contention. But when independent business organisms, like department stores and chain stores, products of the genius of organization, spring into being, there is the cry of monopoly and high prices. When it comes to establishing price by withholding cotton, corn and wheat from the market, the bread-winners and bread-eaters are not in the mind of the agricultural organizers.

Producers and consumers—supply and demand—who can measure the reactions of each upon the other. All the genius of trade is at work to make the practical machine of trade run smoothly. Will all these generalizations about domestic (or foreign) trade relations suffice to inform a legislative body how to make a law, and could the artificial law contravene the natural one when made?

The best possible that can be done for "business" and trade is to let it work out its own laws, which it must do in the end. And the whole "genius" of mankind is at work to give the most of the best for the least on an ever-ascending though changing scale!

GERMAN MILITARISM NOT UNMINDFUL OF ECONOMIC REQUIREMENTS.

From many sources, both official and personal, we are learning the influence of the War, in some cases slight, in many controlling, upon normal civil relations.

In no country was the dominance of the military so complete and extensive as in Germany, and of none were we left with so little definite information. The publication now at hand, of the official communications between the General Staff of the Army and the German Government during the progress of the War,* reveals the extent to which both parties were having their eyes opened to the working of fundamental economic laws by their disclosure in the new conditions created by the War, particularly in dealing with large affairs and with the nation as a whole.

The peculiar German condition is disclosed in a statement of Gen. Ludendorff, Chief of the General Staff of the Field Army, addressed as late as March 25 1918 to the Secretary of the Treasury. "The Supreme Command is a purely executive organ of His Majesty, and is in no way constitutionally responsible to the Reichstag."

Nevertheless, the unqualified patriotism of the Supreme Command and the sincerity and completeness of their devotion to the best interests of the country, both for the present and the future, were everywhere manifest, so evident indeed as rarely to need avowal. It stood every test and was not questioned.

**The General Staff, and Its Problems*, by General Ludendorff. 2 vols. 1921. E. P. Dutton & Co.

Their acceptance of the decisions and overruling of the superior civil authorities is also constant. They made their demands or stated their views and argued the case, but the decision was with the higher authority. The Secretary of the Treasury and the Foreign Office remind the General Staff at times that financial matters and political relations are theirs to deal with, and the Imperial Chancellor, in January 1918, feels called upon to say to the Field Marshal: "The military authorities may bring forward their requirements at any time on their own initiative, but only in the form of suggestion, advice, objections or warnings." And the matter was so settled.

The Auxiliary Service Act, which the War Ministry had secured from the Reichstag in 1916 at Gen. Hindenburg's suggestion, he did not hesitate a year later to desire repealed when it was found not to work satisfactorily. He had been compelled to say at the time of its enactment by the Reichstag that it "made a great impression on the enemy and was a long step toward success, but the discussion which preceded it greatly reduced that impression." On another occasion, as late as June 1918, when in reply to a demand from the Chief of the General Staff, the Government declines to act, he comments: "The result of the opposition of the War Minister was that all the other Departments came forward with objections, and any positive result was thus impossible." Although General Hindenburg supported Tirpitz's demand for the final and fatal unrestricted submarine operation, it was not adopted until after long discussion and very strenuous opposition.

It would appear, therefore, that while Germany has been for several generations dominated by militarism, as no other great nation is, the control has been by no means absolute, and need not be regarded as permanent.

When we come to the questions that are purely civil, those especially that are economic and social and pertain equally to conditions after the war, the attitude of the Army Chiefs is interesting.

General Hindenburg admits that "it is not his business to go into social and financial matters in detail;" but he is keenly alive to them. His constant concern, of course, is to secure an adequate supply of munitions and guns and eventually to obtain every available man for the army, but even these are to be dealt with in their civil relations. The Auxiliary Service Act, for example, was sought as an act of justice; a large part of the nation was showing the highest sense of self sacrifice, but another part did nothing but work for their own profit. Thousands of women and girls were wholly idle or were engaged in useless callings. In view of the shortage of munitions compulsion would be necessary, but for women it would be a mistake. Women would be needed as wives and mothers after the war; special material help and privileges should be theirs. Strong resistance must be made to "that female competition which has evil influence on family life," and Government effort must be limited to "the employment of women in such ways as are fitted to their capacity and position in life." Even where 24 hour days' work is urgently required they should have eight hour shifts. Replying to the Chancellor, General Hindenburg agrees that compulsion applied to women in withdrawing them from their special industries for definite war work

would "expose our economic constitution to nothing less than derangement dangerous to life, would impose an almost intolerable burden on that confidence of the civil population which we need if we are to conquer; and would completely destroy the frame-work (already frail) which will be indispensable for the reconstruction of our economic life after the conclusion of peace."

As to labor in general, he early proposes the erection by the Government of a Labor Bureau to have general authority except over the troops, to guard against unnecessary work and the unnecessary movement of labor, to review wages, and to establish instruction for the improved effectiveness of labor. The morale of the working class is especially to be guarded, and the spirit of the civil population in its loyalty and steadfastness is in every way to be protected against disintegrating influences and propaganda which early arose.

The excessive advance of wages, which came on naturally, was found even in munitions to diminish the output. Workmen discovered that their pay was enough to permit frequent absences, and it led them to slackness in order to provide work with high pay for their fellows. The questions of wages, strikes and the situation of the people were continually under discussion by the Army Chiefs. General Hindenburg declares in 1917 "We should be held responsible if we do not do everything possible to relieve the situation (as to food) at home." He would secure protection of men willing to work, and full recognition of all workmen outside the more powerful trade unions. In the military emergency of 1918 he would withdraw his urgent appeal to relieve the shortage of munitions as a lesser evil than having the Government yield to the inordinate demands of the strikers.

General Ludendorff warns the Government of the wrong of disregard of the faithful and right-minded in favor of "kickers." He urges the creation of joint committees of employers and employees and free discussion of the question of wages. He presses the need of remedy for disparity of wages and condition, especially as it has arisen in connection with wide-spread "profiteering," the effect of which is keenly felt even in the army. At the same time he sees the danger of any attempt to employ force. Compulsion, which was applied to secure increased agricultural production, he recognizes as no longer suitable. It has tended to illicit trading and general demoralization of the people. The good will of the people has constant attention. Even with the extradited men and war prisoners volunteer service must be sought rather than compulsion; and such terms as "industrial settlements" used instead of "camps." Bonuses to all soldiers at the front, as proposed by some to meet financial inequalities, are strongly disapproved as sure to do more harm than good.

Conditions as they will be at the close of the war are always in mind. All must be helped to get back to their original employment and to normal life. Land held at speculative prices must be guarded against; house-building must be encouraged; fuel for brick-making and lime-burning must be provided; free use must be made of barrack material and surplus army supplies; and the influx of unemployed and homeless men into large towns must be prevented so far as can be done by legislation. Serious attention must be given to the extensive

movement which began in 1913 in working circles in disinclination and even hostility to child-bearing, resulting in a "birth-strike." It arose in part from the example of the upper classes, and in part from the difficulties of housing and public derision of mothers of large families. It was already a national evil.

The important fact is that the Army Chiefs, men in middle life charged with the direction of the great war, felt it incumbent upon them to give close attention to all that concerned the economic and domestic life of the people, and even the financial situation of the nation. They were aware that up to 1917 Germany raised between 85 and 90% of her war expenses by long-time loans, and that up to 1918 for some decades the yearly increase of her private fortunes was from 43 to 45 milliard marks. Heavy taxes were escaped, and the looked-for indemnities in the future.

Their training had taught them to believe in the supreme mastery of war; they could foresee no form of peace treaty which would not contain the seeds of future strife; they strove to win the war by every means in their power, because they held it essential to the well-being, even the life, of their country. At the same time their vision of the future was a land with "the greatest possible number of efficient, independent, settled, home-loving citizens."

True to the traditions of the Germany of the ancient past, for it goes back to Tacitus, as well as of her great literature, they kept this in their minds and on their hearts. Now that the war has ended so differently from what they expected, there is good reason to believe that the greatest and best of their military chiefs, at least, will join the leaders of the people who are trying to bring Germany to a whole-hearted acceptance of the peace for which the world is so earnestly striving.

**CONFLICTING SOVEREIGNTIES—RULE OF REASON
AS APPLIED TO THE POLICE POWER OF
THE STATE.**

Philadelphia, Aug. 3 1921.

To the Editor of the Financial Chronicle:

My friend, Mr. H. W. Henry of your city, has sent me a copy of the "Chronicle" of July 23, 1921, marking the editorial therein entitled, "Conflicting Sovereignities—The Rule of Reason," which I have read with much interest.

If you will permit me, I would like to affirm, for what such affirmation may be worth, your thought, as to the necessity at this time, of the application of the rule of reason, to constitutional questions, affecting the relations of the State and Federal Governments. I wish also to acknowledge your friendly reference to the writer's paper on "Legislative Sovereignty."

May I as well call your attention to certain phases of the matters discussed in your editorial? The balance between the sovereignty of the Federal side of the Government, and the sovereignties of the States, is of course dependent upon the status of the reserved powers of the latter. The most comprehensive and potent part of these reserved powers is the police power.

The advocates (mostly no doubt honest) of the various humanitarian and materialistic ideas that make to disturb or alter the balance between the sovereignties of our dual system, seem to have come to a consciousness that the police power affords the line of the least resistance to the accomplishment of their objectives. As the police power is concerned with the health, morals and general welfare of the people, almost any and every experiment in government can be made to come within its scope. As Mr. Justice McKenna says, it extends "to everything under the sun." Those who would mechanically expedite righteousness, and make men good all at once—by law; those who believe that their particular class should have the special protection, favor or help of the Government; and those who believe

that property, privately owned, though acquired without public help, and though vested and held under sanction of law, and competitively dealt with, should be charged with a public use, if it is of general utility, can all find in this great governmental power a straight and legal road to their desideratum. Generally speaking, there is no need of upsetting things, if you can utilize the police power. It is not only a convenient but an economical mode. It is not unpopular, like taxation, for theoretically at least it is always in the interest of the public. Nor is it costly, like its next of kin, eminent domain. Rights may be absorbed or wiped out, without the necessity of compensation. It stands at about the head of the line when it comes to a conflict with other rights, and takes precedence over contracts and property, unless perhaps when the discrimination is very gross. It is not as easy as it once was to affirm the obligation of contracts. The ruthlessness of this power when it comes in contact with other legal rights is somewhat analogous to that of a war power, and doubtless the example of recent war legislation and rulings, in operation, has stimulated and encouraged claim upon its potency.

The police power distributed over forty-eight States, as a sovereignty of each, is one thing; but as a part of the Federal sovereignty is quite another thing, so far as its effectiveness in a general or country wide direction is concerned; hence its tremendous importance in connection with the balance between the two sets of sovereignties. The 18th Amendment and the facility of its adoption is in point in this connection.

It is undoubtedly an absolutely necessary power of government (particularly as to local rule) and abstractly and in its normal operation it is a beautiful and beneficent power, but it *also* needs to have applied to it, especially in these times, the rule of reason, to the end that the "general welfare" may not be confused with, or deemed synonymous with, what may be thought to be expedient at the time; and also that where it in effect substantially confiscates specific rights and property, it should compensate; that is, the constitutional safeguards as to contracts and property should not be ignored or passed over because the transaction is by way of the police power. The border-lands between these powers should be the territory of reason, in which neither should have superiority, but all be subject to that rule of reason which is nothing more than the doctrine of approximation, which comes into play when a status arises as to which there is and can be no exact stated rule of justice and the determination of which must be made as near as can be under the circumstances to what is fair.

This suggests the question—who shall do the reasoning, as regards these matters? So far as Federal questions of construction are concerned, it is of course, the business of the Supreme Court, a duty that has been nobly discharged, but it seems one of increasing difficulty. The larger part of the people, I believe, would not want the Court to be deprived of its powers to declare invalid, legislation in conflict with the Constitution; but witness the remarkable statement in the dissenting opinion of four-ninths of the members of the Court, in the recent housing cases, involving a conflict between the police power and the contract clause, that this function is thereby, practically, made moribund. This super power has been and is a great and wonderful check and safeguard, but the increasing complexity of affairs, involves the likelihood and danger, almost perforce, of impasses and cul de sacs. In the last analysis it imposes the fearful responsibility, on nine men, of ascertaining and declaring the consensus of the electors of a hundred million people. I sometimes wonder if they would not prefer to have the responsibility spread a little more.

As to who is to do the reasoning (that is to decide) in cases where the question is, whether a reserved power of the States, say a part of the police power, shall or shall not be passed over the Federal Government, for reasons already set forth in the Article on Legislative Sovereignty above referred to, it seems to me the better way is for the people to settle this (ratification) by their delegates specially chosen, assembled in State conventions, rather than leave it to the control of legislative bodies as it is now.

This would require a constitutional amendment. Therefore is not the time ripe or approaching, when Article V might well be so amended, and perhaps an amendment also added, giving (roughly speaking) the Supreme Court the power, if it so elect, to refer to the people constitutional questions which they deem *momentous*? That is, to consult or take the sense of the country. It would be a reference, not a recall. Somewhat analogous to the power of a chan-

cellor to have a jury give its views as to the facts? The Court would be the sole judge of the necessity of the exercise. It would not affect the tripartite idea of our government. It would give elasticity where there is now danger of strain, and likely avoid tendencies toward a general revision which would be dangerous to say the least. Some such a power would avoid a situation like that resulting from the "concurrent" feature of the 18th Amendment. After all, the rule of reason must be satisfactory to the people.

Otherwise, unless there is some expedient to get at the sense of the people, may not the steady inclination towards centralization eventually result in complete alteration of the original idea of our dual system? Or else result in a revolution that will denude the Federal side? The opinions pro and con in that remarkable case, *Block v. Hirsh* are significant in both of these connections.

If the centralizing process continues, the old idea that there cannot be a divided sovereignty in a given State, supposed to have been exploded, at any rate, in our system, may through the operation of the processes of attrition, have to be affirmed.

My object in addressing this letter to you, is the hope that you may be moved sometime, to deal with some of these questions editorially, particularly that above referred to of the relation of the police power to our dual sovereignties.

Yours truly,

W. S. WALLACE.

The foregoing is worthy of careful reading. It states the menace involved in the extension of the police powers of the State with a clarity of reasoning and a simplicity of language that would be hard to surpass. We concur in everything the writer says, except his suggestion that questions of constitutional construction and validity be referred to the people, either in all cases or whenever the Supreme Court may wish to shift responsibility. Such a step, in our view, would take us from bad to worse, and would seriously if not irretrievably lessen stability. The fewer instances of referendum the better. Experience has proven that questions so referred are not seriously treated, nor do they so much as attract any attention from more than a small, a selfishly-interested, and sometimes a "tipped-off," fraction of the electorate. Such an appeal would be an appeal to the populace, and quite in line with the contention, made every now and then, that a legislative body (which must be assumed to directly represent and act for the people) ought to be the sole and final judge of the constitutionality of its own work.

We can think of no feasibly remedy. It seems to us that the wisest course will be to let well enough alone, even though in the present instance "well enough" leaves much to be desired. Apparently there is no alternative but to be contented with pointing out and reiterating the danger, and uttering warnings against it, trusting to education to do the rest. In the last analysis, reliance must be on our judges and the legal fraternity—the judges of the State courts in the first instance and of our Federal Supreme Court in the final instance. They must ever be on the alert against permitting the doctrine of the police power of the States being stretched beyond its legitimate boundaries. Resort to it must be only in response to genuine needs; and momentary popular passions excited by pressing temporary emergency must not be mistaken for such needs. It would be well for our law schools to give a place to the matter in their curriculum.

CHAIRMAN ANDERSON OF JOINT COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURAL INQUIRY ON SERVICE COSTS.

That 49 cents of every dollar the consumer pays for goods represent the cost of service, is brought out in the statement issued on Sept. 19 by Representative Sydney Anderson,

Chairman of the Joint Congressional Commission of Agricultural Inquiry. "The consumer blames the middleman for the extent and cost of this service, such as packing, transportation, grading, insurance, selling, advertising, display, rent, wages, overhead, delivery, etc., but the middleman says that he is only giving the consumer what the consumer wants when he wants it," said Chairman Anderson. Continuing, Mr. Anderson said:

Merchandising consists largely of selling the consumer what he wants when he wants it, and making him pay for it. A witness before the Commission recently put the elements of merchandising in the following order: First, the exact article or the exact type of goods desired, or that will ultimately satisfy; second, a pleasing environment, and a pleasing, dependable quality of service; third, quality of merchandise, and last, price.

This viewpoint is fairly typical of merchandising to-day. Goods are sold, not so much by offering a price, as by offering service, convenience, dependability, reputation credit. The consumer pays for all of this, as well as for what everybody does not know about running his own business. It is like the invisible tax, easy to pay because it is not apparent, camouflaged in the price. In general, 27 cents of the consumer's dollar represents the cost of producing the article, and the cost of the material that went into it; 14 cents represents all profits, and 49 cents the cost of service.

Reduction of service costs can come only through a better understanding of the problem by both the middleman and the consumer, through better organization of the business of distribution by the middleman, and by the organization of his requirements by the consumer. The sciences of distribution, of finding markets, of relating outputs to market, are all in their infancy. We know very little of many factors that influence consumption, such as unemployment, wages and consumer psychology, convenience, satisfaction, etc. The same genius of organization that has been applied to production must be applied to distribution. Some people say there are too many middlemen; probably there are, but they could not exist without customers, and they could not make either wages or profits without serving someone's convenience in selling or buying.

After all, the producer and the consumer are the largest factors in the problem. They are the most numerous, but they are at the same time the least influential; because the products and the selling power of the one, and the requirements and the buying power of the other are unorganized. If we can find a way to organize the products and selling power of the producer on the one hand, and the requirements and buying power of the consumer on the other hand, and if we can apply the same genius of organization to distribution that has been applied to production, we will have taken a long step in the solution of the problems of distribution.

Production, both in the sense of production of agricultural and manufactured products, has been the business of individuals and of corporations. Distribution has been everybody's business, and consequently nobody's business. The railroads have been busy in developing tonnage, long hauls, volume of traffic, and have not concerned themselves very much with finding the shortest route or the cheapest route, or of developing facilities with a view of the most efficient distribution. Distribution facilities, like distribution itself, have "just grown."

The manufacturer and producer have been satisfied with manufacturing and production, and have largely turned their products over to others for distribution. The distributor has sold goods wherever he could find the market, without definite purpose of relating output to market, or of saving money for himself or his customers, by distributing goods in the territory in which they could be distributed the most cheaply.

The large industries of the country have attained a certain degree of efficiency through integrating production, and have saved billions by bringing materials and labor and facilities together at the point of economic manufacture. Production has been standardized on a quantity basis, which made possible large production at low cost. The consumer has shared in the benefits of the increased efficiency resulting from both integration and quantity production. Some industries have endeavored to promote efficiency of distribution by integrating distribution with output.

In the main, however, production goes forward without any definite relation to market. Figures on production are relatively complete and are frequently available currently. Figures of consumption, however, are extremely difficult to obtain, and usually cannot be obtained at all, except in the form of statistics, available too late to be useful currently with market transactions.

THE NEW CAPITAL FLOTATIONS FOR AUGUST AND THE EIGHT MONTHS.

Continuing the practice begun in our issue of Mar. 26, and kept up regularly since then, of presenting monthly compilations showing the new capital flotations in the United States, we give to-day, in tables further below, the figures for the month of August and the eight months ending with August. As previously explained, these compilations are intended to furnish a summary of corporate, municipal and foreign Government financing as represented by the new stock and bond issues brought out each month.

The new financing during August, while not so heavy as during July, was yet of large proportions, aggregating \$250,280,528, of which \$33,437,000 was for refunding. This compares with only \$194,373,837 in August last year (of which \$18,470,666 for refunding), but with no less than \$346,670,307 in August 1919. The size of this year's total, however, is due entirely to the continued outpour of new issues of State and municipal obligations (the amount of these municipal bonds disposed of having been \$109,277,528 the present year, against \$59,684,048 and \$59,188,857, respectively, in August 1920 and 1919) and to the floating of \$32,500,000 bonds on behalf of foreign Governments, namely

STOCK

Par or No. of Shares.	Purpose of Issue.	Amount Invited.	Price per Share.	To Yield About	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$ 2,500,000	Public Utilities— Retire current liabilities.....	\$ 2,500,000	100	% 8.00	Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co. of Baltimore 8% Cum. Pfd., "A." Offered by Spencer Trask & Co.; Chase & Co., Boston.
*400,000	Oil— Acquisitions, development, &c....	3,600,000	9	---	Andes Corp. Capital Stock. Offered by Robt. P. Marshall & Co.; R. C. Megargel & Co.

FOREIGN GOVERNMENT LOANS

Amount.	Issue.	Price.	To Yield About	Offered by
\$ 7,500,000	Republic of Uruguay S. F. 8s, '46	98½	% 8.20	National City Co.
25,000,000	U. S. of Brazil External 8s, 1941	98½	8.15	Dillon, Read & Co.; Lee, Higginson & Co.; Blair & Co., Inc.; White, Weld & Co.; Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh; Cont. & Com. Trust & Sav. Bank; Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.; Illinois Trust & Sav. Bank; Union Trust Co. of Cleveland.

a Preferred stocks are taken at par, while in the case of common stocks the amount is based on the offering price. * Shares of no par value.

Current Events and Discussions

REMOVAL OF TRADE RESTRICTIONS IN GREAT BRITAIN—RENT RESTRICTIONS STILL IN EFFECT.

Press advices from London yesterday (Sept. 30) said.

Trade in Great Britain has been freed from Government control, the last vestige of supervision passing yesterday with the automatic lapse of the Government's grant of £10,000,000 for the coal mining industry. The Agricultural Wages Board, which fixed the minimum to be paid farm workers, recently disappeared. The system of subsidizing industries is considered abolished, with the exception of the grant of £9,000,000, which has been allocated to the carrying out of housing schemes by the Ministry of Health.

Complete freedom from restrictions to individual liberty, which were imposed as wartime necessities, has been restored with the exception of the Rents Restriction Act, which expires in 1923.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE MOVES TO SPEED UP MORATORIUM SETTLEMENT.

A special cablegram from London to the "Journal of Commerce" Sept. 29 said:

The Stock Exchange Committee has circularized members calling for lists of stocks open on pre-war speculative account. This investigation is designed to accelerate settlement of the moratorium account, which must finally be closed by the end of the current month. The account, when opened in 1914, was £80,000,000. It is believed that this total has been reduced to approximately £5,000,000, but it is understood that this represents very weak accounts.

FRANCE TO FLOAT 3,000,000,000 FRANC LOAN.

It is stated in press advices from Paris Sept. 26, that a loan of 3,000,000,000 francs for the purpose of aiding in the reconstruction of regions devastated during the war will be floated by the Credit National, beginning Oct. 24, according to an announcement in the "Journal Officiel." It is added that six million bonds of 500 francs each, bearing interest at 6%, will be issued at 498 francs, 50 centimes..

BELGIAN GOVERNMENT GUARANTEES TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN MERCHANTS AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

The Western European Bureau of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce at Washington makes public the following in "Western European Press Review," Sept. 19:

A recent bill of the Belgian Government guarantees all transactions between Belgian merchants and manufacturers and foreign countries, limiting its guaranty, however, to 250,000,000 francs for five years. Preference is given to industrial groups. In return the Government demands securities, bond deposit, bond, or other endorsement of the foreign purchaser.

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

Announcement was made on Sept. 28 that Thomas W. Lamont of J. P. Morgan Acting Chairman of the International Committee of Bankers on Mexico would leave yesterday (Sept. 30) for Mexico City. As we reported in our issue of Sept. 17 (page 1198) Mr. Lamont will visit Mexico at the invitation of the Mexican officials, to discuss in behalf of the Committee, the status of the outstanding external obligations of that country. Mr. Lamont is accompanied by Jeremiah Smith, Jr., of Boston, who went to the Far East with Mr. Lamont a year ago, William Ewing of the bond department of the Morgan firm; Ira H. Patchin, Secretary of the Committee, and Walter F. Voorhies of the National City Bank, who recently represented that institution in Spain. Mr. Voorhies will act as interpreter.

OFFERING IN U. S. OF \$50,000,000 ARGENTINE TREASURY GOLD NOTES.

Following the conclusion of negotiations by a syndicate headed by Blair & Co., Inc., the Chase Securities Corporation and White, Weld & Co. for the purchase of \$50,000,000

two-year 7% Treasury gold notes of the Argentine Republic, the notes were offered to the public on Sept. 28. This, it is stated, is the initial financing done in this market by the Argentine Government since 1916. The notes are offered at 99½ and interest to yield over 7.20%. On Sept. 29, Blair & Co., Inc., managers of the syndicate, announced that the books of the loan were closed on that day at 1 p. m., a full subscription having been assured.

The notes are dated Oct. 1 1921 and are due Oct. 1 1923. Interest is payable April 1 and Oct. 1, and principal and interest are payable in United States gold dollars in New York at the offices of the Chase National Bank and Blair & Co. The notes are issued in coupon form in the denomination of \$1,000, and are exempt from all present or future Argentine taxes. The notes are to be the direct obligation of the Argentine Government, and it is announced that they will be utilized to pay the Bank of the Argentine Nation for advances made to the Government. The circular announcing the offering also contains the following:

National Funded Debt.—We are advised that the National funded debt, both external and internal, on Dec. 31 1920, was approximately \$533,000,000, equal to about \$63 per capita.

Gold Reserve.—Recent published figures show a total of approximately \$463,000,000 gold held against notes in circulation, representing a ratio of about 80% and indicating that Argentine currency is one of the soundest in the world.

Previous Issues.—During the European War a total of \$73,500,000 Argentine Government notes bearing not over 6% interest were sold in the United States and all were promptly paid at maturity.

General.—Area of Republic is approximately 1,100,000 square miles, exceeding one-third that of continental United States, exclusive of Alaska; National wealth calculated at over \$13,800,000,000.

The syndicate offering the bonds is composed of Blair & Co., Inc.; White, Weld & Co.; The New York Trust Co.; The Equitable Trust Co. of New York; Spencer Trask & Co.; Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co.; Salomon Bros. & Hutzler; Graham, Parsons & Co., the First National Bank of Boston; Union Trust Company, Pittsburgh; The Union Trust Company, Cleveland; First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, and the Northern Trust Co., Chicago.

In announcing the purchase of the notes on the 27th inst. Blair & Co. stated:

Argentina prospered very greatly during the past ten years, the volume of foreign trade growing from \$979,272,000 in 1913 to \$1,790,000,000 in 1920. By reason of its favorable balance of trade for a series of years past Argentina has materially improved its position. This is shown by the ability of the nation to pay promptly at maturity a total of \$73,500,000 Government notes placed in this market during the European war and also by the credit of \$200,000,000 which the Argentine Government granted to the British and French Governments during the war. Figures recently published show that Argentina has a gold reserve of \$463,000,000, or a ratio of about 80% against its circulation, showing that the Argentine currency is one of the soundest in the world.

Press dispatches from Buenos Aires Sept. 27 in stating that the consummation of the \$50,000,000 loan in New York was confirmed by the Government organ, "La Epoca," added:

The newspaper says that the Government contracted the loan because of the refusal of Congress to authorize the internal loan for which President Irigoyen requested authority several years ago.

The Argentine Government had received propositions from two different groups of bankers offering the loan under the same terms, but accepted the offer of the syndicate headed by Blair & Co., the Chase Securities Corporation and White, Weld & Co. on these bankers agreeing to bear all the expenses of the loan operation. Tomas A. Le Breton, the Argentine Ambassador in Washington, will sign the loan contract in New York.

On the same date a press dispatch, also from Buenos Aires, published in the New York "Evening Post," said in part:

Dispatches from New York telling of the successful negotiation of an Argentine loan there were hailed with great relief by the financial and commercial community here to-day. Business men have been suffering from the demoralizing fluctuations of the exchange rate during the course of the negotiations for the loan, and there were many conflicting reports as to the progress being made in New York.

It is understood that in addition to applying the proceeds of the loan to pay off the Government's debt of \$5,000,000 pesos, paper, to the Argentine National Bank about \$5,000,000 is intended to be applied to the State

railways. The purchase of locomotives in the United States is planned, and negotiations to this end are now pending.

Sharp fluctuations of the American dollar featured yesterday's session of the Stock Exchange here, the dollar dropping as low as 130 and closing at 135. This activity in the market seemed a prelude to the publication of reports in late evening papers that a deal had been closed between the Argentine Government and New York bankers for a loan of \$50,000,000

OFFERING OF CHINESE GOVERNMENT GOLD LOAN OF 1895.

Some of the Chinese Government 4% Gold Loan of 1895 (Paris issue) is being offered by Rutter & Co., of 14 Wall Street, and 37 Lewis Street, Hartford, Conn. The bonds are dated July 1 1895 and are due July 1 1931. Of the original issue of 400,000,000 francs (£15,820,000) there were outstanding on July 1 1921, 171,600,000 francs (£6,082,775). Interest is payable Jan. 1 and July 1. The bonds are in coupon form in denomination of 2,500 francs and 500 francs, with par value in other currencies expressed on each bond. They are redeemable at par and accrued interest by annual drawings by lot. Principal and interest are payable at the option of the holder in fixed amounts in England, France, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany or Russia. The bonds are secured by a first charge on the entire revenue of the Imperial Maritime Customs, and have priority over all other loans secured under these revenues, and also by the deposit of custom bonds. The income from this source in 1920 totaled approximately £16,800,000 (\$67,200,000), or about twenty times the annual interest and sinking fund requirements of the loan. Rutter Co. also state in their offering:

Redemption is accomplished by means of an annual drawing by lot, now effective in Paris each April, the bonds drawn being redeemed at par July 1 following. For that purpose 1.288688% of the par amount of the original issue is applied annually, together with the interest of the drawn bonds. As of July 1 1921, 228,400,000 francs had been so redeemed, or over 57% of the original issue. All outstanding bonds are to be retired as indicated by July 31 1931, making the average life of the loan only five years.

Both principal and interest may be collected in New York when due in the dollar equivalent of whatever exchange collected. Coupons and drawn bonds not presented within ten years of maturity will be prescribed.

At present prices and at prevailing exchange rates the yield varies from 32% if redeemed in 1922, to over 9% if held to maturity—1931. These yields would, of course, increase materially as exchange rates tend to strengthen.

RULING OF ASSOCIATION OF FOREIGN SECURITY DEALERS OF AMERICA ON BELGIUM BONDS.

The following ruling on the Belgium 5% premium loan of 1920 was issued on Sept. 20 by the Association of Foreign Security Dealers of America:

Special ruling issued on May 18 1921 by the Board of Governors of the Association of Foreign Security Dealers of America, which in effect provided that until further notice the Kingdom of Belgium 5% Premium Loan of 1920 bonds, constituted good delivery in temporary form without coupons attached, is hereby rescinded, inasmuch as these bonds are now readily available in this country in definitive form with proper coupons attached. By order of the Board of Governors.

ARTHUR C. KECK, Secretary.

DECREASE IN PURCHASING POWER OF AUSTRIAN CROWN—STAMPEDE ON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Press advices by cablegram from Vienna, Sept. 27, said:

The Austrian crown fell to-day to a point where the dollar purchased 2,500 of them and the pound sterling 10,000. A wild stampede of buying resorted on the Stock Exchange, where everything on the lists was selling madly in a general effort to get rid of crowns.

It is estimated that the purchasing value of the crown has decreased 25% within three days, and as a consequence unrest among the laborers and wage-earning classes is manifesting itself.

JAMES SPEYER ON SERIOUSNESS OF DEPRECIATED MARK.

A special cablegram to the New York "Herald" (copy-right) from Berlin Sept. 22, said:

James Speyer of the banking house of Speyer & Co. of New York, has passed a week in Berlin investigating financial conditions here.

"Low prices and the reduced purchasing power of foreign countries, and especially of the German mark, is an important and serious problem for the United States," Mr. Speyer said to the New York "Herald" correspondent here to-day. "I do not believe that the full effect of this depreciation has yet been felt, and America does not realize the unfavorable consequences in connection with unemployment.

"The United States is bound to suffer as a result of the fact that the currencies of other countries are under par, while the dollar remains at parity. Of course there is a greater disparity between the dollar and the mark, in so far as purchasing power is concerned, than there is in some other currencies.

"Then, too, we are the largest producers of raw materials. Before the war Germany bought about a third of our exports of copper and a quarter of our cotton exports. Then the mark had twenty times the purchasing power it has to-day, as it is now worth less than a cent.

"For eighteen months after the blockade Germany was almost bare of necessities, but the mark then had greater buying power than it has to-day.

"The worst feature of the situation is that Germany can manufacture much cheaper than America, because wages here are lower, averaging 60 cents a day in gold. A tariff wall will not help America, because if it

were established many American manufacturers would lose the sway in foreign markets which they have already established."

Answering a question of how to remedy the situation, Mr. Speyer said: "First discover why the mark has decreased in value. The Germans say it is impossible for an impoverished country to pay what is demanded of Germany before it has time to recover from a period of ruinous warfare and isolation. I do not believe the reparation payments alone are responsible, although foreign economists agree that they cannot be met under existing conditions.

"Long term and good-sized credits might help tide over the critical period. The difficult problem, however, is how to stabilize and raise the purchasing power of the mark. This question concerns both capital and labor in the United States."

Mr. Speyer refused to discuss the political situation in Germany, but declared that the depreciated mark brings hardships to millions of persons through the increased cost of living here. He was shocked at the number of cripples and war beggars he saw in Berlin and said he saw two persons faint in the street.

"I will be glad to return to America," he said.

Mr. Speyer will be a passenger aboard the steamship Olympic, sailing on October 5.

NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE IN NEW YORK SEES STEADY PROGRESS TOWARD BETTER BUSINESS.

According to the National Bank of Commerce in New York, "gains thus far made in industrial activity are real, and there is steady progress toward better business." This statement is made by the bank in a discussion of current market conditions, given out September 21, in which it also has the following to say:

There is no justification for any world-wide rise in prices at this time. Producers of raw materials from the farmer to the metal mine operator have taken their losses. Those classes of labor which have accepted wage reductions in keeping with the changed economic situation have likewise taken their losses, while other large classes of labor have done so indirectly as a result of unemployment. The conclusion is clear. Retail prices cannot go up without promptly curtailing buying. They must be reduced until they are in line with raw materials.

Because of uncertainty as to what the consumer can and will buy, retailers generally are ordering with great caution, while many wholesalers in turn are refraining from placing advance orders. The adoption, at any stage from manufacturer to consumer, of a policy directed toward generally higher prices to the consumer will not only curtail buying, but will result in slowing down the gratifying progress already made. Domestic conditions do not entirely govern. There are international conditions to be reckoned with. The only farsighted policy is the expansion of sales on a narrow margin of profit.

Periods of genuine, as contrasted with artificial, prosperity, are never characterized by rapidly rising prices. Approximate price stabilization is their prerequisite. This follows inevitably from the fact that the first principle of sound business of any sort is operation on the basis of non-speculative profits. The country is yet struggling to recover from the ill effects of excessive speculation.

The United States sells more raw materials in the international market than any other single country. Hence, the purchasing power of a large part of the American consuming public is directly determined by prices of raw materials in that market. In so far as the purchasing power of American labor depends on the exportation of manufactured goods, it is likewise determined by the international market, since American goods produced at costs above those prevailing in other countries cannot be sold abroad.

Labor in Relation to the Problem of Readjustment.

Large classes of labor have taken their losses by severe wage cuts. Among those which have accepted them have been many skilled crafts which have seen that in the long run wages on the new basis will have a purchasing power equivalent to that when wages were higher.

Certain classes of labor contrast unfavorably, however, with labor as a whole. The time is not far distant when not only that uncertain group known as "the general public" but those sections of it consisting of other classes of workers and farmers will have come to a realization that labor pays its own wages, which are ultimately measured, not in money, but in goods. The money wage only measures the estimated worth to other consumers of the goods produced by the wage earner. When any class of labor attempts to force its wages out of line with other wages and the price level, that group endeavors primarily to take advantage not of capital but of other workers, who, in last analysis, must suffer as others gain.

If special labor groups refuse to accept reductions in keeping with the general trend of both wages and prices, the farmers, the makers of shoes and garments and all those classes which supply the necessities of life to these men for a time at least must give up in the form of unduly high prices a disproportionate share of the food or other goods which they produce in return for transportation, coal and other goods.

\$3,250,000 BONDS OF JOINT STOCK LAND BANK OF MILWAUKEE, &c.

An offering of \$3,250,000 Joint Stock Land Bank 5½% bonds, issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act, was announced on Monday of this week (Sept. 26) by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc. of 49 Wall Street, and William R. Comp-ton Co. of 14 Wall Street. The banks of issue are:

- Bankers Joint Stock Land Bank, Milwaukee, Wis.
- Liberty Joint Stock Land Bank, Salina, Kans.
- Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank, Lincoln, Nebr.
- Freemont Joint Stock Land Bank, Freemont, Nebr.
- Des Moines Joint Stock Land Bank, Des Moines, Iowa.
- Iowa Joint Stock Land Bank, Sioux City, Iowa.

The bonds are offered at 101 and interest, to yield about 5¾% to optional maturity and 5½% thereafter. They are dated Nov. 1 1921, and are due Nov. 1 1951. The bonds are redeemable at par and accrued interest on any interest date after ten years from date of issue. They are in coupon form, fully registerable and interchangeable and are in

denomination of \$1,000. Interest is payable semi-annually, May 1 and Nov. 1 and principal and interest are payable at the bank of issue or through any office of the concerns making offering. The latter state:

These bonds are collaterally secured either by First Farm Mortgages, created under Governmental supervision, in selected agricultural territory, or by United States bonds or Certificates of Indebtedness. Furthermore, the bonds are a general obligation of the issuing bank, in which the stockholders are liable for double the amount of their stock.

Their circular also says:

Authority.

By Act of Congress these bonds are declared instrumentalities of the Government of the United States and are prepared and engraved by the Treasury Department.

By a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, rendered Feb. 28 1921, the Constitutionality of this act and the tax exemption features of these bonds were fully sustained. An amendment to the original act of Congress creating the Federal Farm Loan System has been passed by Congress which permits until July 1 1923, of the issuance of bonds bearing interest at the rate of 5½%.

Security.

Obligations of the issuing bank, shareholders liability being double the amount of their stock and collaterally secured by either first Farm Mortgages or United States Government bonds or certificates of indebtedness.

Government Supervision.

These banks operate under Federal Charter and Government supervision. Their bonds and the collateral pledged as security have been approved by the Federal Farm Loan Board, a bureau of the Treasury Department of the United States Government.

Tax Exemption.

Principal and interest of these bonds are exempt from Federal, State, Municipal and Local Taxation, except inheritance tax. This exemption includes all Federal Income taxes.

A legal investment for all Fiduciary and Trust funds under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government and acceptable as security for postal savings and other deposits of Governmental funds, and the banks may be designated by the Secretary of Treasury as financial agents of the Government and depositories of public funds.

It is announced that interim certificates of the issuing banks should be in readiness for delivery in approximately one week's time, exchangeable for definitive bonds on or about Nov. 1 1921, the date of issue. In another item to-day we also announce the offering of farm loan bonds of the Southern Minnesota Joint Stock Land Bank of Redwood Falls, Minn., and likewise the offering of farm loan bonds of the First Joint Stock Land Bank of Minneapolis. In our issue of Sept. 17, page 1204, we note the offerings of bonds of the First Joint Stock Land Bank of Chicago and the California Joint Stock Land Bank.

OFFERING OF FIRST JOINT STOCK LAND BANK OF MINNEAPOLIS BONDS

Ames, Emerich & Co. of New York, Milwaukee and Chicago, announced this week an offering of First Joint Stock Land Bank of Minneapolis 5½% bonds, issued under the direction and control of the Federal Farm Loan Board. The bonds are offered at 101 and accrued interest; they are dated Nov. 1 1921, are due Nov. 1 1951, and are redeemable at par and interest at any time after Nov. 1 1931. Prin. and interest (May 1 and Nov. 1) is payable at the bank of issue. In coupon and registered form, the bonds are interchangeable in \$1,000 denomination. Pending the delivery of the permanent bonds, Interim Certificates will be delivered and discount will be allowed at the rate of 5½% per annum on the principal sum of the bonds from the date of payment to Nov. 1 1921, from which latter date interest will accrue on the bonds. The bonds are acceptable by the United States Treasury as security for Government deposits, including postal savings funds; legal investment for all fiduciary and trust funds under jurisdiction of the United States Government, and of many of the States. The circular of Ames, Emerich also states:

These bonds are issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act by the First Joint Stock Land Bank of Minneapolis, and are secured by the pledge of a like amount of farm loan mortgages or United States Government bonds deposited with the Registrar of the Farm Loan Bureau of the United States Treasury Department. All details of the issue are regulated by the Federal Farm Loan Board, and under the Federal Act the loans of this bank are restricted to improved farms and in amount to 50% of the value of the land and 20% of the value of the appraised permanent insured improvements thereon.

The farm mortgages are restricted to the States of Minnesota and Iowa, and all loans made are appraised not only by the Bank's experts, but by a United States Government appraiser, and all loans must be approved by the Farm Loan Board. The Bank officially reports that the average of all loans made by it does not exceed 44% of the total value of the property mortgaged as appraised by the Government appraiser, and amounts to only 37% of the value as appraised by two local disinterested appraisers. All the loans securing these bonds are made under the amortization plan, by which a part of the principal is paid semi-annually and the entire loan paid in 33 years.

The First Joint Stock Land Bank of Minneapolis received its charter from the Federal Farm Loan Board Jan. 14 1919. It was organized under the Federal Farm Loan Act to do business in Minnesota and Iowa, and all its operations are subject to the supervision of the Board, of which the Secretary of the United States Treasury is ex-officio Chairman.

The paid in capital of the Bank is \$250,000. Its officers and directors are prominent business men of Minneapolis and St. Paul. A majority of the

stock of the Bank is owned by interests which have been prominent in the farm mortgage business for the past 60 years. As in the case of national banks, the liability of the stockholders of this bank is twice the par value of the stock owned by them.

The Federal Farm Loan Act provides that bonds issued under its authority shall be exempt from Federal, State, Municipal and local taxation. This exemption was confirmed by the United States Supreme Court in its decision of Feb. 28 1921. Thus these bonds are as completely tax exempt as the First Liberty Loan 3¼% bonds.

OFFERING OF SOUTHERN MINNESOTA JOINT STOCK LAND BANK BONDS.

An offering of \$1,000,000 Southern Minnesota Joint Stock Land Bank of Redwood Falls, Minn. 5½% Farm Loan bonds was announced the current week by Marshall Field, Gore, Ward & Co. of New York, the Merchants Loan & Trust Company of Chicago, the Northern Trust Company of Chicago and the Minnesota Loan & Trust Company of Minneapolis. The price at which the bonds are offered is 101 and interest yielding about 5.37% to 1931, and 5.50% thereafter. The bonds bear date Nov. 1 1921 and are due Nov. 1 1951. They are redeemable at 100 and accrued interest on any interest date on or after 10 years from date of issue and are in coupon form in \$1,000 denomination and are fully registerable and interchangeable. Principal and interest (May and Nov. 1) are payable at the bank of issue, or through the Merchants Loan and Trust Co. in Chicago or through the National Bank of Commerce in New York. From the circular of Marshall Field, Gore, Ward & Co. we take the following:

These bonds are direct obligations of the Southern Minnesota Joint Stock Land Bank, and are secured by deposit with the United States Government Farm Bureau of first mortgages on improved farms at not to exceed 50% of a conservative valuation of the land, and 20% of the value of the permanent insured improvements thereon. Valuations are established by the appraisers of the Southern Minnesota Joint Stock Land Bank, and bonds are issued only when the original application and appraiser's report on which such loans are based have been submitted and approved by the Federal Farm Loan Board in Washington. The Federal Farm Loan Board also exercises supervisory powers over the bank and appoint land bank examiners who shall examine and report the conditions of every joint stock land bank at least twice each year.

The Southern Minnesota Joint Stock Land Bank is authorized by its charter to make farm loans in the State of Minnesota and South Dakota, although its actual operations have been restricted to Southwestern Minnesota and Southeastern South Dakota. This territory is well established agriculturally and is constantly undergoing development along the lines of diversified farming. It is part of the well-known Corn Belt, which is regarded by the leading insurance companies who make a practice of loaning on improved farms, as the source of their most desirable loans.

The officers of this bank have been successfully engaged in the banking and farm mortgage business in this territory for over 25 years, and are thoroughly familiar with the field. This bank was chartered on June 25 1919, and since that date has loaned \$2,732,750 on 52,707 acres of land, having an appraised value of \$6,402,298 80, the loans being at the rate of 41.35% of the appraised value. Ownership of 5,908 acres of this land has changed hands, the total selling price being \$772,043 as compared with an appraised value of \$760,612 10, against which \$329,100 has been loaned.

These bonds are legal investments for all fiduciary and trust funds under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government, and are acceptable at 100 as security for postal savings and other deposits of government funds.

Discount will be allowed at the rate of 5½% per annum on the principal sum of the bonds from date of payment to Nov. 1 1921 on or about which date permanent bonds will be ready for delivery.

Interim certificates it is added, are now ready for delivery.

NO LIMITATION AS TO AMOUNT WAR FINANCE CORPORATION MAY ADVANCE TO NATIONAL BANKS.

On Sept. 27 the War Finance Corporation issued a statement, saying:

Inquiries received by the War Finance Corporation indicate that some national bankers are of the opinion that Section 5202 of the Revised Statutes prohibits them from receiving advances from the War Finance Corporation if their outstanding bills payable or other obligations representing borrowed money, equal the capital stock of the national bank. This is erroneous. Under the law, there is no limitation to the amount which the War Finance Corporation may advance to national banks, the matter being controlled by the terms and conditions of the War Finance Corporation Act and sound business judgment.

WAR FINANCE CORPORATION NOT DISTRIBUTING FUNDS PRO RATA AMONG FARMERS.

In seeking to correct the impression that it is distributing funds "on some pro rata basis among farmers and banks financing farmers," the War Finance Corporation issued on Sept 27 the following statement explaining the purposes for which it is authorized to make loans:

Much confusion has been created by misleading published reports indicating that the War Finance Corporation has a fund for distribution on some pro rata basis among farmers and banks financing farmers. As a result, the Corporation is receiving applications from some banks and individuals requesting their "share of the billion dollar agricultural credit."

The Corporation is authorized under Sections 21 and 22 to make advances for export purposes, and under Section 24 to make advances to banks, bankers, or trust companies, or to co-operative associations of producers which have made loans for agricultural or live stock purposes. These advances are to be made upon the terms and conditions stipulated in the law, and their aggregate remaining unpaid at no time exceed one billion dollars. The Corporation, of course, has not made any allocation of funds among sections

or institutions and it has no authority to do so. Each application is considered on its merits in accordance with the powers conferred by the War Finance Corporation Act as amended. For those reasons applications for "a share" of the Corporation's funds, based upon some supposed allotment, serve no useful purpose and only tend needlessly to increase the Corporation's correspondence. The Corporation has announced the channels through which applications should be made and provided forms which are designed to make the procedure as simple as possible. Applicants should familiarize themselves with the Corporation's circulars, which have been sent to farming organizations and banks and trust companies in the agricultural and live stock sections of the country. Copies also are obtainable from the War Finance Corporation at Washington.

DETAILS REGARDING LOAN BY WAR FINANCE CORPORATION TO GRAIN GROWERS IN MINNESOTA AND NORTH DAKOTA.

The War Finance Corporation announced on Sept. 24 further details regarding the loan of \$15,000,000 which the Corporation has agreed to make to a co-operative association of grain dealers in Minnesota and South and North Dakota—reference to which was made in our issue of Saturday last, page 1306. In its statement of the 24th inst. the Corporation says:

The association is the Equity Co-operative Exchange, a co-operative corporation with gross assets of approximately \$4,000,000, which markets, on a co-operative basis, grain produced by its members.

The loan will be secured by registered terminal warehouse receipts representing the grain to be marketed, and will be in an amount up to 60% of the value of the grain. The Exchange will agree to maintain this margin until the loan is repaid.

The funds advanced by the War Finance Corporation to the Exchange will be used by it in making corresponding advances to its members. After the grain is marketed by the Exchange, the proceeds will be devoted, first towards repayment of the War Finance Corporation's loan, the balance being pro-rated among the farmer-members of the Exchange in proportion to the amount of grain supplied by them.

The money will be advanced from time to time as the grain reaches terminal warehouses and all advances will mature not later than ninety days from the date of the advance, and will be discounted at the rate of 6½% per annum.

The funds will be made available to the Exchange as soon as certain formal documents have been executed and approved.

COMMITTEES NAMED TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS UNDER AGRICULTURAL CREDITS ACT.

In addition to the Agricultural Loan Agencies previously announced by the War Finance Corporation, the following committees, it was made known Sept. 26, have been appointed to receive applications from banks in their respective districts for loans under the recently enacted Section 24 of the War Finance Corporation Act, and to make recommendations as to these loans to the War Finance Corporation:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <i>Headquarters at Montgomery.</i> | <i>Headquarters at Milwaukee.</i> |
| Henry M. Hobbie, Chmn., Montgomery, Ala. | F. K. McPherson, Chmn., Milwaukee, Wis. |
| H. T. Bartlett, Montgomery, Ala. | H. A. Mochlempah, Milwaukee, Wis. |
| A. M. Baldwin, Montgomery, Ala. | H. L. Russell, Madison, Wis. |
| E. C. Melvin, Selma, Ala. | J. R. Wheeler, Columbus, Wis. |
| Frank M. Moody, Tuscaloosa, Ala. | Ernest Perry, Fond du Lac, Wis. |

The establishment of the following agency was announced by the Corporation on Sept. 28:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <i>Headquarters at Atlanta, Ga.</i> | Augustus E. Young, Cedartown, Ga. |
| John K. Ottley, Chmn., Atlanta, Ga. | W. P. Coachman, Jacksonville, Fla. |
| L. R. Adams, Atlanta, Ga. | D. M. Lowry, Tallahassee, Fla. |
| C. W. Skinner, Waynesborough, Ga. | T. L. Wilson, Bartow, Fla. |
| Mills B. Lane, Savannah, Ga. | |

In addition, the statement from the War Finance Corporation on Sept. 26 said:

R. P. Brewer of Tulsa, Okla., has been added to the Kansas City headquarters to represent Oklahoma on the committee and to fill the vacancy.

James J. Fagan of San Francisco has been added to San Francisco headquarters to fill vacancy.

J. Sheehan of Winnemucca, Nev., has been added to San Francisco headquarters to represent Nevada on the committee and to fill the vacancy.

In the case of banks located in districts where Agricultural Loan agencies have not been established, applications should be addressed directly to the Corporation at Washington for the present.

Agencies and committees previously announced were indicated in our issues of Sept. 17, page 1201, and Sept. 24, page 1304.

ADVANCES APPROVED BY WAR FINANCE CORPORATION.

The War Finance Corporation announced on Sept. 23 that the following applications had been approved:

- \$2,000,000 to an exporter for the purpose of assisting in financing the exportation of cotton.
- \$1,000,000 to a Southern bank for the purpose of assisting in carrying cotton in domestic warehouses until it can be exported in an orderly manner.
- \$1,000,000 to a Southern bank for the purpose of assisting in the exportation of cotton.
- \$150,000 to an exporter for the purpose of assisting in exportation of tobacco.

ADVANCE BY WAR FINANCE CORPORATION TO SOUTH CAROLINA BANK.

The War Finance Corporation announced on Sept. 27 that it had agreed to make advances up to \$500,000 to a South Carolina bank against obligations of a Southern exporter, secured by cotton stored in warehouses awaiting export.

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD'S RULING REGARDING OIL PAPER FOR REDISCOUNT.

The September number of the "Exchange Review," issued by the Exchange National Bank and the Exchange Trust Company of Tulsa, Okla., had the following to say regarding the acceptance for rediscount of oil paper:

The new ruling of the Federal Reserve Board in regard to the acceptance for rediscount of oil paper predicated on a settled production of known quality and quantity, that warehouse materials and stocks be considered as quick assets just as are the stocks of other merchants and dealers, in addition to notes backed by storage oil, is one of great importance to oil producers and bankers throughout the Mid-Continent oil fields.

Previous to this time only about 30% of the collateral based on oil loans was acceptable at the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank. With oil at \$3.50 per barrel, oil banks found little necessity in using the rediscount service of the Federal Reserve System, but when the drop came it became imperative that oil banks be permitted to rediscount heavily.

Optimism is felt of the good results that will come from the decision of the Federal Reserve Board, not because it will permit banks to further expand loans, but because it will give added safety to both the banks and the oil industry, in that it will increase the possibilities of ready discount and permit oil paper an equal standing with other commercial paper.

We learn from W. P. G. Harding of the Federal Reserve Board that the latter has made no new ruling regarding oil paper. We are advised that the Board "had conferences recently with some Oklahoma bankers and with the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, and discussed certain points involving the interpretation of rulings already made. As a result of these conferences an understanding was arrived at, which seemed to be satisfactory to all parties concerned."

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK DISCONTINUES EXTRA COMPENSATION.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York issued the following notice to employees yesterday (Sept. 30):

To the Employees:

It will be recalled that when the payment of extra compensation was made on June 30 you were informed that the decrease in the cost of living up to that time justified a substantial reduction in the rates of extra compensation for the second quarter of this year. While you were then advised that the rate would, at that time, be reduced only 50%, you were informed that "in view of the present trend of prices, it is likely that the extra compensation for the next quarter will be even more substantially reduced or entirely eliminated."

The officers and directors of the bank have given very careful consideration to the relation between general business and living conditions and the welfare of our staff, and it appears that a continuance of quarterly payments of extra compensation is no longer justified. You are advised, therefore, that such payments are now discontinued and that no payment for that purpose will be made for the quarter ending Sept. 30 1921.

The action announced above is the inevitable consequence of general economic developments during the past months, with which all of the employees are familiar. This policy, however, indicates no lack of appreciation by the directors and officers of the bank of the splendid services which have been performed by all the members of the organization.

Very truly yours,

BENJ. STRONG, Governor.

NATIONAL CITY BANK CUBAN CORRESPONDENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York announced on Sept. 29 that, with the approval of the Federal Reserve Board, it had appointed the National City Bank of New York its correspondent and agent in Cuba. The appointment is made under the terms of Section 14 of the Federal Reserve Act.

STATE INSTITUTIONS ADMITTED TO FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.

The following institutions were admitted to the Federal Reserve system in the week ending Sept. 23:

District No.	Capital	Surplus	Resources
District No. 2—			
Boonton Trust Co., Boonton, N. J.	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$150,000
District No. 12—			
Mission Savings Bank, San Francisco, Cal.	500,000	28,000	7,387,089

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 Suffolk County National Bank of Riverhead, New York. Seaboard National Bank of Seattle, Seattle, Washington.

PRIOR REDEMPTION OF U. S. TREASURY CERTIFICATES MATURING OCT. 15.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon authorized the Federal Reserve banks on Sept. 27 1921, and until further notice, to redeem in cash before Oct. 15 1921, at the holder's option, at par and accrued interest to the date of such optional redemption, Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness of Series F—1921, dated January 15 1921, and Series H—1921, dated April 15 1921, both maturing Oct. 15 1921.

PRESIDENT HARDING PROCLAIMS OCT. 10 AS FIRE PREVENTION DAY.

A proclamation designating Oct. 10, the anniversary of the Chicago fire, as Fire Prevention Day, was issued by President Harding on Sept. 27, as follows:

A PROCLAMATION.

By the President of the United States:

Whereas, the United States suffers through destruction by fire an annual loss of life estimated at 15,000 human beings, most of them women and children; and

Whereas, in the face of the world's dire need for American products our fire losses increased during 1920 to over \$500,000,000—and during the previous five-year period totaled over \$1,410,875,000—buildings, foodstuffs and other created wealth needlessly wiped out of existence; and

Whereas, in addition to the above, forest fires during the five years ended with 1920 further reduced our diminishing timber resources by a total of over \$85,000,000, also threatening with aridity over 56,000,000 acres of hitherto productive woodland; and

Whereas, most of our fire losses are due to carelessness and ignorance and may be easily prevented by increased care and education on the part of citizens;

Therefore, I, Warren G. Harding, President of the United States, do urge upon the Governors of the various States to designate and set apart October 10 1921, anniversary of the Chicago fire, as Fire-Prevention Day, with these principal objects in view, to-wit:

To request the citizens of their States to plan for that day and period, through pulpit, through open forum and through the schools, such instructive and educational exercises as shall impress the public mind with the calamitous effects and threatened economic disaster of such unnecessary fire waste;

To urge, as an everyday duty of citizenship, individual and collective efforts in conserving our country's natural and created resources, and

To promote systematic instruction in fire prevention in our schools, constant observance of the ordinary precautions that safeguard us from fires and an orderliness in home and community that we may overcome this lurking peril.

Fire is a danger that never sleeps.

Done in the District of Columbia this 27th day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-sixth.

WARREN G. HARDING.

The White House, September 27.

FORMER POSTMASTER-GENERAL BURLESON FAILS TO FIND MARKET ABROAD FOR COTTON.

Former Postmaster-General Burleson, who returned to the United States on the French steamer Lafayette, reaching here on Sept. 23, failed in his mission to find a market for cotton abroad. Mr. Burleson, in a four months' trip, visited France, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Rumania, Czecho-Slovakia, Poland and England, and, it is stated, found conditions about the same in all. His object was to sell cotton in large quantities, and he visited all the large centres and saw the principal cotton manufacturers, according to the "Journal of Commerce" of Sept. 24, which quotes him as saying:

"It is not only impossible to place large orders for cotton anywhere in Europe, but there is little hope that conditions will be better until money is stabilized. So long as there is the present fluctuation, European cotton manufacturers will not buy ahead, and so far as I could learn there is no concerted movement on foot to better these conditions. With their money fixed, even though it was low in value, there undoubtedly would be more confidence, but so long as present conditions last they are at too great a disadvantage to get themselves out of the hole.

"The same conditions hamper manufacturers in most other lines. They cannot export considerable quantities of any kind of goods until they know what costs they are paying and money they are receiving actually mean in fixed terms."

TAX REVISION BILL IN SENATE—REPORT OF MAJORITY COMMITTEE.

The majority report of the Senate Committee on Finance on the tax revision bill was submitted to the Senate on Sept. 24 by Senator Penrose. In his report, Senator Penrose states that the new revenue bill, as amended by the Committee, "will yield \$3,326,600,000, which exceeds the amount required from this source by only \$54,600,000—a margin of safety none too large for the fiscal year 1922 in view of the existing business depression and the uncertainty attaching to the yield of the income and profits taxes." The report indicates the changes from the present law and from the House bill, and we are giving it in full further below. Senator Penrose states therein that "Your committee deliberately recommends a tax program which, while providing revenue substantially sufficient to meet ordinary expenditures on the present scale, assumes that a reasonable measure of retrenchment and reduction will be accomplished. . . .

"From the standpoint of revenue the most important changes recommended by your committee are:

The repeal of the excess-profits tax which would reduce the revenue about \$400,000,000 annually; the repeal of the surtaxes in excess of 32%, involving an immediate loss of \$80,000,000 to \$90,000,000 a year; the repeal of the capital-stock tax, involving an annual loss of about \$75,000,000; the reduction of the transportation taxes by one-half on Jan. 1 1922, and their final repeal as of Dec. 31 1922, involving a reduction of \$131,000,000 during the calendar year 1922 and an eventual loss of \$262,000,000 per year; and the adoption of an additional income tax upon corporations of 5%, which would increase the revenue about \$260,000,000 annually.

In noting the repeal of the excess profits tax the report states that this tax "has been so thoroughly discussed that it is unnecessary to state at length the reasons which have led your Committee to recommend its repeal. The time for discussion is passed, and the time to repeal the tax has arrived." As was announced in these columns last week (page 1315), the House bill as amended by the Committee was formally presented to the Senate on September 21; on Sept. 23 Senator Penrose in a statement to the Senate said:

I desire to make a statement on behalf of the Committee on Finance. Ordinarily I should have felt it to be my duty to make a motion to proceed to the consideration of the tax revision bill this morning. I recognize, however, that the final print of that measure will not be available until Monday next. The bill has been completed in all its details by the committee and cannot be changed unless amended on the floor of the Senate. It is now in the hands of the Public Printer for a final print. After the consideration of the bill had been completed by the Committee on Finance it was suggested that for the convenience of the Senate and of the taxpayers of the country a reprint of the bill should be made, presenting in different type the bill as it passed the other House, the original law, the amendments proposed by the Committee on Finance, and other phases of the measure. That could not be done until the consideration of the bill was completed by the Committee on Finance. A subcommittee of the Committee on Finance was appointed who directed the form in which the bill should be reprinted. That has been done solely in the interest of an easier reading and understanding of the measure, which is complicated enough at best.

I think that this explanation is due to the Senate and to the public to account for an apparent delay of one or two days in moving the consideration of the bill, which is unavoidable because the form of the printing could not be determined until the bill was completed. The bill, however, will be ready on Monday; and I now desire to give notice that I shall then move to proceed to the consideration of the measure and shall endeavor in every way, so far as may be consistent, to keep it before the Senate until it shall have been disposed of.

Until Monday, therefore, I will not ask the Senate to consider the bill.

The bill was recommitted to the Senate Committee on Finance on Monday, last, Sept. 26, and subsequently reported on the same day by Senator Penrose with amendments. The reading of the bill as amended by the Committee was brought under way in the Senate on the 26th, and with the completion of its reading on the 28th, consideration of the contested features was begun on Sept. 29. These include the sections dealing with income taxes, individual and corporation; profits taxes, transportation levies, excise and soft drink levies, and other levies changed by the committee, as well as with estate taxes and levies on admissions and dues, which were not altered by the committee. The following is the majority report on the bill presented by Senator Penrose:

INTERNAL REVENUE BILL OF 1921.

REPORT—[To accompany H. R. 8245.]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8245) to reduce and equalize taxation, to amend and simplify the Revenue Act of 1918, and for other purposes, having had the same under consideration, report favorably thereon with certain amendments, and as amended recommend that the bill do pass.

Expenditures and Revenues.

The revenue bill which your Committee recommends is designed to produce enough revenue to meet without borrowing all ordinary expenditures, including \$265,754,865 for the cumulative sinking fund authorized by the Victory Liberty Loan Act. The bill is intended to provide some margin of safety, but not to create any current surplus over necessary expenditures.

Fiscal Year 1922.

The Secretary of the Treasury estimates that the expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30 1922 will aggregate \$4,034,000,000, an amount, it will be noted, in excess of the appropriations for the same fiscal year because of expenditures that must be made from available balances from prior or continuing appropriations. The principal receipts with which to meet these expenditures must come from internal taxes; but there are substantial receipts from customs and miscellaneous non-tax sources, such as salvage, Panama Canal receipts, and the like. Customs and miscellaneous non-tax receipts will yield, it is estimated, \$762,000,000, thus leaving \$3,272,000,000 to be raised by internal taxes. The new revenue bill, amended as your Committee proposes, will yield \$3,326,600,000, which exceeds the amount required from this source by only \$54,600,000—a margin of safety none too large for the fiscal year 1922 in view of the existing business depression and the uncertainty attaching to the yield of the income and profits taxes. The estimates and figures in detail will be found in the tables printed on pages 2, 6, and 7.

