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Notice is hereby given that the Market Street Railway Company invites bids for the sale to it on Tuesday, October 11th, 1921, of a sufficient number of Market Street Railway Company's First Consolidated Mortgage five per cent gold bonds for the investment of One Hundred Sixty Thousand One Hundred and Fifty-three and 20-100 Dollars (\$160,153.20) now in the sinking fund provided for in the mortgage or deed of trust executed by said Market Street Railway Company to Union Trust Company of San Francisco, as Trustee, under date of July 12, 1894. Each bid must state the serial number or numbers of the bond or bonds tendered, and the price asked, and must be delivered to the undersigned at its office, 58 Sutter Street, Room 707, San Francisco, California, or to LADENBURG, THALMANN & CO., 25 Broad Street, New York City, New York, at or before 12 o'clock noon on said 11th day of October, 1921, in a sealed envelope marked "Tender of Bonds of the Market Street Railway Company."

The lowest bids or tenders will be accepted and bonds redeemed to the extent of said sum of One Hundred Sixty Thousand One Hundred and Fifty-three and 20-100 Dollars (\$160,153.20). Interest on all bonds accepted under any bid or tender will cease October 11th, 1921. Payment for all bonds accepted will be made on surrender of said bonds after that date.

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* Attest: GEO. B. WILLCUTT, Secretary.

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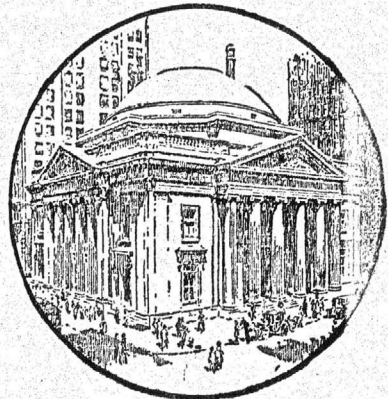
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 100 shares of preferred stock of the United States Wood Preserving Company of the par value of.....\$100 each
 130 shares of the common stock of the United States Wood Preserving Company of the par value of.....\$100 each
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 will be sold at public auction by Adrian H. Muller & Son, Auctioneers, at the Exchange Sales Room, No. 14-16 Vesey Street, New York City, at 12:30 o'clock P. M., on Wednesday, October 26th, 1921, by the Administratrix of the said estate in compliance with an order of the Surrogate's Court, Westchester County, dated the 27th day of June, 1921.

MAE ALLEN CLEMENTS, Administratrix of the Estate of Alfred B. Clements, deceased.
 NILES & JOHNSON, Attorneys for Administratrix, 54 Wall Street, New York City.

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.

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 D. R. CRISSINGER, Comptroller of the Currency. (Currency Bureau. Seal of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department.)

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Dividends

New York, October 5, 1921.
To the Holders of
Prior Preference Stock of
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The Board of Directors of Pere Marquette Railway Company, at a regular meeting of said board held October 5, 1921, declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per share (1 1/4%) upon the Prior Preference Stock of said Company, payable November 1, 1921, to stockholders of record October 15, 1921, without the closing of the transfer books.

E. M. HEBERD, Secretary.
Referring to the foregoing notice, the Voting Trustees will, upon the receipt of the dividend therein mentioned, cause the same to be distributed pro rata among the holders of Voting Trust Certificates for Prior Preference Stock of Pere Marquette Railway Company as the same appear on the books of the Voting Trustees at the close of business on October 15, 1921, without the closing of the transfer books. Checks will be mailed to such holders.

Dated, New York, October 5, 1921.
BEEKMAN WINTHROP,
Secretary of Voting Trustees.

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.

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.

AURORA ELGIN & CHICAGO RAILWAY.
Interest Payment.

The U. S. District Court has ordered Receiver Joseph K. Choate to pay the coupon on the Aurora Elgin & Chicago Railway First 5s, which was due April 15, 1921, and the necessary funds have been deposited with the Trustee.

Federal Acceptance Corporation

565 Fifth Ave.
New York.

The Board of Directors of the Federal Acceptance Corporation have declared the regular quarterly dividend of two per cent on the Preferred Stock of the Corporation, to stockholders of record October 1, 1921, payable October 15th, 1921. Checks for dividends will be mailed.

G. G. COOKE, Treasurer.

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.

DIVIDEND NOTICE OF American Light & Traction Co.

The Board of Directors of the above Company at a meeting held October 4th, 1921, declared a CASH dividend of 1 1/2 Per Cent on the Preferred Stock, and CASH dividend of 1 Per Cent on the Common Stock, and a dividend at the rate of one share of Common Stock on every One Hundred (100) shares of Common Stock outstanding, all payable November 1st, 1921.

The Transfer Books will close at 3 o'clock P. M. on October 14th, 1921, and will reopen at 10 o'clock A. M. on October 28th, 1921.

C. N. JELLIFFE, Secretary.

CAROLINA POWER & LIGHT CO. COMMON STOCK DIVIDEND NO. 20.
A quarterly dividend of one-half of one per cent on the Common Stock of the Carolina Power & Light Company has been declared, payable November 1, 1921, to common stockholders of record at the close of business October 15, 1921.

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A. VON SCHLEGEL, 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.

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. (1 1/2%) 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.

Fall River Gas Works Co.

Dividend No. 108

A \$3.00 quarterly dividend is payable NOV. 1, to Stockholders of record OCT. 15, 1921.

Stone & Webster, Inc., General Manager

ELECTRICAL UTILITIES CORPORATION

71 Broadway, New York.
PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDEND NO. 46.
The regular quarterly dividend of one and one-quarter (1 1/4%) per cent on the Preferred Stock of the ELECTRICAL UTILITIES CORPORATION has been declared, payable October 15, 1921, to the preferred stockholders of record at the close of business October 6, 1921.

A. E. SMITH, 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.

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H. A. FREAM, Treasurer.
October 5, 1921

KELLY-SPRINGFIELD TIRE CO.

The Board of Directors has this day declared a quarterly Stock Dividend of Three Per Cent (3%) on the Common Stock of this Company, payable in Common Stock of the Company November 1, 1921, to stockholders of record at the close of business October 14, 1921.

A certificate of Common Stock or a Warrant representing a fractional share of Common Stock, or both, in payment of the Stock Dividend will be mailed.

C. P. STEWART-SUTHERLAND, Secretary.
Dated, New York, October 4, 1921.

KELLY-SPRINGFIELD TIRE CO.

A Quarterly Dividend of TWO DOLLARS (\$2.00) PER SHARE on the Eight Per Cent Preferred Stock of this Company has been declared payable November 15, 1921, to stockholders of record at the close of business November 1, 1921.

C. P. STEWART-SUTHERLAND, Secretary.
New York, October 4, 1921.

OFFICE OF

H. M. BYLLESBY & COMPANY
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Board of Directors of the Ottumwa Railway and Light Company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of one and three-quarters per cent (1¾%) on the preferred stock of the Company, payable by check October 15, 1921, to stockholders of record as of the close of business September 30, 1921.

ROBERT J. GRAF, Secretary.

OFFICE OF

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The Board of Directors of the Shaffer Oil and Refining Company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of one and three-quarters per cent (1¾%) on the preferred stock of the Company, payable by check October 25, 1921, to stockholders of record as of the close of business September 30, 1921.

ROBERT J. GRAF, Secretary.

OFFICE OF

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Board of Directors of the Northern States Power Company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of one and three-quarters per cent (1¾%) on the preferred stock of the Company, payable by check October 20, 1921, to stockholders of record as of the close of business September 30, 1921.

ROBERT J. GRAF, Secretary.

OFFICE OF

H. M. BYLLESBY & COMPANY
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The Board of Directors of The Western States Gas and Electric Company of Delaware has declared the regular quarterly dividend of one and three-quarters per cent (1¾%) on the preferred stock of the Company, payable by check October 15, 1921, to stockholders of record as of the close of business September 30, 1921.

ROBERT J. GRAF, Secretary.

THE ATLANTIC REFINING COMPANY
3144 Pasyunk Avenue
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October 3, 1921.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held October 1, 1921, a dividend of \$1.75 per share was declared on the Preferred Stock of the Company, payable November 1, 1921, to Stockholders of record at the close of business October 15th, 1921. Checks will be mailed.

W. D. ANDERSON, Secretary.

UNITED VERDE EXTENSION
MINING COMPANY
DIVIDEND NO. 21

233 Broadway, New York, September 30, 1921.
The Board of Directors of the United Verde Extension Mining Company has this day declared a dividend of twenty-five cents per share on the outstanding capital stock, payable November 1st, 1921 to stockholders of record at the close of business October 10th, 1921. Stock transfer books do not close.

C. P. SANDS, Treasurer.

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Dividends

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H. BLAIR SMITH, Treasurer.

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.

HOMESTAKE MINING COMPANY
October 4, 1921.

DIVIDEND NO. 547

The Board of Directors has to-day declared a monthly dividend of twenty-five cents (25c.) per share, payable October 25, 1921, to stockholders of record at the close of business October 20, 1921.

Checks will be mailed by COLUMBIA TRUST COMPANY, Dividend Disbursing Agent.

FRED CLARK, Secretary.

UNITED STATES RUBBER COMPANY.
1790 Broadway,
New York.

October 6, 1921.

The Board of Directors of the United States Rubber Company has this day declared from its net profits a quarterly dividend of two per cent (2%) on the First Preferred Stock of the Company, to Stockholders of record at 12 m. on Saturday, October 15, 1921, payable, without closing of the Transfer Books, October 31, 1921.

W. H. BLACKWELL, Treasurer.

1864	<p>To INSTITUTION EXECUTIVES and TRUSTEES</p> <p>WE are particularly well equipped to safeguard Corporation Treasury Securities.</p> <p><i>This service includes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collecting income promptly. Preparing requisite "income tax certificates" Crediting collected income, or remitting. Rendering regular statements of securities held and income collected. <p>ANY of our officers will welcome the opportunity to fully explain this <i>complete service.</i></p>	1921
<p><i>Acts as Assistant Treasurer of Institutions</i></p>	<p><i>Acts as Custodian</i></p>	<p><i>Acts as Trustee for Foreign Insurance Companies</i></p>
<p>CENTRAL UNION TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK</p> <p>PLAZA OFFICE 5th Ave. & 60th St. 80 BROADWAY, NEW YORK 42ND STREET OFFICE Madison Ave. & 42nd St.</p> <p><i>Capital, Surplus and Unaided Profits over 30 Million Dollars</i></p> <p><i>Member FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM</i></p>		

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Reorganization of the MOLINE PLOW COMPANY

MOLINE PLOW COMPANY

NOTICE THAT AGREEMENT DATED THE 27TH DAY OF MAY, A. D. 1921, BETWEEN THE CREDITORS' COMMITTEE AND THE HOLDERS AND OWNERS OF NOTES, ACCOUNTS, CLAIMS AND DEMANDS AGAINST THE MOLINE PLOW COMPANY, HAS BEEN DECLARED OPERATIVE AND THAT A PLAN OF REORGANIZATION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED BY SAID AGREEMENT.

To the holders and owners of notes, accounts, claims and any and all other demands of any nature against the Moline Plow Company, an Illinois corporation, Depositors under the agreement dated the 27th day of May, A. D. 1921, between Frank O. Wetmore, Ralph Van Vechten, Edmund D. Hulbert, C. E. Mitchell, R. I. Barr, E. A. Potter, Jr., Samuel Vauclain, Alfred L. Aiken, Festus J. Wade, C. T. Jaffray and C. P. Coffin, and holders and owners of notes, accounts, claims and any and all other demands of any nature against the Moline Plow Company, an Illinois Corporation, Depositors under said Agreement:

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that enough depositors have been obtained by the deposit of their claims under the agreement dated the 27th day of May, A. D. 1921, by and between Frank O. Wetmore, Ralph Van Vechten, Edmund D. Hulbert, C. E. Mitchell, R. I. Barr, E. A. Potter, Jr., Samuel Vauclain, Alfred L. Aiken, Festus J. Wade, C. T. Jaffray and C. P. Coffin, and the holders and owners of notes, accounts, claims and any and all other demands of any nature against the Moline Plow Company, Depositors under said agreement, to warrant the Committee constituted by said agreement in declaring the said agreement operative and to warrant the said Committee in acting for the Depositors thereunder; and

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY FURTHER NOTIFIED that a Plan of Reorganization has been prepared and has been approved by the said Committee, a copy of which Plan of Reorganization and of the Reorganization Agreement, prepared in pursuance of said plan, has been filed with the First Trust and Savings Bank, 68 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Depository, and may there be inspected by you and each of you; and

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY FURTHER NOTIFIED that fifteen days' time from the date hereof will be given to each of you to notify the Committee of and deliver to the Committee in writing the objections, if any you have, to such plan, and that unless objections are filed with the Committee within fifteen days, the assent of such depositors as do not file objections in writing will be assumed, and that unless within thirty days from the date hereof you withdraw from the Creditors' Agreement bearing date the 27th day of May, 1921, heretofore signed by you, you will be conclusively assumed to have assented to and approved the reorganization plan and agreement.

Respectfully,

October 4th, 1921.

FRANK O. WETMORE,
Chairman,
RALPH VAN VECHTEN,
EDMUND D. HULBERT,
C. E. MITCHELL,
R. I. BARR,
GEORGE L. BURR,
SAMUEL VAUCLAIN,
ALFRED L. AIKEN,
FESTUS J. WADE,
C. T. JAFFRAY,
C. P. COFFIN and
PERCY H. JOHNSTON,
Committee.

EDWARD E. BARKER, Secretary,
208 South LaSalle Street, Chicago.

LEVINSON, BECKER,
SCHWARTZ & FRANK,
76 West Monroe Street, Chicago,
Counsel for Creditors' Committee.

FIRST TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK,
68 West Monroe Street, Chicago,
Depository.

MOLINE PLOW COMPANY

NOTICE THAT A PLAN OF REORGANIZATION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE SERIAL NOTE HOLDERS COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED BY THE AGREEMENT DATED THE 8TH DAY OF JUNE, 1921, BETWEEN

THE SAID COMMITTEE AND THE HOLDERS OF THE SEVEN PER CENT. SERIAL GOLD NOTES, SERIES "C," "D," "E," AND "F," DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 1918, OF MOLINE PLOW COMPANY.

To such of the holders of the Seven Per Cent. Serial Gold Notes, Series "C," "D," "E" and "F," dated September 1, 1918, of Moline Plow Company, issued under an Agreement dated September 1, 1918, made by the Moline Plow Company to the Central Union Trust Company of New York, as Trustee, who have deposited their notes with The National City Bank of New York as Depository, under a certain Agreement dated the 8th day of June, 1921, between Ronald M. Byrnes, Samuel L. Fuller, J. Herndon Smith, and Harold Stanley and such holders of said notes as deposited their notes thereunder.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Plan and Agreement for the Reorganization of the Moline Plow Company has been prepared by a Reorganization Committee consisting of Messrs. Frank O. Wetmore, Chairman; Percy H. Johnston, Ronald M. Byrnes, Robert I. Barr and C. P. Coffin, and that the said Plan and Agreement for Reorganization has been approved and adopted by the undersigned, the Committee constituted by the said Agreement bearing date the 8th day of June, 1921, and that a copy of said Plan and Agreement of Reorganization has been lodged and deposited with The National City Bank of New York as Depository for inspection by the Depositors under the aforesaid Agreement bearing date the 8th day of June, 1921.

AND YOU ARE HEREBY FURTHER NOTIFIED that all Depositors under said Agreement of the 8th day of June, 1921, who shall not on or before the seventh day of November, 1921, exercise the right to withdraw the notes and coupons represented by their certificates of deposit under and in accordance with the terms of said Agreement of the 8th day of June, 1921, (which will include the payment for the expenses of the Committee of \$5 for each \$1,000 of principal of notes so withdrawn), shall be deemed to have assented to said Plan and shall be bound thereby without further act or notice, and that the undersigned will be authorized to use their notes and coupons for the purpose of carrying out the aforesaid Plan of Reorganization, and will be authorized to deposit their notes thereunder.

October 4th, 1921.

W. W. HOFFMAN, Secretary,
55 Wall Street, New York City.
SHEARMAN & STERLING,
Counsel,
55 Wall Street, New York City.

RONALD M. BYRNES, Chairman,
SAMUEL L. FULLER,
J. HERTDON SMITH,
HAROLD STANLEY, Committee.

THE NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK,
55 Wall Street, New York City,
Depository.

MOLINE PLOW COMPANY

NOTICE THAT A PLAN OF REORGANIZATION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE FIRST PREFERRED STOCKHOLDERS' PROTECTIVE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED BY AN AGREEMENT DATED THE 17TH DAY OF JUNE, 1921, BETWEEN THE SAID COMMITTEE AND THE OWNERS OR HOLDERS OF THE FIRST PREFERRED STOCK OF MOLINE PLOW COMPANY:

To such owners or holders of the First Preferred Stock of Moline Plow Company as became parties to the First Preferred Stockholders' Protective Agreement dated the 17th day of June, 1921, between Alfred Jaretzki, Stanley Field, David R. Forgan, Arthur M. Heard, B. W. Jones and G. Herrmann Kinnicutt and such owners and holders of the First Preferred Stock of Moline Plow Company as deposited their stock certificates thereunder:

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the assents of enough owners or holders of the shares of First Preferred stock of the Moline Plow Company have been obtained to warrant the undersigned in carrying the

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Reorganization of the MOLINE PLOW COMPANY—Concluded.

said First Preferred Stockholders' Protective Agreement dated the 17th day of June, 1921, into effect.

AND YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY FURTHER NOTIFIED that a Plan and Agreement for the reorganization of the said Moline Plow Company has been prepared by a Reorganization Committee consisting of Messrs. Frank O. Wetmore, Percy H. Johnston, Ronald M. Byrnes, Robert I. Barr, and C. P. Coffin, and that said Plan and Agreement for Reorganization has been approved and adopted by the undersigned, the Committee constituted by the said Agreement bearing date the 17th day of June 1921; and that copies of said Plan and Agreement have been filed with the Bankers Trust Company, 16 Wall Street, New York City, and The National City Bank of Chicago, 105 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Depositories; and that copies thereof have been left with the said Depositories for distribution to the Depositors under the aforesaid Agreement bearing date of the 17th day of June, 1921;

AND YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY FURTHER NOTIFIED that all Depositors under said Agreement of the 17th day of June, 1921, who shall not on or before the twenty-sixth day of October, 1921, withdraw from said Agreement of June 17, 1921, and dissent from such Plan by filing with that Depository from which his certificate of deposit was received written notice of such dissent and of his desire to withdraw, will be held to have ratified and confirmed said plan of reorganization and the said plan will be held to be binding upon each and every such depositor who shall not so withdraw.

Respectfully,

October 4, 1921.

H. B. WATT, Secretary,
16 Wall Street,
New York City.

SULLIVAN & CROMWELL,
49 Wall Street,
New York City.

Counsel for First Preferred
Stockholders' Protective Committee.

ALFRED JARETZKI, Chairman,
STANLEY FIELD,
DAVID R. FORGAN,
ARTHUR M. HEARD,
B. W. JONES,
G. HERRMANN KINNICUTT,
H. H. CLEVELAND, Committee.

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY,
16 Wall Street, New York City.

THE NATIONAL CITY BANK OF CHICAGO,
105 South Dearborn Street, Chicago,
Depositories.

MOLINE PLOW COMPANY

To the holders of certificates of deposit of the Farmers' Loan & Trust Company issued under the Stockholders' Protective Agreement dated August 1, 1921, for second preferred stock of Moline Plow Company:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Committee has approved and adopted a plan and agreement for the reorganization of Moline Plow Company, and has filed a copy thereof with The Farmers' Loan & Trust Company, the Depository of the Committee, where the same may be inspected by you.

Holders of certificates of deposit will be conclusively presumed to have assented to said plan and agreement unless within twenty days from the date of this notice they file with the Depository notice in writing of their dissent therefrom and withdraw from the Stockholders' Protective Agreement in accordance with the provisions thereof.
New York, October 5th, 1921.

RUTHVENA WODELL, Secretary,
68 William Street, N. Y. City.

McADOO, COTTON &
FRANKLIN, Counsel,
43 Exchange Place, N. Y. City.

JOHN E. ADRIANCE,
Chairman,
FRANCIS H. ADRIANCE,
RUTHVEN A. WODELL,
Committee.

THE FARMERS' LOAN AND TRUST COMPANY,
22 William Street, New York City,
Depository.

MOLINE PLOW COMPANY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND STOCKHOLDERS OF THE MOLINE PLOW COMPANY WHO HAVE NOT BECOME PARTIES EITHER TO THE CREDITORS' AGREEMENT DATED THE 27TH DAY OF MAY, 1921, THE SERIAL NOTE HOLDERS' DEPOSIT AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 8, 1921, THE FIRST PREFERRED STOCKHOLDERS' PROTECTIVE AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 17, 1921, FOR THE SECOND PREFERRED STOCKHOLDERS' PROTECTIVE AGREEMENT DATED AUGUST 1, 1921.

To such of THE CREDITORS AND FIRST PREFERRED STOCKHOLDERS AND SECOND PREFERRED STOCKHOLDERS OF THE MOLINE PLOW COMPANY as have not become parties either (1) to the Creditors' Agreement dated the 27th day of May,

1921, between Frank O. Wetmore, Ralph Van Vechten, Edmund D. Hulbert, C. E. Mitchell, R. I. Barr, E. A. Potter, Jr., Samuel Vauclain, Alfred L. Aiken, Festus J. Wade, C. T. Jaffray and C. P. Coffin and holders and owners of notes, accounts, claims and any and all other demands of any nature against the Moline Plow Company, Depositors under said agreement, or (2) to the Deposit Agreement dated the 8th day of June, 1921, between Ronald M. Byrnes, Samuel L. Fuller, J. Herndon Smith and Harold Stanley and such holders of the 7% Serial Gold Notes, Series "C," "D," "E" and "F" dated September 1st, 1918, of the Moline Plow Company as deposited their notes thereunder, or (3) to the Deposit Agreement dated the 17th day of June, 1921, between Alfred Jaretzki, Stanley Field, David R. Forgan, Arthur M. Heard, B. W. Jones and G. Herrmann Kinnicutt and such owners or holders of the first preferred stock of Moline Plow Company as deposited their certificates of stock thereunder, or (4) to the Protective Agreement, dated August 1, 1921, between John E. Adriance, Francis H. Adriance and Ruthven A. Wodell and such owners or holders of the Second Preferred stock of Moline Plow Company as deposited their certificates of stock thereunder, AND TO THE COMMON STOCKHOLDERS OF SAID MOLINE PLOW COMPANY:

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a plan and agreement for the reorganization of the Moline Plow Company has been prepared by a reorganization committee consisting of the undersigned Frank O. Wetmore, Chairman; Percy H. Johnston, Ronald M. Byrnes, R. I. Barr, and C. P. Coffin, and that a copy of said plan and agreement of said reorganization has been lodged and deposited with The Central Trust Company of Illinois, 125 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois, Depository, where the same may be inspected by you.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that: Creditors of the Moline Plow Company, other than those holding negotiable instruments, may become parties to said reorganization plan and agreement by signing copies of said plan and agreement and indicating under their signatures the amount and nature of their claims and depositing the said copies so signed with The Central Trust Company of Illinois, 125 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois, Depository, on or before the 4th day of November, 1921.

Creditors holding negotiable instruments other than the 7% Serial Gold Notes, Series "C," "D," "E," and "F" dated September 1, 1918, may become parties to said reorganization plan and agreement by signing a copy of said plan and agreement and depositing it and such instruments with The Central Trust Company of Illinois, 125 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois, Depository, on or before the 4th day of November, 1921.

Holders of seven per cent. Serial Gold Notes, Series "C," "D," "E" and "F" issued under an agreement dated September 1, 1918, between Moline Plow Company and Central Union Trust Company of New York as Trustee, may become parties to said reorganization plan and agreement by depositing their notes with the interest coupons due September 1, 1921, and subsequent thereto, with The Central Trust Company of Illinois, 125 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois, as Depository or with The National City Bank of New York, 55 Wall Street, New York City, as agent of said Depository, in either case, on or before the 4th day of November, 1921.

Owners or holders of the first preferred stock of the Moline Plow Company, of the second preferred stock of said company and of the common stock of said company, may become parties to said plan and agreement by signing a copy of said plan and agreement and depositing it and their said stock with The Central Trust Company of Illinois, 125 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois, Depository, on or before the 4th day of November, 1921. Said certificates when so deposited shall be assigned in blank by the persons in whose name they stand.

DATED, October 4, 1921.

LYMAN A. WALTON, Secretary,
38 South Dearborn Street, Chicago.

LEVINSON, BECKER,
SCHWARTZ & FRANK,
76 West Monroe Street, Chicago,
Counsel for Reorganization
Committee.

FRANK O. WETMORE,
Chairman,
PERCY H. JOHNSTON,
R. I. BARR,
RONALD M. BYRNES,
C. P. COFFIN,
Reorganization
Committee.

THE CENTRAL TRUST COMPANY OF ILLINOIS,
125 West Monroe Street, Chicago,
Depository.

Bank Statements

A Bank Statement that any Man or Woman can Understand

THE CORN EXCHANGE BANK

NEW YORK

Statement of October 1, 1921

The Bank Owes to Depositors \$197,119,192.76

A conservative banker always has this indebtedness in mind, and he arranges his assets so as to be able to meet any request for payment.

For this Purpose We Have:

[1] Cash	\$33,146,579.15
[Gold, Bank Notes and Specie] and with legal depositories returnable on demand.	
[2] Checks on Other Banks	15,441,125.47
Payable in one day.	
[3] U. S. Government Securities	58,210,372.28
[4] Loans to Individuals and Corporations	33,346,349.06
Payable when we ask for them, secured by collateral of greater value than the loans.	
[5] Bonds	21,369,032.31
Of railroads and other corporations, of first quality and easily salable.	
[6] Loans	48,050,227.39
Payable in less than three months on the average, largely secured by collateral.	
[7] Bonds and Mortgages and Real Estate	877,656.50
[8] Twenty-four Banking Houses	3,884,036.91
All located in New York City.	
Total to Meet Indebtedness	<u>\$214,325,379.07</u>
[9] This Leaves a Surplus of	<u>\$17,206,186.31</u>

Which becomes the property of the Stockholders after the debts to the depositors are paid, and is a guarantee fund upon which we solicit new deposits and retain those which have been lodged with us for many years.

Our listed resources, enumerated in this statement, do not and can not include those assets of friendliness and helpfulness which this bank has in the personnel of its board of directors, its officers and employees. These are assets which pay dividends to our patrons in service and satisfaction.

*The Corn Exchange Bank Supplies Banking and Trust Service
Only Through Its Forty-six Offices Located in Greater New York*

Financial

NEW ISSUE

\$1,500,000

Los Angeles Gas and Electric Corporation

General and Refunding Mortgage 7% Gold Bonds

Series "C"

Dated September 1, 1921.

Due June 1, 1931.

Coupon bonds of \$1,000 and \$500 denominations with privilege of registration as to principal. Redeemable as a whole or in part upon ninety days' notice, at the following prices and accrued interest: June 1, 1926, 105; June 1, 1927, 104½; June 1, 1928, 104; June 1, 1929, 103½; June 1, 1930, 103. Interest payable on June 1 and December 1, in New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles. The Company agrees to pay interest without deduction for any Normal Federal Income Tax up to 4% which it may lawfully pay at the source.

Mercantile Trust Company, San Francisco } Trustees
Security Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles }

EXEMPT FROM PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX IN CALIFORNIA
Application will be filed with the Superintendent of Banks to certify these bonds as legal investments for California Savings Banks

CAPITALIZATION

As at September 1, 1921

(After giving effect to present financing)

Capital Stock	Authorized	Outstanding
Preferred 6% Cumulative.....	\$10,000,000	()
Common.....	20,000,000	\$10,000,000
Bonded Debt (in hands of public)		
General and Refunding Bonds—Series "A".....		\$2,500,000
Series "B".....		3,500,000
Series "C" (this issue).....		1,500,000
Underlying Bonds (closed mortgages).....		8,510,000
Total Mortgage Bonds		\$16,010,000

*Of the \$3,000,000 authorized by the Railroad Commission for issuance, \$1,234,600 (par value) had been sold to September 1, 1921.

CONSUMERS

As of December 31, 1900.....	11,531
As of December 31, 1910.....	108,903
As of December 31, 1920.....	216,550
As of September 1, 1921.....	233,741

Population of territory served over 800,000.

EARNINGS STATEMENT

(For year ending August 31, 1921)

Gross Earnings.....	\$9,158,864.12
Operating Expenses and Taxes.....	7,150,166.39
Net Earnings	\$2,008,697.73
Bond Interest.....	556,971.12
Balance for Depreciation, Dividends and Surplus	\$1,451,726.61
Interest Requirements for a full year on all bonds in hands of public including this issue.....	\$970,500.00
Average Net Earnings for past five calendar years.....	1,991,076.00
(Equivalent to more than 2.05 times Interest Requirements.)	

This issue is secured under the General Mortgage by property which, including the additions provided for by this financing, is conservatively valued at over \$33,500,000, or more than 2.09 times the Company's total funded debt, including this issue.

All proceedings incident to the issuance of these bonds are subject to the approval of Messrs. Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe, San Francisco.

Bonds are offered if, as and when issued and received by us, subject to authorization of issue by the Railroad Commission of the State of California. It is anticipated that permanent bonds will be ready for delivery on or about October 12, 1921.

Application will be made in due course to list this issue on the San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange.

We recommend these bonds for investment
Price 99 and Interest, to Yield Approximately 7.15%

BOND & GOODWIN & TUCKER

INCORPORATED

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
SAN FRANCISCO

LOS ANGELES

SEATTLE

PORTLAND

Principal Correspondent Offices:

BOSTON CHICAGO PHILADELPHIA NEW YORK ST. PAUL MINNEAPOLIS PITTSBURGH ATLANTA

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

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

Financial

Two New Issues**\$12,000,000****State of Queensland
(Australia)****Twenty-Year 7% Sinking Fund External Loan Gold Bonds**

These Bonds are Non-Callable

Dated October 1, 1921

Due October 1, 1941

Interest payable April 1 and October 1

Coupon bonds in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, registerable as to principal only. Principal and interest payable in New York City, in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, at The National City Bank of New York, Fiscal Agent of the Loan, without deduction for any Australian or Queensland taxes, present or future, and payable as well in time of war as in time of peace, irrespective of the nationality of the holder.

As a Sinking Fund, the State of Queensland agrees to pay to The National City Bank of New York, Fiscal Agent of the Loan, \$400,000 per annum, during the first five years, in equal quarterly instalments beginning January 1, 1922, and during each of the remaining fifteen years sums sufficient to retire at 102½ at least one-fifteenth of the principal amount of bonds outstanding December 31, 1926. Sinking Fund payments shall be applied to the purchase of bonds in the open market, if obtainable, at not exceeding par and accrued interest to and including December 31, 1926, and at not exceeding 102½ and accrued interest thereafter; the unapplied moneys in the Sinking Fund to revert to Queensland.

We offer these bonds if, as and when issued and received by us, subject to approval of counsel, at

99 and Interest, to Yield about 7.10% to Maturity**\$4,000,000****Cuban Telephone Company****First Lien and Refunding Mortgage Gold Bonds****Series A, 7½% due 1941**

(Non-redeemable for ten years)

Dated September 1, 1921

Due September 1, 1941

Interest payable March 1 and September 1. Principal and interest payable, without deduction for Cuban taxes, in United States gold coin at The National City Bank of New York. Coupon Bonds in denominations of \$100, \$500 and \$1,000, registerable as to principal only and interchangeable with fully registered Bonds in denominations of \$1,000, \$5,000 and multiples of \$5,000.

Redeemable in whole or in part at the option of the Company on any interest payment date upon thirty days' prior notice, at 107½ and accrued interest between September 1, 1931 and September 1, 1936, both inclusive, and at 105 and accrued interest thereafter but prior to maturity.

THE NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK, TRUSTEE

Interest payable without deduction for United States Federal Income Tax up to 2%
Four Mills Tax in Pennsylvania refunded

Bonds are offered when, as and if issued and received by us, and subject to approval of counsel.

Price 95 and accrued interest, yielding over 8%**The National City Company**

Main Office: National City Bank Building

Uptown Office: National City Building. (42nd St. at Madison Ave.)

Offices in more than 50 cities in the United States and Canada

The above information is derived from sources which we regard as reliable. We do not guarantee but believe it to be correct.

All Bonds of each of the above issues having been sold, this advertisement appears as a matter of record only.

Financial

NEW ISSUE

Exempt From Federal, State, Municipal and Local Taxation

\$60,000,000

10-20 Year

Federal Land Bank 5% Bonds

Dated May 1, 1921

Due May 1, 1941

Not redeemable before May 1, 1931

Interest payable May 1 and November 1 at any Federal Land Bank or Federal Reserve Bank. Principal payable at the Bank of Issue. Coupon and registered bonds (interchangeable) in denominations of \$10,000, \$5,000, \$1,000, \$500, \$100 and \$40. Redeemable at par and interest at any time after ten years from date of issue.

The Supreme Court of the United States has held, (a) that these Banks were legally created as part of the banking system of the United States, and (b) that the Bonds issued by the Banks are instrumentalities of the United States Government and are exempt from Federal, State, municipal and local taxation.

Issues of outstanding bonds dated prior to May, 1921, are redeemable five years from the date of issue. In order to meet the demand for longer term securities Congress enacted a statute authorizing the redemption period on new issues to begin in the eleventh year from date of issue instead of in the sixth as heretofore. The Bonds now offered are issued under this authority.

Special attention is directed to the following Statement of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon:

"In view of the very satisfactory financial condition of the Banks themselves, of the exemption of the bonds issued by these Banks from Federal, State, municipal and local taxation everywhere in the United States, and of the very adequate security back of these Bonds, they should prove an attractive security to investors large and small throughout the country."

Acceptable by Treasury: These Bonds are acceptable by the United States Treasury as security for Government deposits, including Postal Savings Funds.

Legal for Trust Funds: They are lawful investments for all fiduciary and trust funds under the jurisdiction of the United States Government. They are eligible under the laws of many of the States for investment of all public and private funds, and have been officially held eligible for investment by savings banks in the following States:

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|------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Alabama | Idaho | Mississippi | Oklahoma | Utah |
| Arkansas | Indiana | Missouri | Oregon | Vermont |
| California | Kentucky | Nebraska | Pennsylvania | Virginia |
| Colorado | Louisiana | New Hampshire | Rhode Island | Washington |
| Delaware | Maine | New Jersey | South Carolina | West Virginia |
| Florida | Maryland | North Carolina | South Dakota | Wisconsin |
| Georgia | Minnesota | Ohio | Tennessee | Wyoming |
| | Massachusetts | | Texas | |

The United States Government owns over \$6,500,000 of the capital stock of the Banks and the United States Treasury has purchased over \$183,000,000 Federal Land Bank Bonds. The Banks themselves are under the direction and control of the Federal Farm Loan Board, a Bureau of the Treasury Department of the United States Government.

At the request of the Federal Farm Loan Board in co-operation with and on behalf of the Federal Land Banks, we offer these bonds at:

Price 100 and accrued interest, yielding 5%

Alex. Brown & Sons
Brown Brothers & Co.
The National City Company

Harris, Forbes & Co.
Lee, Higginson & Co.
Guaranty Company of New York

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

Financial

\$12,000,000

City of Rio de Janeiro

(Federal District of the United States of Brazil)

Twenty-Five Year 8% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds

Dated October 1, 1921

Interest payable April 1 and October 1

Due October 1, 1946

Principal and interest payable in New York City in United States gold coin at the office of Dillon, Read & Co., free of all present and future Brazilian taxes. Coupon bonds of \$1,000 and \$500 denominations, registerable as to principal.

The bonds are not callable until October 1, 1931, on which date and any interest date thereafter the issue may be called in whole or in part on six months' notice at 105 and interest. As a Sinking Fund, the Government of the Federal District agrees to provide a sum sufficient to buy \$240,000 principal amount of bonds semi-annually during the life of the loan, which payments will be applied by Dillon, Read & Co. to the purchase of bonds in the market if obtainable at or below 105 and accrued interest. Any balance unexpended at the end of six months reverts to the Federal District.

These bonds will be a direct obligation of the City of Rio de Janeiro (Federal District of the United States of Brazil) and their issue, as required by law, has been duly authorized by the Brazilian Government. The City of Rio de Janeiro is the capital of the United States of Brazil and is controlled by, and administered under the supervision of, the Brazilian Government. It has a population of approximately 1,200,000 and is the second largest city in South America. The harbor of the City, which is one of the finest in the world, is equipped with modern docks and warehouses and handles over 40% of the total imports and exports of Brazil.

The total funded debt of the City outstanding on December 31, 1920 was \$49,423,300, of which \$24,332,700 was external. The City has always met the principal and interest of its funded debt in cash. Revenues of the City are chiefly derived from taxes on real property, licenses, vehicles, cattle, etc. The revenue of the City, at exchange rates then current, was approximately \$11,000,000 in 1918 and \$13,000,000 in 1920.

The proceeds of this loan are to be chiefly employed for permanent and revenue producing municipal improvements, including the removal of Castle Hill and the construction of a municipal slaughter house. Castle Hill is situated in the center of the principal business section of the city between the Avenida Rio Branco and the bay. We are informed that all property on this hill has been acquired by the city, and that property in the immediate vicinity has been sold at a price as high as \$11 per square foot. The removal of this hill, which is already under way, will make available approximately 4,840,000 square feet of land. All of this land, other than that required for governmental purposes, will be offered for sale by the City, and all of the proceeds from such sale up to an amount sufficient to retire by purchase or call this entire issue will be deposited in trust for that purpose.

The receipts from the Vehicles Tax, the Sanitary Tax, and the Imposto de Laudemios (a realty tax), and the equity in the Licenses Tax, Cattle Tax and Property Transmission Tax will be allocated to the service of this loan. The average annual return for the last two calendar years from these taxes amounted to \$2,615,630 with prior charges of \$909,247. The receipts from the operation or rental of the municipal slaughter house to be constructed with part of the proceeds of this issue will also be allocated to the service of this loan.

(Computations of foreign money, except as otherwise indicated, are made at the rate of 12.5 cents per milreis and \$3.75 to the pound sterling. Average value of the milreis in 1920 was over 20 cents).

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

Price 97 $\frac{3}{4}$ and Interest. To Net over 8.20%**Dillon, Read & Co.****Lee, Higginson & Co.****Continental and Commercial
Trust & Savings Bank**

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*Financial**Exempt from all Federal Income Taxes***\$2,000,000****City of Cleveland, Ohio****5½% Water Works Bonds**

Dated July 1, 1921

**Legal Investment for Savings Banks and Trust Funds in New York,
Massachusetts, Connecticut and other
Eastern States**Cleveland has a Net Debt of about 3½% of the Assessed Valuation.
Population, 1920—796,841

These bonds, issued for Water Works purposes, are direct obligations of the City of Cleveland.

MATURITIES

\$60,000 due each year from July 1, 1923, to July 1, 1932, inclusive.

\$70,000 due each year from July 1, 1933, to July 1, 1952, inclusive.

PRICES TO YIELD

1923 to 1925 inclusive—5.50%

1932 to 1934 inclusive—5.25%

1926 to 1928 inclusive—5.40%

1935 to 1937 inclusive—5.20%

1929 to 1931 inclusive—5.30%

1938 to 1942 inclusive—5.10%

1943 to 1952 inclusive—5.05%

*Legality to be approved by Messrs. Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, Cleveland***First National Bank**
New York**Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co.**
New York

We do not guarantee the statements and figures presented herein, but they are taken from sources which we believe to be reliable.

We offer subject to prior sale and change in price a limited amount of

Joint Stock Land Bank 5% Bonds

"INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT"

(Issued Under the Federal Farm Loan Act)

Dated May 1, 1919.]
Dated Nov. 1, 1919.]

Due May 1, 1939.
Due Nov. 1, 1939.

Redeemable at par and accrued interest on any interest date after five years from date of issue. Coupon Bonds fully registerable and interchangeable. Denomination \$1,000 and \$500. Interest payable semi-annually, May 1st and November 1st.

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

TAX EXEMPTION

By Act of Congress, approved July, 1916, and confirmed by a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States February 1921, these bonds are declared instrumentalities of the Government of the United States and free from all Federal, State, Municipal, and Local Taxation, excepting only Inheritance Taxes.

SECURITY

Secured by either first mortgages on farm lands or United States Government obligations. Mortgages are limited to 50% of the value of the land and 20% of the value of permanent, insured improvements, such values to be determined by an appraiser of the Federal Farm Loan Board.

LEGAL INVESTMENTS.

Legal investments for fiduciary and trust funds under jurisdiction of the Federal Government and acceptable as security for Postal Savings Deposits.

YIELD

The yield from these 5% bonds, selling at a material discount, is over 1% higher than that from U. S. Liberty 3½s and U. S. Victory 3¾s, which are tax-exempt to the same extent.

U. S. Liberty 3½s at current prices yield	4.23%
U. S. Victory 3¾s " " " "	4.13%
Joint Stock Land Bank 5s " "	5.50%

Price 94⅜ and Interest—Yielding at Least 5½%

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CLEARINGS FOR SEPTEMBER, SINCE JANUARY 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 1

Clearings at—	September.			Nine Months.			Week ending October 1.				
	1921.	1920.	Inc. or Dec.	1921.	1920.	Inc. or Dec.	1921.	1920.	Inc. or Dec.	1919.	1918.
New York	15,078,836.31	18,601,529.09	-18.9	143,006,203.283	182,058,877.271	-21.5	4,008,531.760	5,041,372.999	-20.5	5,618,488.486	3,787,091.993
Philadelphia	1,646,000.00	2,053,379.187	-19.8	15,118,229.473	18,821,024.332	-19.7	378,000.00	503,443.483	-25.9	467,427.389	429,928.167
Pittsburgh	*640,000.00	775,853.142	-17.4	5,567,302.491	6,502,723.403	-14.4	*156,000.00	189,040.323	-17.5	143,370.300	139,703.672
Baltimore	274,010.837	419,609.008	-34.7	2,825,685.007	3,647,007.811	-22.5	67,087.783	101,157.796	-33.7	92,480.151	81,167.176
Buffalo	139,364.638	188,612.510	-26.1	1,344,266.704	1,720,841.225	-21.9	31,066.802	42,285.456	-26.5	37,695.569	25,472.082
Albany	16,200.520	20,490.033	-20.9	165,259.964	189,377.446	-12.7	3,004.600	4,433.372	-35.5	5,645.428	5,191.247
Washington	66,754.028	65,663.286	+1.7	635,013.218	667,419.880	-4.8	16,243.444	15,996.990	+1.5	16,270.489	14,842.776
Rochester	33,610.864	48,934.143	-31.3	341,811.516	442,531.371	-22.8	8,382.197	12,797.775	-34.5	11,649.485	8,328.622
Scranton	19,497.474	21,326.973	-8.6	178,596.326	195,835.179	-8.8	4,612.412	5,191.528	-9.7	5,199.901	5,145.622
Syracuse	14,218.031	18,619.479	-23.6	150,334.777	191,845.079	-21.6	3,717.141	6,507.950	-42.9	5,933.245	5,500.000
Reading	8,781.883	11,062.993	-20.6	93,303.251	119,284.944	-21.8	1,947.544	3,044.997	-36.0	3,180.936	3,005.823
Wilmington	10,354.024	12,877.590	-19.6	93,178.988	135,493.756	-31.2	2,753.235	3,425.371	-25.5	3,508.737	3,463.642
Wilkes-Barre	11,748.862	11,605.091	+1.2	99,738.082	111,166.473	-10.3	2,873.157	2,602.838	+10.7	2,957.363	2,347.748
Wheeling	16,434.284	22,358.264	-26.3	166,078.844	209,601,124	-20.8	4,089.618	5,611.609	-27.1	6,362.615	4,880.173
Trenton	14,233.337	15,018.970	-21.0	134,409.872	150,141,021	-10.5	2,929.444	3,852.183	-24.0	3,078.164	3,000.000
Harrisburg	14,022.851	17,342.173	-19.1	145,929.498	153,706.168	-5.1	4,017.025	4,000.000	+0.4	4,000.000	4,000.000
York	5,253.728	6,181.488	-15.0	50,369.014	60,109.096	-16.2	1,382.571	1,715.044	-19.4	1,720.528	1,313.778
Erie	8,074.799	12,010.122	-32.8	82,820.415	104,211,402	-20.5	2,212.771	2,788.445	-20.3	2,851.828	2,452.226
Greensburg	4,800.745	6,425.011	-24.4	45,951.422	53,422.267	-14.0	1,000.000	1,500.000	-33.3	900.000	1,000.000
Binghamton	3,477.700	5,203.000	-33.2	35,466.621	48,429.000	-26.8	728.200	1,256.900	-42.0	1,709.400	890.500
Chester	4,043.014	6,280.558	-35.6	39,834.782	61,502.188	-35.2	963.501	1,644.380	-41.4	1,406.055	1,748.859
Altoona	4,298.194	4,941.143	-13.0	37,192.208	40,449.613	-8.0	1,050.000	1,200.695	-12.5	1,152.155	1,045.332
Franklin	1,186.826	4,111.103	-71.1	13,047.769	32,152.921	-59.4	---	---	---	---	---
Frederick	1,732.487	2,924.749	-40.8	18,814.174	23,943.237	-21.4	---	---	---	---	---
Lancaster	9,642.468	12,790.121	-24.6	99,240.154	121,040.832	-18.0	2,439.133	3,239.852	-24.7	3,524.218	2,911.235
Beaver County, Pa	2,414.675	3,534.536	-31.7	24,931.293	31,980.565	-22.0	---	---	---	---	---
Notristown	2,713.783	3,580.495	-24.2	24,903.127	33,044.801	-24.6	---	---	---	---	---
Montclair	1,965.965	2,225.475	-11.7	17,111.691	21,658.132	-21.5	475.000	526.722	-9.7	421.222	366.226
Oranges	3,432.641	3,578.664	-4.1	32,311.842	35,749.176	-9.6	---	---	---	---	---
Hagerstown	2,757.739	3,322.327	-2.0	24,675.070	30,183.890	-18.3	---	---	---	---	---
Bethlehem†	9,962.157	16,276.416	-38.8	108,994.315	52,614.689	-9.9	3,325.618	4,874.261	-31.8	---	---
Huntington	6,432.671	7,980.570	-19.4	65,472.472	72,641.946	-10.5	1,486.263	1,831.499	-18.8	---	---
Camden	20,047.971	29,048.979	-31.0	179,201.615	*219,301,116	-18.2	---	---	---	---	---
Lebanon	2,231.331	3,198.239	-28.3	23,530.857	30,752.871	-23.5	---	---	---	---	---
Niagara Falls	4,450.000	4,506.632	-1.3	37,744.940	37,342.574	+1.1	---	---	---	---	---
Jamestown†	4,102.124	5,010.053	-18.1	35,547.054	21,148.771	---	927.172	1,067.956	-13.1	---	---
Total Middle	18,093,013.682	22,429,023.153	-19.3	170,978,600.277	216,314,692.110	-21.0	4,738,240.391	5,966,540.400	-20.6	6,442,493.654	4,530,796.899
Chicago	2,072,916.031	2,722,838.437	-23.9	19,357,186.182	24,626,205.513	-21.4	497,971.765	666,069.165	-25.2	606,493.799	521,614.132
Cincinnati	222,602.789	305,183.008	-27.0	2,094,164.324	2,715,034.302	-22.9	48,473.682	69,967.499	-30.7	59,413.308	59,334.441
Cleveland	358,723.169	592,519.013	-39.5	3,611,667.301	5,189,967.697	-30.4	73,660.202	130,566.476	-43.6	120,182.250	98,901.863
Detroit	406,698.242	561,592.941	-27.6	3,432,847.598	4,668,903.267	-26.0	86,935.789	115,238.974	-24.6	97,329.965	70,470.246
Milwaukee	115,795.885	148,604.689	-22.2	1,073,418.471	1,309,715.083	-18.0	26,384.619	32,835.325	-19.6	28,766.878	32,166.817
Indianapolis	65,306.000	77,036.000	-15.2	567,497.000	724,018.000	-21.7	14,000.000	16,747.000	-12.8	14,041.000	14,680.000
Columbus	55,470.700	63,830.500	-13.2	493,773.500	558,601.000	-11.6	10,766.300	14,326.400	-24.8	14,816.600	11,938.100
Toledo	45,371.021	63,284.325	-28.3	447,499.224	593,635.098	-24.6	9,934.880	13,022.147	-23.7	13,018.455	12,821.217
Peoria	14,857.928	21,545.365	-31.0	145,066.627	223,498.212	-35.1	3,500.000	4,910.481	-28.7	4,477.032	6,013.750
Grand Rapids	24,935.926	28,990.318	-14.0	213,031.603	271,589.926	-21.5	5,745.892	6,802.600	-15.5	6,541.349	5,441.119
Dayton	16,421.913	19,527.573	-15.9	159,437.313	194,362.204	-18.0	3,280.852	4,138.055	-20.7	4,714.842	4,260.710
Evansville	10,637.434	22,074.748	-11.1	158,314.503	203,231.081	-22.2	3,871.295	5,497.813	-29.6	4,338.093	3,480.371
Springfield, Ill	9,753.393	13,447.138	-27.5	95,487.905	111,542.656	-14.4	1,677.352	3,061.554	-45.2	2,690.038	2,107.890
Youngstown	17,232.684	20,270.435	-15.0	150,440.350	182,085.270	-17.4	2,222.682	4,371.503	-49.2	4,935.769	3,922.349
Fort Wayne	7,383.723	9,095.339	-19.2	68,150.843	81,758.225	-16.7	1,755.408	1,839.887	-4.6	1,836.148	1,346.886
Akron	24,690.000	42,618.000	-42.1	249,008.000	452,390.000	-45.0	6,227.000	8,724.000	-28.6	9,890.000	4,500.000
Rockford	7,433.775	11,799.993	-37.0	71,940.184	105,692.090	-31.9	1,482.675	2,255.611	-34.3	2,617.808	1,933.889
Lexington	4,352.060	6,092.751	-28.6	55,714.484	93,232.337	-40.3	1,100.400	1,500.000	-26.7	1,582.414	953.299
Quincy	4,790.777	7,310.631	-34.5	51,105.369	76,063.304	-32.8	1,018.824	1,627.861	-37.4	1,844.304	1,282.813
Bloomington	5,375.653	7,728.547	-30.5	53,251.127	77,450.064	-31.4	1,250.000	1,763.400	-29.1	1,763.667	1,468.747
Canton	13,864.370	21,406.470	-35.2	135,550.582	204,173.846	-33.6	2,465.301	4,329.980	-44.0	4,202.393	1,900.000
Springfield, Ohio	5,948.022	6,708.410	-11.3	55,897.353	71,427.056	-21.8	1,066.708	1,706.066	-37.5	1,529.447	1,157.599
South Bend	8,803.717	8,672.908	+1.5	89,236.447	75,072.013	+18.9	4,601.996	1,814.574	+154.0	1,429.229	1,464.933
Decatur	4,712.314	7,025.156	-33.2	44,011.158	62,939.330	-30.0	1,064.483	1,602.350	-29.2	1,522.664	1,104.063
Mansfield	5,566.759	7,678.355	-27.1	48,793.144	68,130.835	-28.4	1,083.388	1,770.418	-38.8	1,600.000	1,263.442
Danville	3,094.999	3,504.244	-11.7	32,665.261	37,383.223	-12.4	605.588	852.645	-21.9	892.005	650.980
Jackson	5,063.748	7,614.688	-33.5	47,319.726	69,405.398	-28.8	---	---	---	---	---
Jacksonville, Ill	1,391.059	2,590.056	-46.5	13,641.540	24,192.474	-44.7	300.227	598.239	-49.8	714.697	562.410
Lima	3,276.946	4,331.537	-24.4	33,161.019	41,660.699	-20.4	500.000	1,050.000	-51.0	1,284.147	854.378
Ann Arbor	2,601.801	2,442.494	+6.5	22,852.243	23,057.483	-3.1	197.092	229.818	-10.5	185.862	90.000
Adrian	826.602	998.029	-17.2	7,598.511	11,588.831	-34.4	---	---	---	---	---
Lansing	11,064.000	8,943.165	+23.7	71,396.000	75,317.471	-5.2	2,500.000	2,100.000	+19.0	1,750.000	1,107.023
Owensboro	1,192.828	1,672.532	-39.5	15,963.958	29,410.432	-45.7	241.356	366.017	-34.2	529.875	697.991
Gary	3,818.529	6,199.524	-38.4	45,851.810	53,276.406	-13.9	---	---	---	---	---
Flint	7,136.931	10,996.080	-35.1	55,968.861	107,327.629	-47.8	---	---	---	---	---
Lorain	942.946	2,101.695	-55.2	12,381.621							

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

The Pennsylvania Railroad makes an announcement which would be of casual and ordinary consequence in a normal situation, but in the situation the country is now contending with is at once timely and significant. The road's purpose, says Mr. Rea, is to co-operate to the utmost possibility with President Harding's efforts to lessen unemployment; it is well to repeat this assurance, yet it so agrees with the conduct of the management since the return of railway properties to their owners that we can hardly suppose the bitterest critic of the Pennsylvania can question its sincerity. Since the summer began, adds Mr. Rea, a small seasonal swing upward in traffic has occurred; it has been less than normal, yet in the last five months the force as it was in the spring has been increased about 14,000, being now 199,000 on the system, against 185,625 at the low point on May 15. The management hope to need further increase, and intend to use additional men chiefly in putting the equipment in order before winter sets in. A later announcement is that 615 men are to be put at once upon car repair work.

This intention has a point and a significance of its own. The Pennsylvania, says Mr. Rea, now has idle 82,149 cars, of which 46,691 have been stored without repairs. None of these cars thus laid by without repairs are likely to be needed in this present autumn, and it would probably be safe to let them remain untouched until spring; "but we feel," says Mr. Rea, "that if we put them in order we shall not only be prepared for a revival in business but shall be assisting at a time when aid is most needed in President Harding's endeavor to improve the general employment situation."

The statement, as already said, is obviously sincere and in line with the road's consistent and persistent effort to be "human" as well as business-like in operation and build up and maintain esprit de corps and old-fashioned loyalty.

As to the subject of employment and unemployment this suggests to thoughtful readers how much better off labor is under a private and business-like employer than under Government, which loses the restraint of a necessity to be business-like, because it can fall back upon the country when it has blundered into financial quagmires; the delusion that Government is the most desirable "boss," because its yoke is easy and its burden on the worker is light, is quite prevalent, but it is a delusion none the less. Another suggestion which can be read in Mr. Rea's statement of intention and condition is that even if the Governmental seizure of the carriers has not caused the number of idle cars to be greater than it would have been at present had the roads been left with their owners, the physical condition of equipment would now be better but for the Governmental handling. At every turn and in every particular we are shown, over and over, how enduring are the ill effects of an erroneous public policy and how hard it is to get back to the right path after having wandered away from it.

Bank clearings in the United States for September 1921 differ in no essential particular from those for all recent previous months, showing as they do a diminution in the totals for all sections of the country and for all but a very limited number of the individual cities, as compared with the corresponding period of either 1920 or 1919, and thus reflecting

the smaller volume of trade passing on a lower price basis. In some lines of late there has not been lacking evidence of revival in business, but speaking of mercantile and industrial affairs in general, improvement is still absent, a fact that the current situation of unemployment goes to prove. Speculation continues of moderate proportions on the stock exchanges of the country, and has played no part in the clearings totals.

Only 11 of the 192 cities included in our clearings compilations for September exhibit gains over a year ago, and in practically all cases they are negligible in amount, and in no instances are they to be found at leading centres of trade. On the other hand, at many points the declines are notably heavy. Conspicuous in this regard among the larger cities are Baltimore, Buffalo, Rochester, Detroit, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Toledo, Seattle, Boston, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Paul, Denver, St. Joseph, Sioux City, St. Louis, New Orleans, Louisville, Houston, Richmond, Atlanta, Nashville, Norfolk and Fort Worth. For the whole country the September aggregate of clearings at \$28,291,035,506 contrasts with \$36,088,818,886 in 1920, showing, consequently, a loss of 21.6%, and, compared with 1919, there is a decline of 20.6%. The Greater New York total of \$15,078,886,311 exhibits a falling off of 18.9% from a year ago, and 23.1% from two years ago, while for the 191 outside cities the aggregate at \$13,212,149,195 runs behind 1920 by 24.5% and behind 1919 by 17.4%.

For the nine months since January 1 the current year's total for the 192 cities reaches \$262,633,041,222, but this is 22.6% less than the aggregate for the same period in 1920 and 10.7% below that of 1919. Contrasted with 1918, however, there is a gain of a little over 9%; at New York a loss of 18.9% is disclosed, as contrasted with last year, and of 13.6% from 1919, while at the outside cities 24% and 7%, respectively, represent the decreases.

Dealings on the New York Stock Exchange in September were moderately greater than those for August, but failed by a fair amount to measure up to the aggregate of the month in 1920. Operations in stocks for the month totaled 12,924,080 shares, against 15,296,356 shares a year ago, and no less than 24,141,830 shares in 1919. For the nine months, moreover, the transactions have been only 126,996,222 shares, against 166,764,842 shares, and 224,410,805 shares. Railroad and industrial bonds were dealt in more freely during the month than in 1920, and transactions in Liberty and Victory bonds showed noticeable expansion compared with a year ago at an advancing level of values. On the other hand, trading in foreign securities, while more active than a month earlier, was below last year. The turnover of all classes of bonds reached a total of \$336,924,300 par value, against approximately 287 millions a year ago, while for the nine months it was 2,242 millions against 2,759 millions. At Boston operations in stocks in September amounted to 284,080 shares, against 341,594 shares last year, and for the nine months 2,504,917 shares against 4,198,686 shares. Chicago also reports less activity in stock trading in the month this year, sales reaching 277,874 shares, against 308,916 shares in 1920, and for the period since January 1 the contrast is between 3,004,207 shares and 4,414,404 shares.

The Canadian Clearing House returns continue to show decrease at almost all points; in fact, in the

current statement Brandon alone makes a contrary exhibit. The aggregate for the twenty-seven cities from which we have comparative results shows a decline of 16.7% from last year, and of 6% from 1919, while for the nine months of the current calendar year the decrease from 1920 is 12.6%, but compared with two years ago there is an increase of 9.9%. A slight gain in activity on the Montreal Stock Exchange in September is to be noted, the sales reaching 115,061 shares, but this compares with no less than 258,977 shares in 1920 and 432,676 shares in 1919. The aggregate for the nine months, moreover, is only 1,629,373 shares, against 3,424,845 shares a year ago.