Fiscal Year 1923.

It is not possible to make an accurate forecast of the expenditures for the fiscal year 1923, but your Committee has acted on the assumption that—with the exception of the special railroad expenditures (transportation Act and Federal control) which will be nearly if not wholly completed in the fiscal year 1922—the aggregate expenditure for the fiscal year 1923 will be substantially as large as in the fiscal year 1922. The special railroad expenditures included in the 1922 estimates amount, in round figures, to \$500,000,000; and the receipts from customs and miscellaneous sources for the fiscal year 1923 are estimated at \$700,000,000. Deducting both amounts (\$1,200,000,000) from the total estimated expenditures for 1922 (\$4,034,000,000) leaves in round figures \$2,835,000,000 to be supplied by internal taxes for the fiscal year 1923. The revenue bill as recommended by your Committee will raise during 1923, it is estimated, \$2,740,400,000. The difference or deficit of \$100,000,000 can and should be avoided by savings and economies. Your Committee deliberately recommends a tax program which, while providing revenue substantially sufficient to meet ordinary expenditures on the present scale, assumes that a reasonable measure of retrenchment and reduction will be accomplished. The total ordinary expenditures for the fiscal year 1921, including sinking fund and miscellaneous fixed debt charges, amounted to \$5,528,688,050. For the fiscal year 1922 the expenditures on the same basis are estimated at \$4,034,000,000. The above program assumes that for the fiscal year 1923 they will amount to approximately \$3,400,000,000, an entirely reasonable assumption in the light of our present knowledge.

TABLE IV.—Income tax revenue upon specified incomes under existing law and under H. R. 8245, as passed by the House and as reported to the Senate. [Tax computed on the basis of the net income of a married man without dependents.]

Income.	Present Law.			House Bill H. R. 8245.						
	Normal.	Surtax.	Total.	As Passed by House.			As Reported to the Senate.			
				Normal.	Surtax.	Total.	Normal.	Surtax.	Total.	
\$2,000										
2,500	\$20		\$20	\$20		\$20	\$20			\$20
*2,500	20		20							
3,000	40		40	40		40	40			40
*3,000	40		40	20		20	20			20
4,000	80		80	80		80	80			80
*4,000	80		80	60		60	60			60
5,000	120		120	120		120	120			120
*5,000	120		120	100		100	100			100
6,000	160	\$10	170	160	\$10	170	160			160
8,000	320	50	370	320	50	370	320		\$20	340
10,000	480	110	590	480	110	590	480		60	540
12,000	640	190	830	640	190	830	640		120	760
14,000	800	290	1,090	800	290	1,090	800		200	1,000
16,000	960	410	1,370	960	410	1,370	960		300	1,260
18,000	1,120	550	1,670	1,120	550	1,670	1,120		420	1,540
20,000	1,280	710	1,990	1,280	710	1,990	1,280		560	1,840
25,000	1,680	1,200	2,880	1,680	1,200	2,880	1,680		1,100	2,780
30,000	2,080	1,810	3,890	2,080	1,810	3,890	2,080		1,760	3,840
40,000	2,880	3,410	6,290	2,880	3,410	6,290	2,880		3,400	6,280
50,000	3,680	5,510	9,190	3,680	5,510	9,190	3,680		5,500	9,180
75,000	5,680	12,950	18,630	5,680	12,790	18,470	5,680		12,780	18,460
100,000	7,680	23,510	31,190	7,680	20,790	28,470	7,680		20,780	28,460
150,000	11,680	49,510	61,190	11,680	36,790	48,470	11,680		36,780	48,460
200,000	15,680	77,510	93,190	15,680	52,790	68,470	15,680		52,780	68,460
300,000	23,680	137,510	161,190	23,680	84,790	108,470	23,680		84,780	108,460
500,000	39,680	263,510	303,190	39,680	148,790	188,470	39,680		148,780	188,460
1,000,000	79,680	533,510	613,190	79,680	308,790	388,470	79,680		308,780	388,460
2,000,000	159,680	1,233,510	1,393,190	159,680	628,790	788,470	159,680		628,780	788,460
3,000,000	239,680	1,833,510	2,123,190	239,680	948,790	1,188,470	239,680		948,780	1,188,460
5,000,000	399,680	3,133,510	3,533,190	399,680	1,588,790	1,988,470	399,680		1,588,780	1,988,460

* Net income not in excess of \$5,000.

The Bill.

The bill is divided into 14 titles, as follows:

- Title I. General definitions.
- Title II. Income tax.
- Title III. War-profits and excess-profits tax for 1921.
- Title IV. Estate tax.
- Title V. Tax on transportation and other facilities.
- Title VI. Tax on soft drinks and constituent parts thereof.
- Title VII. Tax on cigars, tobacco, and manufactures thereof.
- Title VIII. Tax on admissions and dues.
- Title IX. Excise taxes.
- Title X. Special taxes.
- Title XI. Stamp taxes.
- Title XII. Tax on employment of child labor.
- Title XIII. General administrative provisions.
- Title XIV. General provisions.

TITLE I.—GENERAL DEFINITIONS.

This title contains definitions applicable to the entire bill. The following terms are defined in this title: Revenue Act of 1921, person, corporation, domestic, foreign, United States, Secretary, commissioner, collector, taxpayer, military or naval forces of the United States, and Government contract. This title provides that this Act may be cited as the "Revenue Act of 1921." All the other terms specified in this title are defined in the same manner as under the Revenue Act of 1918.

TITLE II.—INCOME TAX.

Definitions.

Section 200 adds to the definitions contained in the Revenue Act of 1918 two new terms—"foreign trader" and "foreign trade corporation"—defined to mean, respectively, a citizen or resident of the United States (or a partnership) and a corporation, more than 80% of whose gross income for the three-year period ending with the close of the taxable year (or for such part of such period as may be applicable) was derived from sources without the United States and which derive 50% or more of their gross income for such period from the active conduct of a trade or business without the United States. These amendments constitute part of a general plan (more fully described in Section 217) to tax American business concerns whose business is practically all conducted in foreign countries only on their income derived from sources within the United States. A domestic corporation or citizen who derives 80% of his income from foreign investments will not be entitled to treatment as a foreign trade corporation or foreign trader, since the plan is confined to business concerns, but salaried men living and working abroad complying with the other conditions will be classed as foreign traders.

Under existing law an American citizen or domestic corporation is taxed upon his or its entire income, even though all of it is derived from business transacted without the United States. This results in double taxation, places American business concerns at a serious disadvantage in the competitive struggle for foreign trade, encourages American corporations doing business in foreign countries to surrender their American charters and incorporate under the laws of foreign countries, results in serious administrative difficulties with respect to the collection of taxes due from individuals resident in foreign countries, and encourages American citizens to expatriate themselves. In order to remedy this situation foreign traders and foreign trade corporations, as above defined, will be taxed under this Act substantially as nonresidents—i. e., only on income derived from sources within the United States.

Dividends.

Section 201 clarifies the definition of dividends as contained in the Revenue Act of 1918 by omitting or exempting stock dividends as required by the decision of the Supreme Court in *Eisner vs. Macomber* (252 U. S., 189) and provides a general rule for distributions in liquidation and all distributions otherwise than out of earnings accumulated since Feb. 28 1913. The rule is that such distributions shall be treated as a partial or full return of cost to the distributee of his stock or shares, and if the stockholder receives more than the cost price of his stock, he is taxable under Section 202 with respect to the excess in the same manner as though such stock had been sold. Section 202 protects the stockholder who acquired his stock before March 1 1913, by providing that gains accrued between the date of acquisition and March 1 1913, shall not when the property is sold or liquidated, be included in the taxable income.

Minor obscurities in the present law have been clarified by stating conclusively certain provisions which heretofore have been stated as presumptions. It is further provided that a taxable distribution shall be included in the gross income of the distributees as of the date when the cash or other property is unqualifiedly made subject to their demands which is in accord with the decisions of the courts and is well established in departmental practice.

Basis for Determining Gain or Loss.

Section 202 provides in detailed form for the basis (used in the case of the sale or other disposition of property) for determining gain or loss. Because of the decisions of the Supreme Court in the case of *Goodrich v. Edwards and Walsh v. Brewster* (decided Mar. 28 1921), it is necessary to state explicitly in the statute the method of treating gain or loss accrued prior to March 1 1913. Heretofore property held on March 1 1913, has been considered capital as of its value on that date. The concession of the Solicitor General in the above cases, adopted by the court, is to the effect that gain or loss in every case is determined upon the basis of cost or acquisition value and not by the March 1 value of the property, the gain or loss accruing before March 1 1913, however, being excluded for purposes of computing the net income subject to tax.

The proposed Act provides that in the case of property acquired before March 1 1913, and sold or disposed of after that date (1) if its fair market price or value as of March 1 1913, is in excess of such basis, the gain to be included in the gross income is the excess of the amount realized therefor over such fair market price or value; (2) if its fair market price or value as of March 1 1913, is lower than such basis, the deductible loss is the excess of the fair market price or value as of that date over the amount realized therefor; and (3) if the amount realized therefor is more than such basis but not more than its fair market price or value as of March 1 1913, or less than such basis but not less than such fair market price or value, no gain or loss is recognized.

The above provision states only the general rule. The special rules embodied in existing law with respect to property which should be included in the inventory, and property acquired by bequest, devise, or inheritance are in substance preserved. An essential change, however, is made in the case of property acquired by gift. No explicit rule is found in the present statute for determining gain or loss resulting from the sale of such property, but the Treasury Department has held that the proper basis for such determination is the fair market price or value of such property at the time of its acquisition by the donee. This rule has been the source of serious abuse. Taxpayers who have property the value of which has increased, give such property to wives or relatives, by whom it may be sold without taxation of the increase in value which took place while the property was owned by the donor. The proposed bill, in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a), provides a new and just rule, namely, that in the case of property acquired by gift after Dec. 31 1920, the basis for computing gain or loss is the same as that which it would have in the hands of the donor or the last preceding owner by whom it was not acquired by gift. This means that if the property cost the donor \$50, and at the time it was given to the donee it was worth \$100, for which amount it is sold by the donee, the income of the donee would be \$50 instead of nothing, as under the present law. If the facts necessary to determine the cost are unknown to the donee, the Commissioner is empowered to obtain the facts from the donor or any other person, or, if it is found impossible to obtain such facts, to appraise the value of such property as of the time it was acquired by such donor or last preceding owner. This paragraph does not apply to gifts made in contemplation of death or to gifts made to take effect in possession and enjoyment at or after death, but such testamentary gifts are to be treated as bequests or devises.

Subdivision (c) of this Section of the House bill, which provided that, in ascertaining gain or loss from the sale or other disposition of property, proper adjustments should be made for capital expenditures or for loss, depreciation, etc., was stricken out by your Committee on the ground that it specified a self-evident rule and was thus superfluous.

Exchanges of Property for Property.

Section 202 (subdivision c) provides new rules for those exchanges or "trades" in which, although a technical "gain" may be realized under the present law, the taxpayer actually realizes no cash profit.

Under existing law "when property is exchanged for other property, the property received in exchange shall, for the purpose of determining gain or loss, be treated as the equivalent of cash to the amount of its fair market value, if any . . ." Probably no part of the present income tax law has been productive of so much uncertainty or has more seriously interfered with necessary business readjustments. The existing law makes a presumption in favor of taxation. The proposed Act modifies that presumption by providing that in the case of an exchange of property for property no gain or loss shall be recognized unless the property received in exchange has a readily realizable market value, and specifies in addition certain classes of exchanges on which no gain or loss is recognized even if the property received in exchange has a readily realizable market value. These classes comprise the cases where productive property (other than stock in trade or property held primarily for sale) used in a trade or business is exchanged for property of a like kind or use; where in any corporate reorganization or readjustment stock or securities are exchanged for stock or securities of a corporation which is a party to or results from such re-

organization; and where an individual or individuals transfer property to a corporation and after such transfer are in control of such corporation.

The preceding amendments, if adopted, will, by removing a source of grave uncertainty and by eliminating many technical constructions which are economically unsound, not only permit business to go forward with the readjustments required by existing conditions but also will considerably increase the revenue by preventing taxpayers from taking colorable losses in wash sales and other fictitious exchanges.

Proper safeguards are found in subdivision (d) which provides that where property is exchanged for other property or where property is involuntarily converted into cash and the proceeds of such conversion are used to replace the property converted, or where a wash sale is not recognized, the property received in exchange shall be treated as taking the place of the original property.

Inventories.

Section 203, relating to inventories is the same as the inventory Section of existing law.

Net Losses.

Section 204: Under existing law a business operated at a loss for any year can take no credit or deduction for that loss against any profit which may be earned in succeeding years. The Revenue Act of 1918 authorized a deduction for net losses beginning after Oct. 31 1918, and ending prior to Jan. 1 1920, but its provisions did not extend past the latter date. The present Act proposes to revive the net loss allowance in modified form by providing that if for any taxable year beginning after Dec. 31 1920, it appears upon the presentation of evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that any taxpayer has sustained a net loss, the amount thereof shall be deducted from the net income of the taxpayer for the succeeding taxable year; and if such net loss is in excess of the net income for such succeeding taxable year, the amount of such excess shall be allowed as a deduction in computing the net income for the next succeeding taxable year.

Taxpayers having a fiscal year beginning in 1920 and ending in 1921 will be entitled to deduct the same proportion of any net loss sustained in such year, which the portion of such fiscal year falling within the calendar year 1921 is of the entire fiscal year.

Fiscal Year Method of Computing Income Tax.

Section 205 retains the present method of computing income taxes in the case of taxpayers making returns upon the fiscal year basis. The only changes made in existing law are of a clerical nature to make the provision apply to returns for the fiscal years 1921 and 1922.

Capital Gain and Capital Loss.

Section 206 limits the rate of taxation upon gain derived from the sale of capital assets. Under the present law many sales of farms, mineral properties, and other capital assets have been prevented by the fact that gains and profits earned over a series of years are under the present law taxed as a lump sum and the amount of surtax excessively enhanced thereby. In order to permit such transactions to take place without fear of prohibitive tax, Section 206 provides that only 40% of the net gain derived from the sale or other disposition of capital assets shall be taken into account in determining the net income upon which the income tax is imposed. This automatically reduces the rate of taxes applicable to such income by 60%. The maximum rate (normal and surtax) upon ordinary income after Jan. 1 1922, will be 40% and the maximum rate applicable to capital net gain will be 16%. The House Bill placed a similar limitation upon both capital gains and losses, but this limitation was not applicable to corporations nor to certain classes of taxpayers having net income less than \$29,000. The Senate provision would permit a taxpayer to deduct the entire loss sustained in a capital transaction and is applicable to all classes of taxpayers. In Great Britain capital gain or loss is ignored or eliminated in computing the net income. Section 206 takes an intermediate position between the extreme views embodied, respectively, in the present American and British laws.

PART II.—INDIVIDUALS.

Normal Tax.

Section 210 imposes the same normal tax upon the net income of citizens or residents of the United States as that imposed under existing law. The tax imposed under existing law is 4% upon the first \$4,000 of net income in excess of the credits provided under Section 216, and 8% upon the remainder of the taxpayer's net income.

Surtax.

Section 211. The following table shows the surtaxes levied under existing law and under the proposed bill as it passed the House and as reported to the Senate:

Income.	Surtax rates under			Income.	Surtax rates under		
	Exist- ing law.	Proposed Bill.			Exist- ing law.	Proposed Bill.	
		As reported pass- ed to the House.	As re- vised to the Sen- ate.			%	%
\$5,000 to \$6,000	1	1	1	\$58,000 to \$60,000	28	28	28
\$6,000 to \$8,000	2	2	1	\$60,000 to \$62,000	29	29	29
\$8,000 to \$10,000	3	3	2	\$62,000 to \$64,000	30	30	30
\$10,000 to \$12,000	4	4	3	\$64,000 to \$66,000	31	31	31
\$12,000 to \$14,000	5	5	4	\$66,000 to \$68,000	32	32	32
\$14,000 to \$16,000	6	6	5	\$68,000 to \$70,000	33	32	32
\$16,000 to \$18,000	7	7	6	\$70,000 to \$72,000	34	32	32
\$18,000 to \$20,000	8	8	7	\$72,000 to \$74,000	35	32	32
\$20,000 to \$22,000	9	9	10	\$74,000 to \$76,000	36	32	32
\$22,000 to \$24,000	10	10	11	\$76,000 to \$78,000	37	32	32
\$24,000 to \$26,000	11	11	12	\$78,000 to \$80,000	38	32	32
\$26,000 to \$28,000	12	12	13	\$80,000 to \$82,000	39	32	32
\$28,000 to \$30,000	13	13	14	\$82,000 to \$84,000	40	32	32
\$30,000 to \$32,000	14	14	15	\$84,000 to \$86,000	41	32	32
\$32,000 to \$34,000	15	15	16	\$86,000 to \$88,000	42	32	32
\$34,000 to \$36,000	16	16	16	\$88,000 to \$90,000	43	32	32
\$36,000 to \$38,000	17	17	17	\$90,000 to \$92,000	44	32	32
\$38,000 to \$40,000	18	18	18	\$92,000 to \$94,000	45	32	32
\$40,000 to \$42,000	19	19	19	\$94,000 to \$96,000	46	32	32
\$42,000 to \$44,000	20	20	20	\$96,000 to \$98,000	47	32	32
\$44,000 to \$46,000	21	21	21	\$98,000 to \$100,000	48	32	32
\$46,000 to \$48,000	22	22	22	\$100,000 to \$150,000	52	32	32
\$48,000 to \$50,000	23	23	23	\$150,000 to \$200,000	56	32	32
\$50,000 to \$52,000	24	24	24	\$200,000 to \$300,000	60	32	32
\$52,000 to \$54,000	25	25	25	\$300,000 to \$500,000	63	32	32
\$54,000 to \$56,000	26	26	26	\$500,000 to \$1,000,000	64	32	32
\$56,000 to \$58,000	27	27	27	\$1,000,000 and over	65	32	32

Net Income Defined.

Section 212 defines net income to mean the gross income as defined in Section 213 less the deductions allowed by Section 214. This section is the same as the like section of the Revenue Act of 1918.

Gross Income Defined.

Section 213 defines gross income in the same manner as gross income is defined in existing law with important amendments. Under an opinion of the Attorney-General, residents of States having a community property law enjoyed marked advantage over the residents of other States. Income which in other States is taxed as a unit to the husband is divided between husband and wife in States having community property laws, and the surtaxes are correspondingly reduced. An amendment is added to this section designed to restore uniformity of treatment, by providing that income received by any marital community shall be included in the gross income of the spouse having the management and control of the community property, and shall be taxed as the income of such spouse.

Interest on postal savings certificates of deposit, United States pensions for war service, and amounts received as compensation for allowances under the provisions of the war risk insurance and the vocational rehabilitation acts are exempted from taxation by this section. In order to encourage the international adoption of uniform tax laws affecting shipping companies, for the purpose of eliminating double taxation, Paragraph 8 of Subdivision (a) of this section exempts foreign shipping companies more than 95% of whose gross income consists of earnings derived from the operation of a ship or ships documented under the laws of a foreign country which grants an equivalent exemption to citizens of the United States or to domestic corporations, from taxation upon such shipping earnings.

Deductions Allowed Individuals.

Section 214 allows substantially the same deductions in computing net income as are authorized under existing law, but adds the following provisions: (1) The deduction for business expenses is extended to include all traveling expenses incurred while away from home in the pursuit of a trade or business; (2) under existing law a taxpayer is permitted to deduct interest paid upon money borrowed to purchase or carry tax-free Liberty bonds or Victory notes. The interest deduction is amended so that such interest accrued or paid after Jan. 1 1922, shall not be deducted; (3) to prevent evasion through the medium of wash sales, it is provided that no deduction shall be allowed for losses sustained in the sale of securities where it appears that within thirty days after such sale the taxpayer purchases identical securities; (4) losses occurring in one year are frequently not determined or sustained; until another year, depending upon court decision or the clearing up of uncertainty. To permit more elastic treatment of such losses, in the interests of justice to the taxpayer, it is provided that certain losses shall not be deducted as of the taxable year in which sustained, if in the opinion of the commissioner they should be accounted for as of a different period; (5) the doctrine enunciated in the cases of Goodrich vs. Edwards and Walsh vs. Brewster (decided March 28 1921) gives ground for the belief that under existing law the depreciation deduction should be computed on the basis of cost in the case of property acquired prior to March 1 1913. In order to remove all doubt in the future it is here provided that in the case of property acquired prior to March 1 1913, the depreciation deduction shall be computed upon the basis of the fair market price or value of the property as of that date; (6) in order to make it certain that the depletion deduction when based upon discovery value shall not be permitted to offset or cancel profits derived by the taxpayer from a separate and distinct line of business, it is provided that the depletion allowance based on discovery value shall not exceed the net income, computed without allowance for depletion, from the property upon which the discovery is made, except where such net income so computed is less than the depletion allowance based on cost or the fair market value as of March 1 1913; and (7) an additional subdivision has been added which provides that when property is involuntarily converted into cash as a result of fire, shipwreck, condemnation, or related causes the taxpayer may deduct the gains involuntarily realized (or a proper part thereof) when he proceeds forthwith in good faith to invest the proceeds (or a part thereof) of such conversion in the acquisition of similar property or in the establishment of a replacement fund therefor.

Items Not Deductible.

Section 215 specifies certain items that are not deductible in computing net income. Under existing law persons receiving by gift bequest or inheritance a life or other terminable interest in property frequently capitalize the expected future income set up the value of this expectation as corpus or principal and thereafter claim a deduction for exhaustion of this so-called principal on the ground that with the passage of time the "principal" or corpus is gradually shrinking or wasting. A new subdivision has been added to this section explicitly providing that no such deduction shall be recognized.

Credits Allowed Individuals.

Section 216 specifies the credits allowed in computing the normal tax only. Under existing law single persons receive an exemption of \$1 000 and each head of a family \$2 000 with an additional allowance of \$200 for each dependent. Under the proposed bill the allowance for each dependent is raised to \$400; and each head of a family will receive a personal exemption of \$2 500 unless the net income is in excess of \$5 000 (aggregate income of husband and wife in case of married persons living together) in which case the personal exemption is only \$2 000. Under existing law non-resident alien individuals are allowed the same personal exemptions as citizens or residents if the country in which the non-resident alien resides allows the same credit to citizens of the United States. The present exemption for non-resident aliens has been found very difficult of administration and an amendment is proposed allowing non-resident aliens only a single personal exemption of \$1 000.

Net Income of Non-Resident Alien Individuals and Foreign Traders.

Section 217 states explicit rules—applicable principally to non-resident aliens and foreign traders—for computing the net income derived from sources within the United States. The present law is both obscure and economically unsound inasmuch as the Attorney General has held that where goods are manufactured or produced in the United States and sold abroad no part of the profit is derived from a source within the United States. This section explicitly allocates certain important sources of income to the United States or to foreign countries as the case may be and with respect to the remaining income (particularly that derived partly from sources within and partly from sources without the United States) authorizes the commissioner with the approval of the Secretary to determine the income derived from sources within the United States either by rules of separate allocation or by processes or formulas of general apportionment.

Partnerships and Personal-Service Corporations.

Section 218 is the same as the corresponding provision in existing law except that proper provision is made for the repeal as of Jan. 1 1922 of the tax on the stockholders of a personal-service corporation with respect to undistributed profits in such corporation and the taxation of such corporation in the same manner as other corporations are taxed.

Estates and Trusts.

Section 219 is amended slightly for the purpose of clarifying its provisions and making the interpretation thereof more definite and certain. A new

subdivision (f) is added providing that an irrevocable trust created by an employer as a part of a stock bonus or profit-sharing plan shall not be taxable under this section but that the amounts actually distributed to any employee shall be taxable to the employee when distributed to the extent that they exceed the contributions made by such employee.

Evasion of Surtaxes by Incorporation.

Section 220 of the existing law provides that if any corporation is formed or availed of for the purpose of evading the surtax upon its stockholders through the medium of permitting its gain and profits to accumulate instead of being divided the stockholders shall be taxed in the same manner as partners. By reason of the recent decision of the Supreme Court in the stock-dividend case (Eisner vs. Macomber 252 U. S. 189) considerable doubt exists as to the constitutionality of this provision of existing law. Section 220 of the bill therefore proposes to amend Section 220 of the existing law so as to impose upon corporations of the character above described a flat additional income tax of 25%; but if the stockholders agree they may be taxed upon their distributive shares in the net income of the corporation in the same manner as members of a partnership such taxes to be in lieu of all income taxes upon the corporation.

Payment of Individual's Tax at Source.

Section 221 is amended to provide that the income of partnerships composed in whole or in part of non-resident aliens shall be withheld at the source.

Credit for Taxes in Case of Individuals.

Section 222: The income tax law allows a credit, dollar for dollar, against our tax for any income or profits taxes paid to any foreign country or to any possession of the United States, with certain modifications in the case of alien residents of the United States. Where foreign income or profits taxes are imposed at rates higher than those carried by the similar taxes in this country, this credit may wipe out part of our tax properly attributable to income derived from sources within the United States. To prevent this abuse, section 222 provides that in no case shall the amount of this credit exceed the same proportion of our tax which the taxpayer's net income from sources without the United States bears to his entire net income. This credit is not allowed to foreign traders.

Individual Returns.

Section 223: Under existing law every single person having a net income for the taxable year of \$1,000, or over, and every married person living with husband or wife having a net income of \$2,000, or over, is required to make an income-tax return. Your committee proposes an additional provision requiring every individual having a gross income of \$5,000 or more to make an income-tax return regardless of the amount of his net income. It also is made clear that husband and wife may make a joint return even though one or both have incomes large enough to be subject to surtaxes.

Partnership Returns.

Section 224 is re-enacted in the same form as it exists in the Revenue Act of 1918.

Fiduciary Returns.

Section 225 is amended in order that the provisions relating to the filing of fiduciary returns may correspond to the provisions of Section 223 relating to the filing of individual returns.

Returns When Accounting Period Changes.

Section 226 of the present law is re-enacted with unimportant changes, and the addition of a new subdivision (c) providing that in the case of returns for a period of less than one year, the net income shall be placed on an annual basis, and the tax shall be the same part of a tax computed on such annual basis as the number of months in such period is of 12 months.

Time and Place for Filing Individual, Partnership, and Fiduciary Returns.

Section 227 is amended by extending from three to six months the time for the filing of returns by non-resident alien individuals. This amendment is designed to encourage non-resident aliens to file accurate returns.

Understatement in Returns.

Section 228 is re-enacted as found in the Revenue Act of 1918.

PART III.—CORPORATIONS.

Tax on Corporations.

Section 230 provides that the corporation tax for the calendar year 1921 shall be 10% of the corporate net income and that for the calendar year 1922 and each year thereafter the rate shall be increased to 15%. The rate under existing law is 10%. The proposed increase to 15% is imposed as a substitute for the excess-profits tax, which is repealed as of Jan. 1 1922, and for the capital stock tax, which is repealed as of July 1 1922. The repeal of the excess-profits tax involves an annual revenue reduction of \$400,000,000, and the repeal of the capital stock tax an annual reduction of \$75,000,000. The additional tax of 5% upon corporations will increase the revenue \$260,000,000 per year.

Conditional and Other Exemptions of Corporations.

Section 231 specifies the classes of corporations which are exempt. It makes the following changes in existing law: (1) Domestic building and loan associations will, under the proposed law, be exempt only in case substantially all of their business is confined to making loans to members; (2) community chests, funds or foundations, organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, are included within the terms of the exemption applicable to corporations, none of the net earnings of which inure to the benefit of any private stockholder or individual; (3) the exemption granted to farmers' fruit-growers', or like associations organized and operated as sales agents for the purpose of marketing products, is extended to like associations acting as purchasing agents for the purpose of purchasing supplies and equipment for the use of members and turning over such supplies and equipment to such members at actual cost, plus necessary expense.

Net Income of Corporations Defined.

Section 232 is the same as the corresponding section in the Revenue Act of 1918.

Gross Income of Corporations Defined.

Section 233 is slightly amended in order to provide for the determination of the gross income of foreign traders and foreign-trade corporations and to exclude life insurance companies, for the taxation of which special provisions are made in Sections 242 to 246, inclusive.

Deductions Allowed Corporations.

Section 234 authorizes corporations to take deductions similar to those accorded individuals by the terms of Section 214, with the following provisions applicable only to corporations: (1) Corporations (particularly banks) are permitted to deduct certain taxes paid by them for or on behalf of their shareholders or members; (2) where an obligor is required to withhold a tax under a tax-free covenant bond, the obligee is authorized to omit or exclude such tax from his gross income; (3) and dividends received from

a foreign corporation are deductible only when it is shown that more than 50% of the gross income of such foreign corporation was derived from sources within the United States. This dividend deduction is similar to that granted as a credit to individuals for the purposes of computing normal tax in Section 216.

Items Not Deductible by a Corporation.

Section 235 is the same as the corresponding section in the Revenue Act of 1918.

Credits Allowed Corporations.

Section 236 is substantially the same as the corresponding section in the Revenue Act of 1918.

Payment of Corporation Income Tax at Source.

Section 237 is the same as the corresponding section of the Revenue Act of 1918, with proper changes for the proposed increase of the corporation income tax rate to 15% on and after Jan. 1 1922.

Credit for Taxes in Case of Corporations.

Section 238 grants to corporations substantially the same credits for income and profits taxes paid to foreign countries or possessions of the United States as are granted to individuals by Section 222.

Corporation Returns.

Section 239 is the same as the corresponding section in the Revenue Act of 1918.

Consolidated Returns.

Section 240 would give affiliated corporations an option as to whether they shall file a consolidated return or a separate return (commencing with Jan. 1 1922, although such corporations would be required to adhere to the election, once made, unless authorized to change by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Under existing law affiliated corporations are required to make consolidated returns. Owing to the complexity of the consolidated return in certain instances, the corporations affected would prefer not to make such consolidated return, although it benefits affiliated corporations when one or more of them sustain a loss. The consolidated return is necessary to prevent evasion under the excess-profits tax, but this necessity will disappear when the excess-profits tax is repealed. A new subdivision is added to this section giving the commissioner power to consolidate the accounts of related trades or businesses owned or controlled by the same interests, for the purpose only of making a correct distribution of gains, profits, income, deductions, or capital, among the related trades or businesses. This is necessary to prevent the arbitrary shifting of profits among related businesses, particularly in the case of subsidiary corporations organized as foreign trade corporations.

Time and Place for Filing Corporation Returns.

Section 241 is the same with one unimportant change as the corresponding section in the Revenue Act of 1918.

Taxes on Life Insurance Companies.

Sections 242-246 provide a new plan for the taxation of life insurance companies, substantially similar to the plan embodied in the Revenue Act of 1918 as first adopted by the Senate. The provisions of the present law applicable to life insurance companies are imperfect and productive of constant litigation. The proposed plan would tax life insurance companies on the basis of their investment income from interest, dividends, and rents, with suitable deductions for expenses fairly chargeable against such investment income. The new tax would take the place of the present income and excess-profits taxes for the year 1921, and life insurance companies would share with other insurance companies in the repeal in the year 1922 of the capital stock tax and the taxes imposed by Section 503. The new tax will yield a larger revenue than the taxes which it is proposed to replace.

PART IV.—ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.

Payment of Taxes.

Section 250 has been amended in certain important respects in order to afford relief to the taxpayer in the case of additional assessments made without complete knowledge of all the facts in the case, to prevent harassment by legal actions more than five years after the filing of a return, to protect those taxpayers who have been assessed additional taxes after an adverse court decision when immediate payment of the back taxes found to be due would result in undue hardship, and to prevent the evasion of taxes by taxpayers who depart from the United States without making proper provision with respect to the payment thereof.

Under existing law, when it is found by the Bureau of Internal Revenue that the amount of taxes paid has not been as much as should have been paid, the taxpayer is given notice that an additional assessment has been made against him and that he will be required to pay the amount of such assessment within 10 days after notice and demand is made therefor by the collector.

It is now proposed (in subdivision d of Section 250) that before any additional assessment is made the taxpayer shall be notified thereof and given a period of not less than 30 days in which to file an appeal and show cause why such contemplated assessment should not be made. Opportunity for hearing shall be given and a final decision thereof shall be made as quickly as practicable. Claims in abatement of assessments will not be entertained if the taxpayer has had proper hearing and a final decision has been rendered. These provisions are designed to give every taxpayer notice of contemplated increase in the assessment, to hasten the work of audit and examination, and to secure promptly a departmental decision in which all questions shall be settled at the same time.

The laws relating to the time within which assessments may be made, suits brought for the collection of taxes, refunds or credits for taxes filed, and court actions instituted for the recovery of taxes illegally or erroneously collected have in the past been uncertain and annoying to taxpayers.

By Section 1322 of this bill the time for the making of an assessment increase of taxes other than income, excess-profits, war-profits, or corporation excise taxes under the Act of Aug. 5 1909, has been limited to four years after the tax became due. In Section 250 () the time for assessing income, excess-profits, and war-profits taxes under this bill has been limited to four years, and under prior Acts to five years.

Section 1320 of this bill reverts the bringing of any suit or proceeding by the Government in any court for the collection of internal-revenue taxes after the expiration of five years from the time such tax was due, except in the case of fraud. Heretofore, except in the case of income, excess-profits, and war-profits taxes under the Revenue Act of 1918, there was no limit upon the time in which the Government could bring suit for the collection of taxes. Subdivision (d) of Section 250 contains limitations with respect to income and profits taxes similar to those contained in Section 1320.

Section 3226 of the Revised Statutes has been amended by Section 1318 of this bill to provide that the taxpayer may bring suit to recover taxes at any time within five years after he has paid his tax, provided that he has filed a claim for the refund thereof and has waited six months after the filing of such claim, in case the commissioner has not rejected the claim prior to

such time. This provision removes the ambiguity and doubts surrounding Section 3227 of the Revised Statutes.

Receipts for Taxes.

Section 251 is the same as the corresponding section of existing law.

Refunds.

Section 252 is extended to authorize a refund in any case (regardless of time limitations) in which the invested capital of the taxpayer is decreased by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue and such decrease is due to the fact that the taxpayer failed to take adequate depreciation or other deductions in previous years. The refund is for the excess taxes paid in such prior years.

With respect to all other taxes it is provided in Section 1316 of this bill that claims for refund may be filed within four years after the payment of the tax, instead of within two years, as under existing law.

Penalties.

Section 253 is the same as the corresponding section in the Revenue Act of 1918.

Returns of Payments of Dividends.

Section 254 is the same as the corresponding section of the Revenue Act of 1918.

Returns of Brokers.

Section 255 is the same as the corresponding section of the Revenue Act of 1918.

Information at Source.

Section 256 re-enacts without change the provisions of existing law relative to information at source. The House bill changed this section to authorize the commissioner to require information, relative to the payments made at the rate of \$1,000 per year. It is believed that such a provision would impose too great a burden on the various payors and that the requirements of existing law are all that can be reasonably required. It is therefore recommended that the provisions of existing law be retained without change.

Returns to be Public Records.

Section 257 re-enacts without change the corresponding section of the Revenue Act of 1918.

Publication of Statistics.

Section 258 re-enacts without change the corresponding section of the Revenue Act of 1918.

Collection of Foreign Items.

Section 259 re-enacts without change the corresponding section of the Revenue Act of 1918.

Citizens of the United States Possessions.

Section 250 re-enacts the provisions of the corresponding section of the Revenue Act of 1918 and adds a paragraph providing that nothing in this Act shall be construed to amend the provisions of the Act approved July 12 1921, relating to the imposition of income taxes in the Virgin Islands of the United States.

Porto Rico and Philippine Islands.

Section 261 simplifies the form of the corresponding Section of the Revenue Act of 1918, but does not materially alter the substance of existing law relating to the imposition of income taxes in Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands.

Retroactive exemption of Income From Sources Within Possessions of the United States.

Section 262 is a new provision authorizing a retroactive exemption of income from sources within the possessions of the United States for those persons who could qualify during the years 1918 to 1921, inclusive, as foreign traders, or foreign trade corporations in possessions of the United States. It also authorizes a refund for any taxes paid under the Revenue Act of 1918 in excess of the retroactive tax determined under or with the benefit of this Section.

TITLE III.—WAR PROFITS AND EXCESS PROFITS TAX FOR 1921.

Your Committee recommends the repeal of the war-profits and excess-profits tax as of Jan. 1 1922. The repeal of this tax is recommended because of its inequalities and difficulty of administration and because of the manner in which it discriminates against corporations with small invested capital. Its repeal was recommended by Secretary Glass in his annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30 1919, and by Secretary Houston in his annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30 1920.

The Treasury's objections to the excess-profits tax even as a war expedient (in contradistinction to a war-profits tax) have been repeatedly voiced before the committees of the Congress. Still more objectionable is the operation of the excess-profits tax in peace times. It encourages wasteful expenditure, puts a premium on overcapitalization and a penalty on brains, energy, and enterprise, discourages new ventures, and confirms old ventures in their monopolies. In many instances it acts as a consumption tax, is added to the cost of production upon which profits are figured in determining prices, and has been, and will, so long as it is maintained upon the statute books, continue to be, a material factor in the increased cost of living. (Secretary Glass, Annual Report, 1919, p. 23-24.)

The reasons for the repeal of the excess-profits tax should be convincing even to those who, on grounds of theory or general political philosophy, are in favor of taxes of this nature. The tax does not attain in practice the theoretical end at which it aims. It discriminates against conservatively financed corporations and in favor of those whose capitalization is exaggerated; indeed, many overcapitalized corporations escape with unduly small contributions. It is exceedingly complex in its application and difficult of administration, despite the fact that it is limited to one class of business concerns—corporations. Moreover, it is rapidly losing its productivity. The invested capital of the average corporation, earning profits high enough to subject it to the excess-profits tax, is now estimated to be increasing at the approximate rate of 12% a year, while the income of the average corporation is almost certainly declining at as great a rate. Both movements cut into the productivity of the tax. If the present changes in capital and income continue for some time in the future, as now seems probable, large reduction may be expected in the yield of the excess-profits tax. (Secretary Houston, Annual Report for 1920, pp. 38, 39.)

Secretary Mellon in his letter of April 30 1921, to the Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, takes the same position.

The excess-profits tax is complex and difficult of administration, and is losing its productivity. It is estimated that for the taxable year 1921 it will yield about \$450,000,000 [\$400,000,000], as against \$2,500,000,000 in profits taxes for the taxable year 1918, \$1,320,000,000 for the taxable year 1919, and \$750,000,000 for the taxable year 1920. In fairness to other taxpayers and in order to protect the revenues, however, the excess-profits tax must be replaced not merely repealed, and should be replaced by some other tax upon corporate profits. A flat additional tax on corporate income would avoid determination of invested capital, would be simple of administration, and would be roughly adjusted to ability to pay.

The changes made in this title, Sections 300 to 338, inclusive, represent merely the elimination of rates applicable to prior years and other provisions which have already expired.

TITLE IV.—ESTATE TAX.

Section 400: The corresponding Section of the present law exempts from the estate tax "the transfer of the net estate of any decedent who has died or may die while serving in the military or naval forces of the United States

in the present war or from injuries received or disease contracted while in such service," and provides for the refundment of any tax collected upon such a transfer. In the proposed bill there is both an enlargement and a limitation of the exemption, the refunding provision remaining unchanged. The enlargement consists in extending the exemption to the estates of citizens of the United States dying from injuries received or disease contracted while serving in the military or naval forces of any country while associated with the United States in the prosecution of such war, or prior to the entrance therein of the United States. The limitation consists in confining the exemption to cases where the injuries were received or disease contracted "in line of duty."

Such other changes as have been made in this Section are designed to remove obscurities in the existing law by adopting the construction placed by the Bureau of Internal Revenue upon the corresponding Section of the present Act.

Section 402 (d) removes the uncertainties in the existing law relating to interests held jointly or as tenants in the entirety, and conforms to the construction which has been given this Section by the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

Section 403 (a) (1). It has been held by the Attorney General that real estate located outside the United States, belonging to a resident of the United States at the time of his death, is not to be included in determining the value of the gross estate of such decedent for the purposes of the tax imposed by Title II of the Revenue Act of 1916. (31 Op. Atty. Gen., 287). This opinion is regarded as applicable also to Title IV of the present law, which authorizes the deduction of "unpaid mortgages." The proposed bill so amends the Section as to exclude the right, if any, to deduct mortgages upon, or any indebtedness with respect to, the property of a resident decedent which is located outside the United States.

Section 403 (a) (2) and (b) (2). Paragraph 2 of subdivisions (a) and (b) of the corresponding section of the present Act provides for the deduction of an amount equal to the value of any property received by the decedent as a share in the estate of any person whose death occurred within five years prior to that of the decedent, or which can be identified as having been acquired in exchange for property so received, if an estate tax under the Revenue Acts of 1917 or 1918 was collected from such estate, and if such property is included in the decedent's gross estate.

The proposed bill extends the right of deduction to property so received from a prior decedent whose estate has paid such a tax "under this or any prior Act of Congress." The other amendments of this paragraph are designed to prevent a double deduction, in whole or in part, of the value of the property so received or acquired, and to remedy defects and omissions found to exist in the present law.

Section 403 (a) (3) and (b) (3) makes it clear that gifts by decedent during his lifetime for public, religious, charitable, scientific, literary, educational, or other benevolent purposes are not deductible where the value of the property given is not required under the law to be included in his gross estate.

Section 403 (b) (3). Under existing law the proceeds of insurance upon the life of a non-resident decedent, where the insurer is a domestic company, is deemed property within the United States. This has been found to place American insurance companies at a disadvantage in competing with foreign companies, and, in order to remedy this situation, the proposed bill expressly states that such insurance shall not be regarded as property situated in the United States. A like provision is made respecting moneys deposited with any person carrying on a banking business, by or for a non-resident decedent who is not engaged in business in the United States at the time of his death.

It also accords to the estates of American missionaries, dying in the foreign missionary service, the benefit of the \$50,000 specific exemption which extends to the estates of all resident decedents, where the only reason for denying the exemption would arise from an intention on the part of the deceased missionary to permanently remain in such service.

The concluding paragraph of this section provides for a redetermination of the tax where refund is to be made of any excess payment referable to the allowance of deductions authorized under paragraphs (2) and (3) of subdivisions (a) or (b) of the same section.

Section 404: The corresponding section of the present Act requires the executor to file a notice with the collector within 60 days after qualifying as such, or after coming into possession of any property of the decedent. In numerous instances executors have made the mistake of regarding the 60-day period as meaning two months, and have in consequence incurred a penalty by reason of a delinquency in filing the required notice. The change here made is to substitute a two months' period, and in other parts of the proposed bill to change to months the times expressed in days in the present law.

The date from which the period begins to run also is made more certain by specifying the date of the decedent's death or that on which the executor qualifies.

Sections 406 and 407 remove any uncertainty as to the date upon which the tax becomes payable by expressly stating in Section 406 that the tax shall be due "and payable" one year after the decedent's death.

Other changes made in Section 406 and those made in Section 407 are designed to remove the difficulties and uncertainties found in the present law with respect to the question whether the tax can, or "can not be determined" when the return is filed. They also simplify the administration of the law, and should be more readily understood by taxpayers.

A new paragraph has been added to Section 407 which makes provision for those cases wherein the executor files a complete return and makes written application to the commissioner for a determination of the tax and discharge from further personal liability. In such cases the commissioner, "as soon as possible and in any event within one year after receipt of such application," is required to notify the executor of the amount of tax, and, upon payment thereof, the executor is to be relieved from personal liability for any additional tax thereafter found to be due.

Provision also is made that such discharge shall not operate to release the gross estate from the lien of any additional tax "while the title to such gross estate remains in the heirs, devisees, or distributees thereof; but no part of such gross estate shall be subject to such lien or to any claim or demand for any such tax if the title thereto has passed to a bona fide purchaser for value." These added provisions are designed to remove for the future the criticism and complaint often made in the past that delay in the determination of the tax liability has worked hardship and embarrassment, and that the existence of the lien, actual or potential, has hindered, delayed, or prevented a sale of assets of the estate.

Section 408 removes the uncertainties of the corresponding section of the present law by expressly authorizing the collector to proceed to collect the tax "upon instruction from the commissioner," if it be not paid "on or before the due date thereof."

Section 411: This section is new and incorporates a provision similar to Section 252 of the income tax law, but limits the time within which claims for refund may be filed to a period of three years after the payment of an excess amount of tax.

Section 412 clarifies and codifies existing law by including within the provisions of this Act the rule as to the taxation of property of an American

citizen in China, as stated in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriation for the Diplomatic and Consular Service for the fiscal year ending June 30 1921," approved June 4 1920.

TITLE V.—TAX ON TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER FACILITIES.

Section 500 provides for the reduction of the taxes imposed by the Revenue Act of 1918 upon freight, passenger, and Pullman transportation by one-half as of Jan. 1 1922, and such taxes are entirely repealed upon Jan. 1 1923. By Section 503 of the Revenue Act of 1918 taxes were imposed upon the issuance of life insurance policies and upon the premiums paid on other policies. This provision is eliminated from Title V of this Act, and by Section 1400 the provisions of the Revenue Act of 1918 in this regard are repealed as of Jan. 1 1922. The House bill repeals all transportation taxes and the taxes upon issuance of life insurance policies and the premiums of other policies as of Jan. 1 1922.

TITLE VI.—TAX ON SOFT DRINKS AND CONSTITUENT PARTS THEREOF.

Section 600 imposes manufacturers' sales taxes as follows: Two cents per gallon upon cereal beverages; 2 cents per gallon upon unfermented fruit juices intended for consumption as beverages; 2 cents per gallon upon "still" or noncarbonated soft drinks; 10 cents per gallon upon natural or artificial mineral waters; 7½ cents per gallon upon finished or fountain sirups used in manufacturing or mixing soft drinks; and 5 cents per pound upon carbonic-acid gas.

The House bill imposes similar taxes, except that the rate on cereal beverages is 4 cents per gallon, on still drinks is 3 cents per gallon, and upon finished or fountain sirups is 10 cents per gallon. The reduction in the rate on finished or fountain sirups to 7½ cents per gallon is recommended by your Committee in order to equalize the difference in tax between carbonated and noncarbonated beverages which would result if the higher rate were imposed.

By Section 628 of the Revenue Act of 1918 a tax of 15% is imposed upon the manufacturer's selling price on cereal beverages, and a like tax of 10% is imposed upon the manufacturer's selling price of all other soft drinks except natural mineral or table waters, which are taxable at the rate of 2 cents per gallon if sold at over 10 cents per gallon.

By Section 630 of the Revenue Act of 1918 a tax of 1 cent for each 10 cents or fraction thereof of the amount paid to persons conducting soda fountains, ice-cream parlors, etc., for soft drinks, ice cream, ice cream soda, etc., is imposed. This tax has proved very difficult of administration and is widely evaded. Your Committee recommends the repeal of both Sections 628 and 630 of the Revenue Act of 1918 as of Jan. 1 1922. Section 600, above described, is designed to cover this field of taxation by imposing a flat gallon tax, instead of a tax based upon the sale price, upon beverages sold by the manufacturer and imposing a flat gallon tax upon constituent elements of beverages or soft drinks which are compounded or mixed by soda-fountain proprietors and the like.

TITLE VII.—TAX ON CIGARS, TOBACCO AND MANUFACTURERS THEREOF.

This title reenacts without substantial change the provisions of Sections 700, 701, 703, and 704 of the Revenue Act of 1918. Section 702 of that Act is not reenacted. Sections 703 and 704 of the Revenue Act of 1918 therefore become Sections 702 and 703, respectively, of the present bill.

TITLE VIII.—TAX ON ADMISSIONS AND DUES.

Section 800 (a) omits or repeals paragraph 2 of subdivision (a) of Section 800 of the Revenue Act of 1918. This paragraph provides that proprietors of theaters and similar places of amusement shall collect a tax from persons admitted free or at reduced rates upon the basis of the price charged to other persons for the same or similar accommodations furnished to other persons making full payment for admission. The effect of the repeal of this Section will be to abolish the tax in the case of free admissions, and in the case of admissions at a reduced rate to impose the tax on the basis of the amount paid.

Extension of Exemption From Admission Tax.

Section 800 (b) amends subdivision (d) of Section 800 of the Revenue Act of 1918 to extend the exemption from tax to amounts paid for admission, all the proceeds of which inure exclusively to organizations conducted for the purpose of improving any city, town, village, or other municipality, or exclusively to the benefit of persons who have served in the military or naval forces of the United States and are in need. This subdivision also extends the exemption, in the case of admissions to agricultural fairs, to exhibits, entertainments, or other pay features conducted by the fair association as part of such fairs, if the proceeds are used exclusively for the maintenance and operation of such agricultural fairs.

TITLE IX.—EXCISE TAXES.

Section 900 repeals Section 900 of the Revenue Act of 1918 as of Jan. 1 1922. It retains all of the taxable items of Section 900, but reduces the rates of certain of the items, and in one instance increases the rate. The important changes made in Section 900 by the proposed bill are as follows:

The reduction of the tax imposed by subdivision 5 upon sporting goods from 10 to 5%.

The reduction of the tax imposed by subdivision 6 upon chewing gum from 3 to 2%.

The imposition of a 5% tax upon photographic apparatus and accessories in subdivision 8.

The reduction of the tax on candy sold for not more than 40 cents per pound from 5 to 3%. A tax of 10% is imposed on candy selling for more than 40 cents per pound.

The imposition of a new tax of 5% upon office furniture and fittings of mahogany, rosewood, or other imported cabinet woods (except oak).

The important changes proposed by the House bill to Section 900 which are not included in the amendment recommended by your Committee are as follows:

The exemption from the sporting-goods tax of 5% of skates, snowshoes, kis, toboggans, baseball bats, gloves, masks, protectors, shoes and uniforms, football helmets, harness and goals, basket-ball goals and uniforms, baseballs, and footballs.

The repeal of the 5% tax upon portable electric fans.

The reduction of the tax upon articles made of fur from 10 to 5%.

The reduction of the tax imposed upon yachts and motor boats from 10 to 5%.

The repeal of the 3% tax upon toilet soaps and toilet-soap powders.

Manufacturers Doing a Wholesale and Retail Business.

Under existing law a manufacturer of any of the articles taxable under Section 900 of the Revenue Act of 1918 doing a wholesale and retail business is permitted to compute the tax upon his retail sales upon the basis of his wholesale selling prices. The House bill eliminated this provision. The effect of the amendment proposed in the House bill would be to make each manufacturer compute the tax in the case of retail sales upon the amount received by the manufacturer from such sale, and would place manufacturers who have to engage in the retail business in order to place their articles upon the market at a great disadvantage when competing with

manufacturers who are able to sell entirely at wholesale. Your Committee recommends the retention of the present method of computing the tax in the case of retail sales.

Works of Art.

Section 902 of the Revenue Act of 1918 imposed a tax of 10% upon the amount paid upon each sale of sculpture, painting, statuary, art porcelains, and bronzes. The provision exempted, however, sales by the artists and sales to educational institutions and public art museums. The House bill reduced the rate upon the sale of such articles to 5%. Your committee recommends the retention of the 10% imposed under existing law. But it recommends that this provision be modified so that the tax will not apply to sales between dealers.

Luxury Taxes Upon Articles Selling Above a Fixed Price.

Section 904 of the Revenue Act of 1918 imposed a tax of 10% upon the selling price of specified articles selling above a fixed price. This section has been very difficult of administration, and has placed a burden upon retailers disproportionate to the revenue collected. The taxes imposed by this section are regarded as nuisance taxes, and your committee recommends their repeal as of Jan. 1 1922. It is recommended, however, that a tax be imposed upon the manufacturer equivalent to 5% of so much of the amount paid for any of the following articles as is in excess of the price hereinafter specified as to each such article: Carpets in excess of \$4 per square yard; rugs in excess of \$6 per square yard; trunks in excess of \$35 each; valises, traveling bags, suit cases, hat boxes, and fitted cases in excess of \$20 each; purses, pocketbooks, shopping and hand bags in excess of \$5 each; portable lighting fixtures, including lamps of all kinds and lamp shades, in excess of \$10 each; fans in excess of \$1 each.

The taxes imposed by this section are proposed by your committee as a substitute for the manufacturers' taxes proposed by Section 808 of the House bill on similar articles.

Eyeglasses and Spectacles.

Section 905 of the Revenue Act of 1918 imposed a tax of 5% upon all articles made of or ornamented, mounted or fitted with precious metals or imitations thereof. The effect of this provision was to impose a tax upon spectacles and eyeglasses mounted or fitted with precious metals or imitations thereof. The House bill exempted eyeglasses and spectacles from this section, and your committee recommends that this exception be approved.

Tax Upon Hotel Charges.

Section 907 of this bill introduces a new tax of 10% of the amount paid to any hotel by a transient for the use of a room costing more than \$5 per day for one person or more than \$8 per day for more than one person. Suitable provisions are made for suites of rooms and for accommodations furnished on the American plan.

Perfumery, Cosmetics and Medicines.

Section 907 of the Revenue Act of 1918 imposes a retail sales tax upon perfumery, cosmetics, and medicines held out or recommended to the public as remedies or specific for any disease. The House bill repealed this section, the repeal to be effective upon the passage of the Act. Your committee recommends that this section be repealed as of Jan. 1 1922, and that with respect to medicines no substitute tax be adopted. But it recommends that a manufacturer's sales tax of 4% be imposed upon the articles taxable under paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 907 of the Revenue Act of 1918. This paragraph includes perfumes, essences, extracts, toilet waters, cosmetics, petroleum jellies, hair oils, pomades, hair dressings, hair restoratives, hair dyes tooth and mouth washes, dentifrices, tooth pastes, aromatic cachous, toilet powders (other than soap powders), or other similar substance, article, or preparation intended to be used for toilet purposes. In the Senate bill this tax is included as paragraph (22) of subdivision (a) of Section 900.

TITLE X.—SPECIAL TAXES.

Repeal of Capital-Stock Tax.

Section 1000 provides for the repeal of the capital-stock tax imposed by Section 1000 of the Revenue Act of 1918 after June 30 1922.

Computation of Tobacco Manufacturers' Special Tax.

Section 1001: Following the past policy of the United States in exempting from tax sales for export, your committee recommends an amendment, included as the last paragraph of Section 1001, to provide that in computing the special tax upon manufacturers of tobacco products export sales of such products shall not be included.

Tax Upon the Use of Yachts and Motor Boats.

Section 1002: The House bill excepted from special tax upon the use of yachts and motor boats on and after Jan. 1 1922, yachts and boats of not over 5 net tons and not over 32 feet in length. Your committee recommends that the exemption proposed be agreed to; that the amendment providing that the exemption shall become effective after June 30 1922.

TITLE XI.—STAMP TAXES.

Policies of Guaranty and Fidelity Insurance.

Schedule A, in subdivision 2, contains a proviso imposing a tax of 1% upon the premium charged for the issuance, execution, renewal, or continuance of indemnity and surety bonds, including policies of guaranty and fidelity insurance. The House bill struck out this proviso, the effect being to impose a documentary tax of 50 cents upon each such policy, which would in many cases result in an increase over the tax measured by the premium. Your committee recommends that the House amendment be not agreed to.

Stamp Tax on Transfer of No Par Value Stock.

Subdivision 4 of schedule A of Title XI of the Revenue Act of 1918 imposes a tax of 2 cents on the transfer or sale or agreement to sell each share of no par value stock, but provides that where the actual or market value of such no par value stock exceeds \$100 per share, the tax shall be 2 cents on each \$100 of actual value or fraction thereof. This provision of law is hard to administer owing to the difficulty of checking the valuation of such stock, which in many cases is not sold regularly on the market. In the interests of simplification your Committee recommends that the tax shall in every such case be 2 cents per share irrespective of the actual value of the stock.

In order to avoid double or multiple taxation, it is also provided in paragraph 4 that the stamp tax on the transfer of certificates of stock shall not apply "upon mere loans of stock nor upon the return of stock so loaned."

TITLE XIII. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.

Method of Collecting Tax.

Section 1301 takes the place of Section 1307 of the Revenue Act of 1918, and extends the authority of the Commissioner in the case of all taxes other than income, excess profits, war profits, and estate, to collect the same by stamp, coupon, or serial-number ticket. The prior laws permitted the Commissioner to prescribe the manner of collection only in the case where the manner was not provided by law.

Unnecessary Examinations.

Section 1309 is designed to meet the complaint of taxpayers that they are subjected to onerous and unnecessarily frequent examinations and investigations by revenue agents. This Section provides that no taxpayer shall be subjected to unnecessary examinations or investigations, and only one inspection of the taxpayer's books of account shall be made for each taxable year, unless the taxpayer requests otherwise or unless the Commissioner, after investigation, notifies the taxpayer, in writing, that an additional inspection is necessary.

Final Determination of Taxes.

Section 1317 authorizes the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury and with the consent of the taxpayer, to reach a final settlement in tax cases which shall not be reopened or modified by any officer, employee, or agent of the United States, and which shall not be annulled or set aside by any court of the United States.

Under the present method of procedure a taxpayer never knows when he is through, as a tax case may be opened at any time because of a change in ruling by the Treasury Department. It is believed that this provision will tend to promote expedition in the handling of tax cases and certainty in tax adjustment. Your Committee, therefore, recommends its adoption.

Interpretative Regulations or Treasury Decisions Not to be Retroactive.

Section 1314 of the proposed bill authorizes the Commissioner, with the approval of the Secretary, to provide in making a regulation or Treasury decision which reverses a prior regulation or Treasury decision (if it is not immediately occasioned by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction) that the new regulation or Treasury decision may be applied without retroactive effect.

Refunds.

Section 1316 amends section 3228 of the Revised Statutes in order to provide that a taxpayer must present a claim for the refund of taxes within four years (instead of two years) after the payment of the tax. (See discussion under Sec. 250, Title II.)

Limitations Upon Suits and Prosecutions.

Section 1318 amends Section 3226 of the Revised Statutes in order to provide as set forth under Section 250, Title II, that no suit for the recovery of any internal-revenue tax may be begun after the expiration of five years from the date of the payment of such tax. At present the provisions of Section 3227, which state that suit must be brought within two years after the cause of action accrued, do not provide a definite time and make the limitations depend upon the filing of a claim for refund rather than on the payment of the tax.

Section 1319 repeals Section 3227 of the Revised Statutes because of the reasoning above.

Section 1320 prevents the bringing of any suit or proceeding by the Government in any court for the collection of internal-revenue taxes after the expiration of five years from the time such tax was due, except in the case of fraud or a willful attempt to defeat or evade tax. (See Sec. 250, Title II.)

Section 1321 amends the Act which prescribes limitations upon prosecutions of misdemeanors in internal-revenue cases and extends the period from two to three years.

Assessments.

Section 132 extends the period in which internal taxes (other than income and profits taxes) may be assessed to four years. This corresponds to the extension of time given to the taxpayer in which to file claim for refund.

Interest on Refunds.

Section 1324 makes an important change from existing law in providing that interest shall be paid on the overpayment of taxes at the rate of 6% a year as follows:

(1) If such amount was paid under a specific protest, from the time when the tax was paid, or (2) if such amount was not paid under protest but pursuant to an additional assessment, from the time such additional assessment was paid, or (3) if no protest was made and the tax was not paid pursuant to an additional assessment, from six months after the date of filing of such claim. This provision is inserted for the purpose of expediting the refund of taxes and compelling the Government, in the event that such refund is unnecessarily delayed, to pay interest at the ordinary rate.

Tax Simplification Board.

Section 1327 provides for the establishment of a tax simplification board to investigate the procedure of and the forms used by the Internal Revenue Bureau and to make recommendations in respect to the simplification thereof. The members of the board are to serve without compensation and the board will cease to exist on Dec. 31 1924.

Liberty Bond Tax Exemptions.

Section 1328 provides for the simplification of the Liberty bond tax exemptions. The exemptions from income surtaxes authorized by the several Liberty bond acts are highly complex and responsible for perhaps the most intricate schedule of the income-tax return which the individual taxpayer is required to fill out. This section proposes to grant taxpayers an exemption for graduated additional income taxes and excess profits and war-profits taxes until the expiration of two years after the date of the termination of the war between the United States and the German Government, as fixed by proclamation by the President, on \$125,000 aggregate principal amount and for three years more on \$50,000 aggregate principal amount of the 4% and 4½% Liberty bonds.

The Secretary of the Treasury, at page 99 of his annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30 1919, made the following statement relative to the provision included in this section:

The only objection to these simplified arrangements which occurs to the Treasury is that they may confer upon holders of bonds who did not subscribe or hold bonds or notes as required by the Acts of Congress, certain exemptions from taxation which were conferred upon original subscribers. On the other hand, they take away no right which any holder has, and in so far as they confer rights upon those not now holders they will in the end benefit original subscribers who are still holders by improving the market value of their bonds or notes. It is impossible to present any accurate calculation of the consequences to the Treasury of the amendments of the law proposed. I do not hesitate, however, to express my confident judgment that the loss in revenue will be relatively slight and that the gain to the Treasury which will result from the increased attractiveness of the taxable issues of the Liberty loans and the consequent benefit to the Government's credit, as well as the simplicity of administration, will amply compensate the Treasury for that slight loss.

Report of Entry of Petition in Bankruptcy.

Section 1016 of the House bill amended Section 3466 of the Revised Statutes to require the clerk of the district court to give the Commissioner of Internal Revenue notice of entry of all petitions in bankruptcy. The Attorney General is of the opinion that this provision places an undue amount of work upon the clerks of the district courts, who are already overburdened with work, and therefore your committee recommends that this provision be not agreed to.

Consolidated Returns for Year 1917.

Section 1331 provides for the validation of the consolidated return regulations under the Revenue Act of 1917. For the year 1917 affiliated corporations were permitted or required to make consolidated returns for the purposes of the excess-profits tax. Owing to the equivocal language in the Revenue Act of 1917 some doubt exists concerning the legality of this procedure. In order to set all doubts at rest, it is deemed advisable to validate the practice of the Treasury Department under the Revenue Act of 1917. Such validation is particularly necessary, as the taxation of the largest corporations is determined upon the basis of the consolidated return.

Alternative Tax on Personal-Service Corporations.

Section 1332 provides that in case the present method of taxing personal-service corporations (i. e., on the same basis as partnerships) is declared unconstitutional such corporations shall be taxed for the years 1918 to 1921, inclusive, upon the same basis as other corporations. The shareholders who during such years have paid taxes upon their distributive shares would be entitled to refunds for the taxes so paid. Provision is made that such taxes paid by the shareholders may, under a written agreement, be credited against the taxes due from the corporation; that if no stockholder files a claim for refund within a period of six months the taxes paid in the past by the shareholders shall be deemed to be in lieu of the tax imposed by this section; and that if claims for refund are filed within six months representing less than 30% of the outstanding stock or shares in the corporation the tax imposed by this section shall be reduced to that proportion thereof which the number of shares owned by the shareholders making such claims bears to the total number of shares outstanding.

This section is deemed advisable because the stock-dividend decision has cast doubt upon the constitutionality of the provisions of the Revenue Act which treat personal-service corporations substantially as partnerships.

TITLE XIV.—GENERAL PROVISIONS.*Increase in Note Authorization.*

Section 1401 authorizes the Treasury Department to have outstanding at any one time \$7,500,000,000 of notes (as distinguished from certificate or long-time bonds) in place of \$7,000,000,000 of such notes in the aggregate authorized by existing law. The authorized amount is thus increased from \$7,000,000,000 to \$7,500,000,000 and the Treasury would, under the suggested provision, be permitted to have the larger amount outstanding at any one time. This change in the law is not for the purpose of covering by borrowing any deficiency in the total tax revenue raised by this bill. The amount authorized, \$7,500,000,000, is approximately the amount of short-time debt now outstanding which, according to the plans already announced by the Treasury, is to be distributed into more convenient maturities.

The authority conferred by the bill is similar to that already committed to the Secretary of the Treasury as to certificates of indebtedness maturing in one year or less. The Secretary is, under existing law, authorized to issue and have outstanding at any one time an aggregate of \$10,000,000,000 in short-time certificates of indebtedness, of which at the present time about \$2,750,000,000 are outstanding. This increase in authorization as to notes maturing in from one to five years is necessary to enable it to transfer, before May 20 1923, as much of its short-time debt now outstanding as possible into notes of maturity of not more than five years.

PRESIDENT HARDING'S CONFERENCE ON UNEMPLOYMENT MEETS.

The conference called by President Harding to consider ways and means of relieving the unemployment situation met in Washington on Monday, Sept. 26, as scheduled. After hearing addresses by the President and Secretary of Commerce Hoover, the conference was organized and divided up into 12 sub-committees to deal with various phases of the unemployment problem as it affects different industries—transportation, construction, mining, shipping, &c. The conference resumed its work on Sept 30.

Two sessions were held on the 26th. Under the leadership of Secretary Hoover, a Washington correspondent of one of the New York papers said the conference moved with the smoothness of a well-oiled machine. Scarcely 40 minutes according to this correspondent, was taken up by the morning session. He added:

It was the subject of comment that pessimism had no place in the deliberations, and one delegate was heard to remark that it was a "conference of reassurance" as well as a conference on unemployment.

In his address opening the conference in the Department of Interior, President Harding pointed out that, "owing to the far swing from intensive endeavor and the effort to get down to solid foundations, coupled with the difficulty of readjusting expenditure—public, corporate and individual, from abnormal to normal—the problem of unemployment is the most difficult with which we are confronted." But, he added "there are no problems affecting our National life and the welfare of the American people which we cannot and will not solve." Indicating strong opposition to public doles, the President said: "I would have little enthusiasm for any proposed relief which seeks either palliation or tonic from the public treasury. The excess of stimulation from that source is to be reckoned a cause of trouble rather than a source of cure. We should achieve but little in a remedial way if we continued to excite a contributing cause."

Secretary Hoover, the only other speaker, emphasized the same point. The country, he said, was on the up-grade but economic progress could not, under any expectation, come with sufficient rapidity to itself handle the situation. In other countries that have been primarily affected by the war, he added, solution has been had by direct doles to individuals by their governments. We have so far escaped this most vicious of solutions and I am hopeful, and I believe

you will be, that it is within the intelligence and initiative of our people that we may find remedies against hardship and bitterness that do not—except in exceptional cases—come within the range of charity.

Following his address Mr. Hoover selected a permanent committee on organization headed by H. N. Robinson, President of the Los Angeles Trust Co., which was instructed to select sub-committees. Mr. Hoover announced that with the approval of the Organization Committee Secretary of Labor Davis and himself would be ex-officio members of all committees, and that every resource of the Government for obtaining information would be at the disposal of the special committees. The conference brought together representatives of many industries and activities which are dependent on one another. Labor is represented on all of the committees. Samuel Gompers was appointed to only one committee, that on emergency measures by manufacturers, but it was said to be the thought of this committee that the workers will be principally interested in its work.

The following statement was issued on Sept. 26, after the first day's sessions, in behalf of Secretary Hoover:

The initial efforts of the conference are being directed to meeting the emergency needs of the unemployment situation. Simultaneously with this an exhaustive study will be made in order to bring out the exact facts concerning unemployment. Estimates of the number of unemployed vary from 3,000,000 to 5,500,000, and it is felt that reliable data as to the extent geographical distribution and industrial distribution, is imperative before relief measures can be put into effect.

To accomplish the immediate meeting of the emergency in the shortest possible time, the conference has been organized into twelve small committees. Each committee is particularly equipped to handle the subject assigned to it, is small enough to operate with speed. Each of these committees will originate, study and recommend practical measures for meeting the emergency.

After the emergency measures and the collection of statistics are completed the conference will be regrouped into committees whose function will be to recommend permanent measures by which unemployment can be held at a minimum.

Public hearings will be held every day for the next week at the same time that the work of the small, specialized committees is progressing. These hearings will undoubtedly result in a clear sizing up of the unemployment situation as it exists. It may throw an interesting light on the accuracy of previously accepted estimates.

The first public hearing will be held Tuesday (to-morrow) morning at 10 o'clock on the statistics of unemployment. F. I. Jones of the Employment Service, Ethelbert Stuart of the Bureau of Labor Statistics and other witnesses will be examined. A number of witnesses have wired to the department urging that they be heard. Among them is Harry D. Jacobs, President of the ex-Service Men's Employment Bureau, who will present the picture of unemployment as it affects the ex-service men.

President Harding's opening address to the conference was as follows:

It is a pleasure to express to you in advance of your labors, the gratitude of the Government for your service to the nation. Perhaps it is not too much to say a service for the world. Not so very long since I was receiving the call of a distinguished foreigner, and in the course of our conversation he alluded to the conference which is met this morning, and said:

"Mr. President, our people are deeply interested in the American conference on unemployment because our problem is akin to your own, and your relief in the United States will be an added signal of hope from America to us and other peoples who are like depressed."

That remark of a distinguished foreigner emphasized our responsibility. If it be true that no citizen is without example to some one among his fellows, which I believe to be everlastingly true, then nations, great and small, are influencing others in all they do.

You are invited together to consider a condition which is in nowise peculiar to the United States. The in us: depression which we are feeling is a war inheritance throughout the world. We saw humanity stressed in that production which is impelled by nations desperate in self-preservation. We saw the industrial call to arms which marshalled the family as we see the accustomed bread-winners, and we saw the spiritual, mental and physical might of the people cast in the scales measuring the might of the Republic. From such a test there is inevitable reaction. To such heights there is necessary ascent and inescapable descent. With the world involved, there is no escape for any of the world from the valleys of depression. Though we suffered less than many of those with whom we were associated, and less than any of those against whom we contended, it was inevitable that we should experience the fever's aftermath and come to know depression before we could become normal again.

Liquidation, reorganization, readjustment, re-establishment, taking account of things done and the sober contemplation of things to be done, the finding of firm ground and the open, sure and onward way—all these are a part of the inevitable, and he who thinks they might have been avoided by this plan or that, or this policy or that, or this international relationship or that, only hugs a delusion when reason is needed for a safe council.

Even though the world's storehouses were depleted at the same time the finances were unbalanced and none was ready to store a war crop for the more deliberate consumption of peace, momentarily there was elation, but it was not the glow of abiding health. We mistook elation for restoration. To-day we are met in realization. You have been summoned to counsel all America, to apply your knowledge and your experience in relieving a condition which concerns all America. Specifically, you are to deal with unemployment, to suggest the way of repairing the arterial circulation which is the very life-blood of the Republic.

There is always unemployment. Under most fortunate conditions, I am told, there are a million and a half in the United States who are not at work. The figures are astounding only because we are a hundred million and this parasite percentage is always with us.

But there is excessive unemployment to-day, and we are concerned not alone about its diminution, but we are frankly anxious under the involved conditions, lest it grow worse, with hardships of the winter season soon to be met.

I do not venture to quote the statisticians, whether the maximum figures are accurate or the minimum more dependable. Owing to the far swing from intensive endeavor and the effort to get down to solid foundations, coupled with the difficulty of readjusting expenditure—public, corporate

and individual, from abnormal to normal—the problem of unemployment is the most difficult with which we are confronted.

But there are no problems affecting our national life and the welfare of the American people which we cannot and will not solve. If we fail to-day, we will try again to-morrow. There has been vast unemployment before, and will be again. There will be depression after inflation, just as surely as the tides ebb and flow, but we can mitigate, we can shorten duration, we can commit all America to relief. And all America has never failed when committed to a common cause. If out of your councils there comes a remedy which all America helpfully may apply to-day, it may be helpfully employed some time again when similar conditions are encountered.

It is fair to say that you are not asked to solve the long controverted problems of our social system. We have builded the America of to-day on the fundamentals of economic, industrial and political life which made us what we are, and the temple requires no remaking now. We are incontestably sound. We are constitutionally strong. We are merely depressed after the fever, and we want to know the way to speediest and dependable convalescence. When we know the way, everybody in America, capital and labor, employer and employee, captains of industry and the privates in the trenches will go over the top in the advance drive of peace. Frankly, it is difficult to know whether we have reached that bedrock to which reaction runs before the upward course begins, but here are representatives of the forces which make for all we are or ever can be and your soundings ought to be reliable.

I would have little enthusiasm for any proposed relief which seeks either palliation or tonic from the public treasury. The excess of stimulation from that source is to be reckoned a cause of trouble rather than a source of cure. We should achieve but little in a remedial way if we continued to excite a contributing cause.

It is not my thought to suggest your lines of conference. Mr. Hoover, the Secretary of Commerce, to whom has been committed the arrangements for this important meeting, will present the agenda. I have wished to say to you that the people of the United States are very deeply interested, not alone the unemployed, but all who are concerned for our common weal, and the world is looking on to find helpfulness in our American example. Fundamentally sound, financially strong, industrially unimpaired, commercially consistent and politically unafraid, there ought to be work for everybody in the United States who chooses to work, and our condition at home and our place in the world depend on everybody going to work and pursuing it with that patriotism and devotion which makes for a fortunate and happy people.

Secretary Hoover, following the President, said in part:

In calling this conference the President has hoped to mobilize the sense of service in our people for the solution of a problem that not only commands our sympathies, but is of primary necessity to public welfare.

There can be no question that we are on the upgrade, but economic progress cannot, under any expectation, come with sufficient rapidity to prevent much unemployment over the forthcoming winter.

Great numbers will have exhausted their savings and must be subjects of great concern to the entire public. It is the duty of this conference to find definite and organized remedy for this emergency and I hope also that you may be able to outline for public consideration such plans as will in the long view tend to mitigate its recurrence.

We need first a determination of the volume and distribution of unemployment. We need a determination of what emergency measures should be undertaken to provide employment and to mitigate the suffering that may arise during the next winter, and the method of organization for their application.

We need a consideration and a statement of what measures must be taken to restore our commerce and employment to normal, or to put it in another way, what obstacles need to be removed to promote business recovery—the only real and lasting remedy for unemployment is employment.

The remedies for these matters must, in the latest degree, lie outside of the range of legislation. The Administration has felt that a large degree of solution could be expected through the mobilization of the fine co-operative action of our manufacturers and employers, of our public bodies and local authorities, and that if solution could be found in these directions we would have accomplished even more than the care of our unemployed: that we will have again demonstrated that independence and ability of action among our own people that saves our Government from that ultimate paternalism that will undermine our whole political system.

What our people wish is the opportunity to earn their daily bread, and surely in a country with its warehouses bursting with surpluses of food, of clothing, with its mines capable of indefinite production of fuel, with sufficient housing for comfort and health, we possess the intelligence to find solution. Without it our whole system is open to serious charges of failure.

It is my belief that in the intelligence and influence which you command we shall be able to lay out a program by which, in great measure, these things can be accomplished. It is neither the desire nor in the power of the Federal Government to enforce such a program.

This crisis in some respects is fraught with hardships quite as grave as those which confronted the country during the period of its participation in the Great War.

In accordance with a resolution passed by the conferees Mr. Hoover named the following permanent committee to prepare the conference program, select committees, and assign to them various phases of the unemployment problem:

James Couzens, Mayor of Detroit; Ida M. Tarbell, New York; Thomas V. O'Connor, President of the Longshoremen's Union, Buffalo; Charles M. Schwab, New York; C. H. Markham, Chicago, President of the Illinois Central RR.; Matthew Woll, Chicago, Vice-President of the American Federation of Labor; Samuel McCune Lindsay, New York, Professor of Social Legislation, Columbia University; Julius H. Barnes, Duluth, Minn.; Clarence Mott Woolley, Detroit, President of the American Radiator Co.; Harry S. Robinson, Los Angeles, former member of the United States Shipping Board.

The sub-committees announced by Mr. Robinson on Sept. 26 were as follows:

Unemployment Statistics.—James A. Campbell, Mayor James Couzens, C. R. Markham, Henry N. Robinson, Miss Mary Van Kleeck, Matthew Woll, Clarence Mott Woolley, W. L. Burdick, Carroll W. Doten, Allen A. Young, Walter F. Wilcox, Leo Wolman, Allyn A. Young; Executive Secretary, T. W. Mitchell.

Unemployment Agencies and Registration.—Julius H. Barnes, Elizabeth Christman, Bird S. Coler, Joseph H. De Fries, Mortimer Fleischacker, Clarence J. Hicks, Jackson Johnson, William M. Leiserson, M. F. Tighe, Henry S. Dennison, George E. Barnett, Bailey B. Burritt, Sam A. Lewisohn, Henry R. Seager.

Emergency State and Municipal Measures and Public Works.—Charles M. Babcock, Bird S. Coler, Mayor James Couzens, Bascom Little, Mayor Andrew J. Peters, Ida M. Tarbell, Matthew Woll, Colonel Arthur Woods,

Evans Woolen, Henry S. Dennison, Edwin F. Gay, Otto T. Mallory, Edward R. A. Seligman; Executive Secretary, Otto T. Mallory.

Emergency Measures by Manufacturers—William M. Butler, James A. Campbell, Mrs. Sarah Conboy, John E. Edgerton, Samuel Gompers, Clarence J. Hicks, A. L. Humphrey, Jackson Johnson, W. C. Procter, Charles M. Schwab, W. H. Stackhouse, J. A. Penton, R. M. Dickerson, Henry S. Dennison, Sanford E. Thompson, William S. Rossiter, E. S. Bradford; Executive Secretary, Gordon Lee.

Emergency Measures in Transportation—W. S. Carter, Edgar E. Clark, C. H. Markham, Raymond A. Pearson, Davis R. Dewey, Clyde L. King, J. H. Parmelee; Executive Secretary, Charles P. Neill.

Emergency Measures in Construction—Winslow B. Ayer, John Donlin, John H. Kirby, Bascom Little, Richard C. Marshall, Jr., Ernest T. Trigg, Sanford E. Thompson; Executive Secretary, John M. Gries.

Emergency Measures in Mining—John T. Connery, W. K. Field, John L. Lewis, J. Moore, James B. Neal, E. M. Posten, John D. Ryan, Miss Mary Van Kleeck, John P. White, Samuel A. Lewisohn; Executive Secretary, David L. Wing.

Emergency Measures in Shipping—James F. Gibson, Thomas V. O'Connor, Charles M. Schwab, Carroll W. Doten; Executive Secretaries, E. S. Gregg and R. A. Lundquist.

Public Hearings—S. McCune Lindsay; Executive Secretary, John B. Andrews.

ARBITRATION OF PRINTERS' WAGE DEMANDS.

The arbitration of the wage demands of printers was agreed to on Sept. 28 by the Conference Committee of the New York Employing Printers' Association and the officers of the International Typographical Union, and the latter will advise the local, Typographical Union No. 6, to this effect at the meeting of the "Big Six" to be held to-morrow (Oct. 2). Under the agreement the present wage basis of \$50 a week will be continued in effect until Dec. 1. The agreement providing for this scale expired Oct. 1; the printers have demanded an increase of \$5 a week, while the Employing Printers' Association has insisted upon a reduction of \$10 a week. The award of the arbitrators will be made effective as of Dec. 1. The National Publishers' Association, which has insisted upon the arbitration of the wage scale, recently made known its intention to declare for the open shop unless such arbitration was agreed to by Oct. 1. Its resolution, adopted Sept. 20, says:

Whereas, the existing contract between the New York Employing Printers' Association and Typographical Union No. 6, establishing a wage scale, expires Oct. 1 1921; and

Whereas, Typographical Union No. 6 has failed to accept the offer of the New York Employing Printers' Association to arbitrate the wage scale, and by its attitude of procrastination is repudiating the very principle of arbitration for which it has always contended; and

Whereas, the attitude of this association, as expressed in its resolutions adopted July 27, remains unchanged; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we earnestly request the New York Employing Printers' Association (1) to carry out, in letter and spirit, contracts now in existence with the printing crafts employed; (2) to notify Typographical Union No. 6 that unless they consent to arbitration of the wage scale effective Oct. 1 1921, the New York Employing Printers' Association will on that date declare for the open shop in their composing rooms; and be it further

Resolved, that in the event of the declaration of the open shop, we, the members of the National Publishers' Association, pledge our loyal and unqualified support to the New York Employing Printers' Association.

SECRETARY WALLACE ON PURPOSES OF BILL REGULATING PACKING INDUSTRY—EXTENSION OF FOREIGN MARKETS.

The bill regulating the packing industry, and what the new legislation was intended to accomplish was dealt with in an address by Henry C. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, in an address before the Convention of the Institute of American Meat Packers at Chicago on Aug. 9. The bill, as we reported in our issue of Aug. 20, page 814, became a law with its approval by President Harding on Aug. 15. Stating that his Department would very soon apparently "be brought into much closer relation with the marketing, packing and distributing end of the industry and charged with much larger responsibilities than heretofore," Secretary Wallace continued:

The bill designed to bring the stockyards, the commission merchants, and the packers under Government supervision through the Department of Agriculture passed the Senate last week and is expected to pass the House at an early date.

This bill, so far as it relates to the packing industry, covers the buying of live stock in inter-State or foreign commerce for slaughter, manufacture of edible products of such live stock for sale or shipment in inter-State or foreign commerce, or manufacture of inedible products from live stock, and marketing of both edible and inedible products of live stock, as well as dairy products, poultry, poultry products and eggs, but does not apply to the latter unless the handling of such dairy and poultry products is associated with the business of buying and slaughtering live stock. The bill includes not only the actual shipment in inter-State commerce, but also any transaction having in prospect the ultimate shipment in inter-State or foreign commerce.

Packers are prohibited from any unfair, unjustly discriminatory or deceptive practice or device; or from making or giving undue or unreasonable preference or advantage to any person or locality; or from apportioning the supply of any article between them, where the tendency or effect of such apportionment would restrain commerce or create a monopoly; or from dealing with any person for the purpose, or with the effect, of manipulating or controlling prices or of creating a monopoly or of restraining commerce; or from engaging in any course of business for the purpose, or with the effect, of manipulating or controlling prices or of creating a monopoly in buying,

selling or dealing in any article, or restraining commerce; or from conspiring combining, agreeing or arranging with any other person to apportion territory or purchases or sales or to manipulate or control prices, or from aiding or abetting the doing of any of the foregoing acts. Apparently, the prohibition against the apportionment of territory, purchases or sales is absolute whether or not it might create or have a tendency to create a monopoly or restrain commerce.

The duty is imposed upon the Secretary of Agriculture to order the packer to discontinue any of the acts forbidden if, after hearing, he shall find the packer is guilty of such acts. Testimony taken at the hearing must be taken down and filed in the Department of Agriculture. The packer may within thirty days petition the Circuit Court of Appeals in the circuit in which the packer has his principal place of business to set aside or modify the Secretary's order. If he does file such a petition, the Secretary must file in the Court a full transcript of the record. The Court then may, on application of the Secretary, issue a temporary injunction restraining the packer from violating the order until the case is determined. The Court may order additional testimony taken by the Secretary if that is necessary, and may affirm, modify or set aside the Secretary's order. If the Court affirms the order, its decree operates as an injunction against the packer. Either the packer or the Secretary may carry the case to the Supreme Court of the United States.

The bill safeguards the packer against criminal prosecution until he has been cited to a hearing, has been given an opportunity to be heard, has been found to be guilty, and has been ordered to discontinue the illegal act, and he may then appeal to the courts. In other words, the offense for which the packer may be criminally punished is that of failing to comply with the Secretary's order after he has exhausted his rights of appeal and has been denied relief.

Packers are required to keep such accounts, records and memoranda as will fully and correctly disclose all transactions in their business, including the ownership of such business by stockholding or otherwise. If it is found that these accounts do not fully and correctly disclose such transactions, the Secretary is authorized to prescribe the manner and form in which they may be kept. Failure to keep such accounts as prescribed subjects the packer to fine or imprisonment, or both.

The powers of investigation of the organization, business, conduct, practices and management conferred upon the Federal Trade Commission are conferred upon the Secretary of Agriculture with respect to packers, and all of the duties and obligations imposed by that Act upon any corporation being investigated by the Commission are imposed upon a packer who may be under investigation by the Secretary of Agriculture. Hereafter the Federal Trade Commission, except with respect to any complaint which may have been filed by the Commission prior to the enactment of the bill, will exercise none of these investigational powers unless asked to do so by the Secretary.

Nothing in the bill shall be construed to prevent or interfere with the enforcement of the anti-trust laws, or with any investigation pending at the time the bill becomes effective, or with the power of jurisdiction of the Inter-State Commerce Commission which it may have under existing law.

The Secretary of Agriculture is vested with the power to make such rules, regulations and orders as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the bill.

This is the essence of the bill, so far as it relates to the packers. It applies also to stockyards and commission merchants.

The stockyard is defined as any place, establishment or facility commonly known as stockyards, conducted or operated for compensation or profit as a public market, but stockyards of less than 20,000 square feet, exclusive of runs, alleys and passageways, are excluded.

A stockyard owner is defined as a person engaged in the business of conducting or operating a stockyard.

A market agency is defined as a person engaged in the business of buying or selling live stock at a stockyard on a commission basis, and a person furnishing such yard privileges.

A dealer is defined as a person, not comprehended within the definition of a market agency, who is engaged in the business of buying or selling live stock at a stockyard, either on his own account or as the employee or agent of the seller or buyer.

The bill includes not only transactions with respect to services rendered in interstate commerce, but any transaction having in prospect the ultimate transportation in inter-State commerce.

The Secretary must give public notice of the bringing of stockyards under the provisions of the bill. Commission merchants, persons furnishing stockyard services, and dealers at yards coming within the Act must register with the Secretary their names, addresses and character of business, and must establish, observe and enforce just, reasonable, and non-discriminatory regulations and practices, and furnish services at just, reasonable and non-discriminatory rates, and file with the Secretary and print and keep open to public inspection schedules of their rates and charges and any rule or regulation which in any manner may affect or determine any part of the aggregate of such rates or charges. They are forbidden to charge, demand or collect a greater or less rate or charge than is specified in the schedules filed and in effect at the time the services are rendered, and must not extend to any person any services except those specified in the schedules. Cooperative associations of producers, however, may return to their members, on a patronage basis, their excess earnings on their live-stock transactions. No changes can be made in the rates or charges except upon notice to the Secretary and to the public, and then only under the supervision of the Secretary after hearing.

Failure to comply with the requirements and regulations or orders of the Secretary subject the offender to civil and criminal penalties and in addition are subject to a proceeding for damages by the person injured thereby. Dealers who violate any of the requirements applicable to them are subject to similar proceedings for damages. Such proceedings are enforced either by complaint to the Secretary or by suit in any district court, and any award made by the Secretary in such proceedings is made the basis of a suit in court.

If, after hearing or independently, the Secretary is of the opinion that any rate, charge, regulation or practice of a stockyard owner, commission merchant or person furnishing stockyard services is or will be unjust, unreasonable or discriminatory, he may determine and prescribe just and reasonable rates or charges and make appropriate orders to enforce them.

Whenever the Secretary, upon his own initiative or upon complaint of any person, including a stockyard owner, live stock commission merchant, or person furnishing stockyard services, after hearing finds that any rate, charge, regulation or practice causes any undue or unreasonable advantage, prejudice or preference between commerce wholly within the State and inter-State or foreign commerce, or causes any undue, unjust or unreasonable discrimination against inter-State or foreign commerce, he is required to prescribe the rate, charge, regulation or practice thereafter to be observed, to the end that such advantage, preference or discrimination be removed, any law, decision or order of any State or State authority to the contrary notwithstanding.

Stockyard owners, live stock commission merchants and others are forbidden to engage in any unfair, unjustly discriminatory or deceptive prac-

tice or device in connection with the receiving, marketing, buying or selling on a commission basis or otherwise, feeding, watering, holding, delivering, shipping, weighing or handling live stock, and the Secretary is authorized, after hearing, to order the discontinuance of any such practice or device.

Persons who knowingly fail to obey the orders of the Secretary are subject to suit by the United States for the recovery of \$500 for each offense, and obedience to the orders shall also be enforced by injunction or other mandatory process of a court of equity. The orders of the Secretary are subject to judicial review.

As with the packers, stockyard owners, commission merchants and others are required to keep such accounts as will disclose all of their transactions, including the ownership of such business. If such accounts do not fully disclose such transactions, the Secretary is authorized to prescribe the manner and form in which they will be kept.

The powers of investigation heretofore exercised by the Federal Trade Commission with respect to stockyard owners, commission merchants and others mentioned are conferred upon the Secretary of Agriculture. Hereafter the Federal Trade Commission will exercise none of these investigational powers except upon the request of the Secretary.

Mr. Wallace said there was no need to speak of the reasons which led Congress to enact this law. He knew that most of the packers had not favored it and felt that, while neither government ownership, operation nor control was contemplated, it would nevertheless be an unwarranted interference with private business. He thought he could understand their feelings in the matter and their very natural apprehension concerning the manner in which it will be administered. The power placed in the hands of the supervising agency is very great and could be used to cause much annoyance and unnecessary expense to those who come under the law. He was all the more conscious of this because for the time being he happened to be the one who is charged with this responsibility. He then went on as follows:

Therefore I wish to make it perfectly clear that without prejudice of any kind my whole effort will be to administer this law in a constructive way and with the purpose of promoting the live stock and meat industry and safeguarding the legitimate interests of every one connected with it. There will be no arbitrary or offensive exercise of power. There will be no interference with the free operation of legitimate business nor imposition of burdensome and unnecessary rules and regulations. Discretionary powers will be used fairly and with due regard to all concerned. I assume to start with that it will be the intention of every one to observe the law and refrain from practices which may be forbidden. I shall expect to counsel freely with all interested parties in setting up the administrative machinery and making the necessary rules. I shall approach you with the feeling that you will act in openness of mind and good faith in the whole business, and shall hope that you will grant to me what I so freely yield to you. No matter who may be Secretary of Agriculture, I hope and believe that the relations between him and the people who are in the live stock and meat industry will be of the helpful, co-operative sort. That there may be difference of opinion at times is to be expected, but when the heart is right such differences can be adjusted without that bickering and recrimination which impairs public confidence and is so distressing to the right-thinking man.

With reference to plans the department is now making with the hope of extending our foreign markets for meat and meat products, Secretary Wallace said:

Among the appropriations made available July 1 was one for not less than \$50,000 to be used in foreign market work. The department has recently arranged to send to Europe a man who has already had considerable experience in charge of the export branch of one of the independent packing companies, and who has had more than two years' actual residence as its selling agent in northern Europe. His mission will be to make a thorough investigation of present and prospective foreign markets for American meat and dairy products. He will inquire into European production, stocks, imports, exports, demand and the factors affecting or influencing trade in American meat and dairy products. He will be expected to arrange for the prompt and regular flow of information from the principal market centres of Europe to the department in Washington, from which it will be transmitted to interested parties. His headquarters will be in London, but from time to time he will visit the important trading centres of northern and central Europe, personally interviewing men informed as to the meat trade and arranging for trustworthy reports from local representatives. In this work the department will hope for the hearty co-operation of all meat packers who have foreign connections and will strive to serve all who have or wish to make such connections.

In addition to this special agent for meat and dairy products, the department has retained Professor George F. Warren of Cornell University, who is giving special study to the extension of our foreign trade in all agricultural products. Dr. Warren will visit the principal countries of Europe during the fall and winter months, making a study of sources of information and of market conditions.

In this foreign market work the department has the assurance of complete co-operation from the Department of Commerce both in collecting information and for special investigations. One of the duties of both Dr. Warren and Mr. Squire while abroad will be to form personal contacts with the commercial attaches and with all American agencies to the end that there may be complete co-operation.

While doing everything possible to extend foreign markets for all farm products, the department realizes the special importance of extending our export trade in meat and dairy products, because these products afford the best outlet for marketing our surplus grain and forage, and a free outlet for our surplus will make it much easier to maintain our live stock industry on a sound basis.

TEXT OF THE MEAT PACKERS BILL—KNOWN AS MEAT PACKERS AND STOCKYARDS ACT OF 1921.

The following is the full text of the Meat Packers Control Bill which became a law with the President's approval on Aug. 15 and the title of which, as expressed in the Act itself, is the "Packers and Stockyards Act 1921." In the article immediately preceding is given an analysis of the measure as furnished by the Secretary of Agriculture, Henry C. Wallace:

[Public—No. 51—67th Congress.]

[H. R. 6320]

AN ACT to regulate interstate and foreign commerce in live stock, live-stock products, dairy products, poultry, poultry products, and eggs, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

TITLE I.—Definitions.

This Act may be cited as the "Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921." Sec. 2. (a) When used in this Act—

- (1) The term "person" includes individuals, partnerships, corporations, and associations;
- (2) The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Agriculture;
- (3) The term "meat food products" means all products and by-products of the slaughtering and meat-packing industry—if edible;
- (4) The term "live stock" means cattle, sheep, swine, horses, mules, or goats—whether live or dead;
- (5) The term "live-stock products" means all products and by-products (other than meats and meat food products) of the slaughtering and meat-packing industry derived in whole or in part from live stock; and
- (6) The term "commerce" means commerce between any State, Territory, or possession, or the District of Columbia, and any place outside thereof; or between points within the same State, Territory, or possession, or the District of Columbia, but through any place outside thereof; or within any Territory or possession, or the District of Columbia.

(b) For the purpose of this Act (but not in any wise limiting the foregoing definition) a transaction in respect to any article shall be considered to be in commerce if such article is part of that current of commerce usual in the live-stock and meat-packing industries, whereby live stock, meats, meat food products, live-stock products, dairy products, poultry products, or eggs, are sent from one State with the expectation that they will end their transit, after purchase, in another, including in addition to cases within the above general description, all cases where purchase or sale is either for shipment to another State, or for slaughter of livestock within the State and the shipment outside the State of the products resulting from such slaughter. Articles normally in such current of commerce shall not be considered out of such current through resort being had to any means or device intended to remove transactions in respect thereto from the provisions of this Act. For the purpose of this paragraph the word "State" includes Territory, the District of Columbia, possession of the United States, and foregoing nation.

TITLE II.—Packers.

Sec. 201. When used in this Act—

The term "packer" means any person engaged in the business (a) of buying live stock in commerce for purposes of slaughter, or (b) of manufacturing or preparing meats or meat food products for sale or shipment in commerce, or (c) of manufacturing or preparing live-stock products for sale or shipment in commerce, or (d) of marketing meats, meat food products, live-stock products, dairy products, poultry, poultry products, or eggs, in commerce; but no person engaged in such business of manufacturing or preparing live-stock products or in such marketing business shall be considered a packer unless—

- (1) Such person is also engaged in any business referred to in clause (a) or (b) above, or unless
- (2) Such person owns or controls, directly or indirectly, through stock ownership or control or otherwise, by himself or through his agents, servants, or employees, any interest in any business referred to in clause (a) or (b) above, or unless
- (3) Any interest in such business of manufacturing or preparing live-stock products, or in such marketing business is owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, through stock ownership or control or otherwise, by himself or through his agents, servants, or employees by any person engaged in any business referred to in clause (a) or (b) above, or unless

(4) Any person or persons jointly or severally, directly or indirectly, through stock ownership or control or otherwise, by themselves or through their agents, servants, or employees, own or control in the aggregate 20 per centum or more of the voting power or control in such business of manufacturing or preparing live-stock products, or in such marketing business and also 20 per centum or more of such power or control in any business referred to in clause (a) or (b) above.

Sec. 202. It shall be unlawful for any packer to:

- (a) Engage in or use any unfair, unjustly discriminatory, or deceptive practice or device in commerce; or
- (b) Make or give, in commerce, any undue or unreasonably preference or advantage to any particular person or locality in any respect whatsoever, or subject, in commerce, any particular person or locality to any undue or unreasonable prejudice or disadvantage in any respect whatsoever; or
- (c) Sell or otherwise transfer to or for any other packer, or buy or otherwise receive from or for any other packer, any article for the purpose or with the effect of apportioning the supply in commerce between any such packers, if such apportionment has the tendency or effect of restraining commerce or of creating a monopoly in commerce; or
- (d) Sell or otherwise transfer to or for any other person, or buy or otherwise receive from or for any other person, any article for the purpose or with the effect of manipulating or controlling prices in commerce, or of creating a monopoly in the acquisition of, buying, selling, or dealing in, any article in commerce, or of restraining commerce; or
- (e) Engage in any course of business or do any act for the purpose or with the effect of manipulating or controlling prices in commerce, or of creating a monopoly in the acquisition of, buying, selling, or dealing in, any article in commerce, or of restraining commerce; or

(f) Conspire, combine, agree, or arrange with any other person (1) to apportion territory for carrying on business in commerce, or (2) to apportion purchases or sales of any article in commerce, or (3) to manipulate or control prices in commerce; or

(g) Conspire, combine, agree or arrange with any other person to do, or aid or abet the doing of, any act made unlawful by subdivision (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e).

Sec. 203. (a) Whenever the Secretary has reason to believe that any packer has violated or is violating any provision of this title, he shall cause a complaint in writing to be served upon the packer, stating his charges in that respect, and requiring the packer to attend and testify at a hearing at a time and place designated therein, at least thirty days after the service of such complaint; and at such time and place there shall be afforded the packer a reasonable opportunity to be informed as to the evidence introduced against him (including the right of cross-examination), and to be heard in person or by counsel and through witnesses, under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe. Any person for good cause shown may on application be allowed by the Secretary to intervene in such proceeding, and appear in person or by counsel. At any time prior to the close of the hearing the Secretary may amend the complaint; but in case of any amendment adding new charges the hearing shall, on the request of the packer, be adjourned for a period not exceeding fifteen days.

(b) If, after such hearing, the Secretary finds that the packer has violated or is violating any provisions of this title covered by the charges, he shall make a report in writing in which he shall state his findings as to the facts, and shall issue and cause to be served on the packer an order requiring such packer to cease and desist from continuing such violation. The testimony taken at the hearing shall be reduced to writing and filed in the records of the Department of Agriculture.

(c) Until a transcript of the record in such hearing has been filed in a circuit court of appeals of the United States, as provided in section 204, the Secretary at any time, upon such notice and in such manner as he deems proper, but only after reasonable opportunity to the packer to be heard, may amend or set aside the report or order, in whole or in part.

(d) Complaints, orders, and other processes of the Secretary under this section may be served in the same manner as provided in section 5 of the Act entitled "An Act to create a Federal Trade Commission, to define its powers and duties, and for other purposes," approved Sept. 26 1914.

Sec. 204. (a) An order made under section 203 shall be final and conclusive unless within thirty days after service the packer appeals to the circuit court of appeals for the circuit in which he has his principal place of business, by filing with the clerk of such court a written petition praying that the Secretary's order be set aside or modified in the manner stated in the petition, together with a bond in such sum as the court may determine, conditioned that such packer will pay the costs of the proceedings if the court so directs.

(b) The clerk of the court shall immediately cause a copy of the petition to be delivered to the Secretary, and the Secretary shall forthwith prepare, certify, and file in the court a full and accurate transcript of the record in such proceedings, including the complaint, the evidence, and the report and order. If before such transcript is filed the Secretary amends or sets aside his report or order, in whole or in part, the petitioner may amend the petition within such time as the court may determine, on notice to the Secretary.

(c) At any time after such transcript is filed the court, on application of the Secretary, may issue a temporary injunction restraining, to the extent it deems proper, the packer and his officers, directors, agents, and employees, from violating any of the provisions of the order pending the final determination of the appeal.

(d) The evidence so taken or admitted, duly certified and filed as aforesaid as a part of the record, shall be considered by the court as the evidence in the case. The proceedings in such cases in the circuit court of appeals shall be made a preferred cause and shall be expedited in every way.

(e) The court may affirm, modify, or set aside the order of the Secretary.

(f) If the court determines that the just and proper disposition of the case requires the taking of additional evidence, the court shall order the hearing to be reopened for the taking of such evidence, in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as the court may deem proper. The Secretary may modify his findings as to the facts, or make new findings, by reason of the additional evidence so taken, and he shall file such modified or new findings and his recommendations, if any, for the modification or setting aside of his order, with the return of such additional evidence.

(g) If the circuit court of appeals affirms or modifies the order of the Secretary, its decree shall operate as an injunction to restrain the packer, and his officers, directors, agents, and employees from violating the provisions of such order or such order as modified.

(h) The circuit court of appeals shall have exclusive jurisdiction to review, and to affirm, set aside, or modify, such orders of the Secretary, and the decree of such court shall be final except that it shall be subject to review by the Supreme Court of the United States upon certiorari, as provided in section 240 of the Judicial Code, if such writ is duly applied for within sixty days after entry of the decree. The issue of such writ shall not operate as a stay of the decree of the circuit court of appeals, in so far as such decree operates as an injunction, unless so ordered by the Supreme Court.

(i) For the purposes of this title the term "circuit court of appeals," in case the principal place of business of the packer is in the District of Columbia, means the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia.

(Sec. 205.) Any packer, or any officer, director, agent, or employee of a packer, who fails to obey any order of the Secretary issued under the provisions of section 203, or such order as modified—

(1) After the expiration of the time allowed for filing a petition in the circuit court of appeals to set aside or modify such order, if no such petition has been filed within such time; or

(2) After the expiration of the time allowed for applying for a writ of certiorari, if such order, or such order as modified, has been sustained by the Circuit Court of Appeals and no such writ has been applied for within such time; or

(3) After such order, or such order as modified, has been sustained by the courts as provided in Section 204: shall on conviction be fined not less than \$500 nor more than \$10,000, or imprisoned for not less than six months nor more than five years, or both. Each day during which such failure continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

TITLE III.—Stockyards.

Sec. 301. When used in this Act—

(a) The term "stockyard owner" means any person engaged in the business of conducting or operating a stockyard;

(b) The term "stockyard services" means services or facilities furnished at a stockyard in connection with the receiving, buying or selling on a commission basis or otherwise, marketing, feeding, watering, holding, delivery, shipment, weighing, or handling, in commerce, of live stock;

(c) The term "market agency" means any person engaged in the business of (1) buying or selling in commerce live stock at a stockyard on a commission basis or (2) furnishing stockyard services; and

(d) The term "dealer" means any person, not a market agency, engaged in the business of buying or selling in commerce live stock at a stockyard, either on his own account or as the employee or agent of the vendor or purchaser.

Sec. 302. (a) When used in this title the term "stockyard" means any place, establishment, or facility commonly known as stockyards, conducted or operated for compensation or profit as a public market, consisting of pens, or other inclosures, and their appurtenances, in which live cattle, sheep, swine, horses, mules, or goats are received, held, or kept for sale or shipment in commerce. This title shall not apply to a stockyard of which the area normally available for handling live stock, exclusive of runs, alleys, or passage ways, is less than twenty thousand square feet.

(b) The Secretary shall from time to time ascertain, after such inquiry as he deems necessary, the stockyards which come within the foregoing definition, and shall give notice thereof to the stockyard owners concerned, and give public notice thereof by posting copies of such notice in the stockyard, and in such other manner as he may determine. After the giving of such notice to the stockyard owner and to the public, the stockyard shall remain subject to the provisions of this title until like notice is given by the Secretary that such stockyard no longer comes within the foregoing definition.

Sec. 303. After the expiration of thirty days after the Secretary has given public notice that any stockyard is within the definition of Section 302, by posting copies of such notice in the stockyard, no person shall carry on the business of a market agency or dealer at such stockyard unless he has registered with the Secretary under such rules and regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, his name and address, the character of business in which he is engaged and the kinds of stockyard services, if any, which he furnishes at such stockyard. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$500 for each such offense and not more than \$25 for each day it continues, which shall accrue to the United States and may be recovered in a civil action brought by the United States.

Sec. 304. It shall be the duty of every stockyard owner and market agency to furnish upon reasonable request, without discrimination, reasonable stockyard services at such stockyard.

Sec. 305. All rates or charges made for any stockyard services furnished at a stockyard by a stockyard owner or market agency shall be just, reasonable, and non-discriminatory, and any unjust, unreasonable, or discriminatory rate or charge is prohibited and declared to be unlawful.

Sec. 306. (a) Within sixty days after the Secretary has given public notice that a stockyard is within the definition of Section 302, by posting copies of such notice in the stockyard, the stockyard owner and every market agency at such stockyard shall file with the Secretary, and print and keep open to public inspection at the stockyard, schedules showing all rates and charges for the stockyard services furnished by such person at such stockyard. If a market agency commences business at the stockyard after the expiration of such sixty days such schedules must be filed before any stockyard services are furnished.

(b) Such schedules shall plainly state all such rates and charges in such detail as the Secretary may require, and shall also state any rules or regulations which in any manner change, affect, or determine any part or the aggregate of such rates or charges, or the value of the stockyard services furnished. The Secretary may determine and prescribe the form and manner in which such schedules shall be prepared, arranged, and posted, and may from time to time make such changes in respect thereto as may be found expedient.

(c) No changes shall be made in the rates or charges so filed and published, except after ten days' notice to the Secretary and to the public filed and published as aforesaid, which shall plainly state the changes proposed to be made and the time such changes will go into effect; but the Secretary may, for good cause shown, allow changes on less than ten days' notice, or modify the requirements of this section in respect to publishing, posting, and filing of schedules, either in particular instances or by a general order applicable to special or peculiar circumstances or conditions.

(d) The Secretary may reject and refuse to file any schedule tendered for filing which does not provide and give lawful notice of its effective date, and any schedule so rejected by the Secretary shall be void and its use shall be unlawful.

(e) Whenever there is filed with the Secretary any schedule, stating a new rate or charge, the Secretary may either upon complaint or upon his own initiative without complaint, at once, and if he so orders without answer or other formal pleading by the person filing such schedule, but upon reasonable notice, enter upon a hearing concerning the lawfulness of such rate, charge, regulation, or practice, and pending such hearing and decision thereon the Secretary, upon filing with such schedule and delivering to the person filing it a statement in writing of his reasons for such suspension, may suspend the operation of such schedule and defer the use of such rate, charge, regulation, or practice, but not for a longer period than thirty days beyond the time when it would otherwise go into effect; and after full hearing, whether completed before or after the rate, charge, regulation, or practice goes into effect, the Secretary may make such order with reference thereto as would be proper in a proceeding initiated after it had become effective. If any such hearing cannot be concluded within the period of suspension the Secretary may extend the time of suspension for a further period not exceeding thirty days, and if the proceeding has not been concluded and an order made at the expiration of such thirty days, the proposed change of rate, charge, regulation or practice shall go into effect at the end of such period.

(f) After the expiration of the sixty days referred to in subdivision (a) no person shall carry on the business of a stockyard owner or market agency unless the rates and charges for the stockyard services furnished at the stockyard have been filed and published in accordance with this section and the orders of the Secretary made thereunder; nor charge, demand, or collect a greater or less or different compensation for such services than the rates and charges specified in the schedules filed and in effect at the time; nor refund or remit in any manner any portion of the rates or charges so specified (but this shall not prohibit a co-operative association of producers from bona fide returning to its members, on a patronage basis, its excess earnings on their live stock, subject to such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe); nor extend to any person at such stockyard any stockyard services except such as are specified in such schedules.

(g) Whoever fails to comply with the provisions of this section or of any regulation or order of the Secretary made thereunder shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$500 for each such offense, and not more than \$25 for each day it continues, which shall accrue to the United States and may be recovered in a civil action brought by the United States.

(h) Whoever willfully fails to comply with the provisions of this section or of any regulation or order of the Secretary made thereunder shall on conviction be fined not more than \$1,000, or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

Sec. 307. It shall be the duty of every stockyard owner and market agency to establish, observe, and enforce just, reasonable, and non-discriminatory regulations and practices in respect to the furnishing of stockyard services, and every unjust, unreasonable, or discriminatory regulation or practice is prohibited and declared to be unlawful.

Sec. 308. (a) If any stockyard owner, market agency, or dealer, violates any of the provisions of sections 304, 305, 306, or 307, or of any order of the Secretary made under this title, he shall be liable to the person or persons injured thereby for the full amount of damages sustained in consequence of such violation.

(b) Such liability may be enforced either (1) by complaint to the Secretary as provided in section 309, or (2) by suit in any district court of the United States of competent jurisdiction; but this section shall not in any way abridge or alter the remedies now existing at common law or by statute, but the provisions of this Act are in addition to such remedies.

Sec. 309. (a) Any person complaining of anything done or omitted to be done by any stockyard owner, market agency, or dealer (hereinafter in this section referred to as the "defendant") in violation of the provisions of sections 304, 305, 306, or 307, or of an order of the Secretary made under this title, may, at any time within ninety days after the cause of action accrues, apply to the Secretary by petition which shall briefly state the facts, whereupon the complaint thus made shall be forwarded by the Secretary to the defendant, who shall be called upon to satisfy the complaint, or to answer it in writing, within a reasonable time to be specified

by the Secretary. If the defendant within the time specified makes reparation for the injury alleged to be done he shall be relieved of liability to the complainant only for the particular violation thus complained of. If the defendant does not satisfy the complaint within the time specified, or there appears to be any reasonable ground for investigating the complaint, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to investigate the matters complained of in such manner and by such means as he deems proper.

(b) The Secretary, at the request of the live-stock commissioner, Board of Agriculture, or other agency of a State or territory, having jurisdiction over stockyards in such State or territory, shall investigate any complaint forwarded by such agency in like manner and with the same authority and powers as in the case of a complaint made under subdivision (a).

(c) The Secretary may at any time institute an inquiry on his own motion, in any case and as to any matter or thing concerning which a complaint is authorized to be made to or before the Secretary, by any provision of this title, or concerning which any question may arise under any of the provisions of this title, or relating to the enforcement of any of the provisions of this title. The Secretary shall have the same power and authority to proceed with any inquiry instituted upon his own motion as though he had been appealed to by petition, including the power to make and enforce any order or orders in the case or relating to the matter or thing concerning which the inquiry is had, except orders for the payment of money.

(d) No complaint shall at any time be dismissed because of the absence of direct damage to the complainant.

(e) If after hearing on a complaint the Secretary determines that the complainant is entitled to an award of damages, the Secretary shall make an order directing the defendant to pay to the complainant the sum to which he is entitled on or before a day named.

(f) If the defendant does not comply with an order for the payment of money within the time limit in such order, the complainant, or any person for whose benefit such order was made, may within one year of the date of the order file in the district court of the United States for the district in which he resides or in which is located the principal place of business of the defendant or in any State court having general jurisdiction of the parties, a petition setting forth briefly the causes for which he claims damages and the order of the Secretary in the premises. Such suit in the district court shall proceed in all respects like other civil suits for damages except that the findings and orders of the Secretary shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated, and the petitioner shall not be liable for costs in the district court nor for costs at any subsequent stage of the proceedings unless they accrue upon his appeal. If the petitioner finally prevails, he shall be allowed a reasonable attorney's fee to be taxed and collected as a part of the costs of the suit.

Sec. 310. Whenever after full hearing upon a complaint made as provided in section 309, or after full hearing under an order for investigation and hearing made by the Secretary on his own initiative, either in extension of any pending complaint or without any complaint whatever, the Secretary is of the opinion that any rate, charge, regulation, or practice of a stockyard owner or market agency, for or in connection with the furnishing of stockyard services, is or will be unjust, unreasonable, or discriminatory, the Secretary—

(a) May determine and prescribe what will be the just and reasonable rate or charge, or rates or charges, to be thereafter observed in such case, or the maximum or minimum, or maximum and minimum, to be charged, and what regulation or practice is or will be just, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory to be thereafter followed; and

(b) May make an order that such owner or operator (1) shall cease and desist from such violation to the extent to which the Secretary finds that it does or will exist; (2) shall not thereafter publish, demand, or collect any rate or charge for the furnishing of stockyard services other than the rate or charge so prescribed, or in excess of the maximum or less than the minimum so prescribed, as the case may be; and (3) shall conform to and observe the regulation or practice so prescribed.

Sec. 311. Whenever in any investigation under the provisions of this title, or in any investigation instituted by petition of the stockyard owner or market agency concerned, which petition is hereby authorized to be filed, the Secretary after full hearing finds that any rate, charge, regulation, or practice of any stockyard owner or market agency, for or in connection with the buying or selling on a commission basis or otherwise, receiving, marketing, feeding, holding, delivery, shipment, weighing, or handling, not in commerce, of live stock, causes any undue or unreasonable advantage, prejudice, or preference as between persons or localities in intra-State commerce in live stock on the one hand and inter-State or foreign commerce in live stock on the other hand, or any undue, unjust, or unreasonable discrimination against inter-State or foreign commerce in live stock, which is hereby forbidden and declared to be unlawful, the Secretary shall prescribe the rate, charge, regulation, or practice thereafter to be observed, in such manner as, in his judgment, will remove such advantage, preference, or discrimination. Such rates, charges, regulations, or practices shall be observed while in effect by the stockyard owners or market agencies parties to such proceeding affected thereby, the law of any State or the decision or order of any State authority to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sec. 312. (a) It shall be unlawful for any stockyard owner, market agency, or dealer to engage in or use any unfair, unjustly discriminatory, or deceptive practice or device in connection with the receiving, marketing, buying or selling on a commission basis or otherwise, feeding, watering, holding, delivery, shipment, weighing or handling, in commerce at a stockyard, of live stock.

(b) Whenever complaint is made to the Secretary by any person, or whenever the Secretary has reason to believe, that any stockyard owner, market agency, or dealer is violating the provisions of subdivision (a), the Secretary after notice and full hearing may make an order that he shall cease and desist from continuing such violation to the extent that the Secretary finds that it does or will exist.

Sec. 313. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, all orders of the Secretary under this title, other than orders for the payment of money, shall take effect within such reasonable time, not less than five days, as is prescribed in the order, and shall continue in force until his further order, or for a specified period of time, according as is prescribed in the order, unless such order is suspended or modified or set aside by the Secretary or is suspended or set aside by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Sec. 314. (a) Any stockyard owner, market agency, or dealer who knowingly fails to obey any order made under the provisions of sections 310, 311, or 312 shall forfeit to the United States the sum of \$500 for each offense. Each distinct violation shall be a separate offense, and in case of a continuing violation each day shall be deemed a separate offense. Such forfeiture shall be recoverable in a civil suit in the name of the United States.

(b) It shall be the duty of the various district attorneys, under the direction of the Attorney General, to prosecute for the recovery of forfeitures. The costs and expense of such prosecution shall be paid out of the appropriation for the expenses of the courts of the United States.

Sec. 315. If any stockyard owner, market agency, or dealer fails to obey any order of the Secretary other than for the payment of money while the

same is in effect, the Secretary, or any party injured thereby, or the United States by its Attorney General, may apply to the district court for the district in which such person has his principal place of business for the enforcement of such order. If after hearing the court determines that the order was lawfully made and duly served and that such person is in disobedience of the same, the court shall enforce obedience to such order by a writ of injunction or other proper process, mandatory or otherwise, to restrain such person, his officers, agents, or representatives from further disobedience of such order or to enjoin upon him or them obedience to the same.

Sec. 316. For the purposes of this title, the provisions of all laws relating to the suspending or restraining the enforcement, operation, or execution of, or the setting aside in whole or in part the orders of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, are made applicable to the jurisdiction, powers, and duties of the Secretary in enforcing the provisions of this title, and to any person subject to the provisions of this title.

TITLE IV.—General Provisions.

Sec. 401. Every packer, stockyard owner, market agency, and dealer shall keep such accounts, records, and memoranda as fully and correctly disclose all transactions involved in his business, including the true ownership of such business by stockholding or otherwise. Whenever the Secretary finds that the accounts, records, and memoranda of any such person do not fully and correctly disclose all transactions involved in his business, the Secretary may prescribe the manner and form in which such accounts, records, and memoranda shall be kept, and thereafter any such person who fails to keep such accounts, records, and memoranda in the manner and form prescribed or approved by the Secretary shall upon conviction be fined not more than \$5,000, or imprisoned not more than three years, or both.

Sec. 402. For the efficient execution of the provisions of this Act, and in order to provide information for the use of Congress, the provisions (including penalties) of sections 6, 8, 9, and 10 of the Act entitled "An Act to create a Federal Trade Commission, to define its powers and duties, and for other purposes," approved Sept. 26 1914, are made applicable to the jurisdiction, powers, and duties of the Secretary in enforcing the provisions of this Act and to any person subject to the provisions of this Act, whether or not a corporation. The Secretary, in person or by such agents as he may designate, may prosecute any inquiry necessary to his duties under this Act in any part of the United States.

Sec. 403. When construing and enforcing the provisions of this Act, the act, omission, or failure of any agent, officer, or other person acting for or employed by any packer, stockyard owner, market agency, or dealer, within the scope of his employment or office, shall in every case also be deemed the act, omission, or failure of such packer, stockyard owner, market agency, or dealer, as well as that of such agent, officer, or other person.

Sec. 404. The Secretary may report any violation of this Act to the Attorney General of the United States, who shall cause appropriate proceedings to be commenced and prosecuted in the proper courts of the United States without delay.

Sec. 405. Nothing contained in this Act, except as otherwise provided herein, shall be construed—

(a) To prevent or interfere with the enforcement of, or the procedure under, the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies," approved July 2 1890, the Act entitled "An Act to supplement existing laws against unlawful restraints and monopolies, and for other purposes," approved Oct. 15 1914, the Inter-State Commerce Act as amended, the Act entitled "An Act to promote export trade, and for other purposes," approved April 10 1918, or sections 73 to 77, inclusive, of the Act of Aug. 27 1894, entitled "An Act to reduce taxation, to provide revenue for the Government, and for other purposes," as amended by the Act entitled "An Act to amend sections seventy-three and seventy-six of the Act of Aug. 27 1894, entitled 'An Act to reduce taxation, to provide revenue for the Government, and for other purposes,'" approved Feb. 12 1913, or

(b) To alter, modify, or repeal such Acts or any part or parts thereof, or

(c) To prevent or interfere with any investigation, proceeding, or prosecution begun and pending at the time this Act becomes effective.

Sec. 406. (a) Nothing in this Act shall affect the power or jurisdiction of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, nor confer upon the Secretary concurrent power or jurisdiction over any matter within the power or jurisdiction of such Commission.

(b) On and after the enactment of this Act, and so long as it remains in effect, the Federal Trade Commission shall have no power or jurisdiction so far as relating to any matter which by this Act is made subject to the jurisdiction of the Secretary, except in cases in which, before the enactment of this Act, complaint has been served under section 5 of the Act entitled "An Act to create a Federal Trade Commission, to define its power and duties, and for other purposes," approved Sept. 26 1914, or under Section 11 of the Act entitled "An Act to supplement existing laws against unlawful restraints and monopolies, and for other purposes," approved Oct. 15 1914, and except when the Secretary of Agriculture, in the exercise of his duties hereunder, shall request of the said Federal Trade Commission that it make investigations and report in any case.

Sec. 407. The Secretary may make such rules, regulations and orders as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act and may co-operate with any department or agency of the Government, any State, Territory, District, or possession, or department, agency or political subdivision thereof, or any person; and shall have the power to appoint, remove, and fix the compensation of such officers and employees, not in conflict with existing law, and make such expenditures for rent outside the District of Columbia, printing, telegrams, telephones, law books, books of reference, periodicals, furniture, stationery, office equipment, travel, and other supplies and expenses as shall be necessary to the administration of this Act in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, and as may be appropriated for by Congress, and there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sum as may be necessary for such purpose.

Sec. 408. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the Act and of the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Approved, Aug. 15 1921.

GENERAL PERSHING ON LABOR'S PART IN THE WAR—SAMUEL GOMPERS'S REPLY.

That the policies of the United States are not "determined by labor unions or by any other organizations," was the emphatic statement made by General John J. Pershing, at a dinner given by the Lafayette-Marne Committee of Washington, on Sept. 6, in the national capital. General Pershing's remarks followed an address by Samuel Gom-

pers, President of the American Federation of Labor, and was interpreted in some quarters as a rebuke to the labor unions and their claims with regard to the agencies responsible for the winning of the war.

Mr. Gompers had spoken during the after-dinner program, and while he made no direct claim that labor had been exclusively instrumental in winning the war, he did tell of the record of the American Federation of Labor during the war in decidedly extravagant terms. Gen. Pershing, however, apparently regarded Mr. Gompers's remarks as a claim that labor had won the war.

The General said: "I want to say here that the members of the labor unions weren't the only ones who made it possible to win the war." Here is what Mr. Gompers said in part in his speech:

On March 12, 1917, a few weeks before America declared war on Germany, the American Federation of Labor had stated its stand; that it was for America, no matter which way America went. The American laboring men, in great majority, were in favor of fighting the military autocracy of Germany.

Before the war, during the war and after the war I took second position to no man in advocating that the struggle of democracy and fairness and justice should proceed in due relation between man and man and nation and nation. I may be permitted to say that the heart and spirit and soul of America's workers ran through from the first with the cause of the Allies.

On March 12, 1917, I asked my associates in the American Federation of Labor to authorize me to declare our stand on our position in the World War. That was some three weeks before the American nation had declared itself. The American Federation of Labor went in favor of the Allies.

The American Federation of Labor is unwilling to accept as a substitute for political or military autocracy any form of autocracy, no matter what it may be.

General Pershing said in his speech:

First of all, I want to say that every true American is a patriot, whether he belongs to some labor organization or is just an ordinary citizen, and that it isn't a question of labor unions, it isn't a question of any organization, it isn't a question of whether we belong to some association or not.

It is a question of whether we are loyal citizens of the United States. I want to say here that the members of the labor unions weren't the only ones who made it possible to win the war.

It was the citizens who inherited their patriotism from their forefathers who came across in the Mayflower and helped to decide upon and determine the independence of America, as well as those who have adopted American institutions as their own.

The policies of this republic are not determined by labor unions or by any other organizations, but by the consensus of opinion of its patriotic citizens of whatever affiliations.

It seems to be about time for some one to rise up and say that America shall be governed and ruled by American citizens and not by organizations which have their own selfish purposes to serve. It was not the third internationale that made the Allied victory possible.

Mr. Gompers, to correct what he regarded as a misapprehension, issued this statement Sept. 7:

General Pershing is quoted in the newspapers to-day as having said, "It wasn't labor that won the war. It seems to me it's time for some one to say that it wasn't this association or that which won the war—it was the loyalty of all the straightforward American citizens which brought success to the Allied cause."

It is to be presumed that those who read the extract from General Pershing's speech at the Lafayette-Marne Day banquet concluded that in my address, which preceded, I had made the claim that labor won the war.

Of course I made no such statement and much as I regret the necessity for saying so, there was no ground for the rather testy remarks of the leader whom we all admire and to whom we all owe a great debt.

With everything else contained in General Pershing's speech I found myself in full accord. I regret exceedingly that he should have made it necessary for me to make this statement. I have been proud of the record of labor during the war. It was a magnificent record, unsurpassed by labor anywhere, unequaled by labor in any other country. I am proud that this record should have been made by American labor. That I repeat and shall repeat whenever it seems opportune or necessary.

I did not say that labor won the war. I offered no reason and no excuse in my remarks for what General Pershing had to say. I regret, as perhaps he himself now does, his lack of tact, his impropriety. General Pershing is a brave and splendid soldier and I pay him the tribute of saying that his generalship on the battlefield is much better than his generalship as an after-dinner speaker.

WAGES IN CHICAGO BUILDING TRADES REDUCED BY AWARD OF JUDGE LANDIS—STRIKES IN PROTEST.

Reduction of wages in the building trades of Chicago was ordered in a decision handed down on Sept. 7 by Federal Judge Landis, as arbiter and has been the subject of much controversy by the labor unions since then. As a result of protests by these labor unions, Judge Landis is now taking further evidence in the new hearings granted by him.

The award, which affects, it is estimated, 40,000 workers, was ill-received by certain of the unions involved, and they hastily called strikes in protest or advised their members to take "vacations," thus avoiding technical violation of the award. Among these were the marble setters, pipe coverers, hoisting engineers, plumbers, steam-fitters, plasterers and labcrers.

In Judge Landis's decision only one trade, that of stone carving, was left at \$1 25 an hour, while some classes of unskilled labor were reduced from \$1 an hour to 47½ cents. In giving his decision Judge Landis said that he had been

influenced by various factors which included the number of working days each trade enjoyed during the year, skill employed in the work and the extent to which the public was protected by the agreement.

The general approval with which Judge Landis's award was received among employers and among business men, by reason of the loweing of building costs made possible thereby, stood out in contrast to the attitude of the unions. The latter demanded that Judge Landis grant them a rehearing, and this demand was at once acceded to. When, however, Judge Landis heard that the workers had gone out on strike, he informed the President of the Building Trades Council in Chicago that, under the circumstances, any further hearings would be futile. The following telegram was sent to Judge Landis by E. M. Craig, Secretary of the Building Construction Employers' Association:

Contractors and owners here paid for three months the high rate of wages pending your decision. Iron workers, pipe trades, marble setters, pipe coverers, laborers and other trades are now on strike, refusing to abide by your award. We protest against granting a rehearing while men are on strike.

A similar message was sent to Judge Landis by the Associated builders. The latter subsequently sent the following telegram to Thomas Kearney:

When I wired you on Sept. 10 directing rehearing on application communicated by the Secretary of the Chicago Building Trades Council, I had no information that the trades involved in the arbitration agreement had struck.

Certainly if such trades have gone out, the protest of the employers is entirely justified and you will disregard my telegram of Sept. 10 in these circumstances. Any further hearing under the arbitration agreement would be perfectly futile.

Subsequently on Sept. 22, Judge Landis heard arguments from the union leaders in support of a petition for a partial rehearing on the wage awards referred to above. It was asserted during the course of these arguments that many of the men who struck against the award had again returned to work. Judge Landis, therefore, granted a rehearing as noted further above.

The employers in the building trades notified the workers who went on strike that if they refused to return to their jobs under the new wage scale they would establish an "open shop."

The full text of the decision of Judge Landis was given in "The Economist" of Chicago, and we reproduce it below:

This is an arbitration of wage differences between employers and employees in building construction. The agreement was entered into between the Building Construction Employers' Association, the Associated Builders, and the Chicago Building Trades Council, after several weeks of idleness in the industry, and authorized the undersigned, as umpire, to fix the wages to be paid in the several trades represented, the award to become effective when made and remain in force until May 31 1922.

It was also agreed that on or before Feb. 1 1922 the umpire shall determine the rates to control from May 31 1922 for the period of one year. Further, there was a provision that the principles and conditions of all trade agreements shall be made as nearly uniform as possible, and the parties stipulated that should any trade arbitration board be unable to agree upon any provisions of their agreement involving conditions, working rules, &c., such dispute should be submitted to the umpire for his final decision. This latter provision was most important, for it put it in the hands of either the employer or the employee to free any trade from all detrimental working rules and conditions by the simple process of withholding assent to such provisions.