The condition of cotton, as officially interpreted by the Crop Reporting Board of the Department of Agriculture, suffered further deterioration during September as a result of adverse climatic conditions and the ravages of insects, and the status of the crop at this time is not only very much lower than a year ago, but well under 1919, when it had been announced to be the lowest on record for the date given. This under ordinary circumstances would be in the nature of a calamity, especially considering the large decrease in acreage, but, due to the surplus production of 1920-21, and one or two earlier years subsequent to the breaking out of the war in Europe, a reserve supply of cotton exists, and this gave a carry-over at the end of July last sufficient to assure, in conjunction with this season's restricted production, a supply of the staple ample to meet any and all consumptive requirements of 1921-22. But as stocks will naturally be materially reduced as the season advances a remunerative price basis seems reasonably well assured.

The official report, as given out on Monday morning, made the condition of the cotton crop on Sept. 25 only 42.2% of a normal, or 7.1 points lower than on Aug. 25, and comparing with 59.1 at the corresponding time in 1920, 54.4 in both 1919 and 1918, and a ten-year average of 62.4. According to the Crop Reporting Board's formula, a condition of 42.2 on Sept. 25 foreshadows a yield of 118 lbs. per acre, and this, applied to the Government's approximation of area to be harvested, indicates an aggregate production of only 6,537,000 bales of 500 lbs. each, not including linters, this being some 500,000 bales less than the prospect held out by the Aug. 25 status, and the smallest crop in about 30 years. Comparison is with the final compilations of the Census Bureau of 13,439,603 bales last year, 11,420,763 bales two years ago, 12,040,532 bales in 1918-19, moderately smaller totals in the three preceding years, and the 16,134,930 bales high record yield of 1914-15. All of the States make a poorer showing than on Aug. 25, the deterioration in the Atlantic States ranging from 8 points in Georgia and North Carolina to 10 points in South Carolina, along the Gulf from 4 points in Louisiana to 9 in Mississippi, in Texas 4 points, Oklahoma 10, Arizona 24, Arkansas and California 10 and Tennessee 12 points. Contrasted with last year the outlook is less favorable everywhere, and especially so in States of large production, such as Texas, Georgia and Oklahoma.

Explanatory of this Sept. 25 report, the Crop Reporting Board remarks that the record bad condition of Aug. 25 was rendered worse by the unfavorable weather of September over practically the entire cotton belt. Record extremes of heat and dryness forced the unprecedented maturity of the crop,

and with the deficiency of fertilizers shortened the fibre and lessened the yield. Over most of the belt, we are told, there will be little middle crop and practically no top crop. Boll weevils have advanced almost to the limits of the belt, doing such damage as has not been experienced since the period of initial invasion. Army and other worms, the report, which is drawn in the gloomiest terms, goes on to say, have been present in damaging numbers in most territory from Mississippi westward, stripping the leaves from the plants over large areas. With labor practically and relatively cheap, and the weather favorable, a larger proportion of the crop, it is stated, has probably been picked to date than ever before. In fact, it is averred that in some sections picking is completed, and that it will be finished in much of the Central and Eastern territories by early November if auspicious weather continues. Dry weather has favored quality.

Reflecting the forced early maturity of the crop, and the rapidity in picking, the amount of the staple ginned from August 1 to Sept. 25, according to a statement issued by the Census Bureau, just prior to the announcement of the condition report, was no less than 2,907,950 bales, or 44½% of the crop as estimated above, against 2,249,606 bales, or less than 17%, in 1920, and 1,835,214 bales, or a similar percentage in 1919. Comparing the detailed ginning statement with the Department's forecast of production, moreover, we observe that in Texas the amount that had been put into marketable shape up to Sept. 25 was no less than 65½% of the estimated yield of the State, and that in Georgia the proportion reached 55%, Alabama 49%, Louisiana 40%, and Mississippi 39%. In fact the only States in which ginning seems to have progressed slowly are California and Arizona. The report is so lugubrious all through as to suggest the possibility that the injury suffered may have been overdrawn.

While on this subject of cotton it is of interest to observe that the compilations of the International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' and Manufacturers' Associations for the half year ended July 31 1921 are now available, and they afford gratifying confirmation of results we presented in our Annual Cotton Crop Report issued Aug. 27. Based upon such information as we had then been able to secure, we made the consumption of cotton in the world, not including Brazil, from which dependable statistics were not obtainable, 15,808,830 bales of 500 lbs. net weight each. The Federation's returns, as now at hand, and including Brazil, furnish a total of 15,077,658 bales, or approximately 13,940,000 bales of 500 lbs. average weight. Adding to this some 15% to cover missing returns (those from 23 million spindles out of 152 millions, according to the Federation's statement) and deducting the aggregate consumption in Brazil, we have a total of 15,821,000 bales, differing from ours, therefore, by less than 13,000 bales. In the matter of spindles, also, there is close agreement when proper adjustment is made. In fact, revising our aggregate for Great Britain to agree with that of the Federation, which we, of course, accept as authoritative, we have 151,635,111 spindles, against their total of 152,317,054 spindles.

The receipt of the Federation's statistics, moreover, enables us to further revise the statement of carry-over of cotton July 31 1921, which first appeared in our Annual Crop Report Aug. 27, but was

corrected in the "Chronicle" of Sept. 3, page 1066. In those statements we estimated the stock of American cotton in mills other than the United States at 900,000 bales, believing at the time that it would be proven to be well under rather than over the actual. Now we have the Federation's result of 977,000 bales, with returns from 15% of the spindles missing. Allowing for that 15%, we have a total of 1,124,000 bales. Adopting that total as a true measure of the stock of American cotton in consuming establishments abroad, we have the following as the carry-over of American lint cotton July 31 1921 (linters excluded) in comparison with 1920 and 1919.

Lint—	1921. Bales.	1920. Bales.	1919. Bales.
In U. S. consuming establishments	1,025,646	1,358,147	1,303,418
In U. S. public storage, &c	5,633,254	2,055,015	2,208,367
At Liverpool	685,000	700,000	451,000
At Manchester	75,000	119,000	52,000
At Continental ports	506,000	360,000	292,000
Afloat for Europe	386,720	162,657	387,017
Mills other than in United States	1,124,000	947,572	500,000
Japan and China ports and afloat	250,000	200,000	200,000
Elsewhere in United States	1,650,000	150,000	775,000
Total lint cotton	9,335,620	6,052,391	6,168,802

As regards the stocks of other varieties of cotton in the world July 31 1921, the visible supply on that date stood at approximately 2,028,000 bales, and the mill stocks (mainly East Indian) according to the Federation's statement, 1,923,612 bales. Without increasing this latter item 15% to allow for missing returns, we have an aggregate of 3,951,612 bales. Consequently the carry-over of all varieties of cotton July 31 1921 was about 13,387,232 bales, plus the amount in warehouses in Japan, China, etc., at that date, which was in excess of 200,000 bales. It is clear, therefore, that with such a reserve supply to draw upon there will be no dearth of cotton to meet the consumptive requirements of the season of 1921-22, even with the yield in the United States greatly decreased. At the same time, however, there should be a steady and important cutting down of the reserves as the season progresses, leaving the carry-over July 31 1922 very much reduced as compared with a year earlier, unless there should be a decided slump in consumption.

There was general relief, but not surprise, over the acceptance by Eamonn de Valera of Premier Lloyd George's invitation to a conference on the Irish question on Oct. 11. The Associated Press correspondent in London spoke of it as "thus clearing the way for a momentous attempt to settle the centuries old problem between Ireland and Great Britain." He added that "the conference is expected to be unprecedented in the history of Great Britain, if not in Europe." After asserting that the British Premier would not be able to attend the Washington conference in November, because of the Irish situation, he stated that "the belief was expressed in high quarters to-night that if Mr. Lloyd George is successful in the task of bringing about peace in Ireland he will have achieved greater honors than could be attained at Washington." Early in the week, while no official statement had been made, it was said to have been understood in the British capital that the Sinn Fein delegates to the conference on Oct. 11 would be "Arthur Griffith, founder of the Sinn Fein; Michael Collins, Finance Minister and commander of the Irish Army; Robert C. Barton, who has been a leading figure in the negotiations; Eamonn J. Duggan, Sinn Fein member of Parliament, and George Gavin Duffy, who has been representative of the Sinn Fein abroad." The Associated Press correspondent claimed that "these

men were to have been the delegates to the conference at Inverness, which was called off by Premier Lloyd George." According to a Dublin dispatch, "although the Dail Eireann Cabinet sat for nearly three hours to-day [Sept. 30] the discussion of the reply to Premier Lloyd George's invitation occupied only a short period of the proceedings. Decision on the reply to the Premier was unanimous, all argumentative points by general consent having been ignored." An Associated Press cablegram from London, dated Oct. 1, said that "England was to-day filled with hope that a settlement of the Irish problem would follow the meeting of the British Cabinet members and the representatives of Sinn Fein Ireland in this city on Oct. 11. London newspapers to-day did not assume that a settlement was certain, and they recognized the way to peace might be long and difficult, but hope abounded, even if complete confidence was lacking. Prime Minister Lloyd George received praise in some quarters for his skill and patience in handling the troublesome preliminaries, and there hope was expressed that his ability in negotiations would be equal to the task of reconciliation."

Announcement was made in Dublin on Monday that the Sinn Fein delegation would leave for the London conference on Oct. 10 and that Eamonn de Valera would not be a member, and would not even go to London at that time.

In his speech at Inverness on Tuesday, Premier Lloyd George said: "There have been so many efforts to settle the Irish question; all of which have failed in the past, that I find myself compelled to check my native hopefulness by a contemplation of past failures. All that I can usefully say now about the conference is this: it can succeed only if those who enter it make up their minds definitely, courageously and resolutely to trust each to the common sense of their own people and not try to reconcile extremists, who are essentially irreconcilable on either side." The Prime Minister returned to London on Wednesday and devoted the greater part of the day to the unemployment problem, according to London advices.

Preparations for the Washington Conference on the Limitation of Armaments are going forward and interest in the gathering, both in this country and abroad, is increasing. It has been definitely settled, according to Washington dispatches, that the American delegation shall be limited to four. Relative to the interest on the part of the British, the London correspondent of the New York "Tribune" said that "an indication of the interest that is being taken here in the conference is seen in the decision of nearly every important London newspaper to send one or more special correspondents with the British delegation. Even the newspapers with offices in America are sending special men." In discussing the interest in disarmament at the Geneva Assembly of the League of Nations the New York "Times" correspondent at that centre said: "Spokesmen of two nations which have, one the greatest navy in the world, and the other the greatest army in the world, declared before the Assembly of the League of Nations this afternoon that their countries had the deepest faith in the possibility of general disarmament and promised on behalf of their Governments sincere efforts to that end. These speeches by the delegates of England and France were greeted with enthusiastic applause. The adop-

tion of a League disarmament work program for the coming year was attended by other speeches, many of which placed large hopes in the Washington conference. All the Allied nations joined in disarmament pledges except the Japanese, none of whom spoke."

As to the ability of Premier Lloyd George to leave home for the conference, the London representative of the New York "Times" said that "it has always been his desire to go to Washington, and if he can possibly fit in a visit to America with the domestic demands upon him he will undoubtedly do so. At present, however, the prospect of his being able to absent himself from England is so small that the intimation has been conveyed officially to Washington that the Prime Minister is altogether unlikely to head the British delegation." The New York "Tribune" representative, on the other hand, cabled Tuesday morning that "Premier Lloyd George now is hopeful that he can journey to the United States for the later sessions of the Washington arms limitation conference, as probabilities of an early tentative settlement of the Irish problem increase. His colleagues in the Cabinet are urging him to attend the meeting of the Powers, and he is laying his plans in that direction." According to London advices yesterday morning he has practically decided that it will not be possible for him to come. Announcement was made that the Dominions will have one-half of the six British delegates. George Foster Pearce, Minister of Defense, has been named to represent Australia.

That "Great Britain and France will raise at Washington the question of the adherence of the United States to the League of Nations," was decided upon at one of the sessions of the Assembly of the League of Nations this week, according to a special cablegram to the New York "Times." The correspondent added that "they do not consider that it will be necessary to add any item to the existing agenda of the November conference, but will bring up the League under the discussion of disarmament, and particularly land disarmament. It is understood that the initiative will come from the British representatives at Washington. The line of reasoning the Allied delegates will probably offer is that so far as land disarmament goes agreement of the great Powers to disarm by no means solves the problem. England and France feel that possession of top-heavy military equipment by small States constitutes as great, if not greater, danger to peace than possession of large armies by the big Powers with more poise and more to lose by rushing into war. Quarrels of little nations embroil big nations, and thus many a war in history has grown to formidable proportions. Therefore, they argue, real disarmament must be all embracing, and the best, if not the only, means to assure that is through the League of Nations, for which the small nations have such enthusiasm."

Regarding the problems with which the Washington conference will be called upon to discuss, the Associated Press correspondent at Washington said that "active armies of the fourteen most important nations of the world to-day include approximately six million men, according to figures obtained here, and regarded as reasonably correct. With the inclusion of land armaments in the agenda of the forthcoming Conference on Limitation of Armaments, these are the figures with which it is expected the assembled commissioners will have to deal." He

then gave the following details of the military forces embraced in the above total: "While China stands first among the nations in this summary of soldiers actually under arms, about Sept. 1 1921 being credited with 1,370,000 active troops, France is far ahead among the nations not distressed by civil strife in the number of men with the colors. The French army strength is placed at 1,034,000 men, the British Empire standing next with 740,500, and Germany last, with 100,000. The United States stands thirteenth, with 149,000 men in the regular army, exceeding only Germany, while Italy has 350,000 and Japan 300,000 active troops. Figures for other Powers include: Russia, 538,000; Poland, 450,000; Greece, 255,000; Spain, 253,000; Switzerland, 170,000; Turkey, 152,000; Czecho-Slovakia, 150,000."

The Berlin correspondent of the New York "Herald" cabled at the same time that "Germany is no longer attempting to keep fragments of her old army together, hoping by some miracle to face the world again, in the opinion of Allied military experts and observers. Stories that Germany is supporting 800,000 soldiers in secret organizations for this purpose are contrary to facts." He added, "that does not mean that Germany has renounced the idea of rebuilding her army despite the Allies. Freitag Loringhaven said that Germany must have an army to meet her defensive needs. This means, according to German military circles, an army of some 300,000. Such an army would, according to the opinion here, suffice to face the Poles and to maintain German pretensions in the East, notably in Upper Silesia. There is not enough artillery to supply an army of pre-war standards, but sufficient to meet the needs of a smaller force. The permission which the Allies gave the Germans to keep certain fortress guns in East Prussia is being used as an opportunity to replace antiquated cannon with lighter modern pieces. Under no circumstances could an army of this size face the Allies in the opinion of German military experts."

Definite announcement was made in Paris a few days ago that Marshal Foch would sail for the United States on Oct. 22 as a special guest of the American Legion; that Premier Briand and other French delegates to the Washington Conference will leave a week later, and that the Premier will leave this country on the return trip about Nov. 22. The other members of the French delegation had not been announced at that time, but a Paris dispatch yesterday morning stated that they would be Premier Briand, former Premier Viviani, Senator Albert Sarrant, Jules J. Jusserand and General Berthelot.

In a speech at Inverness on Tuesday Premier Lloyd George, in referring to the Washington Conference, said: "With regard to the conference at Washington, if it is wisely approached and conducted in a broad, courageous spirit, it will constitute one of those outstanding events which should affect human history for generations to come. And, as far as the British Government is concerned, we shall certainly do all in our power to make it a success, feeling in doing so that we shall be interpreting the wishes of every citizen throughout the Empire."

In discussing the military position in France and the stand that her delegates will take at the Washington Conference, the Associated Press correspondent at Paris said in a cablegram Thursday morning

that "the aim of the France Government at the Washington Conference on Armaments and Far Eastern affairs is to convince the delegates of other nationalities, especially those of the American Government, that France is not unduly armed, and that her security requires the number of men now in active service. Marshal Foch will be prepared to lay before the conference every particular concerning the present land armaments of France. General Weygand and General Degoutte are collaborating with General Desticker, who will accompany Foch, in the preparation of documents which will be submitted to the Washington Conference by the Marshal."

The second Assembly of the League of Nations, which had been in session at Geneva for several weeks, adjourned Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock. President Van Karnebeek, in summing up the work of the session, said that "those who had expected from the League miracles which would transform the world suddenly into a paradise would be disappointed, but the pessimists who had predicted the dissolution of the League would be confounded by the result of the work accomplished." He dwelt upon the importance of the International Court of Justice, and also upon the technical organizations set up by the Assembly, as marking real progress toward the kind of internationalism which the League was organized to bring about. Press accounts said: "The opinions of a majority of the delegations regarding the work of the League are divided, but the net results apparently give general satisfaction. The attitudes of the delegates to the Washington Conference on the Limitation of Armaments varied according to the situation of the different countries. The small States hold that it is for the large nations to make a beginning in this direction and hence, it is held, Washington is the proper place for such a beginning, since there all the greatest armed nations will be gathered. There is also considerable skepticism, but most of the delegates are hopeful. The delegates of the nations more or less directly interested in the results of the conference are reticent."

Unemployment continues a live topic in the leading countries of Europe, as well as in the United States. Many suggestions have come from the Washington conference. Committees are still at work upon a comprehensive study of the situation. President Harding on Monday addressed an appeal to Governors and Mayors "to give immediate aid in carrying out the recommendations of the conference." A delegation of British business men had a meeting with Premier Lloyd George at Gairloch, with respect to their unemployment problem. According to a subsequent dispatch, "the discussions were extremely helpful, but no definite decisions were possible." According to figures made available in London by the Labor Exchange, there has been some improvement recently. It was stated that "there were 20,000 this week and 20,000 last week off the unemployed registers, leaving the total at 1,445,000."

In his speech at Inverness on Tuesday, Premier Lloyd George dealt with unemployment, as well as the Washington Conference and the Irish situation. He asserted that "unemployment is a world condition." He added that "national honor demands that those willing but unable to work must be saved from

starvation, but the measure of relief depends upon the national resources." According to a London dispatch to the New York "Tribune" Wednesday morning "a riot in the centre of London's West End, in which many policemen and jobless persons were injured, ended to-day what the police describe as the largest demonstration by unemployed ever known in the English capital." He added that "ten thousand idle persons from the East End organized a hunger march this afternoon with the intention of parading at Spring Gardens, where the London County Council was in session discussing the unemployment problem. The columns of workless, among them many women, some with babies in their arms, assembled on the banks of the Thames from various parts of the city."

On Tuesday the German Cabinet voted to ratify the Weisbaden reparation convention concluded with France. Later it was submitted to the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Reichstag, which discussed it in secret session. The Berlin correspondent of the New York "Times" asserted that "the Weisbaden convention looms big as an apple of discord in German politics, which now-a-days have worldwide significance. Though it sounds unbelievable, it is a fact that German politicians have been secretly—and are now more openly—charging one another with being pro-French and pro-English, and are beginning to draw partisan lines accordingly."

The Berlin Bourse reopened for full transactions on Wednesday, after having been closed since the previous Thursday. A large accumulation of orders was reported. A report was in circulation that "German industrial and banking circles are now taking active steps to raise a loan of between a billion and a billion and a half gold marks abroad, the Government and an association representing banking and business interests having approved the scheme. A German industrial board has been appointed in connection with it. On this board are Dr. von Siemens, head of the German General Electric Company; Herr Boersig, a locomotive manufacturer; Hugo Stinnes and Herr Kraemer." The Berlin correspondent of the New York "Herald" quoted a member of the board as saying that "they had received large offers of credit from American banking concerns, and with Max Warburg they are studying the matter and the possibility and practicability of closing the negotiations soon." He added that "the 'Lokal Anzeiger' says conferences with American bankers are to begin shortly."

The food and political situations in Russia were "the outstanding features of a violent debate at the League of Nations Assembly" at last week Friday's session, according to the Associated Press correspondent at Geneva. He also said that "charges that Bolshevism is responsible for the Russian famine, and counter-charges that political considerations are the cause of the hesitation on the part of the Governments to provide for the feeding of the starving Russians were made." In narrating further what took place at that particular session the correspondent said that "Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, High Commissioner of the International Committee for Russian Relief, who made the counter-charges, was upheld in his efforts, however, and a paragraph was introduced into the committee report which stated the League could not appeal to the nations for funds to feed Russia, expressing confi-

dence in him and in the prospect of his success. As adopted, the committee report leaves the Governmental action with reference to Russian relief to be decided by the Brussels conference, while appealing to private charity and welfare organizations generally for aid for Russia." Dr. Nansen repeated his charges that the press was in league with the campaign of falsehood to prevent the success of his work. He said he thought this campaign was due to fear in some quarters that relief for Russia would strengthen the Soviet Government. He did not think such would be the case, but even if it should be, he asked, "is that any reason for allowing 20,000,000 persons to starve?"

At the same time a special dispatch from the Reval correspondent of the New York "Herald" was made public, that had a direct bearing on Dr. Nansen's assertions. In part he said: "American relief workers in Russia are being closely watched by Soviet spies, because of a suspicion that individual members will intrigue for the overthrow of Bolshevism. Every move they make is systematically noted, their conversations are frequently overheard, and their communications which reach the foreign press at Riga, are immediately communicated to an Extraordinary Commission. Their visits and their daily life are constantly under suspicion. The man most responsible for this system of espionage is Leon Trotzky. Speaking of the famine relief before the Executive Committee of Commissars, he expressed decided distrust of the Hoover organization, some of whose agents might, he said, engage in intrigues."

According to a special dispatch from Reval to the New York "Herald," before Gregory Krassin of the Soviet Government left Moscow recently a conference of Bolshevik leaders there considered concessions in connection with the old Czarist debts and foreign credit for the Soviet Government. Krassin said efforts to aid in developing Russia through the granting of foreign concessions, still were unsuccessful, and proposed recognition of the Czarist debts on condition that French financiers would allow ample foreign credit to Russia. Bolshevik leaders authorized him to negotiate with French capitalists and to promise to pay interest on the old debts owed by Russia in five or ten years. Krassin is now negotiating with French financiers in this connection."

There has been no change in official discount rates at leading European centres from 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 a shade higher at 4¼%, against 4 3-16%, while three months' bills are 4½%, in comparison with 4⅛% last week. Call money is also firmer, having been advanced to 4¾%, as against 4% a week ago. Open market discounts in Paris and Switzerland continue to be quoted at 5% and 4%, respectively.

The Bank of England in its statement for the week reported another trifling reduction in its gold holdings, namely £526. On the other hand total reserve, because of the continued expansion in note circulation, registered a further decline of £695,000 to £21,197,000. This compares with £13,841,479 last year and £22,170,904 in 1919. The gain in note circulation totaled £694,000, which brings the cur-

rent total up to £125,666,000, as against £127,803,975 in 1920 and £84,405,790 the year before. As a result of the strain accompanying the heavy Oct. 1 dividend and interest disbursements, all the deposit items were increased, in consequence of which the proportion of reserve to liabilities was reduced to 14.40%, in comparison with 18.61% a week ago and 17.39% a week earlier. Last year the reserve ratio stood at 8.87%. In public deposits there was an expansion of £7,035,000, while other deposits showed the sensationally large gain of £22,351,000. Loans on Government securities increased £25,181,000 and loans on other securities £4,454,000. The Bank's stock of gold on hand amounts to £128,413,841, which compares with £123,195,454 last year and £88,126,694 in 1919. Loans now aggregate £84,948,000. A year ago the total was £96,018,994 and in 1919 £81,707,450. Clearings through the London banks for the week totaled £790,403,000, as against £585,196,000 a week ago and £883,379,000 last year. No change was made in the Bank's official discount rate from 5½%. We append a tabular statement of comparisons of the principal items of the Bank of England return:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1921.		1920.		1919.		1918.		1917.	
	Oct. 5.	Oct. 6.	Oct. 5.	Oct. 6.	Oct. 8.	Oct. 9.	Oct. 9.	Oct. 9.	Oct. 10.	Oct. 10.
	£		£		£		£		£	
Circulation.....	125,666,000	127,803,975	84,405,790	62,796,035	41,078,315					
Public deposits.....	19,266,000	21,249,755	23,151,037	28,327,818	42,186,150					
Other deposits.....	127,771,000	134,762,490	120,331,701	137,585,970	119,625,251					
Govt. securities.....	58,541,000	63,789,255	57,231,013	59,243,045	58,271,720					
Other securities.....	84,948,000	96,018,994	81,707,450	95,511,344	88,944,306					
Reserve notes & coin	21,197,000	13,841,479	22,170,904	28,762,971	32,260,444					
Coin and bullion.....	128,413,841	123,195,454	88,126,694	73,109,006	55,488,759					
Proportion of reserve										
to liabilities.....	14.40%	8.87%	15.50%	17.30%	19.90%					
Bank rate.....	5½%	7%	5%	5%	5%					

The Bank of France in its weekly statement reports a further small gain of 208,000 francs in its gold item this week. The Bank's gold holdings, therefore, now aggregate 5,523,303,775 francs, as against 5,481,107,716 francs at this time last year and 5,574,475,216 francs the year previous; 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 291,000 francs, advances rose 101,523,000 francs, and Treasury deposits increased 12,000 francs. Bills discounted, on the other hand, fell off 186,560,000 francs, while general deposits were reduced 147,746,000 francs. A further expansion of 662,871,000 francs occurred in note circulation, bringing the total outstanding up to 37,792,328,000 francs. This contrasts with 39,567,316,105 francs on the corresponding date last year and with 36,726,249,370 francs in 1919. Just prior to the outbreak of war, in 1914, the amount was only 6,683,184,785 francs. Comparisons of the various items in this week's return with the statement of last week and corresponding dates in 1920 and 1919 are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Status as of		
		Oct. 6 1921.	Oct. 7 1920.	Oct. 9 1919.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold Holdings—				
In France.....Inc.	208,000	3,574,936,719	3,532,740,660	3,596,196,800
Abroad.....	No change	1,948,367,056	1,948,367,056	1,978,278,416
Total.....Inc.	208,000	5,523,303,775	5,481,107,716	5,574,475,216
Silver.....Inc.	291,000	277,619,495	256,453,192	290,602,883
Bills discounted.....Dec	186,560,000	2,273,709,298	2,330,453,192	928,666,958
Advances.....Inc.	101,523,000	2,290,037,000	2,090,723,289	1,320,016,725
Note circulation.....Inc.	662,871,000	37,792,328,000	39,567,316,105	36,726,249,370
Treasury deposits.....Inc.	12,000	35,037,000	45,600,652	56,711,927
General deposits.....Dec	147,746,000	2,326,330,000	3,156,484,153	2,762,460,785

In its statement, issued as of Sept. 30, the Imperial Bank of Germany showed drastic changes consequent upon preparations for the usual month-end settle-

ments. Probably the feature which attracted the most attention was an expansion in note circulation of no less than 4,025,346,000 marks, which carried that already unwieldy total to another new high of 86,203,711,000 marks. This unsatisfactory showing, which is attributed very largely to recent increases in wages and prices as well as heavy cash payments abroad and fresh taxation demands which are encouraging renewed hoarding, compares with a total of paper currency in circulation in the corresponding week of 1920 of 61,735,489,000 marks, 29,784,100,000 the year previous to that and 1,890,893,000 marks in July of 1914. Gold declined nominally 1,000 marks and total coin and bullion 152,000 marks. Treasury certificates were reduced 497,368,000 marks and notes of other banks 6,080,000 marks. In bills discounted there was an increase of 15,808,000 marks, while deposits registered the enormous gain of 9,417,142,000 marks. Advances were cut 45,327,000 marks, but other liabilities showed an expansion of 1,527,209,000 marks and investments 20,779,000 marks. The Bank's gold holdings are now reported as 1,023,704,000 marks, which compares with 1,091,577,000 marks in 1920 and 1,096,580,000 marks the year before.

An analysis of the Federal Reserve Bank statement, made public late on Thursday afternoon, reveals the fact that although a further gain in gold is recorded for the system as a whole, the New York institution sustained a loss in gold reserves of \$48,000,000, due entirely to transfers from the amount to its credit with the Gold Settlement Fund held by the Federal Reserve Board at Washington. Rediscounting operations were smaller for the twelve reporting banks, so that the total of the bill holdings is now \$1,440,191,000, in comparison with \$1,441,792,000 last week and \$3,101,361,000 a year ago. There was a contraction in aggregate deposits of all kinds of \$21,000,000, but Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation increased \$25,000,000, while the reserve ratio remained the same as a week ago, that is, 69.0%. In the case of the New York Reserve Bank, bill holdings are now \$294,889,000, an increase of \$20,000,000 for the week. Total earning assets expanded \$26,000,000, but deposits fell off \$32,000,000. The ratio of reserve has been lowered slightly, to 80.0%, as against 82.4% a week ago. Federal Reserve note circulation increased \$11,000,000.

Last Saturday's New York Clearing House bank statement reflected the strain incidental to Oct. 1 interest and dividend disbursements and sharp changes were noted in nearly all of the principal items. Loans were expended \$55,081,000, while surplus reserve, owing to augmentation of deposits and the drawing down of member bank reserves with the Federal Reserve Bank, was completely eliminated, thus leaving for the seventh time this year a deficit. In net demand deposits the gain totaled \$44,801,000, which carried the amount up to \$3,664,644,000. This is exclusive of Government deposits of \$216,191,000, a decline in the latter of \$6,328,000 for the week. Net time deposits were, however, only nominally changed, being \$217,904,000, against \$217,252,000 last week. Among the other changes were a decrease in cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank of \$3,378,000, to \$66,626,000 (not counted as reserve), an increase in reserves of State banks and trust companies in own vaults of \$23,000

and a decline of \$527,000 in the reserve kept by State institutions in other depositories. As noted above, member banks reduced their borrowings at the Reserve Bank, in round numbers, \$37,146,000, and this, together with the expansion in deposits, brought about a loss in surplus of \$43,557,160, thereby wiping out last week's excess reserve and leaving a deficit of \$10,898,230. These changes, however, attracted only perfunctory notice as they are regarded as little more than book-keeping transactions and almost certain to be readjusted in the course of another week. The figures here given for surplus are on the basis of 13% surplus reserves above legal requirements for member banks of the Federal Reserve System, but do not include cash in vault amounting to \$66,626,000 held by these member banks on Saturday last.

The general trend of the money market has been toward greater ease, in spite of the advance in the call money quotation yesterday afternoon from 4½% to 5%, and then to 5½%. So far as could be learned, there was no reason for attaching special significance to this development. Call money has renewed and loaned freely at 4½% and it is claimed that the supply was well in excess of the demand. There has been no material change in the rates for time funds. Broadly speaking, they are 5¼@5½%, although accommodations are said to have been made as low as 5%. Probably the volume at that figure was relatively small. This week the offerings of foreign government issues have been more noticeable than those for the account of domestic corporations, States and municipalities. There is a feeling in some banking circles that in order to stabilize currency, commercial and industrial conditions in South America and in various European countries, it will be necessary for United States bankers to extend considerable financial assistance in the way of loans. Secretary of Commerce Hoover, in a speech in this city on Thursday evening, said that the German mark must be stabilized if the currencies of other European countries are to be put on a firm basis again. The problem is how to accomplish this. Notwithstanding the large offerings of new issues the prevailing opinion appears to be that the money market will be easy for some time to come. In some local financial circles materially lower rates for call funds than now obtain are predicted for the first quarter of next year. As a matter of fact, no one can do much more than venture a guess, because of the many uncertainties in the general situation. If business should improve rapidly, as is forecast by some authorities, there would be a fresh demand for funds. This, coupled with requirements abroad, might bring about a fairly firm money market. No one can tell when improvement in business will begin on a larger scale, and how rapid the expansion will be when it does come.

Referring to the more specific rates for money, call loans covered a range this week of 4½@5½%, as against 5@6% last week, for both mixed collateral and all-industrial loans without differentiation. Monday the high was 5½%, which was also the renewal figure, while the low was 5%. On Tuesday there was no range and 5% was the only rate quoted. Wednesday and Thursday there was a further easing to 4½%, although renewals continued to be made at 5%, the high. Call loans renewed at 4½% on Friday, the minimum figure, but for a brief period

an advance to 5½% was scored as a result of withdrawals by out-of-town banks. In time money there is very little doing. No important trades were recorded in any maturity, though for sixty and ninety days there has been a decline to 5¼@5½%, as against 5½% a week ago. Four, five and six months' money continues to be quoted at 5½@5¾%, unchanged. All-industrial money, whenever dealt in, is put through, as usual, at ¼ of 1% above the figures just given.

Mercantile paper rates are a shade easier and now range from 5½@5¾% for sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character, against 5¾% last week. Names less well known still require 6%, the same as the previous week. The bulk of the business passing is at 5¾%, with 5½% asked usually for New England mill paper. Out-of-town institutions were the principal buyers.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances have ruled firm and unchanged. A better demand was noted and the volume of business transacted was therefore larger. Savings banks were reported as active in the market and were in fact largely responsible for the increased turnover. 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 Banks 5% bid and 4¾% asked for bills running 120 days; 4⅞@4¾% for ninety days; 4⅞@4¾% for sixty days, and 4⅞@4¾% for thirty days. Open market quotations follow:

	SPOT DELIVERY.		
	90 Days.	60 Days.	30 Days.
Prime eligible bills.....	4⅞@4¾	4⅞@4¾	4⅞@4¾
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.			
Eligible member banks.....	5½ bid		
Eligible non-member banks.....	5½ bid		
Ineligible bank bills.....	5½ bid		

Following the action two weeks ago of the Federal Reserve banks of New York and Boston, the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, on the 5th inst. lowered its rediscount rate on all classes of paper and for all maturities from 5½ to 5%. On the 6th inst. the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis reduced the rate on commercial paper, trade acceptances and live stock paper from 6½ to 6%, continuing unchanged at 6% the rate on paper secured by Treasury notes and Certificates of Indebtedness, Liberty bonds and Victory notes. 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 OCTOBER 7 1921.

Federal Reserve Bank of—	Discounted bills maturing within 90 days (incl. member banks' 15-day collateral notes) secured by—			Bankers' acceptances discounted for member banks	Trade acceptances maturing within 90 days	Agricultural and live 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	5	5	5	5	5
Cleveland.....	5½	5½	5½	5½	5½	5½
Richmond.....	6	6	6	6	6	6
Atlanta.....	6	6	6	6	6	6
Chicago.....	6	6	6	6	6	6
St. Louis.....	6	6	6	5½	6	6
Minneapolis.....	6	6	6	6	6	6
Kansas City.....	6	6	6	6	6	6
Dallas.....	6	6	6	6	6	6
San Francisco.....	5½	5½	5½	5½	5½	5½

The sterling exchange market displayed an improving tendency both in point of activity and undertone, and the result of the week's operations is a net advance of about 5 cents from the close on Friday last.

Following a quiet opening, with rates practically unchanged in the initial transactions, firmness developed and the price level began to move upward until demand bills touched 3 78⅝. This was mainly in response to higher cabled quotations from London and the favorable impression produced by the more hopeful utterances of Premier Lloyd George regarding the outlook for the exchanges and the forthcoming arms conference in Washington, which, in his opinion, is likely to have a far-reaching effect on world affairs. Later on prices sagged off slightly, but there was renewed strength at the close. The volume of business has been appreciably larger, although attention continues to centre chiefly upon marks. Little, if any, increase in the supply of commercial bills offering is noted, and the scarcity in this respect is regarded as, to a considerable extent, responsible for the steadiness in currency values. Large operators, however, continue to adopt a conservative policy and the market can best be described as a waiting one with much of the business that is passing daily of a speculative character and transactions in the aggregate only moderate. It is apparently agreed that the reparations question is likely to dominate exchange affairs for a good while to come and Germany's ability to maintain her payments continue a subject of keen discussion. Not a few feel that the financial collapse of Germany has been somewhat overdone with the idea of forcing the Allies to modify the original terms of the reparations agreements; though on the other hand, some bankers are of the opinion that Berlin is likely to have considerable difficulty in making payment next month.

Referring to the day-to-day rates sterling exchange on Saturday last was easier and there was a fractional decline to 3 72¼@3 72½ for demand, 3 72¾@3 73 for cable transfers and 3 66½@3 66¾ for sixty days; trading was not active. Monday's market though still quiet was firmer with an advance to 3 72⅝@3 73½ for demand, 3 72⅞@3 74 for cable transfers and 3 66⅝@3 67¾ for sixty days. Increased firmness became evident on Tuesday, in consequence of which demand bills moved up to 3 73@3 74 7-16, cable transfers to 3 73½@3 74 15-16 and sixty days to 3 67¼@3 68 11-16; business, however, continued apathetic. On Wednesday a vigorous rally took place, mainly in response to the optimistic remarks of the British Premier, and sterling rates advanced nearly 2c., to 3 74⅞@3 77¼ for demand, 3 75⅝@3 77¾ for cable transfers and 3 69⅞@3 71½ for sixty days. Extreme dullness marked Thursday's dealings, but prices were well maintained and the range rose to 3 76⅜@3 78⅝ for demand, 3 76⅞@3 79⅞ for cable transfers and 3 70⅝@3 72⅞ for sixty days. On Friday renewed strength was manifested, with demand up to 3 77½@3 78⅝, cable transfers 3 78@3 79⅞ and sixty days 3 71¾@3 72⅞. Closing quotations were 3 72½ for sixty days, 3 78¼ for demand and 3 78¾ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills closed at 3 77¾, sixty days at 3 70¼, ninety days at 3 68⅜, documents for payment (sixty days) at 3 72¼ and seven-day grain bills at 3 77. Cotton and grain for payment finished at 3 77¾. There is apparently no letup in the steady influx of gold to this port and consignments this week comprise—

—about \$4,000,000 on the Drottningholm from Sweden, \$400,000 on the Carmania from Liverpool, \$300,000 on the Bayern from Hamburg, \$2,300,000 on the Haimon from Calcutta, \$1,400,000 on the France, from French

ports, \$4,120,000 on the Paris from France, and 37 cases of gold from Egypt on the Clearwater. Lesser amounts from South America and elsewhere included \$16,089 on the Calamares from Central America, 8 packages gold and gold coin on the Commeyne from the West Indies, 6 packages raw gold and gold coin on the Matura from Trinidad, 5 packages bar gold and 29 gold bars, also 4 cases silver coin on the Colon from Panama; 1 case specie on the Philadelphia from Curacao, 80 bars silver and 2 cases silver currency on the Monterey from Mexico and 12 bars of gold on the Lake Fariston from Colombia. The steamer Mount Clinton has arrived with three cases gold coin valued at 8,000,000 paper marks from Hamburg, while shipments of the yellow metal are expected from various sources.

Fluctuations in Continental exchange, though less erratic than those of a week ago, were somewhat irregular with occasional sharp changes. As in the case of sterling, trading was comparatively light in the early part of the week, but later on there was a perceptible broadening in the demand for all classes of remittances and substantial gains were recorded. French and Belgian francs gained about 25 points to 7.31 and 7.36 for checks, respectively. Lire ruled about steady, alternating between 3.97 and 4.05 for sight bills. As to mark exchange, though the quotation continues at very close to the low record prices prevailing a week ago, a better undertone was noted and moderate advances took place as a result of short covering operations. A feature of the week's dealings was the diminution in the offerings of marks which had played solarge a part in trading in other recent weeks. This was attributed to the withdrawal, for the time being at least, of the German Government as a seller of exchange, not so much possibly because of the fact that requirements for the next installment payment Nov. 15 have been met, but because of the demoralization in values attendant upon persistent efforts to sell upon an apathetic not to say panicky market. Attempts to force sales on the part of private holders were also less in evidence, although speculation is still proceeding on a more or less extensive scale. Opening at 0.77 for Berlin checks the quotation moved up steadily until 0.82 $\frac{1}{4}$ was reached. Aside from the buying, however, to cover over-extended short commitments, the inquiry for legitimate purposes was very light, since conservative interests regard the present situation as too unsettled to risk extensive operations in this direction, and there are some who predict still lower levels for German currency before the bottom is reached, unless some adjustment in the method of indemnity settlements is arrived at. The result is a market nervous and hesitant in the extreme, ready to respond to good or bad news by violent changes either up or down as the case may be. Austrian kronen, likewise the rates on the Central European republics, moved in sympathy with German exchange, but to a lesser extent, and losses were confined to small fractions.

The official London check rate on Paris finished at 52.35, as compared with 52.06 a week ago. Sight bills here on the French centre closed at 7.23 against 7.11 $\frac{1}{2}$ a week ago; cable transfers at 7.24, against 7.12 $\frac{1}{2}$; and commercial sight bills at 7.21, against 7.09 $\frac{1}{2}$; commercial sixty days at 7.15, against 7.03 $\frac{1}{2}$. Antwerp francs closed at 7.04 for checks and 7.06 for cable remittances. This compares with 6.99 and 7.05 $\frac{1}{2}$ last week. Final quotations on German marks were 0.80 $\frac{1}{2}$ for demand and 0.81 $\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers, against 0.84 and 0.85. Austrian kronen closed at 0.05 $\frac{1}{2}$ for checks and

0.06 for cable transfers. Italian lire finished the week at 3.99 for bankers' sight bills and 4.00 for cable transfers, which compares with 3.98 and 3.99 last week. Exchange on Czecho-Slovakia closed at 1.07 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 1.06; Bucharest at 0.87 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 0.90 $\frac{1}{2}$; Poland at 0.02, against 0.0148, and Finland at 1.50 (unchanged). Greek drachma remained without essential change from the low levels of the previous week until the close, when there was a drop to another new low record at 4.45 for checks and 4.50 for cable remittances, against 4.75 and 4.80 a week ago.

There is practically nothing new of moment to report in the former neutral exchanges. Variations in rates were not especially important, although the trend was generally higher. Dutch guilders, Swiss francs, as well as Copenhagen and Swedish remittances, were all strong and registered fairly good gains. Norwegian exchange proved the exception and continued heavy at or near the low levels prevailing in recent weeks. Spanish pesetas were about steady. Trading throughout was quiet and featureless.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam closed at 32.40, against 31.79; cable transfers at 32.45, against 31.84; commercial sight bills at 32.35, against 31.74, and commercial sixty days at 31.99, against 31.38 a week ago. Closing quotations for Swiss francs were 17.78 for bankers' sight bills and 17.80 for cable transfers, in comparison with 17.34 and 17.36 last week. Copenhagen checks closed at 18.70 and cable transfers at 18.75, against 17.83 and 17.87. Checks on Sweden finished at 22.80 and cable transfers at 22.85, against 22.17 and 22.22, while checks on Norway closed at 12.05 and cable remittances at 12.10, against 12.22 and 12.24 in the preceding week. Spanish pesetas finished the week at 13.18 for checks and 13.20 for cable transfers. This compares with 13.01 and 13.03 a week ago.

CABLE BUYING RATES FIXED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANK, SEPT. 30 1921 TO OCT. 6 1921, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York— Value in United States Money.					
	Sept. 30.	Oct. 1.	Oct. 3.	Oct. 4.	Oct. 5.	Oct. 6.
EUROPE—						
Austria, krone	.0006	.000593	.000558	.000591	.000606	.000606
Belgium, franc	.0703	.0700	.0689	.0701	.0713	.0710
Bulgaria, lev	.006925	.007183	.00706	.006917	.006867	.0072
Czecho-Slovakia, krone	.010425	.010439	.010188	.010438	.010481	.010718
Denmark, krone	.1782	.1794	.1802	.1832	.1866	.1873
England, pound	3.7329	3.7288	3.7303	3.7396	3.7698	3.7727
Finland, marka	.01435	.014186	.0143	.0149	.014771	.014907
France, franc	.0714	.0709	.0707	.0711	.0724	.0722
Germany, reichsmark	.008531	.007936	.007853	.008033	.008065	.008243
Greece, drachma	.0478	.0477	.0477	.0453	.0429	.0430
Holland, florin or guilder	.3177	.3189	.3209	.3212	.3222	.3239
Hungary, krone	.001469	.001435	.001473	.001479	.001461	.001521
Italy, lira	.0398	.0398	.0397	.0398	.0401	.0402
Yugoslavia, krone	.00445	.004358	.004368	.004364	.004329	.004318
Norway, krone	.1227	.1232	.1227	.1193	.1200	.1204
Poland, Polish mark	.000163	.000156	.000163	.000158	.000156	.000195
Portugal, escuda	.0980	.0977	.0982	.0996	.0969	.0984
Rumania, leu	.009188	.0090	.008595	.0086	.008545	.008870
Serbia, dinar	.017867	.017738	.01755	.01735	.017500	.017225
Spain, peseta	.1302	.1303	.1303	.1303	.1309	.1312
Sweden, krona	.2224	.2229	.2231	.2236	.2247	.2271
Switzerland, franc	.1731	.1736	.1740	.1744	.1760	.1769
ASIA—						
Hong Kong, dollar	.5605	.5690	.5650	.5654	.5663	.5588
Shanghai, tael	.7945	.7935	.7925	.7910	.7833	.7623
Shanghai, Mexican dollar	.5719	.5775	.5720	.5740	.5709	.5605
India, rupee	.2735	.2709	.2709	.2706	.2719	.2735
Japan, yen	.4782	.4780	.4781	.4774	.4769	.4780
Java, florin or guilder	.3160	.3142	.3174	.3176	.3168	.3190
Manila, peso	.4250	.4267	.4275	.4267	.4300	.4250
Singapore, dollar	.4250	.4267	.4275	.4267	.4300	.4250
NORTH AMERICA—						
Canada, dollar	.909167	.90875	.909609	.908281	.909687	.909894
Cuba, peso	.995212	.997292	.995425	.995217	.994800	.9948
Mexico, peso	.488125	.485469	.486625	.489344	.484531	.486375
Newfoundland dollar	.906875	.90625	.906354	.905417	.906667	.905318
SOUTH AMERICA—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	.7293	.7370	.7376	.7328	.7337	.7354
Brazil, milreis	.1256	.1260	.1255	.1249	.1258	.1277
Uruguay, peso	.6668	.6667	.6707	.6735	.6671	.6686

As to South American quotations a slightly better tone was noted and the rate for checks on Argentina finished at 33.00 and cable transfers 33.25, against 32.00 and 32.25 a week earlier. For Brazil there was no change from 13.00 for checks and 13.25 for cable

transfers. Chilian exchange was a shade firmer at 117/8, against 111 1/2, but Peru was steady at 3.49, against 3.39.

Far Eastern exchange continues firm, notably Chinese and Indian currencies, and the closing range was as follows: Hong Kong, 57 3/4 @ 58, against 56 1/4 @ 56 1/2; Shanghai, 81 3/4 @ 82, against 81 3/4 @ 82; Yokohama, 48 1/2 @ 48 3/4 (unchanged); Manila, 48 3/4 @ 49 (unchanged); Singapore, 44 1/4 @ 44 1/2 (unchanged); Bombay, 28 1/4 @ 28 1/2 (unchanged); and Calcutta, 28 3/4 @ 29, against 29 @ 29 1/4.

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$3,702,850 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending October 6. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$5,090,448, while the shipments have reached \$1,387,598, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week ending Oct. 6.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$5,090,448	\$1,387,598	Gain \$3,702,850

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, Oct. 1.	Monday, Oct. 3.	Tuesday, Oct. 4.	Wednesday, Oct. 5.	Thursday, Oct. 6.	Friday, Oct. 7.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 51,900,000	\$ 44,800,000	\$ 53,500,000	\$ 52,000,000	\$ 77,300,000	\$ 46,000,000	Cr. 326,400,000

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	Oct. 6 1921.			Oct. 7 1920.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 128,413,841	£ -----	£ 128,413,841	£ 123,195,454	£ -----	£ 123,195,454
France a	142,997,469	11,080,000	154,077,469	141,309,626	10,240,000	151,549,626
Germany	51,185,200	803,200	51,988,400	54,578,700	361,000	54,939,700
Aus.-Hun.	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000
Spain	100,073,000	24,977,000	125,050,000	98,107,000	23,774,000	121,881,000
Italy	33,403,000	2,974,000	36,377,000	32,229,000	2,998,000	35,227,000
Netherl'ds.	50,497,000	797,000	51,294,000	53,029,000	1,449,000	54,478,000
Nat. Belg.	10,663,000	1,595,000	12,258,000	10,660,000	1,087,000	11,747,000
Switz'land.	21,790,000	4,961,000	26,751,000	21,617,000	3,780,000	25,397,000
Sweden	15,337,000	-----	15,337,000	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	8,119,000	-----	8,119,000
Total week	586,060,510	49,751,200	635,811,710	581,045,780	46,203,000	627,248,780
Prev. week	586,487,766	48,261,750	635,749,516	579,802,971	46,129,700	626,022,671

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

PUBLIC MUST DEVELOP HOSTILITY TO TAXES TO GET THEM REDUCED.

Probably little public attention was attracted by a very recent Washington news item relating the discovery of attempted fraud and blackmail by an assistant bureau chief in the Internal Revenue Department; yet this recalls and gives new importance to another dispatch upon which the "Chronicle" commented about a month ago. The former news

story was that the newly-inducted Internal Revenue Commissioner had issued a warning against pretended experts on making returns under our mis-called "system" of taxation. The Commissioner was said to foresee such activity by those pretenders that he deemed it proper to state publicly that "persons who knowingly offer advice or suggestions by which the income tax law may be evaded, and which eventually lead the taxpayer into difficulties with the Government, will be dealt with in accordance with the extreme penalties provided by law"; he added that in the last 30 days over forty attorneys and agents for taxpayers had been disbarred from practice before the Treasury, that a new enrollment system had been adopted and all applicants for leave to appear must satisfy a committee of their ability to render clients any valuable service; also that a power-of-attorney from the principals must be shown.

The later story is that the corrupt practitioner has developed even within the Tax Office. According to this narrative, an assistant chief of the personal audit section formed a quiet partnership with an outside resident of Washington, and the latter wrote to a selected victim, early in this year, that an assessment of \$250,000 (i.e., a demand based on either intentional or unintentional error) would shortly be made upon him. The writer said he would visit the addressee, if his expenses were paid, or the addressee himself could come to Washington; the information was furnished the writer by a friend within the Tax Office who was handling this particular case and could be induced to so arrange as to make payment unnecessary. No reply having been received, a second letter of the same tenor was written; this also having brought no reply, another, advising of a further expected assessment for \$253,000 was written, but, according to the narrative, was not sent. Then the intended victim began to move; an agent of his appeared before the letter writer and suggested negotiations, in course of which an offer was made to hand back the assessment "return" and the like papers as to three other selected taxpayers (the amount put in question in the four cases being about 1 1/2 millions) if each of the four would stand \$40,000 for silence and peace. The next incident was that about ten days ago a special agent of the Tax Office, posing as representing the "comerons" in the case, met the working partner of the scheme, who said his friend on the inside did not like to carry off the papers from the Tax Office in daylight, yet this reluctance could be overcome, and he would himself return at a later hour, bringing all the papers and returns, which, if destroyed, would leave no record of any liability against any of the parties. Sufficient evidence having now been obtained, the arrests followed.

Now while the extent of successful or of attempted or even of wished-for evasion by persons who are hit severely by taxation is probably exaggerated, there must in the nature of things be some of it; hence the Collector's warning notice is not entirely without occasion, and the story above condensed is wholly credible. As already said, the warning announcement is a strong indictment of direct taxation as we now have it, and this later tale of blackmail repeats and emphasizes that indictment. The discreditable truth is that our taxation is responsible for such wrong conduct, since it is a direct and inevitable cause of law-breaking. A too-heavy duty on any imported article invites and produces smuggling

and under-valuations. Any attempt to enforce statutes which are unjust, over-severe, or for any cause not sustained by public opinion, leads to corrupt evasion as surely as the fruit conforms to the seed. The 18th amendment and the Volstead law furnish an instance in point; some agents paid and sworn to enforce it keep a cupped hand behind them for bribe and "division" money; each detective and special agent is liable to need another to watch him, and then the watcher himself needs to be watched, and the watcher of the watched to be watched in his turn, and so the line stretches on in corrupt demoralization. Nobody should be surprised to be told (as we are told this week) that the head Federal Volstead enforcement officer for Connecticut has been arrested for bribery, the chief detective in New Britain is held on charge of collusion with bootleggers, and Attorney-General Daughterty has demanded the resignation of the Federal marshal in that State. Enacting wrong or impracticable statutes furnishes opportunity and temptation for fraud.

To say that our direct tax laws are unjust, involved and capable of inconsistent interpretations, provocative of just indignation, economically destructive in working, and hence tending to dry up the sources of revenue, so written as almost to suggest that their authors deliberately made them hateful—to say this is only to repeat what many of us have heard or thought already and has been borne severely upon some of us by personal occasion for wrathful endurance. But one thing must be said which has not yet been said, at least with the frequency and emphasis it requires, namely: that our taxation is not likely to be genuinely reformed until there is a real change in public opinion respecting it. State this more bluntly but not less truthfully, and before we can get tax reform we must really *hate* taxation. That taxes cannot be entirely abolished, any more than evil can be, is of course merely a truism; but as to either and both a fixed feeling of hatred is almost a condition precedent to improvement.

The time has been in our national history when we were sometimes told that this country was in the happy state of getting on without taxation; the declaration was admittedly a bit rhetorical, yet people half-accepted it, because the taxing of that day was chiefly indirect. The inherent defect and danger of indirect taxes is that they conceal themselves and therefore provoke nobody. For many years, and until somewhat recently, lawmakers desired to avoid "direct" taxes; the people would discover them and dislike them, and so the party in power sought to make capital by some more or less shifty method of rubbing on without them. To have so spent or so bungled as to make a direct tax (or some increase of such tax) almost or quite inevitable was a not uncommon indictment of "our opponents" in campaign time.

The reversal of this attitude of the politicians is the most remarkable change in recent years. Legislators and holders of the principal offices now behave as though taxation were desirable in the degree that it is both heavy and irrational. Right here in New York we are facing an expense budget of some 400 millions or more, and the tax rate and the valuations are pushed up alternately, if not together. In the State at large, an indiscriminate bonus to ex-service men and women has just been temporarily halted, while some of the disappointed protest that

they cannot understand how that which is not unconstitutional in some other States can be such here, nor how a mere scrap of paper called a constitution can obstruct the will of the people as expressed nominally in a general election. Similar bonuses have been voted, in some other States where there happens to be no constitutional restrictions upon such uses of tax money. In Washington the same outbreak of folly has been with difficulty halted by the President and Secretary Mellon, and some of its advocates in Congress talk as if commitment to an outlay of billions whose number can only be guessed at were a trifle not even needing hesitation.

This strange shift of feeling led to the 16th Amendment, which swept away restrictions upon direct taxation and authorized Congress to impose any rate upon all incomes, "from whatever source derived." In less than two years afterward the unforeseen war fell on the world, and the wild dance of seizure and expenditure began. Why is it that both Federal and State legislators are so slow to reduce and so recklessly willing even to advance taxation, and so many State and municipal officials are almost eager to increase profligacy while consenting to now and then talk economy? It is not because politicians have become less willing or desirous to please the people; the fault is with the people. Using that be-mouthed term in the broadest and commonest meaning, we have to face the fact that "the people" have grown to love taxation, and this is because they have gathered—original errors having been drilled more deeply into them by false teachers—a wrong idea of three things: the sources from which taxes are drawn, the economic effects which excessive taxes produce, and the possible benefits to be popularly shared by the redisbursing of tax funds. These three may be stated more concisely as one: the pestilential delusion that the rich pay the taxes, whereas they both pay them and collect them, mainly the latter. The common man is rather pleased than otherwise by the income tax, which he thinks flies too high to reach his humble abode while smashing upon the tops of the skyscrapers; "doesn't touch me," he says to himself, and so the more is seized from the "plutocrats" the more will come the way of the people, especially of "labor." No more false and mischievous conception could be caught up. Do not taxes get into rents and into every other commodity necessary to existence? When surtaxes wrest millions from the rich there are two inevitable consequences: much of that money is wasted, like water spilt upon the sand, by unfruitful public expenditures which inevitably lower governmental efficiency and service; also (and equally bad) the money is diverted from productive operations that might otherwise be undertaken. Is it not as clear as primary arithmetic that what our wealthy men and corporations must give up in drastic taxes cannot be put into industrial and trading development. In the Conference over Unemployment now being held is it not plain (if people would only open their eyes to see the truth) that if less capital were seized by the tax-gatherer and its owners were thus left with more ability and more confidence there would be increased use and demand for industrial employment?

The conclusion is that we must exorcise this delusion that the rich pay the taxes and that the poor may benefit by spending them. We, the great and indiscriminate common people, have gradually grown to approve taxes and look on them as a bless-

ing which grows as they grow; we must learn, on the contrary, to hate them and then and thus to resolve upon their reform and reduction—not that they should be lightened, but that they *shall* be. Our politicians are under the same delusion, or, if not so, they believe the people are obsessed by it. They naturally like heavy taxing and spending, for the obvious political advantage held out for themselves; hence they will change and move only as they are taken hold of and constrained.

EVIL PROPHETS OF WAR.

They do the world no good who predict another war. Prophets of evil, they seem to enjoy the thought of coming disaster. From the kill-joy at the sick-bed to the world-pessimist it is a trait in some natures to look on the dark side of things. Sowers of suffering these are—who should be sowers of solace. An English labor leader (Peter Wright, a Councilor of the Seamen's and Firemen's Union of Great Britain, speaking at Ottawa, Can., as reported in a special dispatch to the New York "Times" in its issue of Sept. 26) indulges in a dire prophecy of world-war in 1931, based upon or growing out of alleged facts as follows:

"1. Germany blames the United States for her present position, especially her economic difficulties; the United States has built up a world trade at Germany's expense.

"2. Japan views the United States with unveiled hostility. California and its laws are a thorn in her side. The United States policies, both foreign and domestic, are looked upon by Japanese statesmen and financiers as directly aimed against Japanese expansion and ideals.

"3. Bolshevik Russia hails the United States as the seat of capitalism. Apart from this fact, Russia is in an economic chaos, and needs money in the worst possible way; the United States is a golden treasury, waiting to be plundered."

We are at pains to quote this reported statement, not because of the prominence of its author, nor because of the soundness of the facts. Neither of these need bother us very much. But the pronouncement is a fair sample of the irresponsible individual utterance that gets into the public prints. And it is, at least, "food for thought." Not only has "internationalism" become a fad with certain classes, but there are many persons who in their own expanded minds have come to move the nations and the peoples of earth much as the player moves the pieces upon a chessboard. Divisions are created, combinations formed, attacks projected, with the ease of practiced players. It is a great game—and even there are acknowledged statesmen who play it! On the other hand, it must be said, in simple justice, the citizen or subject who takes no note of passing events and embryo movements is derelict in duty.

But why this continual croaking that another world-war is inevitable? Why this sweeping vision of nations gathering strength only for the purpose of wreck and ruin? Who shall sit in judgment upon the advancing peoples of earth, aye, on the very purposes of the Infinite? Glibly men talk of Great Britain, France, Japan, as if they were but pawns in the hands of unbridled egotism. It is a fault of confusing governments with peoples. And it may well be asked if the common mind was not trained in this school of thinking by the towering wills of certain "representatives" who sat in solemn council on the ruins of the late great war? Too much all

men forget that there is a Divine Purpose at work.

Why anticipate that which is contrary to the universal desire? Why stamp mankind as incapable of learning a lesson? Why change hope into despair, confidence into fear, and loving into hating? Harpies there were of old who feasted upon carrion. Scandal-mongers there are who gloat over evil report. Bolsheviks there are who, measuring all progress by their thumb-nail theories, strive for revolution and riot that from resulting chaos may develop the germ of a New Order. Prophets of another world-war there are who poison the thoughts of men and paralyze the governments of earth by their dire and witless imaginings.

We are entering upon a Conference on the Limitation of Armaments. How shall the spirit of peace make its benign power felt in the midst of these false alarms? The universal will for universal and lasting peace will bring it. The light of honest endeavor is breaking everywhere. Is there any more potent desire than that for "resumption"? Does any sane human being anywhere want war? If there be in the constitution of things seeds of future wars, must they be cultivated? If mankind is forewarned, are we not forearmed against those policies which have always brought war?

But the world has grown "so small" and the individual egotist grown so large, that men, though of "little knowledge," must be dangerous to society when they coddle themselves with intelligence, and combine States of the world to set them at each other's throats—and all for their own selfish and self-conscious glory. In all reason, is there any world-war in sight? Why then insinuate this fear into the consciousness of man? It matters not how important or inconsequential the individual may be, he is a prophet of evil who predicts the worst that may happen—and with no cause.

It is not in the spirit of "peace on earth, goodwill to man" that States "prepare" for war. There is no faith in the power of love that finds no good save in a single people, and that one's own. If peoples trust each other their representatives will follow. The wars of to-day are but echoes of the great conflict. They are not new wars. And there never will come another world-war if all predictions and preparations cease utterly. And once the universal will rises to its flood-tide of faith and goodwill the causes of war will be obliterated forever.

NEWSPAPER AND MUNICIPALITY.

Whether a newspaper can libel a city and whether in fact it did do so, is now being tried out in the courts. And on the particular case we make no comment. But outside the facts and equities of any particular case there is a broad field that the suit in question brings under renewed observation. It is well enough established that a private corporation can be libeled, and there are specific laws providing for relief. But it is novel, if not entirely new, to assert, by an action at law, that a civic corporation can be wronged and its credit destroyed by a false statement. There is a well-known axiom that you cannot "indict a whole people." Just what a civic corporation may have aside from its capacity to represent a whole community *may* be determined by this case.

The relation and duty of a newspaper to a community, while it is a part of this cause celebre, is a

subject of continuing interest and determination. And this relation and duty can only be established by the growth of the press *and* the community. We doubt that there has been a case of municipal mismanagement the exposure of which has not been facilitated by the newspaper. Yet civic corruption has been freely charged upon parties in power, and a newspaper that becomes a party organ and engages in a campaign of exposure must needs look carefully to its own action if it keep itself free from the bias of a partisan political charge and campaign. For parties, it would seem, approach dangerously near libeling each other.

If it is still a question whether a political corporation has any being outside the people it represents, there is no doubt that a newspaper in its relation to a community's welfare must separate itself from the bonds of partisan politics. And the constant growth of what is known as the "independent press" is proof of the assertion. It is a tacit announcement that the newspaper finds its community duty not in partisan appeal but in community representation. And here, in a general way, the freedom of the community to discuss its own internal civic affairs must lend sanction to the newspaper doing the same thing—provided only that it do so in a calm, dignified, impartial manner.

Hardly a municipal election comes on that does not find the community newspapers "taking sides" in the results. Those that still cling to the "party organ" status often become violently partisan. Those also often become the organs of "reforms" (and it may be unconsciously) that are themselves filled with bias and not seldom the tools of political manipulation. For instance, to fill its columns with "investigations" trumped up for political effect *may* be the means of unduly emphasizing purely political charges that are not only unjust to an administration but to the watchcare and elevation of the citizenry. It is a difficult line to draw.

To proclaim "independence" is not always to practice it. We cannot escape our political system. It is the only means of rule we have. And since municipal finance is the major part of our governing, it is impossible to free our politics from charge and counter-charge as to means and methods. But the attaining of freedom from political bias here shown, does not assert a freedom and independence, that, having once "taken sides," proves a newspaper is free from being by proxy a rank partisan of a party cause or a popular reform. Here again the line is so difficult to establish. How to become an advocate and a judge at the same time is the question.

What was known as "yellow journalism" has nearly disappeared. Sensationalism may sell a few papers for a time, it is now realized, but the consequent slump in circulation is a costly matter. And in the matter of exposure as an antecedent to reform, it should also be now realized, that the community is the only arbiter of its own destiny by its power to change an "administration." No "independent" newspaper can be assured in advance that the succeeding party will be better than its predecessor, or that the proposed theoretical reform "will work," or that a majority of the community actually desires the "reform." It is limited, therefore, to a calm, impartial discussion of the issues, not over-weighted by a one-sided preponderance of the "news" presented. It is held down by the law and facts in the case and must be both judge and jury. There

is no room for acrid criticism and violent comment. And being the means of presenting to its constituents, drawn from all classes and parties, the modus operandi of city government and the facts of current administration, it cannot become the tool of a "reform" more than the agent of a party. That is, if it be really "independent" as a conscious duty to a community.

And this applies to the newspaper's attitude toward many of the so-called public questions in economics, finance and commerce. It fails in its mission if it does not have convictions and freely express them. But it is not compelled, as an organ influencing as well as reflecting "public opinion," to become identified with any of the many "movements" of the time, as if its life and the communal life depended upon a "settlement" according to its own judgment. It is no part of even the citizen's duty to *compel* the universal acceptance of his own ideas and ideals—much less the duty of the newspaper. In a word, there can be no denial that the journal does its whole duty to its constituents and the community when it accurately, impartially and comprehensively prints the news (facts in the case) and when it temperately discusses facts, conditions, movements, leaving to its readers the duty of "making up their own minds," of "taking sides," and of instituting means and methods. It should calm the turmoil rather than excite it. It should "say its say" and be done with the matter. Each day it fronts a new world. And each day it is a link between the old and the new; and a "golden chain" when it holds that the common "advance" is dependent upon the good of the past as upon the prescience of the present.

THE PACIFIC QUESTION AND THE CONFERENCE FOR THE LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS.

Secretary Hughes has taken a very suggestive and timely step in expressing the desire of our Government to settle soon and amicably the controversy over the title to the island of Yap; and the overture has already met favorable response from Japan.

It is in itself far too small a matter ever to lie open as occasion for controversy between two great nations like Japan and the United States. It furnishes, however, an opportunity for our Government which extended the call, and is to act as host for the representatives of other nations who will assemble at Washington in the Conference on the Limitation of Armaments, to greet them in a large-minded and generous attitude and, in some degree at least, remove from their minds an impression which has spread somewhat that America is far from disinterested and unselfish in her efforts to secure peace.

Indeed, it is highly probable that the foreign delegates and the large body of their accompanying friends are more concerned to discover, if possible, the real mind of our people than they are in any formal conclusions the Conference may reach. Anything, therefore, that may be done in advance to create a favorable atmosphere even in Washington cannot fail to be important.

Yap, in any case, may be left to be disposed of privately and, if possible, in advance of the Conference. But mention of it brings up at once the whole question of the Pacific, and that is not to be settled lightly, or even dismissed. This will surely be up-

permost in the thoughts of the people residing on its shores and in the back of the minds of everybody else.

The nations bordering the Pacific contain some 400,000,000 people belonging to the yellow race and 164,000,000 to the white race. Of the latter only 12,000,000 are noted as actually dwelling on the coast, with nearly one-half of them living in Australia and New Zealand. Comparatively little is known as yet of the capacity for amalgamation or absorption in the different races. The white races have to a considerable extent intermingled in the past and are doing it on an even more extensive scale with us to-day, though it is by no means clear what the ultimate result will be. China has been conquered and overrun by Tartars, Mongols and Manchus and has succeeded in maintaining her original characteristics and racial stock to such a degree that she is not only the oldest nation but she ranks with any for the distinctness and permanence of her individuality.

The difficulty arises when a strong advanced race comes in contact with one weaker and less advanced as with the whites and blacks in the United States and South Africa and with the Europeans in India. It proves equally pressing when a numerous race with inherent vigor driven by its own necessities begins to overflow into a country, however advanced, in which it finds that it can immediately and perhaps permanently supply its needs. This is the situation in the Pacific. The Chinese have long been known to have great power of industrial and commercial success and of maintaining their national characteristics in contact with their neighbors and apart from accession of territory. The Japanese are showing like power under similar conditions. Coming originally from the Continent their conquest and domination of the islands of the Yellow Sea seems for centuries to have satisfied, if not exhausted, their power and desire of further expansion. In the same way the entrance of Western European peoples beginning long ago with the Portuguese, the Spaniards and the Dutch, and later with the English and French, as in India and Cochin-China, has gone little beyond the effect upon the migrating people themselves.

To-day a new situation arises. With the growth of their population, the increased difficulty of making a living at home, and the general upheaval occasioned by the war awakening men's minds, arousing their ambitions and desires, and with the opening of many new ways of intercourse, great numbers of Asiatic people are beginning to move into territory already pre-empted by Europeans. The South African Union is in a tumult over the importation of Indian and coolie labor; and Australia and New Zealand are staking their continuance in the British Empire upon their right entirely to exclude Japanese and Chinese labor from their shores, great as is their need of help to people and work their vast territory. In the United States and Canada, where possession is so much older and more complete as to have small reason to fear disastrous overflow, Asiatic labor is either already prohibited or placed under severe restriction. In time the South and Central American States will have to deal with the same question.

What then is to be determined? What policy will be adopted? It must needs be one that will have general application and approval, which it cannot

have unless it meets the requirements of civilized and Christian relations and responsibility.

It is easy to say of a negro in the United States, or of a "native" in South Africa, that he must "know his place," but who knows what is "his place"; and who shall decide it? God "made of one every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth,"; and "have we not all one Father; hath not one God created us?" There is where the final decision rests. The question is so far Christian that this cannot be forgotten. Moreover, it is also economic, ethnic and political, and has many and varied relations. It is not to be decided out of hand, nor in the light of immediate or individual demands. History gives us stay. We cannot fight against Nature, nor hope successfully to disregard her laws. Mighty forces are at work in the movements of men, no less than they are in their advance and racial continuance. Great races and great civilizations have passed away. Each has left its testimony and made its contribution, both to knowledge and to civilization. Questions affecting humanity have to be settled to-day, if they are to be settled at all, in the light of the past. With our limited wisdom we have to consider others with ourselves, lest both be injured.

Now that we are in the full advance of the "Age of Man's Creation of Power," man's physical force counts for less and less, and his power of brain counts correspondingly for more. To-day in great iron furnaces producing several thousand tons of pig iron a day men are so few that they are said to "look like police guarding the machinery." Is there anywhere monopoly of brains, except so far as education and culture have affected them? In 1895 the President of the American Society of Civil Engineers, in an address, said: "If the Americans are to make the best use of their America, they must call to their aid the work which the brains of Europe, and before long those of Asia, will contribute to the general benefit of mankind." If that is true, and it is more strikingly so to-day, we have much prejudice to get rid of. Inter-marriage and close intermingling of the cultivated and the crude, as with the Eurasians in India and the Malay Peninsula, and with the whites in both North and South America, has certainly wrought harm to the civilized; but the relative brain power of the races when under similar conditions is not determined or known. In all directions individual instances are numerous enough to give us pause. We need to be reminded that the civilization of Asia is older than that of Europe, and that both developed from savage life and on wholly independent lines. Their differences, though great, tend to disappear when they know each other well, and may become indistinguishable, especially in the higher functioning of brain power. Mental and intellectual obstacles will be much more difficult to overcome than purely physical obstacles, but if they are surmounted, as they are ethical and spiritual, they should carry the ethnic and the racial as well as the economic and the social with them.

In any case the appeal of the hour and of the world to America is to all that is best in the mind and heart of our civilization and our religion. It demands from the start an openness of mind and freedom from prejudice which puts aside condescending "tolerance," and is frankly human, and, if brotherhood must be left for individual decision, will secure sincere mutual respect.

Col. Thomas Lawrence, the English officer who single-handed and alone entered Arabia and organized the Arab forces which defeated the German-Turkish Army, said: "When you can understand the point of view of another race you are a civilized being."

**THE TREATMENT OF STATE CONSTITUTIONS
—WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO NEW YORK.**

[FIRST ARTICLE.]

Inasmuch as the last election added cumulative evidence of the constant dangers lurking in the manner of changing the constitution in this State, it has been deemed of timely interest to investigate the practice of the other States in this important particular.

Constitutions may be changed by special convention for the purpose, or by amending from time to time. No legislative body in the country can order such a convention; the most that any can do is to put to the people the question of holding one. Congress has no initiative upon even that, but must make a call on application by two-thirds of the State Legislatures. In this State, the question of a convention must be put to the people in every twentieth year following 1916, "and also at such times as the Legislature may by law provide." In some half-dozen States the question must be submitted at specified intervals; in nine, a legislative majority may put it to the people. Nebraska exceptionally requires a three-fifths vote in the Legislature, and sixteen States require two-thirds. The popular decision on the question is by a majority, but Kentucky has the loose provision that the convention is ordered if the votes favor it, and if their total number equal one-fourth of those voting at the last previous election.

As is quite well known, Congress may propose amendments at any time and in unrestricted number, by a two-thirds vote in each branch, and they become valid "when" ratified by three-fourths of the Legislatures, or by conventions in three-fourths of the States, as Congress may determine, there being no time limit whatever. But the latter mode of ratification has never been used, nor has a constitutional convention been held since the original in 1787.

In some half-dozen States a single majority vote in each legislative branch may submit amendments. In eight (this State being one) the majority vote must be repeated in the next following Legislature; in seven the vote must be three-fifths, and in sixteen it must be two-thirds. In Vermont, a two-thirds vote in the Senate may propose amendments, and if a majority in the other branch concur, they shall be referred to the General Assembly then next to be chosen; if a majority in each branch of that next body concur in any proposition it shall be referred to the people. But there is an interesting limit on frequency, for the section of the constitution relating to it begins by saying that the course prescribed may be taken "at the fifth biennial session of the General Assembly of this State following that of A. D. 1910, and at the session thereof every tenth year thereafter."

Some other States have interesting checks on frequency and quantity. In Indiana, when an amendment has passed one Legislature and is awaiting action by another, or when it has passed twice and is awaiting the referendum, no more propositions can

be offered. In Illinois, the Legislature "shall have no power to propose amendments to more than one article of this constitution at the same session, nor to the same article oftener than once in four years." Colorado allows only six proposals at one session; Arkansas, Kansas and Montana allow only three; Kentucky allows only two, and a proposition rejected at the polls cannot be offered again within five years. In New Jersey and Pennsylvania amendments cannot be proposed oftener than once in five years, and in Tennessee the interval required is six.

South Carolina is peculiar. After getting a two-thirds vote in both legislative branches, an amendment is referred and it must be approved by "a majority of electors qualified to vote for members of the General Assembly voting thereon"; then, if a majority of each legislative house "shall, after such an election and before another, ratify the said amendment by yeas and nays, the same shall" become valid.

Delaware is more peculiar, for her referendum is only on the question of holding a convention and amending rests exclusively with the Legislature, changes becoming valid by a two-thirds vote of both branches of two successive Legislatures. One section of her constitution follows closely that of the United States, by providing that "every order, resolution, or vote" requiring action by both branches (except a question of adjournment) must go to the Governor; but another article, relating solely to amendments and conventions, declares that "no bill or resolution passed by the General Assembly under or pursuant to the provisions of this article shall require for its validity the approval of the Governor, and the same shall be exempt from the provisions of Section 18 of Article III of this Constitution." Here are two conflicting provisions in the same original instrument; but as the amendments made and published bear title as in bill form and have appended a note, such as "Approved March 17, 1913," the inclusive word "every" seems to be given superior force. Alabama provides that no action or resolution concerning conventions or amendments shall go to the Executive.

In Delaware any veto may be overcome by three-fifths instead of the customary two-thirds; this three-fifths rule also prevails in Maryland, Nebraska, Ohio and Rhode Island, and a majority overcomes in Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Indiana, Kentucky, New Jersey, Tennessee and West Virginia, while Iowa goes a strange step farther by providing that while a majority of the members elected is required to pass a bill, a majority of two-thirds suffices to overcome a veto.

The larger concern is with the popular referendum. In this State, after getting a majority in two successive Legislatures, amendments go "to the people for approval in such manner and at such times as the Legislature shall prescribe," and become valid if approved and ratified "by a majority of the electors voting thereon"; there is no limit whatever to the smallness of the total number thus voting, and in literalness and legality a single affirmative vote would answer, were it solitary.

This "thereon" rule prevails in the great majority of States, for while the language used is neither uniform nor quite clear it cannot in most of them be construed otherwise than that the larger half of any handful voting is determinative. For example, in Georgia there must be acceptance "by a majority of

the electors qualified to vote for members of the General Assembly voting thereon." In staid Connecticut there is a thought for more public attention; the proposals are to be sent to the town clerk of every town, who shall "present the same to the inhabitants thereof, for their consideration, at a town meeting legally warned and held for that purpose, and if it shall appear, in a manner to be designated by law, that a majority of the electors present at such meetings shall have approved," etc.

Yet in at least five States some room for doubt is left, and in at least two there is clearly an improvement. In Tennessee the people must "approve and ratify such amendment or amendments by a majority of all citizens of the State voting in their favor." In Idaho, the proposals go to the people, "and if a majority of the electors shall ratify the same, such amendment or amendments shall become," etc. In Indiana, proposals go "to the electors of the State, and if a majority of said electors shall ratify the same, such amendment or amendments shall become a part of the constitution." In Minnesota, the proposals become valid "if it shall appear that a majority of all the electors voting at said election have voted for and ratified such alterations or amendments." This apparently, though not beyond some question, means a majority of a full vote.

Inquiry was made of several States as to what judicial interpretation has been given to "majority," and, if none has been, what is the understanding among the best citizens, especially among the Bar. The Idaho Secretary of State replied that "a majority of the votes cast at any general election determines ratification or defeat," and he inclosed a statement of the voting, in November last, on four amendment proposals and one bond-issue. Only the latter received a vote, pro and con, equal to one-half the State's vote for Harding and Cox alone; yet as four of the five are reported as carried the majority seems to be "thereon."

From Wyoming the answer is that there has been no judicial ruling, but the generally accepted meaning is that "any amendment must secure a majority of the votes cast at each election, whether or not the voters voted for or against the amendment in question." This means a majority of a full vote.

From Tennessee the reply is that there has been no judicial ruling but the practice has been to require "a majority of all the votes cast for members of the Legislature which submitted the amendment to the people."

In Indiana—where an amendment goes "to the electors of the State, and if a majority of said electors shall ratify," etc.—an amendment on suffrage was proposed by the Legislature of 1877 and again by that of 1879; but it was "held not adopted, in *State v. Swift*, in May of 1880, for want of an affirmative majority of the vote cast at the election; it was re-submitted on March 14, 1881, and declared adopted on March 24, 1881."

In Illinois, the canvassing officers for many years construed "majority" to mean that proportion of the highest legislative vote cast at the same election. But a test suit was brought, three years ago (*People v. Stevenson*, 281 Ill. Supreme Court Reports, p. 17) and the facts shown were that although the amendment in question had a total vote exceeding one-half of the highest vote for General Assembly, it did not have one-half the number on the poll list or of the number cast for Governor or for Presidential elec-

tors. The Court held that "Section 2 of Article XIV requires for the adoption of a proposed constitutional amendment a majority of the electors voting at an election at which members of the General Assembly are elected, and not, as contended by the appellants, a majority of the votes cast for the General Assembly." This is the present rule in Illinois, and stands out as one instance of a positive requirement for a really full vote.

Rhode Island is distinguished both by the effort made to insure public knowledge and the exceptionally large affirmative vote required on referendum. After having a majority in the Legislature, a proposition must be published in the newspapers, and the Secretary of State must send printed copies, with the names of all legislators voting and the list of yeas and nays, to all town and city clerks. They shall insert this matter in the warrants or notices for the next town and ward meetings in April; and when the electors have assembled the clerks shall read it all to them (yeas and nays included) "before the election of Senators and Representatives shall be had." If a majority of the legislators then elected repeat the former vote, the proposition shall be published and be submitted to the electors in the mode provided by the act of approval; in order to become valid it must be "then approved by three-fifths of the electors present and voting thereon in town and ward meetings."

Thirty-three States have provided that when two or more propositions are submitted at one time they shall be put so as to be voted separately, and Delaware has the same rule for her solitary referendum on a convention; the other fourteen leave this unprovided for, or to legislative discretion, as in New York. The failure of the draft by the convention of 1915 here was largely because it was submitted as a whole, with a few exceptions, and this tagging of bad to good, in the ever-abominable "rider" method, was so unpalatable that the people rejected the whole work, which had cost about \$450,000.

Tennessee deserves a special paragraph of honorable mention, for no change whatever has been made in her present constitution of 1870 and only two have been attempted. To have escaped infection by the uneasiness of the times and to have let their fundamental law alone during a half-century is both a marked and a unique distinction for the people of that State.

In Illinois a convention met in January of last year and took a recess to Sept. 8 1921; an 180-page pamphlet of "suggestions" was compiled and issued by the "Legislative Reference Bureau," of which the then Governor was head, and if those prevail, the present rule as laid down by the Supreme Court will probably be left undisturbed. In Indiana, on the contrary, although there does not seem to have been any difficulty in amending, a retrogressive proposal to unmistakably adopt "thereon" (but with a separate vote for each proposition) has been through one Legislature.

In our own State, there were seven referendum occasions in 1894-1909 inclusive, with 24 propositions, of which only one was rejected; that related to the forest preserves, and was voted down by more than two to one. In 1910, there was one, which was rejected by 292 votes. In 1911, there were seven, and all rejected; in 1913, there were four, and all carried. One in 1914, anticipating the convention, was carried by a handful, but interested only 21.22% of

the full number of regular voters. In 1915, the new constitution draft was rejected by more than two to one, and four other propositions failed with it. Of twenty-two occasions in 1872-1914 there were only seven in which one-half the regular voters took any part, but in more recent years the total vote has been larger; in 1916-19 inclusive, it ranged from 58.7% to 77.7% of the Presidential vote of 1916. Coming down to last November, the total on the one amendment presented was 62.3% and the total on the bonus was 73.4% of the Presidential vote, the large bonus vote, pro and con, being readily intelligible. Yet, after all the active campaigning for the bonus, and the extraordinary publicity thus given to it, more than one-fourth the people took no notice of it at the polls. It was carried by more than two to one, and a little over 68% of the total vote on it was affirmative; yet that affirmative was only 50.17% of the Presidential vote, so that it would barely have pulled through had a majority of the full vote been required.

Some observations with especial respect to the situation in this State on this subject will form a second and concluding article.

Current Events and Discussions

REOPENING OF BERLIN BOURSE.

The reopening of the Berlin Bourse, the closing of which had been referred to in our issues of Sept. 10, page 1099 and Sept. 17, page 1197, was noted in the following Associated Press advices from Berlin Oct. 5:

The Bourse opened to-day for the purpose of full business transactions, for the first time since last Thursday. Bankers and brokers were overwhelmed by the enormous volume of accumulated buying orders, which were stimulated by a report from the Prussian Chamber of Commerce, of an all-round recovery in industrial activity and increased outputs in different parts of the country.

The Reichsbank statement, indicating a further immense inflation of German currency, induced higher quotations for foreign paper, counteracted to some extent by rumors of American offers of credit, which, it was considered, would improve the value of the mark should they materialize. Later in the day the Bourse became quieter on profit-taking sales.

The Bourse committee will decide tomorrow whether to reopen on Friday for the usual business or only for limited operations.

GERMANY TO PAY EXPORT TAX DUE ALLIES NOV. 15.

We reprint from the New York "Tribune" of the 2nd inst., the following copyright advices from Berlin Oct. 1:

After a three-day session of representatives of the Berlin Government and of the Inter-Allied Guaranty Commission it was announced officially to-day that Germany would pay in full the first export tax payment due the Allies on Nov. 15. This announcement came simultaneously from the commission and the German Treasury after the commission had audited the government's accounts for the first quarter of the fiscal year beginning May 1. It is on this period that payment is to be based. The books will be gone over again by the commission.

TRANSFER TO SPANIARDS OF GERMAN ELECTRICAL HOLDINGS IN SOUTH AMERICAN UTILITIES.

From information contained in the Sept. 19 number of "Commerce Reports" (published by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce at Washington) we take the following:

According to information received from various sources, the City Council of Buenos Aires has just recently agreed to transfer to the Hispano-American Electric Co. the franchise for the supply of electric light and power in the City of Buenos Aires, in succession to the German Trans-Atlantic Electric Co., to which a 50-year franchise had been given in 1907.

The Hispano-American Electric Co. was founded in 1920 by the Banks of Madrid, Barcelona and Bilbao, and has a board of directors made up of some of the most influential men of Spain. The president of board of directors is Don Claudio Lopez Bru, Marquis of Comillas, and the home offices are at Madrid, Spain. While the company is to all indications entirely Spanish in its composition, there have been more or less comments in South America which would indicate a feeling in the Argentine that the German interests have not been entirely eliminated, although on the surface there appears to be no direct evidence to that effect.

The various systems taken over by the Hispano-American Electric Co. consist of three plants in Buenos Aires, a light and power plant in Mesdoso, lighting and street railway systems in Valparaiso, and an electric street-car line in Montevideo. The German company owned the lighting and railway system in Santiago, Chile, but this was taken over by the Government during the war; it is understood the new company is making every effort to secure the return of this property as successors of the German corporation.

As an indication of the magnitude of the Hispano-American holdings in the Argentine, Chile, and Uruguay, the total capacity of the plants in Buenos Aires alone is at present 125,190 kilowatts, with 66,000 kilowatts in process of installation or on order; the present annual output of the

Buenos Aires plants is said to be over 300,000,000 kilowatt-hours. No information is available at the present time as to how the buying for the new company will be done, but inquiries have been made with a view to advising manufacturers on this point.

INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT ISSUES IN FRANCE DURING PAST SIX MONTHS.

New industrial investment issues in France amounted to approximately 5½ billion francs during the first six months of the current year, according to figures just received by the Bankers' Trust Company of New York from its French Information Service. With regard thereto the Company, under date of Sept. 23, said:

The most striking feature presented by the figures was the enormous development of bond issues, which amounted to almost four billions. This indicates the unwillingness of capitalists to invest heavily in shares whose returns are bound to be variable at the present time of industrial stagnation and decreasing prices.

A comparatively small number of new enterprises is disclosed by the returns, which show 480 millions in issues of new organizations, compared to 1,172 millions of increased capital for established enterprises. Investment offerings of coal mining companies, mainly bonds, led the list. The details are given in the following table:

	French Investment Offerings.		
	New Enterprises.	Increase of Capital.	Obligations and Bonds.
Banks and mortgage-loan societies.....francs	10,000,000	102,000,000	1,200,000,000
Insurance companies.....	14,500,000	25,700,000	3,200,000
Real estate.....	19,400,000	28,300,000	42,700,000
Tramways and local railroads.....	60,000,000	1,000,000	24,500,000
Water companies, ports, docks, warehouses.....	500,000	28,900,000	15,700,000
Canals, public works.....	-----	35,400,000	19,000,000
Gas.....	-----	1,200,000	32,500,000
Electricity.....	67,500,000	62,800,000	171,400,000
Automobile, aviation.....	4,000,000	9,100,000	46,900,000
Metallurgy.....	19,500,000	156,900,000	396,800,000
Oil.....	700,000	8,200,000	30,000,000
Chemical products.....	135,000,000	205,600,000	55,400,000
Building materials.....	20,500,000	34,100,000	118,400,000
Ore mines.....	3,000,000	6,600,000	18,000,000
Coal mines.....	-----	133,000,000	1,220,200,000
Navigation.....	3,000,000	39,900,000	176,000,000
Foodstuffs.....	33,400,000	48,400,000	73,900,000
Commerce, manufactories.....	43,900,000	111,200,000	32,300,000
Rubber, tobacco.....	-----	14,500,900	-----
Printers, paper.....	7,200,000	27,100,000	35,400,000
Miscellaneous societies.....	7,700,000	37,900,000	37,500,000
French societies abroad.....	23,500,000	35,200,000	80,300,000
Foreign societies.....	7,600,000	19,000,000	15,600,000
	480,900,000	1,172,000,000	3,845,700,000

MIXED ARBITRAL TRIBUNALS BETWEEN BRITISH EMPIRE AND AUSTRIA AND HUNGARY.

The London Stock Exchange "Weekly Official Intelligencer" of Sept. 5 printed the following announcements by the Board of Trade respecting the mixed Arbitral Tribunal between the British Empire and Austria:

AUSTRIA.

In pursuance of Article 256 of the Treaty of St. Germain-en-Laye, the mixed Arbitral Tribunal between the British Empire and Austria has been constituted and is about to commence work in London. The President is Mr. B. C. J. Loder, LL.D., Judge of the Supreme Court of the Netherlands, the British member is Mr. Hebert Hart, K.C., LL.D., and the Austrian member Dr. jur Paul Hammorschlag.

An important part of the work of the tribunal will be to decide upon claims in respect of debts under Section III of Part X of the Treaty where a difference arises between British and Austrian Nationals, or between the British and Austrian Clearing Offices. It has also jurisdiction under Section IV ("Property, Rights and Interests"), Section V ("Contracts, Prescriptions, Judgments"), Section VI ("Mixed Arbitral Tribunal") and Section VII ("Industrial Property") of Part X of the above Treaty.

By the Treaty the High Contracting Parties have agreed that their courts and authorities shall render to the Tribunal direct all the assistance in their power, particularly as regards transmitting notices and collecting evidence; and they have also agreed to regard the decisions of the Tribunal as final and conclusive and to render them binding upon their nationals.

Statutory effect has been given to the provisions of the Treaty in this country by an Order in Council of the 13th August, 1920 (Statutory Rules and Orders, 1920, No. 1613).

The British Government has provided headquarters for the tribunal at Winchester House, 21, St. James's Square, S.W.1. Mr. Claud Mullins, Barrister-at-Law, is the British Secretary.

The Rules of Procedure which have been adopted by the Tribunal may be obtained on application to the Secretariat of the Tribunal, price 6d.

HUNGARY.

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SECRETARY OF TREASURY MELLON URGES FUNDING OF ALLIED WAR DEBTS—RUSSIAN DEBT HOPELESS.

The enactment of legislation for funding and refunding the Allied war loans was urged anew by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon on the 6th inst. before the House Ways and Means Committee. Secretary Mellon stated that "the loans should be refunded and funded at the earliest time possible to straighten out the Treasury." Among other things, in answer to a question as to whether he hoped to collect from Russia, Secretary Mellon stated that "it seems hopeless." The question as to whether there is "any intention on the part of the Conference on the Limitation of Armaments to discuss war debts," was also put to Secretary Mellon, and his answer was "none at all that I know of." From a dispatch from Washington to the New York "Times" Oct. 6 we take the following:

Speaking for himself and the President, the Secretary told the Committee it was considered necessary that the Secretary of the Treasury, who will conduct these negotiations, should have the fullest authority, with the President's approval, to handle the negotiations for a refunding of the foreign debt.

There has been opposition in Congress to the granting of such wide authority and the power of negotiation to one man and there were still evidences of such opposition in the questions put to Secretary Mellon to-day by members of the Committee. The bill advocated by the Secretary would empower him to convert or refund loans under the various Liberty bond acts aggregating \$9,435,225,329, as well as obligations received from the American Relief Administration amounting to \$84,093,963, obligations for about \$56,000,000 held by the Grain Corporation and obligations received from the Secretaries of War and Navy amounting to about \$565,000,000.

"The loans," said Secretary Mellon, "should be refunded at the earliest possible time to straighten out the Treasury. There is no authority to accept bonds or other currency than our own in payment of the debts.

"To a certain extent, in arranging for payment of indebtedness we have to consider the indebtedness of one Allied nation to another. In other words, we have to work with the other creditor nations on a plan of settlement.

"By reason of the lack of any authority as to a part of these foreign obligations and the restrictions upon the existing authority as to the others, it is impossible in any refunding under the varying conditions that exist, to deal fairly with the debtor nations and at the same time protect the interest of this country. To do this it is essential that the department have full authority as to all such foreign indebtedness, to determine the form and terms of the settlements and of the refunding obligations, the rate or rates of interest, the maturity dates and the right to extend the time for the payment of interest on the indebtedness to be refunded. It is also of importance that the department should have adequate authority to adjust and settle claims against foreign Governments which are not in the form of bonds or obligations, as for example the claim for costs of our military forces of occupation."

Secretary Mellon expressed the opinion that Governments of Europe, which owe about nine-tenths of all the debt, would be in condition in another year to meet their payments of interest, and there had been no suggestion by any foreign Government, he said, for the cancellation of its debt. Since 1919 there had been no interest collected on the foreign debt.

Mr. Mellon told the Committee that there was no intention to attempt to collect interest on interest in negotiating arrangements for the refunding of the loans. In response to questions by members of the Committee, Mr. Mellon expressed the opinion that the principal Allied Powers, England, France and Italy, were in a better position to take care of their payments than the smaller nations.

"There has been no thought," Mr. Mellon went on, "of a general substitution of Governments as debtors, or of Government securities, but only a shifting of the character of the securities. It is our intention to so fund these foreign debts as to insure regular payments of interest on them until maturity."

There was no thought, Mr. Mellon declared, of accepting repayment for these loans except in American currency. The different loans are backed by various kinds of securities, one of the Austrian loans being a lien on public property. He stated that it had been urged that the United States Government relinquish this lien and accept other security in order to let Austria go ahead with plans for financing itself.

In reply to a question whether this country expected to collect from Russia the loan of \$187,729,750, which this Government made to that country before the Bolsheviks came into power, Mr. Mellon replied:

"Collection from Russia seems rather hopeless just now."

Representative Watson of Pennsylvania, who asked this question, was also desirous of knowing whether we expected to collect from Czechoslovakia.

"Conditions," replied the Secretary, "are better in Czechoslovakia."

Representative Frear criticized the idea of placing such vast power in the hands of the Secretary for funding the loan, and wanted to know whether there was any intention on the part of the Conference on the Limitation of Armaments to discuss foreign war debts.

Mr. Mellon replied that he knew of no such intention, whereupon Mr. Frear asked whether there was any objection to putting over the passage of the debt refunding legislation until after the conference. Secretary Mellon did not regard that plan as wise. He said that some of the foreign Governments were negotiating settlements among themselves and that the United States Government, in his opinion, should be prepared to participate with them for the protection of its own interests, even if for no other reason, and there were in his judgment other good reasons why the legislation should be passed promptly.

He defended the request for the vesting of such broad powers in the hands of the Secretary of the Treasury, subject, of course, to the approval of the President. He explained that other foreign Governments had placed the matter of refunding in the hands of their fiscal officers, who were experts, and said it was with these experts that the Treasury would have to deal in its negotiations.

"I would not object to having others associated with me in the negotiations," said the Secretary, "but division of authority by this Government would complicate and delay the negotiations and a settlement."

Mr. Mellon said it is not possible to fix dates of maturity in the funding or refunding of the loans because most of the Governments owe other governments large sums and careful consideration must be given to these other loans and their maturity dates in the fixing of maturity dates for our loans.

The Secretary estimated that private banking, corporate and industrial interests in this country held about \$4,000,000,000 of foreign obligations and said that it might be well to defer interest payments on the debts on account of business conditions.

RETURN TO BRITISH OWNERS OF ATCHISON STOCK LOANED TO BRITISH TREASURY.

The National Debt Commissioners give notice in the "London Gazette" of Sept. 13 1921 that the British Treasury have decided to exercise the option, under Clause 3 of Scheme B, of returning Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. Common Stock as on Dec. 15 1921, from which date the additional allowance will cease. The Treasury Register will close one calendar month before the date specified, and no further transfers can then be accepted.

NATIONAL DEBT AND LOCAL LOANS ACT, 1887.

The "London Stock Exchange Weekly Official Intelligence" of Sept. 19 says:

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury give notice that, pursuant to the Section 13 (5) of the National Debt and Local Loans Act, 1887, they have directed the creation of £6,500,000 Local Loans Three Per Cent Stock, which Stock has been issued to the National Debt Commissioners.

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

Thomas W. Lamont of J. P. Morgan & Co., whose proposed visit to Mexico to discuss the status of Mexico's external obligations was referred to in our issue of Sept. 17 page 1199, arrived at Mexico City on the 5th inst. with those accompanying, and with his arrival issued as statement saying:

My visit to Mexico City is made in response to the gracious invitation extended by President Obregon's Government for me to discuss with it matters relating to the Mexican Government's financial obligations abroad. The International Committee of Bankers of Mexico, of which I am Acting Chairman, was formed two years ago to act in behalf of investors who hold the Mexican Government's external bonds, and consequently the Committee is made up of representatives not only of the United States but of the leading European countries as well.

I am glad of this opportunity to visit Mexico to meet some of its public men, to observe at first hand its economic and commercial conditions and to bear a message of good will and friendship from the banking and business community of America to that of Mexico.

DWIGHT W. MORROW TO STUDY CUBAN FINANCIAL SITUATION.

It was announced on Oct. 4 that Dwight W. Morrow of J. P. Morgan & Co. and Norman H. Davis, formerly Assistant Secretary of the Treasury had gone to Cuba for a first-hand survey of the financial situation. The New York "Times" of that date said:

It is expected that the loan which Cuban has requested will depend upon the observations of Mr. Morrow and Mr. Davis, who will confer with General Enoch Crowder, representative of the Government in Cuba, as well as with Cuban officials.

Partners of the Morgan firm said a loan to Cuba was not under immediate consideration. The Morgan firm purchased and resold a loan to Cuba in 1914 and since last December has been negotiating with Cuban officials over this loan. Mr. Davis, then with the Trust Company of Cuba, aided in the negotiations and is familiar with Cuban finances and the present needs of the island.

Several months ago it was proposed that a \$60,000,000 loan be sold in this country. Although they desired to scale it down somewhat the bankers were willing to attempt such financing, but failure to receive formal permission from Washington has held the negotiations in abeyance.

It was reported that the Cuban Government had applied to bankers here for a temporary loan of \$3,500,000 to tide them over until the permanent financing was arranged. This, however, was not confirmed.

OFFERING OF \$12,000,000 STATE OF QUEENSLAND (AUSTRALIA) BONDS.

An offering of \$12,000,000 State of Queensland (Australia) twenty-year 7% Sinking Fund External Loan gold bonds was announced by the National City Co. of this city on the 6th inst. The bonds were quickly absorbed, the subscription books having been closed early in the forenoon yesterday (Oct. 7). The bonds were offered at 99 and interest, to yield about 7.10% to maturity. The proceeds of the loan, it is announced, will be used for railway construction, railway equipment, harbor improvements, water conservation and irrigation, and other Government purposes. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1921 and are due Oct. 1 1941. The bonds are in coupon form in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500 and are registerable as to principal only. Principal and interest (April 1 and October 1) are payable in New York City, in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, at The National City Bank of New York, fiscal agent of the loan, without deduction for any Australian

or Queensland taxes, present or future, and payable as well in time of war as in time of peace, irrespective of the nationality of the holder. The bonds are non-callable, and the circular announcing the offering states:

As a Sinking Fund, the State of Queensland agrees to pay to The National City Bank of New York, Fiscal Agent of the Loan, \$400,000 per annum, during the first five years, in equal quarterly instalments beginning Jan. 1 1922, and during each of the remaining fifteen years sums sufficient to retire at 102½ at least one-fifteenth of the principal amount of bonds outstanding Dec. 31 1926. Sinking Fund payments shall be applied to the purchase of bonds in the open market, if obtainable, at not exceeding par and accrued interest to and including Dec. 31 1926, and at not exceeding 102½ and accrued interest thereafter; the unapplied moneys in the Sinking Fund to revert to Queensland.

The circular also states:

These bonds are the direct credit obligations of the State of Queensland, which agrees that if, in the future, it shall issue, offer for public subscription or in any manner dispose of any bonds or contract any loan secured by any charge or pledge on or of any revenues or assets of the State, the service of this loan shall be secured equally and ratably with such subsequent loan.

Queensland is the second largest State on the continent of Australia. It is as large as the entire area of the United States east of the Mississippi, excluding the States of Florida, Alabama and Georgia. The coast line is about 3,000 miles. The relation of the Australian States to the Commonwealth of Australia is similar to that of the States of the United States to the Federal Government. Owing to the very extensive natural resources still awaiting development, including practically every important mineral and farm and pasturage lands and forests, continued expansion of trade and increase in wealth appears assured in Queensland.

Credit—Heretofore, Queensland external loans have been sold in London and constitute trustee investments in Great Britain. Over 60% of the funded debt of Queensland bears a 4% interest rate, or lower. Four representative issues sold at annual average prices to yield 4.22% during five years prior to 1914. The eight loans now outstanding in London, issued between 1884 and 1914, were offered at prices to yield from 3.12% to 4.11%. The credit of the State has been such that it has not been necessary to secure any existing loan on any revenue or asset of the State.

Revenues—During each of the last 17 years revenues, excluding loans, have exceeded expenditures except three years during the war. During the last two fiscal years revenues have exceeded expenditures.

Debt & Wealth—Over 82% of the funded debt of Queensland up to June 30 1920 had been issued for public improvements, such as railroads, tramways, telephone and telegraph lines, water supply systems, harbor and river developments and public buildings. The total debt both funded and floating, June 30 1921, was \$392,940,700. About 60% of the debt has been issued to build the 5,752 miles of railways owned by the State. Prior to 1914 the railways earned a surplus after all expenses and interest. Even from 1915 to 1921, inclusive, the deficit after all expenses and interest averaged only \$4,000,000. The total wealth of Queensland, including private and public property was authoritatively estimated at \$1,217,300,000 in 1915, or \$1,776 per capita, compared with a per capita wealth of \$1,965 in the United States as reported in the 1910 Census (the latest official figures available).

OFFERING OF \$12,000,000 RIO DE JANEIRO BONDS.

A \$12,000,000 offering of City of Rio de Janeiro (Federal District of the United States of Brazil) twenty-five year 8% sinking fund gold bonds was announced yesterday, the 7th inst., by a syndicate headed by Dillon, Read & Co., Lee, Higginson & Co. and the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago. The closing of the books was reported later in the day, the bonds having been disposed of. The offering price was 97¾ and interest, to net about 8.20%. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1921 and are due Oct. 1 1946. Principal and interest (April 1 and October 1) are payable in New York City in United States gold coin at the office of Dillon, Read & Co., free of all present and future Brazilian taxes. Coupon bonds of \$1,000 and \$500 denominations, registerable as to principal. The official circular stated:

The bonds are not callable until Oct. 1 1931, on which date and on any interest date thereafter the issue may be called in whole or in part on six months' notice at 105 and interest. As a sinking fund, the Government of the Federal District agrees to provide a sum sufficient to buy \$240,000 principal amount of bonds semi-annually during the life of the loan, which payments will be applied by Dillon, Read & Co. to the purchase of bonds in the market if obtainable at or below 105 and accrued interest. Any balance unexpended at the end of six months reverts to the Federal District.

As to the purposes of the loan, the funded debt, etc., the circular said in part:

These bonds will be a direct obligation of the City of Rio de Janeiro (Federal District of the United States of Brazil), and their issue, as required by law, has been duly authorized by the Brazilian Government. The City of Rio de Janeiro is the capital of the United States of Brazil and is controlled by, and administered under the supervision of, the Brazilian Government. It has a population of approximately 1,200,000, and is the second largest city in South America.

The total funded debt of the city outstanding on Dec. 31 1920, was \$49,423,300, of which \$24,332,700 was external. The city has always met the principal and interest of its funded debt in cash. Revenues of the city are chiefly derived from taxes on real property, licenses, vehicles, cattle, etc. The revenue of the city, at exchange rates then current, was approximately \$11,000,000 in 1918 and \$13,000,000 in 1920.

The proceeds of this loan are to be chiefly employed for permanent and revenue-producing municipal improvements including the removal of Castle Hill and the construction of a municipal slaughter house. Castle Hill is situated in the centre of the principal business section of the city between the Avenida Rio Branco and the bay. We are informed that all property on the hill has been acquired by the city, and that property in the immediate vicinity has been sold at a price as high as \$11 per square foot. The removal of this hill, which is already under way, will make available approximately 4,840,000 square feet of land. All of this land, other than that required for governmental purposes, will be offered for sale by the city, and all the proceeds from such sale, up to an amount sufficient to retire by purchase or call this entire issue, will be deposited in trust for that purpose.

The receipts from the Vehicles Tax, the Sanitary Tax, and the Imposto de Laudemio (a realty tax), and the equity in the Licenses Tax, Cattle Tax and Property Transmission Tax will be allocated to the service of this loan. The average annual return for the last two calendar years from these taxes amounted to \$2,615,630 with prior charges of \$909,247. The receipts from the operation or rental of the municipal slaughter house to be constructed with part of the proceeds of this issue, will also be allocated to the service of this loan.

(Computations of foreign money, except as otherwise indicated, are made at the rate of 12.5 cents per milreis and \$3.75 to the pound sterling. Average value of the milreis in 1920 was over 20 cents.)

IMPORTS OF VENEZUELA DOUBLED.

Imports of Venezuela more than doubled in 1920 as compared with 1919, according to the report of the Minister of Finance, which has just been issued. We are advised of this by the Venezuelan Commercial Agency of this city, which says:

The nation's total foreign trade was 20% more than in the previous year. Last year the figure reached was \$91,690,541 52 and in 1919 \$75,055,919 34.

Of the \$59,375,377 42 imports, approximately half, or \$29,291,005, were from this country. In 1919 the country's entire import trade, \$25,303,490 85, did not equal in value the goods received from the United States last year. Nearly half the exports—\$15,507,396 28 out of a total of \$32,315,164 10—went to American importers. The exports, however, due to the worldwide financial readjustment, showed a decrease from this high mark of \$49,752,428 49, reached in 1919.

It was this excess of imports over exports which subjected Venezuelan finance and commerce to such a severe strain during the year, but in every case merchants loyally made every sacrifice to meet their engagements. The result is that business in Venezuela to-day is on a stable footing, while the bolivar, though at a discount as compared to the dollar, is stronger than any other South American or European coin.

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S VETERANS' LOAN OF \$50,000,000.

Melbourne (Australia) advices to the daily papers Sept. 19 said:

The Australian Government's \$50,000,000 loan for further measures in aid of ex-service men has been fully subscribed, it was announced to-day. While the subscriptions did not come in with the same degree of spontaneity which characterized those to much larger loans in war time, the public, the announcement notes, has displayed full agreement with the fixed policy of the Commonwealth to discharge all obligations to its ex-soldiers.

SERBIANS STOP PAYMENTS OWED ABROAD UNTIL EXCHANGE DROPS.

A Paris cablegram to the daily papers Sept. 25 said:

The Belgrade Chamber of Commerce has instructed all Serbian firms affiliated with it to hold up payments of sums owed abroad for post-war purchases "until the causes of sudden rise of foreign exchange have disappeared."

The Chamber also requested all firms to forward within three days a list of their debts abroad with exact data concerning the creditor firms and also regarding the nature of currency in which the accounts are payable.

NEW CURRENCY FOR SYRIA—ESTABLISHMENT OF BANK OF SYRIA.

The following is from the weekly "Commerce Reports" (Sept. 19) issued by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce at Washington:

Syria, like other portions of the former Turkish Empire, has been the centre of military activities which have retarded the return of the country to normal. Trade and commerce have been limited to the necessities of life, though there has been some imports of automobiles and certain cotton goods. A French High Commission has been established in Beirut, which is laying plans for the financial, economic and commercial development, and administration of the country. One of the first steps taken in this direction was the establishment of the Bank of Syria, a quasi-Governmental institution. The postal, telegraph and telephone systems and the railroads were also placed under Government control.

Prior to the war Egyptian currency and Turkish gold and silver were in use throughout Syria, but with the French occupation the Syrian pound (paper) was issued and orders given making it the currency of the country. The Syrian pound is equal to 100 piasters, each piaster being equivalent to 20 French centimes. The Syrian Bank notes are exchangeable in Paris at the fixed rate of 20 francs to the pound. This currency is therefore subject entirely to the fluctuation of the French franc. Transactions have been forbidden in money other than the legal tender of the country, and gradually all the Egyptian pounds and sterling will be replaced by this new paper pound.

TURKISH REVENUES AFFECTED BY TREATY OF SEVRES—PROVISIONAL FINANCIAL COMMISSION.

From Assistant Trade Commissioner Julian E. Gillespie, at Constantinople, the following advices, dated July 21, are reported by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce on Sept. 19:

By the Treaty of Sevres the Imperial Ottoman Empire was shorn of all its European possessions and the hinterland of Constantinople given to Greece. Asia Minor, Syria, and Cilicia were declared to be the French sphere of influence, Palestine was placed under Great Britain, and Adalia was created as the Italian zone of influence. Military operations in Asia Minor have resulted in almost a complete closing of Anatolia to foreign trade. The Central Turkish Government at Constantinople has therefore been cut off from the major part of its revenue-producing areas and has been dependent for funds upon the local customs receipts, consumption taxes, and special municipal taxes. Obviously these have been insufficient

for its needs, and loans have been sought from the Administration of the Ottoman Public Debt and the Agricultural Bank.

Turkey is primarily an agricultural and stock-raising country, with little or no industrial life either in Constantinople or in the interior. With the producing portion of the country closed, the Turkish Empire has virtually amounted to nothing more than Constantinople since the Armistice. For this reason the imports have exceeded the exports by about three to one, the imports for 1919 amounting to £T92,762,375 and the exports to £T28,427,672, while for 1920 the respective aggregates were £T169,396,267 and £T47,844,327.

American Business and Capital Wanted.

Turkish imports from the United States in 1919 amounted to £T8,085,062. (France and Italy were the only two countries whose imports exceeded those of the United States.) Against these imports, merchandise to the value of £T4,988,487 was exported to the United States. Imports from the United States jumped in 1920 to £T25,953,810, the bulk of these purchases consisting of flour, sugar, petroleum and automobiles. American trade in Turkey, however, has been handicapped by an adverse rate of exchange; Turkish money has fluctuated from 94 cents to the Turkish paper pound in July 1920 to 58 cents in December 1920, and on June 30 1921 the rate was 69½ cents.

The United States occupies a favored position with both the Central Turkish Government and the Nationalist Government at Angora. The latter is most anxious to enter into relations with American business firms and American capitalists for the future development of the interior. Various projects have been studied by the Nationalist Assembly, and only lack of capital and continued military activities have delayed work thereon. Chief among these projects are the building of railroads from Samsun to Sivas and thence to Angora and from Adalia to Konia, and the installation of electrical plants at Adalia and Angora. It is contemplated that the natural water power in and around Adalia will be used to furnish the electricity for that city.

Transportation Facilities the Great Need.

According to reliable reports, there are large stocks of wheat, tobacco, wool, mohair, licorice root and nuts in Anatolia awaiting transportation to the seaboard. Adequate transportation facilities are probably the greatest need of the interior of Turkey. The country is rich in natural resources and almost entirely undeveloped, and with the return of peace it would require only a few years for capital invested in Turkey to bring returns.

The resumption of trade with Anatolia naturally depends upon the settlement of the military and political issues. As soon as peace is restored a market for agricultural implements and machinery of all sorts, automobiles and trucks, cotton goods and manufactured goods of many varieties will be opened for American manufacturers and exporters. Likewise, Constantinople will in all probability regain its position as the chief distributing point for the Black Sea ports, South Russia and the Caucasus.

Owing to the state of its treasury, the Imperial Ottoman Government in February 1921 relinquished the control and administration of its finances to a Provisional Financial Commission—a similar permanent financial commission is provided for in the Treaty of Sevres—in order that it might secure a loan from the Administration of the Ottoman Public Debt to pay the back salaries of Government employees and officials. The members of the Provisional Financial Commission are the delegates of the Administration of the Ottoman Public Debt.

EXTENSION OF PARAGUAYAN MORATORIUM.

By an Act of Congress of Paraguay of May 28 1921 the moratorium granted to the Banco Mercantil del Paraguay by the law of Nov. 11 1920 has been extended to May 16 1922, Henry Campbell, the American Consul at Asuncion, recently reported to the Department of Commerce at Washington. The latter, in making known these advices Aug. 22, also said:

The administration of the bank during this period will be in the hands of a controller chosen by the creditors of the bank. Any disagreement between the controller and the creditors will be referred to the Minister of Finance.

MEXICAN CITY (SALTILLO) RESUMES PAYMENT OF INTEREST—STATE OF COAHUILA ALSO TO RESUME.

We are advised by H. M. Noel & Co., investment bankers at St. Louis, that they have received the first payment of interest on City of Saltillo, State of Coahuila, Mexico, bonds, which have been in default since 1913. In 1899 and 1900 the firm purchased in Mexico, \$235,000 City of Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico, 6% Waterworks Bonds, due in 1929, interest payable June and December 1 at the National Bank of Commerce in New York City; also \$752,000 State of Coahuila de Zaragoza 6% gold bonds, due in 1940, interest payable April and October 1 at the National Bank of Commerce in New York City. The city defaulted on their bonds June 1 1913, and the State defaulted on their bonds October 1 1913. As a result of a trip made by Charles Noel to Saltillo the past summer, an agreement was reached with the city to make payment on the Waterworks Bonds some time during the month of September, and an agreement was also obtained from the State providing for payment on their bonds not later than the first of November. Remittance is to be made direct to the firm, and bondholders should forward to it their coupons for collection. In consideration of this resumption of payments, the firm has agreed for the bonds which it owns and represents not to collect any compound interest on the past due coupons. In a letter to us, H. M. Noel & Co. add:

To Harold Playter, American Consul at Saltillo, belongs the credit of having succeeded in making the negotiations as above stated. He has been

working with the city and State officials for many months in our behalf, and without his efforts it would have been next to impossible for an outsider to have succeeded.

This resumption of interest payments by the City of Saltillo and State of Coahuila places them ahead of the Government of Mexico and all other States in that country who have debt obligations in the United States, and should do a great deal towards furthering friendly relations and establishing new credits between Mexico and the United States.

CITY OF ZURICH (SWITZERLAND) BONDS LISTED ON NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The \$6,000,000 City of Zurich, Switzerland, municipal external loan of 1920, 8%, 25-year sinking fund gold coupon bonds was admitted to the New York Stock Exchange list on Sept. 19. The offering was referred to in these columns October 23 1920, page 1612. The application by the authorities of the City of Zurich to the Stock Exchange under date of July 30 1921, for the listing of the bonds, said in part:

The bonds have been issued as follows:

\$5,000,000 in denomination of \$1,000, Nos. M 1-M 5000 inclusive,
\$1,000,000 in denomination of \$500, Nos. D 1-D 2000, inclusive.

Authority for Issue.

The bonds were authorized in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Switzerland under which the City is authorized to take up loans for external needs, by action of its Board of Municipal Administration on Oct. 6 1920, resolution of the Big Board of the City Administration of Zurich on Oct. 8 1920, and decree of the Government Council of the Canton of Zurich on Oct. 12 1920. The bonds are issued pursuant to the provisions of an agreement dated Nov. 15 1920, between the City of Zurich and Hallgarten & Co. and Blair & Co., Inc. (hereinafter called the agreement).

Security and Application of Proceeds.

The loan constitutes a direct liability and obligation of the City, which pledges its good faith and credit for the punctual payment of the principal and interest of the loan, and the premium payable on redemption, in accordance with the terms of the bonds and of the agreement, and otherwise for the service of the loan, and the City will incorporate annually in its Budget of Expenditure the sum necessary to meet in full the yearly service of the loan, including interest, sinking fund and any other expenses to be borne by the City under the agreement. The City will apply the proceeds of this loan principally for the reduction of its floating debt.

Description.

The bonds are issued by the City and bear the engraved fac-simile signatures of Messrs. Naegeli, Streuli and Bollinger, its Mayor, Director of Finances and Secretary, respectively, and are manually countersigned by Louis H. Junod, its duly authorized representative. They are authenticated by Central Union Trust Company of New York as Registrar.

The bonds are dated Oct. 15 1920, are due Oct. 15 1945, and bear interest at the rate of 8% per annum, payable semi-annually on April 15 and Oct. 15. The bonds are in coupon form, of the denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, and registerable as to principal. The coupons bear the engraved fac-simile signatures of said Mayor, Director of Finances and Secretary.

The principal of the bonds and the interest thereon and the premium payable on the redemption of the bonds will be paid without deduction for any Swiss Governmental or municipal taxes or other Swiss taxes, present or future, at the offices of Hallgarten & Co., and Blair & Co., fiscal agents of the loan, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, State of New York, United States of America, in gold coin of the United States of America of or equal to the standard of weight and fineness existing on Oct. 15 1920, and will be payable as well in time of war as in time of peace irrespective of the nationality of the holders thereof.

Sinking Fund; Purchase and Redemption of Bonds.

The bonds contain among other provisions the following:

The City agrees to pay to the fiscal agents of the loan semi-annually twenty days before April 15 and Oct. 15 in each of the five years beginning with 1921 and ending with 1925, as a sinking fund for the purchase of bonds of this issue, a sum of money equal to 2% of the original principal amount of bonds taken at 107% of their principal amount, to be applied by the fiscal agents of the loan to the purchase of bonds of this issue at prices not exceeding 107% of principal amount and accrued interest if bonds are purchasable in the market at or below such price; subject, however, to the condition that the City shall not be required to have on deposit with the fiscal agents of the loan for the purposes of said sinking fund at any one time more than the sum of two of said semi-annual payments. If during said five-year period ending October 15 1925 bonds should be so acquired by the sinking fund at prices less than 107 and interest, the City shall be credited with the difference in respect of its subsequent obligations to the sinking fund.