Building in "Bad Repute."

It is the violation of no confidence to say that building construction had gotten into bad repute in this community. There was a general disposition to keep away from it as a thing diseased. Capital avoided it. The wise dollar preferred almost any other form of activity or no activity. And this applied to the whole range of building construction, from the cottage to the skyscraper.

The attitude of the public, added to the profound commercial and industrial depression generally existent resulted in a virtual famine in housing accommodations and brought about the idleness of many thousands of men willing to work.

It was in view of these conditions that the umpire conceived it to be his duty to aid these parties to rehabilitate the industry in the esteem of the public, the great unrepresented party to this arbitration, but nevertheless the one upon whom the consequences of the award would fall.

Wages Not Alone to Blame.

This loss of the public faith was not due entirely to the wage question. The mere making of a wage award would not have placed the industry on solid ground. Reliable testimony showed that a 20% reduction in wages, other conditions remaining the same, would produce but a 6 or 7% reduction in building cost.

The real malady lurked in a maze of conditions artificially created to give the parties a monopoly and in rules designed to produce waste for the mere sake of waste, all combining to bring about an insufferable situation, not the least burdensome element of which was the jurisdictional dispute between trade members of the same parent organization.

It is not possible that all has been done that might have been done, nor that no errors have been made in these agreements, but it is my judgment that the numerous corrective provisions that have been included in the more than forty trade agreements, if carried out in good faith, will produce savings and economies to the public far greater than would have resulted from a 20% wage reduction, other factors and conditions remaining the same.

Terms for "Aloof" Trades.

Some of the trades, such as the carpenters, plasterers and painters, have seen fit to hold aloof from this arbitration. Therefore in applying a wage scale to the new conditions of the trades that are here, I do so with the distinct understanding that those trades that have refused to come in and revise their agreements along just and reasonable lines as most of you have done, will not receive your support of their wasteful and subversive

practices, for this would be to permit them to capitalize your good work to their advantage and to your detriment.

The highest dictates of both morality and interest require that you adopt and adhere to this policy. To illustrate what I had in mind in this connection I refer you to the window glass industry, said to be controlled in Chicago by six firms.

Defines Uniform Agreement.

The representative of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. and the President of the Glaziers' Union appeared here in behalf his trade and insisted upon a working agreement containing a provision that no glazing should be permitted to be done in the shop; that it should all be done on the building or job. This attitude of these two interests was plainly hostile to the public welfare, particularly the owners of small homes. Certainly that trade has no call on you to support it in this unconscionable practice.

You have made what is called the "uniform agreement," applicable to all trades. Each separate trade agreement expressly adopts this uniform agreement and provides that it shall control as against any conflicting working rule. In carrying out the declared purpose of preventing strikes and lockouts and other waste and avoidable expense, annoyances and delays, and for the purpose of making building costs as low, stable and certain as possible, consistent with fair wages, this uniform agreement provides for the peaceful adjustment of disputes by arbitration, subject to appeal to the national board of jurisdictional awards, with whose decisions all parties agree to comply; that you will not stop work individually or collectively under penalties prescribed, except only when an owner attempts to construct a building with non-union men while putting up another building on which you are employed, and when the employer fails to pay employees for work done; that in case of scarcity of help non-union men may work with union men until such time as union men may be obtained; that any journeyman may use in his work the tools of any other trade; that small tasks of not over thirty minutes' duration in any one day belonging to any trade may be performed by any other trade at the discretion of the employer; that overtime work during two and one-half hours beyond the regular working day shall be compensated at one and one-half times the regular wage; that overtime work beyond this, and work performed Saturday afternoons, Sundays and holidays shall be paid at double the regular rate; that shift work will be paid at the regular day rate; that contractors not affiliated with these associations may avail themselves of all benefits of these agreements by either joining the association or paying the regular dues and fees that members pay; that the union will provide men to any contractor, whether a party to any agreement or not, under the rules and at the wage provided by these agreements.

Employers' Rights Set Forth.

It is further expressly agreed and stipulated that there shall be no restriction as to the amount of work a man may do, nor against the use of machinery, methods or appliances, nor against any raw or manufactured material except prison made. Employers may employ or discharge whomsoever of the union they please, and employees may work for whomsoever they see fit, and the foreman, if any, is to be exclusively the agent of the employer.

Each of that group of trades that have entered into agreements with the Associated Builders and sixteen of those that have signed up with members of the Building Construction Employers' Association agree that nothing shall prohibit an employer or one member of a firm of contractors from working on his or their own jobs.

Employers and employees of some trades acting in co-operation have refused to the public the benefit of the economy that would result from the operation of this provision, and three trades require work to be done by skilled men that laborers or helpers might do. Therefore, in fixing the wage in these trades I have been obliged to consider the waste thus occasioned. If at any time before Nov. 1 next any of these unions notify me of their willingness to change their attitude in this respect, I will advance their wages accordingly as the rule is applied in the present award to other trades.

Pleased at Trades' Stand.

It is a matter of very deep gratification that all trades have eliminated jurisdictional matters by providing that "all work undertaken by the parties of the first part (the employer) shall be done by the parties of the second part (the employers) subject to the decisions of the national board for jurisdictional awards" thus making the employer responsible for the kind of work he may contract to do and placing on him the initiative for settling disputes between unions as to the kind of labor they shall perform according to the provisions of the uniform agreement and reference to the national board for jurisdictional awards.

The wages in force at the time work stopped in May were \$1 25 per hour for skilled men and \$1 per hour for common labor. These rates had obtained in Chicago during 1920 and apparently had been originally fixed in total disregard of skill, hazard, length of apprenticeship and necessary loss of time due to weather and seasonal demand. Therefore in Chicago and elsewhere these considerations had influenced and controlled the matter as they have since and do now in other localities.

Terms Theory Erroneous.

Manifestly this theory was fundamentally erroneous and in violation of the principles heretofore announced in this proceeding. Having in mind these principles the rates of the highest skilled trades such as the bricklayers have been reduced approximately 12 1/2% below the rate of 1920 and the wages for all other trades have been scaled accordingly. While it may be true that since the existing scale was fixed living costs have been reduced approximately 20% and that the rates here announced may impress persons unfamiliar with these trades as high when compared with wages paid in other industries it must be remembered that in the building trades workers are limited by weather conditions and other causes to from 150 to 200 days work per year.

The following trades are not in this arbitration: Carpenters, elevator constructors, plasterers, sheet metal workers, painters, glaziers, fixture hangers.

Early in the arbitration a tentative carpenters' agreement was submitted. That document is at variance with the new uniform agreement in several particulars. It provides double time for all overtime; it requires eight hours' pay for seven hours' work shift time; the work covered by the agreement harbors perilous jurisdictional disputes with other trades; it provides that should any other trade under control of the party of the first part do any work claimed by the carpenters then that work shall stop until the matter is taken up by the joint arbitration board.

Should this agreement be rewritten according to the uniform agreement, uniform suggestions and principles, the wage would be fixed on the same scale as others at \$1 per hour.

If an agreement had been submitted by the elevator constructors in harmony with the uniform agreement, uniform suggestions and principles, an award would have been made of 95 cents per hour.

Plasterers' Agreement.

The plasterers are not in this arbitration. Early in the proceeding a document expressing the agreement of the parties was presented for the

advice of the umpire respecting legal questions. That document has few of the safeguards of the uniform agreement. In it are many provisions designed to produce waste, increase cost, and monopolize the business.

The foreman is made subject to union rules; rules are laid down to be obeyed by property owners contracting with plastering contractors; it assumes to extend the plasterers' jurisdiction beyond the fair limits of this; it requires an employing plasterer to register with the union semi-annually and union men may work for no contractor not thus registered. The effect of the foregoing is to subject the public to union rules apparently to exchange for the power of the unions in forcing "all plastering regardless of the nature of the structure" into the employers' hands.

The foreman is required to ascertain whether employees are in good standing in the union, and to collect fines and dues for the union by withholding money from wages due for work. Overtime is fixed at double the rate, or \$2 50 an hour, and the agreement provides that continuous overtime apparently shift time shall be given to those not regularly employed.

Employers Barred from Work.

The agreement limits to union men the right to use tools, thus prohibiting any employer from even doing patch work on his own job. It is required that all cast work except in limited amount must be done at the building by members of a sister union. It is also required that ornamental plastering shall be contracted for by the employing plain plasterers under penalty; that plasterers will not work on the building where the ornamental plastering is let to another contractor; that the original contractor must finish the job or any part thereof for which he may have a contract; that no plasterer will work on such a job for any one except the original contractor, &c., &c.

Should these parties eliminate these vicious provisions and make a clean agreement—and I'll add: "To keep out of jail"—in line with the uniform suggestions and principles announced, a fair wage would be \$1 10 per hour.

The sheet metal trade is not in this arbitration. An agreement appears to have been tendered the union by the contractors based on the uniform agreement and refused by the union, which in turn appears to have tendered an agreement to the contractors. This latter document does not adopt the uniform agreement and is in conflict with it. The "work covered" is written as a definition of jurisdiction and therefore is pregnant with controversy. Double pay is required for overtime; shop rules and regulations are included. They have no place in agreements covering building trades. Should this agreement be rewritten in harmony with the uniform agreement, uniform suggestions, and principles, a fair wage rate would be 95 cents per hour.

Painters Also Excluded.

One section provides expressly for a sympathetic strike; another expressly authorizes the union to call a strike on any shop for any reason that may appear just to the union.

It is further provided that all sash, frames, and screens must be primed, painted, and glazed on the job. The contractor is expressly forbidden to handle tools, scaffolding, or material, with the exception that this restriction does not apply to contractors who are members of the union. The union is authorized to cancel the agreement at any time for any alleged violation. Overtime is paid for at double the regular rate, or \$2 50 per hour.

Should these vices be eliminated and an agreement covering this trade be prepared in accordance with the uniform agreement, uniform suggestions, and principles, a fair wage rate would be 95 cents an hour.

The glaziers and fixture hangers were in the arbitration, but because of certain impossible conditions insisted upon by both employers and employees, obviously with the sole purpose of effecting a monopoly and necessarily occasioning waste, the umpire refused to fix a wage. Should these agreements be rewritten in accordance with the uniform agreement, uniform suggestions and principles, and not in violation of public law, a fair award would be to the glaziers 95 cents per hour and to the fixture hangers \$1 per hour.

Control of Prices of Building Material.

In conclusion a word about the building material situation. This is intimately and directly involved in the question with which we have been struggling. The testimony before the Dailey Committee disclosed that a very large proportion of all building material is subject to artificial control.

In utter contempt of State and Federal penal codes, firms and corporations controlling the various lines have associated themselves together to fix and maintain prices. Business is divided up among the members of these associations and adherence to the allotments is enforced by penalties, reimbursements and other devices denounced by the criminal law.

This atrocious situation is beyond the reach of the umpire, but the activities of grand juries and prosecuting officers give me faith that real war is being waged against this species of criminality.

The scale as established by Judge Landis in comparison with the wages paid in the building trades during the war are as follows:

Trade—	Per Hour—	
	New Wage.	Old Wage.
Plumbers	\$0.95	\$1.25
Bricklayers	1.10	1.25
Boilermakers	1.00	1.25
Steamfitters .....	.95	1.25
Hoisting engineers [for operation of high pressure boilers and engines, cable ways, derricks, pile drivers, cranes, and cable hoists]	1.10	1.25
Hoisting engineers [all others] .....	.85	1.25
Tile layers [fire proofers]	1.12 1/2	1.25
Cement finishers .....	.85	1.25
Composition floor finishers .....	.97 1/2	1.25
Cement workers, laborers [Local No. 76] .....	.72 1/2	1.00
Stone derrickmen .....	.90	1.25
Drain layers .....	.82 1/2	1.25
Electricians	1.10	1.25
Gasfitters .....	.95	1.25
Ornamental ironworkers .....	.95	1.25
Structural ironworkers	1.05	1.25
Common laborers .....	.72 1/2	1.00
Caisson men [windlass and niggerhead men] .....	.85	1.00
Caisson men [diggers and ladders] .....	.97 1/2	1.00
Laborers [plasterers] .....	.78 1/2	1.00
*Excavating labor [Local 225] .....	.47 1/2	.75
*Excavating labor [wall men, Local No. 225] .....	.55	.75
Composition floor laborers	0.72 1/2	1.00
Lathers	1.00	1.25
Machinery movers and riggers .....	.85	1.25
Marble setters .....	.87 1/2	1.25
Marble setters' helpers .....	.70	1.00

[* Rates fixed in accordance with express agreement between employers and employees.]

Trade—	Per Hour—	
	New Wage.	Old Wage.
Marble rubbers and polishers.....	\$.75	\$1.00
Scagliola rubbers and polishers.....	.75	1.00
Mosaic and tile workers.....	1.02½	1.25
Mosaic and tile helpers.....	.70	1.00
Pipe and boiler covers.....	.95	1.25
Composition roofers.....	.92½	1.25
Slate and tile roofers.....	1.00	1.25
Stone cutters.....	1.02½	1.25
Stone carvers.....	1.25	1.25
Stone planer men.....	.82½	1.25
Terrazo mechanics.....	.95	1.25
Terrazo mechanics' assistants.....	.80	1.00
Terrazo helpers.....	.70	1.00
Tuck pointers.....	1.00	1.25
Sprinkler fitters.....	.92½	1.25
Sprinkler fitters' helpers.....	.70	1.00
	Per Week—	
	New Wage.	Old Wage.
Composition roofers' teamsters.....	\$30.00	\$45.00

The carpenters, elevator constructors, plasterers, sheet metal workers, painters, glaziers and fixture hangers—were not signatories to the arbitration agreement. The following tentative awards made by Judge Landis if at any time before Nov. 1 1922 these unions wish to enter the agreement under certain specifications laid down in the award text:

Trade—	Per Hour—	
	New Wage.	Old Wage.
Carpenters.....	\$1.00	\$1.25
Plasterers.....	1.10	1.25
Elevator constructors.....	.95	1.25
Sheet metal workers.....	.95	1.25
Painters.....	.95	1.25
Glaziers.....	.95	1.25
Fixture hangers.....	1.00	1.25

The New York "Evening Post" in its issue of Sept. 10 discussed the matter editorially as follows

Wages of Building Workers.

Judge Landis's decision upon building wages in Chicago was more drastic than telegraphed accounts indicated. Skilled workers on Chicago construction have been getting \$1 25 an hour and unskilled workers \$1. These rates have obtained, as Judge Landis said, "in total disregard of skill, hazard, length of time of apprenticeship, and necessary loss of time due to weather and seasonal demand." It was ridiculous to pay a pick-and-spade laborer almost the wage received by the highly skilled stone carver; ridiculous to pay a plasterer, whose work is seasonal, no more than a drain layer employed at all seasons. Judge Landis's award was divided into nearly fifty schedules for as many different trades. Only one trade received \$1 25 an hour, only eight more than \$1 an hour; he gave plumbers, steamfitters, ornamental, iron workers, and gasfitters only 95 cents an hour; and one branch of unskilled labor was cut to 47½ cents.

As important as the cuts in wages was Judge Landis's attack upon wasteful labor practices. It has been the inflexible rule that no non-union man might even temporarily be brought on a job in a scarcity of union workmen. Judge Landis also condemned certain rules which prevented a workman of one trade from using the tools of any other trade. He has ruled that it is allowable for a workman to do an odd job of thirty minutes in a craft not his own, which was not formerly permitted. He questioned the rule which forbade common laborers to carry pipes, radiators, and plumbing supplies into position, reserving this work for highly paid plumbers. Some union regulations which seem arbitrary are based on sound reasons, but the American Engineering Council in its recent report on the building industry condemned many rules as "absolutely wrong," just as it condemned the waste due to bad management, bad designs, accidents following contractors' carelessness, and bad methods of production. Judge Landis thinks that his new regulations are worth more to the public than a 20% wage cut.

The Judge handed down his decision in the presence of labor leaders and employers from St. Louis, Cleveland, Kansas City, and a score of other cities where it is expected to bear upon wage settlements. In Greater New York wages are now \$10 a day for bricklayers and plasterers and \$9 a day for a majority of other trades. The agreement fixing them is good until Dec. 31, and efforts at a readjustment downward have thus far failed. It is certain that the rates are too nearly uniform, and the wage decision in Chicago, following decisions or agreements for reductions in other parts of the country, shows that in a number of trades they are too high. In Westchester County, under Mr. Untermeyer's decision, a reduction of \$1 a day became effective Sept. 1. Further cuts in both labor costs and materials costs will have to come. Labor will gain by agreeing to reductions, for they will be followed by greater building activity and steadier employment—Chicago architects estimate that \$30,000,000 in contracts was waiting on Judge Landis's decision.

U. S. SHIPPING BOARD REDUCING EMPLOYMENT FORCE—POLICY OF DEFLATION.

"World shipping in July, August and September was at the lowest known in the history of sea trade, with every private concern losing money except the large passenger lines," Chairman Lasker of the U. S. Shipping Board declared in a statement on Sept. 17, discussing the finances of the Board. "The Shipping Board," he said, "is getting in sight of the time when the need of draining great sums for operations from the country will end. We have set the sum of \$100,000,000 as our budget for the present fiscal year, and this will be cut in two when we go before Congress next year and ask for \$50,000,000 to operate the Government's ships for the fiscal year ending June 30 1923." The preceding day, Sept. 16, Chairman Lasker had issued a statement pointing out that since he had undertaken administration of the Shipping Board a net reduction had been

made in the working force of 1,966 employees. When Chairman Lasker took charge on June 15 there were 8,324 employees, and the payroll was \$15,893,796. At the present time the number of employees is 6,358 and the payroll \$12,952,690, and further reduction in personnel is to be made in the organization at home and abroad. In his statement on Sept. 16 Mr. Lasker said:

This really represents only six weeks' work, for we were busy during the first six weeks trying to find out where we stood. The reduction process is still going on. I do not want to make any predictions concerning the future, but we hope to reduce almost as much in the next three months as we have in the last three. We do not know that we can do it, but we are trying.

Our next step will be the reorganization of the European offices and the branches throughout America. The reduction in personnel so far has been principally in the Washington office, although a few employees, comparatively speaking, have been removed from branch offices.

When we came here the personnel of the Board and Emergency Fleet Corporation numbered 8,343, and the annual payroll was \$15,893,796. We now have 6,358 employees, with a payroll of \$12,952,690. The total reductions, net, which included 382 persons employed by the new Board, show a dismissal of 1,966 employees represented by salaries totaling \$2,941,106.

Many of the new employees are men whose salaries range from \$8,000 a year upward, men we have employed to work out the reductions and reorganize generally.

We now have in the European offices 589 employees, with a payroll of \$980,463. We will cut off approximately 500 of these employees. Joseph W. Powell, who is in charge of the reorganization work, suggested that J. H. Sheedy go abroad and clear up the situation. This morning the Board accepted Mr. Powell's recommendation, and Mr. Sheedy will sail soon. Whatever he recommends the board will do. Mr. Sheedy is an experienced shipping man. He was formerly with the Ocean Steamship Company and also with shipbuilding concerns in Seattle.

It seems possible that the foreign affairs of the Board can be managed with American employees only, and part of Mr. Sheedy's task will be to select Americans for the work.

ANTHRACITE MINERS IN WILKES-BARRE DISTRICT TO ASK 40% WAGE INCREASE.

A bulletin recently sent out by the anthracite coal operators of Pennsylvania, with headquarters in Philadelphia, gives facts about the industry of interest to the consuming public, incidentally touching upon the demands for increased wages which miners in the Wilkes-Barre district have formulated. The bulletin points out that one of the leading coal-producing companies in Pennsylvania is remodeling 200 miners' houses at Wanamie, Pa., into six-room homes, with bath rooms, porches and electric lights, to rent from \$7 to \$10 a month. With respect to the wage question, the bulletin says:

Of interest to the consumers and producers of anthracite coal and to the public generally, is the recent action of the Convention of District No. 1 (Wilkes-Barre Region), United Mine Workers of America, in formulating a set of demands which call for a 40% increase in the present wage rate.

This action is of particular significance in view of the fact that it is the first official expression of the attitude of the United Mine Workers in relation to the future level of wages.

The present working agreement expires on March 31, next, when it was confidently expected the wages would be reduced to correspond to the decrease in cost of living and the trend of wages in all other industries. The schedule of new demands includes:

- 40% increase in wages,
- 7-hour day,
- \$15.00 to be paid for opening gangways,
- \$2.00 to be paid for each prop placed.
- Time and one-half time for all over-time, with double time for Sundays and holidays.

The check-off and closed shop. (By check-off is meant the collection of union dues by the employers.) The last increase in 1920 raised the level of wages in anthracite mines to 138.6% above the pre-war scale, and 17% above the scale then in effect. This 1920 increase followed three other increases granted in 1917 and 1918 during the period of Government control.

ORGANIZED LABOR TO RESIST WAGE CUTS IN TEXTILE INDUSTRY—SAMUEL GOMPERS'S VIEWS.

Leaders of organized labor from various Southern States, meeting at Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 16, decided to resist reductions in wages in the textile industry. The meeting, attended by more than 200 labor men, and which was presided over by Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, adopted this resolution:

We, the representatives of labor of North Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee and the city of Atlanta, assembled in conference in the Labor Temple of this city, pledge ourselves and those we have the honor to represent, to a renewed vigorous and permanent effort to organize the unorganized workers of the South, and all over the country, to resist any and all attempts to lower the standard of life and labor of the masses of workers of our Republic. We are determined, in our opinion, that it is better to have resisted and lost than not to have resisted at all.

Previously, on Sept. 12, Mr. Gompers, in addressing the 21st annual convention of the United Textile Workers of America (affiliated with the A. F. of L.), in New York, discussed the matter of organization in the textile field. He remarked:

One of the greatest troubles with the textile industry is that there are a great many workers on the outside who prefer to be big toads in a little

puddle rather than to take their place in the great sea of organization for the good of the industry. It is high time we realize that we must be united in spirit and in fact or we cannot expect the greedy profiteers and "open shoppers" to give us the least consideration. There is a hard fight ahead in the South, but through organized effort and the banding together of the forces that are now outside I know you can accomplish anything.

He added:

I am with the U. T. W. to the limit, and the American Federation of Labor will give all the assistance possible in your organization campaign, which should include not alone the South but every part of the United States where there is a single textile worker. We will delegate five organizers to this work.

We wish to go in peace. But, if there is to be talk of battle, we will not turn away from the battle imposed on us. There is going to be something doing so that our men and women may not be tepid in driving back the wage cuts and driving forward the advance guard of the labor movement.

We aim to accomplish our results day by day, not by a cataclysm of re-olution, but by orderly rational progress. But we do not propose to go down again into the abyss of misery where labor first dredged for a pittance in the form of food, and then later for something for which he could buy food and shelter hardly sufficient to keep up his physical powers of work.

About a year ago a reduction of wages of 22½% was offered to the textile workers, and because of the condition of your industry you accepted. Then the employers saw that it was quite easy to reduce the wages and they tried it again. And they tried it again and again and again until they have driven the manhood and womanhood of the textile industry to desperation and fight.

The management of the textile industry will have a fight on their hands unless they treat with the representatives of this organization, recognizing the right of the men and women who labor to speak through representatives of their own choosing—collective bargaining.

SALE OF ADDITIONAL RAILROAD EQUIPMENT TRUSTS BY UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, after the "Chronicle" had gone to press, the sale was announced of an additional \$31,154,000 of 6% Equipment Trust obligations by the United States Government, raising the total amount of its sales of such obligations to about \$97,266,000.

The issue in this latter case consisted of Pennsylvania RR. Equipment trust certificates, the purchasers being a syndicate headed by Kuhn Loeb & Co. The issue was promptly offered by a group of thirteen bankers and trust companies at prices to yield 5.80% and like the other issues, it was quickly marketed. An advertisement announcing the sale appears for record on another page of to-day's "Chronicle."

The bankers are informed that these certificates are the only equipment trust obligation of those taken by the Government, which have been issued under the Philadelphia plan. In all other cases, it seems the equipment notes sold have been direct obligations of the companies on account of whose purchases of rolling stock they were issued.

It should be noted, though not so reported by the Government at the time, that Brown Brothers and Lee Higginson & Co. participated last week with White Weld & Co. and Blair & Co. in the purchase as well as the sale of nine blocks of equipment 6% notes (all direct obligation) together aggregating \$26,112,000. Compare offering on page XXIV of last week's "Chronicle." The same firms also participated in the flotation of Pennsylvania equipment certificates above mentioned.

Freeman & Company, who have long been specializing in equipment issues, have prepared a circular regarding the nature of the equipment trust agreements that grew out of the Government control of railroads.

As to the amount of the claims of the railroad companies against the Government to the settlement of which the proceeds derived by the Government from the sale of its holdings of equipment obligations are being applied, we have the following from the United States Railroad Administration under date of Sept. 22:

Up to Sept. 1 1921, there had been filed with the Railroad Administration by the carriers claims aggregating \$808,408,810 00. This represents a little more than 70% of the mileage of all the roads under Federal control. It is estimated that if the remaining carriers file their claims on the same basis as those already filed, the total claims will aggregate about \$1,100,000,000 00.

The Railroad Administration, up to Sept. 1 1921, has settled \$314,341,775 00 of these claims, the amount paid in settlement being \$99,286,225 00.

W. W. ATTERBURY SAYS THERE MUST BE FURTHER WAGE REDUCTION OR ELSE RECEIVERSHIP OR GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

Declaring that "there are two outstanding factors in liquidation . . . that have not yet been materially touched," viz., coal and transportation, W. W. Atterbury, Vice-President, in charge of the operation of the Pennsylvania RR. declared on Sept. 26 that a further reduction in railroad wages must be had, otherwise receivership or Government ownership must result. Mr. Atterbury's statement was made in addressing the annual meeting of the Mutual Beneficial Association of the Pennsylvania RR. in Philadelphia. We quote what he had to say herewith:

We, in the railroad business, cannot segregate ourselves apart from the rest of the community any more than we in the United States can stand by ourselves as against the rest of the world. The industrial and financial supremacy of the United States at this time are unquestioned, yet we are suffering one of the greatest panics that we have ever held. The world wants what we manufacture, and we, with our six million or seven million

of men out of employment, want the opportunity to sell to the rest of the world what we can manufacture.

Now, that is the problem all over the world. There is only one solution for it, and that is liquidation. The farmers say they have liquidated; they are selling their wheat for \$1 a bushel. The industries say they have liquidated; they are selling steel at what they were selling it for in pre-war times.

There are two outstanding factors in liquidation, however, that have not yet been materially touched. One is coal, and the other is transportation. Both, curiously enough, have been touched with the damning effect of Government control.

The farmers of this country are united; the industries of this country are solidly united, and they say to the railroads: "Get your rates down or we'll get them down for you." Perhaps you have noticed in the papers something about the "group control" in Congress. That is one thing that is in their minds.

Now, what does a reduction in rates mean to us? Those of you who are in the accounting department know what we are earning to-day is insufficient to meet our fixed charges, our sinking funds and our dividends, and those of you who are in touch with the operations know that what we are doing is being done at the sacrifice of the property.

There has already been a reduction in wages of 12% in which everybody in the service participated. Those of you who are in close touch with operation know better than I whether there can be a still further reduction in the cost of and use of material. Now apparently there isn't much left but a still further reduction in wages. That isn't a pleasant thing to contemplate; it isn't a pleasant thing for me to suggest, nor for you to hear. It is facing us unless we want a receivership or Government ownership.

Is it in the mind of anybody in this room that the employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad want to put themselves on a par with the letter carrier, the clerical forces in Washington or the army? It is notorious that all of the Government employees are underpaid; not underpaid for what they do, but underpaid by the standards with which we judge.

If receivership should come to the railroads of the country there would be nothing left for them to do but to reduce wages. Now I think we have got to look at this situation as citizens of a great country. I think we have a duty to perform entirely outside of our own individual selfish desires. Rates must come down. If we don't do it voluntarily it will be forced on us through legislation.

I wish the Mutual Beneficial Association would appoint strong committees, scatter all over our territory. I wish those committees would acquaint themselves with the facts as I have endeavored to give them to you; then go back and tell the membership of the association from one end of our system to the other what it is that is facing the officers and the employees.

A better opportunity never offered itself to an association of good American citizens. A more unpopular course could not be suggested, and yet it is an inevitable one. If this has to be done, let us do it with intelligence. I'll promise you that when the smoke of the liquidation that is bound to come to this country blows away the employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad, if they assist and cooperate with their officers in bringing about their share of the liquidation, will come out with better standards of living and of wages than those of any other railroad company in this country.

POSSIBILITY OF TRAINMEN'S STRIKE.

With the counting begun in Chicago on Sept. 26, of the trainmen's ballots on the question of accepting or rejecting the 12% wage cut made July 1 by the U. S. Railroad Labor Board, the General Chairmen of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen are said to have declared that, judging from the known temper of the men the result would be overwhelmingly in favor of a strike. On Monday next, Oct. 3, officials of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Order of Railway Conductors, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen and Switchmen's Union of North America will meet in Chicago to count the strike votes of their 259,000 members. In a circular letter on Sept. 12 addressed to members of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen W. G. Lee, pointed out five reasons why he thought a strike would be unwise at this time and why the men might expect to accept some wage reduction. The reasons cited by Mr. Lee according to the Chicago "Evening Post" of Sept. 28 are:

Wages and working conditions of all classes established since 1918 were the result of a world war, such as never before known.

Government reports now indicate that more than 5,000,000 men are out of employment in the United States.

Nearly all classes of labor have been forced by mediation, arbitration, strikes or lockouts to accept reduced rates of pay during the last year.

The United States Railroad Administration based in part at least the increased rates given railroad employees on the increased cost of living as the result of war conditions.

Government reports indicate a reduction of more than 16% in the cost of living since the decision to cut your wages.

With reference to the split which has developed between officials of the trainmen's organization and the other three members of the "Big Four" railroad brotherhoods in voting on a general strike the same paper said:

A special circular issued to local Chairman of all lodges of the Trainmen Brotherhood indicate that the big reason for the split was that leaders of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen and the Switchmen's Union of North America refused to place their cards face up on the table.

Lee Against Strike.

These organizations, it is charged, attempted to cloud the issue of the strike vote by hinting at vague catastrophes to the Brotherhoods. President Lee, it is said, insisted on a plain statement of what the men in the various organizations were up against, and when this was disapproved by leaders of the other three brotherhoods, ordered the separate strike ballot for his organization.

Obviously, from the circular sent out under his name, President Lee is against a strike.

On Sept. 29 President Lee was reported as stating that if the strike vote cast by 90% of the 186,000 members of the

Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen in the recent referendum on the wage reduction should be supported by the Grievance Committee, a tentative strike order would be issued, effective only when and if the other unions should strike. The Associated Press dispatches from Chicago Sept. 29 also said:

With this parting declaration, President W. G. Lee, to-night dispatched fifty-seven General Chairmen of the unions to their homes, with written instructions to call their Grievance Committees, get their approval or disapproval of the strike vote, and report back here next week. That the Grievance Committee will approve the strike was predicted at union headquarters.

Lee expects to act on the committee instructions before the Brotherhoods of Engineers, Conductors, Enginemen and Trainmen and the Switchmen's Union of North America have completed the count of their 259,000 strike ballots, which will start here Monday. The strike call, however, he indicated to-day will provide for a walkout of the trainmen when and if the other unions strike. A walkout of one union, unsupported by the others, will not be undertaken.

That the strike, even if ordered, will never actually take place, continued to be the prevailing impression in union circles to-day. While Lee has promised to call the walkout if the committees so direct, he bluntly told his men in a general letter on Sept. 12 that he would be remiss in his duty if he failed to point out to them that wages and working conditions established since 1918 were the result of a World War such as never before known that Government reports indicate 5,000,000 men out of work, that nearly all classes of labor have been forced to accept some wage reductions, that the pay increases granted them last year by the United States Labor Board was based on the increased cost of living, and that Government reports show a reduction of more than 16% in such living costs.

Tabulation of the vote had not been completed to-night, but the ballots already counted showed that from 90 to 95% of the men on every railroad system in the country voted to quit work rather than accept the pay reduction. No system failed to return less than nine out of ten votes for the strike.

Responsibility on the Others.

Lee's determination to announce his union's stand before the other brotherhoods complete their ballot count shifts the entire responsibility for the next move in the threatened general strike to the four unions which took a joint vote—the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, the Order of Railway Conductors, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, and the Switchmen's Union of North America.

The affiliated shop crafts, by a vote of 325,000 to 48,000 already have gone on record in favor of a strike, but have postponed action pending the decision of the other unions and action of the labor board on rules and working conditions which questions are before it.

As the situation stands to-night if the engineers, conductors, enginemen and switchmen walk out, the trainmen and shopmen will join them, but the first four will have to assume responsibility for the move.

James Murdock, Vice-President of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen was reported in the Chicago "Tribune" of Sept. 28, as stating that "The vote, so far as we have checked, indicates the men are almost unanimously opposed to continuing work at the reduced wages given effect July 1, upon authorization of the United States Railroad Labor Board." The "Tribune" also said in part:

Mr. Murdock, repudiating a newspaper statement attributed to him, denied he had said a strike will be authorized if the vote shows the workers favor it.

Strike Up to Committees.

"It will be up to the grievance committees of the various railway systems," he said. "These committees may or may not sanction a strike."

Mr. Murdock said the officers, not the grievance committees, have pledged themselves not to interfere with the expressed will of the men.

May Be Disagreement.

"That, of course, is conceivable," he said. "In that event the committee acting for the Illinois Central, for instance, would be empowered to call a strike while the Pennsylvania system committee could refuse to authorize one on its lines. The probability of such a complication is another question."

MEETING IN CHICAGO OCT. 14 OF ASSOCIATION OF RAILWAY EXECUTIVES—F. D. UNDERWOOD SAYS DISCUSSION OF RATE REVISIONS IS ILL-TIMED.

A meeting of the Association of Railway Executives will be held in Chicago Oct. 14 for the purpose of discussing "the general railroad situation, according to F. D. Underwood, President of the Erie Railroad, who is reported as stating:

Under the present rates, the carriers are not earning the 5½% return on their property investment called for by the Transportation Act. Proceeding on the maxim that rates should be readjusted in specific cases, where it is proved that schedules are so high as to hamper traffic, the executives are opposed to no rate revisions which iron out inequalities of that character. No horizontal rate reduction will be justified, however, unless railroad operating expenses are reduced. The railroads will not make another application for a general reduction in the wages of railroad employees until conditions warrant it.

Discussion of general downward revisions of railroad rates and wages in the press at this time seem to be ill-timed.

PENNSYLVANIA RR. DISPUTES U. S. LABOR BOARD'S AUTHORITY IN COMPANY MANAGEMENT.

The rehearing as to certain phases of the U. S. Railroad Labor Board's order in the controversy with the Pennsylvania RR. and the Shop Craft's Union, scheduled for Monday last, Sept. 26, was called-off by the Board with the non appearance of the carrier. A reply by the railroad filed with the Board on the 26th stating the position of the Company declared that the Board had restricted the hearing "to matters over which the company maintains the Board has no jurisdiction, and has declined to hear any other

evidence." The most important points submitted by the Company in its statement follows:

That the Board has refused to grant a hearing at which the Company proposed to give concrete evidence of the fact that the great majority of its employees are satisfied with the manner of selecting employee representatives and with the rules and working conditions now in effect.

That the Board, on the contrary, has restricted to-morrow's hearing to matters over which the Company maintains the Board has no jurisdiction and has declined to hear any other evidence.

That the real issue in this case is the fundamental right of employer and employees to deal directly with each other.

That the company does not question the jurisdiction of the Board to hear and decide such disputes as fall within the purview of the Transportation Act. It does, however, deny the right of the Board to invade the domain of Management.

The Board referred the company to its recent decision, in which the Board arrogates to itself the right to ignore the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States determining the respective rights of employers and employees, and decides that "hitherto unquestioned legal rights" must give way to the Board's view of what is just, fair and reasonable as between the parties and the public. In reply to this the Company said:

The carrier cannot accept these views of the Board, novel and even startling though they may be, and if followed to their logical conclusion revolutionary in effect. It does not believe that the Transportation Act has deprived, or was intended by Congress to deprive, either employers or employees of their constitutional and legal rights as established by the Supreme Court and other courts of the United States.

It is reported that the Board expects to take immediate action and reiterate its contention that the Pennsylvania is in error. Reference to the rehearing announced by the Board was made in our issue of Saturday last, page 1325.

GUARANTY TRUST CO. SAYS TO DELAY RAILROAD RELIEF IS TO DELAY ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND PROLONG UNEMPLOYMENT.

The hope is expressed in "The Guaranty Survey" that the conference called by the President to discuss the unemployment problem, and to seek a solution for it, will result in means for at least a partial remedying of the situation. The "Survey," which contains a review of world-wide business and financial conditions, and is published monthly by the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, says in part:

It would be unreasonable to expect the conferees to offer a panacea for unemployment in this country, the causes of which are not merely domestic but are to be found chiefly in universal economic reactions that have inevitably followed the most destructive and exhausting war in all history. We cannot hope to have normal employment here when there is so much unemployment and industrial depression elsewhere. The best way to restore the prosperity of each country is to restore the prosperity of all countries.

Perhaps the one most immediately effective measure, however, which the Government could take to ameliorate the situation would be the funding of the existing indebtedness of the railroad companies on account of capital expenditures while the roads were under its control. That would place at the disposal of the roads \$500,000,000 and would materially improve their financial position and hasten the time when they could make much needed expenditures for maintenance, improvements, and expansion.

Some relief is being provided through the recent sale by the Government of railroad equipment trust certificates, but the amount involved is as yet comparatively small, and this does not obviate the necessity for the funding of the indebtedness. To delay that action is to retard our economic recovery and prolong, if not increase, unemployment.

Why Condition of Railroads Is Better.

The fact that the net operating income of the railroads has steadily increased during the last few months does not warrant the conclusion that the railroads are on a profitable basis, for they are not. The betterment in their financial condition has been due largely to drastic economies in operating costs, chiefly effected by the reduction of their working forces, and to postponement of repair and maintenance work. It is estimated that the total deferred maintenance item amounts on ways and structures to approximately \$500,000,000 and on equipment to around \$175,000,000. The freight carried by the roads during the first six months of this year amounted to only about 780,000,000 tons, as contrasted with more than 1,020,000,000 during the corresponding period of last year. Fewer passengers, also, were carried by the roads in the first half of the current year, as compared with the first half of 1920. And it should not be forgotten that, despite the efforts of the railroads to increase by every possible means their net operating income, they are not earning by a considerable margin the 5½% return as contemplated by the Transportation Act on the Inter-State Commerce Commission's tentative valuation of their properties, namely \$18,900,000,000.

The best construction that can reasonably be placed on the improvement which has lately been effected in the financial position of the carriers is that their comparatively favorable showing under adverse conditions is a hopeful sign. It does not by any means remove the urgent necessity for funding their indebtedness to the Government, and most assuredly does not warrant a horizontal reduction in railroad rates.

RAILROAD CONSOLIDATION PLAN PRESENTED TENTATIVELY BY THE INTER-STATE COMMERCE COMMISSION.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission on Sept. 28 acting in obedience to Sec. 5, Par. 4, of the Transportation Act of 1920, made public a tentative plan dated Aug. 3 (document No. 12964) for the consolidation of the leading railway properties of the United States. They propose to unite the properties into 19 systems. The full text of this plan is given below. Hearings on the plan will begin at an early day probably within a month.

The Commission has based its plan with slight modification, for instance 19 systems instead of 20, on the voluminous report and plan prepared for it by Prof. William Z. Ripley of Harvard University. Published as an appendix to the plan of the Commission, Prof. Ripley's documents as aforesaid aggregate 194 octavo pages and include 27 maps.

The Commission in its introductory remarks says:

Under our direction Prof. William Z. Ripley, of Harvard University, has prepared a report to us, which is the appendix. In some respects our tentative plan does not follow his [Prof. Ripley's] recommendations, but presents alternatives thereto for like consideration. We indicate the main differences. We have sought to minimize dismemberment of existing lines or systems.

This tentative plan is put forward in order to elicit a full record upon which the plan to be ultimately adopted can rest, and without prejudgment of any matters which may be presented upon that record.

Whenever we refer to a property, the properties controlled thereby under lease, stock ownership, or otherwise should be understood as included unless otherwise indicated.

There is nothing in the Transportation Act of 1920 to compel the railroads of the United States or any of them to accept this or any other plan that the Commission may present. Apparently for this reason, and because they have a premonition that their recommendations may not meet a generally favorable response from the railroads under existing upset conditions, the Commission has issued substantially the following warning as reported by the New York "Sun" of Sept. 29:

Added incentive for Government ownership of rail lines will be afforded unless the railroads agree to voluntary consolidation into a few main systems a report issued by the InterState Commerce Commission asserted to-day.

The issue of Government ownership is constantly pressing itself on the attention of Congress and the people.

Should the policy of voluntary consolidation not prevail, after due encouragement by Government authority, it seems clear that an added incentive to Government ownership will be afforded.

Voluntary consolidation is "the way out." Unless consolidation is put into effect, a positive bar to the attainment of uniform reasonable rates, under which all the carriers alike may thrive, will continue to exist.

The opinions of railway officials so far as expressed concerning the plan are rather guarded. Some favor it as a step in the right direction as for instance, officials of the Erie, Lehigh Valley, New York Central and the Pennsylvania who have expressed themselves as being fairly well satisfied with the proposed unifications. Other roads upon which the plan would saddle weaker lines are strongly opposed to the idea. President Underwood of the Erie would prefer six rather than 19 systems.

Robert S. Lovett, Chairman of the Union Pacific System is quoted as follows:

Our railroad history is well strewn with wrecks of strong companies through overloading with unprofitable consolidations and extensions. Strong lines and weak lines do not always lie end to end where they may be united into a continuous system. More often they are side by side and interlaced so that they compete in service and facilities.

The owners of the successful lines certainly will object to taking on the burden of the failures except at their actual value, and the owners of the unsuccessful lines, finding support in the policy of the Government to sell their lines, will be stimulated in the price they ask.

Instead of having the Commission evolve a plan for forcing all the railroads of the United States into arbitrarily formed groups, it would be far better for the law to provide for voluntary consolidations from time to time, subject in each case to approval by the Commission after a full public hearing. Then the carriers could enter into negotiations with better prospects of agreeing upon terms, unembarrassed by a prior finding of the Commission that they must consolidate.

I have never faltered in the belief that competition in service and facilities is the best railroad policy for the public, and therefore I am not in favor of the consolidation of large competing systems.

The Commission says that this tentative plan is prepared and served on the railroad companies under paragraph (4) and (5) of the Transportation Act of 1920 ("Chronicle" of Feb. 21 1920, p. 727) which read as follows:

"(4) The Commission shall as soon as practicable prepare and adopt a plan for the consolidation of the railway properties of the continental United States into a limited number of systems. In the division of such railways into such systems under such plan, competition shall be preserved as fully as possible and wherever practicable the existing routes and channels of trade and commerce shall be maintained.

"Subject to the foregoing requirements, the several systems shall be so arranged that the cost of transportation as between competitive systems and as related to the values of the properties through which the service is rendered shall be the same, so far as practicable, so that these systems can employ uniform rates in the movement of competitive traffic and under efficient management earn substantially the same rate of return upon the value of their respective railway properties.

"(5) When the Commission has agreed upon a tentative plan, it shall give the same due publicity and upon reasonable notice, including notice to the Governor of each State, shall hear all persons who may file or present objections thereto. The Commission is authorized to prescribe a procedure for such hearings and to fix a time for bringing them to a close.

"After the hearings are at an end, the Commission shall adopt a plan for such consolidation and publish the same; but it may at any time thereafter, upon its own motion or upon application, reopen the subject for such changes or modifications as in its judgment will promote the public interest. The consolidations herein provided for shall be in harmony with such plan.

TENTATIVE PLAN FOR RAILROAD CONSOLIDATIONS RECOMMENDED BY I. S. C. COMMISSION.

We find for the purposes of this tentative plan that the railway properties of the continental United States may be consolidated under the statute into the following systems:

System No. 1—New York Central.

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| New York Central. | Fonda, Johnstown & Gloversville. |
| Pittsburgh & Lake Erie. | Lake Erie & Pittsburgh. |
| Rutland. | Central Indiana. |
| Michigan Central. | Pitts., Chartiers & Youghiogheny. |
| Chicago, Kalamazoo & Saginaw. | Monongahela. |
| Cleve., Cinn., Chicago & St. Louis. | Boston & Maine. |
| Cincinnati Northern. | Maine Central. |
| Western Maryland. | Bangor & Aroostook. |

All and railway properties controlled by the above carriers through lease, stock ownership, or otherwise, except:

Lake Erie & Western and Toledo and Ohio Central. (Both now controlled by New York Central.)

Zanesville & Western and Kanawha & Michigan. (Both now controlled by Toledo & Ohio Central.)

Indiana Harbor Belt (now controlled by New York Central) 30%; Michigan Central, 30%; Chicago & Northwestern, 20%; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, 20%.

[Note.—Prof. Ripley recommends the inclusion of the Western Maryland in System No. 5, Nickel Plate-Lehigh Valley. He makes no specific assignment of the Fonda, Johnstown & Gloversville.

The Lake Erie and Pittsburgh, Central Indiana, Pittsburgh, Chartiers & Youghiogheny, and Monongahela may be incorporated in either system No. 1 or No. 2. Prof. Ripley makes no specific assignment of these four roads, which are controlled jointly in the interest of the New York Central and the Pennsylvania.

The Boston & Maine, Maine Central, and Bangor & Aroostook may be included in system No. 7, New England, or System No. 7A, New England-Great Lakes. Prof. Ripley rejects the trunk line treatment of the New England roads, but we present this alternative with a view to developing the situation upon hearing.

The Lake Erie & Western may be included in System No. 5, Nickel Plate-Lehigh Valley.

The Toledo & Ohio Central, Zanesville & Western and Kanawha & Michigan may be included in System No. 9, Norfolk & Western.

The Indiana Harbor Belt is reserved for consideration in connection with terminal situations.

System No. 2—Pennsylvania.

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Pennsylvania. | Cincinnati Lebanon & Northern. |
| West Jersey & Seashore. | Ohio River & Western. |
| Long Island. | Louisville Bridge & Terminal. |
| Baltimore Chesapeake & Atlantic. | Wheeling Terminal. |
| Cumberland Valley. | Toledo Peoria & Western. |
| Maryland Delaware & Virginia. | Lorain Ashland & Southern. |
| New York Philadelphia & Norfolk. | Lake Erie & Pittsburgh. |
| Pittsburgh Cinc. Chic. & St. Louis. | Central Indiana. |
| Waynesburg & Washington. | Pittsb. Chartiers & Youghiogheny. |
| Grand Rapids & Indiana. | Monongahela. |

All and other railway properties controlled by any of the above carriers under lease, stock ownership, or otherwise, except the Norfolk & Western and railway properties controlled by it, which may be included in System No. 9, Norfolk & Western.

[Note.—The Lorain Ashland & Southern may be included in System No. 4, Erie, which owns one-half the stock, the Pennsylvania owning the other half. The Lake Erie & Pittsburgh, Central Indiana, Pittsburgh Chartiers & Youghiogheny and Monongahela may be included in System No. 1, New York Central, which controls one-half the stock, the Pennsylvania controlling the other half.]

System No. 3—Baltimore & Ohio.

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Baltimore & Ohio. | Cincinnati Indianapolis & Western. |
| Sandy Valley & Elphorn. | Chicago Indianapolis & Louisville. |
| Staten Island Rapid Transit. | New York New Haven & Hartford. |
| Reading System, comprising the | Central New England. |
| Philadelphia & Reading, Central | Lehigh & New England. |
| R.R. of N. J. and various others. | High & Hudson. |

[Note.—The Baltimore & Ohio Chicago terminal is reserved for consideration in connection with terminal situations.

The New York New Haven & Hartford, Central New England, Lehigh & New England and Lehigh & Hudson may be included in System No. 7, New England, or System No. 7A, New England-Great Lakes.]

System No. 4—Erie.

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Erie. | Bessemer & Lake Erie. |
| Chicago & Erie. | Buffalo & Susquehanna. |
| New Jersey & New York. | Pittsburgh & Shawmut. |
| New York Susquehanna & Western. | Pittsburgh Shawmut & Northern. |
| Delaware & Hudson. | Lorain Ashland & Southern. |
| Delaware Lackawanna & Western. | Wabash Lines east of the Missouri River. |
| Ulster & Delaware. | |

[Note.—Professor Ripley recommends including the Lehigh Valley in this system; but in this tentative plan that carrier is proposed as a main stem for System 5, Nickel-Plate-Lehigh Valley. The Delaware & Hudson, Delaware Lackawanna & Western, Ulster & Delaware, Pittsburgh & Shawmut, and Pittsburgh Shawmut & Northern may be included in System 7A, New England-Great Lakes.

The Bessemer & Lake Erie may be included in System 5, Nickel Plate-Lehigh Valley. The Lorain Ashland & Southern may be included in System 2, Pennsylvania.]

System No. 5—Nickel Plate Lehigh Valley.

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Lehigh Valley | Lake Erie & Western |
| New York, Chicago & St. Louis | Wheeling & Lake Erie |
| Toledo, St. Louis & Western | Pittsburgh & West Virginia |
| Detroit & Toledo Shore Line | Bessemer & Lake Erie |

[Note.—Professor Ripley recommends the Lackawanna as main stem in this system. In this tentative plan it is replaced for that purpose by the Lehigh Valley, and made available for either System 7A, New England-Great Lakes, or System 4, Erie. He also includes the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh and Wheeling & Lake Erie in this System. The Bessemer & Lake Erie may be included in System No. 4, Erie.]

System No. 6—Pere Marquette.

- | | |
|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Pere Marquette. | Detroit Toledo & Ironton. |
| Detroit & Mackinac. | Boyne City Gaylord & Alpena. |
| Ann Arbor. | |

[Note.—The last named road is a Class II road not specifically covered by Professor Ripley's report.]

System No. 7—New England.

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| New York New Haven & Hartford. | Maine Central. |
| New York Ontario & Western. | Bangor & Aroostook. |
| Central New England. | Lehigh & Hudson River. |
| Boston & Maine. | Lehigh & New England. |

[Note.—Professor Ripley recommends inclusion of the New York Ontario & Western in System 4, Erie. The Lehigh & Hudson River is not included in any system under Professor Ripley's report, but is left as a "bridgeline."]

System No. 7A—New England Great Lakes.

Same as System 7 with addition of the following, which otherwise with the exception of the Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh may be included in System 4, Erie. That carrier may be included in System 5, Nickel-Plate-Lehigh Valley.

Delaware & Hudson	Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh
Ulster & Delaware	Pittsburgh & Shawmut
Delaware, Lackawanna & Western	Pittsburgh, Shawmut & Northern

[Note.—The addition of these lines has not been recommended by Professor Ripley.]

System No. 8—Chesapeake & Ohio.

Chesapeake & Ohio	Virginian
Hocking Valley	

[Note.—Professor Ripley recommends consolidation of the Virginian with the Norfolk & Western, Toledo & Ohio Central and Kanawha & Michigan in order to afford a Western outlet for coal originating on the Virginian. This apparently would involve upgrade eastbound haul of west-bound coal to the vicinity of Roanoke unless there be new construction near Gauley Bridge, W. Va. The Virginian's present outlet to the West is via Deepwater, W. Va., and the Chesapeake & Ohio.]

System No. 9—Norfolk & Western.

Norfolk & Western	Kanawha & Michigan
Toledo & Ohio Central	Kanawha & West Virginia
Zanesville & Western	

[Note.—From the Norfolk & Western is excepted the branch from Roanoke to Winston-Salem which may be included in System No. 11. Atlantic Coast Line, Louisville & Nashville and the branch from Lynchburg to Durham which may be included in system No. 12, Illinois Central-Seaboard.]

Systems No. 10—Southern.

Southern	Northern Alabama
Alabama Great Southern	Cincinnati, New Or. & Texas Pacific
Georgia Southern & Florida	New Orleans Great Northern
Mobile & Ohio	Alabama & Vicksburg
Southern Railway in Mississippi	

[Note.—Professor Ripley recommends inclusion of the Georgia Southern & Florida branch from Valdosta to Palatka, Fla., in the Seaboard system.]

System No. 11—Atlantic Coast Line Louisville & Nashville.

Atlantic Coast Line	Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic
Atlanta & West Point	Winston-Salem, southbound
Charleston & Western Carolina	Roanoke to Winston-Salem Branch of Norfolk & Western
Louisville & Nashville	Florida East Coast
Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis	Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio
Louisville, Henderson & St. Louis	Georgia & Florida
Western Railway of Alabama	Gulf, Mobile & Northern
Richmond Fredericksb'g & Potomac	Mississippi Central
Norfolk Southern	

[Note.—Professor Ripley recommends that the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac and Florida East Coast retain their present status without inclusion in any system. The Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio may be included in System 12, Illinois Central-Seaboard. Professor Ripley recommends inclusion in System 10, Southern. The Gulf, Mobile & Northern and Mississippi Central are not specifically included in any system under Professor Ripley's report.]

System No. 12—Illinois Central Seaboard.

Illinois Central	Lynchburg, Va., to Durham, N. C., branch of Norfolk & Western
Yazoo & Mississippi Valley	Gulf & Ship Island
Central of Georgia	Tennessee Central
Seaboard Air Line	Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio

[Note.—Professor Ripley recommends that a separate system be built around the Seaboard Air Line. The Gulf & Ship Island is not included in any system by Professor Ripley. The Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio may be included in System 11, Atlantic Coast Line-Louisville & Nashville.]

System No. 13—Union Pacific Northwestern.

Union Pacific.	Los Angeles & Salt Lake.
St. Joseph & Grand Island.	Chicago & North Western.
Oregon Short Line.	Chicago St. Paul Minn. & Omaha.
Oregon-Washington RR. & Navigation Co.	Lake Superior & Ishpeming.
	Wabash Lines west of Missouri River

[Note.—Professor Ripley recommends inclusion of the Central Pacific in this system. The Lake Superior & Ishpeming is not specifically included in any system by Professor Ripley.]

System No. 14—Burlington Northern Pacific.

Chicago Burlington & Quincy.	Northern Pacific.
Chicago Great Western.	Minneapolis & St. Louis.
Spokane Portland & Seattle.	

[Note.—From the Chicago Burlington & Quincy are excepted the Colorado & Southern and Fort Worth & Denver City, which may be included in System 16, Santa Fe, Professor Ripley recommends that they be included in System 19, Chicago-Missouri Pacific. Professor Ripley recommends extension of this system to the Pacific Coast by including the Denver & Rio Grande and the Western Pacific. He also recommends redistribution of portions of the Minneapolis & St. Louis and Chicago Great Western. The Spokane Portland & Seattle may be included in System 15, Milwaukee-Great Northern.]

System No. 15—Milwaukee Great Northern.

Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul.	Great Northern
Chicago Terre Haute & Southeast.	Duluth & Iron Range.
Duluth Missabe & Northern.	Green Bay & Western.
Spokane Portland & Seattle.	Butte Anaconda & Pacific.

[Note.—The Green Bay & Western and Butte Anaconda & Pacific are not included in any system under Professor Ripley's report. The Spokane Portland & Seattle may be included in System 14. Burlington-Northern Pacific. Professor Ripley recommends that the eastern half of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois be included in this system.]

System No. 16—Santa Fe.

Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe.	Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe.
Colorado & Southern.	Ft. Worth & Denver City.
Denver & Rio Grande.	Western Pacific.
Utah Railway.	Northwestern Pacific.
Nevada Northern.	

[Note.—Professor Ripley recommends inclusion of the Colorado & Southern and the Fort Worth & Denver City in the Missouri Pacific System. He also recommends inclusion of a part of the Gulf Coast Lines in the above system. Professor Ripley recommends that the Northwestern Pacific retain its present status. The Nevada Northern is not specifically included in any system by Professor Ripley. It may be included in System No. 17, Southern Pacific-Rock Island.]

System No. 17—Southern Pacific Rock Island.

Southern Pacific Co.	Nevada Northern.
Chicago Rock Island & Pacific.	Chicago Rock Island & Gulf.
Arizona & New Mexico.	El Paso & Southwestern.
San Antonio & Aransas Pass.	Trinity & Brazos Valley.
Midland Valley.	Vicksburg Shreveport & Pacific.
Chicago Peoria & St. Louis.	

[Note.—The Nevada Northern may be included in System No. 16, Santa Fe. The Arizona & New Mexico and Chicago Peoria & St. Louis are not specifically included in any system by Professor Ripley. The Trinity & Brazos Valley may be included in System No. 18, Frisco-Katy Cotton Belt. So recommended by Professor Ripley. Professor Ripley recommends redistribution of portions of the carriers included by us in this system.]

System No. 18—Frisco Katy Cotton Belt.

St. Louis & San Francisco.	Missouri Kansas & Texas.
St. Louis Southwestern.	Trinity & Brazos Valley.
Louisiana Ry. & Navigation Co.	San Antonio, Uvalde & Gulf.
Chicago & Alton	

[The Trinity & Brazos Valley may be included in System No. 17, Southern Pacific-Rock Island. Professor Ripley recommends inclusion of the San Antonio, Uvalde & Gulf in either System No. 17, Southern Pacific-Rock Island, or in a Southwestern-Gulf System. Professor Ripley recommends redistribution of portions of the carriers included by us in this system.]

System No. 19—Chicago Missouri Pacific.

Chicago & Eastern Illinois.	Texas & Pacific.
Missouri Pacific	Fort Smith & Western.
Kansas City Southern	Louisiana & Arkansas.
Kansas City, Mexico & Orient.	Gulf Coast Lines.
Kansas, Oklahoma & Gulf.	International & Great Northern.

[Note.—Professor Ripley recommends redistribution of portions of the carriers included by us in this system.]

Certain lines, such as the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie and the Central Vermont, which are controlled by Canadian carriers, have not been specifically included in this tentative plan because these lines form parts of through trans-continental Canadian systems in active competition with systems above set forth.

The carriers included in this tentative plan comprise most of the Class I. steam railroads, but very few of those in Class II. and Class III. Those not so included, whether industrial common carriers, terminal carriers, interurban electric railways operated as a part of general steam railroad systems of transportation, or engaged in the general transportation of freight, "short lines," or others, will be considered at the hearings to be hereafter assigned so that in the plan to be ultimately adopted provision can be made for their inclusion in the systems.

We have not specifically mentioned water-carriers. Where these carriers are now controlled by carriers by rail they will be considered as being included tentatively in the systems in which the controlling rail carrier has been included.

PLAN FOR READJUSTMENT AND MERGER OF STREET RAILWAYS AND RAPID TRANSIT LINES OF GREATER NEW YORK WITH EVENTUAL CITY OWNERSHIP.

The New York City Transit Commission consisting of George McAneny, Chairman; LeRoy T. Harkness and Major Gen. John F. O'Ryan, appointed under the provisions of the Transit Law of 1921 and charged by that Act with the duty of finding a solution for New York City's transit problems made public on Thursday a detailed statement regarding the matter as they view it after several months investigation and an outline of the plan which they have prepared as a basis for the final or statutory plan that will be brought out following the public hearings shortly to be held.

The plan which is given substantially in full below provides in brief for (a) The exchange of existing securities of all essential lines, surface, elevated and subway, with the exception of some low interest underlying securities, for purchase money bonds of a consolidated company on the basis of the actual value of the several properties "for operating purposes," all "water" of every description to be eliminated (b) Eventual municipal ownership of all lines of value in the city, and in the meantime and subsequently unified operation of the same by company agencies under a Joint Board of Control. (c) Continuation of the 5-cent fare for one year, and a fluctuating fare thereafter depending on earnings. (d) Reestablishment as soon as possible of free transfers with transfer facilities between subways. (e) Bus lines as feeders.

The Commission says that an expenditure of about \$11,000,000 is needed for rehabilitation of existing properties, and a further \$25,000,000 for improvements and additions thereto while at least \$50,000,000 annually, or \$250,000,000 in all of new subway work should be put under contract within the next five years. This they say will not be possible without a reorganization such as they propose.

Official Summary of Plan of Readjustment.

- (a) Municipal ownership of all railway lines in the City of New York.
- (b) The surrender by the companies of all existing franchises, including perpetual franchises.

- (c) The elimination of all existing agencies as factors in the transit situation.
- (d) The unification of the entire transit system with a Board of Control, three members to be appointed by the Mayor, three by the investors and a Chairman to be selected by the two groups.
- (e) Operation to be carried on by three operating corporate agencies to be created for the purpose.
- (f) Genuine home rule by the city in the administration of its transit affairs.
- (g) The elimination of stock speculation in transit facilities, by the elimination of stock.
- (h) An honest valuation of all properties to be taken over by the city.
- (i) Payment for such property to be made on the basis of such valuation irrespective of present capitalization and book values.
- (j) Municipal ownership to be acquired without outlay by the city, by retiring the purchase bonds, out of revenues of operation.
- (k) No increase of fare unless operation under the new conditions demonstrates its necessity.
- (l) Rates of fare to be based on actual cost and automatically determined by the amount of a contingent reserve or "barometer" fund.
- (m) Substantial economies in operation of the unified systems through consolidation and the elimination of the numerous leasing and operating companies, with their unnecessary duplication of overhead, separate traction policies and independent purchases;
- (n) Consolidation and unification of power facilities.
- (o) The elimination of preferential payments to existing companies and the placing of the city's rights on the same footing with those of other interests.
- (p) The assurance of a fair return on securities of the new system.
- (q) The re-establishment of free transfers as rapidly as the financial condition of the new system will permit
- (r) The increase of the city's debt-incurring capacity so as to permit new subway construction.
- (s) Proper and adequate service to the public.
- (t) The rehabilitation of required lines, and the elimination of obsolete facilities.
- (u) Participation by operating personnel, as well as new security holders in surplus profits resulting from efficient management and operation.
- (v) Useless or broken-down lines not needed in the public service, not to be included in the system.
- (w) Abolition of the Transit Commission upon the full establishment of the plan.

The statement accompanying the plan goes quite fully into the evils of the present situation and the steps which the Commission finds necessary in order to eradicate them and give New York the "best possible" transit facilities. This statement further reports (in brief):

- (1) *Plan.*—The plan has been prepared after conference with company officials and representatives of security holders and tort creditors, but it has not been submitted to any of the companies.
- (2) *Present Status.*—The transit companies are suffering seriously from the existing state of affairs, none of the companies have paid dividends in the past three years, except the Manhattan Railway (under the terms of its lease to the Interborough) most of the street railway lines are in receivers' hands while the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. has been perilously near a receivership.
- (3) *Traffic.*—Traffic in the past 3 years has increased 25% but the facilities only 5%.
In 1918 there were 328,000,000 car miles operated for the accommodation of less than 2,000,000,000 passengers. During the year just past, with 2,500,000,000 passengers carried, the car mileage had risen only to 344,000,000.
- (4) *Fares.*—Owing to the resulting multiple fares and the withdrawal of transfers except where required by law or franchises, the net return per ride for each passenger on the surface lines has been increased in Manhattan and the Bronx from 3.674 cts. in 1918 to 4.342 cts. in 1921 and in Brooklyn from 3.341 to 4.415 cts.
Of the 2,365 free transfer points maintained three years ago on the surface lines, 1,783 have been discontinued, and at 227 of those continued, the 2-cent rate is charged.
- (5) *City's Burden.*—Interest and sinking fund on the city's investment of \$230,000,000 in rapid transit lines is still paid from taxation. These charges in 1921 exceeded \$9,500,000 and in 1922 will be still greater.
- (6) *Company Deficits.*—Statements covering their operations for the three years ended June 30 1921, show the aggregate deficits of all lines after allowance for fixed charges and operating expense, as follows:

Total Deficits After Allowing for Fixed Charges.	
For year ended June 30 1919	\$8,572,558
For year ended June 30 1920	11,423,936
For year ended June 30 1921	17,122,798

The greater part of the increase of \$5,698,862 in the deficit for the fiscal year just ended, over that of the year before, is attributable to the advance in wage schedules of August, 1920, which, in turn, will be offset largely during the current year by the wage reduction of 10% agreed upon a month ago.

The Interborough Company in its subway division, makes a better showing than any of the others, nevertheless, upon its subway operation, showed an operating profit applicable to the carrying of its elevated deficit of \$2,630,953 for the year ended June 30 1920 and of only \$1,129,548 for the fiscal year just ended, a decrease of \$1,501,405.

On the other hand, during the same period, the Manhattan surface lines of the New York Railways Company, as constituted before their receivership, while still showing a deficit of \$3,151,654, showed a gain of \$937,149 over their record of the year before.

(7) *Heavy Preferential Accumulations.*—The still accruing accumulation of unearned preferential allowances due the companies under the dual contract and payable from surplus earnings before any payments of interest or sinking fund charges may be made to the city on its share of the dual investment aggregated on June 30 2911 \$41,681,458, viz:

Preferentials of \$41,681,458 accum. Due June 30 1921 Under Dual Contract.	
Interborough Company (subway account)	\$6,061,143
Interborough Company (Manhattan elevated account)	23,646,548
Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company	11,973,767

Preferential allowances held to be fair and necessary when the dual contracts were negotiated ten years ago are not fair under the conditions of to-day.

(8) *"Water."*—In readjusting securities on the basis of honest value, the Commission has in view and will insist upon, the elimination of "water" of every description and the frank recognition of a depreciation that investors have long since discounted.

(9) *Current Liabilities.*—On June 30 1921, the aggregate of current assets of all the companies was \$55,908,893, of which \$9,248,552 was in

current cash funds. Upon the same date the aggregate of current liabilities, many of them of a pressing nature, was \$111,044,653.

Important Items Included in the \$111,044,653 of Current Liabilities.	
Arrears of taxes due, State and City	\$13,370,972
Unpaid interest on underlying bonds, etc.	36,083,595
Rentals overdue	14,557,975
Accounts and bills payable	14,449,921

(10) *Total Adverse Charge.*—If the present situation were accepted as the basis of fare fixing—a solution the Commission declines to consider—without allowance for profits of any nature, preferential or otherwise and without allowance also for restoring full train service and obsolete equipment the annual deficit to be overcome would aggregate \$41,000,000 viz:

Annual Deficit of \$41,000,000 That Would Have to be Overcome on Said Basis.	
(a) The gross revenue of the operating companies for the year ending June 30 1921, was in round numbers \$133,000,000, and the costs of operation, taxes, rentals and interest, \$150,000,000. The deficits, heretofore cited, are therefore	\$17,000,000
(b) The deficits in the interest and sinking fund account of the city which in 1921 amounted to \$9,500,000 will advance in 1922 to approximately \$10,000,000—the total to be provided from revenue for the city's account, therefore will be	10,000,000
(c) The cost of eliminating double fares and of restoring free transfers upon the surface lines will be for each year not less than	9,000,000
(d) And one-third of the cost of neglected repair work and incidental rehabilitation, if this expense can be spread over three years, would add not less than	5,000,000

Against this sum of \$41,000,000 there may be counted a reduction of \$5,000,000 to be secured through the wage adjustments of a month ago. This will bring the net additional indicated need on the present basis approximately to \$36,000,000.

(11) *Relief Plan.*—It will appear that if the only method of relief was upon the basis of present organization and financial structure, the prospect for maintaining the five cent fare would not be hopeful.

But it is the opinion of the Commission that if the reorganization plan it presents be adopted, the indicated deficiencies may be substantially overcome and the five cent fare continued beyond the year of trial provided the following measures be taken.

Measures in Addition to This Plan Looked to for Relief.

- (a) The rearrangement and more effective coordination of the transit system.
- (b) The reduction of rentals and interest charges that the Commission has in view.
- (c) The elimination of taxes and other public charges, from which the municipalized lines naturally would be free.
- (d) The reductions of cost effected through consolidation of power plants and of other facilities used in common.
- (e) The material savings that will occur in the reduction of overhead and operating charges.

While naturally every endeavor will be made to continue the 5-cent fare beyond the first year the question finally can be determined only by a demonstration of the results of operation of the consolidated system such as the plan proposes.

The plan is officially outlined substantially as follows:

THE PLAN, DATED SEPT. 29 1921.

(Slightly Abridged.)

The General Scope and Object—Only Essential Lines to Be Included.

The plan provides for the valuation, consolidation and municipal ownership of all transportation facilities deemed by the Transit Commission to be useful and essential. Such facilities are to be acquired without cost to the city by amortizing out of earnings the valuations fixed by the Transit Commission.

All existing corporations and their franchises, interleases and securities are gradually to be eliminated or extinguished, except such underlying liens carrying a low rate of interest as the commission deems it advisable not to disturb.

Existing securities, with such exceptions, are to be replaced by an issue of bonds of a consolidated company representing a fair and honest valuation of the properties. Payment of these bonds, with interest, and a sinking fund charge sufficient to retire them within a reasonable period, which will be less than the term of the present subway leases, is to be secured by a purchase money mortgage and assured by a rate of fare based on cost, automatically determined by the condition of a contingent reserve or barometer fund.

Independent Valuation to Establish Real Values.

Valuations according to existing security issues and present capitalization will be disregarded and the entire financial structure of the consolidated company will be based upon a new valuation, which, under the rapid transit legislation of this year, is being rapidly completed. By this means the "water" in present financing and capitalization will be eliminated and the new valuation will represent the real values in the transportation properties.

Municipal Ownership with Operation by Company Agencies Under Effective Public Control.

In view of the large investment of the city in and its ownership of the existing subway lines, the benefits of a unified system can best be secured through the immediate municipal ownership of all transportation facilities deemed useful and essential in a comprehensive system, and their operation, under effective public control by company agencies to be created for the purpose.

Under the plan, ownership will be acquired by the city without financial outlay on its part. Existing companies will turn into the consolidated company, and through it to the city, all properties and rights in return for new leases which will provide for amortization out of the earnings of the consolidated system of valuation fixed by the commission.

Plan for Deferred Municipal Ownership, if City Authorities Object.

If the city authorities shall oppose immediate municipal ownership of the transit system, with its present opportunity to reform completely the existing situation, the commission is prepared to consider the alternative course of vesting title to all properties not now owned by the city, including the subway leases, in the consolidated company, with provision for deferred ownership by the city. Such a course will permit the general features of the plan to be carried out, but will add to the difficulties and tend to impose a higher fare.

Consolidation With Three Operating Groups—Bus Lines as Feeders.

The existing, separate systems to be consolidated at the start into three new operating groups to be made up as follows:

Group No. 1—The subway and elevated railroads now operated by the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. and leased by it from the city and the Manhattan Railway Co.

Group No. 2—The subway, elevated and surface railroads now or formerly in the Brooklyn Rapid Transit system.

Group No. 3—The surface railroads of the Boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx.

The surface railroads in Queens and Richmond, in whole or in part, to be allocated to Group No. 2 or Group No. 3, as may be determined.

Bus lines necessary for the logical development of the unified system to be created and allocated as feeders to the foregoing group. Where necessary or desirable, some of the existing surface lines may be transformed into bus lines.

All existing power facilities to be consolidated and operated for the common benefit of the entire system.

Organization of a Unified System.

To pave the way for the eventual, complete consolidation into one system and to secure the benefits of private operation under public control, the Transit Commission will cause to be organized four corporations—"A," "B," "C" and "D" companies—each with a nominal number of capital shares.

One Controlling and Financial Company (Company "A") and Three Operating Companies ("B," "C" and "D").

"A" company will be the controlling and financial company, and general supervisor of the affairs of "B," "C" and "D" companies, which will be exclusively operating companies. The shares of stock of the operating companies will be owned by "A" company, whose shares in turn will be held in trust by the Transit Commission, or by whatever body may succeed it.

"B" company will operate under lease the properties embraced in Group No. 1. "C" company the properties embraced in Group No. 2, and "D" company the properties embraced in Group No. 3.

Constitution of Board of Control Which Will Act Also as Directorate of Company "A."

General financial control and supervision of the entire system will be lodged in a Board of Control, which will also constitute the directorate of "A" company. It will consist of seven members, to be chosen as follows: One each by the boards of directors of the three operating companies, "B," "C" and "D," three by the Mayor of the city, and the seventh member by vote of the other six, or, in the event of their inability to agree, then by the Transit Commission or by whatever body may succeed it.

Board of Control to Handle Finances, Etc.

The powers of the Board of Control are to be those of a financial nature, as above indicated, together with such other powers of supervision and direction as may properly be conferred upon it by the contracts to be entered into. It will be responsible for the distribution and management of all the surplus revenues of the operating companies after payment of their own operating expenses, will have sole charge of the issuing of all securities, will make all payments for interest, and have the custody and management of the amortization, contingent reserve and other funds.

The functions of the Transit Commission in respect to construction shall be vested in the Board of Control, and from time to time, as experience warrants, all the remaining functions of the Transit Commission, except those involving exercise of the police power, to which the Public Service Commission will succeed, should be vested in the Board of Control, permitting the abolition of the Transit Commission. Legislation to this end will be recommended by the commission.

Directors of Operating Companies "B," "C" and "D" to Be Elected by Holders of Bonds Issued in Exchange.

The operating management of "B," "C" and "D" companies shall be vested in their respective boards of directors under the terms of their leases. The board of directors of "B" company shall be elected by the holders of the bonds issued in exchange for the securities and properties constituting Group No. 1. Similarly, the directors of "C" and "D" companies will be elected by the holders of the bonds issued in exchange for the securities and properties constituting Group No. 2 and Group No. 3, respectively. Management will thus represent investment instead of speculation.

Manner of Transfer of Properties to the City.

The present subway leases to be reformed or superseded by agreement, so as to abolish all preferential payments and place company and city investments on a parity. Ownership of all subway equipment not already owned by the city to be vested in the city without outlay by the city in return for a new lease.

Interborough and Manhattan Elevated Lines to Be Taken with Stockholders' Consent, or Otherwise, on Basis of Valuation.

The reformed subway leases, comprising the Interborough system, together with the lines constituting the Manhattan Elevated Railroad system, to be assigned and transferred, with the consent of stockholders, or, failing that, by means of foreclosure sale, to "A" company in exchange for "A" company bonds, equal in amount to the valuation of the properties of the Interborough and Manhattan companies, made by the Transit Commission pursuant to Chapters 134 and 325 of the Laws of 1921.

These bonds to be exchanged for outstanding securities issued against the properties transferred on terms to be fixed in the final statutory plan and contract, reached if possible by agreement between protective committees of security holders, but otherwise to be determined by the Transit Commission.

Pursuant to the terms of the final statutory plan and contract, "A" Company will forthwith, by appropriate instrument, vest in the city all of its right, title and interest in and to the properties acquired, in return for a lease of the properties transferred, comprising Group No. 1, to "B" Company for operation, under the general terms hereinafter stated.

New 5% Bonds to Be Secured by Purchase Mortgage, with 1% Amortization Fund—Additional Interest of 1½% as Incentive for Economy.

The bonds of "A" Company, issued in exchange for the properties transferred to it and by it vested in the city, shall be secured by a purchase money mortgage which shall be a specific lien upon the properties transferred and a general lien upon all the property of "A" Company, including its interest in the leases to the operating companies.

These bonds shall bear interest at the rate of 5% per annum, with an additional 1% set aside to amortize the valuation as fixed by the Transit Commission. The bonds will be further secured by provision in the final statutory plan and contract for the maintenance of a rate of fare automatically determined to meet at all times cost of operation, bond interest, and 1% of amortization.

Under conditions hereinafter stated, in order to provide an incentive to efficient and economical management, it will be possible for the bonds to earn an additional 1½% of interest.

Similar Treatment for Brooklyn Rapid Transit Lines.

In similar manner the lines now or formerly comprising the Brooklyn Rapid Transit System, surface, subway and elevated (and if it is finally deemed best, the surface lines in Queens and Richmond), will be transferred to "A" Company in exchange for its bonds, equal in amount to the valuation of said properties, as determined by the Transit Commission, which properties shall be by "A" Company vested in the city in return for a lease to "C" operating company upon terms similar to those provided in the case of "B" Company.

In a similar manner the lines now comprising the various surface lines in Manhattan and the Bronx, or such of them as shall be deemed by the Transit Commission to be useful and essential, shall be transferred to "A" Company in exchange for its bonds equal in amount to the valuation of said properties as determined by the Transit Commission, which properties shall be by "A" Company vested in the city in return for a lease thereof to "D" operating company, upon terms similar to those provided in the case of "B" and "C" Companies.

Upon the completion of the amortization period of the purchase money bonds issued by "A" Company, the city's title to all the transit lines will be free and clear of such liens, but the city shall have the right to extinguish the bonds underlying any line or lines at any time after ten years, upon payment of the then unamortized portion of the bonds.

New Capital of "A" Company to Be Raised on Short-Term Securities.

"A" Company shall raise by the issue of notes, or other form of short-term securities, sufficient funds for financing the unified system and providing necessary working capital during the early period of its development. Such funds shall be utilized, among other things, for the establishment of the contingent reserve or barometer fund hereinafter provided for. Such additional capital as may be needed for transit construction or equipment, other than that furnished by the city, shall be raised by the sale of new bonds to be issued by "A" Company, as may be determined upon by the Board of Control.

Rate of Fare—No Increase for First Year.

There shall be no increase in the five-cent fare unless, after one year's demonstration of the results of operation of the Consolidated System, with its new and many opportunities for substantial economies, an increase is demonstrated to be necessary. Then and at the conclusion of each succeeding fiscal year the rate of fare will be determined automatically by the status of the contingent reserve or "barometer" fund, and shall be put into effect by the Board of Control. During each year of operation under the plan the rate of fare shall be adequate to provide for cost of operation and interest and sinking fund upon the bonds and other current obligations of the Consolidated System, including provision for the maintenance of the contingent reserve or barometer fund.

Manner in Which Subsequent Rate of Fare Shall Be Automatically Determined.

This barometer fund will operate as follows:

After payment of operating expenses and fixed charges (the fairness of the amounts of which is insured by the valuation of the properties by the Transit Commission and the control over expenditures by the Board of Control) the surplus moneys are to be paid into a contingent reserve or barometer fund. If the available surplus keeps this fund above a specified maximum, the fare is to be automatically lowered; if the fund falls below a specified minimum, the fare is to be automatically increased until the reserve is restored.

For example: Assume that the normal amount of the barometer fund is fixed at \$25,000,000. If it rises to \$35,000,000, the fare is to be decreased; if it falls to \$15,000,000, the fare is to be increased.

In short, the purpose of this is, after fixing the basis of proper valuation and determining the operating expenses and fixed charges, to make the decision as to the rate of fare as automatic as is humanly possible. Upon the new basis the public can be assured that all money expended is properly expended for necessary costs, and the rate of fare, therefore, will reflect the actual and necessary cost of the transportation that the public gets, uninfluenced by any opportunity of private gain based upon stock ownership.

Transfers on all of the lines of each of the three operating systems will be established at proper points as rapidly as financial conditions will permit.

Application of Proceeds of Operation.

Each operating company will pay its own operating expense and retain its own maintenance and depreciation reserve as authorized by the terms of its lease, and turn over all surplus funds to "A" Company. "A" Company will pool the moneys so received and distribute same as follows:

- It shall pay to the holders of its securities the fixed return prescribed, and to the city the interest upon its rapid transit investment.
- It shall pay into an amortization fund the specified rate for the amortization of its bonds, and to the Controller of the City of New York a specified rate for the amortization of the corporate stock of the city issued for rapid transit construction.
- It shall make good any deficit in the cost of operation in any preceding year sustained by any one of the three operating companies.
- It shall out of the remaining surplus maintain the above mentioned contingent reserve or barometer fund.

As Incentives for Efficient Service a Bonus for the Operating Personnel—Bonus Also to Holders of Bonds of Consolidated Company.

In order to provide an incentive for efficient and economical management there shall be set aside each year by the Board of Control out of the surplus earnings of the unified system, after the payment of all obligations and the maintenance of the barometer fund, a sum to be distributed or used for the joint benefit of the operating personnel of the unified system and the holders of the Consolidated Company's bonds.

This fund within the limits of the available surplus, shall, for the purpose of computing allotments prescribed, equal 3% interest on the purchase money bonds issued by the Consolidated Company.

When the amount so available has been determined by the Board of Control, it shall be allocated, one-half for the benefit of the operating personnel, as hereinafter indicated, and one-half for the payment of additional interest upon the outstanding purchase money bonds, but subject to the condition that, with any increase or decrease of fare above or below the rate of 5 cents, such fund shall be decreased or increased, as the case may be, on the basis of 1% interest on the bonds with each cent of fare variation.

Contract and Tort Creditors.

There will be included in the contracts for the transfer of the several lines to the Consolidated Company provision for obligations to contract and tort

creditors and to holders of receivers' certificates of indebtedness, employing for this purpose, so far as can be agreed upon, the bonds and short-term securities of the Consolidated Company, due allowance therefor being made in the price at which the respective properties are to be taken over.

Terms of Leases, Amortization, Etc.

The term of the leases shall be for so long as is necessary to amortize the valuation as fixed by the Transit Commission.

All leases to be subject to extinguishment or recapture by the city at the end of ten years upon payment of the then unamortized part of the valuation of the leased properties.

As the amortization funds will be managed by the Board of Control, on which the city will be adequately represented, their proper and conservative management in the city's interest will be assured.

In order, however, to meet the objections to the past management of sinking funds, which have generally been managed through buying securities for the fund and through the compounding of interest, providing an amount that at the end of a given period will be equal to the par value of the securities outstanding, which method keeps a large debt outstanding and offers a constant inducement to manipulate the sinking fund so as to secure some immediate financial aid for operation or otherwise, the final statutory plan and contract will require the adoption of the more clean-cut method of buying or calling in each year a part of the outstanding securities and cancelling them. This will wipe out a definite part of the debt each year, and, although its cost, as indicated by accounting studies, is somewhat greater than on the compound interest basis, the commission believes that it possesses many advantages. After some years the debt should sufficiently be reduced to ease greatly the cost of meeting fixed charges and thereby pave the way for bettered service or possibly decreased fares.

ASSOCIATION OF RAILWAY EXECUTIVES SHOWS INCREASED EARNINGS, DUE TO DEFERRED MAINTENANCE AND OTHER ECONOMIES.

An analysis of railroad operation for the first six months of 1921, just completed by the Bureau of Railway Economics, shows that the increased net earnings, as compared with the same period of 1920, were due largely to a decrease in expenses such as would have to be resumed if business were to revive toward normal. This was especially noteworthy in May and June. Of these economies, says the Association, 45% (\$44,748,799) arose in June from reduction in operating expenses and 55% (\$54,256,689) from deferring of maintenance, both of right-of-way and equipment. So far this year, in other words, owing to light business, fewer trains have been run, less coal used, and fewer men employed without, however, any reduction of wage rates. The Association adds that there was also a large reduction in the amount of material used, such as ties, rails, other track material, etc., and fewer bad order cars and engines were put in condition. In the analysis it is pointed out that a reduction in transportation costs necessarily follows a falling volume of business, but that reduction in maintenance is merely a postponement of expenditures that must be made later if the roads are to be adequately maintained. The analysis says in part:

1. The number of railway employees in March, 1921, was smaller than for any period since the fiscal year 1915. During the first quarter of 1921, the average number was 1,691,471, compared with 1,993,524 in the corresponding quarter of 1920. This was a reduction of 302,053, or 15.2%. Because of this radical reduction in force, the railways were able to reduce their payroll for the quarter by \$38,290,974, or 4.8%, and this in spite of the fact that they were paying the scale of wages ordered by the Railroad Labor Board in July, 1920, which increased wage rates about 21%.

2. Traffic in the fall of 1920, even under the new rates, made new high records. The business depression became marked in December. It came to its height in January and February. The total number of cars loaded with revenue freight during the first seven months of 1921 ended July 31, was less than during the same period of 1920 by 2,600,844, or 10.4%. The totals were 24,889,058 in 1920 and 22,288,214 in 1921.

Net ton-miles showed the following percentage reductions during the first six months of 1921, compared with the corresponding months of 1920:

1921—	1921—
January.....Decrease 14.7%	May.....Decrease 25.5%
February.....Decrease 24.4%	June.....Decrease 26.4%
March.....Decrease 29.1%	
April.....Decrease 10.5%	Six months.....Decrease 22.3%

Revenue passenger miles showed a constantly increasing rate of decrease during the first five months of 1921, as follows:

1921—	1921—
January.....Decrease 4.0%	April.....Decrease 20.3%
February.....Decrease 9.9%	May.....Decrease 21.6%
March.....Decrease 13.5%	
	Five months.....Decrease 14.2%

3. Revenues followed traffic. The only factor that has made the decline in revenues relatively smaller than the decline in traffic is the increased rate level, but even the considerable increase in rates has not been sufficient, taking the first half of 1921 as a whole, to offset the reduction in traffic.

For the first six months, freight revenue about held its own with 1920, but it must be remembered in noting the comparisons, that freight rates had been increased more than 80% in August, 1920. The respective periods in 1920 and 1921 are compared below:

1921—	1921—
January.....Increase 4.3%	May.....Decrease 0.3%
February.....Decrease 5.1%	June.....Decrease 5.4%
March.....Decrease 1.2%	
April.....Increase 13.4%	Six months.....Increase 0.6%

Passenger revenue increased slightly during the six months as a whole, but this was in the face of a more than 20% increase in rates (Pullman surcharge included) last August:

1921—	1921—
January.....Increase 14.6%	May.....Decrease 5.4%
February.....Increase 7.2%	June.....Decrease 7.1%
March.....Increase 5.1%	
April.....Decrease 2.4%	Six months.....Increase 1.5%

Both freight and passenger revenue tended to decline at a relatively greater rate as the year 1921 advanced, so that the month of June was relatively worse than any of the preceding five months.

Other revenues exhibited an almost unrelieved tendency to fall below the 1920 levels. The result was that the total operating revenues were lower each month, except April (the month which in 1920 was marked by the Switchmen's Strike), than in 1920:

1921—	1921—
January.....Decrease 6.1%	May.....Decrease 2.8%
February.....Decrease 4.4%	June.....Decrease 6.7%
March.....Decrease 0.2%	
April.....Increase 7.7%	Six months.....Decrease 2.4%

4. Operating expenses have been reduced, especially maintenance expenses. The two maintenance accounts show results as follows:

Period	Maintenance of Way.	Maintenance of Equip.	Period	Maintenance of Way.	Maintenance of Equip.
1921—	1921—	1921—	1921—	1921—	1921—
January.....Inc. 5.9%	Inc. 5.6%	May.....Dec. 26.9%	Dec. 13.1%		
February.....Dec. 16.9%	Dec. 8.6%	June.....Dec. 27.3%	Dec. 22.1%		
March.....Dec. 8.1%	Dec. 8.4%				
April.....Dec. 19.6%	Dec. 8.7%	6 months.....Dec. 17.3%	Dec. 9.2%		

The showing for May, and particularly for June, indicates how severely maintenance was cut.

Transportation expenses have also been heavily reduced, although not to so great an extent as the traffic. This is because a large part of the train schedules must be maintained, whatever traffic may be offered:

Period	Transportation Expenses.	Period	Transportation Expenses.
1921—	1921—	1921—	1921—
January.....Increase 5.7%	May.....Decrease 9.6%		
February.....Decrease 6.2%	June.....Decrease 19.3%		
March.....Decrease 4.0%			
April.....Decrease 1.9%	Six months.....Decrease 6.1%		

Here, again, the June reduction was the greatest of the whole six-month period. Total operating expenses declined during the period, as follows:

1921—	1921—
January.....Increase 6.6%	May.....Decrease 13.2%
February.....Decrease 7.4%	June.....Decrease 20.6%
March.....Decrease 4.8%	
April.....Decrease 6.2%	Six months.....Decrease 7.9%

Again the months of May and June show the result of hard cutting of expenses. June returns particularly indicate that the carriers are piling up deferred maintenance which must be made good in the future.

5. Notwithstanding the reductions of expenditures, the rate of return on the tentative valuation of the railways, by months, has been as follows, reduced in each case to an annual basis:

1921—	1921—
January.....Deficit	May.....2.4%
February.....Deficit	June.....3.1%
March.....2.3%	
April.....2.2%	Six months.....1.8%

During these six months, railways of Class I should have earned \$477,256,000 in net operating income to attain to a 6% basis. They actually earned \$128,912,000, a shortage of \$348,344,000, or 73%. (These figures for the six months are subject to slight change, but are virtually complete.)

6. The comparative maintenance expenditure of the railways for the first six months of 1921 and 1920, expressed in round millions of dollars, was as follows:

Maintenance of Way.				Maintenance of Way.			
Month—	1921.	1920.	Increase or Decrease.	Month—	1921.	1920.	Increase or Decrease.
January.....	61	57	I 3	May.....	65	88	D 23
February.....	53	64	D 10	June.....	69	95	D 25
March.....	62	67	D 5				
April.....	59	74	D 14	Six months.....	370	448	D 77

Maintenance of Equipment.				Maintenance of Equipment.			
Month—	1921.	1920.	Increase or Decrease.	Month—	1921.	1920.	Increase or Decrease.
January.....	124	117	I 6	May.....	101	116	D 15
February.....	108	118	D 10	June.....	99	127	D 28
March.....	107	117	D 9				
April.....	101	111	D 9	Six months.....	642	707	D 65

Comparing the month of June with the same month of 1920, the net operating income increased \$66,209,911, and this was in the face of a decrease in total revenues of \$33,240,500. Add these two figures together, it appears that there was a net saving of nearly \$100,000,000 between the two months, and a further scrutiny of the figures shows that virtually the whole of this saving was in expenses.

Of the decrease in expenses, \$44,748,799, or about 45%, is chargeable to the reduction in transportation expenses, while \$54,256,689, or about 55% of the total, was due to reduction in maintenance (way plus equipment).

7. It should be borne in mind that the first six months of 1921 showed no relief to the railroads from any reduction in basic wages, nor from any change in rules and working conditions. Beginning July 1, a wage reduction of approximately 12% went into effect, and some progress is being made toward working conditions conducive to greater efficiency and economy. The second six months of 1921 should therefore show an improvement over the first six months.

ELECTION OF JUDGES OF PERMANENT INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE—JOHN BASSETT MOORE REPRESENTS UNITED STATES.

Following the election two weeks ago of the eleven judges of the Permanent International Court of Justice, the League of Nations on Sept. 14 sent cablegrams to the newly chosen members, requesting that they send their formal acceptances not later than the 18th inst. It was stated in Associated Press advices from Geneva Sept. 15 that when the acceptances were received the Secretariat of the League of Nations would call a meeting of the judges for some time in October. Up to the 17th inst. nine of the jurists had signified their acceptance, the two then remaining to be heard from being those named to represent Japan and Denmark. The following are the eleven judges elected by the Assembly of the League of Nations on the 14th inst. and confirmed by the Council of the League, meeting simultaneously with the Assembly: John Bassett Moore, of the United States; Viscount Robert B. Finlay, of Great Britain; Dr.

Yorozu Oda, of Japan; Dr. Charles Andre Weiss, of France; Commendatore Dionisio Anzillotti, of Italy; Dr. Ruy Barbosa, of Brazil; Dr. B. C. J. Loder, of Holland; Dr. Antonio S. de Bustamante, of Cuba; Didrik G. G. Nyholm, of Denmark; Dr. Max Huber, of Switzerland, and Dr. Rafael Altamira y Crevea, of Spain. With regard to the balloting, the Associated Press accounts from Geneva, in stating that Mr. Moore of the United States had been elected on the second ballot, said:

Dr. Rafael Altamira y Crevea of Spain, Dr. Ruy Barbosa of Brazil, Viscount Robert Finlay of Great Britain, Dr. Alejandro Alvarez of Chile, Dr. Antonio S. de Bustamante of Cuba, Dr. Andre Weiss of France, Dr. Yoroza Oda of Japan, Dr. B. T. C. Loder of Holland and Commendatore Dionisio Anzillotti of Italy were elected by the Assembly on the first ballot.

The Council of the League, which met at the Secretariat simultaneously with the meeting of the Assembly in Reformation Hall, confirmed the Assembly's choice of Mr. Moore, Viscount Finlay, Dr. Weiss, Dr. Oda and Signor Anzillotti, who consequently were definitely elected to the Court.

The voting of the Assembly was on roll call by States. Forty-two voted, twenty two ballots thus being necessary for election. The first ballot gave Viscount Finlay 29 votes, Dr. Weiss 30, Signor Anzillotti 24, Dr. Oda 29, Dr. Barbosa 38, Dr. Loder 24, Dr. Alvarez 24, Dr. de Bustamante 26, Dr. Crevea 23, John Bassett Moore 12, Dr. Roscoe Pound 6, Elihu Root 2, Prof. James Scott Brown 2, Dr. Max Huber of Switzerland 14, J. H. L. Hammarkjold of Sweden 9, Judge D. Nyholm of Denmark 11, Sir Robert L. Borden of Canada 12, Dr. Franz Klein of Austria 9, Auguste Soares of Portugal 7.

After the first ballot Raoul Fernandes of Brazil protested against the ruling that the second ballot be restricted to candidates who had received the greatest number of votes on the first ballot, although not enough for election. President Van Karnebeck contended that all the nominees were eligible on all ballots. After a long debate the Assembly approved the demand of Senhor Fernandes that all candidates be eligible on the second ballot.

Mr. Moore received 21 votes on the second ballot, Dr. Huber 12, and Demetriu Negulesco of Roumania 16. The 42 States voted, but two ballots were declared void. Hence Mr. Moore was the only nominee elected on this ballot.

On the third ballot, M. Negulesco received 19 votes and Dr. Huber 15, the remainder being scattered.

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.

Regarding the forthcoming meeting of the World Court, the Associated Press in its Geneva advices Sept. 14, said:

The judges will adopt their rules and make all other arrangements for the inauguration of the court. The Secretariat is already busy assembling the material which the judges will want at their preliminary session.

League officials say that while there are only two cases actually on the docket of the court, a number of nations have indicated that they will submit many cases, so the court will open with considerable business before it.

The two cases filed with the League for transmission to the court when it opens are from the International Labor Bureau created by the League. One calls for an interpretation of the clause of the International Labor Bureau giving the eight principal industrial nations the right to sit permanently on the board of the bureau. The other grows out of the refusal of the employers' group in the bureau to nominate representatives for the mixed commission on disarmament.

What may prove to be a solution of the deadlock reached between the Assembly and the Council of the League over the choice of the fourth deputy judge of the International Court of Justice was reached late to-day by the special joint committee named by the Assembly and the Council in an effort to bring about a reconciliation of the divergent views. The committee selected Judge F. V. N. Beichmann of Norway, President of the Court of Appeals at Drontheim, to this last remaining of the deputy judgeships.

This choice, however, must be ratified by the Assembly and the Council. The original choice of the Assembly was Dr. Alejandro Alvarez of Chile, and that of the Council Baron Deschamps of Belgium.

The membership of the League will be increased to 50 if the Assembly adopts the recommendation of the political committee, which to-day decided to approve the admission of Latvia and Esthonia.

The applications of Lithuania and Hungary were put over, the committee deciding to await M. Hyman's report, which is expected Monday, on the efforts to settle the Vilna dispute before acting on Lithuania. Hungary's application will not come up again until Sept. 23, when Count Apponyi arrives to furnish all necessary information to the commission.

John Bassett Moore, when asked at his home in New York City on the 14th inst. whether he would accept or refuse the office, replied that such a statement could only be made subsequent to his official reply. He was also reported as stating: "I esteem my selection a very great honor, but I can say nothing further than this at the present time." With regard to Mr. Moore's activities, the "Journal of Commerce" of the 15th inst. said in part:

John Bassett Moore, lawyer, was born at Smyrna, Del., Dec. 3, 1860. He was graduated from the University of Virginia in 1880 and in succeeding years was awarded many degrees, including the LL.D. by Yale in 1901. The University of Chile followed suit in 1910 and Brown in 1914. He became Third Assistant Secretary of State in 1886, resigning in 1891 to become professor of international law and diplomacy at Columbia University. In 1888 he was appointed Assistant Secretary of State, and was secretary and counsel for the Spanish-American Peace Commission. In 1913-14 he became counselor of the Department of State, with power to sign as Secretary of State. In 1913 he also became a member of the Permanent Court of the Hague. In 1915 he was a delegate to the Pan-American Financial Congress.

Mr. Moore is a member of many societies and clubs, some of the societies being international in aspect. He has been active in science and art and has taken a strong interest in Red Cross work, serving on important committees. He is the author of many works, mostly on law and international matters. He was the editor of the works of James Buchanan, and now is one of the editors of the "Political Science Quarterly."

NOTE ON MANDATES SENT TO ALLIED POWERS BY UNITED STATES.

A note reiterating the position of the Government at Washington with respect to the administration of mandates allocated under the Treaty of Versailles has recently been sent to the principal Allied Powers. The American Government, in previous communications, with respect to the Island of Yap and the oil fields in Mesopotamia, has contended for the open door and equality of opportunity to all nations in the mandated territory, and this position is reaffirmed. That Secretary Hughes had sent another note on the subject became known on Sept. 6, and Washington dispatches of that date to the New York "Times" had the following to say with respect to the matter:

The text of the communication was withheld, although it is admitted that it covers fully the whole difficult and involved subject of mandates.

The sending of such a communication means that Secretary Hughes must be credited with a diplomatic success because the communication was the result of a request from the principal Allied Powers for a statement of the attitude of the American Government on the question of Class A as well as Class B mandates.

Inasmuch as the chief contention of this Government, aside from its demand for the open door and equality of opportunity for America in mandated territory, has been based upon the claim of the right to be consulted in the disposition of the mandate territories, the fact that the interested Powers have asked for those views is regarded as a recognition of the American position, notwithstanding the fact that State Department officials by no means look upon the controversy as settled. It is stated on the highest authority, however, that there is no reason to believe that a perfectly satisfactory adjustment of the whole situation will not be reached.

The new note was addressed to all the principal Allied Powers in practically identical form. While it reiterates in a general way the fundamental principles laid down in the identical note dispatched to the Powers some months ago on the subject of Yap, it deals more specifically with Class A mandates, among which are included Mesopotamia and Palestine, and Class B mandates, which include former German colonies in Africa.

The Department is hesitant about giving out the text of this latest note, not only because of the lack of assurance from the Powers addressed as to their wishes in the matter, but also because the note itself is very technical, being replete with references to specific passages in the A and B mandate forms. In order to understand the note it would therefore be necessary to have these mandate forms in hand so that the references might be checked.

The main points of the note relate to the question of discrimination in the administration of the mandates. For example, the mandate forms in several instances refer to certain rights and benefits which are to accrue to nations of members of the League of Nations only. While this Government assumes that these references are the result merely of locution employed upon the assumption that the United States was to be a member of the League, the American note carefully points out the fundamental principles laid down by this Government as to its views on mandates and reiterates its contention that the open door, or principle of equal opportunity for the nationals of all countries, should be recognized. The nationals of the United States, the note insists, must be protected from discrimination.

The American note covers in a general way the ground already covered in the identical notes sent to the Powers on the subject of the mandate over the island of Yap, and the statements made in that note are confirmed and repeated.

This Government bases its demand for a voice in the disposition of Class A and Class B mandates upon exactly the same ground as in the case of Yap, namely, the participation of the United States in the World War and its contribution to the common Allied victory which made the mandates possible.

The note recognizes the fact that the mandates over Mesopotamia and Palestine accrued from the defeat of Turkey, a Power with which the United States was not at war, but points out that without the aid of the United States, Turkey might not have been beaten, and insist upon the same rights within the former Turkish possessions as in the case of the former German territory.

It is understood that the note offers no objection to the existing allocation of the former Turkish possessions or the former German colonies in Africa, but merely insists upon the right of equal opportunity for American nationals in those areas.

The question of oil is not specifically discussed in the note, but oil would naturally be included in the general insistence upon equal opportunity in the development of natural resources.

COMMISSION ON ARMAMENTS OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS MAKES ITS REPORT ON DISARMAMENT.

In view of the approaching conference on the limitation of armaments, called by President Harding, the report of the Commission on Armaments of the League of Nations, made public at Geneva, Switzerland, Sept. 19, takes on added significance. The cable dispatches speak of the report as a voluminous document, embracing the activities of the Commission's three sub-committees, and say it touches upon the problem of naval armaments only in relation to the forthcoming Washington conference. This it "welcomes with great satisfaction," and the Commission ranks President Harding's plan as second in importance only to the disarmament of Germany under the Versailles Treaty. "The limitation of naval armaments," the report observes, "which will presumably be one of the chief problems discussed at the conference at Washington, can be most effectively secured by common agreement among the Powers. It is earnestly to be hoped that this conference will be fruitful and that reduction of land armaments on the Continent

of Europe will be supplemented by an understanding relating to the reduction of naval armaments. It adds:

Meanwhile a field of useful work remains open to the League of Nations. The financial position of the European States demands reduction in military expenditure and, indeed, it is not too much to say that economic revival largely depends upon such reductions being effected.

Three great Powers, one of them actually and the others potentially of immense military importance, stand outside the League. So long as the United States, Russia and Germany do not participate in our society, great difficulties confront common adoption by its members of a plan for systematic and progressive reduction of armaments and for full, frank and unreserved communications of military information.

The Commission, the cable accounts say, goes fully into the question of the private manufacturer of arms and enumerates the following charges said to have been made against private arms manufacturers:

First—That the armament firms have been active in fomenting war scares and in persuading their own countries to adopt warlike policies and increase their armaments.

Second—That the armament firms have attempted to bribe Government officials, both at home and abroad.

Third—That the armament firms have disseminated false reports concerning the military and naval programs of countries in order to stimulate armament expenditure.

Fourth—That the armament firms have sought to influence public opinion through the control of newspapers in their own and foreign countries.

Fifth—That armament firms have organized international armament rings through which the armament race has been accentuated by playing off one country against another.

Sixth—That the armament firms have organized international armament trusts which have increased the price of armament sold to Governments.

In conclusion the report says:

The inevitable conclusion to be drawn from the present report is that mankind at this time is still too far removed from the ideal of peace, toward which, however, all our efforts and the League of Nations, whose supreme object it is, must lead it.

Delays and difficulties, cruel and anxious, arise from the fact that while the League of Nations aims above all at maintaining peace, the fires of war are still smouldering in all too many quarters of the globe. Nevertheless, the Commission feels justified in that its labors will not be without value in furthering the realization of this splendid ideal. It would be cruel injustice to reproach it with not having yet completed its inquiry.

The League of Nations after two brief years of existence could scarcely be expected to have solved all the problems which have perplexed the world for many centuries, but even in this vital question of disarmament it may pride itself on having opened up to men of good-will a road which will lead them to a realization of a less primitive ideal than that which has guided them since the dawn of history.

ATTITUDE OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT ON ADMITTING RUSSIAN REPRESENTATIVES TO DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

Russia cannot be represented at the international conference on limitation of armaments, to be held in Washington, in view of the absence of any single recognized Russian Government, Secretary of State Hughes announced on Sept. 19. The protection of legitimate Russian interests, Secretary Hughes said in a statement to the press, must devolve as a moral trusteeship upon the whole conference. His statement in full follows:

The American Legation at Peking received recently from an agent of the so-called Far Eastern Republic a request that representatives thereof should be admitted to the approaching conference on limitation of armament, at which questions affecting the Far East will also be discussed.

As the so-called Far Eastern Republic has not been recognized by the Government of the United States, nor by the other Governments of the world, no formal reply has been made to this communication, but the American Minister at Peking has been instructed to convey to the agent of the Far Eastern Republic informal observations in the following sense:

In the absence of a single, recognized Russian Government the protection of legitimate Russian interests must devolve as a moral trusteeship upon the whole conference. It is regrettable that the conference, for reasons quite beyond the control of the participating Powers, is to be deprived of the advantage of Russian co-operation in its deliberations, but it is not to be conceived that the conference will take decisions prejudicial to legitimate Russian interests or which would in any manner violate Russian rights. It is the hope and expectation of the Government of the United States that the conference will establish general principles of international action which will deserve and have the support of the people of Eastern Siberia and of all Russia by reason of their justice and efficacy in the settlement of outstanding difficulties.

PRESIDENT DRUM OF A. B. A. URGES PROTEST BY BANKERS AGAINST CONTINUANCE OF EXCESS PROFITS TAX.

Supplementing the protest against the continuation of the excess profits tax until 1922, contained in a message sent last month to Congressman Fordney and Senator Penrose by John S. Drum, President of the American Bankers' Association, Mr. Drum has urged that the bankers of the country enter a similar protest to the Senators from their State against the retention of the tax. The protest lodged with Congress on behalf of the Association by Mr. Drum was referred to in our issue of Aug. 20, page 817. In his present communication to the bankers, Mr. Drum says:

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 27 1921.

To the Banker Addressed:

The excess profits tax is a tax that distresses our whole economic structure and every element in it. It is working against the interests of the

farmer, the laborer, the livestock man, the cotton grower, the lumber man, the oil producer, the miner, the manufacturer, the merchant—all of us.

The continuation of the excess profits tax, the delay in the adjustment of the compensation of labor, and the delay in legislation to relieve the financial distress of the railways are the three influences that more than all others are preventing the restoration of the stable and equitable price level—the harmonious balance between prices of farm products and raw materials on the one hand and manufactured goods on the other—that is absolutely necessary for a return of common prosperity. These are the things that are keeping alive the feeling of uncertainty and pessimism and preventing the restoration of the confidence and optimism that are necessary before hard work and effort can make proper headway.

Of these three the excess profits tax is undoubtedly the one whose harmful effects are most widespread.

Yet Congress, holding the power to remedy the situation, is considering legislation that, for the sake of raising a relatively small amount of revenue, would aggravate it by continuing the tax unnecessarily to January 1 1922.

This is in spite of the fact that the Administration has been committed to fundamental revision of the tax system at all times since the election of 1920, and has very recently, with advice given by the Secretary of the Treasury after thorough consideration with experts in his Department who are entirely familiar with the Government's financial needs and its sources of revenue, urged the repeal of the excess profits tax as of Jan. 1 1921.

That the measure that extends the tax another year has already passed the House of Representatives, as you know, and unless the Senate is impressed with the fact that the overwhelming weight of enlightened public opinion is strongly opposed to it the bill is very likely to become a law.

This is not a matter for party politics nor for political expediency. It is an economic question that goes to the very roots of the welfare of all classes. The bankers of the country realize the widespread harm that the excess profits tax has done and is doing to all of us. I know they do, because I asked for an expression of opinion as to the tax in the Economic Survey that I made last April, and bankers from virtually every community in the country expressed in strongest terms their unqualified disapproval of it. They all demanded the immediate repeal of the tax.

It is our duty as bankers to impress upon our Senators as strongly as we can the great injury the excess profits tax does by obstructing artificially the return of normal conditions. The full strength of our banking system, however, is represented in 30,000 units, distributed among thousands of communities in the United States, and individual action by each of these banks, in co-operation with all the others, is the only method by which that full strength may be expressed.

Each of us must tell the Senators from his State in no uncertain terms what he thinks of the excess profits tax. Then, I am sure, political expediency will be disregarded, sound and responsible public opinion will undoubtedly control, and that tax will be cast out for just what it is—a tax that is disastrous to all of us.

Merely for convenience, and not with the idea of preparing a form of protest, I am giving here some of the principal objections to the excess profits tax. They are these:

1. The excess profits tax never could be justified except on the ground that it was an emergency measure made necessary by the unusual conditions of war, and the restoration of peace has destroyed both the reason and the excuse for the tax.

2. The so-called excess profits tax is actually not a tax on profits, but a diversion of working capital. By impairing the working capital of the country it prevents that full development of productive enterprise which is essential to reasonable and equitable prices and full employment of labor.

3. By continuing the tax Congress is supporting a measure that is operating to keep up the cost of production of manufactured goods. This artificial maintenance of the higher cost of finished products, as compared with that of farm products and raw materials, is preventing the restoration of an equitable and harmonious price level.

4. The effect of these inequitable prices is apparent. They reduce and restrict the purchasing power of farmers and all other producers of raw materials; they are forced to sell at prices relatively too low, and with the proceeds of their sales can buy finished products only at prices relatively too high.

5. It is an inescapable corollary that if the farmers and the producers of raw materials cannot sell their products they cannot buy manufactured goods, and, therefore, the buying power of manufacturers and their employees, in addition to that of the farmers and producers of raw materials, is reduced.

6. Further, the excess profits tax, serving to keep prices of manufactured goods beyond the reach of farmers and producers of raw materials, restricts the volume of finished goods that can profitably be manufactured and sold, and that is another reason why it is a very potent cause of unemployment.

Unless your protest is added to those of all the other bankers of the country the strength and influence of our banking system cannot be made 100% effective.

I therefore urge you with all the earnestness I possess to protest immediately to the Senators from your State—not in the language of this statement, for reiteration would rob our objections of their effectiveness, but in your own words—against any continuation of this unsound, vicious and universally disastrous excess profits tax.

Very truly yours,

JOHN S. DRUM, President.

FIRM OF ACCOUNTANTS OPPOSES REPEAL OF CAPITAL STOCK TAX ON CORPORATIONS.

A plea against the proposal of Secretary of Treasury Mellon to eliminate the capital stock tax from the new tax bill now before Congress was voiced in a letter sent this week by Frank E. Seidman, tax expert, of Seidman & Seidman, certified public accountants, to Secretary Mellon and members of the Senate Finance Committee. The elimination of this task, Mr. Seidman argued, would permit a majority of corporations to escape from paying any taxes whatsoever to the Federal Government. He suggested that corporations doing interstate trade (and practically every corporation does) which do not contribute to the support of the Government through payment of income taxes should be made to pay a special franchise tax. Mr. Seidman was re-

cently summoned before the Senate Finance Committee, and in his testimony gave it as in his opinion what was necessary was not the elimination but the perfection of the capital stock tax law. This he believed would help lessen the present existing iniquity in the assessment of taxes. Mr. Seidman's letter to Secretary Mellon and members of the Senate Committee reads as follows:

We note that the Senate Finance Committee has acted upon your suggestion and has eliminated the capital stock tax on corporations. It is also noted that concurrently the proposed income tax on corporations has been increased from 12½% to 15%. We assume that this increased tax rate on corporation income was in part to offset the decreased tax to be levied on corporations by the elimination of the capital stock tax.

We desire to call your attention to the effect that this change will produce. Many corporations have been paying little or no tax on current income. We are referring to corporations such as timber companies, hatcheries, as well as numerous manufacturing companies which, while having income accrued throughout a period of years through appreciation or increment of capital assets, are not subject to the current income tax laws. Since almost all corporations conduct an interstate business, it is only fair that such corporations that do not contribute to the support of the Government through the payment of income taxes should pay a reasonable franchise tax. It is obvious that by increasing the tax rates on those corporations that must pay income taxes and concurrently relieving the class of corporations mentioned above, the income producing corporations bear the tax of the so-called temporary non-income-bearing corporation. The change produced, therefore, in effect shifts the burden of taxation to the income-producing corporation and permits certain corporations to escape taxation entirely, although they enjoy the privileges of perpetuity, limited liability, transferability of ownership, etc., through corporate form.

We agree that corporations (as well as individuals) should be required to file a minimum number of tax reports consistent with good governmental tax policy. From this viewpoint the elimination of this extra tax report by corporations is very desirable. This, however, can be brought about by including in the annual corporation income tax report (which practically every corporation must file) the information required for capital stock tax purposes. In fact, the figures required for corporations for income tax purposes are to a great extent the same that are now required for capital stock tax purposes. For instance, the balance sheets, current annual income, sales, etc., must be submitted by all corporations when filing income reports. It will require but very little additional information to be included in the current income tax report to properly assess the capital stock tax.

Our experience has been that the capital stock tax has been considered a fair tax, and has only been objected to because of past administrative provisions which have tended to work a hardship under certain circumstances.

The shortcomings and the remedies suggested in connection with the capital stock tax administration was discussed in an article written by the writer some time ago; and he had occasion to present his views on this matter recently at a hearing of the Senate Finance Committee. It is our opinion that the capital stock tax law as it now exists should be modified to cover the defects discussed in the writer's article, copy of which is herewith enclosed, but that the elimination of the tax and the resulting higher tax to income producing corporations is unjustified.

PORTLAND CEMENT IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1921.

Details of the approximate production and shipments of finished portland cement in the United States, by months, and the stocks at the end of each month, during the first half of 1921 have recently been published by the U. S. Geological Survey of the Department of the Interior. The total production for the six months ending June 30 1921, it is announced represents about 94% of the quantity made in the corresponding period of 1920 and over 42% of the total production in 1920; the shipments are about 98% of those of the first half of 1920, and nearly 42% of those for the whole year 1920. The stocks, which amounted to more than 11,000,000 barrels, are slightly above normal, comparing with approximately 9,000,000 barrels on June 30 1920, and 8,941,046 barrels on Dec. 31 1920. The Department's announcement also states:

The year 1921 began with mills producing at a moderate rate and shipments considerably less than production, but month by month both production and shipments of finished cement increased at a rapid rate, shipments exceeding production in May and June. Production in June was slightly greater than in June 1920, and also a little above the average for that month during the last five years. The shipments in June of more than 10,500,000 barrels were larger than those of any preceding June.

Clinker (unground cement) produced during the first six months amounted to more than 43,500,000 barrels, more than 9,000,000 barrels of which were produced in June. This is also a new high record. Stocks of clinker are reported to be more than 4,600,000 barrels, a quantity slightly above normal.

These figures indicate that the cement industry has enjoyed relatively greater activity than many of the other large mineral industries during the first half of 1921, and that stocks of finished cement and clinker, while not excessive, are ample to supply any reasonable demand.

These statistics, which were prepared under the direction of Ernest F. Burchard are based largely upon reports from manufacturers of portland cement and to a small extent upon estimated data, and are subject to revision. It is hoped to issue similar statistics of the portland cement industry each month in the future.

PORTLAND CEMENT PRODUCTION INCREASES IN JULY.

More cement was produced in the United States in July than in June, and more cement was shipped than was produced, according to the figures prepared under the direction of Ernest F. Burchard of the United States Geological

Survey. Both production and shipments in July exceeded the average for July in the last five years. An official statement issued by the Department says:

The production for the first seven months of 1921 is more than 97% of the quantity manufactured in the corresponding months of 1920 and more than 52% of the total production in 1920; the shipments are more than 96% of those for the corresponding period of 1920 and more than 52% of those for the whole year 1920.

Stocks at the end of July were over 1,470,000 barrels larger than on Dec. 31 1920, and a little above the average for July in the five preceding years, though somewhat less than at the end of June.

The production of clinker (unground cement) during the seven months amounted to more than 53,000,000 barrels, and the July production exceeded 9,000,000 barrels. July stocks of clinker are reported as more than 4,300,000 barrels.

Production, Shipments, and Stocks of Finished Portland Cement in Firs Seven Months of 1921.

Month—	Production (Barrels)	Shipments (Barrels)	Stocks at end of month (Barrels)
January	4,098,000	2,539,000	10,300,000
February	4,379,000	3,331,000	11,400,000
March	6,763,000	6,221,000	12,000,000
April	8,651,000	7,919,000	12,600,000
May	9,281,000	9,488,000	12,450,000
June	9,296,000	10,577,000	11,150,000
July	9,568,000	10,301,000	10,414,000
	52,036,000	50,376,000	

These statistics are based mainly upon reports from producers of Portland cement and are subject to slight revision. It is hoped to issue monthly a similar bulletin on the industry.

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.

A New York Stock Exchange membership was reported posted for transfer this week, the consideration being stated as \$90,000. The last previous sale was at \$89,000.

At a meeting of the directors of the Chase National Bank of this city on Sept. 28, and of the directors of the Metropolitan National Bank of this city on Sept. 29, the proposition to consolidate the Metropolitan National Bank with the Chase National Bank was approved. Meetings of the stockholders of the Chase National Bank and the Chase Securities (a subsidiary of the Chase National) will be held on Nov. 1 to ratify the merger plans, while the stockholders of the Metropolitan National will also take action the same day. In our issue of Sept. 17 we referred to the fact that an application to convert the Metropolitan Bank into the Metropolitan National Bank had been made to the Comptroller of the Currency. The application was approved by the latter on Sept. 24. As long ago as May 21 last we made mention of 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. The following notice regarding the merger has been issued by the Chase National Bank and the Chase Securities Corporation:

New York, Sept. 29 1921.

To the Holders of Bankers Trust Co. Receipts for Shares of The Chase National Bank and Chase Securities Corporation:

Enclosed herewith is notice of a special meeting of the shareholders of the Chase National Bank and notice of a special meeting of the shareholders of Chase Securities Corporation.

The special meeting of the bank is called to consider and act upon an agreement for the consolidation of the Metropolitan National Bank of this city with the Chase National Bank, under the name and charter of the latter, entered into by a majority of the board of directors of each of said institutions. The agreement provides in substance that, after the equalization of the book values of the two banks by the payment by the Metropolitan Bank of such dividend as shall be necessary for that purpose, the shareholders of the Metropolitan will be entitled, at their option, to receive for each of their shares either a share of the Chase or three hundred dollars (\$300) in cash. The agreement also provides for the increase of the capital stock of the Chase from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 and that the additional shares not required for exchange for Metropolitan stock will be offered to the present shareholders of the Chase at \$200 per share.

Through the acquisition of the Metropolitan Bank, in addition to its resources and very valuable good will, the Chase will have the right to continue its seven branches, six of which are now located in the Borough of Manhattan and one in Brooklyn.

In order that the parity of ownership in the shares of the Chase National Bank and of Chase Securities Corporation may be maintained, the special meeting of the stockholders of the Securities Corporation is called for the purpose of increasing to 200,000 the number of non-par value shares which it will be entitled to issue.

Because all of the holders of Metropolitan Bank stock, with the exception of a few shares, have elected in advance to accept the cash payment therefor, arrangements have been made whereby holders of Bankers Trust Co. receipts will be entitled to subscribe for one new share of the bank and one new share of the Securities Corporation for each three shares thereof covered by the receipt or receipts registered in their respective names upon the books of Bankers Trust Co. as depositary at 3 o'clock p. m. on the 4th day of Nov. 1921, at a cost of \$225 for one share of stock of the bank and one share of stock of the Securities Corporation, \$200 of which will be

received by the bank and \$25 by the Securities Corporation. Assignable warrants covering subscriptions to the stock of both corporations will be mailed in due course after the stockholders' meetings. The amount to be derived from the sale of the additional stock of the Securities Corporation is to be used to increase its stated capital to \$10,000,000 and the surplus balance is to be placed in reserve account.

There is also enclosed herewith a proxy and power of attorney authorizing those therein named to act at the stockholders' meetings and also in depositing with the Bankers' Trust Co. the new shares to which those executing the same, or their assigns, shall become entitled, agreeing that they may be held under the agreement of March 21 1917 pursuant to which all of the shares of the Chase Bank and of the Securities Corporation are now held and authorizing the depository to issue and deliver to each such subscriber for new shares its receipt or receipts therefor, which power and proxy any shareholder not intending to attend the meetings should sign and return promptly in the stamped and addressed envelope enclosed for the purpose.

THE CHASE NATIONAL BANK,
By A. H. WIGGIN, *President*.
CHASE SECURITIES CORPORATION,
By E. R. TINKER, *President*.

The Chase National has a capital of \$15,000,000; the Metropolitan National has a capital of \$2,500,000—the same amount of capital which the Metropolitan Bank had.

The Mercantile Bank of the Americas of this city announces that notification has been sent by it to the French and Spanish Governments stating that its branches in Paris, Barcelona and Madrid will be closed, in accordance with the law in those countries requiring a three months' notice before dissolution of a bank. The closing of these branches is in step with the Mercantile's plan of retrenchment, the bank having already sold its branch in Buenos Aires.

The Liberty Industrial Corporation announced Sept. 29 the election of James F. McClelland as Vice-President and Douglas Parmentier as Secretary and Treasurer, succeeding A. H. Smith, who has resigned to become Vice-President of the Madison and Kedzie State Bank of Chicago.

A cable dispatch received this week from the head office of the National Bank of South Africa, Ltd., Pretoria, Transvaal, by the New York agency of the bank, announces that the Hon. Hugh Crawford, Chairman of the Board of Directors, has decided to relinquish his seat at the end of December next. The post thus falling vacant has been offered to and accepted by J. R. Leisk, C.M.G., who will assume the chairmanship on Jan. 1, and will combine with it the office of managing director. The board of directors also announces that E. C. Reynolds, Managing Director and General Manager of the bank, having completed more than thirty years of service, expressed a desire to retire on a pension, and the board acceded to his request, effective Sept. 30. The vacancy thus created in the office of General Manager will be filled by the appointment of W. Dunlop, Deputy General Manager, effective Oct. 1. The National Bank of South Africa, Ltd., is one of the big South African banks. It has paid-up capital and reserves of more than twenty-one million dollars, and maintains nearly 500 branches distributed throughout the principal towns in the Union of South Africa, South West Protectorate, Rhodesia, Nyasaland, Portuguese East Africa, Kenya Colony and Tanganyika Territory.

Charles Stanley Symonds, President of the Utica City National Bank of Utica, N. Y., and dean of local bankers, died suddenly of heart disease at his home in Utica on Sept. 21. Mr. Symonds, who was eighty years of age, had been in failing health for several months. He was born in Watertown, N. Y., and educated in the public schools of that city, Jefferson County Institute and Charles Bartlett's High School in Poughkeepsie. After a short period spent as a clerk in a law office in Watertown, Mr. Symonds entered the Sherman's Bank in that city and later took a position in the Watertown Bank & Loan Co. In 1858 he went to Utica, where he secured a clerkship in the Bank of Central New York. Two years later upon the institution going into the hands of a receiver, Mr. Symonds came to New York, where he found employment as a bookkeeper in the wholesale notion house of William R. Slicer on Cortland St. A year later (1861) he returned to Utica, where he entered the then Utica City Bank as a teller. In 1868 Mr. Symonds was promoted to Cashier, and in 1885 the same year in which the institution became a national bank under its present title, he was elected President of the institution, the position he held at the time of his death. On Feb. 7 of this year Mr. Symonds celebrated the 60th anniversary of his connection with the bank, on which occasion he was presented with a large silver vase and a profusion of flowers by the employees.

Mr. Symonds was a director of the Utica Investment Co. since the time of its incorporation in 1918 and closely identified with a large number of Utica's most successful enterprises.

Charles L. Spencer, President of the Connecticut River Banking Company of Hartford, Conn., died on Sept. 21. Mr. Spencer was 61 years of age. He began his banking career in 1898 when he became President of the First National Bank of Suffield of Suffield, Conn. of which his father was one of the founders. He remained in this position until 1913 when he resigned to become connected with the Connecticut River Banking Company as President. At the time of his death Mr. Spencer was Vice-President and director of the First National Bank of Suffield and a Vice-President of the Travelers Bank & Trust Company of Hartford. He was a director of the Travelers Insurance Co., the Travelers Indemnity Co., the Aetna Insurance Co., the Hartford County Mutual Insurance Co. of Hartford, and a Trustee of the Society for Savings of Hartford.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the First National Bank, of Paterson, N. J., on Sept. 26, Whitfield W. Smith was elected President to succeed the late Edward T. Bell. Frederick D. Bogert, Assistant Cashier, was appointed Cashier, and John B. Brown and John T. Deighton, Assistant Cashiers.

The growth of Bloomfield, N. J., and the Bloomfield Savings Institution is depicted in a booklet published by the bank in commemoration of its fiftieth anniversary. Reproductions of engravings of landmarks of the town and photographs of those who have been factors in the development of the bank are among the illustrations in the booklet, which also contains an etching of a building in Ruthwell Village, Scotland, in 1810, this according to some compilers of savings bank brochures (we quote from the booklet) having been regarded as the place and time where and when savings banks came into practical being. The cottage which is pictured is still standing as a memorial to its founder, Henry Duncan, called "The Founder of Savings Banks." Incidentally, the booklet states, "the continent has a claim to the birthplace of the savings bank, and Brunswick, Germany, is named as the place and 1725 the date." To quote from the booklet:

The savings bank had its first introduction to the American people in Philadelphia in 1816, when it had an unincorporated being. Its first incorporated existence was in Boston in that same year. The first New York savings bank was chartered in 1819, and the first one incorporated in New Jersey was the New Jersey Savings Bank of New Brunswick in 1822. Not until the close of the Civil War did the movement to organize mutual savings banks gain much headway. During the ten-year reconstruction period, 1865-1875, was witnessed the greatest activity ever known in the promotion of the savings bank idea.

As to the establishment of the Bloomfield Savings Institution, we take the following from the booklet:

In 1871 the Bloomfield Savings Institution had its birth in a healthy environment and in this year of 1921 has rounded out a half century of active and successful existence.

It was one of fifteen savings banks chartered by the Legislature in 1871, and is one of three of that group which are doing business to-day, having weathered the storms of all the periods of financial depression that have occurred.

Tracing the history of Bloomfield, the booklet states that "in a general sense, the early history of Bloomfield, which embraced at one time Belleville, Nutley, Woodside, Glen Ridge and Montclair, is co-ordinate with the history of Newark, and is the story of the natural spreading out of the descendants of the colonists from the Connecticut towns of Branford and Milford, who founded Newark in 1666, and of the Dutch, who came in to the northern end of the town from Bergen County." The mediums of transportation, the industrial changes, the part played by Bloomfield during the world war, etc., form some of the features which the booklet treats of, besides various matters pertaining to the bank itself. Not the least interesting of the book's contents is a paragraph on "the vindication of the mutual savings bank," which says:

The principle embodied in the Mutual Savings Bank idea is exceedingly interesting and should be better known. In the absence of capital stock, shareholders and boards of directors, the management and responsibility are vested in a self-perpetuating board of trustees or managers, who have no personal pecuniary interest in the profits of the business, for the profits inure wholly to the benefits of depositors in dividends or in a reserve fund for their greater security. . . . Mutual savings banks in the United States are at this time patronized by eleven million depositors, and there are more than five and one-half billion dollars of deposits in these institutions; facts which testify forcibly in justification of the mutual savings bank idea.