The bonds of this issue are redeemable by the City on April 15, 1926, or any subsequent semi-annual interest date, at 107% of their principal amount and accrued interest. The City agrees to pay semi-annually to the fiscal agents of the loan, twenty days before April 15 1926, and each semi-annual interest date thereafter in each year during the life of the loan, including the year 1945, as a sinking fund to be used for the redemption of bonds by lot on the interest date next following the date of payment, funds equal to at least 2% of the original amount of bonds taken at 107% of their principal amount. The City also agrees that if on or prior to Oct. 15 1925 bonds have not been purchasable by the fiscal agents of the loan as above provided in the market at or below the price of 107 and interest in an aggregate amount equal to 20% of the original principal amount of bonds, the City in each case will add to the installment of sinking fund applicable to the redemption of bonds on April 15 1926 funds equal to 107% of the principal amount of the bonds which have not been so purchasable (any balance of sinking fund moneys in the hands of the fiscal agents of the loan not applied to the purchase of bonds on or before Oct. 15 1925 to be used and credited for this purpose). All amounts so paid to the fiscal agents of the loan for the sinking fund shall be applied to the redemption of bonds of this issue. Notice of redemption, specifying if part only of the outstanding bonds are designated for redemption the numbers of the bonds so designated will be published by the fiscal agents of the loan on behalf of the City at least twice a week for two weeks preceding the redemption date in two newspapers in the City of New York. Bonds so called for redemption will be paid at 107% of their principal amount and accrued interest on presentation and surrender thereof to the fiscal agents of the loan, and notice of redemption having so been given, they will cease to bear interest from such redemption date. The fiscal agents of the loan will also send notice of redemption to the registered holders of registered bonds drawn for redemption at their addresses on the books of the registrar and transfer agent. Bonds to be redeemed must be presented and surrendered with all the coupons maturing on and after the redemption date.

The amounts paid to the fiscal agents of the loan for the purchase or redemption of bonds as above provided shall also include interest on the purchased or redeemed bonds to the date of purchase or redemption, and shall be in United States gold coin of the standard aforesaid. Said payments will be sufficient to redeem all of the bonds of this issue at 107% of their principal amount and accrued interest at or before maturity. The bonds shall not be subject to any compulsory retirement except through the operation of the sinking fund after Oct. 15 1925, but the City may increase the amount of any sinking fund payment after the said date. Bonds purchased or redeemed by the sinking fund will be canceled.

NEW ISSUE OF \$60,000,000 FEDERAL LAND BANK BONDS.

Announcement of a general offering to be made on the 3rd inst. of \$60,000,000 ten-twenty year Federal Land Bank 5% bonds came from Secretary of the Treasury Mellon on the 1st inst. The bonds were offered simultaneously in every investment centre of the country, a distributing group comprising more than one thousand investment bankers, having been formed to handle the offering throughout the United States, the bonds were made available for purchase at the offices of investment bankers. Federal Land banks and Farm Loan Associations. The managers of the group, which was formed at the request of the Federal Farm Loan Board, are Alex. Brown & Sons, Harris, Forbes & Co., Brown Brothers & Co., Lee, Higginson & Co., The National City Company, and the Guaranty Company of New York. As we indicated in our issue of Sept. 17, page 1204, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, made known on Sept. 16, the intention to offer the bonds about Oct. 1, in a statement saying:

Secretary Mellon to-day stated that in accordance with the general plan of financing of the Federal Land banks as announced in connection with their last issue, and in harmony with suggestion recently made, the Federal Land banks will about Oct. 1, make another general offering of Federal Farm Loan bonds.

These bonds will bear 5% interest. The selling price and the amount of the issue will be announced later.

In commenting on the new issue on Oct. 1, Secretary Mellon, said:

"The public faith in the Farm Loan bonds was clearly manifested by the sale of the last issue in a hard market. In view of improved conditions this issue should be quickly absorbed."

The last offering of these bonds was made on May 1, when \$40,000,000 were brought out. The bonds offered this week are dated May 1 1921, are due May 1 1941 and are not redeemable before May 1 1931. Interest is payable May 1 and Nov. 1 at any Federal Land Bank or Federal Reserve Bank; principal is payable at the bank of issue. The bonds are in coupon and registered form (interchangeable) in denominations of \$10,000, \$5,000, \$1,000, \$500, \$100 and \$40. They are redeemable at par and interest at any time after ten years from date of issue. The bonds are offered at 100 and accrued interest, yielding 5%. The circular announcing the offering says:

The Supreme Court of the United States has held (a) that these banks were legally created as part of the banking system of the United States, and (b) that the bonds issued by the banks are instrumentalities of the United States Government and are exempt from Federal, State, municipal and local taxation.

Issues of outstanding bonds dated prior to May 1921 are redeemable five years from the date of issue. In order to meet the demand for longer term securities, Congress enacted a statute authorizing the redemption period on new issues to begin in the eleventh year from date of issue instead of in the sixth as heretofore. The bonds now offered are issued under this authority.

Issuing Banks.

The twelve Federal Land banks were organized by the United States Government with an original \$9,000,000 capital stock, which has since increased through the operation of the system to over \$25,000,000.

Security.

These bonds, in addition to being obligations of the Federal Land banks all twelve of which are primarily liable for interest and ultimately for the principal on each bond, are secured by collateral consisting of an equal amount of United States Government bonds or mortgages on farm lands, which must be:

(a) First mortgages to an amount not exceeding 50% of the value of the land and 20% of the value of the permanent improvements as appraised by United States appraisers;

(b) Limited to \$10,000 on any one mortgage;

(c) Guaranteed by the local National Farm Loan Association of which the borrower is a member and stockholder. The stock of these associations carries a double liability;

(d) Reduced each year by payment of part of the mortgage debt.

These bonds are acceptable by the United States Treasury as security for Government deposits including Postal Savings funds.

They are lawful investments for all fiduciary and trust funds under the jurisdiction of the United States Government. They are eligible under the laws of many of the States for investment of all public and private funds and have been officially held eligible for investment by savings banks in the following States:

Alabama	Idaho	Mississippi	Oklahoma	Utah
Arkansas	Indiana	Missouri	Oregon	Vermont
California	Kentucky	Nebraska	Pennsylvania	Virginia
Colorado	Louisiana	N. Hampshire	Rhode Island	Washington
Delaware	Maine	New Jersey	So. Carolina	West Virginia
Florida	Maryland	No. Carolina	So. Dakota	Wisconsin
Georgia	Minnesota	Ohio	Tennessee	Wyoming
	Massachusetts		Texas	

The United States Government owns over \$6,500,000 of the capital stock of the banks and the United States Treasury has purchased over \$183,000,000 Federal Land Bank bonds. The banks themselves are under the direction and control of the Federal Farm Loan Board, a bureau of the Treasury Department of the United States Government.

F. W. GEHLE ON PROBLEMS OF EUROPE'S RECONSTRUCTION—GERMANY'S INDEMNITY.

Frederick W. Gehle, Manager of the New Business Department of The Mechanics & Metals National Bank returned last week from a two months' trip through England, France and Germany. The three great problems of Europe's reconstruction, according to Mr. Gehle, are the establishment of a normal state of mind among the people, adjustment of credit and commercial relations, and the definite understanding of Germany's position among the nations of Europe. Mr. Gehle says:

Trade and credit are at present so reconstructed that scores of millions of people of the Continent of Europe cannot get down to full and profitable production. But quite as much as the material effects of the war, the existence of an overwrought and unhealthy state of mind is delaying Europe's normal progress of reconstruction.

People dwelling in harmony with one another in the United States cannot appreciate the degree in which finance, commerce and industry are brought under the dominance of other than economic factors. Socially and politically there is an unrest throughout Europe which stands in the way of a return to stability. There is an atmosphere of nervous exaggeration that manifests itself wherever you go, and one of the most startling surprises is the spirit of vengeful anger that is disclosed among the vanquished as well as the victors.

The great trouble is that each country is thinking for itself first and for the others afterward, hence the faultiness of the Peace Treaty is held up for execration everywhere. Until the complex spirit of self-righteousness, self-pity and distrust that moves the people of each country is changed, there can be no wholesome or normal evolution. The responsibility rests entirely upon Europe's leaders of business and finance. Politicians who are preaching in every country the propaganda of hate and suspicion are doing their worst; and it is now for the business leaders to do their best. From a financial viewpoint there never was a time when the countries of Europe were more in need of long-term credit. Business is hampered because of the shortage of raw materials, and raw materials, especially those of American production, cannot be bought in the desired quantities because of credit hindrances. Were the plans of the American Bankers Association perfected, and were the \$100,000,000 Foreign Trade Financing Corporation now in existence to facilitate the extension of long-term credits in those countries and to those people who are thoroughly responsible, I have no doubt that the situation, so far as trade between America and Europe is concerned, would be far better than it is.

Germany is to-day the most interesting spot on the map of the world. An American who visits Berlin, Hamburg, Essen, Dusseldorf, Hanover, and the other industrial centres of Germany, is amazed at the activity of the people and the tremendous efforts that are being put forth to stimulate production. Among the leading industrial countries of the world Germany is the only one that has not got its unemployment problem. Almost literally there is no unemployment in Germany; the only people idle are those who wish to be idle, or who are disabled. Hamburg is busy day and night building ships. Essen is busy turning out locomotives and other railroad equipment. Other centres are busy with other industries. Yet, when one looks below the surface he cannot mistake the hollowness of Germany's industrial boom. Her finances are in a precarious condition; the printing of paper marks to the extent of millions every day, the failure of the Government to meet its expenses out of taxation and the inability of the Government to institute any definite plan of financial reorganization is leading Germany directly to a crisis. The decline in the mark to its present level was absolutely inevitable. You cannot create value in any other way than by production and thrift. Economic laws work inexorably, and Germany by defying economic laws, has stored up for itself prodigious problems for the future.

In considering the whole question of Germany's indemnity, one comes to the conclusion that none is pleased with it. Bankers and business men in England are frankly in favor of some form of an adjustment; in France there is an indignant protest against the suggestion of ameliorating Germany's obligation, at the same time that the effects of heavy payments are feared. If Germany pays the indemnity, it will do so out of the proceeds of its exports, and if it exports sufficient for the purpose there is danger that German goods will inundate the markets of the world to the detriment of English, French and American competition. Rightly or wrongly, unemployment in England and France is laid to the doors of Germany's present cheap production, and it would not be surprising were England in the near future to take the initiative toward remedying this phase of the situation.

Before Europe's social and economic problems can be properly settled there must be a conciliation of national ideas and a fusing of international ideals. It is true that the United States as a nation has definitely taken a stand against interfering with European politics, but this country cannot after all consider itself entirely free from the consequences of those politics. Whether we like to think so or not, Europe is a major influence in the determination of our economic welfare, and we cannot miss the logic of the existing situation or ignore the conclusion; from the point of view of our own selfish interest, if from no other, we are vitally concerned in the return of normal conditions abroad. Europe's leaders maintain that the United States is absolutely necessary to Europe's recuperation. It behooves American leaders to gain accurate knowledge of the degree in which Europe's recuperation is absolutely necessary to ourselves. Upward of \$18,000,000,000 is outstanding to our credit in Europe, and with a tremendous productive capacity in the United States seeking an outlet through export trade, there is warranted in America a study of the facts we have to deal with, and there is warranted further an exercising of our economic power for the world's betterment.

WAR FINANCE CORPORATION FIXES RATES ON ADVANCES AT 5½ AND 6%.

The War Finance Corporation announced on Oct. 1 that until further notice it had fixed a rate of 5½% to banks, bankers or trust companies on all advances under Section 24, having a maturity of not exceeding six months, and carrying no renewal privilege. The Corporation states:

This rate will also apply on advances known as feeder loans to cattle loan companies maturing within six months and carrying no renewal privilege. The rate on other advances to cattle loan companies to be 6%.

ADVANCE ON ACCOUNT OF LIVE STOCK APPROVED BY WAR FINANCE CORPORATION.

The War Finance Corporation approved on Oct. 4, under Section 24 of the Act, an advance of \$175,868 40 to a financial institution of Chicago which had made loans of that amount on livestock in Idaho.

WISCONSIN COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURAL LOAN AGENCY READY TO FUNCTION.

Announcement is made that the Wisconsin Committee of the Agricultural Loan Agency of the War Finance Corporation has held its organization meeting and is ready to receive applications for loans and to make recommendations to the United States Government. The law under which the War Finance Corporation is created authorizes "the making of advances to any bank, banker or trust company which may have made advances for agricultural purposes," that is, "connected with the growing, harvesting, preparation for markets and marketing of agricultural products, or the breeding, raising, fattening and marketing of live stock; or which may have discounted or rediscounted agricultural paper," including "any note, draft, bill of exchange or other negotiable instrument issued for an agricultural purpose." Under the terms "bank, banker or trust company," are included "any reputable and responsible financing institution incorporated under the laws of any State or of the United States, with resources adequate to the undertaking contemplated." The members of the Wisconsin committee are F. K. McPherson, Assistant Vice-President of the First Wisconsin National Bank, of Milwaukee, who is Chairman of the Committee; H. A. Moehlenpah, President of the Investors Finance Corporation, of Milwaukee, who is Vice-Chairman; Ernest Perry, President of the First Fond du Lac National Bank, of Fond du Lac; Dean H. L. Russell, of the State Agricultural College, of Madison; and J. R. Wheeler, President of the Farmers & Merchants Union Bank, of Columbus. Reference to the Wisconsin Committee was made in our issue of Saturday last, page 1411.

PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT TO LEND \$4,000,000 TO SUGAR PLANTERS.

A press dispatch from Manila on Oct. 3 said: The Philippine Government will lend \$4,000,000 to sugar planters in the islands to save their sugar crop. Most of last year's crop has not been sold and the planters need money to pay their workmen, whom they owe four months' wages. The annual production is approximately 225,000 tons, of which more than half goes to the United States.

N. Y. TRUST CO. ON BILL TO PROVIDE AGRICULTURAL CREDITS.

The Sept. 16th number of "The Index" issued by the New York Trust Company, with which the Liberty National Bank was recently consolidated, contain among other, an article on the Act recently passed by Congress amending the War Finance Corporation Act, and to provide "relief for producers of and dealers in agricultural products," regarding which it said:

This measure represents so marked a departure from prior policies of the Government and may have such an important effect upon markets and financial operations that it is worthy of careful study.

The effects of this extraordinary Act will depend largely upon its interpretation by those empowered to administer it. It should be pointed out, however, that the Act as it stands sets up for possible use a system of finance and credits entirely at variance with accepted methods.

A producer (or dealer) who does not care to sell at the market may obtain a loan to carry his product for an entire year. A bank unwilling to carry loans for producers or dealers beyond the time limit dictated by ordinary sound practice may shift the burden to a Government agency whose credit is to be used when the basis of the transaction is not considered sound enough to attract private credit.

Under these conditions, it is pertinent to inquire what will be the progress in the liquidation of "frozen" loans which has constituted such a difficult problem in the past year.

Another question is, What will be the result in prices to the consuming public if producers and dealers in foodstuffs are at liberty to sell their products only at what they may consider to be the top of the market and may fall back on Government credit for an entire year if they do not choose to sell?

Operations of this character if carried to their logical conclusion, would eventually involve the use of Government credit for any private industry, which has enough political influence to command it. They will not benefit the producer in the long run, for Government aid is not strong enough to influence market prices if goods are carried until there is an unnaturally large surplus awaiting sale. One result to be expected would be the maintenance of artificially high prices for a limited length of time with a constant accumulation of unsold products carried by Government aid. Sooner or later natural forces would make themselves felt and the result might be a disastrous and sudden fall in prices which would wipe out any temporary gain which the producers realized under such a scheme.

The Farmer Bloc.

"Bloc" is a term seldom encountered heretofore in the nomenclature of legislatures in the United States, although the word is familiar to readers

of political news from countries where blocs are as common as parliaments. We now have a bloc of our own, namely, the farmer bloc in Congress.

Ordinarily the members of a bloc are representatives of a particular interest, a political theory or of a certain school of economic thought. It is not so with respect to the farmer bloc. That is composed only in part of men who are representatives of agricultural communities. Its strength comes largely from the adherence of a number of senators and representatives who think that it is wise and expedient and enhances their own power to train with an aggressive and coherent group.

The farmer bloc is easily the most influential single factor in Congress to-day. It has succeeded, on the one hand, in preventing the passage of the railroad funding bill, and, on the other hand, in passing an amendment to the War Finance Corporation Law, described elsewhere in the issue, in the sole interest of agriculturists. It has manifested firm determination to have its own way with tax revision and the tariff. Again and again newspapers are found estimating the chances of one piece of legislation or another in accordance with the "whim of the agricultural bloc."

It has often been charged that capitalistic influences dominated Congress. If a capitalistic bloc existed it would be more sensitive to the interests of the country as a whole, and broader in its vision than the farmer bloc has so far shown itself to be. Up to the present at least this group has sought legislative action solely in its own interests and has not hesitated to prevent indefinitely action on questions of vital concern to the country as a whole until its own demands have been satisfied.

OPENING OF ASSOCIATED BANKERS CORPORATION, INC., IN THIS CITY.

The Associated Bankers Corporation, chartered in Delaware with \$5,000,000 authorized capital, opened its headquarters on the 6th inst. on the ground floor of 35 Wall Street, this city. John T. Manson, President of the First National Bank of New Haven, and a director of the Equitable Life Assurance Society and of many other corporations, is Chairman of the Board of Associated Bankers. An official announcement says:

The corporation was launched a year ago as a mutual service for interior banks. It operates under a commercial charter and does not receive deposits. Mr. Manson and his associates recently took over the minority interest of the originator of the plan, and decided to enlarge its scope, and to include directors from every part of the United States. They elected as President, Clarence M. Sherwood, a former Chemical National and National City Bank man, who for the last year and a half has been president of the Foreign Trade Banking Corporation. Mr. Sherwood was planning a new discount company to perform some of the special services offered by Associated Bankers when he was invited to become the active executive head of the out-of-town bankers' organization.

Mr. Manson is quoted as saying:

"Interior bankers realize the need of an organization that will supplement but not compete with local banking service. Associated Bankers will have one main objective—to build up and promote the interests of the local bank in its own community. Through co-operative efforts a large number of smaller banks can make it possible for each to serve the needs of its largest customers without going into consolidations in which their individuality disappears.

"The principal functions of Associated Bankers will be to discount and market acceptances of banks affiliated with it, and the commercial paper of their customers whose requirements the local bank cannot now meet; also to co-operate with local banks in underwriting and furnishing a wide market for local bond and preferred stock issues which the affiliated banks are not in a position by themselves to undertake."

SIMONS, DAY & CO. OF CHICAGO TRANSFER THEIR BUSINESS.

Simons, Day & Co., a prominent Board of Trade firm of Chicago, announced after the close of business on Wednesday of this week (Oct. 5) that all open grain trades on their books would be transferred to Faroll Bros. of Chicago for final settlement, according to the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Oct. 6. In making the announcement, it is reported, Charles Baker, the President of the firm, said that while the company was forced to this extreme because of losses sustained in the market the past several weeks, it did not mean that the firm was bankrupt or owed debts it could not liquidate. The Chicago "Journal of Commerce" quoted Mr. Baker as follows:

We are transferring our open interests at this time to prevent forced settlements that would mean serious losses to our customers. We stockholders may come out even, and again we may suffer losses, but we are doing our utmost to safeguard the interests of our clients.

According to the "Journal of Commerce," Simons, Day & Co. is a firm that has been active in the grain trade for many years and has always stood among the foremost in this market. In addition to being members of the Chicago Board of Trade, it is said, they are members of the St. Louis, Minneapolis and Winnipeg grain exchanges. Their interests, however, it is said, largely centered in Chicago and the Northwest. Mr. Baker was a director of the Chicago Board of Trade for a number of years and Joseph Simons, the Treasurer of the firm, is now a director of the Exchange. In addition to Mr. Baker and Mr. Simons, the members of the suspended firm, it is said, are Winfield S. Day, J. George, R. Graham, Moses J. Bloom and Elmer C. Kimball. It is further stated in the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" that announcement was made that Faroll Bros. will take over the present quarters of Simons, Day & Co. in the Postal Telegraph Building and take care of open grain futures transferred, that the cash grain obligations on the books of

Simons, Day & Co. will be handled by a firm yet to be selected and also that, it is said, most of the stock and cotton trades show profits and therefore will be easily liquidated by the firm themselves.

A press dispatch from Chicago dated yesterday (Oct. 7) printed in "Financial America" states that Simons, Day & Co. were busy Oct. 6 (Thursday) paying all demand from customers having balances, and will continue to meet all obligations. The net balance of the trades, it is stated, transferred to Faroll Bros. was 750,000 bus. short grain.

JOSEPH F. MCGOVERN & CO., PHILADELPHIA, FAIL.

According to a press dispatch from Philadelphia under date of Sept. 29, a petition in bankruptcy was filed on that day by Joseph F. McGovern, individually, and trading as Joseph F. McGovern & Co. at 1430 South Penn Square, Philadelphia, before Judge Thomson in the United States District Court. H. J. J. O'Neill, the dispatch states, was appointed temporary receiver under a bond of \$10,000. The firm was a member of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange and maintained a branch office at 32 Broadway, this city.

GOVERNOR HARDING OF FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD IN REPLY TO SENATOR SHEPPARD ON LOWERING OF REDISCOUNT RATE.

The question of reducing the rediscount rate of the Federal Reserve banks, which had previously been the subject of correspondence between Senator Sheppard of Texas and Secretary of the Treasury Mellon and Comptroller of the Currency Crissinger, has also been the subject of communications between the Senator and Governor Harding of the Federal Reserve Board. The correspondence between the three first named was printed in these columns Sept. 3, page 1002. As we have already noted, Senator Sheppard advocated the lowering of the rediscount rate on paper secured by Liberty bonds to 3½%, and on agricultural and commercial paper to 4½%. In answer thereto the belief is expressed by Governor Harding that "when and a banks generally begin to look around for loans and to compete with each other for paper, market rates will decline and that such a decline will be reflected in the rediscount rates of the Federal Reserve banks." While Governor Harding's advices to Senator Sheppard bear date Aug. 26, they were not made public until Oct. 4, when the Senator had the letter read into the Congressional Record. The letter follows:

August 26 1921.

My dear Senator Sheppard:—I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 25th inst., and note your suggestion that the Board give immediate consideration to the advisability of lowering the rediscount rate on paper secured by Liberty bonds to 3½% and on agricultural and commercial paper to 4½%.

It seems clearly to be the intent of the Federal Reserve Act (Section 14) that changes in discount rates should be initiated by the directors of a Federal Reserve bank rather than by the Federal Reserve Board. Each Federal Reserve bank is authorized, "to establish from time to time, subject to the review and determination of the Federal Reserve Board rates of discount to be charged by the Federal Reserve bank for each class of paper." While the Federal Reserve Board has occasionally modified rates that have been proposed by a Federal Reserve bank, I do not recall that it has ever fixed a rate over the protest of the directors of a Federal Reserve bank. As Federal Reserve banks do not make loans direct to individuals, firms or corporations, but merely rediscount paper for member banks, with their endorsement, it does not follow as a matter of course, that a reduction in the discount rate of a Federal Reserve bank would mean cheaper credit to the public. The Federal Reserve Board makes a continuous survey of all questions bearing upon rediscount rates and our information is that member banks generally throughout the country are not yet disposed to make any concessions in their rates. Some of them justify their position upon the theory that they have losses which must be charged off, and others say they are still over-loaned. The statistical facts quoted in your letter are impressive and are used by many in predicting lower market rates for money. I think that when and as banks generally begin to look around for loans and to compete with each other for paper, market rates will decline and that such a decline will be reflected in the rediscount rates of Federal Reserve banks.

There will be a meeting before very long of the Federal Advisory Council, which is a statutory body composed of one member from each Federal Reserve district, and which has the power, under the law, to confer directly with the Federal Reserve Board on general business conditions, to call for information and to make recommendations in regard to discount rates, rediscount business, and the general affairs of the Reserve banking system. At this meeting, business conditions and rediscount rates will be fully discussed, to the exclusion, I think, of all other topics. Mr. R. L. Ball, Chairman of the board of directors of the National Bank of Commerce of San Antonio, Texas, is the member of the Federal Advisory Council from your district.

It might be well, however, for merchants in the principal cities to inquire of their banks as to what the effect of lower rediscount rates at the Federal Reserve Bank would be on the rates of interest charged by the local member banks. If merchants generally would institute such an inquiry and would furnish the Board with a synopsis of what they learn, I think the Board would have a valuable line on the situation. Reports which have already been received indicate that in the smaller towns especially banks are not disposed to reduce their interest charges and would look upon a reduced rate at the Federal Reserve Bank as a source of additional profit to themselves. I have a letter this morning from Judge Ramsey, Federal Reserve Agent and Chairman of the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, in which he says that he doubts seriously whether "if our re-

discount rate on farm paper was reduced even as low as 4% per annum, this would find reflection in a much lower rate granted by member banks to individual borrowers."

The large increase in the gold holdings of the Federal Reserve banks is due to the demoralized conditions of foreign exchanges, which has made necessary the large shipments of gold which have come to this country. As the United States produces a surplus both of raw materials and of manufactured products, it is the belief of some that a part, at least, of the recent increase in our holdings of gold should be regarded as a basis for long-time credit transactions which seem necessary if our trade with other countries is to continue. If, on the other hand, our present large gold holdings were deliberately made the basis for an undue extension of domestic credits, as might well be the case if our discount rates were made so low as to offer an alluring profit to almost all member banks in borrowing from their Federal Reserve bank, there might develop a very dangerous condition in the United States. No small part of the responsibility of the Federal Reserve System is to make sure that the consequences of this flood of gold are not wild speculation and unsound banking practices.

Sincerely yours,

W. P. G. HARDING, Governor Federal Reserve Board.

JOHN SKELTON WILLIAMS ANEW ON ADMINISTRATION OF FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.

Since the item published in our issue of Sept. 24, page 1307, dealing with criticisms by former Comptroller of the Currency John Skelton Williams against the administration of the Federal Reserve System, a letter has been brought to our attention, addressed by Mr. Williams to the Editor of the Tampa (Fla.) Sunday "Tribune" of Sept. 25, in which the former Comptroller took issue, in part, with an editorial which appeared in the "Tribune" Sept. 10. The newspaper had commented therein on the \$66,094,000 increase represented by livestock and agricultural paper accepted by Federal Reserve banks of this country during the period July 1 1920 to July 1 1921. In printing the letter of Mr. Williams (which bears date Sept. 16) the Tampa "Tribune" says:

Mr. Williams confirms these figures quoted in the "Tribune," but he quotes figures to show that while these loans to the farming and livestock interests showed a considerable increase, that during the same period the banks were forced, under orders of the Federal Reserve Board, to very considerably restrict the loans they had made on Liberty loan and Victory loan paper, the Government's own securities issues, and which bonds were considerably shrunk in value because of this act.

Mr. Williams also states—and quotes figures—to show that the "country" banks, that is banks in the smaller cities and communities which are in close touch with the farming and livestock interests, were compelled to cut down very considerably their credits, while the great banks of the East, where the money is used more largely for corporation investment, and for market speculation, were allowed the use of Federal Reserve money far in excess of their share.

In other words, on Mr. Williams's showing, the Federal Reserve System is being used not as it was intended to be used—for the benefit of all industry the country over—but is slipping into the control of the big bankers and their friends.

We give Mr. Williams's letter herewith:

Richmond, Virginia, Sept. 16 1921.

Editor, Tampa "Morning Tribune,"

Dear Sir: I have before me a copy of the "Tribune" of Sept. 10, containing an editorial on the Federal Reserve System, in which I note the following paragraph:

"The establishment of this banking system took from the stock gambler and money manipulator of Wall Street the power to squeeze the banks of the country. . . . Even its mooted order for deflation has much to recommend it to the sane business man. Credits were being pyramided recklessly and without regard to final reckonings. Take the farm loans and livestock loans, alone, between July 1 1920 and July 1 1921, as an indication of what the pyramiding of credits was doing."

The figures which you quote as to the increase in "agricultural" and "livestock" paper taken by Reserve banks have very little meaning unless considered in connection with other loans made by the Federal Reserve System on the dates indicated.

It is quite true that the "agricultural" and "livestock" paper in the Federal Reserve banks increased from \$168,038,000 in June 1920 to \$234,132,000 in June 1921. This is an increase of, say, \$66,094,000 in twelve months.

It is also true, as you quote Governor Harding as saying, that the "livestock" paper held by all the Reserve banks increased from \$33,693,000 on Jan. 30 1920 to \$84,845,000 at the end of June 1920. Did the Governor forget to call attention, though, to the fact that on June 30 1921, "livestock" paper held by the Reserve banks as only \$76,258,000, or \$8,587,000 less than it was a year before?

But this boasted increase in the aggregate of "agricultural" and "livestock" paper of \$66,094,000 does not mean that either the farmers of the country or the "country" banks were getting one dollar more of accommodation from the Reserve banks in June 1921 than in June 1920. It simply means that of the paper which the Federal Reserve banks held in June 1921, amounting to about \$2,000,000,000, the total amount of the paper which was classed as "agricultural" and "livestock" paper was only \$234,132,000, which is a little more than one-tenth of the whole; although the farmers of the country represent about 43% of our population.

It is well known that the "country" banks and the farmers throughout the country strained themselves to buy Liberty bonds and Victory notes during the war, and that they used these bonds sometimes in making loans with the banks. We also know that Federal Reserve bank authorities used pressure to force the payment of loans secured by Liberty bonds. We also know that between May 28 1920 and May 25 1921, the "Discounted Bills" which were held by all Federal Reserve banks which were secured by U. S. Government obligations shrank from \$1,447,962,000 to \$793,951,000—an actual shrinkage of \$654,011,000; and we also know that a large part of this shrinkage was in the loans made to the "country" banks. Please note that the actual contraction in the loans on Government securities was about ten times as great as the increase in the loans on "agricultural" and "livestock" paper. The contraction in loans on Government

obligations was kept up and by June 15 1921 they had been reduced to \$644,000,000, a shrinkage in these loans from June 11 1920 of \$776,000,000.

In the Dallas district—a large agricultural district—we know that the Federal Reserve System on June 4 1920 was lending \$42,801,000 on Government securities, and by May 25 1921, these loans had been reduced to \$11,296,000, a shrinkage of \$31,505,000 in that one district in loans on Government securities.

We also know that the total amount of "agricultural" and "livestock" paper held by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas in May 1920 was \$16,242,000 and that the total amount of "agricultural" and "livestock" paper held by the Dallas Reserve Bank at the beginning of May 1921 was only \$35,801,000.

We therefore find that between May 1920 and May 1921 there was an increase in the "agricultural" and "livestock" paper in the Dallas district of \$19,149,000; and on the other hand there was an actual reduction in that same district in the loans secured by U. S. Government securities in that same period of about \$31,505,000.

In his statement before the Committee, to which you refer, and from which you quote, it appears that Governor Harding failed to emphasize these additional facts which have a distinct bearing upon the situation. So much for the results in the Dallas district.

In the St. Louis district the loans secured by Government obligations on May 28 1920 amounted to \$58,459,000, and by May 25 1921 this had been reduced to \$31,266,000—an actual contraction of \$27,193,000 in the loans secured by Government obligations—owing largely to the pressure brought to bear upon the banks to force them to sell their Government securities and pay up.

Was there any offset to this liquidation by a material increase in the "agricultural" and "livestock" paper held by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis in that period? I will give you the official figures.

The total amount of "livestock" and "agricultural" paper held by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis at the end of May 1920 (page 747 Federal Reserve "Bulletin" for June 1920) amounted to \$3,384,000; and the amount of such paper held by the St. Louis Reserve Bank about the beginning of May 1921 (page 734 Federal Reserve "Bulletin" for June 1921) was only \$3,338,000—the increase for the period in "agricultural" and "livestock" paper held was only \$4,954,000, as compared with a contraction for practically the same period in loans secured by Government obligations of \$27,193,000. In other words, the contraction in loans secured by Government obligations for the year was five times as great as the increase, of which Governor Harding boasts, in the amount of "agricultural" and "livestock" paper held by the Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, which, at the beginning of May 1921 held more "agricultural" and "livestock" paper than any other Reserve bank, the amount so held being \$58,103,000, showed an increase as compared with May 1920 in that class of paper of \$32,263,000; but this same bank showed a contraction or shrinkage in the same period in its loans secured by Government obligations of \$47,378,000, the contraction in loans secured by Government obligations being about 50% more than the increase in loans secured by "agricultural" and "livestock" paper.

At the end of May 1920 the total amount of "agricultural" and "livestock" paper held by the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, which is a large agricultural district, was only \$2,646,000. About the first of May 1921 this had been increased to \$9,801,000—an increase of \$7,155,000; but in practically the same period, or, say, from May 28 1920 to May 25 1921, the bills secured by U. S. Government obligations shrank from \$59,837,000 to \$39,080,000, a contraction of \$20,757,000 in notes secured by Government obligations, compared with an increase in the amount of "agricultural" and "livestock" paper held of only \$7,155,000. In other words, the shrinkage which had been brought about in the holdings of notes secured by Government bonds in the Richmond district was about three times as great as the increase in the amount of "agricultural" and "livestock" paper held.

In view of these facts the emphasis which has been placed upon the alleged increase of "agricultural" and "livestock" paper held by the Reserve banks does not impress me as being ingenious.

It is also interesting to compare the accommodations which the Federal Reserve System had granted on Nov. 15 1920 to the national banks in New York City with the accommodations which the System was granting at the same time to all of the "country" national banks throughout the United States, that is to say, all national banks outside of the Reserve and Central Reserve cities.

On the date named the total amount of "Loans and Discounts" held by the national banks in New York City alone (exclusive of notes and bills rediscounted) amounted to \$2,364,831,000. But the accommodations which the Federal Reserve Bank of New York had granted on that date to the national banks in New York City (exclusive of bank "acceptances," which, if included, would materially swell the total) amounted to \$629,774,006, which was equal to 26.6% of the total loans and discounts (exclusive of notes and bills rediscounted) then held by the national banks in New York City.

On the same date the total amount of loans and discounts (exclusive of notes and bills rediscounted) which were held by the 8,123 "country" national banks in the 48 States of the Union amounted to \$5,611,277,000, and the total amount of accommodations which these "country" national banks had received from the Federal Reserve System through bills payable and notes and bill rediscounted (other than bank "acceptances," of which the amount was small) aggregated only \$493,071,000, or 8.8% of their total loans and discounts (exclusive of rediscounts).

These figures therefore show that instead of the resources of the Reserve System being "equitably and evenly" distributed, the national banks in New York City alone on Nov. 15 1920 at the time when the "country" national banks were pleading so earnestly for relief, were receiving accommodations from the Federal Reserve System, in proportion to their total loans and discounts (exclusive of rediscounts) more than three times as much as all the 8,123 "country" national banks were receiving at the same time. These figures are official.

They also prove that if the Reserve System had granted to the 8,123 "country" national banks, accommodations in the same proportion to their total loans and discounts, that the Federal Reserve System was accommodating the national banks in New York City on Nov. 15 1920, that the "country" national banks, instead of receiving from notes rediscounted and bills payable, the sum of \$493,071,000, would have gotten from the Reserve System \$1,494,283,000, or more than a thousand million dollars in excess of what they did receive!

It is also worthy of note that at the time of every call, from Sept. 12 1919 to April 28 1921, the official figures show that the Federal Reserve System was lending on "Bills Payable" to the 45 national banks in New York, Chicago and St. Louis, more money than to all the 8,000 "country" national banks. And they also show that at every call during this period the "rediscounts" obtained by the 45 national banks in the three cities

named, likewise exceeded the rediscounts of all the "country" banks (about 8,000) with the Reserve banks.

As to the expectation expressed in your editorial, from which I have quoted, that our Reserve System has divested "the stock gambler and money manipulator of Wall Street" of the "power to squeeze the banks of the country," I regret to say that this hope cannot be fully realized unless our great Federal Reserve System is administered wisely, impartially and courageously.

In view of the manner in which Governor Harding expatiated upon the great increase in the accommodations granted by the Federal Reserve banks on "agricultural" and "livestock" paper, is it not a little strange to find that just a year ago, a big banking institution in New York City, which was borrowing heavily from the Reserve System, was lending to its own chief executive officer and his immediate family, largely on speculative securities, more money than the Reserve Bank of Richmond was lending at that same time on "agricultural" and "livestock" paper to ALL the 609 member banks in the great States of Virginia, West Virginia, North and South Carolina and Maryland?

Would it not also surprise you to learn that at that same time a certain prominent stock operator, who was also a director in the Federal Reserve Bank of New York was borrowing from a banking institution in New York City (which was in turn a heavy debtor of the Reserve Bank of New York) more money than the four Reserve Banks of New York, Boston, Philadelphia and St. Louis (all combined) were lending at that time on "agricultural" paper to the 2,468 member banks in those great districts, including all of the New England States, the States of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Arkansas, and parts of Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi? This seems inconceivable, but it is nevertheless a solemn fact.

Do not these figures furnish a decisive reply to the question as to whether or not the resources of the Federal Reserve System have been applied "equally, impartially and fairly"?

Yours very truly,

(Signed) JOHN SKELTON WILLIAMS.

GOVERNOR HARDING OF FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD IN REPLY TO GOV. MCKELVIE REGARDING FARMERS' CREDITS.

Further correspondence has developed between Governor Samuel R. McKelvie of Nebraska and W. P. G. Harding, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, anent the subject of credit relief for farmers, since the publication of their letters early last month in our issue of Sept. 24, page 1304. In his letter to Governor Harding under date of Sept. 12 (given in the issue referred to) Gov. McKelvie declared that "the urgent demand for liquidation and the contraction of credit during the past twelve months has imposed unusual and extraordinary hardships upon the farmers and cattlemen and he asked whether "this policy of enforced liquidation is to be continued, or whether the farmer is going to be aided and encouraged in the successful conduct of his business through the extension of reasonable credit at a rate of interest that he can afford to pay." Governor Harding, replying under date of Sept. 15, stated among other things that "the liquidation which has taken place, at least so far as this liquidation is reflected in the statements of the Federal Reserve banks, shows that the reduction in loans has been mainly in the large cities and in industrial centres." He added:

Federal reserve banks are not permitted by law to make loans direct to individuals, firms or corporations and they can rediscount only paper which bears the endorsement of a member bank. Consequently, in order for a Federal Reserve bank to render financial assistance to those engaged in agriculture or the raising of live stock, it is necessary that the loans first be negotiated with member banks. Neither the Federal Reserve Bank nor the Federal Reserve Board has any control over the loan policy of any member bank. We cannot compel a member bank to make a loan which it does not desire to make nor can we restrain it from making a loan which is not forbidden by law.

In addressing Governor Harding further in the matter on Sept. 22, Gov. McKelvie made the assertion that "from information that I have, I am altogether convinced that the Federal Reserve System is not functioning as it should in this district. The demands for liquidation were harsh in the extreme, in view of the fact that this is an agricultural region and the borrowers here could not easily conform to the same requirements that were imposed upon semi-agricultural or non-agricultural regions." Governor Harding in furthering answering Gov. McKelvie on the Sept. 29 enlarges upon his previous remarks regarding the functioning of the Federal Reserve Banks. Answering the contentions of Gov. McKelvie Mr. Harding states that "it is true that the loans of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City to member banks in Nebraska are now only about 11¼ million dollars against 38¼ millions last October, but" he continues, "it does not follow necessarily that this has been the result of harsh demands for liquidation on the part of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City." Governor Harding adds:

Is it not possible that there has been a great deal of voluntary liquidation, made possible by sales of farm products or by increased deposits? Certainly credit conditions generally are by no means as stringent now as they were last October. While it may be true that the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, mindful of its responsibility under the law and acting in accordance with the dictates of ordinary banking prudence, may have had occasion at times to call the attention of some of the larger borrowing banks to the necessity of working themselves into a stronger position, the Federal Reserve Board has yet to be shown that the Federal Reserve Bank has ever

undertaken to say to a member bank what particular loans it should require to be paid or ask to have reduced.

Governor Harding also states that he has been "informed by the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City that the records of the Omaha Branch will show that no member bank has been urged to liquidate rapidly its discount on live stock and that neither the head office nor the Branch has ever suggested to a member bank what policy it should adopt towards requiring its customers to liquidate." Governor Harding declares that "the Federal Reserve Board has always been keenly desirous to have the member banks in meeting the credit requirements of those engaged in agricultural and the raising of live stock. The trouble, however, lies largely in the fact that the larger operations in farming and cattle raising are carried on in sections where the deposits are seasonal and where the lending ability of the banks out of their own resources is limited." The following is Governor Harding's letter in full:

September 29 1921.

Dear Governor McKelvie:—Last Saturday I acknowledged receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst., and in replying to it now at greater length I wish to invite your attention to some of the underlying principles of the Federal Reserve Act which govern the operations of the Federal Reserve banks. Following that I will submit some facts relating to the operations of the Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City at Omaha, in which you and your people are particularly interested.

1. The law does not permit Federal Reserve banks to compete for business with each other or with the National banks, State banks and trust companies of the country. They are not allowed to receive deposits from the public nor are they permitted to make loans or advances direct to individuals, firms or corporations. In their rediscount operations they are limited to notes and bills defined as "eligible", which bear the endorsement of a member bank. It follows, therefore, that Federal Reserve banks cannot extend any discount accommodations to the public except through the medium of a member bank, with which institutions the loans must first be negotiated. Federal Reserve banks have no funds to lend the public through the instrumentality of member banks acting as brokers. A Federal Reserve Bank does not take the initiative in making loans to a member bank for the purpose of enabling the member bank to distribute the funds so advanced to its customers. The Federal Reserve Bank lends to the member bank against transactions already made for the purpose of enabling the member bank to restore its reserve to the legal requirement, after the reserve has been impaired or is about to be impaired because of increased loans and deposits.

2. I have already called your attention to the fact that the Federal Reserve Bank is given no control over the policy of its member banks with respect to loans but that it cannot compel a member bank to make a loan which it does not desire to make nor prevent it from making one which it wishes to make. Neither can a Federal Reserve bank control the rate of interest charged by member banks. In case of State banks the interest rate is regulated by the laws of the respective States and in the case of National banks the Federal law permits those institutions to charge up to the maximum rates permitted in the States in which they are located.

3. No Federal Reserve Bank can rediscount paper for member banks outside of its own Federal Reserve District. Its rediscount transactions are limited to dealings with its own member banks. The Federal Reserve Act does not require rates of discount to be uniform in all districts. Each Federal Reserve Bank is authorized by paragraph (d) of Section 14 of the Federal Reserve Act "to establish from time to time, subject to review and determination of the Federal Reserve Board, rates of discount to be charged by the Federal Reserve Bank for each class of paper, which shall be fixed with a view of accommodating commerce and business and which, subject to the approval, review and determination of the Federal Reserve Board, may be graduated or progressed on the basis of the amount of the advances and discount accommodations extended by the Federal Reserve Bank to the borrowing bank." The last sentence of the paragraph quoted above relates to what is known as the "progressive rate," which has now been abolished in the four Federal Reserve Districts in which it was formerly effective.

One of the early drafts of the Federal Reserve Bill which was considered by Congress in 1913 provided that the Federal Reserve Board should each week fix the rates of discount to be charged by the respective Federal Reserve banks and that it should notify each Federal reserve bank what its discount rates would be for the ensuing week. This provision was stricken out in a later draft of the bill and the Act as finally passed contains the language above quoted. It seems, therefore, to be the intent of Congress that the discount rates shall not ordinarily be initiated by the Federal Reserve Board but by the directors of the respective Federal reserve banks. This is consistent with the theory of the Act which does not create a central bank but a regional banking system, comprised of twelve independent units. This theory is based upon the presumption that the directors of a Federal reserve bank are more conversant with credit conditions and current rates for money in their respective districts than the Federal Reserve Board in Washington can be expected to be. While the Federal Reserve Board undoubtedly has power to direct any Federal reserve bank which persists in maintaining a discount rate which is clearly not warranted by general conditions to change that rate, the Board so far has had no occasion to initiate a rate for any Federal reserve bank.

In considering the proper level of discount rates, the directors of the Federal reserve banks have taken into consideration not only the reserve position of the bank but also current local rates for money. It is the purpose of the Federal reserve banks to afford a ready means of rediscounting paper for member banks but if artificially low rates should be established the result would probably be an unhealthy stimulation of loans by member banks, which, I understand from your letter of Sept. 12, is something that you do not desire, for you say in that letter "Nor would I have you believe for a moment that I would have the Federal Reserve Bank System encourage an extension of credit that would result in unwise inflation or speculation." The Board is entirely in accord with your desire to see the Federal Reserve System operate as an agency for financial relief at a time when it is most urgently needed, and in order to keep the Federal reserve banks in position to extend such relief it is necessary that a policy be adopted which will not encourage an undue expansion of loans made for the sake of the profit to be derived by rediscounting with the Federal reserve bank.

In your letter of the 22nd inst., you say that you are altogether convinced that the Federal Reserve System is not functioning as it should in your

district. You say that you are informed that the banks in your district are not generally patronizing the Federal Reserve System. It is true that a large majority of State banks, for reasons satisfactory to themselves, have not deemed it advisable to apply for membership in the Federal Reserve System and there are also a considerable number of member banks which have had no occasion up to this time to rediscount with the Federal Reserve Bank. Many of the non-member State banks, however, have borrowed money from their correspondents in Omaha, Kansas City and other cities and these banks in turn have rediscounted with the Federal Reserve banks. Nor is it to be doubted that the member banks which have not rediscounted with the Federal Reserve Bank would hesitate to do so should occasion arise.

On Aug. 31 1921 there were 203 member banks in Nebraska. At that time 74 of these banks were not borrowing from the Federal Reserve Bank. 129 Nebraska member banks were at that time rediscounting to the extent of \$11,263,345. On June 3 1920, 135 Nebraska banks were borrowing from the Federal Reserve Bank \$30,068,992 and on Oct. 30 1920, 168 Nebraska members were borrowing \$38,294,175. When it is remembered that the total rediscounts and bills payable of all National banks in the United States, as shown by the official report of the Comptroller of the Currency, on Aug. 22 1907 amounted to \$59,177,000, it would seem that the advances last October of over \$38,000,000 by the Kansas City bank to member banks in Nebraska alone would indicate very effective functioning on the part of that bank. You will recall the severe panic which occurred in the fall of 1907, and for several weeks before the panic developed credit conditions were as stringent as they have ever been in this country.

It is true that the loans of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City to member banks in Nebraska are now only about eleven and a quarter million dollars as against thirty-eight and a quarter millions last October, but it does not follow necessarily that this has been the result of harsh demands for liquidation on the part of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. Is it not possible that there has been a great deal of voluntary liquidation, made possible by sales of farm products or by increased deposits? Certainly credit conditions generally are by no means as stringent now as they were last October. While it may be true that the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, mindful of its responsibility under the law and acting in accordance with the dictates of ordinary banking prudence, may have had occasion at times to call the attention of some of the larger borrowing banks to the necessity of working themselves into a stronger position, the Federal Reserve Board has yet to be shown that the Federal Reserve Bank has ever undertaken to say to a member bank what particular loans it should require to be paid or ask to have reduced.

At my request the Board's Division of Reports and Statistics has prepared two tables which relate to the discount transactions by the Omaha Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City during October, 1920, and August, 1921. One table shows the total amount of bills discounted for member banks during these months, the rate of interest charged the borrowing customers by the rediscounting member banks, the amount at each rate and the percentage of paper taken at each rate to the total amount. You will understand, of course, that this relates only to the rates of interest charged by member banks on the particular notes which they in turn rediscounted with the Federal Reserve Bank Branch at Omaha. I have no information as to the rates charged by the member banks on their entire volume of loans to customers. The other table shows the number of separate notes or pieces of paper discounted by the Omaha Branch during the same months and the rate charged customers by the borrowing bank in each case.

TABLE A.

BILLS DISCOUNTED FOR MEMBER BANKS BY THE OMAHA BRANCH OF THE KANSAS CITY FEDERAL RESERVE BANK DURING OCTOBER 1920 AND AUGUST 1921.

	Oct. 1920.	Aug. 1921.
Amount of paper discounted:		
Member banks' collateral notes.....	\$16,058,686	\$6,562,685
Customers' bills and notes.....	16,800,179	7,308,203
Total.....	\$32,858,865	\$13,870,888
Number of pieces of paper discounted:		
Member banks' collateral notes.....	442	255
Customers' bills and notes.....	3,647	1,733
Total.....	4,089	1,988
Number of member banks accommodated.....	179	145
Average rate of discount charged member banks by Omaha Branch.....	7.10%	6.0%
Amount of paper discounted by Omaha Branch on which discounting member banks charged their customers a rate of—		
	October 1920	August 1921—
	Amount. % Total.	Amount. % Total.
5¼.....	\$19,700 0.12%	— —
6.....	150,200 0.89%	— —
6½.....	85,000 0.51%	\$546,100 7.47%
6¾.....	6,100 0.04%	— —
7.....	1,825,800 10.87%	1,650,100 22.58%
7½.....	2,576,600 15.34%	1,977,400 27.06%
8.....	9,154,100 54.49%	1,870,400 25.59%
8¼.....	30,000 0.18%	— —
8½.....	528,200 3.14%	400 0.01%
9.....	1,077,500 6.41%	460,900 6.31%
9½.....	130,300 0.77%	— —
10.....	1,192,900 7.10%	796,800 10.90%
12.....	23,800 0.14%	6,100 0.08%
	\$16,800,200 100.00%	\$7,308,200 100.00%

TABLE B.

NUMBER OF PIECES OF PAPER DISCOUNTED BY OMAHA BRANCH ON WHICH DISCOUNTING MEMBER BANKS CHARGED THEIR CUSTOMERS A RATE OF:

Rate—	—October 1920—		—August 1921—	
	Number.	% of Total.	Number.	% of Total.
5¼.....	3	0.08%	—	—
6.....	20	0.55%	—	—
6½.....	9	0.25%	26	1.50%
6¾.....	1	0.03%	—	—
7.....	237	6.50%	67	3.87%
7½.....	229	6.28%	95	5.48%
8.....	2,022	55.44%	468	27.00%
8¼.....	2	0.05%	—	—
8½.....	111	3.04%	1	0.06%
9.....	199	5.46%	152	8.77%
9½.....	11	0.30%	—	—
10.....	800	21.94%	913	52.68%
12.....	3	0.08%	11	0.64%
Total.....	3,647	100.00%	1,738	100.00%

It should be borne in mind that, due to the operation of the progressive rate last October the average rate of discount which the borrowing member banks paid the Omaha Branch during that month was 7.10%, while in August 1921 the progressive rate having been abolished, the discount rate paid in all cases was 6%.

It is interesting to note the changes in the percentages of rediscounted paper which had been taken at varying rates of interest by the borrowing member banks. In October 1920 the percentage of 7% paper discounted by the member banks was 10.87 against 22.58 in August 1921. The percentage of 7 1/4% paper was 15.34 against 27.06 and the percentage of 8% paper was 54.49 against 25.59. The percentage of 9% paper was 6.41 against 6.31. The percentage of 10% paper, which was 7.10 in October 1920, increased, however, to 10.90% in August 1921. Looking at Table "B," which relates to the number of pieces of paper discounted, you will see that in October 1920 the percentage of rediscounted paper taken by the member banks at 8% was 55.44 against 27.00 in August 1921, 9%, 5.45 against 8.77, and 10% paper 21.94 against 52.68.

Carrying the analysis further we will see that of the total of \$7,308,200 which was rediscounted by the Omaha Branch for Nebraska member banks during August 1921, only \$796,800 was taken by the borrowing banks from their customers at a 10% rate, but this amount was made up of 913 separate pieces of paper, more than one-half of the total number of notes taken during the month. The average amount of the rediscounted notes on which customers had been charged 10% was in October 1920 about \$1,490 and in August 1921 about \$807. The average amount of the rediscounted notes on which customers had been charged 8% was in October 1920, about \$4,520 and in August 1921 about \$4,000, and the average of 7% notes was in October 1920 about \$7,700 and in August 1921, about \$24,625.

All this would indicate at least so far as the rediscounted notes are concerned, that the larger borrowers are getting a slight reduction in rate but there is nothing to show that the smaller borrowers are, for notwithstanding the reduced volume of loans the number of transactions at 10% was greater in August 1921 than in October 1920.

There is nothing in this letter or in my letter of Sept. 15, which is intended as a reflection upon or a criticism of the banks of Nebraska. In common with the rest of the banks of the country, they have had very serious problems to contend with and they are entitled to great credit for the manner in which they have met the strain which has been imposed upon them, but I wish to call your attention to the fact that the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, like all other banks has had its problems too and its rediscount facilities have certainly been of great assistance to the banking community and through the banks to the public. The Federal Reserve Board is watching the rate situation closely and is anxious to have the rates of each Federal reserve bank bear the proper relationship to current rates in their respective districts.

I inquired in my previous letter whether you thought a reduction in the discount rate of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City would result in a lower level of interest rates to the public. I see nothing, however, in your letter of Sept. 22 which bears on this inquiry and I will now withdraw that question and ask instead whether you think conditions in your State will be improved by a reduction in the Federal Reserve Bank rate and I would appreciate a frank expression of your views.

I am informed by the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City that the records of the Omaha Branch will show that no member bank has been urged to liquidate rapidly its discount line and that neither the head office nor the Branch has ever suggested to a member bank what policy it should adopt towards requiring its customers to liquidate. Between Oct. 30 1920 and June 30 1921 the member banks in Nebraska have reduced their loans from the Federal Reserve Bank by about \$25,000,000 but of this amount approximately \$19,000,000 was liquidated by banks in Omaha and Lincoln, while the loans of all other member banks in Nebraska were reduced only by about \$6,300,000.

Whatever impressions may exist to the contrary, it is a fact that the Federal Reserve Board has always been keenly desirous to have Federal reserve banks do all they could legitimately to aid the member banks in meeting the credit requirements of those engaged in agriculture and the raising of live stock. The trouble, however, lies largely in the fact that the arger operations in farming and cattle raising are carried on in sections where the deposits are seasonal and where the lending ability of the banks out of their own resources is limited. Then again, many banks do not like to lend their money for as long a term as it is needed in cattle raising and in certain farming operations.

The Joint Commission of Congress of Agricultural Inquiry has been for some months past investigating thoroughly the credit situation as related to the farming and live stock industries and I am informed that its report will be made public before very long. I am sure it will be most interesting and illuminating and will no doubt contain some constructive suggestions.

I am sending you with this letter a copy of Bulletin No. 999, entitled "Prices of Farm Products in the United States," recently issued by the Department of Agriculture, which contains a great deal of information of vital interest to farmers and to all who live in agricultural States.

I wish in conclusion to thank you for the letters you have written me and to say that I have replied to them in no controversial spirit whatever. I am sure that we have a common purpose and I hope that you will have an opportunity sometime of talking with the officers and directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, who are more directly responsible for the policies and operations of the Federal Reserve Bank than the Federal Reserve Board is. It is difficult for the Board to admonish the officers and directors of a Federal reserve bank as to their proper policies and conduct as long as complaints are merely general in their nature. It is the earnest desire of the Federal Reserve Board that all Federal reserve banks should function as they are intended by law and if you will let me know just in what respects the Omaha Branch or the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City is not functioning properly, the information will be appreciated.

I have sent a copy of this letter to the Chairman of the Board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, with the request that it be ready to the directors at their next meeting.

Very truly yours,

A. P. G. HARDING, Governor.

Hon. Samuel R. McKelvie, Governor of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The following is the letter of Gov. McKelvie, which prompted the above:

STATE OF NEBRASKA
Executive Office—Lincoln

Sept. 22 1921.

Hon. W. P. G. Harding, Governor, Federal Reserve Board, Washington, D. C.
My dear Governor Harding:—I am greatly obliged to you for the information contained in your letter of Sept. 15.

The facts which you set out are of such vital importance and suggest other leads of even equal or greater importance, that I have called a conference of the Council of the Nebraska Bankers' Association and the officials of certain Federal and private financing agencies to be held in Omaha at 7:30 p. m., Sept. 26. The purpose of this conference will be to discuss these questions in detail and to determine what may be done to effect

source of reasonable credit to the farmer at a rate of interest that he can afford to pay. I have invited Governor Miller of the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank and Mr. Ramsay, Chairman of the Board of Directors of that bank. I wish that you might also be present.

The facts that you give regarding the rate of interest that is being charged by correspondent banks on loans that are rediscounted through the Federal Reserve Bank are intensely interesting. I am not prepared to say that these margins have given any unusual profit to the banks that have been patronizing the Federal Reserve System, but I do feel that there is something radically wrong with a system which requires such wide margins. Also, I am convinced that this and other hampering influences must be remedied before the system will be very useful to agricultural borrowers here.

I am further informed that the banks in this district are not generally patronizing the Federal Reserve System. It would seem that if the margins indicated in your letter are profitable to the correspondent banks, there would be a more general patronage of the Federal Reserve Bank. The answer to this seems to be indicated in a telegram that I have just received from a member bank at Genoa, Nebraska, as follows:

"The Farmers State Bank joined the Federal Reserve Bank two years ago and for the past six months has rediscounted 10% interest-bearing notes. Our records justify me in saying that we have made no profits owing to their changes of rules and rediscount rates."

I am also informed that certain banks in this territory have, within the last sixty days, withdrawn from membership in the Federal Reserve System.

From information that I have, I am altogether convinced that the Federal Reserve System is not functioning as it should in this district. The demands for liquidation were harsh in the extreme, in view of the fact that this is an agricultural region and the borrowers here could not easily conform to the same requirements that were imposed upon semi-agricultural or non-agricultural regions.

In conclusion I desire to suggest the desirability of a close co-operation among all of the agencies that have a controlling influence over the handling of Federal Reserve funds in this district. This is not the condition that obtains now, and I am sincerely hopeful that something will be done to bring it about. May I anticipate your hearty interest in that direction?

Very truly yours,
SAMUEL R. MCKELVIE, Governor.

CRITICISM OF HIGH SALARIES PAID OFFICERS OF
N. Y. FEDERAL RESERVE BANK AND U. S.
SHIPPING BOARD.