Their economic value and right to existence is not dependent solely upon the proof furnished by their wide popularity, for the courts of New Jersey have vindicated and definitely established the legal status of the mutual savings banks. The Legislature, in its session of 1902, adopted an Act providing a method by which savings banks might, if advisable, be dissolved; and shortly afterward the managers of several of the smaller savings banks in this State, including the one at Bloomfield, took under consideration the advisability of dissolving as mutual organizations, but of continuing business as trust companies with capital stock.

While this procedure was authorized, "if advisable," the rights of depositors and the community to have maintained for them a quasi-eleemosynary institution could not be ignored in considering the element of advisability. These rights presented an important significance even locally, but in their State and national application were viewed as matters of grave concern.

Recognizing the gravity of the situation, Mr. Halsey M. Barrett, of Bloomfield, a prominent member of the New Jersey Bar, interested himself on behalf of the depositors, and, as a public-spirited act, brought suit in the Court of Chancery to prevent the dissolution of the Bloomfield Savings institution. The case was argued before Vice-Chancellor Pitney, who sustained the contentions of Mr. Barrett, and a decree was entered enjoining the dissolution of the bank. Upon appeal, the decree was unanimously affirmed by the Court of Errors and Appeals. The opinion of Vice-Chancellor Pitney, rendered in 1903, so thoroughly defined and established the rights of depositors, the duties of managers and the legal status of mutual savings banks that the questions involved were settled for the future beyond dispute.

The figures of the growth of the bank by ten-year milestones are presented in the booklet, this showing that on Jan. 1 1921 there were 6,157 depositors, with deposits of \$2,329,570, as compared with 3,745 depositors on Dec. 31 1911, with deposits of \$1,185,089, and (to show the record twenty years ago), 2,325 depositors on Dec. 31 1901, when deposits were but \$755,438.

The Southwark Title & Trust Co. of Philadelphia announces the purchase of the entire banking business of the Public Bank & Trust Co. located at the southeast corner of Seventh and Morris streets. The former has a capital of \$125,000 and surplus of \$125,000. Its officers are William W. Foulkrod, Jr., President; Walter J. Steinman, Vice-President, and Frank W. Crew, Secretary and Treasurer.

The amalgamation of the Northern National Bank of Cleveland and its affiliated institution, the Northern Savings & Trust Co. of that city, with the Cleveland Trust Co. was consummated on July 22 1921. In accordance with the plan outlined in these columns in our July 9 issue, the Northern National Bank and the Northern Savings & Trust Co. were merged on July 20 and the resulting institution, the Northern National Bank, Savings & Trust Co., taken over by the Cleveland Trust Co. The Northern National Bank, Savings & Trust Co. (capital \$750,000) was placed in voluntary liquidation, effective Aug. 1. The statement of condition of the Cleveland Trust Co. as of Sept. 6 1921 showed capital of \$4,500,000, surplus and undivided profits of \$5,070,965, deposits of \$106,062,410 and total resources of \$126,762,719. F. H. Goff is President of the Cleveland Trust Co.; A. G. Tame, E. B. Greene, I. F. Freiburger, F. H. Hobson, A. L. Assmus, Edwin Baxter, F. H. Houghton, A. A. McCaslin, William Rappich, Leonard P. Ayres, John T. Feighan, Henry Kiefer, E. L. Mason, W. E. Ward, and P. T. White, Vice-Presidents; H. D. King, Secretary; J. W. Woodburn, Treasurer, and R. R. Alexander, Trust Officer.

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Old State National Bank of Evansville, Ind., William H. McCurdy was elected President of the bank to succeed the late Henry Reis, whose death was announced in our issue of Aug. 6. Mr. McCurdy is President of the Hercules Corporation and is also associated with other industries of Evansville. The Hercules Corporation is the amalgamation of the Hercules Buggy Co., the Hercules Gas Engine Co., the Hercules Wheel Co. and the Hercules Body Manufacturing Co.

Arrangements have been made for the consolidation (effective to-day, Oct. 1) of the Krause State Savings Bank at 1341 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, with the Home Bank & Trust Co. at North Ashland and Milwaukee Avenues, that city, under the title of the latter institution. The enlarged Home Bank & Trust Co. will have a capital of \$800,000 with surplus of \$200,000 and total deposits of approximately \$10,000,000. J. Henry Krause, President of the Krause State Savings Bank, will be Chairman of the board of directors of the enlarged bank and Peter L. Evans, President of the Home Bank & Trust Co., will be President of the new bank. The complete list of officers follows: Peter L. Evans, President; L. H. Prybylski, J. Henry Krause,

John J. Krause, Fred W. Georgs and Paul Drzymalski, Vice-Presidents; M. Johnson, Cashier; Robert A. Schiewe, George Sigmund, S. Malinowski and M. O. Bernhardt, Assistant Cashiers; Chairman board of directors, J. Henry Krause.

Announcement has been made of the acquisition by the First Securities Co. of Los Angeles, a subsidiary of the First National Bank of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Trust & Savings Bank, of the business and personnel of Baer-Brown-Parsons Co., local investment bankers, operating principally in Los Angeles and Pasadena. An official announcement under date of Oct. 22 says:

The Baer-Brown-Parsons Co. has been actively engaged in the investment securities business for the past year and a half, and has participated in most of the better known issues underwritten during that period. It will now be merged into the First Securities Co. The members of the firm, Francis S. Baer, A. H. Brown, and R. H. Parsons, will become associated with the Bond Department of the First Securities Co., and will aid materially to present distribution facilities.

Coincident with this announcement, it was stated that on or before Oct. 1 the securities business heretofore conducted by the Bond Department of the First National Bank of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Trust & Savings Bank will be taken over by the First Securities Co., but the business will continue to be operated, as before, by the First Securities Co. in the main banking rooms of the First National Bank of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Trust & Savings Bank, as well as in the various branches of the latter organization.

The present personnel of the existing bond departments will be retained, although augmented by the organization of Baer-Brown-Parsons Co.

The stock of the First Securities Co. is entirely owned by the stockholders of the First National Bank of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Trust & Savings Bank. The officers of the company are: Henry M. Robinson, President; Charles F. Storn, Vice-President; John E. Barber, Vice-President; A. B. Jones, Secretary and Treasurer.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Sept. 15 1921:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue is £126,591,545, as compared with £126,589,255 last week. A fair amount of gold came on offer and was taken for New York, with the exception of one or two small purchases on account of India. The Transvaal gold output for August 1921 amounted to 711,526 fine ounces, as compared with 689,555 fine ounces for July 1921 and 702,085 fine ounces for August 1920. The following are the figures relative to the United Kingdom imports and exports of gold during the month of August 1921:

	Imports.	Exports.
Belgium.....	£645	£10,200
West Africa.....	125,137	-----
United States of America.....	-----	6,332,090
Central America and West Indies.....	5,950	-----
Rhodesia.....	177,054	-----
Transvaal.....	3,323,438	-----
British India.....	1,513,785	-----
Straits Settlements.....	16,964	-----
Other countries.....	1,001,995	4,630
Total.....	£6,164,968	£6,346,920

SILVER.

India has again been the chief buyer, both for cash and future delivery and there have been both sales and purchases on China account. The market has not been well supplied and further advances in the quotations have occurred during the week. On the 13th inst. the prices reached 39 3/4 d. and 39 1/4 d for cash and forward delivery, respectively—the highest quotation touched for spot since Jan. 27 and for forward since Jan. 25 last. The market closes with a steady tone. Under advice from Bombay dated 27th ult. we were informed that, owing to low prices, the up-country demand for silver had increased to 40 bars a day, and that a good offtake was expected in the August settlement, then proceeding. This improvement in the up-country demand, even during the monsoon, indicated that, in the event of a rise in the exchange, there was a likelihood of a good inquiry as soon as the monsoon was over. The Washington correspondent of "Financial America" stated on Aug. 30 that silver purchased by the Director of the Mint on that day amounted to 1,000,000 ounces. This made the total amount purchased under the Pittman Act up to that date 70,204,430 ounces. The same authority states further that up to Sept. 2 the total amount of silver coined under the terms of this Act was \$33,993,000.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

In Lacs of Rupees—	Aug. 22.	Aug. 31.	Sept. 7.
Notes in circulation.....	17521	17602	17588
Silver coin and bullion in India.....	7559	7640	7627
Silver coin and bullion out of India.....	-----	-----	-----
Gold coin and bullion in India.....	2435	2435	2434
Gold coin and bullion out of India.....	-----	-----	-----
Securities (Indian Government).....	6692	6692	6692
Securities (British Government).....	835	835	835

No coinage of rupees is reported during the week ending 7th inst. The stock in Shanghai on the 10th inst. consisted of about 27,600,000 ounces in sycee, \$26,500,000, and 2,400 silver bars, as compared with about 27,900,000 ounces in sycee, \$26,000,000, and 1,380 silver bars on the 3d inst. The Shanghai exchange is quoted at 3s. 9d. the tael.

Quotations—	Bar Silver per Oz. Std.		Bar Gold per Oz. Fine.
	Cash.	Two Months.	
September 9.....	38 3/4 d.	38 3/4 d.	110s. 1d.
September 10.....	39d.	38 3/4 d.	-----
September 12.....	39d.	38 3/4 d.	110s. 2d.
September 13.....	39 3/4 d.	39 3/4 d.	110s. 3d.
September 14.....	39 3/4 d.	39 3/4 d.	110s. 4d.
September 15.....	39 3/4 d.	39d.	111s. 6d.
Average.....	39.229d.	38.854d.	110s. 5.6d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and forward delivery are respectively 3/4 d. and 3/4 d. above those fixed a week ago.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKET—PER CABLE.

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

Table with columns: London, Sept. 24, Sept. 26, Sept. 27, Sept. 28, Sept. 29, Sept. 30. Rows include Silver, Gold, Consols, British, French Rentes, French War Loan.

The price of silver in New York on the same day has been: Silver in N. Y., per oz. (c.s.): Domestic, Foreign.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Table listing various banks and trust companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and company names like Irving Nat of Amer, Manhattan, etc.

* Banks marked with (*) are State banks. † New stock. ‡ Ex-dividend. § Ex-rights.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Table listing realty and surety companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and company names like Allran R'ty, Amer Surety, etc.

FOREIGN TRADE OF NEW YORK—MONTHLY STATEMENT.

Table showing Merchandise Movement at New York and Customs Receipts at New York for various months from 1921 to 1920.

Movement of gold and silver for the 8 months:

Table showing Gold Movement at New York and Silver—New York for various months from 1921 to 1920.

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

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED.

- Sept. 19—The Germantown National Bank, Germantown, N. Y. Capital, \$50,000. Correspondent, Robert R. Livingston, Germantown.
Sept. 21—The First National Bank of Lawton, Mich. Capital, \$25,000. Correspondent, Carl Bartlett, Lawton, Mich.

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE APPROVED.

- Sept. 21—The First National Bank of Quincy, Cal. Capital, \$50,000. Correspondent, M. C. Kerr, Quincy, Cal.
Sept. 24—The Citizens National Bank of Clarksdale, Miss. Capital, \$100,000. Correspondent, J. S. Love, Greenwood, Miss.

APPLICATIONS TO CONVERT RECEIVED.

- Sept. 19—The Merchants National Bank of Cavalier, No. Dak. Capital, \$25,000. Conversion of the Merchants & Farmers Bank of Cavalier, No. Dak. Correspondent, Merchants & Farmers Bank of Cavalier.
Sept. 23—The Security National Bank of Norman, Okla. Capital, \$50,000. Conversion of the Security State Bank of Norman. Correspondent, C. H. Bessent, Norman, Okla.

APPLICATIONS TO CONVERT APPROVED.

- Sept. 19—First National Bank, in Harriman, Tenn. Capital, \$100,000. Conversion of the First & Manufacturers Bank, Harriman, Tenn. Correspondent, N. Giles Carter, Harriman, Tenn.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

- Sept. 23—12019—The Peoples National Bank of Belleville, N. J. Capital, \$100,000. President, James T. Boylar; Cashier, Clinton Braine.
Sept. 23—12020—The First National Bank of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Capital, \$50,000. President, D. T. Hart; Cashier, J. S. Hinton. Conversion of the Security State Bank of Fort Lauderdale.
Sept. 24—12021—The Metropolitan National Bank of the City of New York. Capital, \$2,500,000. Conversion of Metropolitan Bank with 7 branches. President, Henry Ollesheimer; Cashier, Frank W. Frazee.

CORPORATE EXISTENCE RE-EXTENDED.

- 2575—The Citizens National Bank of Xenia, Ohio. Until Close of Business. Sept. 19 1941

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION.

- Sept. 24—6571—The Boyd National Bank, Boyd, Minn. Capital \$25,000. Effective Sept. 19 1921. Liquidating agents: The Boyd State Bank, Boyd, Minn. Absorbed by The Boyd State Bank, Boyd, Minn.

Canadian Bank Clearings.—The clearings for the week ending Sept. 22 at Canadian cities, in comparison with the same week in 1920 show a decrease in the aggregate of 18.0%.

Table showing Canadian Bank Clearings for week ending September 22, 1921, compared to 1920, 1919, and 1918. Includes cities like Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, etc.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not usually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were recently sold at auction in New York, Boston and Philadelphia:

- By Messrs. Adrian H. Muller & Sons, New York: Shares. Stocks. Price. 89 The Del Norte Co. \$50 per sh. \$10,000 Ga. Coast & Piedmont Ry. 1st 5% tr. recs. \$250 lot
By Messrs. R. L. Day & Co., Boston: Shares. Stocks. \$ per sh. 2 Warwick Mills. 92 1/2 5 Boston Belting, pl., \$50 each. 20 1/2
By Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston: Shares. Stocks. \$ per sh. 38 Laconia Car, com. 8-8 1/2 10 N. Bediord G. & Edison Lt., ex-dividend. 150-150 1/2

- By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia. Shares. Stocks. \$ per sh. 4 Penn National Bank. 331 5 Ansley H. Fox, com. \$2 lot
50 New Era Ore Reduce. 10 50 American Pulley. 10 1 H. K. Mulford, \$50 par. 45
50 Girard Life Insurance. 5 1/2 5 Conways Theatre Ticket Office, Inc. 40
10 Interstate Rys., pref. 5 10 Johnstown Trust. 350
5 Mt. Holly Nat. Bank, N. J. 35 11 North Pa. RR. 73-73 1/2
24 Wilkesbarre & Haz. RR., pref. \$2 lot 50
24 Mutual Trust, \$50 each. 35 Bonds. Per cent. \$5,000 St. Lawrence Pulp & Lumber 1st s. f. 6s, 1933. 65
100 American Gas, com. 515 \$1,000 Waterloo C.F. & Nor. RR. 5s 55
10 Real Estate T. I. & T. 345 1/2 \$5,000 Haytian Am. Corp. 7s, '23. Cts. of dep. \$100 lot
25 Continental-Equit. T. & T., \$50 each. 103 \$5,500 Gary Connecting Rys. 1st 4 1/2 5s, certificates of deposit. \$12 lot
100 Germantown Trust. 200 12 Peoples Trust, \$50 each. 47 \$5,000 City of Phila. 4s, 1941. 88 1/2
3 Victory Insurance, \$50 each. 105 \$2,000 City of Phila. 4s, 1940. 88 1/2
10 East Pennsylvania RR. 54 \$8,000 City of Phila. 4s, 1945. 88
10 Scott-Powell Dairies, 1st pt. 90

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, and Miscellaneous.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, Books Closed. Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Miscellaneous (Con-Indus) and Street and Electric Railways.

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 Miscellaneous.

Transactions at the New York Stock Exchange daily, weekly and yearly.—Brought forward from page 1448.

Table showing transactions at the New York Stock Exchange daily, weekly and yearly from Sept. 20 1921 to Total. Includes columns for Stocks, Railroad & Bonds, State, Mun. & Foreign Bonds, and U. S. Bonds.

Table showing Sales at New York Stock Exchange, comparing weekly ending Sept. 30 with Jan. 1 to Sept. 30 for 1921 and 1920. Includes categories for Stocks, Bonds, Government bonds, State, mun. &c., bonds, and R.R. and misc. bonds.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Table showing daily transactions at the Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore exchanges, comparing weekly ending Sept. 20 1921 with previous weeks. Includes columns for Shares and Bond Sales for each city.

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.

Table showing returns of non-member institutions of New York Clearing House, categorized into Members of Fed'l Res. Bank, State Banks, Trust Companies, and Grand aggregate.

a U. S. deposits deducted, \$1,454,000. Bills payable, rediscunts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$1,995,000. Excess reserve, \$41,190 decrease.

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House statement for the week ending Sept. 24 with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding is as follows.

Table showing Philadelphia Banks' statement for the week ending Sept. 24 1921, with comparative figures for Sept. 17 1921 and Sept. 10 1921.

* Cash in vaults not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve members.

Boston Clearing House Banks.—We give below a summary showing the totals for all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

Table showing Boston Clearing House Members' statement for Sept. 24 1921, comparing changes from previous week and Sept. 17 1921.

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. 24.

NEW YORK WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.

Table showing New York City Clearing House Returns, categorized into Members of Fed'l Res. Bank, State Banks, Trust Companies, and Grand aggregate.

Grand aggregate, comparison previous week. Includes totals for Sept. 24, 17, and 10 1921.

a U. S. deposits deducted, \$1,454,000. Bills payable, rediscunts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$1,995,000. Excess reserve, \$41,190 decrease.

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House statement for the week ending Sept. 24 with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding is as follows.

Table showing Philadelphia Banks' statement for the week ending Sept. 24 1921, with comparative figures for Sept. 17 1921 and Sept. 10 1921.

* Cash in vaults not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve members.

Note.—U. S. deposits deducted from net demand deposits in the general totals above were as follows: Average for week Sept. 24, \$225,081,000; actual totals Sept. 24, \$222,519,000; Sept. 17, \$229,222,000; Sept. 10, \$54,990,000; Sept. 3, \$59,674,000; Aug. 27, \$73,409,000.

STATEMENTS OF RESERVE POSITION OF CLEARING HOUSE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES.

Table with columns: Members Federal Reserve banks, State banks*, Trust companies. Rows: Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositories, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve.

Actual Figures. Table with columns: Members Federal Reserve banks, State banks*, Trust companies. Rows: Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositories, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve.

* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank.
a This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies, but in the case of members of the Federal Reserve banks includes also amount of reserve required on net time deposits, which was as follows: Sept. 24, \$5,054,310; Sept. 17, \$5,011,530; Sept. 10, \$4,953,600; Sept. 3, \$4,930,020.

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. Table with columns: 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 N. Y. City, exchanges and U. S. deposits, Percentage of reserve, 20.1%.

* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on Sept. 24 were \$51,527,100.

Banks and Trust Companies in New York City.—The averages of the New York City Clearing House banks and trust companies combined with those for the State banks and trust companies in Greater New York City outside of the Clearing House, are as follows:

COMBINED RESULTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK.

Table with columns: Loans and Investments, Demand Deposits, Total Cash in Vaults, Reserve in Depositories. Rows: Week ended—July 23, July 30, Aug. 6, Aug. 13, Aug. 20, Aug. 27, Sept. 3, Sept. 10, Sept. 17, Sept. 24.

* 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. 23 1921, in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Table with columns: Resources, Liabilities. Rows: Gold and gold certificates, Gold settlement fund—F. R. Board, 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: Secured by U. S. Government obligations—for members, For other Federal Reserve banks, All other—for members, For other Federal Reserve 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, 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 circuit—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.

The Federal Reserve Banks.—Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board on Sept. 29. The figures for the system as a whole are given in the following table, and in addition we present the results for seven preceding weeks, together with those of corresponding weeks of last year. The second table shows the resources and liabilities separately for each of the twelve banks. The Federal Reserve Agents' Accounts (third table following) gives details regarding transactions in Federal Reserve notes between the Comptroller and Reserve Agents and between the latter and Federal Reserve banks. In commenting upon the return for the latest week the Federal Reserve Board says:

Further gains of \$15,600,000 of cash reserves, largely gold, and an increase of \$25,800,000 in deposits, as against a reduction of \$17,500,000 in Federal Reserve note circulation, are indicated in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly consolidated bank statement issued as at close of business on Sept. 28 1921. The banks' reserve ratio shows a rise for the week from 68.7 to 69%. Federal Reserve Bank holdings of bills secured by U. S. Government obligations show a reduction for the week of \$4,200,000, while other discounted bills on hand increased by \$19,900,000, and holdings of acceptances purchased in open market by \$5,400,000. Pittman certificates used as cover for Federal Reserve Bank note circulation show a decrease of \$9,500,000, while other Treasury certificates, largely held under repurchase agreements by the New York Bank, show an increase for the week of \$3,600,000. There is also shown a decrease of \$1,600,000 in the Federal Reserve Bank holdings of U. S. bonds and notes. Total earning assets, in consequence of the changes noted, were \$13,800,000 larger than the week before. Of the total holdings of \$490,900,000 of paper secured by U. S. Government obligations, \$346,900,000, or 70.7%, were secured by Liberty and other U. S. bonds; \$110,800,000, or 22.6%, by Victory notes; \$6,300,000, or 1.2%, by Treasury notes, and \$26,900,000, or 5.5%, by Treasury certificates, compared with \$340,800,000, \$127,500,000, \$5,100,000 and \$21,800,000 reported the week before.

Discounted paper held by the Boston, New York and Cleveland banks is shown inclusive of \$65,300,000 of bills discounted for the Richmond, Atlan-

ta, Minneapolis and Dallas Reserve banks, compared with \$66,500,000 shown the week before. Rediscunts of the Richmond bank with the New York Reserve Bank show a slight increase for the week from \$24,700,000 to \$24,900,000; Atlanta reports an increase in bills rediscouted with the Boston and Cleveland banks from \$16,400,000 to \$20,100,000; Minneapolis, on the other hand, reports a further reduction in the total of bills rediscouted with the New York Reserve Bank from \$7,100,000 to \$5,400,000, while Dallas likewise shows a reduction of its rediscunts with the Boston and Cleveland banks from \$18,300,000 to \$14,900,000. Government deposits are given \$16,900,000 less than the week before, reserve deposits show an increase of \$47,300,000, while other deposits, composed largely of non-members' clearing accounts and cashier's checks, show a reduction of \$4,600,000. Federal Reserve note circulation shows a further decline of \$17,500,000 for the week, the reported total of \$2,457,200,000 being a new low level for the year, and marking a 28% decline from the peak attained on Dec. 23 of last year. Net liabilities of the Reserve banks on Federal Reserve Bank notes in circulation declined by \$2,200,000, the most recent total of \$101,400,000 being less than one-half of the total reported on the corresponding date last year. Of the total gain in cash reserves, \$14,900,000 represents a gain in gold. Total gold reserves on Sept. 28 were \$2,726,000,000, a gain since Jan. 1 of \$663,200,000, as against a loss of \$38,200,000 in other cash, i. e., silver and legal.

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPT. 28 1921.

Table with columns: RESOURCES, Liabilities. Rows: Gold and gold certificates, Gold settlement, F. R. Board, Gold with foreign agencies, Total gold held by banks, Gold with Federal Reserve agents, Gold redemption fund, Total gold reserve.

Main financial statement table with columns for dates from Sept. 28 1921 to Oct. 1 1920 and rows for resources and liabilities.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPT. 28 1921.

Table showing resources and liabilities for 12 Federal Reserve Banks: Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total.

LIABILITIES (Concluded)—Two ciphers (00) omitted. Table with columns for Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minnorp., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., and Total. Rows include Memoranda and various liability categories.

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS' ACCOUNTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPT. 28 1921.

Table showing Federal Reserve Agents' Accounts at close of business Sept. 28 1921. Columns: Federal Reserve Agent at—Boston, New York, Phila., Cleve., Richm'd, Atlanta, Chicago, St. L., Minn., K. City, Dallas, San Fr., Total. Rows: Resources (Federal Reserve notes on hand, outstanding, etc.) and Liabilities (Federal Reserve notes received, collateral, etc.).

Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System.—Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board giving the principal items of the resources and liabilities of the Member Banks. Definitions of the different items in the statement were given in the statement of Dec. 14 1917, published in the "Chronicle" Dec. 29 1917, page 2523.

STATEMENT SHOWING PRINCIPAL RESOURCE AND LIABILITY ITEMS OF REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN FEDERAL RESERVE BANK AND BRANCH CITIES AND ALL OTHER REPORTING BANKS AS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPT. 21 1921.

Aggregate increases of \$178,000,000 in the holdings of Government securities following the issuance on Sept. 15 of \$698,000,000 of Treasury notes and certificates, together with an increase of \$419,000,000 in Government deposits, representing largely book credits for notes and certificates allotted, as against reductions of \$298,000,000 in demand deposits, largely the result of payment of customers' tax checks, are indicated in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly consolidated statement of condition on Sept. 21 of 810 member banks in leading cities.

Loans secured by Government obligations show a reduction of \$6,000,000 for the week, loans secured by corporate obligations increased by \$13,000,000, while all other loans and discounts, mainly of a commercial and industrial character, show a decrease of \$26,000,000. For the member banks in New York City an increase of \$32,000,000 in loans secured by corporate obligations, as against reductions of \$5,000,000 in loans secured by Government obligations and of \$34,000,000 in commercial loans, are noted.

Holdings of United States bonds and Victory notes increased by \$7,000,000, those of Treasury notes by \$111,000,000 and those of Treasury certificates by \$60,000,000, while the banks' investments in corporate and other securities fell off about \$15,000,000. The New York City banks report increases of about \$2,000,000 in their holdings of U. S. bonds and Victory notes, of \$46,000,000 in their investments in Treasury notes and an increase of only \$2,000,000 in Treasury certificates, this smaller increase reflecting

apparently the large demand for certificates by local corporate and other ultimate investors. Total loans and investments, in consequence of the changes noted, show an increase for the week of \$145,000,000, of which \$33,000,000 represents the increase for the member banks in New York City.

Notwithstanding the large reduction in demand deposits, the reporting banks were able during the week to reduce their accommodation at the Federal Reserve banks from \$908,000,000 to \$860,000,000, or from 6.1 to 5.8% of their total loans and investments. For the New York City banks a reduction from \$206,000,000 to \$130,000,000 in borrowings from the local Reserve bank, and from 4.4 to 2.8% in the ratio of accommodation is noted.

As against a decrease of \$298,000,000 in net demand deposits, the banks report a much larger increase, by \$419,000,000, in Government deposits, this excess apparently accounting for their ability to reduce their borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks. Member banks in New York City report a decrease of \$70,000,000 in net demand deposits, as against a gain of \$180,000,000 in Government deposits and a correspondingly larger reduction in their borrowings from the local Reserve bank. Only slight changes are shown in time deposits.

Reserve balances of the reporting banks, in keeping with the large reduction in demand deposits, show a total reduction of \$39,000,000, while cash in vault, largely Federal Reserve notes, fell off about \$9,000,000. The New York City banks report a reduction of \$4,000,000 in their aggregate reserve balances and of \$2,000,000 in cash.

1. Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business Sept. 21 1921. Three ciphers (000) omitted.

Table 1: Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business Sept. 21 1921. Columns: Federal Reserve District (Boston, New York, Philadel., Cleveland, Richm'd, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minn., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total). Rows: Number of reporting banks, Loans and discounts (secured by U.S. Govt., stocks & bonds, all other), Total loans and discounts, U.S. bonds, U.S. Victory notes, U.S. Treasury notes, U.S. certificates of indebtedness, Other bonds, stocks and securities, Total loans, discounts & investments, incl. bills rediscounted with F.R. Bank, Reserve balance with F.R. Bank, Cash in vault, Net demand deposits, Time deposits, Government deposits, Bills payable with Federal Reserve Bank (secured by U.S. Govt., all other), Bills rediscounted with F.R. Bank (secured by U.S. Govt., all other).

2. Data of reporting member banks in Federal Reserve Bank and branch cities and all other reporting banks.

Table 2: Data of reporting member banks in Federal Reserve Bank and branch cities and all other reporting banks. Columns: New York City, City of Chicago, All F.R. Bank Cities, F.R. Branch Cities, All Other Report. Bks., Total. Rows: Number of reporting banks, Loans and discounts, Total loans and discounts, U.S. bonds, U.S. Victory notes, U.S. Treasury notes, U.S. certificates of indebtedness, Other bonds, stocks and securities, Total loans & disc'ts & invest's, incl. bills rediscounted with F.R. Bank, Reserve balance with F.R. Bank, Cash in vault, Net demand deposits, Time deposits, Government deposits, Bills payable with F.R. Bank (secured by U.S. Govt., all other), Bills rediscounted with F.R. Bank (secured by U.S. Govt., all other), Ratio of bills payable & rediscounts with F.R. Bank to total loans and investments, per cent.

a Comparable figures not available.

Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, Sept. 30 1921.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—No outside interest in the stock market has appeared this week and as that evidently is the spur most needed the market has been dull, narrow and almost featureless. Daily transactions averaged little more than 400,000 shares and a general decline of from 2 to 3 points, which occurred during the early part of the week has, in part, been recovered since Wednesday. There was an unusual decline of 2 1/2 points in Pennsylvania shares, following some remarks by Vice-President Atterbury which were regarded by some as pessimistic. This was exceeded, however, by a drop of over 3 points in Reading and was almost equalled by a loss of 2 1/4 points in No. Pac., So. Pac. and U. P.

Mex. Pet. has again been the outstanding feature of the industrials, having covered a range of over 6 points and finally closing with a net loss of over 3.

Among the events which have attracted considerable attention in Wall Street during the week, a decline of the German mark to 0.78,—a suggestion that the railroads of the country be segregated into a few groups, under general management, as the best solution of the present railway problem—reports of railway earnings for August now coming in—and the outlook for this year's cotton crop have been conspicuous.

The following sales have occurred this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week ending Sept. 30, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like All America Cables, Amer Bank Note, American Chile, etc.

For volume of business on New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Boston exchanges, see page 1444.

State and Railroad Bonds.—No sales of State bonds have been reported at the Board this week.

The market for railway and industrial bonds was somewhat less active than of late during the early part of the week and at the same time was not so generally buoyant. This change was only a logical reaction from an almost continuous advance for several weeks past. Perhaps the very large

output of new issues recently also had some effect in checking the previous upward movement of prices. From whatever cause about two-thirds of the active list shows a net decline, notwithstanding some recovery from the lowest quotations of the week.

United States Bonds.—Sales of Government bonds at the Board are limited to the various Liberty Loan issues and \$1,000 Panama 3s coup. at 76 1/2.

Table titled 'Daily Record of Liberty Loan Prices' with columns for dates (Sept. 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30) and various bond types (First Liberty Loan, Second Liberty Loan, etc.) with High, Low, and Close prices.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Table listing registered bond transactions with columns for maturity, interest rate, and bid/asked prices.

Quotations for Short-Term U. S. Govt. Obligations.

Table showing quotations for short-term U.S. Govt. obligations with columns for maturity, interest rate, and bid/asked prices.

Foreign Exchange.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 3 65 1/2 @ 3 67 1/2 for sixty days, 3 72 @ 3 73 1/2 for cheques and 3 72 1/2 @ 3 73 1/2 for cables. Commercial on banks sight 3 72 @ 3 73, sixty days 3 64 @ 3 65 1/2, ninety days 3 62 1/2 @ 3 64 1/2 and documents for payment (sixty days) 3 66 @ 3 67. Cotton for payment 3 72 @ 3 73 and grain for payment 3 72 @ 3 73.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 7.03 1/2 @ 7.05 for long and 7.09 1/2 @ 7.12 for short. German bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 31.24 @ 31.38 for long and 31.60 @ 31.74 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 52.06 francs; week's range, 51.50 francs high and 52.65 francs low.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:

Table showing the range for foreign exchange for the week with columns for Sterling, Actual, Sixty Days, Cheques, and Cables.

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par. St. Louis, 15 @ 25c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. San Francisco, par. Montreal, \$100 per \$1,000 premium. Cincinnati, par.

The Curb Market.—The Curb Market was a rather dull affair in the fore part of the week until Thursday when there was a decided improvement. Trading was on an extensive scale and many sharp upturns in prices were recorded. To-day business slowed down somewhat and profits-taking caused some reactions from the high figures. Wm. Farrell & Son com. was heavily traded and on the announcement of the merger with Burns Bros. advanced from 13 1/2 to 19 1/4 reacting finally to 17. Burns Bros. com. B stock was traded "w. i." up from 32 to 32 1/2 then down to 28 1/4 and at 28 3/4 finally. Glen Alden Coal from 41 1/2 dropped to 39 1/2 and ends the week at 39 1/2. Durant Motors lost a point to 24. Peerless Truck & Motor lost three points to 37 but recovered to 39. Intereontinental Rubber advanced from 6 3/4 to 8 1/2 and ends the week at 8. Texas-Gulf Sulphur declined from 28 3/8 to 25 3/4, recovered to 27 1/2 and reacted finally to 26 5/8. Oil issues were prominent. Internat. Petrol. on a heavy business gained two points to 11 1/8 and closed to-day at 11 1/8. Atlantic Lobos Oil com. last Saturday broke from 9 1/2 to 6 1/4, recovered during the week to 8 1/2 and to-day sold off to 7 1/2. Glenrock Oil sold up from 87c. to 1 5-16 and finished to-day at 1 1/4. Maracaibo Oil rose from 19 1/2 to 20 3/4 with the final figure to-day at 20 1/2. Mexico Oil Corp. was heavily traded in up from 61c. to 1 1/8 and at 1 1-16 finally. There was a good market for bonds. B. F. Goodrich Co. 7s advanced from 95 to 97 reacting finally to 95 3/4.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see second preceding page.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Sept. 24 to Friday Sept. 30), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest), PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1920 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par, Am Smelt Secur pref ser A, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-rights. § A-div. and rights. ¶ Par value \$100. ○ Old stock. * Ex-dividend.

New York Stock Record—Concluded—Page 3

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see third preceding page.

Main table containing stock prices for various companies, categorized by 'HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.' and 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE'. It includes columns for dates (Saturday Sept. 24 to Friday Sept. 30), share counts, and price ranges (Lowest and Highest) for both the current week and the previous year (1920).

* Bid & asked prices; no sale on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-rights. § Ex-div. ¶ Ex-div. & rights. * Ex-div. † Reduced to basis of \$25 par. ‡ Par \$100.

1452 New York Stock Exchange—BOND Record, Friday, Weekly and Yearly

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. and Foreign Government bonds. Columns include Interest Period, Price Friday, Week's Range, Range Since Jan. 1, and various bond descriptions.

Table of N.Y. Stock Exchange bonds. Columns include Price Friday, Week's Range, Range Since Jan. 1, and various corporate and municipal bond descriptions.

*No price Friday; latest bid and asked. eDue Jan. dDue April. eDue May. gDue June. hDue July. iDue Aug. oDue Oct. pDue Nov. qDue Dec. sOption sale.

Main table containing bond listings for N.Y. Stock Exchange, including columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Bid/Ask), Week's Range, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other market data.

* 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 two columns of bond listings: 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS BOND EXCHANGE'. Each entry includes bond type, maturity date, price, and other financial details.

* No price Friday; latest bid and asked. a Due Jan. b Due Feb. c Due June. d Due July. e Due Aug. f Due Oct. g Due Nov. h Due Dec. i Option sale.

Main table containing bond listings for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE'. Columns include Bond description, Interest, Price, Week's Range, Bonds Sold, and Range Since Jan. 1.

*No price Friday; latest bid and asked. a Due Jan. b Due April. c Due May. d Due June. e Due July. f Due Aug. g Due Oct. D1-D3. Option sale.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Sept. 24 to Friday Sept. 30) and stock prices. Includes sub-headers for 'Saturday', 'Monday', 'Tuesday', 'Wednesday', 'Thursday', and 'Friday'.

Sales for the Week.

Main table of stock listings with columns for 'STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE', 'Range Since Jan. 1' (Lowest, Highest), and 'Range for Previous Year 1920' (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like Boston & Albany, Boston Elevated, etc.

* Bid and asked prices. d Ex-dividend and rights. e Assessment paid. A Ex-rights. Ex-dividend. p Par value \$10 per share.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Sept. 24 to Sept. 30, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes US Lib Loan 3 1/2%, 1st Lib Loan 4%, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Sept. 24 to Sept. 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes American Radiator, American Shipbuilding, Armour & Co., etc.

*No Par Value. †Ex-dividend.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Sept. 24 to Sept. 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes American Gas, American Railways, American Stores, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes Reading, Tono Belmont Devel., Tonopah Mining, etc.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, Sept. 24 to Sept. 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes Blumberg Bros 1st pref., Canton Co., Celestine Oil, etc.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange Sept. 24 to Sept. 30 both inclusive compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes Am Vitrified Prod., Am Wind Glass Mach., etc.

Note.—Sold last week and not reported; 40 shares West Penn Rys. pref. @ 67.

New York Curb Market.—Below is a record of the transactions in the New York Curb Market from Sept. 24 to Sept. 30, 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. 30—, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and various stock categories including Industrial & Miscell., Rights, and Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries.

Table with columns: Other Oil Stocks (Concluded), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and various oil stock categories including Carbide Syndicate, Cosden & Co old pref., and others.

Quotations for Sundry Securities.

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "f."

Table with columns: Mining (Concl.)— Par., Friday Last Sale, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes sub-sections for Bonds and Foreign Government and Municipalities.

Table with columns: Standard Oil Stocks Par, Bid, Ask, RR. Equipments—Per Ct, Basis. Includes sub-sections for Public Utilities, Sugar Stocks, Industrial & Miscellaneous.

New York City Banks and Trust Cos.—See page 1440
New York City Realty and Surety Cos.—See p. 1440

CURRENT NOTICES

—The Columbia Trust Co. has been appointed Registrar of the Preferred and Common stock of the Celtic Land & Mortgage Corp.
—Thayer, Baker & Co. of Philadelphia, have opened a trading department which is to be under the management of Maurice G. Rieger.
—Sidney B. Hook is now associated with Stroud & Co. of Philadelphia, in their bond department.

* Per share. † Basis. ‡ Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. § New stock / Flat price. ¶ Last sale. # Nominal. ¢ Ex-dividend. g Ex-rights.

RAILROAD GROSS EARNINGS

The following table shows the gross earnings of various STEAM roads from which regular weekly or monthly returns can be obtained. The first two columns of figures give the gross earnings for the latest week or month, and the last two columns the earnings for the period from Jan. 1 to and including the latest week or month. The returns of the electric railways are brought together separately on a subsequent page.

Main table with columns: ROADS, Latest Gross Earnings (Week or Month, Current Year, Previous Year), Jan. 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Lists numerous railroad companies and their earnings data.

AGGREGATE OF GROSS EARNINGS—Weekly and Monthly.

Summary table with columns: Weekly Summaries (Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %), Monthly Summaries (Curr. Yr., Prev. Yr., Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %). Provides aggregate earnings data for various periods.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the third week of September. The table covers 18 roads and shows 10.49% decrease in the aggregate from the same week last year:

Table with 5 columns: Third Week of September, 1921., 1920., Increase., Decrease. Lists various railroad lines and their earnings for the third 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:

Large table with 6 columns: Gross from Railway (1921, 1920), Net from Railway (1921, 1920), Net after Taxes (1921, 1920). Lists numerous railroad and industrial companies with their monthly earnings data.

Continuation of the large table from the previous block, listing railroad and industrial companies and their earnings data.

borrowing in New York on receiver's certificates the sum of \$500,000 and from year to year having the same renewed until in the year 1919 he was in a position to pay and cancel these obligations.

Outlook.—When Mexican affairs are restored to their pre-revolutionary condition the receiver is of the opinion that a substantial net surplus on operating account can be earned by the companies from the moral business and traffics offering, and it is reasonable to hope that further business not now in sight may follow upon mining and agricultural development of the country tributary to the companies' operations, which is reported to be rich in undeveloped resources.—V. 113, p. 628.

Montreal Tramways Company.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30 1921.)

President E. A. Robert writes, in substance:

Results.—The gross revenue for the year amounted to \$2,411,329 and the expenses to \$1,950,272, leaving a net income of \$461,057, from which there has been declared four quarterly dividends of 2 1/2% each, amounting to \$388,994, leaving a balance carried to the credit of the general surplus account of \$72,063.

Financial.—From the coming into force of the contract [with the city of Montreal (V. 106, p. 607)], viz., Feb. 10 1918 to June 30 1921, the revenue has not been sufficient to meet the requirements of the said contract, as shown by statement of operations under new contract, but it is hoped that under existing conditions the situation will materially improve.

Debenture Stock.—Under authority adopted on Sept. 30 1911 the directors authorized an issue of \$4,000,000 of the 5% Debenture stock, to be disposed of from time to time as required. During the year \$150,000 was disposed of, which, together with the issue of \$1,000,000 sold in the year 1919, leaves a balance of \$2,350,000 to be disposed of from time to time as required.

Bonds.—During the year the company issued \$1,000,000 of its 5% 30-year gold bonds, being 75% of the capital expenditures made from Jan. 1 1918 to Oct. 31 1920, in conformity with the trust deed. The said bonds are held in the treasury and will be disposed of when conditions are more favorable.

Guaranty Fund.—Under the terms of the contract the company has to provide from its own funds a guaranty fund amounting to \$500,000, in amounts of not less than \$100,000 per year. This sum of \$100,000 has been paid into guaranty fund since June 30 1921, making \$300,000 now in said fund, according to the terms of the contract.

Dividends.—During the year the company paid its usual quarterly dividends on its Common stock at the rate of 2 1/2% per quarter, and also paid the quarterly dividend in arrears for the quarter ended March 31 1919, leaving two quarterly dividends still in arrears (V. 111, p. 896; V. 112, p. 470; V. 113, p. 1156).

General.—Failing to reach an agreement with the employees, it was decided in order to meet the present day conditions to reduce the wages of the employees by an amount equal to about 12 1/2%, to take effect on Aug. 16 1921.

New Sub-Station.—The sub-station at Cote St., referred to last year, was put in operation late in August; two units being completed. The other two units, it is expected, will be ready for operation in December next.

Fares.—Your directors beg to report that the Tramways Commission has decided to maintain the present rates of fares for the present.

COMPANY'S INCOME AND PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR YEARS ENDED JUNE 30.

Table with 3 columns: 1920-21, 1919-20, and 1918-19. Rows include Allowance from contract, Other revenue, Gross revenue, Interest on bonds, Interest on debentures, Other expenses, Net income, Dividends, Surplus for the year, Surplus June 30, Total, Donation to Mrs. Robinson, Deferred Dividend paid on Common stock, General surplus.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS UNDER NEW CONTRACT.

Table with 4 columns: Feb. 10 '18 to June 30 '19, Year ending June 30 '20, Year ending June 30 '21, Feb. 10 '18 to June 30 '21. Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. expenses & taxes, Operating profit, Maintenance & renewals, Balance, Allowances due Co., 6% on capital value, 6% on working capital, 7% on add'ns to capital, Expense of financing, Total, Balance, Payable as earned, City of Montreal rental, Contingent reserve, Total, Deficit.

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Table with 4 columns: 1921, 1920, 1921, 1920. Rows include Assets: Cost of road and equipment, 1st & Ref. M. 5s, in treasury, New construction, Investments, Accts. receivable, Stores, Cash, City rental paid in advance, Underlying secur. redemption fund, Guarantee fund, Maint. & renewals, Suspense account, Balance due under new contract. Total: 46,371,531 44,769,193. Liabilities: Common stock, Debenture stock, 1st & Ref. M. 5s, Underlying bonds and mortgages, Accounts & wages, Accrued interest, Unred'm'd tickets, Suspense account, Financing allow'ce, Dividend payable, Ave. 1, Capital reserve, Miscellaneous, Surplus. Total: 46,371,531 44,769,193.

* There is also \$108,690 Common stock unpaid and subject to call, making the total issue \$1,000,000.

Note.—The contract provides that the city shall receive out of gross revenues a sum of \$500,000 per annum and that there shall be paid annually into a contingent reserve fund 1% of the gross revenues until such fund shall amount to \$500,000. There has accrued to the above accounts since the commencement of the contract to June 30 1921: for the City of Montreal, \$1,460,618; for the contingent reserve fund, \$341,277; total, \$1,801,895, which amounts will be paid when sufficient revenues are received from the operations of the contract.

* This includes the amount due on shares not yet exchanged.—V. 113, p. 1156.

Western New York & Pennsylvania Railway.

(27th Annual Report—Year ending Dec. 31.)

Pres. John P. Green, Phila., April 4, wrote in substance:

The income statement shows the Federal compensation (including the six months' guaranty) that accrued to the company during the first 8 months of the year, as well as the operating results during the last 4 months, the total being \$1,271,825, or an increase of \$259,442, compared with the previous year. This total was increased from non-operating sources by \$34,462 to an aggregate of \$1,306,288.

After deducting interest on funded and unfunded debt, the latter item covering the interest on advances made by the Pennsylvania RR. on capital account, rents, maintenance of corporate organization and miscellaneous charges, aggregating \$2,232,239, there was a deficit for the year of \$925,950, which was transferred to the debit of your profit and loss account.

Road & Equipment.—The investment in road and equipment increased \$317,225.

INCOME STATEMENT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 3 columns: 1920, 1919. Rows include Railway oper. revenues Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, net, Railway tax accruals Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, Hire of equipment, Net railway oper. income Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, Federal compensation accrued Jan. & Feb., Federal guaranty accrued March 1 to Aug. 31, Total, Miscellaneous rent income, Income from unfunded securities & accounts, Gross income, Rent for leased road, Miscellaneous rents, Miscellaneous tax accruals, Interest on funded debt, Interest on unfunded debt, Maintenance of investment organization, Miscellaneous income charges, Total deductions, Deficit to profit & loss.

OPERATING RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns: 1920, 1919, 1918, 1917. Rows include Mileage, Freight revenue, Passenger revenue, Mail, express, &c., Total revenue, Maint. of way & struc., Maint. of equipment, Traffic, Transportation, Miscellaneous, Net, Tax accruals, Ry. oper. sur. or def., BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1920, 1919, 1920, 1919. Rows include Assets: Road & equip'm't, Securities of affil.-ated companies, Misc. phys. prop., Current assets, Miscellaneous, Profit and loss. Liabilities: Capital stock, Funded debt, Equip. trust oblig., Misc. accts. pay'le, Deferred liabilities, Matured interest, Funded debt mat., Unmatured int., Accrued deprec'n., Tax liability, Other unadj. cred., Total.

* After allowing for \$7,371,886 additions to property through income.—V. 111, p. 685.

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. of Canada, Ltd.

(Official Statement July 18—Tentative Balance Sheet.)

V.-President and Gen. Manager C. H. Carlisle at stockholders' meeting in Toronto July 18, said in substance:

Properties, &c.—This company was originally incorporated under a Dominion Charter in 1910 by interests connected with the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. of Akron, Ohio, to handle that company's Canadian business. In 1910 the company purchased the Bowmanville plant which, being reconstructed and enlarged, now contains 2 1/2 acres of floor space. It is exempt from all taxes except school tax, until 1925. For want of homes for our employees, the pneumatic department was moved in 1917, to our new plant erected at New Toronto, with a floor space of 9 3/4 acres. This plant has tax exemptions until 1936 and is ideally located.

The same management has been in charge since 1910. Branches are maintained at Halifax, Sydney, St. John, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, London, Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver.

Further Expansion Undertaken but not Completed.—As the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. of Akron, desired that we should be in position to supply the foreign trade with a large portion of Goodyear tires required, expansion was made at the New Toronto plant by increasing our power plant and erecting an additional building 560 ft. long, 100 ft. wide, 4 stories and basement, installing machinery for a maximum of 6,000 tires per day, and with building accommodations for an output of 7,500 tires per day. This addition, if completed, would have brought the plant up to 14 acres of floor space and given us a maximum increase of about 3,000 tires per day. Contracts for Supplies.—Raw material, rubber and cotton for the expected production, estimated at 5,000 tires a day, had to be purchased six months in advance due to shipping and other conditions. Then the general business depression and the marked depreciation of foreign currency began to be serious about July 1920, and we therefore stopped construction and canceled all contracts wherever possible for machinery and supplies. Business fell off rapidly, leaving large stocks of manufactured goods on hand. We reduced production from 3,600 tires per day to a low mark of 350 tires. Commitments on materials purchased had to be met, a serious proposition to finance. The building is about two-thirds completed, with almost sufficient materials for its completion, but we consider it unwise at this time to proceed therewith as the building is not necessary for present required production.

Recent Financing.—The arrangement submitted to stockholders in April last (V. 112, p. 1871) and made effective by special Act of the Ontario Legislature leaves our property from bonds, mortgages, liens or any form of fixed securities. We have liquidated our debt of \$2,826,000 to the company at Akron, O., by allotting it at par 28,260 shares of 6% Prior Preference stock. To settle notes payable held by American banks and others we have issued three year 8% notes dated April 1 1921 aggregating \$1,189,920, which have certain renewal privileges, and anticipate that no difficulty will be experienced in meeting or prepaying them.

The fabric commitment creditors (approximately \$4,547,000) will receive 25% of their contract prices either in Prior Preference of Pref. stock, at their option, at par; the remaining 75% being payable in cash with the special privilege to us that payments in both stock and cash are only to be made from time to time against deliveries as required for production.

The rubber commitments, about \$570,000, are to be paid 20% in cash on delivery of rubber, and the balance in 90-day 7% notes, with the privilege of three 90-day renewals on payment of 25% of the balance owing at time of renewal.

maintenance and repairs amounting to \$1,996,291, there was set aside \$1,122,041 for depreciation, renewals and replacements. Of this latter sum \$922,941 was charged to and included in operating expenses. This represents a total provision for maintenance, repairs, renewals and replacements of approximately 20.5% of gross earnings.

Rates.—During the year the continuing advancing costs of operation and maintenance made necessary further increases in both railway passenger tariffs and rates for power service.

Power.—The new Springdale station of the West Penn Power Co. with an initial capacity of 42,000 k.w. was put into operation during the year.

Bonds.—Since June 30 1921 the West Penn Power Co. has issued and sold \$3,000,000 of its 1st Mtge. 7% gold bonds, series "D." The proceeds of this issue will be used to reimburse the company for expenditures made and to be made in the extension and enlargement of its property. (V. 113, p. 739.)

California Lands.—Of the 26,000 acres of land which your company owns in the Sacramento Valley, Calif., at least 12,000 are known to be well adapted to the raising of fruit and of this total about 1,600 acres are now planted to orchards, approximately as follows: Lemons, 724 acres; oranges, 370; grapefruit, 30; almonds, 65; olives, 37; prunes, 364; miscellaneous, 8.

Part of the 1,600 acres of orchards has been interplanted with other fruit, notably: Almonds, 325 acres; prunes, 201; pears, 373; apricots, 17; apples, 10; miscellaneous, 10; total, 936 acres.

The land not planted to orchards is being used for the cultivation of rice, general farming and grazing, such operations being carried on partly by your company and partly by tenants under lease.

The yield of lemons, oranges and grapefruit was over 11,500 boxes; also 26,000 lbs. of pears, 15,000 lbs. of almonds and about 10,000 lbs. of apricots, prunes and other fruits were produced. The orchards are continuing to show a good development, the fruit is of high grade and the crops have shown annual increases, though much less this year than had been expected.

Dividends.—Out of the surplus and net profits of the company four quarterly dividends, each of 1 1/4%, on the First Pref. capital stock were paid during the year.

Voting Trust.—H. Hobart Porter has succeeded the late Edmund C. Converse as a voting trustee.

Securities Listed.—On Aug. 24 1921 the Collateral Trust 20-Year 5% gold coupon bonds, due April 1 1934, and voting trust certificates, extended to April 27 1924, for 7% Cum. Pref. stock, 6% Participating Pref. stock and Common stock, were listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

COMPANY'S INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING JUNE 30.

Table with 4 columns: 1920-21, 1919-20, Increase, and a column for net income. Rows include Company's proportion of the net income of subsidiary water co's, Divs. on stocks of West Penn Co's, Interest on bonds, notes and advances to subsidiary water companies, Other income, Gross earnings, Less—Expenses and taxes, Int. on Coll. Tr. 20-yr. 5% bonds, Net income.

* This amount represents the total expenses and taxes of your company. The proportion of such expenses contributed by subsidiary water companies for expenses of administration, and included in the operating expenses of such companies, has been included in "other income" above, and the figures for 1920 changed accordingly for purposes of comparison. Also the interest on balances due subsidiary companies has been deducted from "interest on advances to subsidiary companies" instead of being deducted from net earnings as heretofore.

(1) Subsidiary Water Companies.

Table with 5 columns: Years ending June 30, 1920-21, 1919-20, 1918-19, 1917-18. Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. expenses & taxes, Net earnings, Interest & amortization, Propert. of earnings accru'g to minority stockholders, Propert. due Am. Water Wks. & El. Co., Inc., Net income.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT OF WEST PENN TRAC. & WAT. POWER CO. (PARENT CO. OF WEST PENN RYS. SYSTEM).

Table with 4 columns: 1920-21, 1919-20, Increase. Rows include Gross earnings, Operating expenses and taxes, Net earnings, Interest and amortization, Divs. on stk. of sub. cos. with public., Net income.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT (INCL. SUB. WATER CO'S).

Table with 4 columns: 1921, 1920, Increase. Rows include Gross operating earnings, Oper. expenses & taxes (incl. \$25,359 for est. Fed'l inc. & profits taxes), Net earnings, Dividends from West Penn properties, Miscellaneous income.

Table with 4 columns: 1921, 1920, Increase. Rows include Gross income, Sub. co's int. & amortiz. of discount, Int. on Co.'s Coll. Trust bonds, Proportion of earnings accruing to minority stockholders, Dividends (7%), Balance, surplus.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Table with 3 columns: 1921, 1920, Increase. Rows include Assets: Cost of property and securities owned, Deferred items to be amortized in future operations, Advances account of California properties, Temporary investments: System securities, \$387,247; other securities, \$85,198; Cash: Current, \$590,438; held for construction, \$274,584; for matured interest, \$200,193; Secured call and time loans, 600,000; Due from consumers, misc. accts. & accr. int., less reserve for bad & doubtful accts., \$92,888; Material and supplies at cost; Interest and insurance paid in advance. Total Assets: \$54,043,948. Liabilities: Company's stock, declared value, \$10,418,500; Collateral Trust bonds due 1934, \$16,069,000; Securities, &c., of sub. water cos. held by public—Stocks, incl. undistrib. surp. applicable thereto, \$1,549,450; Bonds (excl. Portsmouth Berkeley & Suffolk and Racine Water cos., see text), \$22,429,400; Purchase money mortgages (\$2,000) and loans of subsidiary companies (\$73,000), \$75,000; Consumers' deposits, \$489,792; Accounts payable and accrued taxes, \$519,606; Interest matured (per contra), \$200,193, and accrued, \$436,993; Water rents received in advance, \$637,180; Accrued dividends, \$96,071; Reserves: For renewals, replacements, &c., \$66,763; Special surplus, \$350,000; savings fund, \$302,989; general surplus, \$218,049 (\$165,522 in 1920); Total Liabilities: \$52,930,633.

* Bonds in treasury, amounting to \$606,300 in 1921 and \$604,600 in 1920, formerly included in cost of properties, have been deducted from outstanding bonds in 1920 and 1921.

x Represents outstanding capital stock of par value as follows: First Pref. 7% Cum. stock, \$5,450,000; Participating Pref. 6% stock, \$10,000,000; Common stock, \$9,200,000.

Capital stock of \$24,650,000, par value, issued as fully paid and non-assessable under the laws of Virginia for assets, which were at time of issue valued at \$10,418,500.

The full amount of the dividend on the First Pref. stock accrued to June 30 1921 has been deducted in arriving at a total surplus of \$871,038 as above. Stockholders holding 1,350 shares have not claimed the Common and Pref. stock issued in lieu of 18% of 1st Pref. divs. down to April 27 1917.

Securities Owned.—The list of securities owned directly or through subsidiary cos. June 30 1921 (excl. of temporary investments) is substantially as shown in detail for June 30 1919 in "Chronicle" of Dec. 6 1919 (p. 2170), except that the bonds and collateral notes of subsidiary water cos. held aggregate \$7,444,500 out of \$29,873,900 outstanding, instead of \$6,948,900 out of \$29,267,900 as on June 30 1919, while the \$609,800 income bonds and \$14,758 other securities of National Securities Corp. previously owned no longer appear. Total par value of stocks owned is \$28,239,250 out of \$29,727,400 outstanding, contrasting with \$28,063,900 and \$29,322,300 on June 30 1919.

West Penn Traction & Water Power Co. and Subsidiaries.

(1) COMPARATIVE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS.

Table with 5 columns: June 30 Years—1920, 1919, Calendar Years—1919, 1918. Rows include Operating revenue, Operating expenses, Taxes, incl. income and profits tax, Depreciation, Net income, Miscellaneous income, Gross income, Int. on funded debt, Int. on floating debt, Amort. of discounts, Int. chgd. to imp't. accts., Est. Fed. inc. & prof. tax, Divs. on stock of sub. cos. with public., Preferred dividends, Balance, surplus.

x In 1920-21 and 1919-20 Federal income and profits taxes were included but in the two previous years they were shown separately as here indicated.

(2) CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Table with 4 columns: 1921, 1920, 1921, 1920. Rows include Assets: Plant, property & investments, Invest. in hydro-electric properties and associated cos., Temporary investment (cost) in Pref. stock of West Penn Rys., Cash for construction, &c., Cash, Accts. & notes rec., less res. for uncol. (at 163.339), Materials & suppl., Due from subscribers to Pref. stock of sub. cos., Def'd charges, incl. disc't on bonds, unexp. ins., &c. Total Assets: \$98,364,929. Liabilities: 6% Cum. Pr. stk., Common stock, Cap. stk. of sub. cos. with public. (par value), 7% Coll. gold notes, Fund. dt. sub. cos., Purchase notes and mtges. of sub. cos., Car trust notes due, Contractual oblig. to U. S. Govt., Notes payable, Accts. pay'le, incl. accrued wages, Accrued interest, Accr. div. on Pref. stks. of sub. cos., Accr. taxes (incl. est. Fed. taxes), Dividends unpaid, Def. liab. on purch. contr. for Pref. stk. of sub. cos., Consum. secur. & line constr. dep., Def. payments on workmen's compensation awards, Other deferred liab., Deferred credits, Res. for depr., &c., Surplus. Total Liabilities: \$98,364,929.

a Authorized: \$8,500,000 Preferred; \$22,500,000 Common. b Account of Springdale Power Station. c Payable Aug. 15 1921.—V. 113, p. 963.

Orpheum Circuit, Inc.

(Report for Six Months ending June 30 1921.)

An offering of \$1,500,000 of the company's \$2,000,000 authorized 7 1/2% Sinking Fund gold notes was published in V. 113, p. 1258.

President Martin Beck, Jan. 28, 1921, in report for year 1920, said in substance:

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30 AND CALENDAR YEAR 1920.

Table with 4 columns: 1921—6 Mos., 1920, Year 1920. Rows include Box office receipts, Booking commissions, Rents, concessions and sundries, Gross income, Artists' salaries and film service, Other salaries, General oper. exp. (incl. advertising), Theatre overhead (net rent, ins., taxes, licenses & sundries), Depreciation & amortization, Bank exchange and interest, Net earnings (before taxes), Federal income & excess profit taxes accrued, estimated, Dividends, Balance, surplus.

"The year just closed was a successful one, and that the company is in a gratifyingly sound and satisfactory condition.

"The present year will see the completion and opening of the new theatres of large seating capacity at San Francisco, Los Angeles, Kansas City, Minneapolis and Oakland. These additional theatres, to be known as Junior Orpheum Houses, will not only greatly increase our earnings, but will be important links in our chain. The New Orpheum Theatre at New Orleans will open Feb. 7 and should show decidedly increased earnings.

"We have further systematized our various departments and placed into operation an easy payment plan whereby all of our employees could acquire stock in the company. Subscriptions were beyond our expectations.

"Our theatres continue to maintain the same high 'Orpheum' standards established during the past 30 years. The outlook is eminently satisfactory.

SURPLUS ACCOUNT FOR SIX MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30.

Table with columns for 1921, 1920, and 1919, showing financial data for profits, dividends, surplus, and balance sheets for 1921 and 1920.

This \$245,000 represents that part of the capital stock which has not yet been paid for by the parent company.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS.

RAILROADS, INCLUDING ELECTRIC ROADS.

General Railroad and Electric Railways News.—The following table summarizes recent railroad and electric railway news of a more or less general character.

Additional Sales of Equipment Trusts by U. S. Govt.—See "Current Events" above and news item below under Penn. RR. &c.

Shop Edict of Labor Board to be Ignored by Penn. RR.—See "Current Events" above and "Times" Sept. 26, p. 1.

V.-Pres. Aterbury of Penn. RR. Anticipates the Necessity of a Further Wage Cut.—See "Current Events" above.

Railway Employees Deceived by Misstatements as to RR. Valuation.—"Ry. Age" Sept. 24, p. 559.

Measures Taken by Ann Arbor RR. to Reduce Freight Overtime.—Idem, p. 565.

RR. Labor Board Defines its Power & Legal Status.—Idem, p. 579 to 582.

Suits to Enjoin Iowa from Excessive Increase in RR. Assessments.—The Iowa RRs. claim they are assessed at 79 to 84% of actual value; farms at only 38%.

Tonnage & Other Operating Statistics (Tabulated) In July 1920 & 1921 on 100 Leading RRs.—Idem, p. 590 and 591.

I.-S. C. Commission's Summary of Revenue & Expenses for 201 Class 1 RRs. in July 1921 & 1920.—Idem, p. 592.

French RR. Statistics.—No. employees, 344,944 in 1913, 489,886 in 1920; wages, \$159 mil in 1913, \$625 mil in 1920.—Idem, p. 596.

Cars Loaded.—The total number of cars loaded with revenue freight during the week ended Sept. 17 was 853,762 cars.

The principal changes as compared with the week before were as follows: Merchandise and miscellaneous freight, total cars loaded, 522,434; increase 70,306; grain and grain products, 55,331, an increase of 874 (and 19,051 more than 1920); live stock, 30,399 cars, an increase of 5,291; coal, 166,058, increase 24,009 (but 30,045 cars less than in week of 1920); forest products, 46,472, increase 4,327; ore, 28,215, increase 583; coke, 4,853 cars, increase 254.

Total Number of Cars Loaded with Revenue Freight.

Table showing weekly totals for cars loaded with revenue freight from Sept. 17 to Sept. 3, 1921, comparing 1921 with 1920.

Idle Cars Further Decreased.—The total number of freight cars idle on Sept. 15 was 433,536, or 17,267 cars less than were reported Sept. 8.

Idle Cars on or About First of Month, on April 8 (Peak) and on Sept. 15 In Thousands.—Sept. 15, Sept. 10, Sept. 8, July, June, May, Apr. 8, Jan.

Of the 2,298,383 freight cars on line of American railroad companies, reports received by the Car Service Division showed 374,431, or 16.3% in need of repairs on Sept. 15, compared with 374,087, or 16.2%, Sept. 1.

Lower Charges in Dining Cars.—See Southern Pacific Co. below.

Rates.—G. W. Luce, Freight Traffic Manager of the Southern Pacific, reports:

(a) The transcontinental railroads have petitioned the I.-S. C. Commission for permission to publish rates on vegetables, including melons, to points Chicago and West, effective on short notice, as follows:

From Pac. Coast Terr.—To Chicago—To Miss. River. Mo. Riv. & West Present. New. Present. New. Present. New.

The reduced rates to points as far east as Chicago will take effect as soon as permission can be obtained from the Inter-State Commerce Commission to publish them on short notice.

On account of failure of lines east of Chicago and south of the Ohio River to concur in the reductions proposed by the Western Lines, Luce states the rates cannot be published to points east of Chicago or south of the Ohio River.

(b) All transcontinental rates on live stock, except horses, mules, asses and burros, have been reduced 20%. They are now effective. This 20% reduction in the transcontinental rates for long hauls, in addition to the reductions for short hauls of live stock announced by the Southern Pacific several days ago.

to assist the stock growers in tiding over the present unsettled market and financial condition, and will expire Dec. 31 1921.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of Sept. 24.—(a) Sale of additional equipment trusts by U. S. Govt., p. 1324. (b) Labor Board to reopen Penn.

RR. shop controversy, p. 1325. (c) Labor Board rules against right of RRs. to discharge employees without just cause, p. 1326. (d) RR. shopmen vote to strike, but will await issuance of new rules, p. 1326. (e) RR. Brotherhoods at Hoboken oppose wage cuts, p. 1326. (f) Working agreement between B. & O. and N. Y. Central lines and trainmen, p. 1326. (g) RR. wages oustrip freight and passenger rates; number of employees, p. 1327.

Atlantic Coast Line RR.—Equip. Trusts Offered.—See under heading "Equipment 6% Gold Notes" below and in V. 113, p. 1360. Compare article on sale of equipment trusts by U. S. Government under "Current Events" this issue, Sept. 17, p. 1212-13, and Sept. 24, p. 1324-25.—V. 113, p. 1359, 959.

Auburn (N. Y.) & Syracuse Electric RR.—Wages.—By a recent decision of an arbitration board wages prevailing for the year ended April 30 1921 were reduced from 60 cents per hour to 43 cents for city trainmen, from 62 to 48 for interurban trainmen and from 65 to 50 1-3 for freight and express trainmen.—V. 112, p. 2304.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—Working Agreement Between Company & New York Central Lines & Trainmen.—See "Current Events," last week's "Chronicle," p. 1326.—V. 113, p. 1154.

Binghamton Ry.—Bondholders' Agreement Extended.—The committee for the 1st Consol. 5% bonds, 1931, Thomas B. Lockwood, Chairman, in a notice Sept. 9 1921 says: "A large number of the depositing bondholders deem it absolutely essential that the bondholders' agreement be extended until the financial affairs of the company are properly readjusted."

Boston Elevated Railways.—Earnings.—The revenue for July was \$192,089 less than in July 1920. Expenses also exceeded receipts by \$142,486. On July 1 there was a surplus of \$131,985, which has since been changed to a deficit of \$10,501.

Table comparing revenue, expenses, and earnings for June 30 years 1920-21, 1919-20, and 1918-19, broken down by categories like revenue from fares, wages, materials, etc.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co.—Merger Plan.—See under "Current Events" this issue.—V. 113, p. 530.

Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Ry.—Equip. Notes Offered.—Freeman & Co., and L. F. Rothschild & Co., New York, are offering at prices to yield from 5.85% to 5.75% according to maturity, \$1,068,000 6% Equip. Trust Gold Notes. Original issue \$1,870,400.

Dated Jan. 15 1920. Red. on any int. date at option of issuing company at 103 and int. Int. payable J. & J. in New York at office of Guaranty Trust Co., New York, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 with privilege of registration as to principal. Notes mature \$134,000 annually Jan. 15 1928 to 1933, incl., and \$132,000 each Jan. 15 1934 and 1935.

Interest on these bonds is paid to Pennsylvania residents free from any deduction on account of the Pennsylvania loan tax, the company assuming the payment of such tax.

Under the Equipment Trust agreement dated Jan. 15 1920 between Walker D. Hines, Director-General of Railroads, the company and the trustee, these notes were originally issued in 15 series, the first of which matured and was paid Jan. 15 1921. Notes are a direct obligation of the company and are secured on standard all-steel railway equipment.

[Freeman & Co. have issued a circular giving information regarding equipment trust agreements executed by railroads and Director-General of Railroads. See also advertising pages "Chronicle" Sept. 24.

See also under heading "Equipment 6% Gold Notes" below and in V. 113, p. 1360. Compare also article on the sale of Equipment Trusts by the United States Government under "Current Events" this issue and V. 113, p. 1324-25 and 1212-13.—V. 113, p. 530.

Cambria & Indiana RR.—Stock Dividend Proposed.—The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$500,000 Capital stock. Authorized issue \$2,000,000. Issued \$1,500,000. The purpose of issuing the additional stock is for the distribution of stock dividends.—V. 113, p. 1154.

Carolina Power & Light Co.—Water Shortage.—The "Electrical World" of Sept. 24 says:

"Last week the Carolina Power & Light Co. was forced again to shut off power to cotton mills, owing to low water. This time, however, it was only on Friday and Saturday instead of three days, as in the previous week. There had been rains, and it was hoped that as a result it might not be necessary again to curtail service. The rains, however, were light and did not raise the water level to the extent necessary.

"Other companies in the Southeast have been running their steam plants in the emergency, but the Carolina Power & Light has been unable to operate its Raleigh plant. Formal request for permission to operate this plant was refused by the Raleigh city officials, on account of the scarcity of water."—V. 112, p. 561.

Central Railroad Co. of New Jersey.—Sale of Stock of the Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co.—Annual Report.—At a meeting of the directors Sept. 29 1921, Robert W. deForest, Daniel Willard and Edward T. Stotesbury were appointed a committee to receive and consider any proposals that may be presented by persons wishing to purchase 169,788 shares of the Capital stock of the Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co., which the railroad company is directed to sell under order of Court in the so-called Reading Trust Suit, and to report to the board of directors any such proposals previous to Oct. 27 1921.

The total issued Capital stock of the Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co. is 184,200 shares. See annual report under "Financial Reports" above.—V. 113, p. 1359.

Chicago & North Western Ry.—Equip. Trusts Offered.— See under heading "Equipment 6% Gold Notes" below and in V. 113, p. 1360. Compare article on sale of equipment trusts by U. S. Government under "Current Events" this issue, Sept. 17, p. 1212-13, and Sept. 24, p. 1324-25.—V. 113, p. 1359, 531.

Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry.—Valuation.—The "value" of the company's system as served on the company by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, together with leading items determined as the basis for such value, has been summarized by the Railroad Presidents' Conference Committee of Philadelphia, Frederick H. Lee, Secretary, substantially as follows:

Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry. (Date of Valuation June 30 1915). Miles of road, 5,355; miles of all tracks, 7,338. (a) Cost of Reproduction, Excluding Lands— (1) Owned and used: (a) Cost of reproduction, new \$254,164,621 (b) Cost of reproduction, less 21% for depreciation 199,974,141 (2) Owned but not used: (a) Cost of reproduction, new 35,548 (b) Cost of reproduction less 49% for depreciation 18,094 (3) Used but not owned: (a) Cost of reproduction, new 76,272,089 (b) Cost of reproduction, less 21% for depreciation 60,281,533 (b) Lands, Original Cost, Present Value, and Excess Cost of Carrier and Non-Carrier— (1) Owned and used: Class 1: (a) Present value \$36,940,652 (b) Excess cost 29,824,428 (2) Owned and not used: Class 3-1, (a) Present value 233,637 (b) Excess cost 103,086 (3) Used but not owned, Class 2: (a) Present value 6,757,225 (b) Excess cost 5,244,019 (4) Non-carrier, owned, Class 4 (includes non-carrier structures on carrier land and present value) 4,639,852 (c) Lands, Aids, Gifts, Grants and Donations (Included in Carrier and Non-Carrier Lands)— (1) Class 1, present value \$5,333,570 (2) Class 3-1, present value 2,261 (3) Class 4, present value 810,614 (4) Gifts and donations (money) 5,186,892 (d) "Final Value" as Determined by Inter-State Commerce Commission from Foregoing and Other Matters.

Table with 5 columns: Wholly Owned and Used, Owned But Not Used, Used But Not Owned, Total Owned, Total Used. Rows include C. R. I. & P., Keo. & D. M., Choc. O. & G., R. I. A. & La., St. P. & K. C., Short Line, R. I. & Dardan, R. I. Stuttgart, R. I. Southern, R. I. Mem. T., Peo. & Bur. V., White & Black River Vall., C. R. I. & G., Morris Term., C. R. I. & Pac.

(e) Investment in Road and Equipment and Capitalization. Table with 5 columns: Miles In. in Road & Equip, Miles of All Road Tracks, Carriers' Books, Account's Restate't., Section's Com. and Equip't, Stock, Debt, Bonds, Pref. Trust, &c. Rows include C. R. I. & P., Keo. & Des Mol., Choc. Okla. & G., R. I. Ark. & La., St. P. & K. C. S. L., R. I. & Dard alle, R. I. Stutt. & So., R. I. Mem. Term., Peo. & Bureau V., White & Black River Valley, C. R. I. & Gulf, Morris Terminal, C. R. I. & Pac.

Cincinnati New Orleans & Texas Pacific Ry.—Notes. See under heading "Equipment 6% Gold Notes" below and in V. 113, p. 1360. Compare article on sale of equipment trusts by the U. S. Government under "Current Events" this issue, Sept. 17, p. 1212-13, and Sept. 24, p. 1324-25.—V. 112, p. 2305, 2079.

Cleve. Cin. Chicago & St. L. Ry.—Bonds Authorized.—The I.-S. C. Commission on Sept. 21 authorized the company to issue \$811,000, series A, and \$2,689,000, series B, 6% Ref. & Improv. Mgtg. bonds, and to pledge the bonds as collateral security for a \$3,500,000 6% promissory demand note issued to the Director-General of Railroads. Under date of Aug. 4 1921 the company issued its \$3,500,000 6% promissory demand note to the Director-General of Railroads in payment of its debt to the United States for additions and betterments made to its property during the period of Federal control.—V. 113, p. 1354, 292.

Community Traction Co.—Fares Further Increased.—Effective Oct. 1, the fares will be further increased, according to the following letter of Pres. Coates to Commissioner Cann: "Pursuant to Section 27 of ordinance No. 1927 of the City of Toledo, would advise you that on Oct. 1 the rate of fare to be charged by the Community Traction Co. will be rate M of Section 26 of the ordinance, which is 7 cents cash fare, 5 tickets for 37 cents, one cent transfer." On Aug. 1 the fare was increased from 6 cents to 7, with 8 tickets for 50 cents, and again on Aug. 20, when the ticket rate was increased to 6 for 40 cents. See V. 113, p. 1359, 847.

Cuba Company.—New Director.—H. Corby Fox has been elected a director, succeeding ex-Governor Beekman of Rhode Island.—V. 112, p. 257.

Delaware & Hudson Co.—Equipment Trusts.—See article on sale of equipment trusts by U. S. Government under "Current Events" this issue, Sept. 17, p. 1212-13, and Sept. 24, p. 1324-25.—V. 113, p. 1250.

Delaware Lackawanna & Western R.R.—Declares Quarterly Dividend of 3%.—The directors on Sept. 29 declared a quarterly dividend of 3%, payable Oct. 20 to holders of record Oct. 8.

This is the first dividend declared since the 100% stock distribution made last July, increasing the total stock outstanding to \$97,277,000 (par \$50). The road has now been placed on a 12% annual dividend basis, as compared with 20% which was paid on the old capitalization from 1910 to 1920, including extras each year.—V. 113, p. 847, 729.

Denver & Salt Lake R.R.—Status—Outlook—Difficult Operating Problem—Brake Test.—The following is condensed from an article in the "Railway Review" of Sept. 17:

The road ascends to a higher elevation than any other standard-gauge road in the world, and its economical operation at present over a profile which includes a considerable mileage of 4% grade presents some of the most difficult operating problems ever encountered. The line traverses a mountain country throughout its entire extent and there is practically no level road between Denver and Craig, Colo., its present terminus. While originally projected to run from Denver to Salt Lake City, Utah,

construction has only been extended to Craig, a distance of 255 miles, due to financial difficulties in which the property became involved soon after its construction was undertaken.

Although traversing an extremely rugged profile and ascending to an elevation of 11,600 ft., the gradient does not exceed 2% except for a distance of 12.41 miles east and 15.22 miles west of the summit, where the grade is 4%. This section of the road was originally constructed as a temporary expedient for passing the Continental Divide pending the construction of a tunnel 6.04 miles long between East Junction and Vasquez. While the construction of this tunnel has been indefinitely postponed on account of the large cost involved, it is still contemplated as an integral feature in the ultimate development of this property, which will eventually have not only the shortest line between Denver and Salt Lake City, but a maximum grade over the Rocky Mountains which does not exceed 2%.

While the road was projected as a transcontinental link of strategic importance, its construction and subsequent operation at great cost were alone justified by the character of the country which has thus been rendered accessible. The result of an investigation conducted in 1916 shows that the Yampa coal fields adjacent to the Denver & Salt Lake RR. embrace over 1,200 sq. miles and that great deposits of coal as thus far explored include about ten workable veins, ranging from 4 to 20 feet in thickness. In accordance with this it is estimated that this field contains no less than 50,000,000 tons of coal.

The coal in the Yampa field is bituminous and exceptionally free from impurities for veins running to this height. Operations already established have disclosed unusually favorable mining conditions. In fact, it is the practice to run the standard gauge 50-ton capacity gondola cars of the Denver & Salt Lake RR. into some of the drift mines on this railroad and load coal from the vein directly into these cars. A typical analysis of bituminous coal from the Yampa field which borders upon the railroad for a distance of 40 miles indicates about 13% ash and about 13,700 B.T.U.

At one corner of the Yampa coal field there is located a large bed of anthracite, which is particularly suitable for domestic use. This anthracite contains approximately 80% carbon, 7% volatile, 2% moisture and 11% ash. There are also large deposits of lignite coal in this region which will average 50% carbon, 35% volatile, 10% moisture and 5% ash.

Gilsonite, which is an almost pure asphalt, is mined from large well developed veins tributary to the Denver & Salt Lake RR. These veins are from 6 to 20 feet in thickness and stand vertically. Mining operations have been carried to a depth of 300 feet with no indication of approaching the base. The territory traversed by the road shows ample indications of oil, although no wells have been brought in up to the present time. There is also a great deal of prospecting for precious ores along the line, and at present both gold and copper are being mined in small quantities. Tungsten has also been discovered and sufficient ore developed from this source to become valuable as a traffic producer.

Operation Presents Unusual Difficulties.—The operation of the road continues to be a difficult and at times almost insurmountable task, although improved equipment is responsible for a gradual improvement in the situation and eventually the completion of the long tunnel under the main range of the Rocky Mountains will put this road in a class with other transcontinental carriers. But at present the 4% grades present a serious obstacle to economical operation, and as the summit of the road is fully 1,500 feet above the timber line the trouble experienced from snow blockades in winter is extremely serious. It has been necessary, in fact, to place a portion of the line at the summit under the shelter of snow sheds.

Tonnage Performance Shows Improvement.—Under the conditions as outlined in the foregoing the operating results achieved on the Denver & Salt Lake RR. as set forth in the most recent data available from the Bureau of Railway Economics are interesting, if not rather remarkable. Comparing the operation of this road for the 6 months ending June 30 1921 with the 6 months ending June 30 1920, the results are as follows:

Table comparing Freight Service Only for -6 Mos. ending -21-June30-'20 and -6 Mos. ending -21-June30-'21. Columns include Avg. miles operated, Train miles (000s), Loco. miles (000s), Total train car m (000s), Load train m (000s), Gross train m (000s), Net revenue ton-miles (000s), Train hours, Lbs. coal per 1,000 ton miles.

Train Control Down 4% Grade.—Turning now to a consideration of those conditions which directly affect train loading on the road, it should be noted that it is not the ascending 4% grade but the descent of this grade that limits the tonnage which it is possible to handle in a single train on this road. Since the loaded movement is largely eastbound, it is the 12.4 miles of 4% grade from Corona east that presents the greatest obstacle to the economical operation. Train tonnage over this portion of the line has been limited to 1,250 tons and the utmost precaution must be used to insure safe operation down this grade.

As it is practical and economical to haul considerably more than 1,250 tons to the summit of the railroad in a single train, the management recently equipped 40 of its 50-ton capacity coal cars with the automatic straight air brake and conduct a series of test runs to determine just what could be accomplished with trains comprising both the Westinghouse and automatic straight air brake equipment and with trains consisting entirely of cars equipped with the automatic straight air brake.

A. S. A. Brake Equipment Test.—On Aug. 10 1921 the heaviest tonnage train ever operated from Tabernash into Denver was run on the Denver & Salt Lake. The train consisted of 34 cars equipped with the automatic straight air brake and a caboose, the latter having a Westinghouse triple, a total weight of 2,431 tons behind the locomotive and exclusive of the helper engines. To handle this train out of Tabernash and up to the foot of the 4% ascending grade required three Mallet type locomotives, each having a tractive effort of 78,000 lbs., and two consolidation type locomotives, each having a tractive effort of 44,000 lbs. At Irvings, the foot of the 4% grade, two more Mallet locomotives were added, each having the same tractive effort as the other Mallet locomotives. This made a total of 7 locomotives, with a combined tractive effort of 478,000 lbs. to lift the locomotives and the 2,431-ton train up the 4% grade.—V. 110, p. 1949.

The trip down the descending grade was without incident, except that the train was stalled at mile post 62½, due to too heavy reduction in approaching a 16-degree reverse curve. Three minutes after the train stopped it was again in motion. V. 111, p. 1949

Des Moines City Ry.—Bus Proposal.—T. J. Fay, Pres. of Fay Motor Bus Co., Rockford, Ill., has made a definite proposition to the City Council of Des Moines for taking over the transportation problem of the city under a two-year franchise. The proposition was simply "received and filed" and received no immediate attention from the Council.—V. 113, p. 1155, 959.

Detroit United Ry.—Interurban Fares, &c.—An injunction has been issued by the Ingham Circuit Court restraining the company from collecting more than 1½c. a mile over four of its interurban lines. The action was taken under the so-called Glaspie bill, which supplants the Smith rate bill under which utilities had been operating in the State. The injunction came as a result of the company's failure to file a new rate schedule as demanded by the new law. The village of Ford has rejected a 30-day trial of the new street car service suggested by the company. The village maintains that only an all-day 20-minute service is acceptable. Motor bus service is to be organized by the village people, while the company will operate buses over a distance of one mile. See also V. 113, p. 1359.

Eastern Massachusetts Street Ry.—Circular—Rates.—L. Sherman Adams, Boston, has issued a circular giving the history of the company, a description of the securities outstanding, the progress since reorganization, &c. Beginning Sept. 26 company restored the five-cent fares to the belt line in Lawrence as an experiment. If the plan succeeds it will probably be tried on other lines.—V. 113, p. 532.

Equipment 6% Gold Notes.—Notes Offered.—The bankers named below have purchased from the U. S. Railroad Administration and are offering, by advertisement on another page, \$26,112,000 Equipment 6% Gold Notes of the several railroad companies named below. The various

nom. \$1,000 (c*). Certificates offered mature in annual installments of approximately \$3,894,000 from Jan. 15 1928 to Jan. 15 1935.

The certificates are issued against standard railroad equipment under an Equipment Trust Agreement between Director-General of Railroads, the company and the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, trustee.

The bankers state: "We are informed that these are the only certificates which have been issued under such agreements under the Phila. plan."

Bankers Making Offering.—Kuhn, Loeb & Co., National City Co., Guaranty Co. of New York, Dillon, Read & Co., Kidder, Peabody & Co., Lee, Higginson & Co., Brown Brothers & Co., Blair & Co., Inc., Cassatt & Co., Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh, Girard Trust Co. of Phila., Commercial Trust Co. of Phila., Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.

Explanation as to August Earnings & Property Investment.—The following statements from the "Phila. News Bureau" have been officially revised and in some essential respects amended for the "Chronicle":

(1) Circumstances Combining to Make August Net Earnings Show Exceptionally Large Increase.

Stockholders of Pennsylvania RR. should steel themselves for the shock which they will feel when they come to compare August earnings this year with those for a year ago.

Sober reflection will recall that in Aug. 1920 the Pennsylvania charged up wage increases for four months against the revenues of that one month.

On the Pennsylvania System the increase in wages amounted to about \$8,000,000 per month, making a total of \$32,000,000 in increased wages charged in August.

The increased rates, both freight and passenger became effective Aug. 26, but it was not until about Sept. 15 that the roads began to gain any benefit as shippers rushed goods before the new rates went into effect.

(2) Small Return from 1910 to 1920 on Property Investment.

Although the Transportation Act provides that rates shall be established which will allow the railroads to earn a return equal to 5 1/2% upon their property investment, with 1/2 of 1% added for betterments, the Pennsylvania System in only one year out of the last 11 has been able to show a return above that fixed by law as a reasonable return on the basis of its property investment account.

The increased wages were made retroactive to May 1, while increased rates were not made effective until Aug. 26 and did not actually begin to produce until late in September.

Return on the Investment in Road and Equipment of Pennsylvania System Since 1910.

Table with columns: Year, Property Investment, Net Railway Operating Income, % of Invest't. Rows from 1920 down to 1910.

* Based on result of Federal operation and taxes and expenses of the corporations. [The same was true in 1920 until March 1 when the company resumed possession.]

Property investment above stated does not include material and supplies or working capital.

In only three of the 11 years was the return over 5% of property investment, and the average for the 11-year period was but 3.57%.

For the first 7 months of this year the Pennsylvania System reports a net operating income of \$16,102,536, against deficit of \$39,462,676 for corresponding period of 1920.

Earnings.—The monthly statement issued Sept. 27 makes this remarkable showing:

Results for August and Eight Months ending Aug. 31. Table with columns: 1921—August—1920, Changes, 1921—8 Mos.—1920. Rows for Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net oper. revenue, Taxes, Uncollectible rev., Equipment rents, etc, Joint fac. rents net., Net income.

* Decrease. x Increase. z Deficit.

Monthly Gross Revenue & Net Oper. Income for Last Half Year (Phila.N.B.).

Table with columns: Month, Gross Revenue, Increase Over 1920, Net Oper. Income, Increase Over 1920. Rows for August, July, June, May, April, March.

* Decrease.

U. S. Railroad Labor Board to Hear Company in Shop Crafts Controversy—President Rea Defies Labor Board—Line Will Deal with its Employees Without Intervention.

See "Current Events" this issue and last week's "Chronicle" p. 1325.

V.-P. Atterbury Says Further Wage Reductions Must Be Made.

Vice-Pres. W. W. Atterbury at the annual meeting of the Mutual Beneficial Association of the railroad Sept. 26 spoke in part as follows:

"Now, the question is, what does a reduction in rates mean to us? You in the accounting department know our earnings to-day are insufficient to meet interest, sinking fund charges and dividends. Whatever we are doing now is at the sacrifice of the property.

"Already there has been a 12% reduction in wages. It has affected us all. You, who are in close touch with operation, know better than I whether there can be a still further reduction in operation costs or use of material. There is nothing much left but a still further reduction in wages.

"It is not pleasant for me to have to suggest to you this matter, nor is it pleasant for you to hear. That is facing us, unless we want a receivership or Government ownership.

"If a receivership comes to the country's railroads there will be nothing left then for them to do but to reduce wages. We must view this situation as citizens of a great country, with a duty to perform outside of our own individual selfish feelings. Rates must come down. If it is not voluntarily, it will be forced by legislation."—V. 113, p. 1361, 1252.

Phila. Rapid Transit Co.—Adjustment of Wage Rates.—

In accordance with the wage reduction of 5c. per hour made effective in Buffalo Aug. 15 1921, the hourly rate occupations in Philadelphia will be reduced 1c. per hour, effective Oct. 1 1921.

Pittsburgh & Lake Erie R.R.—Equipment Trust.—

See article on sale of equipment trusts by U. S. Government under "Current Events," this issue; Sept. 17, p. 1212-13, and Sept. 24, p. 1324-25.—V. 112, p. 850.

Pittsburgh McKeesport & Youghiogheny R.R.—Equipment Trust Offered.—

See under heading, "Equipment 6% Gold Notes" above, and V. 113, p. 1360. Compare also article on sale of equipment trusts by U. S. Government under "Current Events," this issue; Sept. 17, p. 1212-13, and Sept. 24, p. 1324-25.—V. 110, p. 971.

Richmond Fredericksburg & Potomac R.R.—Equip. Notes Offered.—

Hornblower & Weeks, New York, and Harrison, Smith & Co., Phila., are offering, at prices to yield 5.80%, \$524,800 6% Equipment Notes Gold.

Dated Jan. 15 1920. Due \$65,000 annually Jan. 15 1928 to 1935, incl. Red. on any int. date at 103 and int. Int. payable J. & J. Denom. \$1,000 and \$100. (c*) Notes constitute the direct obligation of the company and are secured by standard railroad equipment, under the Equipment Trust Agreement dated Jan. 15 1920, between Director-General of Railroads, the company and the trustee.

See also article on sale of equip. trusts by U. S. Government under "Current Events," this issue; Sept. 17, p. 1212-13, and Sept. 24, p. 1324-25.—V. 111, p. 1473.

St. Louis San Francisco Ry.—May Acquire Road.—

See Missouri & North Arkansas R.R. above.—V. 113, p. 961.

Schenectady (N. Y.) Ry.—Wage Scale Restored.—

Restoration of a 60c. hourly wage to trolley men has been granted by an arbitration board, which regarded as still binding a letter of May 1 1920, in which the then manager of the railway promised that wage as long as a 7c. fare prevailed in the city.

Southern Indiana Gas & Elec. Co.—Permanent Bonds.—The National City Co. is now prepared to exchange the temporary certificates for permanent 1st Lien & Ref. Mtge. 7 1/2% 20-Year gold bonds, Series "A," due April 1 1941.

Southern Pacific Co.—Prices Reduced—Equipment Trust.

Allan Pollok, Manager of the company's dining cars, hotels and restaurants, announces that reductions have been made in the prices charged for bread, coffee and potatoes in the company's dining cars, notwithstanding the fact that the prices charged on the company's diners do not meet the actual cost of operation, excluding heat, light, depreciation, &c.

Lease of Texas State RR.—

See Texas & New Orleans RR. below.—V. 113, p. 1054, 961.

Springfield (O.) Terminal, Ry. & Power Co.—Status.—

The status of the various claims against the company, and arrangements for completing the transfer of the property to the bondholders, who have bid it in, are ruled upon by Judge Slater in the U. S. District Court at Cincinnati.

Terminal RR. Assn. of St. Louis.—Equipment Trusts.—See article on sale of equipment trusts by U. S. Government under "Current Events," this issue; Sept. 17, p. 1212-13, and Sept. 24, p. 1324-25.—V. 113, p. 1054.

Texas & New Orleans RR.—Acquisition of Texas State RR.

The I.-S. C. Commission Sept. 26 granted the company authority to acquire control of the Texas State RR. by lease for five years. The Texas State RR. extends from Rusk to Palestine, Tex., 32.6 miles.

Texas State RR.—Lease.—

See Texas & New Orleans RR. above.—V. 113, p. 850.

Third Avenue RR.—Merger Plan.—

See under "Current Events" above.—V. 113, p. 1252.

Toledo & Western RR.—Would Discontinue Service.—

Harry A. Dunn and J. Frank Johnson, receivers, have filed an application in the Federal Court for instructions with respect to terminating a franchise for the operation of electric railway lines in Blissfield, Mich.—V. 112, p. 163.

Toronto Ry.—Terms of Sale—Valuation—Earnings.—

The shareholders were to vote yesterday, Sept. 30, on the sale of the radial and power interest of the company to the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario.

The purchase price as at Dec. 1 1920 is \$32,734,000, payable: (a) Through the assumption by the Commission of outstanding liabilities of the various companies to an amount of \$22,775,177.

(b) By the delivery of \$9,958,823, in bonds at par, approximately as follows: (1) \$6,971,295 City of Toronto 6% 20-year bonds; (2) \$2,987,528 Hydro-Electric Commission, guaranteed by Province of Ontario, 6% 20-year bonds, \$32,734,000.

The operations of the companies since Dec. 1 1920 will (if the sale is confirmed) be for account of the Commission and the bonds receivable by the Toronto Ry. will bear interest from that date.

Arrangements are being made (subject to the consent of the Toronto Power Co. Consol. Debenture stockholders) to release the properties now under that mortgage of \$13,558,917, together with the guarantee of the Toronto Ry., and to substitute therefor a bond of the Commission, guaranteed by the Province of Ontario.

This will leave the Ry. company's guarantee outstanding only \$4,103,200 Toronto Power Co. 5s, due July 1 1924.

In addition to the liabilities to be assigned by the Commission as above set forth, there are still outstanding approximately \$3,500,000 of liabilities of the subsidiary companies, consisting of bank loans, water power rentals, taxes, &c. The net equity, therefore, accruing to the railway company on the sale of the subsidiary companies, is approximately \$6,458,823 (less discount on bonds to be sold to provide the necessary funds), being sub-

American-Slovak Coal & Coke Co.—Receivers.—

John G. Buchanan and Paul Jamriska of Pittsburgh, have been appointed receivers of this company, with offices in American State Bank Building, Pittsburgh, in a decree filed in United States Court Sept. 21.

American Stove Co.—Common Dividend Reduced.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 5% on the stock, payable Sept. 30 to holders of record Sept. 13. This is a reduction of 5% from the annual dividend of 10% usually declared by the directors at this time. Following the directors' meeting, it was announced that the remaining 5% might be declared after the close of the fiscal year ending Dec. 31 if earnings between now and the end of the year justified it. No definite announcement as to what action the directors decide upon will be made, however, until the stockholders' annual meeting in the latter part of February. (Chicago "Journal of Commerce," Sept. 23.)—V. 104, p. 1594.

American Sumatra Tobacco Co.—Earnings.—

Consolidated Profit & Loss Account for Years Ended July 31. Table with columns for 1921 and 1920, listing items like Gross profit on sales, Dividends received, Interest earned, etc.

American Writing Paper Co.—Wages.—

The company has put into effect a 10% reduction in wages among its operating force. This is the second cut this year. (See V. 112, p. 1027.) V. 113, p. 852, 630.

Atlas Portland Cement Co.—Anti-Trust Proceedings by U. S. Government against the Tile & Cement Manufacturers.— See "Current Events" last week's "Chronicle," p. 1322.—V. 113, p. 1057.

Birmingham Water Works Co.—Preferred Stock.— See American Water Works & Electric Co. under "Financial Reports" above.—V. 112, p. 2645, 2309, 935, 260.

Automatic Straight Airbrake Co.—Merger Rumors.— It is understood that officials of this company and the New York Air Brake Co. have informally discussed the merger of both companies, but nothing definite has been arrived at. While nothing official has been given out, reports state that a new holding company may be formed which will exchange its stock for both companies. If the deal goes through it is stated that some financing will have to be done.—V. 113, p. 964.

Big Ledge Copper Co.—New Officers.— John Borg has been elected President, Nelson Gray Vice-President and Treasurer and William C. Sherwood Secretary. New York interests took over control of the property some time ago.—V. 112, p. 2540.

Black & Decker Mfg. Co.—National Credit Service.— The company has established a national credit service, whereby any reliable person in the U. S. or Canada can purchase Black & Decker equipment on 6 months terms without extra cost. The company's products consist principally of electric motor-driven shop equipment such as portable electric drills, grinders, &c. The company has issued an explanation of exactly how the plan works and copy of the campaign schedule showing how this new service is being merchandised.—V. 112, p. 2309.

British Empire Steel Corporation.—Dividends.— A dividend of 1 1/4% has been declared on the First Pref. stock, Series "B," payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 15. No action has been taken with regard to a Common div.—V. 113, p. 421, 187.

Burns Bros., New York City.—Outline of Merger Plan.— The merger plan approved by the directors of both Burns Bros. and Wm. Farrell & Sons, Inc., this week is substantially as outlined below. The stockholders of Burns Bros. will vote on approving the plan on Oct. 31 and the stockholders of Wm. Farrell & Sons will vote Nov. 1. Proposed Terms of Exchange of Stocks of Old Companies for New Stock. The plan contemplates the practical absorption of Farrell Coal. The Burns Bros. 7% preferred stock, amounting to \$1,293,100, and the Farrell Coal 7% pref. stock amounting to \$3,000,000, will remain the same in the consolidated company. There will, however, be two new classes of Burns Bros. stock issued in exchange for the present Burns Bros. common stock and for the Farrell Coal common stock. There are outstanding at the present time approximately 81,000 shares (par \$100) of Burns Bros. common stock. These will be exchanged, share for share, for the new Class A common stock. There will also be issued 81,000 shares of new Class B common stock which will be exchanged for the outstanding 30,000 shares (no par value) of Farrell Coal common. This exchange will be made on the basis of 8 shares of Burns Bros. Class B for each 13 shares of Farrell common. The plan provides that after payment of the 8% on the Class A common that both classes of stock will share alike in the further distribution of earnings. The new Burns Bros. Class A common stock will be cumulative as to dividends up to 8%.—V. 113, p. 1363, 1254.

Central Leather Co.—Obituary.— A. Augustus Healy, a director, died in Cold Spring, N. Y., Sept. 28.—V. 113, p. 538.

Citizens Water Supply Co.—City Purchase.— The Board of Aldermen, N. Y. City, Sept. 21, adopted a resolution concurring in the resolution of the Board of Estimate of Sept. 7 for the acquisition by the city by condemnation proceedings of a portion of the plant of the company for the purpose of maintaining, preserving and increasing the supply of water for the use of residents of the Second, Third and Fourth wards of Queens.—V. 113, p. 631.

Columbia Graphophone Mfg. Co.—Earnings.— Six Months ending June 30—Table with columns for 1921 and 1920, listing items like Earnings from all sources, Interest on funded and floating debt, etc.

Connecticut Light & Power Co.—Definitive Bonds.— The Bankers Trust Co., as trustee, is now prepared to deliver definitive First & Refunding Mtge. 7% sinking fund gold bonds, series "A," in exchange for the outstanding temporary bonds. (Offering of bonds in V. 112, p. 1981.)—V. 112, p. 2646.

Consolidated Gas, Elec. Light & Pow. Co. of Balt.—Bonds Sold.—Alex. Brown & Sons, Brown Bros. & Co., Lee,

Higginson & Co., Jackson & Curtis, and Spencer Trask & Co., announce the sale, at 97 1/2 and int., yielding 7.35%, by advertisement on another page, of \$9,000,000 First Ref. Mtge. 7% Sinking Fund gold bonds, Series C, convertible.

Dated Oct. 1 1921. Due Oct. 1 1931. Int. payable A. & O. without deduction of Federal income tax up to 2%, at Alex. Brown & Sons, Baltimore, and Bank of the Manhattan Co., N. Y. City. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500, c*s*r*; \$1,000 and authorized multiples thereof. Redeemable, as a whole, or in part for sinking fund only, at any time on 60 days' notice at 102 and int. Bankers Trust Co., New York, trustee.

Convertible.—Convertible, par for par, at any time prior to and including April 1 1931, into a new series of 6 1/2% 30-Year Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, dated Oct. 1 1921, due Oct. 1 1951, to be issued under this same mortgage and designated Series D. No bonds of Series D are now outstanding. The Series D 6 1/2% bonds will be callable at 110 prior to Oct. 1 1935, at 107 during next 5 years, 105 during next 5 years, 102 1/2 during next 3 years and 101 during last 2 years before maturity. If called for redemption Series C bonds may nevertheless be converted if presented at least ten days before the redemption date.

Sinking Fund.—An annual sinking fund of 1% of all First Refunding Mtge. bonds from time to time outstanding, first payment not later than Aug. 1 1923 is to be used for purchase or call and retirement of First Refunding Mortgage Bonds.

Dividends.—Continuous cash dividends on the Common stock have been paid since 1909, at rates averaging nearly 7% per annum for the last 11 years. Present rate, 8%, has been paid since April 1 1917.

Data from Letter of Pres. Herbert A. Wagner, Baltimore, Sept. 24. Purpose.—The proceeds will be used chiefly to refund \$3,253,100 convertible notes maturing Nov. 15 1921.

Earnings—Table with columns for Year ended, Gross Earnings, Net Earnings after Taxes, xFixed Charges, Dividends, yBalance. Rows for years 1906 through 1921.

a Four months estimated. x Exclusive of amortization. y Applicable to depreciation, amortization and surplus.

Capitalization Outstanding (after This Financing), Incl. Issues of Constituent and Subsidiary Companies.

Table listing various capitalization items such as Consol. G., E. L. & P. Co. Gen. (closed) M. 4 1/2%, 1935, etc., with associated amounts.

x In addition there are \$1,155,000 deposited as collateral under the \$3,943,000 Baltimore Electric 5s, 1947.

y First Mortgage 5% Bonds of Consolidated Power Co. of Balt., aggregating \$13,750,000 (authorized, \$15,000,000) are deposited as collateral under the above issues, including \$5,250,000 so deposited under the First Refunding Mortgage.

First Refunding Bonds.—Total authorized issue limited to \$100,000,000. Issuable in series, &c., as determined by the directors. \$3,500,000 Series A 6% Bonds, maturing Feb. 1 1949, have been issued and are pledged as part security for \$5,000,000 7% Secured Conv. Gold Notes, due Aug. 1 1922, which notes are convertible at any time par for par into the Series A 6% Bonds. Of the \$7,750,000 Series B 7 1/4% Bonds issued, \$2,750,000 are pledged as collateral for a non-interest-bearing note of company due May 15 1922, representing the balance due the United Railways & Electric Co. of Baltimore in connection with the recent sale of its power plant to Consolidated Power Co. of Baltimore (a subsidiary). The remaining \$5,000,000 Series B 7 1/4% Bonds and the present issue of \$9,000,000 Series C 7% bonds are the only First Ref. Mtge. Bonds now outstanding in the hands of public. Compare offering of \$2,500,000 8% Cumulative Preferred stock in V. 113, p. 965, 1159, 1364.

Cuba Cane Sugar Corp.—Plans to Raise \$10,000,000 Cash—Subordination of Debentures Necessary—To Increase Interest Rate on Debentures to 8%—Reason for Present Financial Condition Explained.—The company has arranged with a group of bankers to secure at once a loan of \$10,000,000 under an arrangement which requires the subordination of the \$25,000,000 7% Convertible Debentures to the new money for the period of the loan and of any renewals, substitutions or refundings thereof.

As a consideration therefor, the company is offering to increase the rate of interest on assenting debentures from 7 to 8% per annum from July 1 1921 to the maturity of the debentures, provided the plan becomes effective.

Debenture holders are urgently requested to forthwith assent to the plan by depositing their debentures with either Bankers Trust Co., N. Y. City; Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, or Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.

Upon the plan becoming effective and upon the return of the temporary receipts the debentures will be returned to their owners appropriately stamped to indicate the assent of the holders to this plan and the obligation of the corporation to increase the rate of interest to 8%.

Subject to the corporation's obtaining the assent of sufficient debenture holders to justify the bankers in proceeding, arrangements have been made with bankers to lend the corporation \$10,000,000 of new money on such new obligations. This loan will be for a period of one year, and, to the extent that it is represented by notes, will bear interest at rate of 7% per annum, and, to the extent that it is represented by acceptances (to be sold at the prevailing rate), the acceptance commission will be 1/2 of 1% for each 90-day period.

It is essential for the debenture holders to assent to this plan if they wish to avert a receivership, with its consequent expense and destruction of values. If they assent with substantial unanimity prior to Oct. 15 1921 sufficient funds will be secured to relieve the present embarrassment and to provide funds for the requirements of the company, including the interest due on the debentures on Jan. 1 1922.

The board has used every effort to meet the present situation without disturbing the present status of the debentures but without success, and are convinced that the foregoing plan represents the only method of averting a receivership.

Further Data from Letter of Pres. W. E. Ogilvie, New York, Sept. 23, to the Holders of the 7% Convertible Debentures.

Present Financial Position Critical.—The corporation finds it necessary to bring to the attention of the debenture holders its critical financial position and a plan for its relief. The corporation needs \$10,000,000 to enable it to continue to operate, and the directors feel that the arrangement outlined (here) presents the only available method of raising this money and avoiding a receivership. In order to make such an arrangement possible the subordination of the debentures to the new money is required, in consideration for which the corporation offers to increase the rate of interest of the assenting debentures to 8%.

Condition at End of Fiscal Year 1920. At the end of the fiscal year Sept. 30 1920 the condition was excellent. Corporation had over \$20,000,000 cash in bank, had not floating debt of any kind and had sold 400,000 bags of sugar of the coming crop for delivery during Jan.-May 1921 at 12 1/2 cents a pound.

Consolidated Balance Sheet (Incl. All Subsidiaries) [1920 inserted by Ed.]
Assets: Plant & equipm't., Com. stock of Mt. Vernon-Woodby Mills, Inc., Good-will, trade-marks, &c., Cash, Notes & accts. rec., Mdse. inventory, U. S. cert. of Indeb. Collat. notes rec., Can. Victory bonds and interest, Miscell. securities, Prepaid interest, insurance, &c.

Consolidated Operating Accounts (Incl. Companies Whose Shares Are Owned).
Years ending June 30—1920-21, 1919-20, 1918-19, 1917-18.
Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Taxes, Net earnings, Other income, Total income, Interest charges, Dividends paid, Balance, Trustees' balance, Total, M. L. Cos. Prof. divs., M. L. Cos. Com. divs., Balance, surplus—V. 112, p. 1288.

x After deducting \$2,365,336 for depreciation. See also Greelock Co. above.—V. 113, p. 1366.

International Harvester Co.—Reduction in Prices.—The company has announced reductions ranging from 10 to 20% in nearly all lines of farm implements, effective Oct. 1.

International Mercantile Marine Co.—New Quarters.—The company has announced that it expects to enter its new quarters at No. 1 Broadway next November.

Kansas & Gulf Co.—Transfer Agent—Registrar.—The Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y. has been appointed transfer agent of 1,500,000 shares of Capital stock, par \$10.

Kentucky & West Virginia Power Co.—Additions.—The company has awarded a contract to the Foundation Co. for the buildings to be erected at its generating plant at Logan, W. Va.

Keystone Steel & Wire Co.—Bond Redemption.—All of the outstanding First Mtge. 7% 20-year sinking fund gold bonds of 1918 have been called for payment Nov. 1 at 105 and int.

Kokomo Water Works Co.—Preferred Stock.—See American Water Works & Electric Co. under "Reports" above.—V. 104, p. 2455.

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 50,000, outstanding 30,000) of \$25 par value to an equal amount without par value.—V. 113, p. 1257.

Lima Locomotive Works, Inc.—Initial Common Div.—The directors have declared an initial dividend of 7% on the Common stock, payable in four quarterly installments of 1 7/8% each.

Lorrain Car Co., Richmond, Ind.—Receiver.—Walter S. Butler has been named receiver by Judge William A. Bond of the Wayne Circuit Court.

Los Angeles Gas & Electric Corp.—Bonds Offered.—Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., San Francisco; Bond & Goodwin and Blyth, Witter & Co., New York, are offering at 99 and int., to yield over 7 1/2%, \$1,500,000 Gen. & Ref. Mtge. 7% gold bonds, Series "C."

Capitalization after this financing—Authorized, Outstanding. x Preferred stock, 6% Cumulative, Common stock, General & Ref. bonds: Series "A" 7s (V. 112, p. 1150), Series "B" 7s (V. 112, p. 2755), Series "C" (this issue).

x Company has received authority from the California RR. Commission to issue \$3,000,000 6% Cum. Pref. stock, and is now offering this stock for sale (to customers). To date over \$1,234,600 has been sold.

Business.—Operates in Los Angeles and adjacent cities and suburban territory, serving through a complete and modern distributing system gas, electric light and power. The territory served has an estimated population of 838,000.

Years ended—Aug. 31 '21, Aug. 31 '20, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18.
Gross earnings, Net, after op. exp. & tax, Bond interest, Balance, Purpose.—Proceeds of this issue are to provide for betterments and additions. See V. 112, p. 1150, 2755; V. 113, p. 1161.

Manitoba Power Co., Ltd.—Power Project, &c.—See Winnipeg Electric Ry. under "Railroads" above, and V. 113, p. 1362.

Massey-Harris Harvester Co., Inc.—Obituary.—Lewis Dewey Collins, Treasurer and Assistant General Manager, died in London on Sept. 17.—V. 111, p. 1477.

Massachusetts Lighting Cos.—Annual Report.—Trustees' Income Statement, Years Ending June 30.
1920-21, 1919-20, 1918-19, 1917-18.
Total income, Trustees' expenditures, Balance.

Middle States Oil Corp.—Earnings.—Six Months to June 30—1921, 1920.
Average price of oil per bbl., Gross profit from operation: oil & gas sales, Other income, Dividends received, Total gross income, Deductions: Field operation & new construction, Lease rentals, Administration & general expense, Reserves, including Federal taxes, Dividends paid, Net profit.

W. M. Evans, of the company, further reports: "According to the consolidated balance sheet, Middle States continues to maintain a strong financial position, with cash on hand, accounts and bills receivable and oil on hand totaling \$2,343,706, against accounts payable of \$2,750."
"At present there is outstanding \$14,750,000 stock (par value \$10 a share), against \$7,800,000 a year ago, with total assets of \$62,161,782.

Moline Plow Co.—Outline of Reorganization—Approximately 60% of Creditors, Representing \$15,000,000, Have Agreed to Plan.—An official announcement says: "A plan of reorganization has been agreed upon by the committees representing the General Creditors, the Serial Noteholders, the First Preferred Stockholders and the Second Preferred Stockholders, which provides that the principal and interest at 7% per annum to Sept. 1, 1921, be determined on all claims and that to this be added interest at the rate of 7% per annum for 1 1/2 years, on which aggregate amount creditors including serial noteholders will be offered the following securities of a new company: 50% in 7% 20-Year Debenture Bonds on which interest will accrue from Sept. 1, 1922, 50% in 7% Cumulative First Preferred Stock on which dividends will be cumulative from Sept. 1, 1923, and 2 1/2% shares of Common Stock for each \$1,000 aggregate amount of claims.

Terms of Exchange to be Offered Present Stockholders.—The present First Preferred Stockholders will be offered non-cumulative Second Preferred Stock of the new company, share for share. Such stock will receive dividends after all of the new Debentures and First Preferred Stock have been retired and it will then automatically become a First Preferred Stock cumulative at the rate of 7% per annum.

It is estimated that the company can liquidate from its excess inventory and other sources approximately \$5,000,000, the funds from which, when accomplished, will be used to retire a similar amount of First Preferred Stock, after and on the accomplishment of which, a sinking fund of \$500,000 minimum per annum is provided, one-half of which will be used to retire First Preferred Stock and the other half to retire Debenture Bonds, both a par and accrued dividends or interest, respectively.

A Voting Trust is provided, the Voting Trustees to be appointed by the Reorganization Committee, and such Trustees will in turn elect a Board of Directors representing the new security holders, or the present creditors, the old First Preferred Stockholders' Committee having the right to name one director.

The plan is a conservative one, treating as it does all equities with fair consideration with a view of obtaining a voluntary reorganization and thereby preserving the prestige of the company in the automotive and farm implement business that it has enjoyed for over fifty years. It leaves the company without current debt, writes out all losses hitherto suffered in operations and inventory reduction, provides for the elimination of unprofitable units and against loss through interest charges during the next two years and enables it to face new conditions in a very strong financial position.

The reorganization committee includes Frank O. Wetmore, Pres. First National Bank, Chicago, Chairman, who is also Chairman of the Creditors' Committee, Percy H. Johnston, Ronald M. Byrnes, Robert I. Barr and C. P. Coffin.

Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, is the depository designated by the reorganization committee for claims, notes and stock of all classes not deposited under any of the other agreements.

The National City Bank, New York, is the depository designated by the Serial Noteholders' deposit agreement.—V. 113, p. 856, 1059.

Mount Royal Hotel Co., Ltd., Montreal.—Debs. Offered. Morrow & Jellett, Toronto, are offering at 100 and int., with a bonus of 30% in Common stock, \$1,000,000 8% Convertible Debentures. Dated Sept. 1 1921. Coupons payable Q.-J. Convertible into 8% Cumul. Pref. stock (fully paid and non-assessable) on July 1 1923.

New Jersey Power & Light Co.—Bonds Offered.—Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., are offering at 76.30 and int., to yield 7 3/4%, \$361,000 1st Mtge. 5s of 1916. Due Feb. 1 1936 (see V. 102, p. 1440; V. 108, p. 2129). A circular shows: Company.—Organized in 1915. Serves without competition electric light and power in Dover, Wharton, Rockaway, Bernardsville, Boonton, Lambertville, Flemington, Newton and 30 other communities in north central and northwestern New Jersey. Population 80,000.

The Commercial Times.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

New York, Friday Night, Sept. 30 1921.

There is a continuous if slow increase in American trade. Remarkably high temperatures during the week have hurt retail trade, but they can be only temporary at this time of the year. And meanwhile jobbing business shows an increase. In the main the industries of the country are beginning to get into rather better shape. The pace, to be sure, is not rapid. The New England textile industries are working at 75% of capacity and the output of iron and steel has increased somewhat. The lumber trade is better. Building is more active, and coal output is larger. Things are beginning to look rather more cheerful. But after all great wars the recovery is slow. And after the greatest war of all history the experience of mankind will certainly not be different from what it has been in the past. Europe has to cut down its budgets and its taxation and do what it can to restore its foreign trade and finally deflate its badly swollen currencies. But England and France are making progress in the right direction. And in the United States it is believed that business has turned the corner and is gradually making its way back towards the normal, or as near to the pre-war normal as it is likely to get. Unemployment is still large, but it has been reduced by a partial awakening of industry. A gratifying sign of the times is the improving net earnings of the railroads in August, especially as comparison is in contrast with heavy deficits for the same month last year. This attracts attention in the commercial world. It is cheered by such news. And the stronger tone of stocks, the quick demand for bonds, with the new high level for the Liberty issues are also cheering features of the times. The petroleum trade is looking up; its statistical position is improving. Cotton is \$6 a bale higher than a week ago, and the better prices for this staple is helping the South, whose civilization is largely founded on this commodity and its ability to procure for it the necessities and the higher things of life. Exports of grain continue on a large scale, even if not quite so large as recently.

Of course there are some drawbacks. The drop in German exchange to nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cent per mark is universally regretted in this country. Also collections in the United States are not quite so prompt as they were recently. And the number of failures is still very large; it is even larger than it was last week, the total being some 432, against 419 last week, 174 in the same week last year, and 86 in 1919. It is a fact, too, that the farmer has to accept a big decline in wheat—8 to 9 cents—and the lowest prices for corn and oats seen for many years past. Meanwhile the things that he has to buy remain high because of the high cost of labor. Schemes to deal with unemployment seem to take no cognizance of the fact that the liquidation of labor has been anything but complete, and that further reductions are absolutely essential if production is to be increased and the cost of living reduced. It is useless to tinker with the matter at Washington, or anywhere else, unless the fundamental wage problems of unemployment are courageously faced and dealt with in accordance with economic law, which is bound anyhow in the end to prevail. As it is now, the farmer, to go no further, is not getting a square deal from labor. He is giving labor more than labor is giving him; in fact, labor is taxing him severely. Apart from all this, the feeling in this country is slowly taking on a more cheerful tone, and with seasonable weather there is likely to be a more noticeable increase in general business, wholesale, jobbing and retail.

At the West Southern pine prices are stronger. Noticeable advances are reported by Douglas fir producers. Advances from the Pacific Coast say prices on fir uppers are advancing fast, and that flat grain stock is hard to get. Hardwood prices are higher. Production has increased somewhat, but is below current volume of orders. Stocks in first hands are becoming badly broken. Textile industries in Kensington (Philadelphia) and affiliated trades throughout the city are having a notable increase in business, giving employment to thousands of persons, and making necessary double shifts in several plants. Most of the scores of knitted underwear mills in Philadelphia are busy, many of them night and day. Thousands of men are returning to work in the Pennsylvania steel area, where many mills are resuming operations. Henry Ford believes that business will get back to normal only when prices are cut sufficiently. Including, let it be added, the price of labor. The Laurel Lake Mills, Fall River, will resume operations next Monday morning after several months of idleness. At Cornwall, Ont., the Canada mill of the Canadian Cottons, Ltd., has resumed full time and a partial resumption has taken place in the Stormont mill. The employees of the Dundas mill, which has been working on special orders all summer, have never suffered from any reduction of time.

At Cuero, Texas, the Guadalupe Valley cotton mills have made a flat 20% reduction in wages of all mill and office employees, from the manager down. Many mills in the east central section of North Carolina are operating only about half time because of low water, which is affecting the hydro-electric power supply. Georgia and Tennessee cotton mill executives declare that the Southern mill workers cannot be organized, and they do not take seriously the campaign to unionize these operatives. Henry Ford may manufacture wool textiles for use in enclosed automobiles at the new plant at Green Island, south of Cohoes, N. Y., now nearing completion. The co-operative store at Pawtucket, R. I., organized by textile operatives of that city and surrounding territory, has failed.

The Massachusetts State Chamber of Commerce says the unemployment situation in Massachusetts has been grossly exaggerated. Unemployment is correcting itself through natural channels of increasing business. A large percentage of unemployment is due to deflation of war-time industries and the return of many war-time workers to farm life. Also, many foreigners have gone home. In Worcester alone it is estimated that 2,000 recently left the city. In Lawrence, Mass., there are not more than 1,000 unemployed, the majority of whom could have work if they desired. In Springfield, Mass., 57% of the workers are employed on 76% of full time; in Northampton industries are running full, or at worst, 75% time. In Holyoke there is less unemployment to-day than in the years of 1914, 1915 or 1916. On Sept. 6, cotton mills in Fall River began operations on fuller time, with employment estimated at about 95% of normal. Fifteen of the larger shoe factories in Brockton, Mass., employ normally 15,755. On Sept. 1 there were 12,537 employed in those factories.

The Committee on Unemployment Statistics, a sub-committee of the Unemployment Conference, which began its sessions the present week, estimates the total number of unemployed in the United States, other than agricultural laborers, at not fewer than 3,700,000 and not more than 4,000,000.

The United Shirt Manufacturers' Association propose a cut of 12 to 20% in wages. The proposed reduction is the second in the industry since Feb. 1, when a reduction of 25% was made.

Stevedores at the big New York ship docks have agreed to accept a wage reduction of 22½%, effective midnight to-night. Boston stevedores have accepted a wage reduction from 80 to 65 cents an hour, effective Oct. 1.

Vice-President Atterbury of the Pennsylvania RR. has told employees in Philadelphia that wages must come down or the roads would be forced into Government control or receiverships.

The weather here has latterly been remarkably warm, to-day reaching 83, or within one degree of the high record. For the month of September the average temperature was the highest ever known, i.e. 73, as against the previous high record in September 1881 of 72.2. To-day's heat wave was broken in the afternoon by a series of violent thunderstorms, and to-night it is much cooler.

TOBACCO has been in somewhat better demand, but for all that in the main dull. Prices, too, have a downward trend. Stocks may not be very large but they are evidently ample. The demand is sluggish. On a worth while order prices are, it is hinted, eased very noticeably. The standing quotations are altogether nominal. It is plainly more of a buyers' market than a sellers'. The weather was favorable for curing tobacco in the Virginia-North Carolina district, but it was too damp and cloudy in the Ohio Valley, where some sweating resulted.

COPPER in better demand and firm. On Tuesday, 6,000,000 lbs. were reported to have been sold, and this was followed by active inquiries for round lot tonnages. And it is said that consuming interests are now anxious to cover requirements hitherto neglected, for they think the trend of prices is upward. Export business is more active, with a good demand from Germany, France and Japan. Great Britain is buying comparatively little. Producers quote 12½¢ for electrolytic. Tin dull and easier in sympathy with London; spot 26½¢@26¾¢. Lead in good demand and firmer; spot New York 4.70@4.80¢. Zinc more active and higher; spot St. Louis 4.40@4.45¢.

PIG IRON has been in much better demand; 15,000 tons of foundry sold for the last quarter of 1921, including No. 2 Southern, at \$19. Birmingham and Northern at \$20 50 to \$21, valley, it is said; also, 55,000 tons in the Philadelphia, Buffalo and Boston districts, mostly at the two first. It is stated that an advance of 50¢. has been paid in Eastern Pennsylvania; some makers ask more than that. Prices are still low, however, and production does not increase as it otherwise would. Pig iron is reported scarce at merchant furnaces and naturally this fact tends to brace up prices. Consumers have held off so long that the situation is slowly beginning to improve.

STEEL in some respects is in better shape. Steel mills are running at 70 to 75% of capacity with an awakened demand. Large mill operations are predicted for the later months of this year. The Steel Corporation has raised its prices for sheet steel in consonance with the recent advance in the product of independent concerns; that is, 2.50¢. for blue annealed and others in proportion, though some outside mills

are said to be still selling at 2.25c. Sheet bars in some cases have been marked up \$2 a ton. Plates are, in some cases, however, 1.75c., and bars at 1.65c. This brings up the question whether with trade still rather quiet the companies will really stick to prices when advanced. Competition is sharp enough to be a rather searching test of prices. There is somewhat better but not urgent inquiry for bars, and a little for structural shapes and plates. As for rails, plates and shapes, trade in the main is dull. The output of wire sheets and tinplates is larger but it would be easy to over-estimate its importance.

WOOL has been in rather better demand, and firm. Medium grades are most wanted, though there is a pretty good demand for the fine grades. Foreign markets have recently been rising. Liverpool is up 5 to 10%. A fair amount of business has been done in this country. There is nothing like real activity. Recent sales, it is stated, included medium combing Montevideos at 28@29c. for 56s.-58s., shrinking about 42%, and about 25@26c. for 50s.-56s., shrinking about 35%; 48s.-50s. sold at around 22 to 23c. for 30% wools; Ohio quarter combing at 23c. and 23 1/2c.; three-eighths combing at 26c.; 1/4 blood territory at 18 to 19c., or about 36 to 38c. clean; three-eighths combing territory at 23 to 24c., or about 50@53c. clean; low 1/4 blood at 28 to 30c. clean; Ohio delaines at 34@34 1/2c.; fine clothing, Ohio, at 29c.; territory fine and fine medium, largely in the original sacks, at 60 to 65c. for clothing types and 65 to 70c. for French combing wools; Mexicans reported at 65 to 68c. clean basis; scoured pulled wools, Western, at 56@60c.; Western B, at about 38 to 40c. for good wool; fine Capes at 68c. for good white wools; medium noils at 28@29c. for choice 1/4 blood and 33 to 37c. for three-eighths. Boston wired: "The Army Quartermaster's Department announces the following classifications for the next Government wool auction to be held here Oct. 6: Domestic and foreign pulled 900,050,000 lbs.; South American combing, 1,500,000; South American carding, 1,600,000; West Coat wools, 50,000; Cape wools, 50,000; domestic greasy, 100,000; scoured wools 1,025,000. Samples go on show on Monday preceding the sale." In Liverpool on Sept. 29 30,830 bales were offered and practically all sold. Attendance large; demand keen. Prices were fully 1 to 7 1/2% higher than those prevailing at the last London sale; finer merino crossbreds were 10% dearer. New South Wales—Greasy combings sold at 21d.; supers, 22d., and scoured combing, 34d. Queensland—Scoured lambs, 26d., and greasy combings, 22 1/2d. New Zealand—Scoured crossbreds, lambs, 14d. Falkland—Greasy crossbreds, 9d. Boston wired that the Liverpool sale showed a rise of 5 to 10% above the London sales on the 15th. Low and medium crossbreds are reported 5% dearer; fine crossbreds, 10% higher, and merinos 5 to 7% up. English operators took most of the wools. Germany was out of the market. German buyers are hit by the big drop in mark exchange. The Yorkshire spinners and combers are disturbed by the fall in German money, having done a very large business for German account in yarn and tops latterly. America showed very little interest. An auction sale of wool amounting to 20,000 bales will be held in Antwerp on Oct. 6 and 7.

LARD lower; prime Western 10.50@10.60c.; refined to Continent 12.75c.; South American 13c.; Brazil in kegs 14c. Futures declined, though at times they rallied somewhat on firmness of prices for hogs and cottonseed oil. But in the main cheaper hogs and lower English cables had a depressing effect. Some of the smaller packers were said to be selling for hedge account. To-day prices declined and then rallied. They end however 107 points lower than last Friday on December.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO. Table with columns for delivery dates (Sept, Oct, Jan) and days of the week (Sat, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri) with corresponding prices.

PORK quiet; mess \$25@25.50; family \$30@34; short clear \$23@25.50; September closed at \$22, a rise of \$3.50 for the week. Beef quiet; mess \$12@14; packet \$13@14; family \$15@16; extra India mess \$24@25; No. 1 canned roast beef \$2.25; No. 2, \$5.25 6 lbs. \$16.50. Cut meats quiet; pickled hams 10 to 20 lbs. 16 1/8@17 1/8c.; pickled bellies 10 to 12 lbs. 14 1/8@16 1/8c. Butter, creamery extras, 44 1/2@45c. Cheese, flats 16@22 1/2c. Eggs, fresh gathered extras 51@53c.

COFFEE on the spot higher; No. 7 Rio, 8 1/8@8 3/8c.; No. 4 Santos, 11 3/4@13c.; fair to good Cuetia, 11 1/4@11 3/4c. Futures have advanced, though Europe has been a steady seller of May and July. The trade has been buying, undoing hedges in December and March, with the spot demand better. At one time European selling had a somewhat depressing effect, but the trade buying of near months in the end offset it. Besides cost and freight offers were higher, and the signs of greater life in the spot trade were also a bracing feature. And the big rise in cotton earlier in the week certainly did coffee no harm. Distant months are in better demand. To-day prices declined somewhat, ending however, 11 points higher on December than a week ago.

Spot (unofficial) and futures prices for coffee for December, March, May, and July.

SUGAR.—Raw declined. The Sugar Finance Committee decided to sell a limited quantity of Cuban raw sugars at 2 1/2c. cost and freight, compared with their last price of 3 1/4c. c.&f. The Committee has about 60,000 tons of

unsold Cuba in port here, it is claimed. With the Cuban sugar cut 30,000 tons were sold to refiners at 4.23c. duty paid. Fine granulated dropped to 5.50c. as against 5.60 to 5.65c. previously. Sales of Philippine due early in October were reported at 4 1/2c. c.i.f. and Venezuela due Oct. 4 at 2.40c. c.i.f. Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 6,800 tons against 14,911 last week, 11,234 last year and 33,046 two years ago; exports 16,502 against 24,067 last week, 8,860 last year and 82,292 two years ago; stock 1,195,628 tons against 1,205,328 last week, 303,501 last year and 590,606 two years ago. Exports included 15,301 tons to United States Atlantic ports, 714 to Galveston and 487 to Europe. To-day futures declined slightly, closing 10 points lower for the week on December.

Spot unofficial and futures prices for oil for December, March, May, and July.