The "high" salaries, which it is alleged are paid to officers of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and members of the U. S. Shipping Board were subjected to criticism during the debate on tax revision bill in the Senate on Oct. 1. Senator Heflin of Alabama (Democrat), who brought up the question of Federal Reserve salaries in New York, denounced the proposed taxation plans declaring that "the money kings . . . are to escape, but the little fellows, struggling in the common walks of life, . . . are the ones you are going to load these taxes upon." He also asserted that "at a time when economy should be employed and practiced by all, and especially by all Government officials, we find the Federal Reserve Bank officials of New York recklessly raising their salaries, not by the hundreds of dollars but by the thousands and tens of thousands." These increases in New York, he continued, "are unreasonable, inexcusable, and indefensible, and while Senators on the other side are rising up and asking that a living wage be taken away from the poor wage earners of the country, I want them to invade Wall Street . . . and seek out those who are squandering the people's money in the high salaries of bank clerks and other bank officials." Senator Heflin introduced a letter addressed to the Editor of the "Manufacturers' Record" by John Skelton Williams, former Comptroller of the Currency, showing the increases in salaries paid to certain officers of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and we quote in part his remarks, and the debate which followed the submission of Mr. Williams' letter to the Senate:

Now, let me suggest to Senators on the other side a matter where real retrenchment and reform are much needed. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York is reveling in increased salaries that shock and astound the average man. At a time when economy should be employed and practiced by all, and especially by all Government officials, we find the Federal reserve bank officials of New York recklessly raising their salaries, not by the hundreds of dollars but by the thousands and tens of thousands. They placed the salary of Benjamin Strong, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank at \$30,000 and then raised it to \$50,000. Then they raised Pierre-Jay's salary from \$16,000 to \$30,000.

They raised E. R. Kenzel's salary from \$4,000 to \$25,000 and they raised A. W. Gilbert's salary from \$1,800 to \$12,000. They have increased G. L. Harrison's salary from \$4,000 to \$22,000. They have increased J. W. Jones's salary from \$2,500 to \$12,000. I will not read the entire list now but will print it in the "Record". But listen Senators, the salaries paid to about 30 officers by the New York Federal Reserve Bank, exclusive of the salaries of other employees, amount to about as much as the combined salaries of one-half of the members of the United States Senate, plus the salaries of the President and Vice-President of the United States. Here is the complete list in a letter written by Hon. John Skelton Williams:

[From the Manufacturers' Record, September 22 1921.]

Amazing Waste of Public Money in Increase of Salaries to Officers and Employees of New York Federal Reserve Bank.

Richmond, Va., September 12 1921.

Editor Manufacturers' Record:

I have your letter of the 10th instant referring to statements made in my recent speech at Augusta, Ga., concerning the extravagant management of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and asking for further information in that connection.

It is, I believe, entirely true that the management of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York has been distinctly extravagant. Despite the reticence of the officials in this connection, I think I can give you some facts and figures which may be of interest to your readers on this subject.

My observation has been that when it suits their purposes to pose as Government institutions the reserve banks are ready enough to fly the Federal colors, but when it comes to assuming responsibilities or sharing the restrictions which apply to Government agencies there is a change of front and they promptly proclaim their independence. As is well known, the salaries and compensation of all employees of the United States Government from the President down, are published, and I see no reason why there should be any secrecy as to the salaries or compensation paid to the officers and other employees of the Federal reserve banks.

The official reports of the Federal Reserve Board show that in the calendar year of 1920 the Federal Reserve Bank of New York's pay roll amounted to \$4,639,273. For the calendar year 1918 the pay roll was \$3,104,830, an actual increase in pay roll since the close of the war of \$1,534,443.

The actual number of officers and employees in 1920 was 2,936, an increase of 279 employees. In other words, the number of employees increased about 10% while the salaries increased about 50%.

It is also interesting to note that in the years of acute deflation, from 1919 to 1920, the pay roll of the New York Reserve Bank (see Annual Report Federal Reserve Board 1920, p. 272), increased \$777,309, or from \$3,861,964 in 1919 to \$4,639,273 in 1920, although the number of employees on Dec. 31, 1920, was only 2,936 as compared with 2,963 a year before.

Owing to the secretive policy of the Reserve Board concerning some matters of public interest which ought to be in the open and above board, it is impracticable for me to give you the up-to-date information which you desire regarding the salaries of reserve-bank officers and employees, but I am submitting for your information and for the information of your readers a list which was prepared from information furnished me some time ago which I have reason to believe is substantially correct, although I think that it probably understates rather than overstates salaries paid at this time. If, however, it is not entirely correct, it can be readily corrected by Reserve Bank authorities.

List of salaries paid to certain officers of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, indicating increases in salaries from the time of their employment to 1920-21. (The reserve banks were started in November 1914):

Benj. Strong.....	\$30,000 to \$50,000	J. D. Higgins.....	\$2,500 to \$12,000
Pierre Jay.....	16,000 to 30,000	J. W. Jones.....	2,500 to 12,000
J. H. Case.....	20,000 to 30,000	L. R. Rounds.....	2,000 to 12,000
E. R. Keadle.....	4,000 to 25,000	J. L. Morris.....	9,000 to 12,000
L. E. Sailer.....	7,000 to 25,000	Chas. Snyder.....	1,500 to 12,000
G. L. Harrison.....	4,000 to 22,000	W. D. Matteson.....	1,500 to 10,000
Francis Oakey.....	2,000 to 20,000	A. J. Lins.....	1,500 to 10,000
L. H. Hendricks.....	6,000 to 18,000	G. E. Chapin.....	1,500 to 9,000
H. A. Hopf.....	18,000 to 18,000	W. H. Jefferson.....	3,000 to 8,000
Shepard Morgan.....	5,000 to 15,000	J. E. Crane.....	1,500 to 7,500
E. H. Hart.....	15,000 to 15,000	W. H. Hamilton.....	1,500 to 7,500
A. W. Gilbert.....	1,800 to 12,000	R. M. O'Hara.....	1,500 to 7,500

I understand certain salaries were raised above the figures shown in this list, which is intended to show the salaries paid to 24 of the officials of the New York Reserve Bank some months ago. It will be observed that each one of these "officials" draws a salary as large, if not larger, than United States Senators, one of them as much as six Senators. The list also shows, from the best data available, the enormous increases which have been made in salaries.

It will be observed that these salaries have been increased in numerous cases from 100 to 500%. I have been told that 60% of these "officers" never reached over \$1,500 to \$2,500 before they came to the reserve bank, but they are now drawing salaries as high as those paid to Cabinet officers.

The salaries paid to about 30 "officers" by the New York Federal Reserve Bank, exclusive of the salaries of other employees, amount to about as much as the combined salaries of one-half of the members of the United States Senate, plus the salaries of the President and Vice-President of the United States.

I am also advised that although Cabinet officers and other high officers of the Government, and national bank examiners, are limited in their expenses to \$5 per day, that the expense allowances of officers and employees, including bank examiners of the Federal reserve banks, are practically unlimited, and that an inspection of some of the expense accounts of the Federal reserve banks would be decidedly edifying to a Congressional committee if they should be looked into.

I think it would also be interesting to the public to be informed as to the payments made by the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks for "publicity" and "propaganda" and for the printing and distributing of numerous publications which are gotten out under the auspices of the Reserve System, directly or indirectly, and paid for out of public moneys. I have reason to believe that the waste in this direction has been enormous.

JOHN SKELTON WILLIAMS.

Mr. King: Was that done with the approval of the Federal Reserve Board here in Washington?

Mr. Hefflin: Why certainly. The Federal Reserve Board has the power to remove the Governor and other officers of the Reserve Bank of New York.

Mr. King: There has been no protest from them?

Mr. Hefflin: Not that I know of.

Mr. King: Does the Senator know whether corresponding increases have been made in the Federal reserve districts?

Mr. Hefflin: I am not sure about that, but I think that the salaries of the officers of the other reserve banks have been increased. But these increases in New York are unreasonable, inexcusable, and indefensible, and while Senators on the other side are rising up and asking that a living wage be taken away from the poor wage earners of the country I want them to invade Wall Street, the wicked source from which comes your campaign funds. Go to Wall Street and seek out those who are squandering the people's money in the high salaries of bank clerks and other bank officials. This bank is under control of the Federal Reserve Board and you are in power. You are charged with responsibility for the conduct of every branch of the Government and not one of you protest against this conduct permitted by your Federal Reserve Board. Not one of you protest against the conduct of the New York Federal Reserve Bank in raising salaries sky high. The next time one of you Republican Senators feel called on to get up here and lambast labor, I suggest that you clean up the high-salary scandal at the Reserve Bank in New York.

Mr. Smoot: Mr. President, does the Senator think that a Senator can object to the raising of those salaries? What law is there under which a Senator could do that or under which any official in the Government itself could do it? Those salaries are not fixed by Congress. I was surprised to learn the other day that they had been raised as they have been, but the Senator certainly is not finding fault with Congress?

Mr. Hefflin: Certainly I am.

Mr. Smoot: Why?

Mr. Hefflin: Because you have the power to prevent such extravagant and outrageous salaries and you dare not do it.

Mr. Smoot: That is an easy thing to say, but I do not see by what law we have a right to fix those salaries.

Mr. Hefflin: Does the Senator pretend to say to the Senate that he does not believe that a law could be passed saying that no Governor of a Federal Reserve bank shall receive more than a certain amount? The salary of the Governor and other members of the Federal Reserve Board is fixed by law. Why should the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York be permitted to raise at will its salaries higher and higher? Why should these men be given unlimited authority to thus use and misuse the funds of the people in raising their own salaries?

Mr. Smoot: I was asking the Senator if there is any law that Congress could enforce to prevent the raising of salaries in the Federal Reserve banks in the different districts of the country. Congress does not fix the salaries. The Board has the power to fix the salaries, and Congress has no power unless there is specific legislation passed by Congress to limit the powers of the Federal Board. Those salaries that are being paid in the city of New York were never made public until just the other day.

Mr. Hefflin: Congress has the power to limit these salaries. How long since the Senator knew that these salaries had been so greatly increased?

Mr. Smoot: I think it was about two weeks ago.

Mr. Hefflin: Has the Senator made any protest to the Federal Reserve Board?

Mr. Smoot: I certainly have.

Mr. Hefflin: What steps has the Senator taken to bring those enormously high salaries down?

Mr. Smoot: It is for the Federal Reserve Board to attend to that.

Mr. Hefflin: And the Senator proposes to leave it to the pleasure and sweet will of the Federal Reserve Board?

Mr. Smoot: The Board is exactly the same as it has been for years past. It does not behoove the Senator from Alabama to try to make politics out of that at this time and rant about the Republican Party because of action that was taken, so far as I know, before the Republican Party was in power.

Mr. Hefflin: Mr. President, I am far from trying to play politics with this serious question. It is too important for that. There are some Democrats, so called, on the Federal Reserve Board. I criticize and condemn them just as I do the Republicans. I play no favorites in my demand for clean and honest administration of the people's affairs. Let the Republican majority provide for an immediate investigation of this whole disgraceful affair. The Republican Party is in power. Will the Senator from Utah, one of the leaders on the other side, demand an investigation? Will the Senator vote for an investigation of the Federal Reserve Bank in New York and bring this question of salaries up for consideration, looking to the enactment of a law to prevent such unreasonable and outrageous salaries from being paid in future.

Mr. Smoot: I do not think there is any dispute as to the salaries being paid; I have not heard of it; and I think there will be an effort made to see that those salaries are not paid in the future.

Mr. Hefflin: A question of this magnitude should not be thrown aside with the suggestion that the Senator thinks that an effort will or may be made some time to prevent the payment of such salaries. We are going into that daily in the consideration of this tax bill, but the purse-proud plutocrats of Wall Street are walking with heads high in air, while the light of Republican approval is upon their faces, and yet the Senator from Utah has not challenged their right to use the Government's money to increase their salaries as they have done.

Mr. Fletcher: Is the Senator quite confident that even if Congress should pass a law providing for a limitation of those salaries there would not be found some way to get around it? Recently we passed a deficiency appropriation bill providing for certain sums to go to the Shipping Board and we incorporated a provision that no part of that sum should be used to pay the compensation of any attorneys unless the contract of employment has been approved by the Attorney General. My understanding is that the General Counsel of the Shipping Board instructs the officers of that organization to proceed to pay all lawyers engaged for \$11,000 a year or less, and to give no attention whatever to that provision of the act which requires that the Attorney General shall pass upon the question. I do not know what we are coming to with a procedure of that sort being indulged in, an act of Congress apparently absolutely ignored.

Furthermore, we gather from the newspapers that recently the Chairman of the Shipping Board has found it necessary to engage a financial expert at \$30,000 a year. So we have now a financial expert at \$30,000 a year to advise an \$84,000 a year Shipping Board and a \$95,000 a year board of operators, composed of three members, and \$100,000 a year staff of lawyers how to arrange and manage their financial affairs.

Mr. King: May I correct the Senator? One hundred thousand dollars will not begin to pay the staff that is employed by Mr. Lasker.

Mr. Fletcher: I think the Senator is entirely correct, but I wanted to be thoroughly within the bounds when I named \$100,000 as the amount, and I only had in mind the staff here in Washington; not the lawyers engaged in various portions of the country besides. Some of these sums are being paid out to lawyers engaged to advise other lawyers what their duties are; officers and experts are engaged to advise other officers and experts how to get along and manage their affairs, at enormous cost and expense. An enormous amount of money is paid out for this purpose and the whole thing is being made, I think, largely a political machine.

Then I call attention to the present policy of the Board of taking off ships, for instance, where they have been put upon new routes, where they have spent money to build up and develop trade, and tying them up and fast making a corpse of the American merchant marine. We are gradually approaching the time when the American merchant marine, much heralded everywhere is becoming merely "painted ships upon a painted ocean."

J. HERBERT CASE ON FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM AND DEVELOPMENT OF FOREIGN TRADE.

According to J. Herbert Case, Deputy Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, "if we are really serious about developing our foreign trade, we must follow the example of England" in investing abroad the profits of trade. This advice by Mr. Case was preceded by the statement that "we have new and serious problems facing this country as a result of our change from a debtor to a creditor nation."

Mr. Case added that "if we are not to permit the balance due us to be liquidated by imports of merchandise, it is all the more imperative for us to import securities; in other words to invest our balances abroad." Declaring that "past war conditions confronting the world are indeed serious," Mr. Case added that "the people of the world are so burdened with debt as to raise the question whether the social, economic and financial structure can survive unless the important trading nations of the world are ready at once to help one another, and above all else to put out of their minds all thought of future wars."

Mr. Case in his address, which was delivered before the Twelfth Annual Convention of the American Manufacturers Export Association in this city on Oct. 6, contrasted the present banking system with the old and characterized the rigidity of the latter as its principal outstanding defect. Mr. Case stated that "instead of rigid credit and rigid currency we now have elastic credit and elastic currency"—the elastic element in our currency, he observed, being composed of Federal Reserve notes, the volume of these in circulation increasing as the demands for

currency increase. When the demands subside he essayed, "the member banks turn in their surplus notes at the Federal Reserve banks in just the same way that a storekeeper deposits currency with his bank." The following is his speech in full:

Mr. Saunders, the Chairman of your Speakers Committee, is a director of the Federal Reserve Bank, and you will recognize, I am sure, how difficult it is for one of the officers of an institution to decline to carry out a request from one of his directors. Unfortunately for my peace of mind, Mr. President, when I asked myself why Mr. Saunders should have asked me to talk to you, the unholy thought occurred to me that Mr. Saunders is among other things an authority on compressed air.

But, seriously, it is a real privilege to meet with a great organization like the American Manufacturers Export Association for the purpose of discussing a subject of mutual interest namely, our Federal Reserve Banking System, which has now been in successful operation nearly seven years. While the officers of the Federal Reserve banks have recognized the importance of holding meetings from time to time with our bankers for the purpose of becoming better acquainted and to achieve a mutual understanding with them of our joint aims and objects, we also fully appreciate the importance of having the workings of the System thoroughly understood by our business men who, in the last analysis, create the business for Federal Reserve banks as well as for the commercial banks of the country.

It has been estimated that the annual income of the American people is about \$70,000,000,000 a year. Perhaps for the purposes of my discussion it would be fair to assume that about \$60,000,000,000 is income represented in production rather than in services as distinct from production. The production and distribution of American products represented in this \$60,000,000,000 of income constitute an American problem to be solved by our producers, merchants and bankers. In a sense, the interests of the producer, the banker, and the consumer are one, and I think it is a fair statement that all of these groups would welcome that degree of stabilization in production and distribution that would insure an orderly marketing of the goods produced. The ideal economic condition is one that would insure a steady production of raw material, a plentiful supply of labor, adequate transportation facilities and an ample supply of credit, all at fair and stable cost. Given these four essentials in appropriate amounts, plus a reasonable tariff and a tax which the average business man could understand, the incidence and amount of which are definite, and may be predetermined, and your problems would be relatively so simple as to furnish you much time and opportunity to further develop your golf game.

I am not going to discuss the matter of production costs, of labor problems, or the subject of distribution or transportation, about which you know so much, and I so little, but I would like to ask you to consider with me the important matter of providing a steady, dependable flow of credit, a factor which is most essential to a well-balanced business program. I said a moment ago that the annual income of the country represented in production amounts to \$60,000,000,000, and it is pertinent that about one-half of that amount is always revolving between the producer on the one hand, and the consumer on the other; that is, 30 billion dollars worth of stuff is partly in process of production, partly stored in warehouses, constituting a reserve supply, partly on the shelves of our merchants and manufacturers both wholesale and retail, constituting a current supply, and partly in transit, being transported by our railroads and motor trucks throughout this big country of ours. It is significant to note in this connection that the total of all commercial loans in the 30,000 banks in America approximates just 30 billion dollars, clearly emphasizing and visualizing the fact that the production, transportation and distribution of goods does depend very largely on banking credit. But, unfortunately, we do not have that happy degree of stabilization to which I just alluded. On the contrary, our charts clearly show that we have to reckon periodically with unstable conditions which calls for the keenest sort of business judgment and a good bit of Dave Harum's homely philosophy. War, we know from our recent experience, disorganizes not only all business but brings about a complete disarrangement of the whole social, political and economic structure from which it usually takes years of steady patient endeavor to recover. We should all like to see it go in the discard forever. It is perfectly clear that we cannot have war and then hope to escape its penalties.

Let us consider but one phase of this disarrangement of the economic structure, the effect upon commodity prices. It is perfectly clear now what happened in America when our substantial neighbors across the Pond first came down to the water's edge and hallooed over to us that they were in trouble, that they wanted great quantities of our goods in their emergency, and that they might want us to take their paper in payment for some of the goods. We were glad to accommodate them, of course, but that was the beginning of inflation. It is axiomatic that if more goods than exist are wanted, and wanted quickly, a bidding-up price rapidly follows. This in turn usually means temporarily greater profits for the manufacturers, then rising labor and material costs, the necessity for more credit, swollen bank loans and expanding currency and high prices are well under way, creating important economic and banking problems.

This condition, beginning in 1915, was greatly accentuated after the United States entered the war. The Government's need for goods and funds was insistent, and the extent to which certificates of indebtedness and Liberty Loan bonds could not be purchased out of current savings, the banks either directly or indirectly through loans to their customers, had to absorb.

The following quotation from the 1919 report of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York is worth recalling:

"Throughout the latter half of the year the supply of most goods has been wholly inadequate to the demand; competition in most industries has been non-existent; and the insistent demands of a class of buyers without experience in prices and determined to satisfy their desires regardless of price have resulted in a seller's market. The year closed with the speculative demands for credit somewhat decreased but with the demands of industry, at ever increasing price levels, absorbing the credit released by lessened speculation. The credit reservoir was at its lowest point and average commodity prices at their highest."

The effect of all of the foregoing on commodity prices and bank loans shows that from a base of 100% in 1915, prices rose to a level of 270% in 1920, while bank loans more than doubled.

This situation is now fortunately changing; after the difficulties and discouragements of a year ago which culminated in the great decline in commodity and security prices this year, a slowing-up of the crop in commodities, and up-turn in security prices, and a better inquiry for certain lines of goods, give rise to the expectation of continued improvement. Not a little of the encouragement comes from a realization that the unprecedented price declines and the losses, the shut-downs, and the unemployment they had occasioned, have all taken place without disarranging the financial machinery of the country.

Now a word as to our new banking system:

The Federal Reserve banks are patterned somewhat after the Central banks of Europe in that they are "bankers' banks" and do not compete with other banks for general business but rather assist them to develop the business and economic resources of the country. The Federal Reserve banks

therefore do not take moneys at interest on their own account nor do they accept bills of exchange, but they do act as a reservoir for the deposit of the legal reserves of all member banks, and through rediscounts they mobilize and create reserves for member banks and furnish currency to these banks as required to permit them to meet the needs of their customers, leaving it entirely to the option of the member bank as to the form of credit the rediscount shall take, whether deposits or notes. Like Topsy, the Federal Reserve System has had a remarkable growth and it is undeniably a fortunate thing for this country that the system could be so promptly set up and established in good working order when the great conflagration abroad broke out, because in addition to the requirements of our own people we were called upon to assist in financing the imperative needs of a large part of Europe. That the new banking system responded nobly to this demand is now a matter of history, but it is worth remembering that following America's entrance into the war, the needs for our own Government alone called for the flotation within a comparatively short space of time of upwards of 20 billions of Government securities. To effect a successful distribution of these securities without a breakdown of our banking machinery would be an achievement for any banking system.

Any one at all familiar with our old defective banking system must recognize its inadequacy for so large a task. The principal outstanding defect that existed in the old system may be summarized in one word, "rigidity—" we had in that system:

1. A lack of elastic credit and currency.
2. Immobility of reserves in Central Reserve Cities preventing their proper use in times of trouble.
3. A lack of centralization and means of effective cooperation on the part of banks to protect their own and public interests in times of stress.
4. A cumbersome exchange and transfer system.
5. A defective machinery for handling Government finances.

The purpose of Congress in enacting new banking legislation, as stated in the title of the Federal Reserve Act, was to provide for the establishment of Federal Reserve banks to furnish an elastic currency, to afford means of rediscounting commercial paper, to establish a more effective supervision of banking in the United States and for other purposes. The outstanding change that was brought about by the new system may be summarized in two words, Strength and Flexibility.

The Federal Reserve banks are in reality great financial service organizations and were organized only after several years of painstaking study here and abroad by the so-called Aldrich Commission. You will recall the painful times of 1907, when we had what has come to be known as a currency panic. Our experience in the last two or three years has convinced us that in so far as the troubles of 1907 were attributed to a shortage of currency, they need not recur under the new system. Indeed, it was the currency panic of 1907 that caused the nation to awaken to the fact that we were the victims of an obsolete inelastic system that could not and would not stand up under great strain. The Federal Reserve System introduced a new factor of safety into our currency and into American banking. Let me be more explicit and consider how the outstanding defects of the old banking system have been relieved or eliminated under the new Federal Reserve System.

In the first place we have substituted for the old disintegrated every-man-for-himself and every-bank-for-itself system a genuinely cooperative organization of the banks. I need not dwell in a gathering such as this upon the advantages which accrue through organization. You see, in your daily affairs how much better a group can function than can the individuals composing it acting separately. As I understand it, group action is the very purpose behind your own organization. In the Federal Reserve System there are now upwards of 9,500 banks, in number about one-third of the banks in the country, but measured by their resources much in excess of that proportion or, say, 70%. All of the national banks and many of the larger State banks and trust companies are members of the System, but I should add that of the non-members many are not eligible for membership because their capital and surplus do not come up to the minimum for national banks, which is the standard prescribed in the Federal Reserve Act.

Instead of decentralized reserves under the old system the reserves of all member banks are now merged in 12 reservoirs, represented by the 12 Federal reserve banks in the 12 Federal reserve districts. The picture which I would like to present to you is that of 12 water systems, each with its own supply, but connected with one another by huge aqueducts through which water may be pipe from a reservoir where the level is high to any other reservoir where the level is low. In the difficult times of 1920 our own bank in New York at certain seasons of the year was a lender to other Federal reserve banks, where the level of their reserves was low; and at other times in the year, when the level fell in New York, our reservoir was replenished by borrowing from other Federal reserve banks, where the level was higher.

Instead of rigid credit and rigid currency we now have elastic credit and elastic currency. Under the new system, the reserves of member banks are kept solely with the Federal reserve banks. These reserves constitute the bulk of the deposits of the Federal reserve banks where they are maintained in liquid form though they may be lent to member banks for short periods. The procedure of a Reserve Bank loan is simply this: When a member bank requires additional reserves or currency to meet the expanding needs of its customers it brings to the Federal reserve banks for rediscount prime commercial paper approaching maturity, which it has heretofore discounted for its customers. Or it may make its loans at the Federal reserve banks on its own notes secured by such paper or Government securities. So, limited only by the moderate reserve requirements that the reserve banks themselves must observe, credit strains are relieved and member banks are permitted to meet the increased or exceptional requirements of their customers.

The expansion in loans and the lowering of the reserve ratio called for the application of higher interest rates. The 7% rate which prevailed during a part of 1920 and 1921 was a natural sequence to the extraordinary credit demands which then prevailed and the Federal Reserve Bank in its circular of June 1 1920 announcing the 7% rate then effectively stated that the action had been taken "in order that bankers, their customers and the public generally may find in the discount rate of this bank a reflection of existing credit conditions."

Now as to currency. The elastic element in our currency is composed of Federal reserve notes, a creation of the Federal Reserve Act and without precedent in this country before the Act was passed. Unlike national bank notes or the Government's own greenbacks and silver certificates, the volume of Federal reserve notes in circulation is instantly responsive to the currency requirements of the country. They are obligations of the Government and find their way into circulation through the mechanism of the Federal Reserve bank which must maintain a reserve of at least 40% of gold against them. A member bank secures Federal reserve notes from the Federal reserve banks in exactly the same way that an individual secures currency from his own bank. The procedure is most simple. A member bank draws a check against its deposit and if its deposit is inadequate it may borrow from the Federal reserve bank thus refreshing its reserve, using paper of the sort to which I have already referred. Thus the volume of Federal reserve notes in circulation increases as the demands for currency increase. When these demands subside the member banks turn in their surplus notes at the

Federal reserve banks in just the same way that a storekeeper deposits currency with his bank. As member banks deposits increase beyond their legal reserve requirements they are used to pay off loans at the Federal reserve bank. The reason why the member banks are inclined to turn in their surplus notes to the Federal reserve banks at the earliest possible moment, is because notes in their own vaults are of no value to them. They cannot be counted as reserve; yet by returning them to the Reserve bank they may be used to reduce loans upon which the banks are paying interest. At this time after allowing for the legal reserves against deposit the Federal Reserve Bank of New York has a reserve of gold against its notes in circulation amounting to 135%.

I spoke of a fourth defect in the old system, namely the cumbersome method of collecting checks and of transferring funds. Only a few years ago a man in Chicago having a bill to pay in New York would usually buy New York exchange in just the same way as a New York merchant buys London exchange in the course of overseas trade. Under the Federal Reserve System checks drawn upon all of its members and upon all non-member banks, except in a few of the Southern States, are collectible at par. Thus a merchant may receive full and immediate credit for checks drawn upon banks in remote parts of the country, subject only to a charge which approximates the interest on the money during the time when the check is in process of collection. On the average the time taken in collecting checks has been reduced one-half, thereby in itself providing a great saving to the merchants of the country.

A very large proportion of all the checks circulating in the country is handled by the Federal reserve banks. In 1920 the 12 reserve banks handled for collection 447,000,000 checks, having a value of \$157,000,000,000. At the Federal Reserve Bank of New York it requires a force of about 400 persons to carry on the New York bank's share in this work. On the average they handle about 275,000 checks a day and on some days many more. The work goes on day and night with three shifts of employees. Checks are received from the banks through a special station of the post office established in the Reserve Bank, and are then sorted, recorded and sent on to their destinations, to other reserve banks, local clearing houses or individual banks, as the case may be. In spite of the great volume of checks handled differences seldom amount to more than a few cents on a day's transaction.

A service closely allied to the collection of checks is the transferring of funds over the private wires of the Federal Reserve System for the benefit of member banks. This is especially important to business men having establishments in widely separated parts of the country. Under the Reserve System domestic shipments of gold and currency for the purpose of settling balances have been almost wholly eliminated. The medium through which balances are settled between Federal Reserve districts is the gold settlement fund containing at present about \$415,000,000. It is lodged with the Treasurer of the United States and constitutes a part of the gold reserves of the 12 Federal Reserve banks. The portion of the fund which each Reserve Bank owns changes each business day, and those changes are recorded on the books of the bank and noted by the Federal Reserve Board. The volume of settlements of all kinds made through the fund averages nearly \$300,000,000 a day, and in the course of the year amounts to an immense sum. If a merchant in New York wishes to make a payment of, say \$50,000 in San Francisco on a certain day, the payment is accomplished about as follows: His bank would charge his account and at the same time instruct the New York Federal Reserve Bank to telegraph the San Francisco Reserve Bank to place \$50,000 to the credit of the San Francisco merchant in his own bank. The New York member bank is charged \$50,000 on the books of the Reserve Bank and \$50,000 in the gold settlement fund passes from the ownership of the New York Reserve Bank to that of the San Francisco Reserve Bank, which credits or pays the local San Francisco bank. Thus the transaction is completed. Usually such transactions are for large sums; to make a large number of small transfers which might equally well have been made by check, would clog unduly the private wire system of the reserve banks and hamper the efficiency of the service. For the year 1920 such transfers were made in the number of more than 147,000 and the amount transferred reached the immense total of \$17,000,000,000.

Now, a word or two as to our export trade. The World War enormously stimulated our productive capacity. (The output of goods for the twelve months ended July 1 1920, was undoubtedly the largest in any similar space of time in the history of our country). As a result of the development of our larger capacity for foreign trade, manufacturers and bankers alike established foreign offices and agencies to facilitate the handling of the business. This raises a question as to whether we did not confuse world need with world demand. The simple facts are that the World War has left the European nations staggering under debt with a maladjustment between industries, and so serious a depreciation in the foreign exchanges that, whether or not we like it, world readjustment undoubtedly contemplates a temporarily diminished volume of commercial intercourse. Part of the trouble with prevailing prices in America comes from the inability of the rest of the world to buy rather than from any lack of credit facilities.

We have new and serious problems facing this country as a result of our change from a debtor to a creditor nation. To all practical purposes, we are now the only free gold market in the world. During the ten pre-war years (1904-1913) our average annual export balance approximated \$500,000,000. This excess of exports was just about enough to pay interest on foreign-held American securities and to pay for banking, insurance, and shipping services.

At present, the situation is reversed, and the world owes the United States approximately an equivalent sum annually, chiefly for interest on borrowings in this country. Meantime, we are reducing our dependence upon foreign countries for banking, insurance and shipping charges.

The three chief methods by which balances due us may be settled are:

Gold shipments,

Imports of merchandise, or

Our investment in securities of foreign countries.

If we are really serious about developing our foreign trade, we must follow the example of England—the great creditor nation of past years. Great Britain invested abroad the profits of her trade. According to estimates made in 1910, the total outside investments of the United Kingdom were £3,653,000,000—a substantial nest-egg for an emergency. During the ten pre-war years (1904-1913) Great Britain had annually an average import balance of £145,000,000, or not so much more than our average annual export balance during the same period.

The United States, now the creditor nation, must do as England did. If we are not to permit the balance due us to be liquidated by imports of merchandise, it is all the more imperative for us to import securities; in other words, to invest our balances abroad. Those most closely interested in export trade should be leaders in this movement, and themselves invest a portion of their profits in foreign countries.

One of the important British bank reviews recently pointed out the truth when it said:

"In considering the manifold difficulties now obstructing world trade, the value of international cooperation must not be underestimated; never-

theless, there is a pronounced feeling that the theories of the situation have already been correctly diagnosed, and that only by a general application of these agreed principles can real improvement be effected.

"Each country must, to a great extent, work out its own salvation, for the richer nations can only assist the poorer by helping them to help themselves and by avoiding such obstructive actions as the erection of tariff barriers and the adoption of other similarly narrow and short-sighted policies."

Post-war conditions confronting the world are indeed serious. The people of the world are so burdened with debt as to raise the question whether the social, economic, and financial structure can survive unless the important trading nations of the world are ready at once to help one another and above all else to put out of their minds all thought of future wars. President Harding has pointed the way by calling the conference for the limitation of armaments. I sincerely trust that the conference may do much in furthering this program and that out of its deliberations may come some workable plan that all nations may subscribe to. Under the circumstances we have been discussing it appears to me to offer the one major hope for the world's reconstruction.

REDUCTION IN RATES OF PHILADELPHIA AND MINNEAPOLIS FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS.

On the 5th inst. the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia reduced its rediscount rate on all classes of paper and for all maturities from 5½ to 5%, thus following the action two weeks ago of the Federal Reserve banks of New York and Boston, noted in our issue of Sept. 24, page 1306.

On the 6th inst. the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, which was the only one of the Reserve banks which had still adhered to a 6½% rate, reduced the rate on commercial paper, trade acceptances and agricultural paper from 6½ to 6%. The rate of 6%, which had applied on paper secured by Treasury notes and certificates of indebtedness, and bankers' acceptances, continues unchanged.

STATE INSTITUTIONS ADMITTED TO FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.

The following institutions were admitted to the Federal Reserve System in the week ending Sept. 30:

District No.	Capital.	Surplus.	Resources.
District No. 6—			
The Greenville Banking Co., Greenville, Ga.	\$65,000	\$100,000	\$571,205
Morgan County Bank, Madison, Ga.	50,000	-----	180,363
Rhine Banking Co., Rhine, Ga.	25,000	-----	98,186
District No. 12—			
Bank of Commerce, Oregon City, Ore.	100,000	26,000	1,064,959

INSTITUTIONS AUTHORIZED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD TO EXERCISE TRUST POWERS.

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

The First National Bank of Attleboro, Mass.
The Metropolitan National Bank, New York, N. Y.

JOHN WANAMAKER'S PROPOSALS FOR REFUNDING OF LIBERTY BONDS TO STIMULATE BUSINESS.

A suggestion that in order to revive the confidence of the people the Government "take in at par all Liberty bonds, except those in the hands of speculators, and apply them as payments on new issues of long-term Government bonds, to run thirty, sixty and ninety years, at interest at 6%," was made by John Wanamaker last week in a discussion of measures for bringing about a revival of business and remedying the employment situation. As to the attitude of the bankers toward Mr. Wanamaker's proposals, the "Wall Street Journal" of Sept. 28 said:

Bankers strongly oppose John Wanamaker's suggestion to refund outstanding Liberty bonds into thirty, sixty and ninety-year issues with a coupon rate of 6%, as a means of solving unemployment problem.

"Nothing whatever should be done about Liberty bonds," said a leading banker, when asked about Mr. Wanamaker's plan. "The weak holder, the man who really needs help, has sold his Liberties. These securities are now held by people who do not need help. To raise the interest rate now, would be in the nature of a Government dole, not to the unemployed, but to the employers."

"I don't know of anything better calculated to arouse the just resentment of unemployed than such a move."

"Liberty Bonds were issued at a low rate. People who bought them knew the rate was low; there was no trick in offering them. The Government has in no way broken faith with holders. The agreement as stated in the bond should be and will be fulfilled to the letter."

"A suggestion to help the poor by giving something to the investor will not appeal to many people."

Another banker said, "Mr. Wanamaker's plan for solving the unemployment problem by raising the coupon rate on Liberties is simply class legislation."

"The unemployment problem is gradually solving itself. In the last analysis unemployment is the result of difference of opinion about wages, between employer and employed, or the unemployed. There is not a manufacturer, or merchant, including Mr. Wanamaker, who would not employ more help if the product of labor could be sold at a reasonable profit. And few manufacturers are likely to be persuaded to increase their operations if they must sell their goods at a loss."

With regard to Mr. Wanamaker's suggestions, we take the following from the New York "Tribune" of September 28:

He gave details of his proposal, after asserting that he believes that one of the greatest business revivals the country has ever known awaits it in the near future.

"I have more faith in America to-day and more expectation for the future," he said, in this connection, "than at any time in my sixty years as a merchant."

Bond Situation Distressing.

Outlining his plan for Government financial aid for the public, Mr. Wanamaker said:

"The Liberty bond situation to-day is one of the most discouraging phases of our economics facing the public, and especially is it distressing to persons of limited means. They gave freely of their savings for Liberty bonds during the war, many giving all they had, on the supposition that with the Government behind the bonds they could not lose on them. Yet to-day Liberty bonds are selling 15% below par.

"Naturally, a resulting loss of faith has had a very appreciable effect on business, and coincidentally on employment. Many persons are facing the future in fear and trepidation.

"It seems to me that the sanest plan that the Government could follow at present to revive the confidence of the people and show them that their Government is behind them would be to take in at par all Liberty bonds, except those in the hands of speculators, and to apply them as payments on new issues of long-term Government bonds to run thirty, sixty and ninety years at interest at 6%.

Would Stimulate Buying.

"This plan is similar to that of Jay Cook during the reconstruction days following the Civil War, who issued thirty-year bonds at 7%. These soon became in such great demand that for a time they sold at \$186, or nearly double their par value.

"It seems to me that this would have a tremendously beneficial effect on business, as it would renew public confidence, stimulate buying and be an incentive to begin improvements immediately instead of maintaining a possibly disastrous policy of watchful waiting. A great increase in employment, of course, would follow.

"Such a plan also would permit the Government to take down many of the war taxes which are oppressing business and the public, and these should be removed immediately. It is actually a criminal offense to sell many necessities to the public without a war tax, and this has a deterrent effect on buying.

"Even though time and expediency were largely responsible, the fact remains that it was government management which had the most to do with putting up prices during the war. Now the Government should do everything in its power to restore business conditions to normal and to aid the unemployed to a means of livelihood."

Need Faith in America.

Mr. Wanamaker then went into another phase of business conditions and unemployment—the timidity shown by many business men in making improvements on their property at this time.

"Each man who can should do what he can to improve business and give work to men and women instead of saying what his neighbor should do," he declared. "If ten men should get together now and each agree to spend \$100,000 in improving his property, that would mean \$1,000,000 and many more jobs for men now idle. Also a man can make good contracts if he agrees to go ahead with improvements now for the sake of relieving unemployment.

"Some one has to lead in such a movement. I might agree to put three more stories on this building if others would join me in this movement, and it would help good times along.

"It is largely a question of faith—of faith in America.

"Do you see that gray building across Ninth Street? A. T. Stewart, New York's foremost merchant of his day, built it fifty years ago, and it has never been surpassed in facilities for storekeeping. Even our new building, twice as large, built as late as 1906, is not an improvement, although constructed on the same general lines.

"Well, Stewart made that store the greatest in America. He started it in the gloomy reconstruction days after the Civil War and he never let his faith go down for a moment.

"There will be plenty of work for all if we show our faith, not by relaxing our efforts, holding back in fear, putting on blue glasses, and keeping our money in our pockets, but by making needed improvements, starting to build and rebuild, buy and sell—putting to work our energies, our brains, our money; everything we have—for the good of the country.

"How can any one be a pessimist about this country? Why, even France and England and Germany—all harder hit by the war than we—are putting us to shame in taking off their coats and getting to work."

F. C. MUNSON REPORTS IMPROVED CONDITIONS IN MIDDLE WEST.

Frank C. Munson, President of the Munson Steamship Lines, who recently returned from a three weeks' trip in the Middle West, where he studied business conditions in the interior in relation to foreign trade, found a decidedly more cheerful feeling prevailing there, according to a statement by him, made public Sept. 24, in which he says:

The agricultural communities and the small industrial towns, like those in Wisconsin which I visited, have now reached the turning point to improvement. There are many evidences of activity and moderate prosperity and a distinct feeling of growth in these directions. These conditions are naturally reflected in the business situation in the large cities. In Chicago, for instance, the atmosphere is much clearer than it was a few months ago.

Some relief has come to the agricultural areas through rising grain prices, and the banks are making marked progress in liquidating their loans in the farming communities.

The Middle West, with the home situation improved, is renewing its interest in foreign trade. Many Middle Western business men seem astonished at the rapid shrinkage in the volume of our country's exports. They feel that the banking community has gone too far in its restriction of international credits and that with huge gold holdings now in existence in this country the United States is in a position to take a much larger place in international finance than it now occupies. They say that whereas formerly certain of the large banks may have been lacking somewhat in conservatism, they now appear to have traveled entirely too far in the other direction. They point out that although England and Germany rank far below the United States in credit resources, they are going ahead at the present time, extending long-term credits, using discrimination, of course, but with the result that the American exporters are losing ground in all directions.

British business men are supporting their merchant marine in every way. They are wielding their buying power for the benefit of British vessels by specifying that all cargoes they import be carried in British-owned ships. I found out in Chicago that American packers who are shipping meat from the Argentine are being forced to comply with these demands. American business men might well take a leaf from the Englishman's book.

Two of the most important indexes to conditions in agriculture and the industries closely concerned with it are the meat packing and the farm machinery industries. I regarded it as an encouraging sign when I learned that the packers, for the first time in many months, feel that their feet are on firmer ground and that they are headed in the direction of better times.

L. F. Swift, President of Swift & Company, expressed this opinion. He told me that although there might be a month or two yet of fairly difficult going, all indications pointed to better times in the meat industry than have existed for a year or eighteen months.

The farm machinery industry is another good index, and Cyrus F. McCormick, Chairman of the Board of International Harvester Corporation, assured me that while conditions of depression still prevailed in this industry there were clear indications of a business upturn in the next few months. He said that his company was doing a fair business in Europe, although conditions in South America were not so favorable.

Both of these men are conservative and careful thinkers, and the optimism they cautiously expressed may be regarded as significant.

TAX REVISION BILL IN SENATE.

An agreement upon a tentative tax revision program by Republican Senate leaders as a result of a series of conferences on Oct. 6, was reported in the Washington press dispatches of that date, which stated that as a result the belief was held by the leaders that the threatened break in the Senate party lines would be averted and that the proposals would likewise prove acceptable to the Republicans in the House. The New York "Times" account from Washington in reporting the proposals agreed upon on the 6th inst., said:

As the result of several conferences last night and to-day a compromise program upon the Tax bill has been decided upon, which President Harding approved to-day.

The leading features of the program for changes in the tax bill are as follows:

Increase of the maximum surtax rate from 32%, as carried in the Senate bill, to 50% and reduction of the surtax rates on incomes from \$6,000 to \$50,000, 1 to 2% on the average below the rates in the Senate bill.

Retention of a capital stock tax as in the House bill, but repealed in the Senate measure.

Repeal of all transportation taxes at the end of the present calendar year. The Senate bill retained freight and passenger taxes, this year, with the rate cut in half. The House bill repealed all these taxes.

Increase of the tax on alcohol or whisky withdrawn from bond for medicinal or other purposes from \$2 40 to \$4.

Repeal of the majority of the "nuisance" taxes, exactly which is not yet settled.

Other important changes are under discussion, but definite terms have not been concluded. These relate to corporation and inheritance taxes.

The progressive group is inclined to favor a graduated corporation tax which would impose a 10% tax on net incomes of \$50,000 and a 15% tax on net incomes of corporations in excess of \$50,000.

Another proposal is to increase from 25 to 40% as a maximum the tax on all estates of \$10,000,000 or more.

Senator Penrose and his associates are only waiting the completion of the program of the progressives to place their suggestions before the Finance Committee. He assured the spokesman for the group that he would accept the program and hoped that the compromise would make it possible to pass the tax bill without further delay. The Finance Committee will meet tomorrow to discuss the suggestions, which are likely to be offered as Committee amendments to the bill.

The formation of the new group is credited to Senator McCormick, who objected to the trend of the bi-partisan agricultural bloc and took action to bring together some of the members to consider other methods.

It was stated yesterday that estate tax rates would be increased to a maximum of 50% over the present 25%, the highest rates to apply in the case of estates valued at \$100,000,000 or more. The rates between 25 and 40 would be graduated.

On the 5th inst. it was stated in the Washington press dispatches that the tangle in Congress over tax revision legislation had been given the attention of the Administration on that day at a succession of conferences between President Harding and Senate and House leaders. It was further said:

What position the President may take regarding substitution of a sales tax for the miscellaneous excises in the pending bill was not disclosed, those who saw Mr. Harding declaring that he was keeping an open mind on the subject for the present.

In a statement emphasizing the fact that the pending measure was merely of a temporary and emergency character, Senator Smoot, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, declared that further revenue legislation ought to be enacted as soon as possible. From his statement as given in the "Journal of Commerce" of the 5th inst., we take the following:

As Chairman of the Finance Committee, I am keeping an open mind. I am entirely willing to listen and have been listening to the suggestions brought forward. I may or may not have something to say in the debate. I think I ought to approach these things with an open mind for the best interest of the public.

When I talk I intend to refer to one thing. That is that this is not necessarily a permanent measure for all time. While it is true that the Republicans had a nominal majority in the Senate in the last Congress, they had no co-operation or support in the Executive department, and were unable to advance any constructive legislation in the domain of revenue matters or any others. It is very clear that the first practical opportunity the Republican Party has had to function in this connection has been since March 4, a comparatively brief period. In my opinion, during this period

of less than one year a very remarkable record of brilliant achievement has been accomplished, ending with the limitation of armament conference soon to be held.

The revenue revision bill was just one month before the Finance Committee when it was reported to the Senate, and then within a few days of its being reported it was taken up for consideration and is now to all intents and purposes the unfinished business of the Senate. Certainly there has been no delay and any talk of delay shows a decided misapprehension as to the facts.

The bill will pass the Senate before the end of October, and it will be concurred in by the conference with a frame work substantially as originally agreed upon.

Excise Taxes.

People must not make the mistake that a change in excise taxes means anything more than a shuffling of the cards. If there is an insistent demand that transportation taxes be abolished it simply means that they can easily be eliminated, but the money must be made up by the Government through some less objectionable form of direct taxation, for the change does not strike at the structure of the bill.

But it is important to remember that this bill is to meet an emergency and must be passed speedily, and we can hardly avoid following methods with which the people are accustomed and which the people are accustomed and used to. It must not be forgotten that for another taxable year, or as soon as possible, further revenue revision ought to be considered and enacted. In the meanwhile the effort is being made to reduce certain taxes like excess profits taxes, which are admittedly injurious to business and work a hardship, and to alleviate conditions wherever possible, at the same time securing revenue for the Government.

I believe there are many sources of revenue and methods of taxation that ought to be considered at an early date by the Congress, and I intend to address the Senate on this particular subject. I hope to show how this system of direct taxation can be treated with radical innovations, with beneficial results, but there is no use to advance novel or untried suggestions of taxation at a time when promptness of action of some kind is the slogan.

Just as soon as the bill becomes a law I hope to submit to the consideration of some tribunal, either a special taxation committee or the committees of the House and Senate—Finance Committee and Ways and Means Committee—the Treasury Department and the authorities throughout the country connected with institutions of learning and business forces who have written on tax matters, a number of suggestions that may be fruitful.

In the meantime we have only one thing to do—get the country out of the depth into which it has been plunged and restore business and industrial activity and employment and correct inconveniences as much as possible.

In another item to-day we refer to the Smoot taxation proposals submitted on Sept. 30. On the 6th inst., it was stated that the Republican leaders in framing the new tax program referred to above, had rejected the Smoot plan, and that active fight for the sales plan on the floor of the Senate was promised. Besides the Smoot amendments, of the 30th, Senator Simmons on the same day offered a program providing for:

A graduated income tax on corporations, ranging from 12½ to 25% in lieu of the excess profits tax.

Restoration of the income surtax rates to a maximum of 52% on incomes in excess of \$500,000.

Repeal of the transportation taxes on freight, passenger and Pullman accommodations.

Retention of the corporation capital stock tax.

Repeal of the \$2,000 exemption allowed corporations.

That individual exemptions be confined to incomes below \$20,000.

Slight reductions in the normal rates on incomes below \$20,000.

Senator Simmons, according to the Washington press advices, told the Senate that if there could be an agreement for an equitable readjustment of the taxes so that the several groups of taxpayers would be on a parity as proposed in the Democratic program he personally would be willing to give serious consideration to a manufacturers' sale or consumption tax, properly safeguarded, as a substitute for all of the miscellaneous taxes imposed under the present law.

In reporting that comparatively little progress on the bill had been made on Monday last, the 3rd inst., an outline of the day's action was furnished as follows in the dispatches

The most important committee amendments reached, those proposing a tax of 15% on corporations and increasing exemptions to heads of families having net incomes of less than \$5,000 and on account of dependents, were passed over for the second time.

Committee amendments agreed to include those requiring individual having a gross income of \$5,000 a year to make a return, regardless of the amount of the net income, and permitting the taxpayer to make a reduction for debts ascertained to be worthless and charged off within a taxable year.

Several amendments were proposed from the floor. Senator King, Democrat of Utah, offered a substitute for his previous surtax amendment under which the maximum rate would be 40% on that portion of the income in excess of \$70,000. The rate on the first \$2,000 of net income would be 2%; that on the next \$1,000 3%; that on the next \$1,000 4%, with an increase of 1% for each additional \$1,000 up to \$8,000. Then the rate would be increased 1% for each additional \$2,000.

Senator Lodge proposed that deductions be allowed to corporations for rents received from buildings of any character to the extent of 6% "of the fair market value of such buildings and the land on which they stand."

Repeal of the freight, passenger and Pullman taxes was proposed by Senator Harris, Democrat of Georgia, who also gave notice that he would offer an amendment proposing that where income is derived from the labor or personal service of the individual taxpayer, the rate on the first \$4,000 should be 2%, and that on the second \$4,000 4%.

Under another amendment agreed on earnings of corporations accumulated before Mar. 1 1913, will not be taxable in the hands of stockholders of such corporations unless and until such stockholders sell their holdings.

According to the "Journal of Commerce" dividends earned by corporations prior to March 1 1913, and retained by them will not be taxable under the income tax provisions of the revenue laws when finally distributed if Congress

agrees to an amendment proposed by Senator Kellogg of Minnesota and approved by the Senate Finance Committee, on the 3rd inst. The paper quoted said:

Senator Kellogg urged that in all cases earnings that could be shown to have been earned prior to March 1 1913, either in cases of liquidation or partial liquidation of the corporation, should be allowed to be distributed to the stockholders free of taxation.

Experts attached to the Finance Committee proposed that the stock owned by the holder on March 1 1913, should be the basis in all cases for determining gain and loss, and in the case of liquidation or partial liquidation of the corporation, stockholders getting an amount in excess of the cost of value on that date, should pay a tax on such excess in the year the liquidation occurs.

Senator Kellogg pointed out that the lumber companies involved were more in the nature of close corporations with few stockholders, and the latter feel that the value of their stock as of March 1 1913, did not fairly reflect the capital and surplus of the corporations. The experts met this claim by charging that in such cases the Treasury Department could investigate, and upon finding the facts to be as stated make the proper allowances.

A compromise has been effected. In no case will earnings of a corporation accumulated prior to March 1 1913 be taxable in the hands of stockholders, and such stockholders will not have to pay a tax on any profits unless selling the stock. Under the provision as reported to the Senate, if amounts received out of the earnings accumulated prior to March 1 1913 exceeded the market value of the stock on that date, a tax would have to be paid on the difference if the accumulations are distributed.

On the 4th inst. several amendments to the bill, designed to stimulate construction of homes were proposed by Senator Calder, of New York, head of a Senate Committee which investigated building conditions. One amendment would provide that profits from the sale of dwellings between Jan. 1 1922 and Jan. 1 1927 shall be exempt from taxation if used in constructing other dwellings within one year after the sale. Another would provide that taxpayers shall be allowed an exemption up to \$2,000 on money received as interest on funds loaned for building or purchasing dwellings. Senator Reed attacked the proposal to reduce the maximum income surtax rate from 65% to 32%, declaring the argument that this would keep the rich from evading taxes through investment in tax-free securities was "a subterfuge" that would not stand the test of analysis. On the 6th inst. an amendment to the bill, designed to bring in some revenue from tax exempt securities was proposed by Senator Walsh (Democrat), Massachusetts. Under it all estates valued at more than \$50,000 would pay, in addition to the present estate taxes 15% on that portion of the estate represented by tax free securities. Under another amendment by Senator Walsh, gifts other than for charity, educational and religious purposes and to the United States or sub-divisions for political purposes would be taxed at a sliding rate, beginning at 1% on \$20,000 and ending at 25% on \$10,000,000.

A report embodying minority views of the Senate Finance Committee on the bill was submitted on Oct. 5 by the following Democratic members: Senators Simmons, John Sharp Williams, Jones of New Mexico, Gerry, Reed and Walsh. Senator La Follette filed at the same time separate minority views in which he expressed himself as "in general accord with the economic sections of the report of the minority in so far as they criticize the proposals of the majority to reduce the super-taxes upon large individual incomes, to repeal the excess profits tax and the capital stock tax, to retain the transportation taxes, and to greatly exaggerate the existing disparity between corporation and individual and partnership taxes." Senator La Follette also said:

I feel, however, that the recommendations and proposed amendments of the minority will do little more than palliate some of the monstrous inequities of this bill, without curing any of its fundamental evils.

The correct title of the proposed bill [H. R. 8245] should be "An Act to Untax Wealth and Penalize Industry and Enterprise."

One single principle dominates the entire bill, to lift the burden of war costs and Government extravagances from the backs of individuals and corporations of great wealth and transfer this burden to those whose industry and productivity is essential to the nation's prosperity. Not only are the super-taxes upon the incomes of multi-millionaires cut in half, and the taxes upon the profiteering of corporations abolished, but new loopholes are provided by which, in the future, American capitalists can more and more completely escape taxation.

I shall not at this time attempt to deal with all the errors and evils of our fiscal system. In the course of the consideration of the bill by the Senate, I shall, however, take occasion to point out some of the more glaring and indefensible defects and demonstrate that if these evils and abuses are corrected and proper measures adopted it would be easily possible to raise the burden from productive industry and individual enterprise and at the same time greatly reduce the taxes upon the individual.

The minority report, signed by Senator Simmons, in stating that the bill affords no present relief, said:

There is nothing to be gained by the forced and inconsiderate enactment of the present bill. The bill affords no relief to the country. There will be no reductions effective during this calendar year—nine months after the advent to full power of the party which promised immediate relief from oppressive taxes. Practically every change in the rates or repeal of present taxes is postponed until Jan. 1 1922, and the reductions made after Jan. 1 1922 are to be accomplished through promised cut in expenditures that may not materialize, with contingent borrowings in that event as well as certain borrowings to pay the \$170,000,000 estimated to meet savings stamp and Pittman Act redemptions and expenditures.

We will refer further to this report another week.

SENATOR SMOOT'S TAX REVISION PROPOSALS.

Senator Smoot's proposal for the levying of a manufacturers' sales tax of 3% was formally presented to the Senate on Sept. 30, in the nature of an amendment to the pending tax revision bill. Senator Smoot's proposals also call for the repeal of the excess profits tax as of Jan. 1 last, instead of Jan. 1 next, as proposed by both the House and the Senate Finance Committee, and the retention of the corporation tax at 10%. Senator Smoot would make no changes in the present tobacco, liquor and inheritance taxes and customs duties. In submitting his amendments Senator Smoot said

My plan for a revision of the taxation system has as its foundation two fundamental thoughts: First the raising of the necessary revenue for the Treasury Department, and second, a system which is simplified from the Treasury viewpoint as well as that of the taxpayer. In other words, I have viewed the taxation problem as a business problem from the standpoint of all three interested groups—the Treasury Department, the taxpayer and the ultimate bearer of all taxes, the consuming public.

The public wants to get rid of all these annoying taxes, and they should be eliminated for the sole reason, if for no other, that they were resorted to only as war-emergency taxes.

The amendments which I offer provide in substance:

1. Repeal of the excess profits tax, effective with reference to net income of 1921, instead of postponing the repeal until Jan. 1 1922, as provided in the House bill. The only result that will follow the imposition of the excess profits tax for the year 1921 will be to further burden small or moderate-sized business in this country, for the great corporations will have no excess profits to tax. By small or moderate-sized business I mean business concerns that depend not so much on their capital for their profits as they do upon the personal efforts of the owners in directing the business.

I favor this repeal because I believe that in the last election the American people expressed their desire to have this obnoxious and unintelligible form of taxation immediately abolished. There is every reason why this tax should be wiped from the statutes, and I know of no sound reason why it should be retained. It was a war necessity, clumsy, unfair, inequitable, unscientific, and difficult of administration. Every reason for its repeal on Jan. 1 1922 is equally applicable to its repeal as of Jan. 1 1921. Business expected that it would be immediately repealed after March 4 1921, and so in figuring prices did not take into consideration any element for the excess profits tax.

2. Repeal of all the various other war taxes—the excise taxes, luxury taxes, stamp taxes, capital stock tax, transportation, telegraph and insurance taxes, the taxes on soft drinks, ice cream, cosmetics, the taxes on admissions and dues, and all of the other "57 varieties" of obnoxious, discriminatory forms of taxation, the repeal of these to be effective on Jan. 1 1922. I postpone this repeal so as to afford the Treasury Department ample time to provide the necessary forms and regulations for the substitute measure of which I shall later speak.

3. Retain the corporation tax at its present rate of 10%. Any higher rate of taxation upon corporate income would be unjustified, particularly in connection with the repeal of the excess profits tax. The House bill with the Senate amendment makes the corporation tax 15% instead of 10%, but as the large majority of corporations do not pay the excess profits tax a flat 15% tax would mean a 50% increase in taxes for the corporations which are least able to bear it. Such an imposition would mean relieving the burden of the excess profits tax from one group of corporations, those having net income in excess of about 11% of their invested capital and placing that burden on corporations having net income below 11%.

As my amendments will raise ample revenue with a flat 10% tax on the net income of corporations, I can perceive no justification for merely transposing an inequity to a corporation which is least able to bear it.

4. My amendments contemplate no change in the present tobacco, liquor and inheritance taxes and customs duties as provided for under tariff legislation.

5. In substitution for the various taxes repealed I provide for a production or sales tax in the following language:

"That in addition to all other taxes there shall be levied, assessed, collected, and paid upon every commodity manufactured or produced, when sold, leased, or licensed for consumption or use without further process of manufacture, a tax equivalent to 3% of the price for which such commodity is sold, leased or licensed; such tax to be paid by the manufacturer or producer."

It should be noted that as the tax is imposed only when articles are sold "for consumption or use without further process of manufacture," that the tax will be non-cumulative in effect and will give the integrated business no advantage over the non-integrated business. There will be but one tax. If a commodity is sold for consumption or use in a further process of manufacture, no tax will be imposed. For example, coal sold for consumption in a boiler will be taxable, but coal sold for the manufacture of coke will not be taxable, the coke bearing a tax when sold. Likewise, crude oil sold for fuel would be taxable, but if sold to a refinery for the making of gasoline or other commodities would not be taxable.

In order to avoid administrative difficulties with small sales, the bill provides for an exemption of all sales of less than \$6,000 during one year. This will exclude about 1% of the manufactured goods in the country, according to the census of manufacturers. It will practically exempt all the agricultural products since the average value of products of farms for this year has been estimated by the Department of Agriculture at between \$1,000 and \$2,000 but, as most agricultural products would find their way into manufactured products, they would be exempt any way under the definition of the tax.

Provision is made for a like tax upon similar imported commodities so that there can be no discrimination against American products.

JUDICIAL OATH ADMINISTERED TO WILLIAM H. TAFT.

With the reconvening of the U. S. Supreme Court for the fall term, on Oct. 3, the judicial oath was administered to William Howard Taft, the new Chief Justice of the United States. The oath was administered by Joseph McKenna, Senior Associate Justice. The appointment of Mr. Taft on June 30 last, as Chief Justice to succeed the late Edward D. White, was referred to in these columns, July 2, page 28; July 9, page 140, and July 16, page 250. In stating that the oath of the 3rd inst. was supplemental to the Constitutional

oath administered to Mr. Taft on July 11, the press dispatches from Washington on Oct. 3, added:

The administration of the judicial oath, the final step in the induction of a new Chief Justice, was attended by the traditional ceremony of the nation's highest tribunal. The oath binds the Chief Justice "to administer justice without respect to persons and do equal rights to the poor and the rich."

The Chief Justice and the Associate Justices at the conclusion of these ceremonies followed the custom established years ago and went to the White House to pay their respects to the President. The President received the Justices in the Presidential section of the White House.

PRESIDENT HARDING ASKS GOVERNORS AND MAYORS TO ADOPT RECOMMENDATIONS OF NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE

Co-operation of governors and mayors throughout the country in carrying into effect the recommendations of the National Conference on Unemployment, made in its preliminary report Sept. 30, was urged by President Harding in a public statement issued on Oct. 3. The conference President Harding said in his statement, had demonstrated that an unusual volume of unemployment exists and that, pending the recuperation of trade, the situation could not be met, "in due regard to our obligations and necessities, without a much more than usual organization throughout those States and municipalities where unemployment has reached considerable proportions."

Simultaneously with the issuance of the President's statement, Secretary of Commerce Hoover, who in accordance with the President's designation has been the guiding spirit in the efforts to relieve unemployment, announced that messages had been received from mayors of several cities stating that the work of forming organizations representative of all elements of the communities, as requested by the conference, already had been undertaken. The President's statement on Oct. 3 was as follows:

The conference which I recently summoned to Washington to advise as to the unemployment situation has demonstrated that an unusual volume of unemployment exists and that, pending the recuperation of trade, the situation cannot be met, in due regard to our obligations and necessities, without a much more than usual organization throughout those States and municipalities where unemployment has reached considerable proportions.

The conference has recommended a plan of organization which has had the support of commercial, manufacturing, professional and labor representatives of the country. It is highly necessary that more accurate knowledge should be had, through such organization, of the volume and necessities of the unemployed. It is essential that the co-operation of all sections of each community should be brought into action behind such organization to provide work and assistance that we may pass through the coming winter without great suffering and distress. It is of national importance that every community should at once undertake such organization in order that the nation may be protected as a whole.

Moreover, the thorough commitment to such a task is sure to start a thousand activities which will add to our common welfare.

I, therefore, appeal to the Governors and Mayors of the nation that they should take the steps recommended by the conference.

In order that there may be unity of action by all the forces which may be brought to bear, whether governmental or private, the unemployment conference is establishing an agency in Washington through which appropriate coordination can be promoted, and through which reports on progress and suggestions may be given general circulation and cooperation. I trust this agency will be supported in this endeavor.

WARREN G. HARDING.

The preliminary report of the National Conference on Unemployment, to which the President referred, is quoted at length under another heading in these columns to-day.

EMERGENCY PROGRAM ADOPTED BY NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE.

The National Conference on Unemployment called by President Harding at Washington adopted an emergency relief program on Sept. 30, embodying the recommendations and composite views of the several committees which had been appointed to study various phases of the unemployment situation.

The problem of meeting the emergency, said the report submitted to the conference by Henry M. Robinson, chairman of the organization committee, is primarily a community problem, and the responsibility for leadership, therefore, rested with the Mayor and "should be immediately assumed by him." A committee representing the various elements in the community should be organized, the report added, to develop and carry through a community plan for meeting the emergency, using existing agencies and local groups as far as possible. The conference, after adopting the report, adjourned until Oct. 11, when it will consider a permanent unemployment policy and suggestions for the return of business and commerce to normal. Meanwhile, its committees are working on details of these subjects. Particular reference was made by the conference to the connection between prices and the solution of the country's economic questions. "During the period of drastic economic readjustment through which we are now passing," the emergency

program said, "the continued efforts of any one to profit beyond the requirements of safe business practice or economic consistency should be condemned. One of the important obstacles to a resumption of normal business activity will be removed as prices reach replacement values in terms of efficient producing and distributing cost plus reasonable profit. We therefore strongly urge all manufacturers and wholesalers who may not yet have adopted this policy to do so, but it is essential to the success of these measures when put into effect that retail prices shall promptly and fairly reflect the price adjustment of the producer, manufacturer and the wholesaler. When these principles have been recognized and the recommendations complied with, we are confident that the public will increase their purchases, thereby increasing the operations of the mills, factories and transportation companies and consequently reducing the number of unemployed." The report stated that "the conference finds that there are, from various estimates, from 3,500,000 to 5,500,000 unemployed, as shown by pay rolls, while some statisticians find as many as 5,535,000, and there is a much greater number dependent upon them. There has been an improvement, but pending general trade revival this cannot be met without definite and positive organization of the country."

The report in considerable part is as follows:

The problem of meeting the emergency of unemployment is primarily a community problem. The responsibility for leadership is with the Mayor and should be immediately assumed by him.

The basis of organization should be an emergency committee representing the various elements in the community. This committee should develop and carry through a community plan for meeting the emergency, using existing agencies and local groups as far as practicable. One immediate step should be to coordinate and establish efficient public employment agencies and to register all those desiring work. It should co-ordinate the work of the various charitable institutions. Registration for relief should be entirely separate from that for employment.

The personnel of the employment agencies should be selected with consideration to fitness only and should be directed to find the right job for the right man and should actively canvass and organize the community for opportunities for employment. The registry for employment should be surrounded with safeguards and should give priority in employment to residents. Employers should give preference to the emergency employment agencies.

The emergency committee should regularly publish the numbers dependent upon them for employment and relief, that the community may be apprised of its responsibility. Begging and uncoordinated solicitation of funds should be prevented.

Private houses, hotels, offices, etc., can contribute to the situation by doing their repairs, cleaning and alterations during the winter instead of waiting until spring when employment will be more plentiful.

Public construction, is better than relief. The municipalities should expand their school, street, sewage and repair work and public building to the fullest possible volume compatible with the existing circumstances. That existing circumstances are favorable is indicated by the fact that over \$700,000,000 of municipal bonds the largest amount in history, have been sold in 1921. Of these \$106,000,000 were sold by 333 municipalities in August. Municipalities should give short-time employment the same as other employers.

The Governor should unite all state agencies for support of the mayors and, as the superior officer, should insist upon the responsibility of city officials, should do everything compatible with circumstances in expedition of construction of roads, State buildings, &c.

The Federal authorities, including the Federal Reserve banks, should expedite the construction of public buildings and public works covered by existing appropriations.

A Congressional appropriation for roads, together with State appropriations amounting to many tens of millions of dollars, already made in expectation of and dependence on Federal aid, would make available a large amount of employment.

The conference under existing circumstances, notwithstanding various opinions as to the character of the legislation and the necessity for economy, recommends Congressional action in the present situation in order that work may go forward.

The greatest arrangement for immediate relief of unemployment is in the construction industry, which has been artificially restricted during and since the war. We are short more than a million homes; all kinds of building and construction are far behind National necessity. The Senate Committee on Reconstruction and Production, in March of this year, estimated the total construction shortage in the country at between ten and twenty billion dollars.

Considering all branches of the construction industries, more than two million people could be employed if construction were resumed. Undue cost and malignant combinations have made proper expansion impossible and contributed largely to this unemployment situation. In some places these matters have been cleaned up. In other places they have not and are an affront to public decency. In some places these things have not existed. In others costs have been adjusted. Some materials have been reduced in price as much as can be expected.

Where conditions have been righted construction should proceed, but there still is a need of community action in provision of capital on terms that will encourage home building. Where the costs are still above the other economic levels of the community there should be searching inquiry and action in the situation. We recommend that the Governors summon representative committees with the co-operation of the mayors or otherwise as they may determine to (a) determine facts, (b) to organize committee action in securing adjustments in cost, including removal of freight discriminations and clean-out campaigns against combinations, restrictions of effort and unsound practices where they exist, to the end that building may be fully resumed.

Manufacturers can contribute to relieve the present acute unemployment situation by:

(a) Part-time work, through reduced time or rotation of jobs. (b) As far as possible manufacturing for stock. (c) Taking advantage of the present opportunity to do as much plant construction, repairs and cleaning up as is possible, with the consequent transfer of many employees to other

than their regular work. (d) Reduction of the number of hours of labor per day. (e) The reduction of the work week to a lower number of days during the present period of industrial depression. (f) That employees and employers co-operate in putting these recommendations into effect. A number of employers have already, in whole or in part, inaugurated the recommendations herein set forth, and for this they are to be commended, and it is earnestly urged upon those employers who have not done so to put same into use, wherever practicable, at the earliest possible opportunity. (g) Specific methods for solution of our economic problems will be effective only in so far as they are applied in a spirit of patriotic patience on the part of all our people."

U. S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE URGES BUSINESS TO AID IN RELIEVING UNEMPLOYMENT—SAMUEL GOMPERS ON LABOR AID.

With the adoption by the National Conference on Unemployment of an emergency program on Sept. 30, spokesmen of both organized labor and capital came forward on Oct. 1 with statements approving the measures embodied in the program and expressing desire to cooperate in carrying them into effect. In an appeal to the business men and Chambers of Commerce of the country to actively support the program, Joseph H. Defrees, President of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, declared that "business has a great responsibility in the situation; it must furnish employment." Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, in a formal statement, expressed his confidence that "the trade union movement in each community will join energetically in the effort to assist in the task of providing work for the thousands who are idle." Both Mr. Defrees and Mr. Gompers are members of the Conference and assisted in drafting the emergency program.

Mr. Defrees called upon the business men to offer the mayors in their communities immediate assistance in order to speed up the establishment of employment committees on a national basis. "The situation cannot be met without proper organization," he said. "It is primarily a community problem. The local business man, through his organization and individually, should make every effort to meet the situation in his city. The existing unemployment presents a real problem, which must have immediate attention." American labor, Mr. Gompers declared, would give its "whole-hearted support" to the emergency program, which he said, provided an opportunity for the cooperative action of all the agencies and institutions in each community to bring relief to the unemployed. "Labor" he said, "will indorse every constructive feature of the report which the unemployment conference has adopted. Beyond question America can solve the problem of unemployment if it undertakes the work in earnest. If mayors, communities, employers, manufacturers, dealers of all kinds and our people generally, will undertake to put into effect the conference recommendations with the same earnest spirit in which they were formulated and adopted, it seems certain that a tremendous impetus will be given toward eliminating the great and pressing problems of the unemployed."

REFUSAL OF ORGANIZED LABOR TO COME DOWN TO REASONABLE WAGES THE CHIEF OBSTACLE TO INDUSTRIAL REVIVAL SAYS SEN. NELSON.

The attitude of organized labor with respect to wage reductions has done more than any other one factor to retard the revival of industry is the view of Senator Nelson of Minnesota. Under the leadership of Samuel Gompers organized labor has sought to uphold the economic fallacy that "it is better to resist (wage cuts) and lose, than not to resist at all." In a speech on the Floor of the Senate dealing with the new tax revision bill Senator Nelson on Oct. 1, declared that there would not be many men idle in this country to-day, "if union labor would come down to a reasonable figure in conformity with what is occurring in other lines of business and in other directions." Until we reach a lower level of prices in connection with union labor said Senator Nelson, and until we get more effective service, it is hopeless to expect a complete and fair revival of the industries and the prosperity of this country. Senator Nelson's speech was quoted at length in Washington dispatches to the N. Y. "Times" as follows:

Senator Nelson of Minnesota in a speech on the tax bill in the Senate to-day put the blame for the prevailing industrial depression and unemployment on organized labor and its leaders. The latter, he said, were advising strikes rather than submission to reduced wages, and this tended to keep the business world constantly disturbed.

Mr. Nelson charged that building operations were halted because workmen declined to adapt their wage scale to the present situation. He held that there would not be many idle men in this country to-day if union labor would accept reduced wages in conformity with reductions that are being made in the cost of manufactured articles. In his opinion there would be

no real revival of the industries and prosperity of the country until effective service was obtainable and workmen accepted reduced pay.

"What is retarding building operations to-day in this country?" asked Senator Nelson, discussing the provision in the tax bill to exempt interest to the extent of \$500 on building and loan investments. "It is nothing in the world other than the labor situation. Union labor insists on wartime wages, with the result that the only ones who build in these times of high cost of labor are those who are actually driven as a matter of necessity to do so."

"If the men engaged in the building trades, the carpenters, the bricklayers; the masons and the plasterers, would come down to reasonable and fair wages, we would see the greatest building boom that has ever been experienced in this country, and there would not be an idle mechanic in the building trades to-day. Where, however, bricklayers, masons and other artisans are asking for \$1 to \$1.50 per hour, although in many instances they refuse to do the maximum work they ought to do, they are retarding building in this country."

"My opinion is there is nothing that so retards industrial revival in this country to-day as the attitude of organized labor in refusing to come down to reasonable wages and a reasonable basis of employment. All over the United States we are suffering because of that situation."

"In the case of railroad transportation the railroads are unable to reduce the rates because of the high cost of operation arising from excessive wages which their operatives demand on the same scale that they were accustomed to receive during the war, during the administration of Mr. McAdoo as Director General."

Senator Nelson said continued high freight rates would mean failure of industry to revive and continued handicap on the farmers.

"I was told by the junior Senator from New York, Mr. Calder, that bricklayers in the city of New York were asking \$14 a day for eight hours' work," added Senator Nelson. "We all know that the unions do not allow men to do the maximum amount of work, but they are only allowed to lay so many bricks a day, or to do so much work along other lines a day, and no more."

"If we could get labor and the building trades at fair and reasonable wages and men would exert themselves as they did in the old times, you would see the greatest building boom that you have ever seen in this country. I am a friend of the laboring man, but these men are themselves to blame if there is any lack of employment."

Senator Nelson advised employees in the building trades to come down to \$4 or \$5 a day instead of charging \$10 to \$15. He also urged railroad employees who are threatening the country with a strike to come down to reasonable wages. He said the farmer had had to submit to lower figures. Farm labor also had come down.

"But how is it in reference to the operators of our railroads?" he asked. "They have not come down, and when Judge Landis the other day made a reasonable reduction for the building trades in Chicago—I though it was very moderate and reasonable—yet they protested and threatened to strike. Under such conditions, if they find themselves in a state of idleness they are themselves to blame."

"There would not be many idle men in this country to-day if union labor would come down to a reasonable figure in conformity with what is occurring in other lines of business and in other directions; and until we reach a lower level of prices in connection with union labor, until we get more effective service, it is hopeless to see a complete and fair revival of the industries and the prosperity of this country."

"I am aware of the fact that I may be stepping on the toes of some of these gentlemen, the leaders of these labor organizations; but, Mr. President, I am getting to be an old man, I do not expect to be with you very long, and for that reason, if for nothing else, I feel at liberty to express my honest convictions. I trust that the convictions I have expressed may permeate throughout the whole country and that union labor all over the country will take heed."

"We are now threatened with a railroad strike. They have taken the vote, and they are posing as ready to take the whole country by the throat again, as they were at the time the Adamson law prevailed."

"I am getting tired of these strike threats. I do not know but that it would be a good thing for the country if these railroad men should start a strike. Let the people of this country understand once for all what these men mean by their striking. Let the people realize that they will be deprived of their food supply, their fuel and everything else. If the employees ever embark on such a strike, leading to such results, I venture the prediction that the American people will rise in their might and wipe them from the face of the earth."

"We cannot tolerate in this country a Government or a rule stronger than the people of the United States. We cannot afford a government within a government. We cannot afford to let any people take our country by the throat and say: 'You must do as we want or we will destroy everything in this country. We will hold up the entire transportation system of the country, deprive the cities and counties and towns of their food, their fuel supply and everything else, unless you do as we want.'"

"It is time, Mr. President, that we taught these men a lesson that they are not bigger than the Government of the United States."

AMERICAN LEGION TO ASSIST IN EFFORTS TO SECURE WORK FOR UNEMPLOYED EX-SERVICE MEN.

Following a special meeting at Indianapolis on Sept. 30 announcement was made by the American Legion that it would assist in endeavoring to obtain work for all ex-service men who are out of employment. The conference, which was called by Commander John G. Emery, was attended by national officers and members of a committee which had been appointed to investigate unemployment among members of the legion. Data gathered by the committee and presented at the meeting showed it was said, that approximately 900,000 veterans were out of work two weeks preceding the date of the meeting. It was shown that 21.5% of the ex-service men were unemployed and that those employed had experienced an average cut in wages of 32.5% since the war. President Harding was notified of the decision of the Legion and instructions for taking care of the jobless World War veterans were sent to the 11,000 legion posts. The instructions to the posts asked that every effort be made to secure employment "for our buddies and see that they have food and shelter."

TEXT OF GRAIN FUTURES BILL AS SIGNED BY PRESIDENT HARDING.

The Capper-Tincher bill for regulating trading on grain exchanges was signed by President Harding, as we indicated August 27, page 906, on Aug. 24. While the newly enacted law taxes both contracts for the sale of grain for future delivery and options for such contracts and provides for the regulation of boards of trade, the intention is merely to reach speculative and illegitimate transactions, and there are express provisions in the Act to that effect. For instance no tax is imposed "where such contracts are made by or through a member of a board of trade which has been designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as a 'contract market'." As we announced in an earlier issue of the "Chronicle", the bill passed the House on May 13 while the Senate passed the bill on Aug. 9. With the changes made to the bill in the Senate the measure went to conference; agreement was reached by the Senate and House conferees on Aug. 15, when the Senate substitute was agreed to with some minor changes. The conference report was adopted by the House on Aug. 23 by a vote of 341 to 9 while the Senate agreed to it on the same date without a record vote. In the discussions on the bill in the House on Aug. 23, Representative Tincher said:

I think every member who has followed the bill will agree that the only changes made in the Senate are changes in the language, that the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. Kelly) called attention to. As the bill passed the House it authorized the Secretary of Agriculture to designate places as market places and required the Exchange to file an application in which they would include limitations upon trading. In the Senate they had considerable discussion over that proposition, and, of course, the difficulty of that proposition is apparent to any one. One season of the year limitation in transactions in grain is reasonable, and at another season of the year it would be unreasonable. In one year certain limitations would be reasonable and another year it would be unreasonable. It was deemed best by the friends of the measure to give the Secretary of Agriculture the power to prevent manipulations. The question of the definition of the manipulation of the market came up. I attended the hearings in the Senate and the debate on the floor of the Senate, and I finally agreed to these changes on this theory, that so long as there was no legal definition of manipulation, the Secretary of Agriculture had the power to require rules and regulations on the part of the Exchange to prevent manipulation of prices, and, perhaps, we could not afford to complain of the fact that there was no definition of manipulation.

As the bill passed the House it empowers the Secretary of Agriculture alone to cancel the designation or license of the market place on the finding of certain facts. That provision in the bill occasioned most of the opposition by what we term "the ultra conservatives of the House."

They said it was putting too much power in one man, and that was the opposition and accounted for at least 50 of the 59 votes that were cast against the bill when we passed it before. The Senate Committee held extensive hearings on that proposition and finally agreed to compose the Commission of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Attorney-General to pass on the facts as presented by the Secretary of Agriculture before they would cancel or take away from marketing places the designation as a marketing place.

From my standpoint, having been an advocate of controlling the Exchanges, it did not strengthen the bill, but it strengthened the bill in so far as getting support for it is concerned, and I want to pass the legislation. I hold to the theory that this legislation should have been passed a quarter of a century ago; that it would have been passed and that the grain markets would not have been manipulated by gamblers for a quarter of a century had it not been for the fact that there were two elements fighting the legislation—one element that was against any regulation and one element that was so drastic that it wanted legislation that no American Congress could be prevailed upon to agree to. I will say frankly that the sentiment seemed to be that they did not want to put too much power in the hands of one man. Everybody said so long as Mr. Wallace is Secretary of Agriculture we would be perfectly satisfied, but they cited instances where Secretaries of Agriculture have been more or less drastic, and they wanted this safeguard, and I wanted the bill, and I agreed to that change in the bill, which I am sure does not destroy its effectiveness. I am satisfied that the Secretary of Commerce or the Attorney-General at the present time would not question the good judgment of the Secretary of Agriculture, if he decided that the market was being manipulated and asked to take a license or designation away from that market, and I suppose it is fair to presume that condition will remain. At least there are two sides to that proposition, and I am one man who can always agree that the other fellow has some right to his opinion.

It will have no effect whatever on produce exchanges, or on any board of trade that wants to do a legitimate business, such as the representatives of the several boards of trade represented before the Committee on Agriculture, that they wanted to engage in. It will not close up or have any effect upon such exchanges. Since the bill passed the Senate I have notice interviews from the different representatives of the exchanges that appeared before our Committee in the House and they say that with this change taking away from one man the power to absolutely cancel their right to do business, they will function under the bill.

Representative Haugen had the following to say in the House on Aug. 23 in regard to the bill:

Certainly then, and that by inserting the words "or the cornering of grain" will accomplish exactly what was sought to accomplish by the language stricken from the bill; that the Secretary, under Section 5 is given authority to reject applications for designation unless the governing board provide for the prevention of the manipulations of prices or the cornering of any grain. The cornering of grain can, of course, only be accomplished by the buying of large quantities. Hence, it seems clear that it is in the power of the Secretary to prescribe limitations. The Commission provided for in Section 6 (a) is given the power to suspend or revoke the designation upon a showing that such board of trade has failed or is failing to comply with the above requirements or is not enforcing its rules of government made a condition of its designation as set forth in Section 5, which conditions are as stated in paragraph (d) of Section 5 that it provide for the prevention of the manipulation of prices or the cornering of grain. Hence the Commission will have the power to suspend and revoke designations upon a

showing that such board of trade permits the buying and selling of unlimited quantities of grain, resulting in the manipulation of prices or the cornering of any grain.

It was announced on Aug. 28 that Secretary of Agriculture Henry C. Wallace would not take any steps toward the enforcement of the Grain Futures Act for at least a month. Press dispatches from Washington also said:

He has found that Congress failed to provide funds for the administration of the new law, and he will submit an estimate of the expense to Congress when it reconvenes Sept. 21. It was said at the Department that in the meantime the Act will be referred to the Solicitor of the Department for preparation of a tentative draft of regulations, which will be laid before the Secretary and will be ready for promulgation when Congress makes the necessary appropriation to carry the Act into effect.

We also quote the following from the Chicago "Post" of Aug. 25:

Signing of the Capper-Tincher grain marketing law by President Harding brought a flood of inquiries to-day to grain exchanges as to whether contracts for future deliveries must be closed out before the measure becomes effective.

"The new law," said Secretary John R. Mauff of the Chicago Board of Trade in a statement replying to the inquiries, "recognizes the legality of futures trading. It provides regulations for grain exchanges under a commission composed of the Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of Commerce and the Attorney-General of the United States. It provides that cooperative bodies that become members of exchanges must assume the same financial responsibilities as other members. Neither the tax nor the penalties of the law are to be imposed until after four months.

"It is unfortunate that critics of the exchanges have spread reports that the new law is to eliminate futures trading. The economic value of contracts for future delivery has been recognized in this law."

The following is the text of the bill as finally adopted by Congress and signed by President Harding:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

That this Act shall be known by the short title of "The Future Trading Act."

Sec. 2. That for the purposes of this Act "contract of sale" shall be held to include sales, agreements of sale, and agreements to sell. That the word "person" shall be construed to import the plural or singular and shall include individuals, associations, partnerships, corporations and trusts. That the word "grain" shall be construed to mean wheat, corn, oats, barley, rye, flax, and sorghum. The term "future delivery," as used herein, shall not include any sale of cash grain for deferred shipment or delivery. The words "board of trade" shall be held to include and mean any exchange or association, whether incorporated or unincorporated, of persons who shall be engaged in the business of buying or selling grain or receiving the same for sale on consignment. The act, omission or failure of any official, agent, or other person acting for any individual, association, partnership, corporation, or trust within the scope of his employment or office shall be deemed the act, omission, or failure of such individual, association, partnership, corporation, or trust, as well as of such official, agent, or other person.

Sec. 3. That in addition to the taxes now imposed by law there is hereby levied a tax amounting to 20 cents per bushel on each bushel involved therein, whether the actual commodity is intended to be delivered or only nominally referred to, upon each and every privilege or option for a contract either of purchase or sale of grain, intending hereby to tax only the transactions known to the trade as "privileges," "bids," "offers," "puts and calls," "indemnities," or "up and downs."

Sec. 4. That in addition to the taxes now imposed by law there is hereby levied a tax of 20 cents a bushel on every bushel involved therein, upon each contract of sale of grain for future delivery except—

(a) Where the seller is at the time of the making of such contract the owner of the actual physical property covered thereby, or is grower thereof, or in case either party to the contract is the owner or renter of land on which the same is to be grown, or is an association of such owners, or growers of grain, or of such owners or renters of land; or

(b) Where such contracts are made by or through a member of a board of trade which has been designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as a "contract market," as hereinafter provided, and if such contract is evidenced by a memorandum in writing which shows the date, the parties to such contract and their addresses, the property covered and its price, and the terms of delivery, and provided that each board member shall keep such memorandum for a period of three years from the date thereof, or for longer period if the Secretary of Agriculture shall so direct, which record shall at all times be open to the inspection of any representative of the United States Department of Agriculture or the United States Department of Justice.

Sec. 5. That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized and directed to designate boards of trade as "contract markets" when, and only when, such boards of trade comply with the following conditions and requirements:

(a) When located at a terminal market upon which cash grain is sold in sufficient volumes and under such conditions as fairly to reflect the general value of the grain and the difference in value between the various grades of grain, and having recognized official weighing and inspection service.

(b) When the governing board thereof provides for the making and filing by the board or any member thereof, as the Secretary of Agriculture may direct, of reports in accordance with the rules and regulations, and in such manner and form and at such times as may be prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture, showing the details and terms of all transactions entered into by the board, or the members thereof, either in cash transactions consummated at, on, or in a board of trade, or transactions for future delivery, and when such governing board provides, in accordance with such rules and regulations, for the keeping of a record by the board or the members of the board of trade, as the Secretary of Agriculture may direct, showing the details and terms of all cash and future transactions entered into by them, consummated at, on, or in a board of trade, such record to be in permanent form, showing the parties to all such transactions, any assignments or transfers thereof, with the parties thereto, and the manner in which said transactions are fulfilled, discharged, or terminated. Such record shall be required to be kept for a period of three years from the date thereof, or for a longer period if the Secretary of Agriculture shall so direct, and shall at all times be open to the inspection of any representative of the United States Department of Agriculture or United States Department of Justice.

(c) When the governing board thereof prevents the dissemination, by the board or any member thereof, of false, misleading, or inaccurate report, concerning crop or market information or conditions that affect or tend to affect the price of commodities.

(d) When the governing board thereof provides for the prevention of manipulation of prices, or the cornering of any grain, by the dealers or operators upon such board.

(e) When the governing board thereof admits to membership thereof and all privileges thereon on such boards of trade any duly authorized representative of any lawfully formed and conducted cooperative associations of producers having adequate financial responsibility: Provided, That no rule of a contract market against rebating commissioners shall apply to the distribution of earnings among the bona fide members of any such cooperative association.

(f) When the governing board shall provide for making effective the final orders or decisions entered pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (b) Section 6 of this Act.

Sec. 6. That any board of trade desiring to be designated a "contract market" shall make application to the Secretary of Agriculture for such designation and accompany the same with a showing that it complies with the above conditions, and with a sufficient assurance that it will continue to comply with the above requirements.

(a) A commission composed of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Attorney General is authorized to suspend for a period not to exceed six months or to revoke the designation of any board of trade as a "contract market" upon a showing that such board of trade has failed or is failing to comply with the above requirements or is not enforcing its rules of government made a condition of its designation as set forth in Section 5. Such suspension or revocation shall only be after a notice to the officers of the board of trade affected and upon a hearing: Provided, That such suspension or revocation shall be final and conclusive unless within fifteen days after such suspension or revocation by the said commission such board of trade appeals to the circuit court of appeals for the circuit in which it has its principal place of business by filing with the clerk of such court a written petition praying that the order of the said commission 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 board of trade will pay the costs of the proceedings if the court so directs. The clerk of the court in which such a petition is filed shall immediately cause a copy thereof to be delivered to the Secretary of Agriculture, Chairman of said commission, or any member thereof, and the said commission shall forthwith prepare, certify, and file in the court a full and accurate transcript of the record in such proceedings, including the notice to the board of trade, a copy of the charges, the evidence, and the report and order. The testimony and evidence taken or submitted before the said commission 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. Such a court may affirm or set aside the order of the said commission or may direct it to modify its order. No such order of the said commission shall be modified or set aside by the circuit court of appeals unless it is shown by the board of trade that the order is unsupported by the weight of the evidence or was issued without due notice and a reasonable opportunity having been afforded to such board of trade for a hearing, or infringes the Constitution of the United States, or is beyond the jurisdiction of said commission: Provided further, That if the Secretary of Agriculture shall refuse to designate as a contract market any board of trade that has made application therefor, then such board of trade may appeal from such refusal to the commission described therein, consisting of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Attorney General of the United States, with the right to appeal as provided for in other cases in this section, the decision on such appeal to be final and binding on all parties interested.

(b) That if the Secretary of Agriculture has reason to believe that any person is violating any of the provisions of this Act, or is attempting to manipulate the market price of any grain in violation of the provisions of Section 5 hereof, or of any of the rules or regulations made pursuant to its requirements, he may serve upon such person a complaint stating his charge in that respect, to which complaint shall be attached or contained therein a notice of hearing, specifying a day and place not less than three days after the service thereof, requiring such person to show cause why an order should not be made directing that all contract markets until further notice of the said commission refuse all trading privileges thereon to such person. Said hearing may be held in Washington, District of Columbia, or elsewhere, before the said commission, or before a referee designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, who shall cause all evidence to be reduced to writing and forthwith transmit the same to the Secretary of Agriculture as Chairman of the said commission. That for the purpose of securing effective enforcement of the provisions of this Act the provisions, including penalties of Section 12 of the Inter-State Commerce Act, as amended, relating to the attendance and testimony of witnesses, the production of documentary evidence, and the immunity of witnesses, are made applicable to the power, jurisdiction, and authority of the Secretary of Agriculture, the said commission, or said referee in proceedings under this Act, and to persons subject to its provisions. Upon evidence received the said commission may require all contract markets to refuse such person all trading privileges thereon for such period as may be specified in said order. Notice of such order shall be sent forthwith by registered mail or delivered to the offending person and to the governing boards of said contract markets. After the issuance of the order by the commission, as aforesaid, the person against whom it is issued may obtain a review of such order or such other equitable relief as to the court may seem just by filing in the United States circuit court of appeals of the circuit in which the petitioner is doing business a written petition praying that the order of the commission be set aside. A copy of such petition shall be forthwith served upon the commission by delivering such copy to its chairman, or to any member thereof, and thereupon the commission shall forthwith certify and file in the court a transcript of the record theretofore made, including evidence received. Upon the filing of the transcript the court shall have jurisdiction to affirm, to set aside, or modify the order of the commission, and the findings of the commission as to the facts, if supported by the weight of evidence, shall in like manner be conclusive. In proceedings under paragraphs (a) and (b) the judgment and decree of the court shall be final, except that the same shall be subject to review by the Supreme Court upon certiorari, as provided in Section 240 of the Judicial Code.

Sec. 7. That the tax provided for herein shall be paid by the seller, and such tax shall be collected either by the affixing of stamps or by such other method as may have been prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury by regulations, and such regulations shall be published at such times and in such manner as shall be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Sec. 8. That any board of trade that has been designated a contract market, in the manner herein provided, may have such designation vacated and set aside by giving notice in writing to the Secretary of Agriculture requesting that its designation as a contract market be vacated, which notice shall be served at least ninety days prior to the date named therein, as the date when the vacation of designation shall take effect. Upon receipt of such notice the Secretary of Agriculture shall forthwith order the vacation of the designation of such board of trade as a contract market, effective upon the day named in the notice, and shall forthwith send a copy of the notice and his order to all other contract markets. From and after the date upon which the vacation became effective, the said board of trade can thereafter be designated again a contract market by making application

to the Secretary of Agriculture in the manner herein provided for an original application.

Sec. 9. That the Secretary of Agriculture may make such investigations as he may deem necessary to ascertain the facts regarding the operations of boards of trade and may publish from time to time, in his discretion, the result of such investigation, and such statistical information gathered therefrom, as he may deem of interest to the public, except data and information which would separately disclose the business transactions of any person, and trade secrets or names of customers: Provided, That nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the Secretary of Agriculture from making or issuing such reports as he may deem necessary, relative to the conduct of any board of trade, or of the transactions of any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this Act under the proceedings prescribed in section 6 of this Act: Provided further, That the Secretary of Agriculture in any report may include the facts as to any actual transaction. The Secretary of Agriculture, upon his own initiative or in co-operation with existing governmental agencies, shall investigate marketing conditions of grain and grain products, and by-products, including supply and demand for these commodities, cost to the consumer, and handling and transportation charges. He shall likewise compile and furnish to producers, consumers, and distributors, by means of regular and special reports, or by such methods as he may deem most effective, information respecting the grain markets, together with information on supply, demand, prices, and other conditions, in this and other countries that affect the markets.

Sec. 10. That any person who shall fail to evidence any such contract by a memorandum in writing, or to keep the record, or make a report, or who shall fail to pay the tax, as provided in sections 4 and 5 hereof, or who shall fail to pay the tax required in section 3 hereof, shall pay in addition to the tax a penalty equal to 50% of the tax levied against him under this Act and shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, together with the costs of prosecution.

Sec. 11. That 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.

Sec. 12. That no tax shall be imposed by this Act within four months after its passage, and no fine, imprisonment, or other penalty shall be enforced for any violation of this Act occurring within four months after its passage.

Sec. 13. The Secretary of Agriculture 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 there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary for such purposes.

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We also annex the statement of the Managers on the part of the House to indicate the adjustments in conference:

The managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 5676) entitled "An Act taxing contracts for the sale of grain for future delivery, and options for such contracts, and providing for the regulation for boards of trade, and for other purposes," submit the following statement in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon by the conference committee and submitted in the accompanying conference report as to the amendment of the Senate, to which the House recedes with an amendment which is a substitute therefor:

Section 1 provides a short title. This was not changed by the Senate. Section 2 defines certain terms. The Senate inserted the following: "The term 'future delivery,' as used herein, shall not include any sale of cash grain for deferred shipment." To this amendment the House recedes with an amendment inserting after the word "shipment" the words "or delivery."

Section 3 imposes a tax on "privileges," "bids," "offers," "puts and calls," "indemnities," and "ups and downs." This was not changed by the Senate.

Section 4 imposes a tax on contracts of sale of grain for future delivery with certain exceptions set forth in subdivisions (a) and (b). The Senate amended the first paragraph of this section by striking out the words "made at, on, or in an exchange, board of trade, or similar institution or place of business." The House recedes.

The Senate amended subdivision (b) of this section by striking out the words "for a period of three years from the date thereof and for such longer period as the Secretary of Agriculture may direct a permanent record of such contract for future delivery," and substituted therefor the following: "such memorandum for a period of three years from the date thereof, or for a longer period if the Secretary of Agriculture shall so direct, which record shall at all times be open to the inspection of any representative of the United States Department of Agriculture and United States Department of Justice." The House recedes with an amendment substituting the word "or" for the word "and" following the words "United States Department of Agriculture."

Section 5 provides that the designation for boards of trade as "contract markets" upon certain conditions set out in subdivisions (a) to (f), inclusive.

The Senate amended subdivision (a) of section 5 by inserting at the end thereof the following words: "and having adequate storage facilities and recognized official weighing and inspection service." The House recedes with an amendment striking out the words "adequate storage facilities and."

The subdivision (b) of section 5 relates to the making and filing of records and reports. The Senate amended this subdivision by striking out all of the House provision and substituting therefor a new provision, as follows:

When the governing board thereof provides for the making and filing, by the board or any member thereof, as the governing board may elect, of reports in accordance with the rules and regulations, and in such manner and form as may be prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture, and whenever in his opinion the public interest requires it, showing the details and terms of all transactions entered into by the board, or the members thereof, either in cash transactions consummated at, on, or in a board of trade, or transactions for future delivery, and when such governing board provides for the keeping of a record by the members of the board of trade showing the details and terms of all cash and future transactions entered into by them, consummated at, on, or in a board of trade, such record to be in permanent form, showing the parties to all such transactions, any assignments or transfers thereof, with the parties thereto, and the manner in which said transactions are fulfilled, discharged, or terminated. Such record shall be required to be kept for a period of three years from the date thereof, or for a longer period if the Secretary of Agriculture shall so direct, and shall at all times be open to the inspection of any representative of the United States Department of Agriculture and United States Department of Justice.

The House recedes with amendments making the subdivision read as follows:

When the governing board thereof provides for the making and filing, by the board or any member thereof, as the Secretary of Agriculture may direct, of reports in accordance with the rules and regulations, and in such manner and form and at such times as may be prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture, showing the details and terms of all transactions entered into by the board, or the members thereof, either in cash transactions consummated at, on, or in a board of trade, or transactions for future delivery, and when such governing board provides, in accordance with such rules and regulations, for the keeping of a record by the board or the members of the board of trade, as the Secretary of Agriculture may direct, showing the details and terms of all cash and future transactions entered into by them, consummated at, on, or in a board of trade, such record to be in permanent form, showing the parties to all such transactions, any assignments or transfers thereof, with the parties thereto, and the manner in which said transactions are fulfilled, discharged, or terminated. Such record shall be required to be kept for a period of three years from the date thereof, or for a longer period if the Secretary of Agriculture shall so direct, and shall at all times be open to the inspection of any representative of the United States Department of Agriculture or United States Department of Justice.

Subdivision (c) of section 5 of the bill relates to the dissemination of false, misleading, or inaccurate information. The Senate amended this subdivision by substituting the word "false" for the word "fake." The House recedes.

Subdivision (d) of section 5 relates to the prevention of the manipulation of prices. The Senate amended this subdivision by inserting the words "undue or unfair" before the word "manipulation" and by inserting the words "or the cornering of any grain" after the word "prices." The Senate also struck out the following: "including a reasonable limitation upon the total quantity of grain of the same kind covered by contracts unfulfilled or unsettled at any one time by or on behalf of the same person commonly called 'open trades' in speculative transactions." The House recedes with an amendment striking out the words "undue or unfair" contained in the Senate amendment, so that subdivision (d) will read as follows:

When the governing board thereof provides for the prevention of manipulation of prices or the cornering of any grain by the dealers or operators upon such board.

Subdivision (e) of Section 5 relates to the admission on boards of trade of representatives of co-operative associations of producers. The Senate amended the subdivision by correcting a typographical error, by substituting "representative" for the words "executive officer," by striking out the House proviso and substituting therefor a new proviso, as follows:

That no rule of a contract market against rebating commissions shall apply to the distribution of earnings among the bona fide members of any such co-operative association.

The House recedes.

The Senate further amended Section 5 by inserting a new subdivision, as follows:

(f) When the governing board shall provide for making effective the final orders or decisions entered pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (b), Section 6, of this Act.

The House recedes.

Section 6 relates to the procedure involved in the designation and the suspension or revocation of the designation of any board of trade as a contract market. The Senate amendments to this section relate primarily to the establishment of a commission composed of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Attorney-General to act in lieu of the Secretary of Agriculture in such proceedings. These amendments are as follows: Strike out the words "The Secretary of Agriculture" at the beginning of the second sentence of Section 6 and substitute therefor the following: "(a) A commission composed of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Attorney-General." In the second sentence of Section 6 insert the words "using reasonable diligence in" before the words "enforcing its rules." In the third sentence strike out the words "Secretary of Agriculture" and substitute the words "said commission" in two places in said sentence. The same change is subsequently made in four places in the remainder of the section. In the fourth sentence of Section 6 insert after the words "Secretary of Agriculture" the words "chairman of said commission or any member thereof." At the end of Section 6 of the House bill insert a proviso as follows:

Provided further, That if the Secretary of Agriculture shall refuse to designate as a contract market any board of trade that has made application therefor, then such board of trade may appeal from such refusal to the commission described therein, consisting of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Attorney-General of the United States, with the right to appeal as provided for in other cases in this section, the decision on such appeal to be final and binding on all parties interested.

Following said proviso insert a subdivision as follows:

(b) That if the Secretary of Agriculture has reason to believe that any person is violating any of the provisions of this Act, or is attempting to manipulate the market price of any grain in violation of the provisions of Section 5 hereof, or of any of the rules or regulations made pursuant to its requirements, he may serve upon such person a complaint stating his charge in that respect, to which complaint shall be attached or contained therein a notice of hearing, specifying a day and place not less than three days after the service thereof, requiring such person to show cause why an order should not be made directing that all contract markets until further notice of the said commission refuse all trading privileges thereon to such person. Said hearing may be held in Washington, District of Columbia, or elsewhere, before the said commission or before a referee designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, who shall cause all evidence to be reduced to writing and forthwith transmit the same to the Secretary of Agriculture as chairman of the said commission. Any member of the said commission or said referee shall have authority to administer oaths to witnesses. Upon evidence received the said commission may require all contract markets to refuse such person all trading privileges thereon for such periods as may be specified in said order. Notice of such order shall be sent forthwith to the offending person and to the governing boards of said contract markets. After the issuance of the order by the commission, as aforesaid, the person against whom it is issued may obtain a review of such order or such other equitable relief as to the court may seem just by filing in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals of the circuit in which the petitioner is doing business a written petition praying that the order of the commission be set aside. A copy of such petition shall be forthwith served upon the commission by delivering such copy to its chairman, or to any member thereof, and thereupon the commission shall forthwith certify and file in the court a transcript of the record theretofore made, including evidence received. Upon the filing of the transcript the court shall have jurisdiction to affirm, to set aside, or to modify the order of the commission, and the findings of the commission as to the facts, if supported by the weight of evidence, shall in like manner be conclusive. In proceedings under paragraphs (a) and (b) the judgment and decree of the court shall be final, except that the same shall be subject to review by the Supreme Court upon certiorari, as provided in Section 240 of the Judicial Code.

The Senate recedes as to its amendment inserting the words "using reasonable diligence in." The House recedes on all other Senate amendments to Section 6 with amendments as follows: At the end of the last sentence of Section 6 of the House bill substitute the words "said commission" for the words "Secretary of Agriculture." In subdivision (b) of the Senate amendment strike out the sentence "Any member of the said commission or said referee shall have authority to administer oaths to witnesses" and substitute therefor the following sentence: "That for the purpose of securing effective enforcement of the provisions of this Act the provisions, including penalties, of Section 12 of the Inter-State Commerce Act, as amended, relating to the attendance and testimony of witnesses, the production of documentary evidence, and the immunity of witnesses, are made applicable to the power, jurisdiction, and authority of the Secre-

tary of Agriculture, the said commission, or said referee in proceedings under this Act, and to persons subject to its provisions." In the fifth sentence of the subdivision (b) of the Senate amendment insert after the words "sent forthwith" the words "by registered mail or delivered."

Section 7 of the House bill relates to the procedure to be followed in collecting taxes under the Act. The Senate amendment struck out this action. The Senate recedes.

The Senate inserted a new section 7 providing a method by which a board of trade can voluntarily relinquish its designation as a "contract market." The House recedes with an amendment changing the number of the section so that it will be Section 8.

The Senate amended Section 8 of the House bill by substituting the words "boards of trade" for "future exchanges," by striking out the words "and such parts of reports made to him under this Act" and by adding at the end of the House provision the following: "except data and information which would separately disclose the business transactions of any person, and trade secrets or names of customers: *Provided* That nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the Secretary of Agriculture from making or issuing such reports as he may deem necessary relative to the conduct of any board of trade or of the transactions of any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this Act under the proceedings prescribed in Section 6 of this Act: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of Agriculture in any report may include the facts as to any actual transaction on any board of trade without divulging the names of the persons therewith connected. The Secretary of Agriculture, upon his own initiative or in co-operation with existing governmental agencies, shall investigate marketing conditions of grain and grain products and by-products, including supply and demand for these commodities, cost to the consumer, and handling and transportation charges. He shall likewise compile and furnish to producers, consumers, and distributors, by means of regular or special reports, or by such methods as he may deem most effective, information respecting the grain market, together with information on supply, demand, prices, and other conditions, in this and other countries that affect the markets." The House recedes with amendments changing the number of the section, so that it will be Section 9, and striking out the following words at the end of the second proviso of the Senate amendment, "on any board of trade without divulging the names of the persons therewith connected."

Section 9 of the House bill provides penalties for violations of the Act. This section remains unchanged except that it becomes Section 10 in consequence of the changes in the numbering of the preceding sections.

Section 10 of the House bill relates to the interpretation of the constitutionality of the Act. This section remains unchanged except that it becomes Section 11 in consequence of the changes in the numbering of the preceding sections.

Section 11 of the House bill relates to the enforcement of the Act. The Senate amendment substitutes the words "four months" for the words "sixty days." The number of the section is changed to 12 in consequence of the changes in the numbering of the preceding sections. The House recedes with amendments making the section read as follows:

Sec. 12. That no tax shall be imposed by this Act within four months after its passage, and no fine, imprisonment, or other penalty shall be enforced for any violation of this Act occurring within four months after its passage.

Section 12 of the House bill authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to cooperate with other agencies and provides the necessary authority for making appropriations. This section remains unchanged except that it becomes Section 13 in consequence of the changes in the numbering of the preceding sections.

Our previous reference to the bill appeared in the "Chronicle" of Aug. 13, page 692.

**CRUDE OIL PRICES TURN UPWARD—
STATISTICAL POSITION.**

The persistent decline in crude oil prices, which had brought down the price of Pennsylvania crude from \$6 10 a barrel on Jan. 1 1921 to \$2 25 on June 28, came to an end, at least for the time being, on Sept. 27, when advances of 20 to 25 cents were made in most, if not all, of the leading grades. Further advances of like amounts have followed this week in many if not all districts. The price of Pennsylvania crude on Oct. 7 reached \$3, an advance of 75 cents, or 25%, in the last ten days.

The following table sets forth the changes in the price of some of the principal grades of crude since Jan. 1 1921 as compared with earlier years:

	Pennsylvania	Corning	Cabell	Somerset	Ragland	No. Texas	Mid-Cont
Oct. 7.....	\$3 00	\$1 90	\$1 86	\$1 90	---	\$1 75	\$1 75
Oct. 4.....	---	---	---	---	---	1 50	1 50
Oct. 3.....	2 75	1 65	1 61	1 65	---	---	---
Sept. 27.....	2 50	1 45	1 41	1 45	85	1 25	1 25
June 28.....	2 25	1 20	1 11	1 25	60	---	---
June 16.....	2 50	1 40	1 31	---	75	1 00	1 00
June 14.....	2 75	1 65	1 56	1 55	1 00	1 25	1 25
May 17.....	3 25	2 00	1 91	1 95	---	---	---
May 2.....	---	---	---	---	---	1 50	1 50
April 25.....	3 50	---	2 16	2 20	1 25	---	---
April 18.....	3 25	2 15	1 96	2 00	1 15	---	---
Feb. 26.....	3 00	---	1 86	1 80	---	---	---
Feb. 23.....	---	1 90	---	---	---	---	---
Feb. 21.....	3 25	---	1 96	2 00	1 00	---	---
Feb. 16.....	---	2 25	---	---	---	---	---
Feb. 15.....	3 75	---	2 21	2 25	1 15	---	---
Feb. 14.....	---	2 55	2 46	---	---	---	---
Feb. 11.....	4 25	---	2 96	2 50	1 25	---	---
Feb. 9.....	---	---	---	---	---	1 75	1 75
Feb. 4.....	4 75	3 00	3 46	3 00	1 50	2 00	2 00
Jan. 31.....	5 00	---	3 71	3 75	1 75	---	---
Jan. 25.....	---	---	---	---	---	2 50	2 50
Jan. 21.....	5 50	3 50	3 96	4 00	2 00	---	3 00
Jan. 18.....	---	---	---	---	---	3 00	---
Jan. 8.....	5 75	3 75	4 21	4 25	2 25	---	---
Jan. 1 1921.....	6 10	4 25	4 46	4 50	2 60	3 50	3 50
Jan. 1 1920.....	5 00	3 50	3 42	3 25	1 75	2 75	2 75
Jan. 1 1919.....	4 00	3 85	2 77	2 60	2 32	2 25	2 25
Jan. 1 1918.....	3 75	2 80	2 70	2 55	1 20	2 00	2 00

(Compiled by Carl H. Pforzheimer & Co., specialists in oil issues.)

The following statistics show important facts bearing on the price movement, notably the reduced production and

quicken consumption of recent weeks, the decrease in number of newly completed wells (50% since Jan. 1), and in August as compared with July 1921, a decline of nearly 60% in imports:

(1) CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION, &c., IN AUGUST (GEOLOGICAL SURVEY).
(Compiled from "Oil Paint & Drug Reporter" for Oct. 3.)

Month	Domestic Production	Imports	Exports	Total	Stocks on Last Day	Est. Consumption	New Wells
1921, Aug.	40,964,000	3,252,000	884,000	168,000,000	42,800,000	952	
July	40,328,000	8,046,000	538,000	167,000,000	41,500,000	1,157	
June	40,400,000	10,200,000	600,000	161,000,000	42,800,000	1,471	
May	42,600,000	9,100,000	900,000	153,800,000	41,500,000	1,401	
April	40,100,000	10,000,000	700,000	145,000,000	42,500,000	1,224	
March	41,000,000	12,300,000	700,000	138,200,000	45,200,000	1,452	
Feb.	35,300,000	11,400,000	800,000	130,900,000	39,300,000	1,574	
Jan.	37,900,000	13,200,000	700,000	124,300,000	48,300,000	1,832	
1920, Aug.	39,100,000	10,800,000	500,000	115,100,000	47,100,000	2,465	
July	38,200,000	6,800,000	700,000	130,800,000	43,400,000	1,859	
1919, July	33,900,000	4,500,000	200,000	141,700,000	32,100,000	1,509	
1918, July	31,800,000	2,800,000	500,000	135,100,000	36,900,000	1,687	

a Pipe line and tank farm stocks of domestic petroleum plus Mexican petroleum held in U. S. by importers. Figures in 1921 not directly comparable with stocks for previous years; for comparison add 17,800,000 bbls. b The number of producing oil wells completed during the month.

(2) PRODUCTION BY FIELDS—NET STOCK FROM SAME SOURCES AT END OF MONTH.

No. 1,000 Bbl. (42 U.S. Gal.)	Production				Stocks on—	
	July 1921	Aug. 1921	Aug. 1920	First 8 Months 1921	Aug. 31 1921	Jan. 31 1921
California	10,247	10,026	8,997	80,854	67,703	32,338
Oklahoma	10,205	10,217	9,371	---	---	---
Kansas	3,418	3,337	3,375	170,842	164,075	89,586
Texas Cen. & N.	5,523	5,253	6,148	(Mid-Continent)	9,753	68,293
N. La. & Ark.	3,401	3,742	3,371	---	---	7,535
Texas Coastal	2,557	2,852	2,264	22,641	16,160	16,360
La. Coastal	149	133	144	(Gulf Coast)	(Gulf Coast)	11,266
Wyoming	1,144	1,472	1,524	13,863	11,198	935
Mont. & Colo.	124	128	23	(Rocky Mt.)	(Rocky Mt.)	727
Kentucky	706	786	774	---	---	2,044
West Virginia	727	681	688	---	---	---
Pennsylvania	566	675	640	20,798	20,155	4,138
Cent. & E. Ohio	403	444	469	(Appalachian)	(Appalachian)	3,501
N. Y. & Tenn.	81	87	77	---	---	---
Lima-Indiana	195	207	215	1,664	1,609	1,264
Illinois	805	846	924	7,312	7,718	6,396
Southw. Indiana	77	78	51	---	---	3,062
Mex. Importers	---	---	---	---	---	5,209
Tot. (1,000 lbs.)	40,328	40,964	39,055	317,974	288,618	168,023

(3) ESTIMATED DAILY AVERAGE CRUDE PRODUCTION (AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTES).

Weeks ending—	Oct. 1.	Sept. 24.	Sept. 17.	Sept. 10.	Sept. 3.
Crude production, daily average in barrels	1,156,600	1,166,050	1,276,900	1,275,040	1,292,270

(4) IMPORTS OF CRUDE OIL FROM MEXICO AND ELSEWHERE AND THE EXPORT MOVEMENT (BUREAU OF FOREIGN & DOMESTIC COMM.).

Imports—	August 1921		July 1921		Jan.-Aug. 1921		Jan.-Aug. 1920	
	1921	Average	1921	Average	incl., 1921	incl., 1920	---	---
Mexico	3,352,218	108,136	8,046,840	259,575	77,674,943	56,568,081	5,234,526	---
Other countries	11	---	21	1	1,070	3,977	---	---
Total	3,352,229	108,136	8,046,861	259,576	77,675,943	56,568,081	---	---
Exports	884,816	28,542	537,958	17,353	5,850,197	5,234,526	---	---

Estimated Total Consumption of Domestic and Exported Petroleum.

	May 1921	June 1921	July 1921	August 1921
Total	41,527,000	42,797,000	41,533,000	42,760,000
Daily average	1,339,581	1,426,567	1,339,774	1,379,355

(5) PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION FOR FIRST HALF OF 1920 & 1921 (Unit of 100,000 Gallons).

Production, &c.— (100,000 Gallons)	Gasoline		Kerosene		Gas & Fuel		Lubricating	
	1921	1920	1921	1920	1921	1920	1921	1920
Stocks Jan. 1	462	447	393	339	837	714	160	137
Production	2,573	2,178	980	1,120	4,785	3,934	441	502
Imports	15	21	---	---	---	---	---	---

Totals	3,050	2,646	1,373	1,459	5,622	4,648	601	639
Deduct—Exports	286	286	380	419	*991	852	136	207
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Domestic consumption	1,999	1,846	549	613	3,319	3,098	202	297

Balance, stocks June 30— 750 504 435 421 1,249 642 261 133

* Includes fuel or bunker oil for vessels engaged in foreign trade: 1920, 10,874,918 bbls.; 1921, 13,397,198 bbls.

MANUFACTURERS OF TERRA COTTA INDICTED UNDER SHERMAN LAW.

Indictments charging criminal violation of the Sherman anti-trust law were recently returned by the Federal Grand Jury in this city against several corporations and individuals engaged in the manufacture of terra cotta. Announcement to this effect was made on Sept. 28 by William Hayward. "This is a very aggravated case," said Colonel Hayward. "This is a very aggravated case," said Colonel Hayward. "These men got together and divided the United States into certain definite divisions of territory as arbitrarily and with as complete and definite discipline as the German General Staff used in dividing the western front

into combat sectors." The New York "Times," on Sept. 29, had the following to say with regard to the indictments:

Twenty-two corporations and twenty-seven individuals, accused of monopolizing the terra cotta business of the United States and of increasing prices from \$40 to \$400 a ton, have been indicted by the Federal Grand Jury on charges of criminally violating the Sherman Anti-Trust law, it was announced yesterday by Colonel William Hayward, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York.

Mr. Hayward said the investigation of the terra cotta industry revealed a startling situation. In this, as in other branches of the building trades, Samuel Untermyer, counsel to the Lockwood committee, rather understated than overstated conditions in the building trades, he said.

"Terra cotta may properly be classed as next in importance to steel and cement in the building industry," he added. "We find that this vast industry reaching from here to the Coast has been within the complete and arbitrary control of about twenty-three men throughout the United States. Those men are banded together and operate almost as one."

The local Federal officials had the co-operation of the Department of Justice in most of the large cities. Subpoenas were issued in all important cities direct to terra cotta manufacturers.

This City Isolated.

The first indictment charged all the terra cotta manufacturers in the United States with four violations of the Sherman law. Prior to the organization of the trade associations, it was said, the terra cotta manufacturers competed freely throughout the country. The national society, according to Col. Hayward, divided the country in such a manner that the majority of the terra cotta manufacturers refused to enter and compete in the New York market and had refrained from making any sales or shipments to this city by common agreement.

"The second count more directly charges price fixing through the medium of the open price plan," he continued. "The details of the business of each concern, it is charged, were disseminated among all other concerns. The third count charges an elimination of all competition on the subject of so-called additions so that the one manufacturer who had erected the original structure could dictate his own price to the builder or owner of the building who desired to make any extensions or to erect any adjacent structures. The fourth count of the indictment charges monopoly of the terra cotta industry of the United States. The indictment alleges that the association controlled more than 95% of the terra cotta industry in the United States and by reason of the evil practices in price fixing, division of territory and elimination of competition has violated the Sherman law and has monopolized the industry.

"The second indictment concerns itself more directly with the violations of the Sherman law on the part of the Eastern group of manufacturers. It contains all the counts set forth in the indictment against the national group, and adds a further count charging the Eastern group with elimination of competition and price fixing through the medium of an allotment and division of business among themselves. In the monopoly count against the Eastern group it is charged that they completely controlled the terra cotta industry in the Eastern States, and by reason of their unfair and illegal practices through the price fixing, elimination of competition and by various other methods violated the monopoly section of the Sherman law.

Divided Eastern Territory.

"No one group or single manufacturer in the so-called Central or Western territory would have dared to come into New York or any part of the Eastern territory. They were not satisfied with a division of territory, but felt that to more completely control their price-fixing scheme and the stifling of competition they had to divide the business among themselves in their own territory. Each concern was allotted a quota of business, and great pains were taken by all the others to see that none of them exceeded its respective percentages.