OILS.—Linseed quiet and lower. The lower seed market has tended to discourage business. And consumers anticipate cheaper oil and are holding off awaiting further developments. Of what little business is being done, most of it comes from small paint manufacturers. September carloads 73@75c.; less than carloads 75@77c.; five bbls. or less 77@79c. Coconut oil, Ceylon bbls. 9 3/4@10c.; Cochin 9 3/4@10c.; Olive \$1.05@1.15. Soya bean 10 1/2@11c. Lard, strained winter 87c. Cod, domestic 41@42c. Newfoundland 43c. Cottonseed oil sales to-day 13,000 bbls. October closed at 9.55@9.59. November at 9.47@9.49. Dec. at 9.48@9.50. Jan. at 9.48@9.49. March at 9.68@9.69. April at 9.70@9.72. and spot at 9.50. Spirits of turpentine 75c. Common to good strained rosin \$5.55.

PETROLEUM steady. The trade is more optimistic following the announcement of an advance by the Texas Co. of 25c. per bbl. in the price of Texas crude, which is now held at \$1 25. This advance, coming immediately after a jump in Pennsylvania crude, caused quite a bullish feeling in the market. Gasoline is in small domestic demand, but export business shows improvement. Kerosene in rather better demand. Gasoline, U. S. Navy specifications, 16c.; export naphtha, cargo lots, 17 1/2c.; 63 to 66 deg., 20 1/2c.; 66 to 68 deg., 21 1/2c. Refined petroleum, tank wagon to store, 13c.; gasoline, steel bbls., to garages, 24c. Kerosene for export, in cargo lots, 5 to 6c.; in bbls., 12@13c.; in cases, 16 1/2@17 1/2c. According to the United States Geological Survey there was a decrease in imports of more than 4,500,000 bbls. in August as compared with July, which in spite of an increase of production of 636,000 bbls., resulted in a substantial check to the accumulation of stocks of crude oil that has been in progress for many months. Stocks during August increased only 671,000 bbls., whereas since the beginning of the year stocks of crude oil have been increasing at rates of between 6,000,000 and 8,000,000 bbls. a month. During August stocks of California petroleum increased 2,173,000 bbls. and net stocks east of California increased 1,611,000 bbls. but stocks of Mexican petroleum held by importers in the United States decreased 3,113,000 bbls. The total of these stocks on August 31 of 168,023,000 bbls. is more than 52,000,000 bbls. greater than a year ago, an increase of 46%. But petroleum is believed to have turned the corner.

Table listing various petroleum products and their prices, including Pennsylvania, Corning, Cabell, Somerset, and others.

RUBBER quiet but steady. Business is difficult as buyers are not disposed to meet the views of holders, and the latter are not anxious to do business at the present level. Smoked ribbed sheets and first latex pale crepe on the spot and September delivery 15 1/4c.; November, 15 1/2c.; December, 15 3/4c.; January-March, 16 1/2c. and January-June, 17c. Paras are firm but quiet; up-river fine, 21 1/2c.; coarse 11 1/2c.; Island, fine 18@18 1/2c.; coarse 9 1/4@9 1/2c. Caucho, ball, upper 11 1/2c., lower 9 3/4@10c. Cameta 9@9 1/4c. Central quiet; Corinto, 6c.

HIDES have been generally quiet. Frigorifico have been firm at \$49 to \$51 in Argentina. Here Bogata have been quoted, 13 to 14c.; Orinoco, 12 to 13c.; City spreads 17c. Country hides have been firm with a better demand. On the whole, however, business in hides is light pending further developments. Stocks here are not large.

OCEAN FREIGHTS have been dull and with tonnage plentiful rates have been more or less weak. The Shipping Board announced that Gulf Steamship lines had lowered rates on grain and grain products to European ports.

Charters included sulphur from Freeport, Texas City or Galveston to Marseilles and (or) Cette 80 francs one port; 8 1/2 francs two ports. Oct. 15, word pulp from Seven Islands, St. Lawrence to United Kingdom 22s. 6d., October; 25,000 qrs. grain from Montreal to Mediterranean 5s. 7 1/2d. Oct. 10; deal from Bay Chaleur to London 107s. 6d. prompt; three months time charter in West India trade \$2.25 prompt; grain from Atlantic range to Antwerp-Hamburg 16c. prompt; 28,000 qrs. from Atlantic range to Antwerp-Hamburg range 17c. October; 30,000 qrs. from Atlantic range to Mediterranean, not east of West Italy 5s. 7 1/2d. Oct.; coke from Hampton Roads to Callao \$5; coal \$4 prompt; coal from Hampton Roads to Havana \$1.65 prompt; grain from Atlantic range to United Kingdom 4s. 9d. Nov.; from North Pacific to United Kingdom 57s. 6d. with options, Oct.; 20,000 qrs. grain from Atlantic range to West Italy 5s. 9d. Oct.; lath from Bay Chaleur and Miramichi to N. Y. \$1.40 prompt.

In London charters are very dull. Rates there are back to those of seven years ago. Approximately 200 alien members of the crew of the United States Lines ship George Washington have been removed and their places filled by American seamen.

of men are out of work. Even if the estimate is cut down to 3,500,000 that is no small number. Besides other millions are working on short time. Taking the country as a whole, it is still suffering from the effects of the war. Its buying power is not at all what it was before the war. And some believe that if cotton goods are put up very much the American people will again go on a buyers' strike. Besides it is contended that there is no actual scarcity of cotton, either present or potential, so far as the present season is concerned. On the contrary, it is argued that there is plenty and will be throughout the season. Besides, Europe is still poor. The German mark has fallen to a point less than three-quarters of a cent, as against a par value for the mark in pre-war times of about 24 cents. And moreover other Continental currencies are still very low. The buying power of Europe is incredibly small in comparison with other times. And gloomy stories come as to the condition of Germany. Exports of cotton, as a rule, from American ports have not been large; quite the contrary. The notion of not a few is that Europe, as far as possible, will play a waiting game and let America shoulder the burden of carrying the cotton. Southern hedge selling at times has been very heavy. And Liverpool from time to time has also been a seller. Latterly, moreover, not a few have preferred to take profits on the theory that this would be the wise course after so great an advance. In other words, there has been a good deal of evening up before the Bureau report to be received next Monday at 11 o'clock. To-day prices, after falling, advanced in spite of continued Southern hedge selling and pre-Bureau liquidation. Trade buying was persistent. Stop orders were not caught. Crop news was bad. Further rains occurred. The report was 39%, with the crop 6,100,000 bales. Japanese interests sold October, but it ended at very near the December price. Final prices were 118 to 145 points higher than a week ago on Dec. and Oct., respectively. Spot cotton closed at 21.30 for middling, a rise for the week of 140 points.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Table with 5 columns: Sept. 24 to Sept. 30, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Middling uplands with prices ranging from 20.15 to 21.30.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on Sept. 30 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

Table with 5 columns: Year (1921-1914), Price (e.g., 21.30, 20.50, 19.12, etc.).

MARKET & SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

Table with columns: Date (Saturday-Friday), Spot Market Closed, Futures Market Closed, SALES (Spot, Contr't., Total).

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

Table with columns: Month (October-August), Range, Closing, and Week.

12c. f20c. t19c.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks, as well as the afloat, are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening.

But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday), we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

Table showing September 30-1921, 1920, 1919, 1918. Columns include Stock at Liverpool, London, Manchester, Total Great Britain, Total Continental Stocks, Total European stocks, India cotton afloat, etc.

Total visible supply 5,804,690 4,548,568 3,992,188 3,379,886 Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

Table for American stocks: Liverpool stock, Manchester stock, Continental stock, American afloat for Europe, U.S. port stocks, U.S. interior stocks, U.S. exports to-day.

Table for East Indian, Brazil, &c.: Liverpool stock, London stock, Manchester stock, Continental stock, India afloat for Europe, Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat, 1/2 stock in Alexandria, Egypt, 1/4 stock in Bombay, India.

Table for Total East India, &c. and Total American.

Table for Middling uplands, Liverpool, Middling uplands, New York, Egypt, good sated, Liverpool, Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool, Broach, fine, Liverpool, Timnevely, good, Liverpool.

* Estimated.

Continental imports for past week have been 91,000 bales.

The above figures for 1921 show an increase over last week of 150,293 bales, a gain of 1,256,122 bales over 1920, an excess of 1,812,502 bales over 1919 and a gain of 2,524,804 bales over 1918.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding period of the previous year—is set out in detail below:

Table with columns: Towns, Movement to Sept. 30 1921 (Receipts, Shipments, Stocks), Movement to Oct. 1 1920 (Receipts, Shipments, Stocks).

Total, 41 towns 308,585 1,292,150 198,638 114,794 200,686 736,239 132,358 920,155

a Last year's figures are for Hugo, Okla. b Last year's figures are for Clarksville

The above totals show that the interior stocks have increased during the week 109,947 bales and are to-night 227,786 bales more than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 107,899 bales more than the same week last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made

up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

Table with columns for 1921 and 1920, comparing 'Since' and 'Week' figures for 'Shipped' and 'Total gross overland'.

* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 16,853 bales, against 9,207 bales for the week last year, and that the season to date the aggregated net overland exhibits an increase over a year ago of 146,070 bales.

Table with columns for 1921 and 1920, comparing 'Since' and 'Week' figures for 'In Sight and Spinners' Takings'.

a Figures are consumption; takings not available.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Table with columns for 'Week', 'Bales', and 'Since Aug. 1' for years 1917-1919.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Advices to us by telegraph from the South this evening indicate that rain has been quite general during the week, but on the whole the precipitation has been light or moderate.

TEXAS.—General.—Cotton made very poor progress on account of damage by weevil and army worms. Condition very poor. No top crop expected.

Large table with columns for 'Rain', 'Rainfall', and 'Thermometer' across various locations like Galveston, Tex., Abilene, etc.

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of the rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

Table with columns for 'Sept. 30 1921' and 'Oct. 1 1920' showing river heights in feet.

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 titled 'Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—' with columns for days of the week and prices for various locations like Galveston, New Orleans, etc.

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 with columns for days of the week (Sept. 24-30) and prices for 'Spot' and 'Options'.

EGYPTIAN CROP.—The Commercial Co. of Egypt, Inc., Boston office, has the following under date of Alexandria, Sept. 2:

The weather continues favorable and the crop progresses satisfactorily. Picking in some districts of Upper Egypt has started and the first arrivals are expected to be on the market within the next few days.

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports:

Table with columns for 'Week ending', 'Receipts at Ports', 'Stocks at Interior Towns', and 'Receipts from Plantations' for years 1921, 1920, and 1919.

The above statement shows: 1. That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1921 are 1,063,103 bales, in 1920 were 690,948 bales, and in 1919 were 568,686 bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons, from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings, or amounts gone out of sight, for the like period.

Table with columns for 'Cotton Takings, Week and Season' for years 1921 and 1920, including 'Visible supply' and 'Total supply'.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces the estimated consumption by Southern mills' 594,000 bales in 1921 and 629,000 bales in 1920—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 1,925,913 bales in 1921 and 1,428,817 bales in 1920, of which 1,396,913 bales and 961,817 bales American. b Estimated.

BOMBAY COTTON MOVEMENT.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay for the week ending Sept. 8 and for the season from Aug. 1 for three years have been as follows:

Table with columns for years 1921, 1920, and 1919, comparing 'Week' and 'Since' figures for 'Bombay'.

Table with columns: Exports from, For the Week (Great Britain, Continent, Japan & China, Total), Since August 1. (Great Britain, Continent, Japan & China, Total). Rows include Bombay, Other India, and Total all.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENT.

Table with columns: Alexandria, Egypt, September 7, 1921, 1920, 1919. Rows include Receipts (cantars) and Exports (bales).

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Sept. 7 were 43,905 cantars and the foreign shipments 14,348 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market continues firm for both yarns and cloths. Manufacturers are working at a loss. We give prices for to-day and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Table comparing prices for 1921 and 1920. Columns include 32s Cop Twist, 8 1/2 lbs. Shirtings, and Col'n Mtd. Rows list various cotton grades and their prices.

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 147,591 bales. The shipments in detail as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

Table of shipping news with columns: Destination, Date, Bales. Rows list destinations like New York, Galveston, Houston, and various European ports.

The particulars of the foregoing shipments for the week, arranged in our usual form, are as follows:

Summary table of shipping particulars with columns: Destination, Great Britain, Ger.—Other Europe, North, South, Japan, China, Total. Rows list destinations from New York to Seattle.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

Table of Liverpool statistics with columns: Sales of the week, Actual export, Forwarded, Total stock, Total imports, Amount afloat. Rows show weekly and monthly figures.

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Table of market conditions with columns: Spot, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Rows show market status like 'Large business doing' and 'Good demand'.

The prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Table of futures prices with columns: Sept. 24 to Sept. 30, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Rows show price changes for various cotton contracts.

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Sept. 30 1921

Flour remains for the most part dull, especially as wheat has been declining. Buyers are more sceptical than ever as to the likelihood of present prices being sustained. They argue that wheat will continue to decline and that there is nothing for it but flour prices to follow in its wake.

Wheat has declined with cash business light and a big increase in the world's visible supply. It amounts to 19,907,000 bushels. Also the German mark dropped to .072 1/2, or a new "low." In the United States the visible supply increased last week 4,990,000 bushels, against an increase in the same week last year of 1,478,000 bushels.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Sept. 24 are shown in the annexed statement:

Table with 8 columns: Exports from, Wheat, Corn, Flour, Oats, Rye, Barley, Peas. Rows include New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newport News, New Orleans, Galveston, Montreal, Total week, and Week 1920.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1921 is as below:

Table with 6 columns: Exports for Week and Since July 1, Flour, Wheat, Corn. Rows include United Kingdom, Continent, So. & Cent. Amer., West Indies, Brit. No. Am. Cols., Other Countries, Total, and Total 1920.

The world's shipment of wheat and corn for the week ending Sept. 24 1921 and since July 1 1921 and 1920 are shown in the following:

Table with 6 columns: Exports, Wheat, Corn. Rows include North Amer., Russ. & Dan., Argentina, Australia, India, Oth. count'rs, Total, 1921, 1920.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Sept. 24 was as follows:

Table with 6 columns: United States, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley. Rows include New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newport News, New Orleans, Galveston, Buffalo, Toledo, Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, Duluth, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Kansas City, Peoria, Indianapolis, Omaha, On Lakes, On Canal and River, Total Sept. 24 1921, Total Sept. 17 1921, Total Sept. 25 1920, Total Sept. 27 1919, Canadian, Total Sept. 24 1921, Total Sept. 17 1921, Total Sept. 25 1920, Total Sept. 27 1919.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

New York, Friday Night, Sept. 30 1921.

While there have been no developments of startling importance in the trade during the week, the general attitude appears to be better, and there is more confidence being expressed in the situation than there has been since the spectacular rise of cotton and the consequent demoralization of the cotton goods market. Retail circles are keeping an eye on the weather, and predict that they can expect the long-delayed arrival of customers as soon as a cool spell sweeps the country. Trading, however, in fall goods, is reported by all retailers throughout the country to be more than dull, and the uncommonly warm weather is blamed

for this condition. The clothing manufacturers are being sharply affected, as it is generally estimated that the retailer has purchased in the very lowest quantities, intending to re-enter the market as soon as he has done enough fall trading to enable him to have a gauge on the buying public. The feature of the week has been the opening of the spring 1922 season in the dress goods section by one of the larger houses. This opening had been deferred, with pessimistic talk retarding it still further, and was something in the nature of a surprise when it was announced. Other companies are expected to follow suit, and the general tone of the market should be vastly improved, as it will afford an opportunity to give dealers and manufacturers a fair idea of future values. The prices at which the opening displayed goods is well maintained, being on a par with the prices offered for the previous season, and, in fact, establishes a slight advance in a few lines.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—Following the uncertainty of the last few weeks, there has been a distinctly stronger tone to the market, and trading generally has broadened. As yet there is little indication that all factors are satisfied with the recorded advance, and a few agents of larger mills are remaining indifferent to any orders offered. The clamor that was raised some three weeks ago that the consumer could not understand any advance and would not be willing to pay has apparently decreased. Orders are being received in fair quantities on a broad variety of constructions, but in most cases for small lots. This is taken by the majority of dealers as an indication that the advance has been well established and assimilated. There is a little business being done in export trade, mostly in sheetings, as several sheeting mills had orders on hand, before the advance, sufficient to keep them running for some time. It is understood that these orders are being completed without complaint from either party to the transaction, but that there is a noticeable falling off in demand for further advance orders for export in this field. The demand for future business is fairly strong, and those mills which are willing to accept business are receiving orders for the next three months. Converters are re-entering the market for increasing quantities of goods, and bag manufacturers and bleachers are also evident in the buying. Small lots for immediate delivery are in demand, and jobbers are reporting a steady request for spring lines from retailers which is most encouraging. Print cloths of practically all constructions have been in strong demand. Sheetings have been steady and prices well maintained. Some of the sheeting mills are understood to have accepted orders that will carry them well into the coming year. Tire fabrics have also been in demand and ducks have sold on a steady basis. In the gray goods division, 38 1/2-inch, 64 x 64's are quoted at 9 1/2c, and the 39-inch, 63 x 72's at 10 1/2c, with the 80 x 80's at 14c. Four-yard, 56 x 60 brown sheetings are listed at 11 1/2c, and the three-yard at 12c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—In the dress goods division interest has centred in the opening of the spring 1922 season showing by the Amoskeag Company. This opening has been postponed from time to time by various of the larger companies, who did not feel that the time had been reached for it. However, the trade generally looks on the opening as a constructive measure, giving as it does a criterion for the basis of future values. From the prices which are quoted on the opening lines shown the value in dress goods for the new season will be well maintained. All prices are on a par with the spring 1921 season, and in a few cases have even been advanced. It is expected that other companies will follow the lead of the Amoskeag Company in their offerings, and, while trading in this direction has not gone far enough to justify a feeling of optimism over the result, the trade generally feels that the movement will benefit the entire industry. There is still complaint of the lack of orders by clothing manufacturers in the men's wear section. The retailers have not come to them for their requirements, and the situation continues to be a hand-to-mouth affair. The orders which have been placed are too small to satisfy the clothing manufacturer, who contends that they are badly below what the fall consumption will warrant. However, the retailer is still reticent. From all reports he wants to wait for the fall buying of the consumer to commence and, after he has an idea of how values will be received, to come back to the manufacturer for his last-minute requirements. There can be little doubt that the fall season, which will commence in earnest as soon as the weather changes, will serve as the crucial test for the trade generally.

FOREIGN DRYGOODS.—Burlap prices have been well maintained and the demand has been steady. There is still a showing of more strength on the part of heavies, owing to the small supply still available in this country. At present spot lightweights are obtainable at 4.50c, and the heavies at 6.20c. Advices from Calcutta show that market to be strong and steady, and the shipping from that port to this country to be normal. There has been little change in the linen situation. In fact, trading continues to be limited, but prices have been slightly stronger, so that the importer and dealer are encouraged. All of the advices from linen-producing countries is discouraging, and the tariff situation is still before the linen men for a final disposition, with the enactment of the Permanent Tariff now held in abeyance at Washington.

State and City Department

NEWS ITEMS.

Alabama.—Governor Calls Special Session of Legislature.—Governor Thomas E. Kilby on Sept. 24 issued a proclamation calling the Alabama Legislature into special session on Oct. 4. The following is a list of the subjects enumerated by the Governor in his message to receive legislative attention:

1. To provide for raising money to match funds appropriated by the United States Government for the building and maintenance of highways and bridges in the State of Alabama, and to amend the act creating the State Highway Commission and to amend Sections 1408 and 1409 of the Code of 1907, providing for the issuance of bonds by municipalities for road-improvement purposes.
2. To provide for exemption of soldiers, sailors and marines from payment of poll taxes.
2. To provide for the development of ports, water fronts and river systems.
4. To revise laws relating to the observance of Sunday, and to regulate the exhibition of motion pictures.
5. To permit the manufacture and sale of non-alcoholic cereal beverages.
6. To appropriate money to the State Training School for Girls for building purposes.
7. To amend the law governing the printing and use of fertilizer tags.
8. To authorize the bringing of suits against unincorporated associations.
9. To amend the Act which provides for the employment of convicts in mining coal on University coal lands and abolishes the system of leasing convicts.
10. To enable cities and towns to provide means to secure adequate supplies of pure and wholesome water.
11. To provide that advice of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Alabama may be furnished to the Governor and the Legislature concerning the constitutionality of bills proposed to be introduced in the Legislature or bills pending therein.
12. To provide for the substitution of tax records of counties which have been lost, stolen or destroyed and for the assessment and collection of taxes for any year when such assessment and collection depends upon substituted records.
13. To amend Chapter 176 of the Code of 1907, regulating boycotting and blacklisting.
14. To provide for the deposit and keeping of county funds.
15. To further protect salt water shrimp within the waters of the State of Alabama and within the waters subject to the jurisdiction of the State.
16. To amend the statutes of the State providing for change of venue.
17. To provide penalties for failure to comply with Sections 7654 of the Code.
18. To appropriate money to defray the expenses of the special session hereby called.

Argentine (Government of)—Notes Offered in the United States.—A syndicate headed by Blair & Co., Inc., this week offered and quickly sold \$50,000,000 7% two-year Treasury gold notes of the Government of the Argentine Nation at 99% and interest, to yield over 7.20%. Further details concerning this offering will be found on a preceding page in our Department of "Current Events and Discussions."

Bremerton, Wash.—Commission Form of Government Adopted.—Commission government was adopted by the voters of Bremerton at a special election held on Sept. 20. The voters gave the proposition a majority of 17 votes. In all only 1,092 ballots were cast. A special election will be held on Nov. 14 to elect three commissioners to take the place of the present councilmen.

Massachusetts.—Ineligibility of State of Maryland Bonds as Savings Bank Investments Explained by Commissioner of Banks.—In reply to an inquiry, made by George W. Page, State Bank Commissioner of Maryland, as to the reason for the omission of the State of Maryland bonds from the list of bonds which, in the estimation of the Massachusetts Commissioner of Banks, are eligible for investment by Massachusetts savings banks, Joseph C. Allen, Commissioner of Banks, according to the Baltimore "Sun" dated Sept. 25, sent the following explanation.

In reply to your inquiry relative to the bonds of the City of Baltimore and the State of Maryland, I have to advise you that the State of Maryland bonds are not legal for investment by the savings banks of this Commonwealth for the reason that no provision is made for the bonds of the State of Maryland by the statutes, whereas the law provides that the bonds of cities in the State of Maryland may be legal for investment if they comply with the provisions of these statutes.

George W. Page, State Bank Commissioner of Maryland according to the "Sun" was at loss to understand why Baltimore city stock should have a higher standing in the Bay State than Maryland bonds, and was inclined at first to think there was an error in the published list. Bankers called attention to the fact said the "Sun" that the laws of Massachusetts covering savings bank investment do not authorize investment of these funds in the bonds of any Southern State, and permit such investment in bonds of cities of only two strictly Southern States, Maryland and Kentucky. As New York, Connecticut and other New England States practically copy Massachusetts' list of investments, this means that Southern securities have only a restricted market in the North.

Pasco, Wash.—Proposed New Form of Government Rejected.—At a special election held Sept. 19, the residents of Pasco rejected a proposition to adopt a commission form of government by a vote of 75 for to 235 against. A proposition to bond the city for \$10,000 to build a natatorium was also rejected, the vote being 61 for to 225 against.

BOND CALLS AND REDEMPTIONS.

Gunnison County School District No. 4 (P. O. Gunnison), Colo.—Bonds Called.—J. S. Brooks, Secretary, has called for payment bonds, numbered 7 to 14 both inclusive. Interest to cease Oct. 1 1921.

Boulder, Boulder County, Colo.—Bonds Called.—Mayme Graham, City Recorder, has called for payment with interest closing on Oct. 10, the following bonds:
Alley Paving Dist. No. 2, bond No. 3.
Alley Paving Dist. No. 4, bond No. 18.
Improvement Dist. No. 6, bond No. 31.
Improvement Dist. No. 6, bond No. 107.
Paving Dist. No. 11, bond No. 108.
Storm Sewer Dist. No. 1, bonds Nos. 40 and 41.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS this week have been as follows:

ADAMS COUNTY (P. O. Decatur), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$18,000 4½% John W. Heller, Hartford Township bonds offered on Sept. 21—V. 113, p. 1270—were sold to the Peoples State Bank of Berne, Ind. at par and accrued interest. Date Aug. 15 1921. Due \$900 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, incl. There were no other bidders.

ADAMS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43, Wash.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that the State of Washington has purchased \$3,000 6% school bonds at par.

ALBANY, Albany County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Elmer D. Gunn, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Oct. 11 for the purchase of the following registered bonds aggregating \$252,000: \$100,000 5¼% water supply system improvement (First Series) bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1922 to 1941 incl.

96,000 5¼% public improvement (motorization of the apparatus of the Fire Dept.) bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$600. Due \$9,600 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1922 to 1931 incl.

40,000 5¼% public improvement (extension of the river front improvement) bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1922 to 1941 incl.

*13,000 5% public improvement (fire apparatus) bonds. Denom. \$1,300. Due \$1,300 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1922 to 1931 incl.

x3,000 4% public improvement (automobiles, Bureau of Police) bonds. Denom. \$300. Due \$300 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1922 to 1921 incl.

Date Oct. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) will be paid by mailed checks. Cert. check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to William J. Brennan, City Treasurer, required. The legality of the above issues will be determined by Messrs. Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt, attorneys, N. Y. City, and the Hon. John J. McManus, attorney, Albany, N. Y., and legal opinions will be furnished purchasers. Bids will be opened at 12 o'clock noon on the day of sale. The Comptroller reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Bonds will be ready for delivery Oct. 14 1921, or as soon thereafter as possible. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

* These bonds will be purchased by the Comptroller for the Firemen's Pension Fund. x These bonds will be purchased by the Comptroller for the Water Debt Sinking Fund.

ALBERT LEA, Freeborn County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—According to newspaper reports, \$75,000 6% bonds were sold to the Northwestern Trust Co. of Minneapolis.

ALLEN COUNTY (P. O. Fort Wayne), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—E. G. Kampe, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 3 for \$23,000 5% McDuffee road in Eel River Township bonds. Denom. \$75. Date Sept. 30 1921. Int. M. & N. Due \$575 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1941, incl.

BOND OFFERING.—The above named official will also receive bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 8 for \$15,000 5% Smith No. 1 Road, Pleasant Township, bonds. Denom. \$750. Date Oct. 5 1921. Int. M. & N. Due \$750 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931 incl.

ALTON, Madison County, Ill.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Oct. 25, the vote on the issuance of \$95,000 bonds to provide funds for a new city hall to be erected on what is known as the Easton Park Site and to vote on the issuance of a bond issue to provide funds for the purpose of completing a memorial park along the river front.

AMERY, Polk County, Wis.—CORRECTION.—The amount of 6% bonds sold was \$24,500 (not \$25,000 as newspaper reports made us say in V. 113, p. 138). These bonds are sewer bonds and were purchased at par by the Wells-Dickey Co., Minneapolis. Denom. \$1,000 and \$1,500. Due \$1,000 yearly for 20 years and \$1,500 each year thereafter.

ANAHEIM, Orange County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids or proposals will be received by Edward B. Merritt, City Clerk, until 8 p. m. Oct. 13 for the following 6% bonds:

\$75,000 municipal bldg. bonds. Denoms. 60 for \$1,000 and 30 for \$500.

Due \$2,500 yearly on Oct. 15 from 1922 to 1951, incl.

50,000 water works bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 yearly on Oct. 15 from 1922 to 1946, incl.

30,000 sewer extension bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 15 from 1922 to 1951, incl.

5,000 fire pump bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 15 from 1922 to 1926, incl.

Int. A. & O. Bonds are payable at the office of City Treasurer. Prin. and interest on all of the bonds are payable in gold coin of the United States. Proposals or bids will be received for the purchase of the "Municipal Building Bonds," "Water Works Improvement Bonds," "Sewer Extension Bonds and Fire Pump Bonds," or for either of said series of bonds separately, and the Board of Trustees of the City of Anaheim reserves the right to reject any and all bids. No proposals for bonds will be entertained at less than their par value, together with the accrued interest to the date of delivery. The bonds will be ready for delivery on or after Oct. 25 and will be delivered at the City Treasurer's office or at any designated place upon the payment by the purchaser of all expenses incurred for the delivery and payment equivalent to a transfer at the office of the City Treasurer, all bids shall be filed with the City Clerk "Proposals for the purchase of bonds." With each proposal or bid must be submitted a certified check payable to the order of the City Treasurer, for an amount equal to 5% of the total amount bid.

ARUNDEE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Merced County, Calif.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The \$6,000 6% new school bond, recently sold to the Bank of Italy of San Francisco—V. 113, p. 1271—are described as follows: Denom. \$600. Due yearly from 1921 to 1930, incl.

ASBURY PARK, Monmouth County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The City Sinking Fund has taken over at par the \$50,000 4¾% memorial playground and golf course bonds offered on Sept. 27—V. 113, p. 1270. Due \$1,000 yearly from 1923 to 1972, incl.

ASHEVILLE, Buncombe County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 4 p. m. Oct. 6 by the Board of Commissioners for the following 6% bonds:

\$550,000 School bonds. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1924 to 1929, incl. 20,000 1930 to 1941, incl.; \$25,000, 1942 to 1951, incl.

40,000 Sewer bonds. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1923 to 1958, incl., and 2,000, 1959 to 1960, incl.

90,000 Street bonds. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1924 to 1929, incl. 6,000 1930 and \$9,000, 1931 to 1936, incl.

39,500 Refunding bonds. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$1,500, 1923; \$1,000, 1924 to 1939, incl.; \$2,000, 1940 to 1950, incl.

62,000 Funding bonds. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1924 to 1928, incl.; \$9,000, 1929 to 1931, incl.

25,000 Water bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on June 1 from 1924 to 1948, incl.

Denom. (with exception of one \$500 bond), \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable in New York City in gold. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for 2% of the face amount of the bonds bid for, drawn to the order of the City of Asheville or to Gallatin Roberts, Mayor-Commissioner of Public Accounts and Finance, upon an incorporated bank or trust company, or cash in like amount. These bonds are to be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Company of New York City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the city officials and the seal impressed thereon. Purchaser will be furnished approving opinion of Chester B. Masslich, Esq., New York. Bids are desired on blank forms, which will be furnished by the City or said

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Cincinnati), Ohio.—BIDS.—The following bids were received on Sept. 23 for four issues of 6% bonds offered on that date, three issues of which mention was made in V. 113, p. 1075.

Table with 4 columns: Bidder, Price Bid for Clough Road bonds, Price Bid for Cincinnati-Brookville Road bonds, Price Bid for Cincinnati-Brookville Road bonds. Lists various bidders like Seasongood & Mayer, Western Bank & Tr. Co., etc.

HAPPY VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Olinda), Shasta County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 6% bonds offered on Sept. 19—V. 113, p. 1175—have been sold at 96, as follows: \$45,000 bonds to the Mercantile Trust Co., San Francisco. 55,000 bonds to Wm. Plotts of Whittier.

HARDIN COUNTY (P. O. Kenton), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$125,500 6% Marysville-Kenton I. C. H. No. 288, Section "C" bonds offered on Aug. 5—V. 113, p. 439—were sold to the Kenton Savings Bank and Trust Co. of Kenton at par and accrued interest.

HARDIN COUNTY (P. O. Kenton), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$79,250 6% bridge bonds offered on Sept. 28—V. 113, p. 1272—were sold to the State Industrial Commission at par.

HARRISBURG, Dauphin County, Pa.—BONDS NOT YET SOLD.—The \$800,000 5% city bonds, which were reported as being offered without success on Sept. 13—V. 113, p. 1272—have not yet been sold.

HARTFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Hartford), Hartford County, Conn.—BIDS.—The following bids were also received on Sept. 23 for the \$285,000 4 1/2% coupon bonds, awarded as stated in V. 113, p. 1384:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Price Bid, Bidder, Price Bid. Lists bidders like Harris, Forbes & Co., National City Co., R. M. Grant & Co., etc.

HAY SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Hay Springs), Sheridan County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 22 the Omaha Trust Co., of Omaha, was awarded the \$40,000 6% school building bonds—V. 113, p. 1175—at 95.

HEMPHILL COUNTY (P. O. Canadian), Tex.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$50,000 5 1/2% road bonds recently voted—V. 113, p. 1273—are described as follows: Coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

HENNEPIN COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 91 (P. O. Maple Plain), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—R. B. Roberts, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Oct. 1 for \$2,000 6% steam heating plant bonds.

HEWITT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hewitt), McLennan County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller on Sept. 21 registered \$22,000 6% 20-40 year bonds.

HODDENVILLE, Hughes County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—The City Clerk will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Oct. 20 for the \$30,000 sewer system extension and \$15,000 convention hall 6% bonds.

HURON COUNTY (P. O. Norwalk), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—W. H. Griffin, County Auditor, will receive bids until 12 m. Oct. 5 for \$16,000 6% fair ground bonds.

ISANTE COUNTY (P. O. Cambridge), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—F. A. Norell, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids, it is reported, until Oct. 17 for \$64,833 76 highway bonds.

ISHPEMING, Marquette County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—R. H. Olds, City Recorder, will receive sealed proposals to-day (Oct. 1) for \$35,000, 5% street bonds.

JASPER COUNTY (P. O. Rensselaer), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—John T. Biggs, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 1 p. m. Oct. 6 for \$15,200 5% Felix R. Erwin et al. Road Improvement No. 3286, Union Town bonds.

JAY COUNTY (P. O. Portland), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—O. Le Roy Morrow, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 1 for \$8,400 6% J. J. Kidder et al., Pike Township bonds.

JEFFERSON AND MADISON COUNTIES JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16 (P. O. Cardwell), Mont.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$3,500 6% funding bonds has been sold to the State Land Board at par.

KENMORE, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—B. O. Sears, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 10 for \$45,000 6% water works bonds.

KERNERSVILLE GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Kernersville), Forsyth County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—James J. Griffin, Secretary Board of Trustees, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m.

Oct. 15 for the \$25,000 6% school bonds—V. 112, p. 2662. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1921. Principal and semi-annual interest payable in New York. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1948, inclusive.

KING COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7, Wash.—BOND SALE.—Drainage bonds to the amount of \$33,770 59 have been sold at par and interest.

KOSSUTH COUNTY (P. O. Algona), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—Recently \$75,000 6% funding bonds were sold to Schanke & Co. of Mason. Due serially from 1923 to 1932 inclusive.

LAUREL, Cedar County, Neb.—BOND OFFERING.—Geo. A. Wright, Village Clerk, will receive sealed proposals until 8 p. m. Oct. 18 for the sale of \$23,000 6% 20-year municipal light and power bonds.

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Clearfield), Clearfield County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Edgar T. Henry, Secretary Board of School Directors, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 6 for \$18,000 5 1/2% school bonds.

LEARNED SEPARATE ROAD DISTRICT (P. O. Learned), Hinds County, Miss.—BOND ELECTION.—On Oct. 4 an issue of road bonds, not to exceed \$20,000, will be voted upon.

LEXINGTON, Dawson County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$10,000 7% paving bonds was sold at par to the State of Nebraska during August. Date June 1 1920. Int. annually. Due June 1 1940. Optional June 1 1921.

LEXINGTON, Davidson County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Paul R. Roper, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Oct. 3 for the following 6% bonds:

200,000 street impt. bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$14,000 1923 to 1932, incl., and \$15,000 1933 to 1936, incl. 50,000 water and electric light bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1923 to 1950, incl., and \$2,000 1951 to 1961, incl.

LIBERTY SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Fulton), Fulton County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—James M. Mills, Township Trustee, will receive bids until 3 p. m. Oct. 7 for \$50,000 6% bonds.

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 69, Wash.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 20, Glenn & Co. of Portland, were awarded the \$46,000 6% building and equipment bonds, recently voted—V. 113, p. 655—at par.

LITTLE RIVER DRAINAGE DISTRICT, Mo.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until Oct. 6 for \$750,000 6% bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.

LOCKLAND, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Ray Miley, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids, until 12 m. Oct. 24 for \$5,000 Shepherd Ave. Improvement bonds and \$5,000 sewer bonds.

LOCUST GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Tulare County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 2 p. m. Oct. 3 sealed bids will be received for \$12,000 6% school bonds by Geo. R. Prestidge, County Clerk (P. O. Visalia).

LONG BEACH, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following four issues of 6% bonds aggregating \$240,000 offered on Sept. 23—V. 113, p. 1273—were sold to Watkins & Co. of New York at 100.68, a basis of about 5.92%:

\$125,000 water-works bonds. Denom. \$5,000. Due \$5,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1925 to 1949, inclusive. 75,000 electric-light bonds. Denom. \$3,000. Due \$3,000 yearly on Oct. 1 1925 to 1949, inclusive.

LORAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lorain), Lorain County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—E. Bruell, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 20 for \$675,000 6% school bonds.

LOS BANOS, Merced County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$22,532.60 8% fire protection bonds offered on Aug. 24—V. 113, p. 876—have been taken by H. Gould, contractors, of Sacramento.

LIVERNE, Rock County, Minn.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—On Sept. 23 Gates, White & Co., were awarded \$100,000 6% street impt. certificates at 95.60.

LYNN HAVEN, Bay County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—According to newspaper reports, Graves, Blanchet & Thornburgh, have acquired \$15,000 6% bonds at par.

MCCRACKEN, Rush County, Kans.—BONDS VOTED.—An issue of \$55,000 electric light and water works impt. bonds has been voted.

MARSHALL COUNTY (P. O. Britton), So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 21 the Farmers and Merchants' Bank of Britton purchased \$101,000 7% drainage bonds at par.

works bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1921. Int. A. & O. Due \$2,000 yearly...

OLMSTEAD COUNTY (P. O. Rochester), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Amiel L. Galbe, County Auditor...

ORANGE COVE JOINT UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT, Fresno County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$20,000 6% bonds...

ORANGETOWN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Pearl River), Rockland County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—James B. Moore, Clerk of the Board of Education...

Financial Statement table with columns: Item, Amount. Includes Total outstanding bonds, Sinking funds and bond cash account, etc.

OREGON (State of)—BIDS.—The following is a complete list of the bids received on Sept. 20 for the \$1,000,000 tax-free gold coupon State highway bonds...

Bidder table with columns: Bidder, Maturity, Int. Rate, % of Par. Lists various companies like Ralph Schneeloch Co., Stacy & Braun, etc.

OREGON (State of)—BOND OFFERING.—We are unofficially informed that H. C. Brumbaugh, Secretary World War Veterans State Aid Commission...

OWEN COUNTY (P. O. Spencer), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—John R. Greene, County Auditor, will receive bids until 12 m. Oct. 3 for the following 5% coupon highway bonds...

PADUCAH, McCracken County, Ky.—BOND ELECTION.—On Nov. 8 \$60,000 20-year hospital and \$600,000 40-year sewer 6% bonds will be voted upon...

PAINTED POST, Steuben County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$65,000 6% sewer bonds offered on Sept. 26—V. 113, p. 1385—were sold to Sherwood & Merrifield of New York at 101.78.

PAULLINA, O'Brien County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 20 Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport were awarded \$27,000 6% electric light impt. bonds...

PAWHUSKA, Osage County, Okla.—BONDS VOTED.—Reports say that a bond issue, amounting to \$366,000, has been voted.

PAWNEE CITY, Pawnee County, Neb.—CORRECTION.—The correct amount of 6% bonds sold at 94 was \$75,000 (not \$50,000 as stated in last week's issue).

PEND ORELLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 29, Wash.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 16 \$5,000 bonds were sold to the State of Washington at par or 6s. Denoms. \$250 to \$1,000. Int. annually (Oct. 1).

PENSACOLA, Escambia County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$145,000 coupon funding bonds, offered on Sept. 12—V. 113, p. 1077—have been sold to R. M. Grant & Co. of N. Y. as 7s. Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 1 1920.

Financial Statement table for Pensacola with columns: Item, Amount. Includes Assessed valuation 1921, Total bonded debt, Less sinking fund, etc.

PERTH AMBOY, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Ferd. Garretson, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. Oct. 14 for the following two issues of 6% coupon or registered bonds...

PITTSBURGH, Dooly County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—The Trust Company of Georgia, of Atlanta has been awarded \$10,000 6% water works bonds.

PICKENS COUNTY (P. O. Carrollton), Ala.—BOND SALE.—Reports say that the \$100,000 6% 30-year road bonds, dated Sept. 1 1921, offered on Aug. 29—V. 113, p. 981—have been sold.

PIERCE, Pierce County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The Bankers Trust Co., of Denver, has purchased the following bonds: \$27,000 6% 10-20-year (optional) intersection paving bonds...

PIKE COUNTY (P. O. Petersburg), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,850 5% Herman Bryant et al., Patoka Township bonds offered on Sept. 27—V. 113, p. 1275—were sold to the First National Bank of Winslow at par and accrued interest.

PINE GROVE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Tippah County, Miss.—BONDS DEFEATED.—An issue of \$1,500 school bonds has been defeated.

PINEHURST, Dooly County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—The Trust Company of Georgia, of Atlanta has been awarded \$10,000 6% water works bonds.

PITTSBURGH COUNTY (P. O. McAlester), Okla.—BOND ELECTION MAY BE HELD.—An election may be held for the purpose of voting upon the issuance of \$300,000 6% court house bonds.

PLAINSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT, Merced County, Calif.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$7,500 6% new school bonds, recently awarded to the Bank of Italy of San Francisco (V. 113, p. 1275) are in denom. of \$750 and mature yearly from 1922 to 1931, inclusive.

POCAHONTAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Pocahontas), Pocahontas County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—First National Company of Mason City was awarded \$25,000 6% school bonds on Sept. 20 at par, less an allowance of \$745 for expenses.

PORTALES CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Portales), Roosevelt County, N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.—W. B. Oldham, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. Oct. 8 at his office...

PORTER COUNTY (P. O. Valparaiso), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,800 4 1/2% Charles Sheffield et al., Washington Township bonds offered on Sept. 21—V. 113, p. 1275—were sold to the Citizens Savings & Trust Co. of Valparaiso at par and accrued interest.

PORTSMOUTH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Portsmouth), Scioto County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$400,000 8% coupon school-extension bonds offered on Sept. 23 (V. 113, p. 981) were sold to the Northern Trust Co. and Taylor, Ewart & Co., both of Chicago, jointly at 107.31, a basis of about 5.55%.

Name Premium table for Portsmouth bonds listing various companies and their respective premiums.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Dutchess County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Jesse J. Graham, City Chamberlain, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 17 for the following 5 1/2% school bonds aggregating \$265,000.

89,000 Series B bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,300, 1922; \$1,400 in 1923 and 1924; \$1,500, 1925; \$1,600, 1926; \$1,700 in 1927 and 1928; \$1,800, 1929; \$1,900, 1930; \$2,000, 1931; \$2,100, 1932; \$2,200, 1933; \$2,300, 1934; \$2,400, 1935; \$2,600, 1936; \$2,700, 1937; \$2,800, 1938; \$3,000, 1939; \$3,100, 1940; \$3,200, 1941; \$3,400, 1942; \$3,600, 1943; \$3,800, 1944; \$3,900, 1945; \$4,100, 1946; \$4,300, 1947; \$4,500, 1948; \$4,700, 1949; \$4,900, 1950, and \$5,100 in 1951.

91,000 Series C bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,400 in 1922 and 1923; \$1,500 in 1924; \$1,600 in 1925; \$1,700 in 1926 and 1927; \$1,800, 1928; \$2,000, 1929; \$2,100, 1930 and 1931; \$2,200, 1932; \$2,300, 1933; \$2,500, 1934; \$2,600, 1935; \$2,700, 1936; \$2,800, 1937; \$2,900, 1938; \$3,100, 1939; \$3,200, 1940; \$3,400, 1941; \$3,600, 1942; \$3,800, 1943; \$3,900, 1944; \$4,100, 1945; \$4,500, 1946; \$4,700, 1947; \$4,900, 1948; \$5,200, 1949; \$5,400, 1950; and \$5,500 in 1951.

Denom. \$1,000 and \$100 each. Date Oct. 1 1921. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable at the Fallkill National Bank in Poughkeepsie. Certified check for 2% of the amount bid for payable to the city required.

PRYOR, Mayes County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$31,500 5% water extension bonds has been taken at 90 by a contractor. Date June 15 1921. Int. J. & D. Due serially.

POTOMAC COUNTY (P. O. Greencastle), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—O. G. Webb, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 5 for \$21,400 4 1/2% coupon John H. Strain et al., Washington Township bonds.

RANDOLPH, Cedar County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The State of Nebraska purchased at par during August the following 6% bonds: \$15,000 paving bonds, \$25,000 paving bonds.

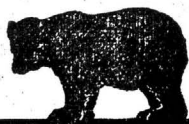
Engineers



STONE & WEBSTER
INCORPORATED

REPORTS VALUATIONS
EXAMINATIONS
ON
INDUSTRIAL
AND PUBLIC SERVICE
PROPERTIES

New York Boston Chicago



WILLIAM A. BAEHR
ORGANIZATION

ENGINEERS

Public Utility
Specialists
Gas and Electric

Management and Operation,
Counsel and Reports,
Accounting and Purchasing,
Utilities Public Relations,
Valuation and Rates,
Design and Construction of
central station and industrial
power plants and gas plants.

WILLIAM A. BAEHR Organization
Peoples Gas Building Chicago

Financial

SERVICE

The element of service in the abstract may be over emphasized in advertising for bank accounts: up to a certain point "service" is pretty generally standardized.

Some of the distinctive service advantages at the disposal of our correspondents are:

A twenty-four-hour Transit Department.

Private telephone wires to New York and to the local telegraph office.

No charge for telegraphic transfers of funds.

Direct collection service.

All items, cash and collection, wherever payable in the United States, received at par.

THE
PHILADELPHIA NATIONAL BANK

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

THE
J. G. WHITE ENGINEERING CORPORATION

Engineers Constructors

Buildings—Industrial Units
Public Utilities

Reports—Valuations—Estimates
42 EXCHANGE PLACE, NEW YORK

H. M. CHANCE & CO.

Mining Engineers and Geologists
COAL AND MINERAL PROPERTIES
Examined, Managed, Appraised
Drexel Bldg. PHILADELPHIA

LLOYDS BANK LIMITED.



Head Office: 71, LOMBARD ST., LONDON, E.C. 3

Capital Subscribed	-	\$353,444,900
Capital paid up	-	70,688,980
Reserve Fund	-	50,000,000
Deposits, &c.	-	1,731,987,765
Advances, &c.	-	755,395,865

THIS BANK HAS OVER 1,500 OFFICES IN ENGLAND & WALES.
Colonial and Foreign Department: 17, CORNHILL, LONDON, E.C. 3.
The Agency of Foreign & Colonial Banks is undertaken.

Affiliated Banks:

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND LTD. LONDON & RIVER PLATE BANK, LTD.

Auxiliary:

LLOYDS AND NATIONAL PROVINCIAL FOREIGN BANK LIMITED.

Classified Department

LOST

LOST.—Notice is hereby given that Certificate No. F27421 issued in the name of John H. McKenna for 19 shares of preferred stock of the Crucible Steel Company of America has been lost. Application has been made for a duplicate Certificate and all persons are warned against negotiating said lost Certificate.

JOHN H. MCKENNA.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Public Accounting Practice

G. P. A. (N. Y.) Christian, will purchase New York City practice of an accountant retiring from practice, or, New York City practice of out-of-town firm. Replies held strictly confidential. Box H-14, care of Financial Chronicle, 90 Pine Street, New York City.

CUSTOMERS' MEN WANTED.

CUSTOMERS' MAN—Large Consolidated House has an opening for customers' man controlling active accounts. Exceptional opportunity for the right man. Address Box E-8, care of Financial Chronicle, 90 Pine Street, New York City.

INVESTMENT MEN WANTED

Bond Salesmen

Wanted by a New York Stock Exchange and Investment House, only experienced men need apply, giving in confidence past connections. Address Box 13 B. Kiernan Advertising Agency, 135 Broadway, New York.

WANTED

Experienced man to take charge of wholesale selling of preferred stocks of seasoned electric power companies. Only those with good experience and who are willing to work hard and travel constantly need apply. Exceptional opportunity for the right man. Answer Box F-10, Financial Chronicle, 90 Pine Street, N. Y.

POSITIONS WANTED

Unlisted Securities Trader

Well-known trader, ten years' experience in Unlisted Bonds and Stocks, desires connection. Capable of initiating business and establishing unlisted securities department. Excellent references. Address I-17, Financial Chronicle, 90 Pine Street, New York City.

CAPITAL TO INVEST

ARE YOU A MANUFACTURER?

Times are hard and perhaps you have been in business a long time.

Would You Like to Retire?

If you have a small factory in or near New York City which manufactures staple articles for general use, we have a moderate capital and might buy you out.

All communications will be treated as strictly confidential.

Address in writing only, W. & B., care V. D. H. Furman, Columbia Trust Company, 34th St. and 5th Ave., New York City.

POSITIONS WANTED

Executive's Assistant

Young Lady—Assistant to Manager of Foreign Bond Department of large international banking house for 2½ years, seeks engagement. Took entire charge of all routine work (including Cashier's duties) in connection with foreign bond transactions. Proficient in French. Excellent references. Address Box I-16, Financial Chronicle, 90 Pine Street, New York City.

AN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

who has been engaged for a number of years as directing executive officer of a large land reclamation project in California, will soon be available for a new connection. He is a man of broad experience in management of projects from inception to completion. Investigation of ability invited and references given. Wire for appointment to George F. Maddox, California National Bank, Sacramento, California.

BOND SALESMAN

Young man, 31, now covering central counties of Pennsylvania for a New York Stock Exchange house, is considering making a change. Very well acquainted with officers of financial institutions whose investment holdings January 1, 1921 were \$25,000,000. A-1 reference as to ability and personality. Address Box H-10, Financial Chronicle, 90 Pine Street, New York City.

BANKER with recent Oriental experience in Foreign Exchange Banking, backed by many years in domestic Banking, wishes to join progressive Institution. Executive ability, capacity for hard work and good references. Address Box I-18, Financial Chronicle, 90 Pine Street, New York City.

STATISTICIAN-CORRESPONDENT, college graduate, experienced correspondent and financial writer, thoroughly familiar with securities and analyses, desires connection. Address Box H-16, care of Financial Chronicle, 90 Pine Street, New York.

YOUNG MAN, experienced bookkeeper, stenographer, typist, ledger clerk, cost accountant and secretary, seeks position. Exceptional reference. Address Box G-11, care of Financial Chronicle, 90 Pine Street, New York City.

EXPERIENCED CASHIER formerly with large brokerage house, seeks position. Best of references. Address Box H-1, care of Financial Chronicle, 90 Pine Street, New York City.

TRADER.—Young man desires position that will permit him to acquire knowledge of Bond and Unlisted trading. Address Box H-2, care of Financial Chronicle, 90 Pine Street, New York City.

STATISTICIAN.

STATISTICIAN, thoroughly familiar with gathering and compiling data on railroad, public utility and industrial securities, desires position as Assistant Statistician with an investment house. Box G-7, Financial Chronicle, 90 Pine Street, N. Y. City.

JUNIOR STATISTICIAN, with considerable experience compiling data, wishes to make connection with New York Investment house. Address Box I-3, care of Financial Chronicle, 90 Pine Street, New York City.

TRADER experienced in handling unlisted and inactive securities desires engagement. Will consider out of town position. Can furnish best of references. Address Box H-6, care of Financial Chronicle, 90 Pine Street, New York City.

SUCCESSFUL BOND and UNLISTED TRADER seeks engagement with New York Stock Exchange House. Capable of taking entire charge of Trading Department. Address Box H-4, care of Financial Chronicle, 90 Pine Street, New York City.

TRADER

In Bonds and Unlisted Securities, aggressive, thorough knowledge of markets, new with prominent house, desires connection with Stock Exchange or banking house. Address Box H-5, Financial Chronicle, 90 Pine Street, New York.

CONNECTIONS WANTED

PARTNER SOUGHT

Bond Men, now conducting profitable unlisted department of large, prominent and well-regarded New York Investment House, have arranged to take over same, paying the firm a rental for the use of their wires and for office space, and desire to secure a partner in this connection with \$5,000 to \$20,000. Proposition extraordinary and one that will bear strictest investigation. Address Box E-6, Financial Chronicle, 90 Pine St., New York.

Connecticut

Bankers, Brokers and Security Dealers

can locate the houses that will buy or sell many bonds and unlisted and inactive stocks by referring to the Trading Department (Pages XII, XIII, XIV, XV, XVI and XVII) of the Financial Chronicle.

In the advertisements on these pages, dealers and brokers list the bonds and stocks they wish to buy or sell and indicate the class of securities they specialize in. From time to time virtually every security having any degree of salability in the United States is bought or sold through this department, the advertisers in which are prepared to furnish quotations on thousands of securities.

Always turn to the Financial Chronicle Trading Department when you wish to buy or sell bonds or unlisted or inactive stocks.

Cotton

Chas. O. Corn Paul Schwarz
August Schierenberg Frank A. Kimball

Corn, Schwarz & Co.
COMMISSION MERCHANTS

15 William Street New York

MEMBERS OF

New York Cotton Exchange
New Orleans Cotton Exchange
New York Produce Exchange
New York Coffee Exchange

Geo. H. McFadden & Bro.
COTTON MERCHANTS

PHILADELPHIA
NEW YORK
25 Broad Street
67 Worth Street

Dealers in American, Egyptian and Foreign Cottons

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS.
Hibbert, Finley & Hood, Liverpool.
N. V. McFadden's Cie voor Import en Export, Rotterdam.
Societe d'Importation et de Commission, Havre.
Fachiri & Co., Milan.
Baltic Cotton Co., Copenhagen.
Reinhart & Co., Alexandria, Egypt.
Geo. H. McFadden South American Company, Inc., Lima, Peru.

Henry Hentz & Co.

William Street 85 Congress Street
NEW YORK BOSTON, MASS.
COMMISSION MERCHANTS
AND BROKERS

Members of
New York Stock Exchange
New York Cotton Exchange
New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange
New York Produce Exchange
Chicago Board of Trade
Associate Members of
Liverpool Cotton Association

Hubbard Bros. & Co.

COFFEE EXCHANGE BUILDING
HANOVER SQUARE
NEW YORK

COTTON MERCHANTS

Liberal Advances Made on Cotton Consignments

GWATHMEY & CO.

16-24 EXCHANGE PLACE, NEW YORK
475 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

MEMBERS
NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE
NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
NEW YORK COFFEE EXCHANGE
NEW YORK PRODUCE EXCHANGE
NEW ORLEANS COTTON EXCHANGE
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
LIVERPOOL COTTON ASSOCIATION

Stephen M. Weld & Co.
COTTON MERCHANTS

82-92 Beaver Street, New York City
BOSTON PHILADELPHIA
FALL RIVER, UTAH, N. Y.,
PROVIDENCE, WELD & CO.,
NEW BEDFORD LIVERPOOL.

ROBERT MOORE & CO.

44 Beaver Street, N. Y.

COTTON MERCHANTS

Members New York Cotton Exchange

STEINHAUSER & CO.

Successors to
WILLIAM RAY & CO.
COTTON BROKERS.
86 Cotton Exchange New York
Orders for future delivery contracts executed on the New York and Liverpool Cotton Exchanges.

Hopkins, Dwight & Co.

COTTON
and
COTTON-SEED OIL
COMMISSION MERCHANTS
Room 60 Cotton Exchange Building
NEW YORK

Financial



Specializing—

in serving BANKS, BANKERS and BUSINESS MEN in the transmission of funds to all parts of the world.

Bankers can make arrangements with us whereby they can, as principals, draw their own drafts on all parts of the world, or remit by money order to payees abroad. We furnish the necessary equipment.

Correspondence invited

Kardos & Burke

32 Broadway, New York

Philadelphia Boston Baltimore
Pittsburgh Brooklyn Chicago

Direct Private Wires Connecting All Offices

AMERICAN MFG. CO.

CORDAGE

MANILA, SISAL, JUTE

Noble and West Streets, Brooklyn, N.Y. City

Financial



"I'll make assurance doubly sure."

—SHAKESPEARE

ASSURANCE

THOSE bankers outside New York who have put their business in this Company's charge have assured themselves of accurate, rapid service.

This Company has 40 years' experience to offer out-of-town bankers who are seeking an advantageous connection in New York. Business brought here is always considered on its own particular merits.

METROPOLITAN TRUST COMPANY
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
60 WALL STREET 716 FIFTH AVENUE

W. H. Goadby & Co.

Members New York Stock Exchange
NO. 74 BROADWAY NEW YORK

CHARTERED 1853

United States Trust Company of New York

45-47 WALL STREET

Capital, - - - - - \$2,000,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits, - \$15,020,679.60

This Company acts as Executor, Administrator, Trustee, Guardian, Committee, Court Depositary and in all other recognized trust capacities.

It receives deposits subject to check and allows interest on daily balances.

It holds and manages securities and other property, real and personal, for estates, corporations and individuals, and acts as Trustee under corporate mortgages, and as Registrar and Transfer Agent for corporate bonds and stocks.

EDWARD W. SHELDON, President
WILLIAM M. KINGSLEY, 1st Vice-Pres.
WILFRED J. WORCESTER, Secretary
CHARLES A. EDWARDS, Asst. Secretary
WILLIAM C. LEE, Assistant Secretary
WILLIAM G. GREEN, Assistant Secretary
WILLIAMSON PELL, Vice-President
FREDERIC W. ROBERT, Asst. Secretary
ROBERT S. OSBORNE, Asst. Secretary
THOMAS H. WILSON, Asst. Secretary
ALTON S. KEELER, Asst. Secretary
TRUSTEES
JOHN A. STEWART, Chairman of the Board
WILLIAM ROCKEFELLER
FRANK LYMAN
JOHN J. PHELPS
LEWIS CASS LEDYARD
LYMAN J. GAGE
PAYNE WHITNEY
EDWARD W. SHELDON
CHAUNCEY KEEP
ARTHUR CURTISS JAMES
WILLIAM M. KINGSLEY
WILLIAM STEWART TOD
OGDEN MILLS
CORNELIUS N. BLISS, JR.
HENRY W. de FOREST
WILLIAM VINCENT ASTON
WILLIAM BLOANE

L. F. DOMMERICH & CO.

FINANCE ACCOUNTS OF MANUFACTURERS AND MERCHANTS, DISCOUNT AND GUARANTEE SALES

General Offices, 254 Fourth Avenue
NEW YORK

Established Over 60 Years

Financial

Mid-West Municipals

While money rates are high in the grain-producing States, Municipal bonds from this section are available at very low prices. For 27 years we have specialized in City, County and School District bonds in the principal agricultural States, and never before have had such attractive offerings.

Send for our list

Bolger, Mosser & Willaman
Chicago New York Detroit

MUNICIPAL BONDS

Our current list offers unusual opportunities to diversify in high grade Municipal Bonds and to average exceptionally good returns.

Correspondence Invited

MORTGAGE TRUST COMPANY

Affiliated with
First National Bank
St. Louis Union Trust Co.
Broadway & Locust—St. Louis

RADON, FRENCH & CO.

INVESTMENT SECURITIES

We purchase and underwrite entire issues of bonds and stocks of established corporations. We offer high-grade investment opportunities in the securities of municipalities, public utilities, and well established industrial corporations.

Correspondence Invited
79 WEST MONROE STREET
CHICAGO

Hord, FitzSimmons & Co.

High Grade Bonds
187 SOUTH LA SALLE STREET
CHICAGO

EMERY, PECK & ROCKWOOD
INVESTMENT SECURITIES

Continental & Commercial Bank Building
CHICAGO
Railway Exchange Building
MILWAUKEE

WE OFFER AT MARKET
Amer. Power & Light Co. 8s
Atlas Powder Co. Conv. 7½s
DeLaval Separator Co. S. F. 8s
Pfister & Vogel Leather Co. S. F. 7s
Wisconsin River Power Co. 1st M. 5s
RUTTER, LINDSAY & CO., Inc.
The Rookery,
CHICAGO.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK
RICHMOND, VA.

Capital and Surplus - \$3,000,000.00
John M. Miller, Jr., President
W. M. Addison, Vice-President
C. R. Burnett, Vice-President
Alex F. Ryland, Vice-President
S. P. Ryland, Vice-President
Jas. M. Ball, Jr., Cashier
Correspondence Invited

WANTED
N. Y. City 3½s Registered
Long Maturity
SEASONGOOD, HAAS & MACDONALD
Members New York Stock Exchange
60 Broadway New York

Financial

Mexican Govt. Bonds

and
Mexican RR. Bonds
(Guaranteed by the Mexican Government)
All Issues
Bought—Sold—Quoted

A. A. Housman & Co.

New York Stock Exchange
New York Cotton Exchange
New Orleans Cotton Exchange
Members: N. Y. Coffee & Sugar Exchange
New York Produce Exchange
Chicago Board of Trade
Associate Members of
Liverpool Cotton Association
20 Broad Street, New York
Telephone Rector 6330
Branch Offices:
25 W. 33rd Street, New York City
Liberty Building, Philadelphia
Woodward Bldg., Washington
Amsterdam, Holland

Central Bond & Mortgage Co.

208 South LaSalle Street
CHICAGO
Investment Bankers
Private Wires to the East and Southwest.
Listed and Unlisted Securities

Dodge & Ross

Incorporated
Investment Bankers
Underwriters and Distributors of Investment Securities
Public Utility and Industrial Issues
Bought Sold Quoted
111 W. MONROE ST., CHICAGO



108 So. La Salle St.
**BUY AND SELL
HIGH-GRADE
BONDS**

C. F. Childs & Company

Specialists
Government Bonds

CHICAGO NEW YORK
208 So. La Salle St. 126 Broadway
**STEVENSON BROS.
& PERRY, INC.**
Investment Securities
105 So. La Salle St., CHICAGO
Telephone Randolph 5520.

W. G. SOUDERS & CO.

INVESTMENT SECURITIES
208 South La Salle Street,
CHICAGO
New York Detroit
Milwaukee Grand Rapids

P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc.,
INVESTMENT SECURITIES
112 South La Salle St., 115 Broadway
CHICAGO NEW YORK

Financial

Argentine Government

Seven Per Cent Treasury Gold Notes
Dated Oct. 1, 1921. Due Oct. 1, 1923
Interest payable April 1 and Oct. 1
Denomination \$1,000

These notes present an attractive opportunity to individual investors and institutions desiring a high grade, readily marketable, short term investment.

Price 99½ and Interest
Yielding over 7.20%

Ames, Emerich & Company

111 Broadway, New York
105 So. La Salle St., Chicago
1st Wis. Nat'l Bank Bldg., Milwaukee

We Offer —

GERMAN BONDS
and Mark Exchange

Write for circular, "Foreign Exchange and Foreign Bonds"

WOLLENBERGER & CO.

Investment Bankers
105 So. La Salle Street
CHICAGO

F. H. PRINCE & CO.
BANKERS

BOSTON, MASS.

HIGH-GRADE INVESTMENTS

Members of New York & Boston Stock Exchanges

Established 1870

Dominick & Dominick

Members New York Stock Exchange
INVESTMENT SECURITIES
115 Broadway Wiggins Bldg.
NEW YORK CINCINNATI

McClellan & Campion

ENGINEERING & MANAGEMENT

141 BROADWAY
NEW YORK CITY

Municipal Bonds

"Are Exempt from Federal Income Taxes."
Yielding from 5½% to 7%.
Send for List

THE HANCHETT BOND CO.

Incorporated 1910
39 South La Salle Street
CHICAGO