"That there were no mere technical violations and that these men knew they were violating the law is apparent from the fact that these schemes were hatched behind barred doors at secret weekly meetings at which no secretary or outsider was ever permitted to enter and of which no minutes or records of any kind were kept. We find that with the possible exception of rare and isolated instances not a single manufacturer has increased his kiln capacity. They took pains to see that the supply never equaled the demand.

"The upshot of it all has been that the price of terra cotta in recent years has risen from approximately \$40 to \$300 and \$400 per ton and, in the case of so-called additions, as high as \$700 and \$800 per ton.

"I believe we are striking at the root of the present shortage of housing prevalent in every large city in the land. Not until building materials are brought down to reasonable prices will there be any extensive building in the larger centres. I want to make it clear that the efforts of this office do not constitute a drive against business, big or little, but it is an honest effort to separate the sheep from the goats and it is as much in the interest of legitimate manufacturers as it is in the interest of consumers."

The defendants named in the indictments are:

The American Terra Cotta and Ceramic Co., Chicago, Ill.; Atlanta Terra Cotta Co., East Point, Ga.; Atlantic Terra Cotta Co., Tottenville, N. Y., Perth Amboy, N. J., and Rocky Hill, N. J.; N. Clark & Sons, Alameda, Cal.; Conklin-Armstrong Terra Cotta Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; Denny-Renton Clay and Coal Co., Seattle, Wash.; The Denver Terra Cotta Co., Denver, Col.; Federal Terra Cotta Co., Woodbridge, N. J.; Gladding, McBean & Co., Lincoln, Cal.; The Indianapolis Terra Cotta Co., Indianapolis, Ind.; Los Angeles Pressed Brick Co., Los Angeles, Cal.; Midland Terra Cotta Co., Cicero, Ill.; The New Jersey Terra Cotta Co., Perth Amboy, N. J.; New York Architectural Terra Cotta Co., Long Island City, N. Y.; Northern Clay Co., Auburn, Wash.; Northwestern Terra Cotta Co., Chicago, Ill.; the St. Louis Terra Cotta Company, St. Louis, Mo.; The South Amboy Terra Cotta Company, South Amboy, New Jersey; Tropico Potteries, Inc., Glendale, Cal.; Washington Brick, Lime & Sewer Pipe Co., Clayton, Wash.; Western Terra Cotta Co., Kansas City, Mo.; The Winkle Terra Cotta Co., St. Louis, Mo.; W. D. Gates, President of the American Terra Cotta & Ceramic Co.; H. B. Wey, Vice-President of Atlantic Terra Cotta Co.; William H. Powell, President of Atlantic Terra Cotta Co.; F. G. Evans, Vice-President of Atlantic Terra Cotta Co.; G. D. Clark, Secretary of N. Clark & Sons; Thomas F. Armstrong, President of Conklin-Armstrong Terra Cotta Co.; S. Geijsheek, Manager of Terra Cotta Dept. of Denny-Renton Clay & Coal Co.; G. R. Facht, Vice-Pres. of the Denver Terra Cotta Co.; De Forest Grant, President of Federal Terra Cotta Co.; Harry Lee King, Asst. Sec. of Federal Terra Cotta Co.; Athol McBean, Secretary of Gladding, McBean & Co.; George Lacy, Manager of the Indianapolis Terra Cotta Co.; Howard Frost, President of Los Angeles Pressed Brick Co.; H. B. Potter, Secretary of Los Angeles Pressed Brick Co.; H. Mendus, President Midland Terra Cotta Co.; E. V. Eskerson, President and Gen.

Manager of the New Jersey Terra Cotta Co.; Karl Mathiasen, Jr., Secretary of the New Jersey Terra Cotta Co.; Richard F. Dalton, President of New York Architectural Terra Cotta Co.; Walter Geer, Jr., Vice-Pres. and Treasurer of New York Architectural Terra Cotta Co.; P. S. MacMichael, President of the Northern Clay Co.; Harry J. Lucas, Vice-Pres. of the Northwestern Terra Cotta Co.; R. F. Grady, Vice-Pres. of St. Louis Terra Cotta Co.; Peter C. Olsen, Secretary of the South Amboy Terra Cotta Co.; F. B. Ortman, Vice-Pres. of Tropico Potteries, Inc.; V. E. Piollet, Vice-Pres. of Washington Brick, Lime & Sewer Pipe Co.; William Timmerman, President of Western Terra Cotta Co.; J. G. Hewitt, Vice-Pres. of the Winkle Terra Cotta Co.

TEXT OF OPINION IN DECISION OF NEW YORK COURT OF APPEALS HOLDING SOLDIER BONUS LAW UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

The "New York Law Journal" on Monday, Sept. 12, published the text of the opinion of the decision of the New York Court of Appeals holding the Soldier Bonus Law of this State invalid, and we reproduce the opinion further below. As pointed out in our issue of Sept. 3 (p. 1073) the prevailing opinion was written by Judge Andrews, and his conclusions are concurred in by Chief Judge Hiscock and Judges Hogan, McLaughlin and Crane. Judges Cardozo and Pound dissent, and each submits a separate opinion in support of his position.

The majority of the Court rests its judgment on the two main points, namely (1) that the Act of the Legislature known as the Soldiers' and Sailors' Bonus Law (Laws of 1920, Chap. 872) is violative of the Constitutional provision that the credit of the State shall not be given or loaned to or in aid of any individual (Const., Article VII, Sec. 1; Art. VIII, Sec. 9), and furthermore (2) that the Act cannot be sustained on the ground that it is a recognition of a moral obligation. To create a moral obligation justifying an expenditure of public funds, there must be some direct benefit received by the State as a State, or some injury suffered by the claimant under circumstances where the State might in fairness be asked to respond. Gratitude is not enough, nor is the fact that services rendered at the command of the United States incidentally benefit every State. While the purpose of the Act in question may be said to be a public one, on its face it shows an attempt not to pay a claim, but to give a reward. All residents of the State who served more than two months, are, through the sale of State bonds under the Act, to be paid indiscriminately \$10 a month for each month of service, without regard to the kind or perils of the service, or the hardships endured, or the physical or mental injury suffered. This, says the Court, is a gratuity, and is forbidden by the Constitution. The complete text of Judge Andrews' remarks follows:

The only question before us is the validity of Chapter 872 of the Laws of 1920. The defendant was the successful bidder for \$25,000 of bonds issued under the authority of that Act. It later refused to accept them. If the Act is constitutional under the submission the plaintiff is entitled to an affirmation of the judgment of the Appellate Division in its favor. If not, the defendant should succeed.

The Act provides for the issue of \$45,000,000 of bonds by the State. Their proceeds are to be paid into the State treasury and expended for a bonus to persons who served in the military or naval service of the United States at any time between April 6 1917 and November 11 1918. These moneys, therefore, must be applied for this object and for no other purpose whatever (Constitution, Art. 7, Sec. 4). "Every person, male or female, who was enlisted, inducted, warranted or commissioned, and who served honorably in active duty in the military or naval service of the United States at any time" during the war "for a period longer than two months, and who at the time of entering into such service was a resident of the State of New York, and is a resident at the time this Act takes effect, and who was honorably separated or discharged from such service, or who is still in active service, or has been retired, or has been furloughed to a reserve," is to receive \$10 for each month of active service, not exceeding, however, \$250 in the aggregate. If dead, the same amount shall be paid to the relatives of the deceased. As required by its terms this Act was submitted to the people and was approved by a vote of 1,117,546 in its favor as against 630,365 in opposition.

The logic of this opinion is not that the Legislature is unauthorized to aid the wounded. We cannot too clearly emphasize at the outset of our discussion that this is not an Act to care for and restore to health and usefulness those who became disabled in the performance of their duty. To do this is a sacred trust. Every human impulse prompts us to its full accomplishment. Neglect here spells disgrace. Yet by this Act help for the wounded is at least postponed. For them as a class nothing is done. Whatever right the State may have to use its moneys in making these the subject of its first and devoted consideration, this right finds no expression in the present statute. The wounded are not a reason or a ground for its enactment. He who occupied a perfectly safe, although highly useful desk in a department, stands on a level, under this Act's provisions, with that other who comes back to us shattered in mind or body because of a more perilous service. This court, of course, considers the purpose of the Act as it is written. What we may say has no bearing upon and is no definition of the power of the State to provide for the disabled, for whose prompt and adequate care there is an insistent and righteous demand. The statute includes every one indiscriminately who served the United States for two months, whatever the circumstances of his or her induction into the service. Nor is it in fulfillment of any promise made to encourage enlistment. The Selective Service Act expressly provided that no bonus should be given for that purpose and that no substitute should be accepted. It called upon every citizen of the United States between

certain ages to render his full obligation to the nation. The only exceptions allowed were those made in the Act itself. It is also true that the number of the beneficiaries and the amount they will receive is indefinite.

It is now assumed that \$45,000,000 will suffice. It may be so. It may be equally true that a far larger sum will be required to make the payments designed. We all know how often, when an issue of bonds is proposed, the amount that will be required in the end is underestimated. More than once we have had that experience. Nor is there any assurance that other and greater debts may not be incurred if a second bonus is proposed. It may be said, and said truly, that \$10 a month will not compensate our soldiers for their sacrifices. Elsewhere the sum of \$15 or more has been allowed under somewhat similar Acts. Should New York, it has already been asked, do less than others? We see no limit to the indebtedness with which the State may be burdened.

If, however, the Legislature has the power to create a debt for the purpose declared in this Act, these considerations are not for us. They serve but to admonish us to scrutinize our constitution with the greater care, to use the greater caution in deciding how and when and why New York may incur indebtedness under its limitations. To that question we confine ourselves.

At the basis of our idea as to the relation of the citizen to the State is one outstanding principle of taxation. Whether or not the Legislature is curbed by any constitutional formula no tax may be imposed except it be for a public purpose. Otherwise, however, unless for some constitutional restriction the taxing power is plenary. Except for such restriction the Legislature may appropriate public moneys for private corporations or for individuals if thereby the public welfare is promoted (*Town of Guilford v. Board of Supervisors, Chenango County, 13 N. Y., 143.*)

It is said that this Act serves no such purpose. We think, however, that it does. In deciding whether the object for which taxation is imposed is for a public object the court "must be governed mainly by the course and usage of the government, the objects for which taxes have been customarily and by long course of legislation levied, what objects or purposes have been considered necessary to the support and for the proper use of the government, whether State or municipal. Whatever lawfully pertains to this and is sanctioned by time and the acquiescence of the people may well be held to belong to a public use, and proper for the maintenance of good government, though this may not be the only criterion of rightful taxation" (*Loan Ass'n v. Topeka, 20 Wall., 655, 665.*) In this State the granting of pensions and gratuities for military service is not a new experiment. By the Act of May 11 1784, public land was granted to Revolutionary veterans. By Chapter 8 of the Laws of 1814 pay in addition to that granted by the United States was given to soldiers of the War of 1812. By Chapter 178 of the Laws of 1904 a pension was granted to the last survivor of that war. By Section 220 of the Military Law a pension was given to any member of the militia who had been disabled within ten years in the performance of duty. A pension policy has long been adopted by the United States and Acts similar to ours have been passed in at least nineteen other States.

The payment of a pension or a bonus for past services showing the gratitude of the people, showing that the State is mindful of those who have made sacrifices for it, is an incitement to patriotism and an encouragement to defend the country in future conflicts. Even if such a payment is not clearly one made in the general interest, at least there is such ground for the claim that where the Legislature has accepted that view the courts may not interfere. That they believe the action unwise or unnecessary is immaterial. As to that question the Legislature is the final arbiter (*Jones v. City of Portland, 245 U. S., 217; State ex rel. Atwood v. Johnson, 175 N. W. Rep., 489; State ex rel. Atwood v. Johnson, 176 N. W. Rep., 224; Gustafson v. Rhinow, 144 Minn., 415; State v. Clauson, 194 Pac. Rep., 793; Opinions of the Justices, 211 Mass., 608.*) What long custom and usage has sanctioned, what the weight of judicial authority has approved, that we should be slow to declare wrongful. Nor may a distinction be made between such a bonus as our Act provides and a pension. The one is a reward for past military services payable at once, the other such a reward payable in installments.

We are to determine, therefore, whether there are any limitations in our constitution upon the powers of the Legislature which affect the matter before us. Originally there were none. In the Constitutional convention of 1846, however, it was found that the State had contracted debts which, with interest, amounted to some \$38,000,000. Six million dollars represented instances where the public credit had been used to finance railroads then insolvent; \$2,700,000, railroads still rated as solvent, but whose condition was precarious. There was much discussion as to how this debt should be paid, and as to how in the future "abuses of delegated power" should be prevented. Gross extravagance was charged. There was fear of repudiation. Moneys raised by loans could be wasted with little comment, when the same waste would cause a storm of protest if the moneys had to be raised by taxation. The existing evil required drastic remedies. The power to create debts must be curbed before ruin came. Reliance might not be solely placed upon the public spirit and the economic knowledge of the Legislature. Something more was needed. So the committee on the State finances finally reported an article entitled "on the power to create future State debts and liabilities and in restraint thereof." This report, which was adopted with immaterial verbal alterations, became a part of Article 7 of the constitution. No longer under any circumstances might the credit of the State in any manner be given or loaned to or in aid of any individual, association or corporation. To meet casual deficits the State might contract debts not exceeding at any time \$1,000,000 in the aggregate. It might also contract debts to repel invasion, suppress insurrection or for defense in war. Except for these purposes a debt might be incurred at all only for some specific object distinctly named, in an Act passed in a certain way, approved by the people, containing provisions for a direct tax sufficient to provide for its repayment within eighteen years.

This article as reported was confined solely to limiting the power of the Legislature as to debts. It did not touch the power to appropriate the property of the State or the money it might raise by taxation for payments or gifts to individuals or corporations so long as such payments or gifts subserved the public good. It was proposed to limit this power also. Mr. Charles O'Connor suggested the addition to the section of the provision, "Nor shall any gift of public moneys or property be made, except as a regard for military services, or by the release of escheats and forfeitures." This was objected to, however, and as the evil apparently was not serious, the effort was abandoned and the section was allowed to stand as reported (*Debates of the Convention, p. 722.*) In the address by the members of the convention to the people it was said: "They have incorporated many useful provisions more effectually to secure the people in their rights of person and property against the abuses of delegated power" (*Convention Journal, p. 1547.*)

Cut off from the right to loan or give the credit of the State, however, by 1867 the Legislature had begun to resort freely to grants of public funds to railroads and to charitable associations. Therefore in the Constitutional Convention of that year the attempt was renewed to deprive it of that power. Sanford E. Church, later the distinguished chief judge of this court, reported from the committee of finance a proposed article of the constitution. It contained a section numbered eleven: "Neither the credit, money or property of the State shall in any manner be given or loaned to or in aid of any individual, association or corporation" (*Proceedings of Debates, p. 791.*) This proposal was debated at length, but it was not adopted.

This constitution having been rejected by the people, a commission was appointed in 1872 to consider amendments. It was again proposed to limit the right of the State with regard to gifts and loans of its property. The committee on sectarian appropriations reported a clause: "Neither the credit nor the money or property of the State or of any county, city, village or town shall in any manner be given or loaned to or in aid of any association, corporation or other private institution whatever." Later a substitute for this proposal was accepted: "Neither the credit nor the money of the State shall be given or loaned to or in aid of any association, corporation or other private undertaking." Still later the word "other" was deleted. In the report it was said that this proposed amendment "cuts off all gifts of money and all loaning of the credit of the State to all other association, corporations, &c., but they are all subject to the same objection, and appropriations to them of the money of the State are liable to the same abuses. They must all stand or fall together" (*Journal, p. 452.*) In this form the section now stands in our constitution (Art. 8, Sec. 9).

We find, therefore, among others, two limitations imposed on the Legislature in addition to the one that was always implied. They both relate to gifts or loans either of the credit or the moneys of the State. "The credit of the State shall not in any manner be given or loaned to or in aid of any individual" (Art. 7, Sec. 1). "Neither the credit nor the money of the State shall be given or loaned to or in aid of . . . any private undertaking" (Art. 8, Sec. 9). They both also represent the triumph of efforts to prevent improvidence, to make us less any pressure from special interests, to safeguard the credit of the State, and the interests of the people as a whole. They are not to be brushed aside. They are to be fairly construed to obtain the object for which they were intended. As in 1846, so to-day, economy, public and private, is one of our pressing needs. Upon it depends the prosperity of the State and its inhabitants. The crushing load of taxation—national, State and municipal—now as then threatens our future, the future of him who pays no direct taxes as well as the future of him who does. Now as then great expenditures may be lightly authorized if payment is postponed. To place the burden upon our children is easy. Nor do we scrutinize so closely the expenditures to be made if that be done. We all recognize this tendency in private life. We incur a future obligation cheerfully, where we would hesitate had we to pay the cash. It is true in public matters. The pressure which will come when the obligation matures is ignored. Conscious of this human weakness, to guard against public bankruptcy the people thought it wise to limit the legislative power. The courts must see to it that their intentions are not frustrated or evaded. And this is true even if the action questioned seems to be approved by the voters. One of the chief objects of the constitution is the protection of minorities against the hasty acts of the majority. It expresses the well-considered, unimpassioned and deliberate judgment of the people. It is not to be amended informally. Twice two Legislatures, with newly elected members in each house, must pass upon such a proposal before it is submitted to the voters.

Whether the purpose is a public one, therefore, is no longer the sole test as to the proper use of the State's credit. Such a purpose may not be served in one particular way. However important, however useful the objects designed by the Legislature, they may not be accomplished by a gift or a loan of credit to an individual or to a corporation. It will not do to say that the character of the act is to be judged by its main object—that because the purpose is public, the means adopted cannot be called a gift or a loan. To do so would be to make meaningless the provision adopted by the convention of 1846. Gifts of credit to railroads served an important public purpose. That purpose was distinctly before the Legislature that made them. Yet they were still gifts and so were prohibited.

As we have seen, this Act provides that \$45,000,000 shall be raised by the State upon its bonds and the proceeds applied as a bonus to those who have been in the military service of the United States. We have seen also that the proceeds can be used only for this one object. Is this a gift or a loan of the credit of the State? Clearly it is not a loan. A loan implies repayment. Here there is no such situation. The bonds are issued for full value. Their proceeds are transferred absolutely with no promise, express or implied, of return.

If not a loan, then, does this Act contemplate a gift of the State's credit? In answering this question the mere form of the transaction is immaterial. If the gift of the bonds of the State to a railroad corporation would be such a gift—and it undoubtedly would be—then so would be an issue of bonds by the State with the express condition that their proceeds should be given to the same corporation. The evasion of the constitutional prohibition would be palpable, and it could not and should not be permitted.

The important question is therefore whether under this Act the provisions made for the soldiers and sailors is a gift to them or a gift in their aid. We have held that a payment to an individual is not a gift if it be made in recognition of a claim, moral or equitable, which he may have against the State. "The Legislature, however, is not prevented from recognizing claims founded on equity and justice though they are not such as could have been enforced in a court of law if the State had not been immune from suit" (*Munro v. State of N. Y., 223 N. Y., 208, 215.*) What meaning, then, have the courts given to these terms? What is an equitable or moral obligation against the State? Instances where such payments have been authorized are many. In some, claims have been allowed where beneficial services have been performed for the State (*Cole v. State of N. Y., 102 N. Y., 48*); in others where property was furnished it (*O'Hara v. State of N. Y., 112 N. Y., 146*); or the State received money for land the title to which proved defective (*Wheeler v. State of N. Y., 190 N. Y., 406*); or work was done, the expense of which in equity the State should bear (*Lehigh Valley RR. v. Canal Board, 204 N. Y., 471*). In another class of cases the Legislature has authorized payment where the claimant had been injured by the negligence of the servants of the State (*Splittort v. State of N. Y., 108 N. Y., 205*).

These cases give some indication of what we mean when we speak of a moral obligation. In all some direct benefit was received by the State as a State, or some direct injury suffered by the claimant under the circumstances where in fairness the State might be asked to respond; where something more than a mere gratuity was involved.

We are referred, however, to three cases where it is said a far wider interpretation was given to this doctrine. This we believe to be a mistake.

In *Munro v. State of N. Y.* (223 N. Y., 208) Munro was employed by the State in what has been defined as a hazardous employment in connection with a State hospital for the insane (Workmen's Compensation Law, Cons. Laws, chap. 67, sec. 2, group 7). While engaged in his work he was struck by one of a gang of eighteen insane patients, who, under the care of two keepers, were repairing a road. The State conceded on the trial that Sabilski, who assaulted him, was known to be dangerous, and also conceded that there was negligence in permitting him to be working in a gang with but two attendants. Under these circumstances there was a clear moral obligation. Munro was injured by the negligence of the State's employees. He was engaged in the kind of work which, had the employer been an individual, would have, our Legislature has said, required compensation for an accident, irrespective of fault. In *Matter of Borup* (182 N. Y., 222) we held that by retroactive statute the Legislature might assume liability or require a town to assume it where the owner's property was injured by a change of the grade of a street, although at the time of the change no recovery was possible. The law in this respect was, to the common idea, unjust. For the benefit of the public a private injury must be borne without compensation. We carefully pointed out that the individual was harmed by a public work authorized by the State. Under such circumstances it might fairly be said that a moral claim existed to compensation for affirmative acts done under its authority. In *Trus. Exempt Firemen's Ben. Fund v. Roome* (93 N. Y., 313), volunteer firemen in New York City served without pay, and to partly compensate them for years they were exempted from certain public duties and also a tax upon foreign insurance companies was paid to a corporation representing them for their use and benefit. The corporation in turn used these funds to aid them when they became disabled and indigent. When the paid fire department came into being and the volunteer firemen were disbanded the exemptions were continued and so for a limited time were the provisions as to this tax. Under the circumstances we said that this was not a gift. It was the performance of its equitable obligation by the State. The firemen had enlisted with this provision in view; they were disbanded without fault of their own; in justice the State should maintain this fund in the future as it had in the past until its objects were accomplished. Again, however, this obligation arose because of the acts of the State. The State but fulfilled, and in honor it should, its implied promise under which it had obtained the unpaid service of the firemen.

In every case that we have found, therefore, there was the foundation of a claim against the State itself, however imperfect. In all there was some obligation, not enforceable against it, perhaps because it might not be sued, perhaps because the maxim of *respondet superior* may not be invoked against it, perhaps because of the absence of some small element the presence of which would give a legal cause of action and where without that element payment might still be morally required. They are cases where the State is allowed to make compensation for benefits which it has received or for injuries which have been suffered in its service or because of its act or acts done under its authority or because of the acts of its servants. So far at least when we have used the term we have implied an obligation—something that binds—if not in law, at least in morals. There must be a duty, even if it is a duty not enforceable. The desire to compensate those to whom we owe gratitude is a natural one. It finds expression every day in common life. It is entirely to be praised. But a moral obligation, when we use that term in relation to the spending of public funds, means more than this. Gratitude is not enough.

Under these decisions is the bonus to our soldiers and sailors the payment of an obligation due them from the State? This is the ultimate question. Upon its answer depends the validity of the Act of 1920. It is so conceded in one of the dissenting opinions. And in discussing it we do not ignore the splendid services and the great patriotism not only of the American Expeditionary Forces, but of those who remained on this side of the sea. We do not forget the love and admiration that they have won and the gratitude that is theirs. We know that when the United States declared war it declared it for the whole country; that the Government of the State, the Government of the United States were equally interested in victory; that while serving the United States our soldiers and sailors were also protecting New York. We were all vitally interested in the war. Defeat spelled unspeakable calamity. Yet the men who gained the victory were not in any respect servants of the State. It did not call them from their homes or lead them to battle. It did nothing. It exercised no authority. It is said that our soldiers were taken from homes and occupations and compelled to risk their lives for inadequate pay while others earned large wages in safety—that the statute attempts in a small way to distribute more fairly the public burden. It is all true, but again the State was not the actor. Neither it nor its servants injured any one. It received no property for which it has not paid. Nor were services rendered to it in any sense that services were not rendered to every city in the land. That services rendered the United States incidentally benefited every State is no foundation for a claim of obligation, however great the gratitude due. Gratitude may impel an individual to reward his benefactor. One may do as he will with his own. The State of New York may not. Its constitution forbids. It may not attempt to equalize among its citizens inequalities caused by Federal legislation. For that equalization resort must be had to the Federal Government. And the Federal Government recognizes the claim. It intends to discharge the obligation as its own. As soon as its finances permit payments are to be made that it is estimated will amount to between \$3,000,000,000 and \$5,000,000,000. This proposition receives popular approval. It is not forbidden by our national constitution. Thus and thus only can every one, in whatever State he may reside, receive an equal reward for equal services. And when the time comes for this distribution, New York, as a part of the United States, will bear a very large proportion of the total expense involved. So it will aid in repaying the moral obligation which is due from the country to its defenders. But under this Act it will bear a double burden. Its citizens will pay twice—once for the State, once for the nation. A soldier who happens to reside here will receive more than if he chanced to live in Florida. Is New York under a moral obligation to make this second satisfaction?

Should we give the words "moral obligation" the broad meaning urged upon us we may go far. More than one man of whom we are proud, through sheer patriotism, have gone to Washington and served us in serving the United States at great cost to themselves in money and health and comfort. Have they a moral claim against the State? It is said they were voluntary agents, that they were not compelled to do what they did. Is the obligation less towards one who aids us of his free will than towards one whom the law constrains?

On its face the act itself shows an attempt not to pay a claim, but to give a reward. No distinction is made between one and another. All, whatever their merits, whether their duties led them to danger or to safety are treated alike. No attempt is made to adjust economic conditions. And as a reward, not a payment, the public rightly regards it. Did the majority favor the Act because they believed they were discharg-

ing an obligation? Or was their vote a testimony of their gratitude? We are told that similar statutes have been passed elsewhere. So we have already said. It is one thing, however, to quote such practices as illustrating those fundamental principles common to free Governments as we have quoted them. It is another to use them as defining the distinction between a gift and the payment of an obligation necessitated by the language of our constitution. Such decisions as have been made show the danger of such a course. In Massachusetts the justices were of the opinion that money might lawfully be raised by taxation to pay veterans of the Civil War, but they speak of such a payment as a gratuity (Opinion of the Justices, 211 Mass., 208). In Wisconsin money was to be raised by taxation to pay a bonus to veterans. In considering the constitutionality of this act the court held that notwithstanding the soldiers served the United States, they also served Wisconsin, and that as the object was to promote loyalty the Act served a public purpose. But the question we must decide, whether any moral obligation rested on the State to make compensation, did not arise. The inference is that the court did not so believe, for it treats the bonus as a mere gratuity. Further, an article in its constitution similar to ours (Wisconsin Constitution, Sec. 3, Art. 8), was not violated, not because the bonus was in payment of an obligation, but because the money was to be raised by taxation (*State v. Johnson*, 175 N. W. Rep., 589; *State v. Johnson*, 176 N. W. Rep., 224). In Minnesota the money necessary to pay a bonus was to be borrowed. It was held that the purpose of the loan was public and the Act constitutional. A clause like ours was in the constitution (Sec. 10, Art. 9), but this phase of the matter seems not to have been argued. Certainly it was not referred to in the opinion (*Gustafson v. Rhinow*, 175 N. W. Rep., 903). Again, in Washington a bonus was to be financed by an issue of bonds. Again, too, a similar clause in the constitution (Sec. 5, Art. 8) was not referred to. But in discussing whether the purpose of the Act was public, the court did say that moral obligation to make a compensation rested on the State (*State v. Clausen*, 194 Pac. Rep., 793).

As striking an illustration as can be found of the general understanding of this subject may be found in a recent message of the President of the United States to Congress. He says: "I have commended the policy of general treatment of the nation's defenders, not as a part of any contract, not as a payment of a debt that is owing, but as a mark of the nation's gratitude."

We need, however, go no further than our own decisions. We have used the same language under like circumstances. In 1892 an Act was passed directing supervisors to raise by tax and pay each man drafted in the Civil War a sum of \$300. Such men never received a bounty. They were compelled to serve, as the majority of the soldiers and sailors of this war served, under an Act of the National Government granting them no compensation except their military pay. We said our National Government had the right to call upon these men and that they had no claim, legal or equitable, against the town or county where the money was to be raised. Those who served under conscription only discharged their obligation to the general government. They did nothing more than fulfill their duties as citizens, and we called the proposed grant a gratuity. It is true the case might have been decided upon another ground alone. As a fact it was not. Therefore, what this court said cannot be treated as dictum. And if because of the circumstances there was no equitable claim against a county it would seem there was none against the State. The same reason should be applicable (*Bush v. Board of Supervisors*, Orange Co., 169 N. Y., 213).

We are not forgetful of the fact that if there is any reasonable ground for the legislative decision that a moral obligation exists, the court may not intervene. If there is such a ground the Legislature must determine whether the claim shall be recognized. But the prohibitions of the constitution may not be evaded by the assertion that such an obligation exists when in fact it does not. Arbitrary action may not convert a wrong into a right.

Such, we believe, is the situation here. The State proposes to give its credit to the soldiers and sailors not to satisfy any obligation that it owes them, but as a gratuity. The Act is therefore prohibited by Section 1 of Article 7 of the Constitution.

The judgment appealed from should be reversed and judgment should be rendered in favor of the defendant against the plaintiff dismissing this submission, with costs in this court.

Judge Cardozo, in his dissenting opinion says:

"The credit of the State shall not in any manner be given or loaned to or in aid of any individual, association or corporation" (Constitution of New York, Art. 7, Sec. 1). The purpose of the prohibition is revealed in its history (2 Lincoln, Constitutional History of New York, p. 87). The purpose was to put an end to the use of the credit of the State in fostering the growth of private enterprise and business. That is the mischief which gives understanding of the remedy. I do not mean that the prohibition is to be limited to the particular evil that inspired it. It is limited, however, to evils of a kindred nature. The credit of the State may not be pledged in aid of an individual who has no claim in justice or morals to relief or compensation. It may be pledged in recognition of an honorable obligation to effect a proportionate and equitable distribution of the burdens of public service (*Munro v. State of N. Y.*, 223 N. Y., 208, 216; *Matter of Borup*, 182 N. Y., 222; *Trustees of Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Fund v. Rome*, 93 N. Y., 313, 326). Payments so made or promised are in one sense gifts, for they are the voluntary assumption of liabilities not theretofore imposed by law. They are not gifts, however, in the sense of the prohibition under discussion, for their animating purpose is not beneficence, but requital.

We are told that requital, if due at all, is due not from the State, but from the nation, which summoned the host to service. I find myself unable to define by bounds so artificial the claims of equity and honor. The service that preserved the life and safety of the nation preserved at the same time the life and safety of the States (Opinion of the Justices, 190 Mass., 611, 615; *Gilbert v. Minnesota*, 254 U. S., 325, 328; *Gustafson v. Rhinow*, 144 Minn., 415, 175 N. W. Rep., 903; *State v. Johnson*, 170 Wis., 211, 175 N. W. Rep., 589). If something is still due beyond the letter of the bond (Opinion of the Justices, 175 Mass., 599), State, as well as nation, will not rest till justice has been done. Neither can silence conscience by referring the claimant to the other. I am not convinced by the argument that reparation, if due from our Legislature to residents of New York, is due in equal measure to residents of Maine and California. Each State may fairly be left to take care of its own. Most have already done so. One finds it hard to believe that they have, all of them, been meddling in matters not of their concern. It is the State rather than the nation—possessing as the State does the residuary power of Government—which in our Federal system is to be viewed as *parens patriae*. The parent does not listen unmoved to the necessities of her sons who have fought in her defense.

I pass, then, to the question whether the Legislature might reasonably hold that men, who in greatly serving had also greatly suffered, gained

thereby a claim to reparation for their suffering. I mean, of course, a claim in justice or equity or morals or honor. Great achievement and great sacrifice have been meagrely rewarded. The perils of battle, the hardships of camp and trench, may be poorly paid at any price; few will assert that they are recompensed at the rate of \$1 a day. Even for those who did not reach the firing line, there were the pangs of separation from home and kindred, the anxieties and the strain of a new and hazardous adventure. Legislature and people, beneficiaries of this devotion, have heard the call of a moral duty to mitigate the disparity between suffering and requital. But the catalogue of suffering does not end with pain of mind and body. There was money loss as well, or so at least a Legislature, looking at average conditions, might not unreasonably believe. Its judgment in such matters must prevail unless wholly arbitrary and baseless (Matter of Stubbe v. Adamson, 220 N. Y., 459, 469). Labor in the market was paid with no such modest stipend as these men received for labor in submarine and trench. Even with food and housing added to the stipend, we cannot say that there is mere caprice in a finding of the lawmakers that compensation was inadequate. Often the stipend was sent home for the benefits of relatives who, if not wholly dependent on the absent one, had need of something more if they were to be maintained in his absence according to the standards of the past. Lost also were indefinite opportunities for profit and advancement. While soldiers and sailors risked their lives abroad, wages abnormally high were the reward of those who stayed behind. The losses did not end with peace. Men who had left their callings overnight, breaking up the old relations of business and employment, found on their return that business must be rebuilt and employment sought anew. Then, too, the shock and strain provoked a period of reaction, in which idleness was inevitable. New losses must be suffered till work could be resumed and life adjusted to the ways of peace. It is significant, I think, that the statute limits the bonus to soldier and sailors of the lower grades, i. e., to those whose pay was smallest, and who are most in need of aid. Of these some may bear a loss more easily than others, but for many, if not for all, there will be loss in some degree. Legislation in such matters must take note of average conditions (Tenement House Dept., N. Y. City v. McDevitt, 215 N. Y., 160, 167). The problem is too complex, the difficulty of proof too great, for investigation of the individual case and adjustment of reward accordingly. We take judicial notice of these things (People ex rel. Durham Realty Co. v. La Petra, 230 N. Y., 429; People v. Schweinler Press, 214 N. Y., 395; Matter of Stubbe v. Adamson, 220 N. Y., 459). We take judicial notice, too, that since the beginnings of our history, a sense of the moral obligation to give aid to the returning soldier has been felt and acted on by Government (United States v. Hall, 98 U. S., 343, 346). The call of these and kindred equities has been heard and answered in the past. Are the equities so feeble, is their summons so plainly an illusion, that we may answer them no more?

We have held that the Legislature is still free, with all the restrictions imposed by the constitution upon gifts of money or of credit, to assume liability in law when liability may be found in equity or honor (Lehigh Valley RR. v. Canal Board, 204 N. Y., 471). Equity and honor are the same as in olden days. The constitution does not define them nor seek to circumscribe their content. An employee in a State hospital was injured by the assault of a patient confided to his care (Munro v. State of N. Y., 223 N. Y., 208). A statute after the event declared that upon a finding by the Court of Claims that the injuries "were so sustained" damages therefor should "constitute a legal and valid claim against the State." We held that the right to reparation was so rooted in equity and fairness that the Legislature was free to recognize it by assuming liability. We did not put our decision, as the Legislature did not base the statute, upon any theory of negligence in the conduct of the enterprise. The claimant had been injured by an "unforeseen accident." (p. 216) as the result of service to the State, and that was thought enough, though the State was not at fault. If a hospital attendant, serving in times of peace, has a moral claim to be indemnified against the risks of an employment which he was free to accept or reject, the soldier injured in a war has at least an equal equity. I cannot doubt that under Munro v. State of N. Y. (supra), a bonus or pension to the maimed or incapacitated would be the recognition and fulfillment of a moral obligation, and not a largess or donation, the dole of charity or benevolence. The conscience of the State would listen with little patience to the argument that wounded and disabled had no claim upon its bounty because wounds and disabilities were suffered in the service of the nation. This the prevailing opinion apparently concedes, though I cannot reconcile the concession with the logic of its theorem. Relief in such circumstances would not rest upon the narrow ground that the injured or disabled might be in danger of becoming paupers. It would be due, if so the Legislature should read the promptings of morality, though all were self-supporting. Aid to men thus stricken is not benevolence to the poor. It is an attempt, however feeble, with sacrifice outweighing payment, to set the balance true.

If the account may be recast by adjusting recompense to suffering when the disparity disturbs the conscience, it is for the Legislature to declare when conscience is disturbed. Not this form of sacrifice or that to the exclusion of another, but merely sacrifice unrequited, is the basis of its power. I cannot say that there is an equity in unrequited wounds and none in other suffering of body or of mind. The grip is indeed weaker, and yet it can be felt. I cannot say, if there is an equity in suffering of body or of mind, that there is none in economic suffering, the loss of money or money's worth. Few would doubt this if the soldiers had received no pay at all. Pay so inadequate as to be almost nominal does not greatly change the balance. A has saved the life of B, or of B's child, and in so doing has suffered loss. Many a man in B's case would feel that the loss should be repaired. We deal here with a like service, not of one man, but of an army. "That which would have been merely a charity or a gift is not such by reason of the service given, the consideration rendered, the honorable obligation incurred" (Trus. Exempt Firemen's Ben. Fund v. Roome, 93 N. Y., 326). We err when we envisage the soldier's relation to the Government in the category of contract. Contract in the true sense there is none, but service conscripted by the sovereign, and, even though not conscripted, rewarded at its will. That is why payment of the wage does not always satisfy the conscience that there has been payment of the debt. The constitution does not silence these mutterings of spiritual disquiet when sacrifice unevenly distributed oppresses those who profit by it with the sense of a burden undischarged. Our ruling in Matter of Borup (182 N. Y., 222) was founded in that truth. We held that it was in the power of the Legislature by a retroactive statute to assume liability to a landowner injured by a change of grade, though at the time of the change the impairment of value was damage without wrong. Under the law before the statute the loss was one of the incidents of life in organized society. It was part of the price which the citizen must pay for the benefits of Government. We held that the Legislature might readjust the incident of the burden, might establish a more equitable distribution between the individual and the public, through the voluntary acceptance of liability for a loss which was

without a remedy when suffered. I cannot yield to an appraisal of values that would find the basis of an equity there and a mere cobweb, an illusion, here. In neither case is there legal liability unless the Legislature assumes one. In each there is an unequal pressure of the burdens and the power of government upon one man and upon others. The readjustment of these burdens along the lines of equality and equity is a legitimate function of the State as long as justice to its citizens remains its chief concern (Oswego & Syracuse RR. v. State of N. Y., 226 N. Y., 351).

I am led, therefore, to the conclusion that the payment of this bonus, as money earned but not received, is not wholly without support in something which the Legislature might estimate as a moral or honorary obligation. If there is any reasonable basis for such an estimate, for such a conception of equity and justice, the courts must yield to the judgment of the Legislature that it is worthy of recognition. The question is, then, one that the Legislature must determine for itself (United States v. Realty Co., 163 U. S., 427, 444; Oswego & Syracuse RR. v. State of N. Y., supra, at p. 357). "Its decision . . . can rarely, if ever, be the subject of review by the judicial branch of the Government" (United States v. Realty Co., supra; cf. Opinion of the Justices, 175 Mass., 599, at p. 602). Some may think the service so far beyond requital that the attempt should be surrendered for mere futility. Others may think that high and unselfish sacrifice is cheapened when repaid in money. Others, again, may think that for the sake of economic or financial stability of the commonwealth losses already suffered should be left to lie where they have fallen. These are questions of political or legislative expediency. I make no attempt to answer them. I am not to substitute my judgment for the judgment of the lawmakers. The Act, moreover, was either valid or invalid at the date of its enactment. Its validity cannot turn upon the hope or expectation that aid, at some indefinite period hereafter, may be granted by the nation. Impressive is the list of like statutes to be found in other States (California, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming), as well as in foreign countries (Italy, France, Great Britain, Canada and Australia). Impressive, too, is the vote in favor of our own statute, when submitted to the electors. I cannot bring myself to believe that all these concurring acts were unmoved by any conception of honor or of duty, or that the conception, if held, had no basis in reality. If there be the possibility of conflicting motives, those that vitiate are to be rejected, and those that validate presumed.

We are warned that the recognition of this equity may be followed by the recognition of others still weaker and more rarified. All sorts of hypothetical situations are suggested in the briefs of counsel and held before us in *terrorem*. I am not swayed by these forebodings. I do not know the equity that is incapable of being reduced to an absurdity when extended by some process of analogy to varying conditions. Here, as often in the law, the difference between right and wrong is a difference of degree. Most of these imaginary problems will never in fact arise. They assume a Legislature and an electorate without responsibility or conscience. The public credit is not pledged in these cases by the Legislature alone. The pledge is invalid unless ratified by the vote of the electors (Const., Art. 7, Sec. 4). I find little opportunity here for the charlatan or the cheat. Something more than a bizzare and shadowy pretense, some service stirring the deep currents of public gratitude and loyalty, will be needed before these protecting dykes and dams are overcome and flooded. But the existence of a power is not refuted by demonstrating the opportunity for its abuse. The abuse must be dealt with when it arises (Opinion of the Justices, 175 Mass., 599, at p. 602). We may not nullify a statute from mere mistrust of the capacity of Legislature and people to use their power wisely. I am persuaded that hundreds of thousands of earnest men and women believe that justice and equity demand the payment of this bonus. They may be wrong. I do not know. It is enough that I cannot characterize their belief as a vagary of the mind, and idle dream or phantasy, an irrational pretense.

None of the previous cases in this State controls the case before us. Bush v. Board of Supervisors Orange Co. (159 N. Y., 212) is not decisive. The claim of drafted men or of those who had hired a substitute that they should receive, many years after the Civil War, a bounty equal to that paid as a reward for volunteering, had small support in morals (cf. opinion of the Justices, 190 Mass., 611; Opinion of the Justices, 211 id., 608). That decision, moreover, could stand on the single ground that the debt, contracted by a county, was not one for county purposes, and that there was surely no moral obligation resting on the county, even though upon some strained theory we might ascribe one to the State. The Mahon case (Matter of Mahon v. Board of Education, N. Y. City, 171 N. Y., 263) does not control, for the teachers were servants of the municipality, who has made a voluntary contract, and the constitution prohibits the grant of extra compensation to public officers, servants, agents or contractors of the State, or of its civil subdivisions (Art. III, Sec. 28). That provision is inapplicable here, for it postulates a contract to which the State or the municipality was a party, and not submission to a mandate, issued by another agency of Government, where volition is excluded. What was said in the other cases so far as it is applicable here was *obiter*. We may even assume in accordance with the rather sweeping dictum of Cullen Ch.J., that there is no longer room for the play of mere gratitude and charity (Lehigh Valley RR. v. Canal Bd., 204 N. Y., 471). The dictum is coupled with the concession that room there still is for the recognition of the claims of equity and justice (pp. 475, 476). Trus. of Exempt Firemen's Ben. Fund v. Roome (93 N. Y., 313), and Munro v. State of N. Y. (223 N. Y., 208) show how plastic and comprehensive is the content of those terms. There is a difference, not to be ignored, between profit and indemnity. If the soldiers had not suffered, and the sole purpose of the bonus were to reward them above others, the reward might be said to have no basis except gratitude, a free offering of thanksgiving, untouched by the admixture of any sentiment of justice. Their service has been coupled with sacrifice, and from the union of the two there is born the equity that prompts to reparation.

The judgment should be affirmed, with costs.

Judge Pound, in taking issue with the majority opinion, is very brief, and puts his dissent as follows:

The New York Constitution, Article 7, Section 1, provides: "The credit of the State shall not in any manner be given or loaned to or in aid of any individual, association or corporation." I am unable to agree with my associates that this limitation prohibits the creation of a debt upon submission to the people, pursuant to Article 7, Section 4, for the purpose of raising money to pay soldiers' bonuses or for any other public purpose which is to be carried out by the State itself without the intervening agency of an individual, association or corporation.

The credit of the State is not given to or in aid of the recipients of the State's bounty under Chapter 872, Laws of 1920. It is not given or loaned

"in any manner." It is sold in the market to the purchasers of the bonds. The borrowed money becomes the money of the State and is held subject to the provisions of Article 8, Section 9. It may not be given "to or in aid of any . . . private undertaking." Except for such limitation, it may be given to individuals for any public purpose "in pursuance of an appropriation by law," but not otherwise (Const., Art. 3, Sec. 21).

The payment of soldiers' bonuses is or may be recognized as being for a public purpose and a public undertaking. The purpose and the undertaking are to supplement the pay of the soldiers and thereby to promote military zeal in the future. Whether the sense of gratitude or the sense of obligation prevailed with the Legislature and the people as the impulse of the legislation, whether the bonus is to be regarded as alms or honorarium, thus becomes a matter of indifference to the court. What to one seems an act of gratitude becomes to another the recognition of an equity. But the State may borrow money for its public purposes, whether moved thereto by benevolence or by moral constraint, so long as no association, corporation or private undertaking receives the money or is thereby aided. I vote to affirm.

FURTHER SALES OF EQUIPMENT OBLIGATIONS BY U. S. GOVERNMENT—OUTLOOK VERY ENCOURAGING.

Referring to the recent sales of railroad equipment, obligations by the United States Treasury Secretary Mellon was quoted on Oct. 3 as saying that more than \$100,000,000 of these securities had thus far been sold and that the indications were that a considerable additional amount, at least \$100,000,000, would probably be disposed of within a very short time. This, he considers very encouraging.

Recent issues of the "Chronicle" have reported the Government's sales of equipment securities to a total of \$97,266,000,000 (compare issues of Sept. 17, p. 1212; Sept. 24, p. 1324; Oct. 1, p. 1428). In addition to these, the following blocks have recently been marketed bringing its total sales of railroad equipment notes and equipment trust certificates, so far as shown by records in New York City, up to \$98,967,800, as of Oct. 7, viz.:

Washington Southern last eight installments sold to J. F. Wilkin & Co. and Equitable Trust Co. of Baltimore	\$393,400
Washington Terminal Co.	50,400
Southern Pacific Co.	751,200
Portions of sundry other issues	107,800

A special dispatch on Oct. 3 to the "New York Times" quoting Mr. Mellon as above, further says:

As a result of sales already made, the Administration has sufficient funds to make payments to carriers where final agreement has been reached as to the respective amounts owed to each other by the Government and the railroads.

The Railroad Administration originally had about \$380,000,000 [or \$360,000,000] of equipment trust certificates. It is believed that a second \$100,000,000, or a total of at least \$200,000,000, will have been sold within the next few weeks. The certificates pay 6% return in interest and must be marketed by the Government at par or better.

The fact that the Administration now has sufficient funds to meet the present requirements for settlements with the carriers is considered of the highest importance. At present negotiations are in progress with several railroads which should provide them with funds for increasing repair and maintenance work and generally aid the gradual revival of industrial conditions.

Interesting particulars regarding the settlement of railroad claims by the Director-General of Railroads up to Oct. 1 1921 are given elsewhere in this Department.

VALUATIONS AS TENTATIVELY COMPLETED FOR AN ADDITIONAL 44 RAILROADS.

On pages 1008 to 1011 of the "Chronicle" for Sept. 3 we published, in somewhat abridged form, the elaborate table of valuations for 106 railroads, large and small, as compiled by the Railroad Presidents' Conference Committee on Federal Valuation from the reports of valuation served by the Inter-State Commerce Commission on the several carriers in question.

Frederick H. Lee, Secretary of the aforesaid Committee, now submits similar data for an additional 44 roads, among them the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry., the facts regarding whose valuation were badly garbled in recent press reports. (Compare "Chronicle" of Sept. 17, p. 1250.)

In presenting the valuations of the 44 additional roads (which we summarize below in precisely the same form as adopted for the initial 106 roads), Mr. Lee, under date of Sept. 30, supplements his explanatory statement of July 20 with the following cautionary observations:

Danger of Comparing the Reported Values with Investment Account or Capitalization.

Comparisons will probably be attempted of the reported "values" with the carrier's Investment in Road and Equipment account and its capitalization.

While such comparisons can, of course, be made, proper consideration should be given to the fact that the "Values," the Investment in Road and Equipment account, and the capitalization of a carrier are different things and, therefore, are not strictly comparable for a number of reasons, some of which follow:

(a) Under the title of "Final Value" the Commission states that it is reporting the "Values," as that term is used in the Inter-State Commerce Act, of the property of the carrier.

Five classifications are made, the two major ones being, (1) the total owned, both used and not used, and (2) the total used, both owned and not owned.

Under these two classifications the valuations purport to show the value of the carrier property which it owns, without regard to its use, and the value of the property which it uses in transportation, irrespective of its ownership.

(b) The values, so called, seem to consist principally of the estimated cost of reproduction less depreciation, which is based on certain assumptions and so-called "normal" unit prices as of June 30, 1914. To this estimate there appears to have been added the "present value" of carrier lands and the amount of working capital and materials and supplies on valuation date (which dates for these tentative valuations are as of June 30, for the years 1914 to 1917, as the case may be).

(c) After making the estimate of the cost of reproduction new the Commission proceeds to depreciate the carrier's property by the straight-line method, assigning different service lives to the constituent items of the carrier's physical property. The methods adopted do not determine the actual existing depreciation of the property at the time of the inventory nor at present, but only report the estimated theoretical depreciation or the estimated expiration of service life at the date of the inventory. This estimate is treated as if it were actual depreciation, with the result that the valuations report the existence of an excessive amount for depreciation, not at all in accord with the actual condition of the property under usual and proper maintenance.

(d) The estimate of the cost of reproduction new is based on certain theoretical assumptions and many items of cost, incurred in the construction of the property, are omitted. It is moreover limited to the cost of bringing the property into existence and ready for operation, and does not include anything for the development of the property or the business after that date.

(e) Among the items of cost that occur in the construction of a railroad, but which have been omitted or not reported in the estimate, are the following:

- Preliminary and location surveys.
- Cost for removing buildings or other structures from the right of way.
- Cost of trestles and other temporary structures actually used but not considered essential for the new construction.
- Cost of street or highway changes off the right of way.
- Appreciation costs. Crossings built for other carriers.
- Contingencies. Assessments for public improvements.

(f) The Investment in Road and Equipment account is general balance sheet account 701 of the I. C. C. classification of income, profit and loss, and general balance sheet accounts. This account includes the Company's Investment in Road and Equipment (including that held under contract for purchase) in existence at the date of the balance sheet or on the books of the carrier on the date of valuation.

The Investment in Road and Equipment account does, however, contain many items of cost for which no equivalent is reported in the estimate of cost of reproduction new nor in "Final Value," some of which are listed above as being omitted or not reported.

(g) The capitalization will be found under General Balance Sheet Accounts 751 to 753 and 755 to 757. In many instances securities have been issued to procure funds to make investments in affiliated or controlled companies which are separately operated. Such investments are carried in Accounts 706 and 707, and are not included in the figure of "Final Value" contained in the tentative valuation of the controlling company as the valuations are being made separately for each owning and operating company. An illustration of this can be seen in the valuation of the New Orleans Texas & Mexico Railway Co.

Some of the securities may have been issued for or used to purchase property carried under "Miscellaneous Physical Property," Account 705, which is not included in the "Value," nor in the Investment in Road and Equipment account.

Best Course to Pursue if Making Any Such Comparison.

From the above it will be seen that in attempting to make comparisons, careful consideration must be given to all the facts reported; and that an exact comparison between Final Value and Investment in Road and Equipment, or with capitalization, is almost impossible and should only be made by those fully informed as to the facts in each case.

If, however, a comparison is attempted of any of the totals of the classifications reported under "Final Value" with the Investment in Road and Equipment, or the capitalization, it would seem that the total of the figures reported under the caption "Total Owned" for each particular company and its subsidiaries would be more nearly comparable therewith than those of any other classifications.

Hearings on Valuation of K. C. Southern and Los Angeles & Salt Lake Rys.

The date for the oral argument (Oct. 5, 6 and 7) fixed by the Commission in the valuation of the property of the Kansas City Southern Railway, Valuation Docket No. 4, and the San Pedro Los Angeles & Salt Lake RR. Co. [now Los Angeles & Salt Lake Ry.—ED.], Valuation Docket No. 20, has been postponed until Nov. 1, 2 and 3, at 10:30 a.m. at the office of the Commission, Washington, D. C.

Amendment to Valuation Act Regarding Valuation of Land.

Another bill, proposing to amend the Valuation Act so far as it relates to land, has been introduced in Congress (H. R. 8009) by Congressman Evans of Nebraska. The bill has been referred to the Committee on Inter-State & Foreign Commerce. It is proposed to amend Sections First and Second to the Act so that they will read as follows:

First: In such investigation said commission shall ascertain and report in detail as to each piece of property, other than land,* owned or used by said common carrier for its purposes as a common carrier, the original cost to date, the cost of reproduction new, the cost of reproduction less depreciation, and an analysis of the methods by which these several costs are obtained, and the reason for their differences, if any. The commission shall in like manner ascertain and report separately other values, and elements of value, if any, of the property of such common carrier, and an analysis of the methods of valuation employed, and of the reasons for any differences between any such value and each of the foregoing cost values.

Second: Such investigation and report shall state in detail and separately from improvements the original cost of all lands, rights of way, and terminals owned or used for the purposes of the common carrier, [and] ascertained as of the time of dedication to public use, and the present value of the same. [, and separately the original and present cost of condemnation and damages or of purchase in excess of such original cost or present value.]**

Note.—*Italics show words added. **[] show words omitted.

(1) SUPPLEMENTAL TENTATIVE VALUATIONS AS DETERMINED BY AND SUBMITTED TO COMPANIES BY INTER-STATE COMMERCE COMMISSION.

Note.—Unit prices used in estimating cost of reproduction new and cost of reproduction less depreciation are those termed normal prices as of June 30 1914

Table with columns: Date of Val., Miles of Road, Miles of All Tracks, Carrier, Properties (Including Land), Land Used, Materials and Supplies, Working Capital, Wholly Owned and Used, Owned But Not Used, Total Owned, Total Used, Carriers' Books, Acounting Section, Debt (Bonds, etc.), Capitalization. Rows list various railroads and their financial details.

* The data respecting RR, properties and lands, respectively, "owned but not used", and "used but not owned", it should be noted, are shown under caption "Final Value," but are omitted for lack of space under the caption of "Original Cost" for "Cost of Reproduction New," "Cost of Reproduction Less Depreciation" and "Present Value." The data regarding "non-carrier lands" and the donations of lands embraced in "lands owned" are also omitted for the same reason. ...

RAILROAD CLAIMS AGAINST U. S. RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION FILED, ADJUSTED AND PAID.

A statement filed with President Harding by Director-General James C. Davis, of the United States Railroad Administration on Oct. 4 shows that up to Oct. 1, sundry claims aggregating \$856,000,000 growing out of Federal operation, had been filed by the carriers with the Director-General on final settlement with the Administration. As these claims represent 78.705% of the entire mileage which was recently under Federal control, the total amount of claims is expected to reach \$1,087,000,000. Claims aggregating \$387,000,000 have thus far been finally adjusted and settled by payment of \$117,715,000 or 30.416% of the amount claimed. Substantially all of these settlements have been made since Jan. 1, 1921.

The official statement as quoted, in a press dispatch says:

"Up to Oct. 1 1921, an aggregate of \$856,033,588 65 in claims had been filed by sundry carriers on final settlement with the United States Railroad Administration. The total mileage recognized as under Federal control was 241,000 miles. Claims filed represent a total mileage of 189,394 miles, or 78.705% of the total mileage under Federal control.

"If the remaining percentage of mileage files claims on the same basis as those already filed, the total claims that would be filed against the Railroad Administration would aggregate \$1,087,633,476 06.

"The amount of claims on final settlement adjusted up to Oct. 1 1921, aggregates \$387,017,099 12. The mileage for which claims have been settled is 90,944 miles, or 47.907% of the mileage of all roads that have filed claims and 37.705% of the total mileage of all roads under Federal control.

The amount paid in settlement of these claims is \$117,715,840 43, or 30.416% of the amount claimed.

"This indicates that the Railroad Administration has up to this time settled nearly 50% of the claims which have been filed, and, when it is understood that substantially all of these settlements have been made since Jan. 1 1921, you will appreciate the progress we are making in the matter of final settlement."

The nature of the accounts at issue between the Administration and the carriers is stated as follows:

"The open accounts between the railroads and the Railroad Administration growing out of the period of Federal control, are extensive and complicated. They include items like materials and supplies, maintenance of way and structures, maintenance of equipment, depreciation, retirement, and replacement, these being all matters of controversy. With those roads that did not make a standard contract, there is also a controversy over the question of compensation."

An authoritative statement as to how the United States Government stands financially as a result of its attempt at Federal operation of railroads was given out in connection with the discussion of the Railroad Relief Bill which President Harding is still urging Congress to pass. This statement was published in the "Chronicle" of Aug. 27, p. 910 to 914. It shows for one thing that as of a recent date there had been paid the carriers \$430,000,000 under the guaranty provisions of the Transportation Act of 1920 for the half year period ended Aug. 31 1920 and that there was an estimated balance of approximately \$70,000,000 yet to be paid under the aforesaid guaranty. The "Wall Street Journal" (issue of Oct. 6) understands that settlements under the guaranty clause have of late been held up owing to the pendency of the Relief Bill and furthermore that the Railroad Administration, changing its former policy, is now refusing to entertain any claims based upon the so-called inefficiency of labor, comparing the six months' period March-August, 1920, with the three-year test period.

MERGER PLAN FOR GREATER N. Y. TRANSIT LINES

The tentative merger and readjustment plan for the "essential" transit lines of Greater New York, which was brought out last week by the New York City Transit Commission (see "Chronicle" of Oct. 1, p. 1431 to 1434), while believed by many competent and disinterested observers to offer much of value to the residents of the city and its suburbs, has received the expected hearty disapproval of the Mayor and members of his Administration.

The appointment of the Commission under the Transit Act of 1921, was condemned by the Mayor at the time as an attempt to set aside home rule and the plan now presented he condemns as an underhanded method of increasing the rate of fares and foisting upon the city poor properties at a high valuation. Mr. Henry H. Curran, the coalition candidate for Mayor, has stood firm for the 5-cent fare, and it is suggested would hardly approve the merger plan unless it is modified to ensure the retention of fares on that basis.

Corporation Counsel John P. O'Brien contends that the Transit Commission is not a constitutional body and intimates that if the Court of Appeals dismisses the city's appeal from adverse decisions in the lower courts ("Chronicle" V. 113, p. 418; V. 112, p. 2306), the matter will be carried to the United States Supreme Court. He says: "It is very probable that the legal issues involved will not be settled finally until these litigations and others yet to follow have reached the United States Supreme Court."

Mayor Hylan in his first campaign speech on Oct. 5 said in part:

The supreme issue of this campaign is whether or not we shall have home rule—whether or not a State Transit Commission, whose apparent purpose is to nullify the subway contracts and take away the five-cent fare, shall be upheld or repudiated.

I say advisedly that one of the purposes of the new transit law is to dump an antiquated, overcapitalized, broken-down surface railway system and an old elevated railroad, owned by private interests, upon the taxpayers of the

City of New York by linking these lines with the city-owned subways that are now earning profits at five-cent fares.

Our recommendation is that the private operators turn the city-owned subways back to the city for municipal operation at a five-cent fare. These lines carry more than two-thirds of all the passengers in the city. The remainder can be better accommodated by the operation of modern automobile buses. Surface lines that have become obsolete can and should be taken off the streets of our city. The city will not buy them. It could not afford to accept them as a gift. Most of them should long since have been junked.

On the other hand the Commission points out:

Fares.—The Commission will do all that it can to continue the five-cent fare and it hopes to be successful and in any event it is difficult to see how more than a one-cent increase would be necessary at the worst, and that even this would not be long continued under the proposed reorganization plan. Every increase of 1 cent in the fare would mean an additional income of \$25,000,000 and therefore, if the fare was increased to tide over a critical period it would soon drop back to the basic figure.

Valuation.—In relation to the statement by the Mayor that one of the purposes of the Commission was to dump antiquated and useless railroad properties on the city, attention was called to the report of the Commission which especially provided that no lines be taken into the proposed consolidation unless they were needed for the public service, and only then at their actual value.

Utility of Mayor's Plan.—Concerning the Mayor's proposal that the city-owned subways be turned back to the city for municipal operation at a five-cent fare, that these lines carry more than two-thirds of all of the city traffic, and that the remainder of the traffic could be accommodated by buses, it was said that the rapid transit lines could not be taken over by the city without payments to those who have invested in them.

Up to June 30 private investors had put \$145,500,000 in the subway lines operated by the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. and \$43,300,000 in the subway lines of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co., besides \$74,310,000 in the latter's elevated lines. Amounts still to be contributed by these two companies to complete the dual system will bring the total to more than \$200,000,000.

There are 18,000 investors represented by the issue of \$145,000,000 of bonds of the Interborough and 7,000 investors hold other forms of securities. Holders of securities issued by the B. R. T. number approximately 10,000. This means that \$200,000,000 invested in the lines is private money; this fact is believed to dispose of the Mayor's suggestion.

Earnings.—A statement frequently made by the Mayor that the Interborough earned a surplus of \$2,600,000 last year from its subway lines is quite incorrect; this was the surplus two years ago, and last year's surplus was only \$1,129,000.

This surplus, it was explained, went toward meeting a deficit of \$5,594,000 on the elevated lines leased from the Manhattan company. Some of the annual payments due under this lease are \$4,200,000 rental, representing 7% on \$60,000,000; interest of \$1,800,000 on a \$45,000,000 bond issue, and \$2,000,000 in taxes. All of these payments, it was said, have been made by the Interborough except the \$2,000,000 due for taxes.

Passengers.—For the year ended June 30 1920, the total traffic on all of the rapid transit lines was 1,424,166,581 and on the surface lines 940,608,486, so that the statement of the Mayor that two-thirds of the traffic was carried on the city owned subway lines varied greatly from the fact.

[The Commission showed amusement over the Mayor's suggestion that the 940,608,486 passengers carried by the surface lines could be accommodated by buses.]

Improved Service.—The Commission's chief engineer, Robert Ridgway, has just returned from abroad after a study of the subway systems of London, Paris, Berlin, Hamburg and other cities. He has much information about the methods of operating these railroads, and in a report which he is to make many new suggestions for improvement of the service here will appear.

The Commission said that if its plan went through the first step would be to improve the service immediately by restoring runs and increasing trains that had been cut down for economical reasons.

Bonus.—Under the plan the Interborough Company would have to surrender its preferentials and that this sacrifice could only be made up by an increase of interest on the bonds of from 5% to 6½%. The extra 1½% would have to be earned before it would be paid.

[As to the lease of the Manhattan Railway, see the Investment News Department on another page and compare statement by J. P. Morgan & Co. in "Chronicle" of Sept. 10, p. 1155.]

The Commission is having its own valuation made of the various properties. In the meantime it is interesting to notice the valuations presented by Stone & Webster as reproduced in the "Wall Street Journal" of Oct. 3, p. 9.

The report of Day & Zimmermann, Inc., on the Interborough system dated Nov. 1 1919, was cited at length in the "Chronicle" of Nov. 29 1919, p. 2070, and Dec. 6, p. 2167, and the report of Stone & Webster was outlined in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 20 1919, p. 2356 and Dec. 27 1919, p. 2436. Reports of importance in the New York Railways will be found in the "Chronicle" of Feb. 15 1919, p. 677 and Oct. 30 1920, p. 1746; also see Stone & Webster's reports V. 110, p. 74 and V. 109, p. 1080. Regarding the Brooklyn Rapid Transit System, see "Chronicle" of Feb. 12, p. 647 and Feb. 19 1921, p. 740.—Ed.]

DEVELOPMENTS IN NEGOTIATIONS LOOKING TO SOLUTION OF IRISH PROBLEM—CONFERENCE AT LONDON OCT. 11.

The correspondence which has recently been in progress between David Lloyd George, the British Prime Minister, and Eamonn de Valera, the so-called President of the Irish Republic, has resulted in the acceptance by the latter of an invitation extended by Lloyd George to a conference in London Oct. 11. In his communication of Sept. 29, in which he extended the invitation, Premier Lloyd George made it plain that Great Britain could not enter into a conference upon the basis of the correspondence which grew out of the invitation to the proposed conference at Inverness on Sept. 20, and which, as we have already indicated (Sept. 17, page 1213, and Sept. 24, page 1327) was canceled as a result of the insistence in behalf of the Sinn Fein delegates that they be "recognized as the representatives of an independent and sovereign State." Premier Lloyd George proposed his "fresh invitation" to the Oct. 11 conference "with a view to ascertaining how the association of Ireland with the com-

munity of nations known as the British Empire may best be reconciled with Irish national aspirations." The text of his note, made public at London on Sept. 29, follows:

Sir.—His Majesty's Government have given close and earnest consideration to the correspondence which has passed between us since their invitation to you to send delegates to a conference at Inverness.

In spite of their sincere desire for peace, and in spite of the more conciliatory tone of your latest communications, they cannot enter into a conference upon the basis of this correspondence.

Notwithstanding your personal assurance to the contrary, which they much appreciate, it might be argued in the future that the acceptance of a conference on this basis had involved them in a recognition which no British Government can accord. On this point they must guard themselves against any possible doubt. There is no purpose to be served by any further interchange of explanatory and argumentative communications upon this subject. The position taken up by His Majesty's Government is fundamental to the existence of the British Empire, and they cannot alter it.

My colleagues and I remain, however, keenly anxious to make, in co-operation with your delegates, another determined effort to explore every possibility of a settlement by personal discussion.

The proposals which we have already made have been taken by the whole world as proof that our endeavors for reconciliation and settlement are no empty form, and we feel that conference, not correspondence, is the most practical and hopeful way to an understanding such as we ardently desire to achieve.

We therefore send you herewith a fresh invitation to a conference in London on Oct. 11, where we can meet your delegates as the spokesmen of the people whom you represent, with a view of ascertaining how the association of Ireland with the community of nations known as the British Empire may best be reconciled with Irish national aspirations. I am, sir,

Yours faithfully,

D. LLOYD GEORGE.

The answer of Mr. De Valera was sent to Mr. Lloyd George on Sept. 30, and was as follows:

We received your letter of invitation to a conference in London Oct. 11 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 Irish national aspirations.

Our respective positions have been stated and understood and we agree that conference, not correspondence, is the most practical and hopeful way to an understanding.

We accept the invitation. Our delegates will meet you in London on the date mentioned and explore every possibility of a settlement by personal discussion.

ARTHUR GRIFFITH, SINN FEIN DELEGATE, DENIES THAT BRITISH RECOGNITION OF IRISH CLAIMS IS SOUGHT.

The Associated Press had the following to say in a London cablegram dated Sept. 24:

British recognition of Irish claims of independence as a preliminary condition to a conference were never asked by the Sinn Fein, declared Arthur Griffith, a member of the delegation chosen at Dublin to confer with Prime Minister Lloyd George, in an interview with the "Daily Mail's" correspondent in Dublin yesterday. He added that entering the conference without previous guarantees or conditions would not imply British recognition of the Sinn Fein claims.

"Our entrance to a conditionless conference," he went on, "would not give Ireland any fresh international status. If the conference broke down Ireland would have the same international position that she holds at present. Irish Republican leaders have contended they were entitled to enter the conference holding their own opinion, but the mere holding of those opinions would not entitle them to anything from anyone else. Nevertheless, it would be unjust and high handed to ask the Sinn Fein to stultify its attitude by abandoning its standpoint.

"The Sinn Fein has offered to enter the conference for the purpose of finding a solution which would end the quarrel between Ireland and England. The only thing that mattered would be the final agreement. The opinions expressed during the conference would be merely opinions, which would be wiped out by that agreement."

On Sept. 20 Mr. Griffith was reported as stating that the question was whether the British Government was sincerely seeking peace or merely trying to sell Ireland a gold brick. The Associated Press, in stating this in advices from Dublin, added:

"The Government's reply to Mr. de Valera's last letter," he added, "will indicate the answer to that question. If it seeks to impose preliminary conditions to the conference that will be conclusive proof of its belief that it can play on Ireland the confidence trick of its predecessors—successfully worked in turn on the Ireland of O'Connell, Butt and Redmond.

"An Irish representative who would permit his hands to be tied in any way by the British Cabinet before he sat down to negotiate would be as helpless as a fly in a spider's parlor and less deserving of sympathy.

"Obviously there can be no settlement unless as an outcome of an unfettered conference, and if the British Government does not want an unfettered conference it does not want a settlement. It is only play acting in the hope of deceiving the world."

Replying to a question as to whether a settlement should cover the great issues of navy and free trade, Mr. Griffith replied: "All such issues should be covered by treaty.

"If the long conflict is to be ended," he continued, "it must be ended not temporarily or vaguely, but permanently and definitely. There is a real chance to-day of ending the oldest war in the world and establishing an enduring amity between the combatants. There will be no chance tomorrow if the British Government tries to play false."

WINSTON S. CHURCHILL SAYS IRELAND'S ALLEGIANCE TO KING MUST BE INSISTED UPON.

Winston Spencer Churchill, Secretary for the British Colonies, in a speech on Sept. 24, at Dundee, Scotland, declared that the Government was "profoundly disappointed by De Valera's rejection of the offer of Dominion home rule," and

asserted that "allegiance to the King, whether as King of Great Britain or of Ireland," must be insisted upon. "How could we agree," said Mr. Churchill, "to the setting up of a separate foreign republic in Ireland?" Not peace, he is reported as saying, but a real war—"not mere bush-ranging"—would follow such a course. The Associated Press furnished the following account of Mr. Churchill's speech at Dundee:

Winston Spencer Churchill, Secretary for the Colonies, in an address here to-day expressed himself as very much in favor of a conference on the Irish question. He felt there was a much better chance of an agreement being reached by personal interviews than by correspondence, he said, and it was because of this he was anxious for a conference—the only thing, he declared, which stood between the Government and complete rupture of the Irish negotiations.

Eamonn de Valera, Mr. Churchill said, had made it very doubtful whether there was a chance of a successful conference. "Willfully, or else under duress," Mr. Churchill declared, Mr. de Valera had proclaimed that his delegates would attend as the representatives of a foreign State.

The Government, the Colonial Secretary asserted, would not allow pedantry, hair-splitting or quibbling to stand in the way of peace, but when its fundamental principles were challenged, he declared, it was well to make it quite clear there could be no further concession on the part of the Government.

Mr. Churchill 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 declared.

The Secretary for the Colonies, however, through his declaration that there would be insistence upon allegiance to the King, whether as "King of Great Britain or of Ireland," was considered by many of his hearers to have virtually held out the prospect to Ireland of a separate kingdom along the lines suggested by Lord Hugh Cecil last May when he brought forward a scheme by which Ireland would be made an independent kingdom, the King to be a member of the Windsor family, probably the Prince of Wales, to be appointed by the King of England.

Mr. Churchill said that the British Government had gone to the utmost limit possible in its offer to the Sinn Fein, and that if it was rejected the Government had not anything else to give.

"We have reached the end of our tether," he declared.

He said that the Government was "profoundly disappointed by de Valera's rejection of the offer of dominion home rule."

"Although Great Britain could unquestionably enforce the existing law upon Ireland," Mr. Churchill continued, "she none the less is called upon to clear away all possible misunderstanding. If our offer is rejected, we have the conviction that our countrymen will support the Empire, as will the opinion of the civilized world."

The Colonial Secretary said the British Government's offer was generous, sincere and unanimous and could be carried into effect immediately. Allegiance to the King, whether as King of Great Britain or of Ireland, must, however, be insisted upon, he said.

"How could we agree to the setting up of a separate foreign republic in Ireland?" Mr. Churchill asked. Not peace, he said, but a real war—not mere bush-ranging—would follow such a course.

"We want a conference, but a successful one," he declared.

Ulster, Mr. Churchill said, had made a real sacrifice and no longer was a stumbling-block to the rest of Ireland. He could not see much real foundation for the optimism which prevailed, he asserted, and he still was uncertain where the Irish leaders stood. The proposed conference, he declared, was the only thing which stood between the Government and failure.

The "Irish Bulletin" of Sept. 28 expressed the desire for a successful conference, and, according to Dublin press advices dealing with Winston Spencer Churchill's recent speech, said:

Mr. Churchill wants a successful conference because British interests demand it. Ireland also is anxious for a successful conference. But if, as Mr. Churchill suggests, a successful conference can only be one in which Ireland must surrender her national position and yield up the right to self-determination, no successful conference is possible, and British interests will have to wait on British justice.

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF AMERICAN BANKERS' ASSOCIATION.

The annual deliberations of the American Bankers' Association this week occupied the attention of the bankers of the country. The meeting had been in progress at Los Angeles since Monday last (Oct. 3), the final sessions closing yesterday (Oct. 7). Of the many topics of interest to the general public discussed, three are of importance to every business man in the country. First, there was an illuminating discussion of the effects of the greatly depreciated currency of foreign nations upon the business and manufacturing interests of the country. Second, remedies were presented to curtail the growing habit of private hoarding of currency in our own country. Third, an interesting discussion was had relative to the economies which are being put into effect at Washington looking toward a lowering of governmental expenses.

The subject of branch banking also loomed up as an important one; following a speech before the State Bank Division on the 5th inst. by Oscar W. Schaeffer of Girard, Kan., who declared an "octopus" menaced State banks. A discussion of the matter resulted in the adoption of a motion placing the Division on record as "absolutely opposed to branch banking," with the understanding that the question would be taken before the general session on the following day. On the 6th inst., according to the dispatches from Los Angeles, a threatened split in the ranks of the Association was averted by the announcement that the Executive

Council of the organization had reversed the earlier decision favoring the establishment of branches of national banks under certain conditions. The press advised:

The announcement was made by John S. Drum, the President, at today's general session of the Association's convention. Mr. Drum made the motion in the Council which resulted in the reversal. He said that there was "unalterable conflict" between the national and State bank divisions of the Association on the subject.

The National Bank Division adopted a resolution requesting Congress to amend the National Bank Act so as to permit a national bank to operate branches within the corporate limits in which the head office of the bank is located and that this be limited to States in which State chartered banks are permitted to operate branches.

Another attack on the extension of the Postal Savings Bank system was launched to-day. A. E. Adams of Youngstown, Ohio, a former President of the Association, said that any such extension and would only increase Government expenses without giving the public anything of value.

The Savings Bank Division on Oct. 6 adopted resolutions deprecating agitation for an enlarged system of postal savings banking paying an increased rate of interest, and protesting against any legislation to that end. The resolution said:

It is the sense of this Division that it is not a proper function of the Government to engage in a competitive system of savings banking, the expense of which is to be defrayed by taxation.

The "Ter Meulen Bond Scheme," by Sir D. Drummond Fraser, of London, was also among the numerous discussions which figured at the meeting, as to which we will give more details hereafter. The following are the officers of the Association elected on the 6th inst.:

President, Thomas B. McAdams, of Richmond, Va.; First Vice-President, John H. Puelicher, of Milwaukee; Second Vice-President, Walter W. Head, of Omaha.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

No sales of bank or trust company stocks were made at the Stock Exchange or at auction this week. Extensive tables reporting bid and asked quotations, deposits, surplus, &c., of banks and trust companies in all important cities in the United States are published monthly in the "Bank and Quotation" Section, the October issue of which accompanies to-day's "Chronicle." Bid and asked quotations for all New York City bank and trust company stocks are also published weekly in another department of this paper, and will be found to-day on page 1546.

The election of W. C. Potter as President of the Guaranty Trust Co. of this city, to succeed Charles H. Sabin, who has become Chairman of the Board, and the election of two members of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. as directors of the Guaranty, was made known in the following statement issued by Mr. Sabin on the 5th inst.:

At to-day's regular meeting, Mr. W. C. Potter was chosen President to succeed Mr. Sabin, and Mr. Sabin was unanimously elected Chairman of the Board. Two new directors were elected: Edward R. Stettinius and George Whitney, both of J. P. Morgan & Co.

Mr. Potter was actively associated with the management of the company for many years, and his ability and judgment were real factors in helping in its upbuilding. He is thoroughly familiar with its affairs, and as President has recognized capacity as an executive will have a wider field of activity. As Chairman of the Board, I shall continue to devote my entire time to the management of the company and shall maintain close touch with its affairs and its customers.

The removal of the Liberty Office (120 Broadway, formerly the office of the Liberty National Bank) and main office (26 Broad Street) of the New York Trust Company of this city to the new main office at 100 Broadway, was effected last Saturday Oct. 1. The consolidation of the two downtown offices of the company in its new main office represents one of the largest operations of its kind in the financial district in recent years. Officers and employees to the number of more than 500 are assembled in the new building. Cash and securities in the amount of about \$3,000,000,000 were transferred to the new vault between 2 p. m. on Saturday and 7 p. m. on Sunday. Extraordinary precautions were taken to insure the safety of the valuables transferred. Securities and cash were removed from the vaults in units of not more than two boxes at a time, each unit accompanied by special guards of the bank under the charge of two officials of the bank. In addition to the company's own special guards, a large force of private detectives and members of the city's police were detailed to guard the transfer of this huge sum. The new quarters will provide for the Trust Company one of the finest banking houses in the country. The Trust Company has leased from the American Surety Company for a period of 21 years, the basement and first three floors of the new and enlarged building at 100 Broadway, on the corner of Pine Street and directly opposite Trinity Churchyard. The new building

has a frontage of approximately 122 feet on Broadway and 125 feet on Pine Street. The total floor space for the Trust Company's use is 31,500 square feet.

Regarding the development of the company, an official notice says:

The New York Trust Co. was formed in 1889 under the title New York Security & Trust Co.

In March 1904 it merged with the Continental Trust Co. and in 1905 the name was changed to the New York Trust Co., under which title it has continued to the present date.

The first President of the company was Charles S. Fairchild, formerly Secretary of the Treasury under President Cleveland. Mr. Fairchild served until 1904, at which time Otto T. Bannard was elected President and continued in this office until January 1916. At that time Mr. Bannard was made Chairman of the board of trustees and was succeeded as President by Mortimer N. Buckner.

On April 1 1921 the New York Trust Co. and the Liberty National Bank were consolidated under the former name.

The Liberty National Bank was formed in 1891. In 1919 it absorbed the Scandinavian Trust Co., founded in 1917.

Some of the most noted names in American finance have been connected with the Liberty National Bank. Among its Presidents have been Henry P. Davison and Thomas Cochran, both now members of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co.; Seward Prosser, now President of the Bankers Trust Co., and Harvey D. Gibson, who succeeded Mortimer N. Buckner as President of the New York Trust Co. at the time of the consolidation of the Trust Company with the bank.

Mr. Bannard is now Chairman of the advisory committee of the company and Mr. Buckner Chairman of the board of trustees.

The statement of condition of the New York Trust Co. as of June 30 1921 showed capital, surplus and undivided profits of more than \$26,000,000, deposits in excess of \$152,000,000 and total resources of \$210,000,000.

The statement for the third quarter of 1921 made public by the Discount Corporation of New York on Oct. 4 shows capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$6,873,316 and assets over \$72,770,000. This corporation was organized in January 1919 by leading commercial and financial interests with the view of stabilizing and further developing the open discount market—a feature of banking vitally important in the financing of international trade and absolutely essential in order to make the dollar a world currency and the peer of the pound sterling. The valuable aid given to American commerce and industry through the services of this corporation is evidenced by its turn-over. It discounted and resold to investors—banks, individuals, firms and corporations throughout the United States during the year 1919 an aggregate of \$854,986,121 of bank and bankers' acceptances and bank endorsed trade bills; during the year 1920 \$1,780,943,651, and for the first nine months of 1921 \$1,319,907,940—a total turn-over of \$3,955,837,712 in 33 months. Every acceptance in this vast volume, it is stated, was paid promptly, which the officials consider "a great testimonial to the soundness and efficiency of the acceptance method of financing." The directors and officers of the corporation are: George W. Davison, President Central Union Trust Co.; Francis L. Hine, President First National Bank; Gates W. McGarrah, President Mechanics & Metals National Bank; John McHugh, Charles E. Mitchell, President National City Bank; J. P. Morgan, J. P. Morgan & Co.; James H. Perkins, President Farmers' Loan & Trust Co.; Seward Prosser, President Bankers Trust Co.; Charles H. Sabin, President Guaranty Trust Co.; A. H. Wiggin, President Chase National Bank; John McHugh, President, E. C. Wagner, Vice-President, Jerome Thralls, Secretary-Treasurer, Dudley H. Mills and M. Greacen Briggs, Assistant Secretaries.

Kenneth P. Budd, of Wm. Iselin & Co. of this city, has been elected a director of the National Park Bank of New York.

The Equitable Trust Co. of New York has announced the appointment of R. C. Hoffman, Jr., as its correspondent in Baltimore, Md. For a number of years Mr. Hoffman served as Vice-President of the R. C. Hoffman Co., Inc., of Baltimore, dealers and exporters in iron and steel, later becoming President of the Maryland Bolt & Forge Co. He is a trustee of the New York Rubber Co., Chairman of the Board of the Baltimore Gas Appliance Manufacturing Co. and a director in several financial institutions. Mr. Hoffman, as correspondent of the Equitable Trust Co. of New York, will be located at 511-12 Keyser Building, Calvert and Redwood streets in the heart of the financial section of the city. He plans to do a general security business with bankers and investment dealers, to transact a foreign exchange and letter of credit business and perform other banking services made possible through the facilities and resources of the Equitable Trust Co. of New York.

William J. Montgomery, Vice-President of the Bank of America, of this city, has left for Europe on the SS. Cedric, to be away for a month visiting Belgium and France.

At a special meeting of the stockholders of the Park Trust Co., of Worcester, Mass., on Oct. 3, it was voted to increase the capital of the institution from \$300,000 to \$1,000,000 by the issuance of 7,000 shares of additional stock. The new stock, it is understood, is to be offered to present shareholders at par (\$100 per share) pro rata to their holdings. The action of the stockholders in increasing the capital of the bank to \$1,000,000 is in accordance with a plan looking toward the consolidation of the institution with the Merchants National Bank of Worcester. When the consolidation is consummated the enlarged Merchants National Bank will have deposits of approximately \$21,000,000 and total resources of about \$28,000,000. The Park Trust Co. will be operated as a branch of the enlarged Merchants National Bank and its employees retained. Frank A. Drury is President of both institutions.

Henry Buchsbaum has been elected President of the West Baltimore Bank of Baltimore, Md., to succeed the late G. Edward Reahl. Frederick W. Hoffman has been elected a Vice-President of the bank. William C. Schmidt has also been elected Vice-President, to succeed the late John Strohm.

Effective Sept. 29, last, the Security State Bank of Kansas City (Mo.) was merged with the Continental National Bank of that place under the title of the latter institution. The Continental National Bank has a capital of \$1,000,000 with surplus and undivided profits of \$250,000. It is located at 917 Walnut Street. W. S. Woods, heretofore Chairman of the Board of the Security State Bank has been elected a director of the Continental National Bank and C. W. Sheldon, formerly a Vice-President of the Security State Bank, has been made a Vice-President and director of the enlarged bank. L. S. Critchell is Chairman of the Board of the Continental National Bank and J. F. Meade its President.

Increase in the capital stock of the Bank of Italy to \$25,000,000 was forecast in a resolution adopted on Sept. 28 by the Executive Committee of that institution and addressed to the bank's Board of Directors. The proposal, as set forth by the Executive Committee, asked the Board of Directors to initiate the necessary proceedings at its next meeting to increase the capital stock of the bank from its present authorized, fully paid up capital of \$10,000,000. It is contemplated that this additional capital stock will be issued in such quantities and at such times as the Board will designate, beginning with an immediate issue of 50,000 shares at \$200 per share. A. P. Giannini, President of the bank, referring to the action said:

The Bank of Italy is essentially the people's bank and we propose to keep it so. It now serves a large part of California, but it is our intention, with the approval of the duly constituted authorities, to extend Bank of Italy service to every section of our great State. At present 4,000 Californians own Bank of Italy stock, but in order to give more Californians an opportunity to become interested, we are going to ask our present stockholders to waive their prior rights to at least one-third of the contemplated new issue.

The Executive Committee in its action has followed the established policy of the bank to maintain an adequate ratio between its increasing deposits and paid in capital. The bank intends to provide adequate buildings for its branches at Los Angeles, Sacramento, Stockton and Fresno, as well as in several of the smaller cities where their present quarters have been outgrown. It also intends to extend its service to the whole State of California. More available stock will therefore be necessary with which to interest residents of new communities entered. When this additional capital stock of the Bank of Italy has been sold, its combined capital, surplus and undivided profits, together with those of the Auxiliary Corporation, will aggregate \$50,000,000. The latest statement of the Bank of Italy showed resources of approximately \$190,000,000, not including the Rideout Banks of the Sacramento Valley and the recently acquired institutions at Bakersfield.

Clearings by Telegraph—Sales of Stocks, Bonds, &c.
—The subjoined table, covering clearings for the current week, usually appears on the first page of each issue, but on account of the length of the other tables is crowded out once a month. The figures are received by telegraph from other leading cities.

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week ending Oct. 8.	1921.	1920.	Per Cent.
New York	\$3,187,000,000	\$3,801,343,538	-16.2
Chicago	452,081,685	556,986,709	-18.8
Philadelphia	330,000,000	403,296,267	-18.2
Boston	236,958,486	275,187,471	-13.9
Kansas City	124,150,516	184,315,772	-32.6
St. Louis	118,600,000	136,393,463	-13.0
San Francisco	113,000,000	137,400,000	-17.8
Pittsburgh	*127,000,000	153,870,408	-17.5
Detroit	77,951,700	110,000,000	-29.9
Baltimore	61,468,868	82,381,923	-25.8
New Orleans	50,518,613	61,491,187	-17.8
Eleven cities, 5 days	\$4,878,747,865	\$5,903,116,738	-17.4
Other cities, 5 days	967,828,467	1,340,299,907	-27.8
Total all cities, 5 days	\$5,846,576,335	\$7,243,416,645	-19.3
All cities, 1 day	1,175,246,921	1,425,467,121	-17.6
Total all cities for week	\$7,021,823,256	\$8,668,883,766	-19.0

* Estimated.
Our usual monthly detailed statement of transactions on the New York Stock Exchange is appended. The results for the nine months of 1921 and 1920 are given below:

Description:	9 Mos., 1921. Par Value.	9 Mos., 1920. Par Value.
Stock/Shares	126,996,222	166,764,842
Par value	\$9,546,535,084	\$14,679,217,375
Railroad bonds	662,475,600	490,475,000
United States Government bonds	1,367,362,440	2,050,873,600
State, foreign, &c., bonds	212,208,200	218,107,800
Bank stocks		1,400
Total par value	\$11,788,581,324	\$17,438,678,175

The volume of transactions in share properties on the New York Stock Exchange each month since Jan. 1 in 1921 and 1920 is indicated in the following:

	1921.		1920.	
	No. Shares.	Par Values.	No. Shares.	Par Values.
Month of January	16,144,876	\$1,327,513,750	19,880,166	\$1,781,060,200
February	10,169,671	795,420,453	21,865,303	1,929,409,800
March	16,321,131	1,178,823,470	29,008,749	2,585,053,325
Total first quarter	42,635,678	\$3,301,757,673	70,754,218	\$6,295,523,325
Month of April	15,529,709	\$1,044,593,548	28,447,239	\$2,534,782,100
May	17,236,995	1,218,686,698	16,642,242	1,434,029,950
June	18,264,671	1,369,519,461	9,354,267	815,179,150
Total second quarter	51,031,375	\$3,632,799,707	54,443,748	\$4,785,991,200
Six months	93,667,053	\$6,934,557,380	125,197,966	\$11,081,514,525
Month of July	9,288,054	\$731,205,604	12,541,922	\$1,103,006,150
August	11,117,035	877,306,068	13,728,598	1,172,753,800
September	12,924,080	1,003,466,032	15,296,356	1,321,942,900
Total third quarter	33,329,169	2,611,977,704	41,566,876	3,597,702,850
Nine months	126,996,222	9,546,535,084	166,764,842	14,679,217,375

The following compilation covers the clearings by months since Jan. 1 in 1921 and 1920:

Month.	Clearings, Total All.			Clearings Outside New York.		
	1921.	1920.	%	1921.	1920.	%
Jan	\$ 33,59,927,206	\$ 41,684,893,871	-19.4	\$ 15,02,882,881	\$ 18,471,173,765	-18.7
Feb	26,637,072,624	33,372,653,390	-20.0	12,10,467,551	15,163,212,967	-20.2
March	31,011,896,613	41,332,267,691	-25.0	14,332,908,350	18,999,994,830	-24.6
1st qu.	91,241,896,443	116,341,895,2	-21.6	41,415,248,782	52,633,381,562	-21.2
April	28,90,388,782	39,684,843,476	-27.1	13,36,573,631	17,873,399,381	-25.2
May	28,59,983,121	36,841,151,356	-22.4	12,745,678,413	17,199,627,351	-25.4
June	30,080,659,040	38,442,203,678	-21.8	13,231,280,027	17,944,468,297	-26.2
2d qu.	87,571,030,943	114,965,198,508	-23.8	39,365,532,071	52,944,495,029	-25.6
6 mos.	178,812,927,386	231,288,617,452	-22.7	80,811,780,853	105,550,876,591	-23.4
July	28,151,997,040	37,681,430,303	-25.1	12,795,761,544	17,835,845,097	-27.9
August	27,630,812,034	38,234,402,402	-26.1	11,907,403,327	18,560,318,835	-22.7
Sept	28,291,035,506	36,088,818,886	-21.6	13,212,114	19,517,887,289,717	-24.5
3d qu.	84,805,113,836	108,205,203,129	-21.6	38,811,057,086	51,884,066,719	-25.2
9 mos.	262,631,041	223,394,932,581	-22.6	119,683,939	157,434,943,310	-24.0

The course of bank clearings at leading cities of the country for the month of September and since Jan. 1 in each of the last four years is shown in the subjoined statement:

(000,000s omitted.)	September				Jan. 1 to Sept. 30			
	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
New York	15,079	18,602	19,610	13,664	143,006	182,059	165,523	129,353
Chicago	2,073	2,723	2,570	2,061	19,357	24,626	21,467	19,174
Boston	1,083	1,444	1,441	1,135	10,376	14,261	12,593	11,193
Philadelphia	1,646	2,053	1,912	1,611	15,118	18,821	15,880	14,276
St. Louis	640	776	717	624	4,520	6,329	5,964	5,737
Pittsburgh	552	712	662	451	4,865	6,078	5,092	4,018
San Francisco	223	305	282	238	2,094	2,715	2,279	2,079
Cincinnati	274	420	381	292	2,825	3,647	3,147	2,306
Baltimore	688	963	1,080	855	5,786	9,126	8,089	7,360
Cleveland	359	582	511	361	3,612	5,179	3,886	3,122
New Orleans	198	267	247	204	1,611	2,535	2,143	1,913
Minneapolis	327	407	228	234	2,455	2,808	1,553	1,239
Louisville	94	126	65	88	889	930	706	872
Detroit	407	562	417	268	3,453	4,669	3,111	2,250
Milwaukee	116	149	125	121	1,073	1,309	1,133	1,071
Los Angeles	337	347	208	121	3,062	2,904	1,604	1,123
Providence	38	47	43	42	381	520	399	438
Omaha	176	245	295	256	1,474	2,474	2,263	2,105
Buffalo	139	189	161	104	1,344	1,721	1,118	828
St. Paul	133	190	85	68	1,234	1,355	675	563
Seattle	65	77	72	62	567	724	590	590
Indianapolis	80	177	150	109	895	1,433	1,139	861
Denver	158	230	282	212	1,493	2,321	2,022	1,642
Richmond	70	74	79	60	635	926	689	507
Memphis	132	176	202	174	1,109	1,605	1,466	1,312
Seattle	38	46	36	32	340	397	325	311
Hartford	53	69	73	56	471	647	561	480
Salt Lake City								
Total	25,669	32,636	32,578	24,019	239,512	308,622	270,462	220,716
Other cities	3,022	3,453	3,029	2,356	23,211	30,872	23,758	19,415
Total all	28,691	36,089	35,607	26,375	262,633	339,494	294,220	240,131
Outside New York	13,212	17,487	15,997	12,711	119,627	157,435	128,697	110,778

BANK CLEARINGS—CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1497.

Table with columns for Clearings at, September, Nine Months, and Week ending October 1. Rows list various cities and regions with their respective clearing amounts and percentage changes.

* Not included in total; comparison incomplete.

TREASURY CASH AND CURRENT LIABILITIES.

The cash holdings of the Government as the items stood Sept. 30 are set out in the following. The figures are taken entirely from the daily statement of the United States Treasury for Sept. 30:

CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

GOLD.		LIABILITIES.	
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Gold coin	259,417,179 53	Gold cts. outstanding	887,004,569 00
Gold bullion	2,629,364,349 01	Gold fund, Federal Reserve Board (Act of Dec. 23 1913, as amended June 21 1917)	1,622,279,939 86
		Gold reserve	152,979,025 63
		Gold in general fund	225,527,994 05
Total	2,888,781,528 54	Total	2,888,781,528 54

Note.—Reserved against \$346,681,016 of U. S. notes and \$1,562,464 of Treasury notes of 1890 outstanding. Treasury notes are also secured by silver dollars in the Treasury.

SILVER DOLLARS.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Silver dollars	243,119,831 00	Silver cts. outstanding	226,610,663 00
		Treas. notes of 1890 out.	1,562,464 00
		Silver dollars in gen. fd.	14,946,704 00
Total	243,119,831 00	Total	243,119,831 00

GENERAL FUND.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Gold (see above)	226,517,994 05	Treas. checks outstand'g	341,887 11
Silver dollars (see above)	14,946,704 00	Depos. of Govt. officers:	
United States notes	5,067,051 00	Post Office Dept.	12,347,886 26
Federal Reserve notes	3,349,063 50	Board of Trustees, Postal Savs. System—	
Fed. Res. bank notes	1,825,593 50	5% reserve	7,103,226 37
National bank notes	14,924,276 51	Other deposits	80,294 77
Subsidiary silver coin	10,970,303 58	Comptroller of Currency, agent for creditors of insolvent banks	1,660,808 23
Minor coin	2,537,793 21	Postmasters, clerks of courts, disbursing officers, &c.	24,663,720 18
Silver bullion	46,830,159 20	Deposits for:	
Unclassified (unsorted currency, &c.)	4,970,811 28	Redemption of F. R. notes (5% fund, gold)	217,342,547 50
Depos. in Fed. Land bks.	2,500,000 00	Redemption of F. R. bank notes (5% fd.)	7,917,696 55
Depos. in Fed. Res. banks	84,921,374 81	Redemption of nat. bk. notes (5% fund)	19,569,415 00
Deposits in special depositories acct' of sales of cts. of indebted'g.	602,285,000 00	Retirement of add'l circulat'g notes, Act May 30 1908	53,580 00
Depos. in foreign depos. To credit Treas. U. S.	670,074 77	Exchanges of currency coin, &c.	7,394,576 65
To credit of oth. Government officers	2,943,886 28		
Deposits in nat. banks: To credit Treas. U. S.	8,919,501 67		
To credit of oth. Government officers	14,637,576 31		
Depos. in Philpp. Treas.: To credit Treas. U. S.	7,333,705 56		
		Net balance	298,475,638 62
Total	1,056,150,869 23	Total	1,056,150,869 23

Note.—The amount to the credit of disbursing officers and agencies to-day was \$852,081,695 67. Book credits for which obligations of foreign Governments are held by the United States amount to \$35,736,629 05.

Under the Acts of July 14 1890 and Dec. 23 1913 deposits of lawful money for the retirement of outstanding national bank and Federal Reserve bank notes are paid into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, and these obligations are made under the Acts mentioned a part of the public debt. The amount of such obligations to-day was \$36,615,924.

\$672,857 in Federal Reserve notes, \$1,825,593 in Federal Reserve bank notes, and \$14,834,176 in national bank notes are in the Treasury in process of redemption and are charges against the deposits for the respective 5% redemption funds.

DEBT STATEMENT OF UNITED STATES SEPT. 30 1921.

The preliminary statement of the public debt of the United States for Sept. 30 1921, as made up on the basis of the daily Treasury statements, is as follows:

Total gross debt Aug. 31 1921	\$23,922,329,666 47
Public debt receipts Sept. 1 to 30 1921	\$1,175,621,202 12
Public debt disbursements Sept. 1 to 30 1921	1,173,842,743 53
Increase for period	1,778,458 59
Total gross debt Sept. 30 1921	\$23,924,108,125 06
Note.—Total gross debt before deduction of the balance held by the Treasurer free of current obligations, and without any deduction on account of obligations of foreign Governments or other investments, was as follows:	
Bonds:	
Consols of 1930	\$599,724,050 00
Loan of 1925	18,489,900 00
Panamas of 1916-1936	48,954,180 00
Panamas of 1918-1938	25,947,400 00
Panamas of 1961	50,000,000 00
Conversion bonds	28,894,500 00
Postal Savings bonds	11,774,020 00
	\$883,784,050 00
First Liberty Loan	\$1,952,198,250 00
Second Liberty Loan	3,314,686,700 00
Third Liberty Loan	3,609,801,450 00
Fourth Liberty Loan	6,352,406,050 00
	15,229,092,450 00
Total bonds	\$16,112,876,500 00
Notes:	
Victory Liberty Loan	3,709,106,600 00
Treasury notes—	
Series A—1924	\$311,191,600 00
Series B—1924	390,706,100 00
	701,897,700 00
Treasury Certificates:	
Tax	\$1,416,576,500 00
Loan	890,861,000 00
Pittman Act	172,375,000 00
	2,479,812,500 00
War Savings securities (net cash receipts)	672,331,447 97
Total interest-bearing debt	\$23,676,024,747 97
Debt on which interest has ceased	15,713,140 28
Non-interest-bearing debt	232,370,236 83
Total gross debt	\$23,924,108,125 06

TREASURY CURRENCY HOLDINGS.—The following compilation made up from the daily Government statements, shows the currency holdings of the Treasury at the beginning of business on the first of July, August, September and October 1921:

Holdings in Sub-Treasuries.	July 1 1921.	Aug. 1 1921.	Sept. 1 1921.	Oct. 1 1921.
Net gold coin and bullion	416,040,542	383,114,510	383,347,076	379,497,020
Net silver coin and bullion	66,826,249	67,495,521	63,859,373	61,776,863
Net United States notes	4,031,479	3,966,029	2,952,147	5,067,051
Net national bank notes	13,739,861	19,664,830	16,815,334	14,924,277
Net Fed. Reserve notes	4,217,103	3,986,327	2,962,222	3,349,063
Net Fed. Res. bank notes	2,422,847	2,627,128	2,593,507	1,025,593
Net subsidiary silver	9,671,247	9,909,123	11,587,229	10,970,304
Minor coin, &c.	23,509,623	6,850,060	6,056,300	7,508,605
Total cash in Sub-Treas	540,461,951	497,613,528	490,173,188	*484,918,775
Less gold reserve fund	152,979,026	152,979,026	152,979,026	152,979,026
Cash balance in Sub-Treas	387,482,925	344,634,502	337,194,162	331,939,750
Dep. in spec. depositories:				
Acct. certs. of indebted.	393,289,000	97,685,000	186,861,000	602,285,000
Dep. in Fed. Land banks	79,813,108	52,472,776	65,934,856	84,921,375
Dep. in Fed. Res. banks:				
To credit Treas. U. S.	9,497,962	7,946,635	8,416,992	8,919,502
To credit disb. officers.	11,711,618	15,000,479	12,998,458	14,637,576
Total	21,209,580	22,947,114	21,415,450	23,557,078
Cash in Philippine Islands	8,056,639	7,557,841	7,557,841	7,333,705
Deposits in Foreign Depts.	54,046,572	4,470,685	3,893,177	3,613,961
Net cash in banks & sub-Treasuries	943,897,824	529,808,418	622,856,486	1,056,150,869
Deduct current liabilities	394,219,718	299,093,971	289,764,041	298,475,638
Available cash balance	549,678,106	230,714,447	333,092,445	757,675,231

* Includes, Oct. 1, \$46,830,159 20 silver bullion and \$7,508,604 49 minor coins, &c., not included in statement "Stock of Money."

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

London,	Oct. 1.	Oct. 3.	Oct. 4.	Oct. 5.	Oct. 6.	Oct. 7.
Week ending Oct. 7.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Silver, per oz.	d. 42 3/4	42 3/4	42 3/4	42 3/4	41 3/4	41 3/4
Gold, per fine ounce	110s.	110s.	110s. 6d.	109s. 8d.	108s. 7d.	108s. 8d.
Consols, 2 1/2 per cents.	48 3/4	48 3/4	48 3/4	49	49	49
British 5 per cents.	88 3/4	88 3/4	89 3/4	89 3/4	89 3/4	89 3/4
British 4 1/2 per cents.	81 3/4	81 3/4	81 3/4	81 3/4	81 3/4	81 3/4
French Rentes (in Paris) fr.	56.15	56.60	55.60	55.70	55.70	55.80
French War Loan (in Paris) fr.	81.45	81.45	81.45	81.45	81.45	81.45

The price of silver in New York on the same day has been:

Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.)	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4
Domestic	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4
Foreign	70 3/4	70	70 3/4	70 3/4	69 3/4	70 3/4

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Banks—N Y	Bid	Ask	Banks	Bid	Ask	Trust Co.'s	Bid	Ask
America*	172	178	Irving Nat of N Y	175	182	American	300	306
Amer Exch.	235	242	Manhattan*	192	196	Bankers Trust	332	336
Atlantic	190	210	Mech & Met.	300	310	Central Union	275	283
Battery Park	140	150	Mutual*	510	515	Columbia	275	283
Bowery*	425	450	Nat American	150	160	Commercial	355	355
Broadway Cen	80	90	Nat City	308	313	Empire	300	310
Bronx Bor *	80	90	New Neth*	130	150	Equitable Tr.	255	255
Bronx Nat.	150	160	New York Co	130	140	Farm L & Tr.	198	206
Bryant Park*	145	155	New York	400	415	Fidelity Inter	198	206
Butch & Drov	130	140	Pacific*	300	300	Fulton	235	250
Cent Mercan.	175	190	Park	405	415	Guaranty Tr.	215	220
Chase	280	290	Public	238	248	Hudson	170	170
Chat & Phen.	240	245	Seaboard	235	245	Law Tit & Tr	104	109
Chelsea Exch*	75	100	Second	460	480	Lincoln Trust	155	165
Chemical	485	500	Standard*	209	225	Mercantile Tr	275	300
Coal & Iron	215	225	State*	235	235	Metropolitan	290	310
Colonial*	350	350	Tradesmen's*	200	200	Mutual (Westchester)	105	125
Columbia*	155	165	23d Ward*	190	195	N Y Life Ins & Trust	560	570
Commerce	232	236	Union Exch.	165	175	& Trust	250	297
Com'nwealth*	215	225	United States*	118	118	N Y Trust	322	327
Continental	130	330	Wash H'as*	325	350	Title Co & Tr	322	327
Corn Exch*	320	330	Yorkville*	420	420	U S Mtg & Tr	260	268
Cosmop'tan*	90	100				United States	875	900
East River	170	170						
Fifth Avenue*	900	925	Brooklyn					
Fifth	150	165	Coney Island*	145	155			
First	850	870	First	215	230	Brooklyn	415	425
Garfield	215	225	Greenpoint	175	185	Brooklyn Tr.	660	670
Gotham	190	200	Homestead*	80	100	Kings County	205	215
Greenwich*	240	255	Mechanics*	85	95	Manufacturer	270	280
Hanover	78 1/2	80 1/2	Montauk*	125	125	People's	270	280
Harriman	350	360	Nassau	220	220			
Imp & Trad	495	505	North Side*	195	205			
Industrial*	155	160	People's	150	160			

* Banks marked with (*) are State banks. † New stock. ‡ Ex-dividend. † Ex-rights.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Allian R'ty	Bid	Ask	Lawyers Mtr	Bid	Ask	Realty Assoc	Bid	Ask
Amer Surety	62	65	Mtge Bond	122	127	(Brooklyn)	93	103
Bond & M G	2 3/8	2 1/8	Nat Surety	75	81	U S Casualty	145	160
City Investing	50	65	N Y Title & Mortgage	112	112	U S Titl Guar	80	90
Preferred	70	80				West & Bronx	145	155

GOVERNMENT REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES.

—Through the courtesy of the Secretary of the Treasury, we are enabled to place before our readers to-day the details of Government receipts and disbursements for September 1921 and 1920, and the three months of the fiscal years 1921-22 and 1920-21.

Receipts— Ordinary— Sept. 1921. Sept. 1920. *3 Mos. 1921. *3 Mos. 1920.

Public Debt— Treasury notes. Certs. of indebtedness. Lib. bonds & Vict. notes.

Total. Grand total receipts.

Disbursements— Ordinary— Checks and warrants paid. Int. on public debt paid.

Public Debt— Bonds, int-bearing notes, and certificates retired.

Grand total disbursements. * Receipts and disbursements for June reaching the Treasury in July are included.

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. 26—The First National Bank of Walnut Park, Calif. Sept. 28—The First National Bank of Riverton, Iowa.

CHARTERS ISSUED. Sept. 26—12022—The Laurel Springs National Bank, Laurel Springs, N. J.

CORPORATE EXISTENCE EXTENDED. 6000—The First National Bank of Castlewood, S. D.

CORPORATE EXISTENCE RE-EXTENDED. 2572—The Farmers National Bank of Cambridge, Ill.

CONSOLIDATION. 9798—The Dexter-Horton National Bank of Seattle, Wash.

EXPIRATION OF CHARTER. 6231—The Megunticook National Bank of Camden, Maine.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION. Sept. 28—10972—The First National Bank of King City, Calif.

Assets purchased by the Bank of Italy, San Francisco, Calif.

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. 500 U. S. Light & Heat Corp., pref., \$10 each.

By Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Shares. Stocks. \$ per sh. 5 Nat. Shawmut Bank. 201 1/4

By Messrs. R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Shares. Stocks. \$ per sh. 50 Nat. Union Bank, Boston. 182-182 1/2

Bonds. Per cent. \$100 Boston Elec. Lt. 5s, 1924. 94 1/2

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia.

Shares. Stocks. \$ per sh. 59 Mutual Trust. 35-35 1/4

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are now grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week.

The dividends announced this week are:

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed. Includes Railroads (Steam), Street and Electric Railways, Banks, Miscellaneous.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Concluded).			
Texas Chief Oil (monthly)	*1 1/2	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 5
Transue & Williams Steel Forg. (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Oct. 10 ^a
Truscon Steel, common (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 5
United Eastern Mining (quar.)	*15c.	Oct. 28	*Holders of rec. Oct. 8
United Verde Extension Mining.	25c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 10 ^a
U. S. Rubber, 1st pri. (quar.)	2	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Oct. 15

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
Railroads (Steam)			
Achison Topeka & Santa Fe. com. (qu.)	1 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 2 ^a
Clev. Cin. Chic. & St. Louis, pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
Delaware Lackawanna & West. (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Oct. 8
Great Northern (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Sept. 24 to Oct. 13
Kansas City Southern, pref. (quar.)	1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
Minn. St. Paul & S. S. Marie, com. & pf.	3 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
New York Central RR (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
New York Ontario & Western	2	Oct. 17	Holders of rec. Oct. 8 ^a
Norfolk & Western, ad. pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holder of rec. Oct. 31 ^a
Norfolk Pacific (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 3 ^a
Northern Pacific (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 10	Oct. 1 to Oct. 11
Philadelphia & Trenton (quar.)	*1 1/2	Nov. 30	*Holders of rec. Nov. 11
Pittsburgh & West Va., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 10	Holders of rec. Oct. 18 ^a
Reading Company, common (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 13	Holders of rec. Sept. 27 ^a
Second preferred (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 13	Holders of rec. Sept. 27 ^a
United N. J. R.R. & Canal Cos. (quar.)	2	Oct. 10	Sept. 21 to Sept. 30
Western Pacific RR. Corp., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Oct. 17	Holders of rec. Oct. 8 ^a
Street and Electric Railways.			
Cin. Newport & Cov. L. & Tr., com. (qu.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Oct. 1 to Oct. 16
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Oct. 1 to Oct. 16
Duquesne Light, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Kentucky Securities Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
Manchester Tr., L. & Power (quar.)	2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Monongahela Power & Ry., pref. (quar.)	37 1/2c.	Oct. 8	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
Philadelphia Co., common (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Oct. 1 ^a
Six per cent cumulative pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 1 ^a
Philadelphia & Western Ry., pref. (qu.)	62 1/2c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1 ^a
Puget Sound Pow. & Lt., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 10	Oct. 1 to Oct. 11
Trinidad Electric Co., Ltd. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 16	Holders of rec. Sept. 23
Washington Water Power, Spokane (qu.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
West Penn Power, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Oct. 21 ^a
York Rys., pref. (quar.)	62 1/2c.	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Oct. 21 ^a
Miscellaneous.			
Air Reduction (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
All America Cables (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 14	Holders of rec. Oct. 3 ^a
Alliance Realty (quar.)	2	Oct. 18	Holders of rec. Oct. 8
Allied Chemical & Dye Corp., com. (qu.)	\$1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 17
Allis-Chalmers Mfg., common (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 24 ^a
Preferred (quar.)	1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 24 ^a
American Art Works, com. & pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
American Bank Note, com. (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 5 ^a
American Fork & Hoe, 1st pref.	3 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 15 ^a
American Gas & Electric, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
American Glue, common	4	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 7 ^a
American Ice, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 7 ^a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 7 ^a
Am. La France Fire Eng. Inc., com. (qu.)	25c.	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1 ^a
Amer. Laundry Machinery, pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Oct. 6 to Oct. 14
Amer. Sewing Machine, common (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
American Shipbuilding, common (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15 ^a
Common (extra)	2 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15 ^a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15 ^a
Amer. Steel Foundries, com. (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1 ^a
American Telephone & Telegraph (quar.)	2 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 20 ^a
Amer. Type Founders, com. (quar.)	1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 10 ^a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 10 ^a
American Woolen, com. and pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Sept. 16 to Sept. 26
Art Metal Construction (quar.)	15c.	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Oct. 14 ^a
Extra	10c.	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 14 ^a
Asbestos Corp. of Canada, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Associated Industrial Corp. 1st pf. (qu.)	2 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Associated Oil (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
Barnhart Bros. & Sperry	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 26 ^a
First and second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
Bayuk Bros., Inc., 1st & 2d pref. (qu.)	2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1 ^a
Beech-Nut Packing, pref. B (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Bell Telephone of Canada (quar.)	2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Borden Co., preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1 ^a
Bourne Strymser Co. (annual)	20	Oct. 15	Sept. 18 to Oct. 14
British Empire Steel, 1st pref. Ser. B.	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Canada Cement, Ltd., common (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 16	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
Canadian Explosives, common (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
Celluloid Co., preferred (quar.)	2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 31 ^a
Central Coal & Coke, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
Central Illinois Public Serv., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Chicago Pneumatic Tool (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 15 ^a
Cities Service			
Common (monthly, payable in scrip)	0	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15 ^a
Common (payable in scrip)	0 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15 ^a
Pref. & pref. B (monthly, payable in scrip)	0 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15 ^a
Commonwealth Finance Corp., com. (qu.)	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Common (extra)	75c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Commonwealth Gas & Elec. Cos., pf. (qu.)	\$1.50	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1 ^a
Computing & Business Recording (qu.)	\$1	Oct. 10	Holders of rec. Sept. 20 ^a
Congoleum Co., common (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 10 ^a
Consolidation Coal (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Oct. 15 ^a
Consumers Co., pref. ed.	3 1/2	Oct. 10	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
Consumers Gas, Toronto (quar.)	*\$1.25	Oct. 10	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15 ^a
Continental Motors Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Oct. 9 to Oct. 16
Corn Products Refining, com. (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Oct. 4 ^a
Common (extra)	50c.	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Oct. 4 ^a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 4 ^a
Cosden & Co., no par val. common (qu.)	62 1/2c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 3 ^a
Common (par value 85) (quar.)	12 1/2c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 3 ^a
Creamery Package Mfg., com. (qu.)	50c.	Oct. 10	Oct. 1 to Oct. 10
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 10	Oct. 1 to Oct. 10
Crocker-Wheeler Co., com. (quar.)	1	Oct. 15	Oct. 8 to Oct. 14
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Oct. 8 to Oct. 14
Cruicell Steel, common (quar.)	1	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Oct. 15 ^a
Delaware Lack. & West. Coal (quar.)	\$1.25	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1 ^a
Detroit Edison (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Detroit Motor Bus	*1 1/2	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Ditagram Products Corp., pref. (quar.)	2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
Dome Mines, Ltd. (quar.)	25c.	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
Dominion Coal, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Oct. 16 to Nov. 1
Dominion Steel Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Oct. 16 to Nov. 1
Dominion Textile, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
du Pont (E. I.) de Nemours & Co.—			
Debenture stock (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 10
du Pont de Nemours Powder, com. (qu.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Eagle-Picher Lead, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Oct. 6 to Oct. 14
Eastman Kodak, common (extra)	5	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
Electrical Securities, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 18 ^a
Elk River Coal & Iron, preferred (quar.)	2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 1 ^a
Famous Players-Lasky Corp., pref. (qu.)	2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15 ^a
Firestone Tire & Rubber, 6% pf. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1 ^a
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Concluded)			
Fisher Body Ohio Co., pref. (quar.)	\$2	Oct. 11	Holders of rec. Oct. 4 ^a
General Electric (quar.)	25c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
General Motors, common (quar.)	25c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 25 ^a
Six per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 3 ^a
Six per cent debenture stock (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 3 ^a
Seven per cent debenture stock (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 3 ^a
Globe-Wernicke Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
Harbour Walker Stearns, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Oct. 10 ^a
Harris Bros. Co., preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 11
Hillcrest Collieries, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Hodgman Rubber, preferred (quar.)	*2	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Illinois Northern Utilities, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Imperial Oil, common (monthly)	10c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Preferred (quar.)	20c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Indiana Pipe Line (quar.)	\$2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 22
International Harvester, common (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 27 ^a
International Paper, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 7 ^a
Kayser (Julius) & Co.—			
First and second preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 26 ^a
Kelsey Wheel, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20 ^a
Kerr Lakes Mines, Ltd. (quar.)	12 1/2c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1 ^a
Laurelville Power (quar.)	1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Liggett International, Ltd. (quar.)	2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15 ^a
Lincoln Locomotive Works, com. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15 ^a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15 ^a
Loose-Wiles Biscuit, 2d pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 19 ^a
Louisville Gas & Elec., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1 ^a
Lyman (F.) & Sons Const. (quar.)	2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
MacAndrews & Forbes, com. (quar.)	2 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
Manufacturers Light & Heat (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
Massachusetts Ltg. Cos., 6% pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 26
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 26
Mexican Petroleum, com. (quar.)	3	Oct. 10	Holders of rec. Sept. 21 ^a
Michigan Limestone & Chem., pf. (qu.)	43 1/2c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
Middle West Utilities, pref.	1 1/2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 31 ^a
Midway Gas, com. (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.40	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
Montréal Telegraph (quar.)	2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Mountain States Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
National Biscuit, common (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
Nat. Enameling & Stamping			
Common (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 10 ^a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 10 ^a
National Fuel Gas (quar.)	2 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
Nat. Paper & Type, common & pf. (qu.)	2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
New Jersey Zinc (quar.)	*2	Nov. 10	*Holders of rec. Oct. 31
New York Transit	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Niagara Falls Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
Nipissing Mines Co., Ltd. (quar.)	3	Oct. 20	Oct. 1 to Oct. 17
Northern States Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Nova Scotia Steel & Coal, pref. (quar.)	2	Oct. 15	Oct. 1 to Oct. 15
Ohio Brass, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
Ohio Fuel Supply (quar.)	62 1/2c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
Com. (special) pay in Victory bonds	75c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
Ontario Steel Products, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 31
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31 ^a
Ohio Elevator, common (quar.)	2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 29 ^a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
Pacific Electric, common (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
Pacific Telephone & Telgr., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Oct. 1 to Oct. 15
Pan-Amer. Petrol. & Tr. com. & 6% pf. (qu.)	\$1.00	Oct. 10	Holders of rec. Sept. 21 ^a
Peermess Truck & Motor, com. (quar.)	\$50c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Pennants, Ltd., common (quar.)	2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 5
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 21
Pennsylvania Salt Mfg. (quar.)	\$1.25	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30 ^a
Philadelphia & Camden Ferry (quar.)	*5	Oct. 10	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30

Transactions at the New York Stock Exchange daily, weekly and yearly.—Brought forward from page 1553.

Table with columns: Week ending Oct. 7 1921, Stocks (Shares, Par Value), Railroad & Bonds, State, Mun. & Foreign Bonds, U. S. Bonds. Rows include Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Total.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Table with columns: Week ending Oct. 7 1921, Boston (Shares, Bond Sales), Philadelphia (Shares, Bond Sales), Baltimore (Shares, Bond Sales). Rows include Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Total.

New York City Non-Member Banks and Trust Companies.—Following is the report made to the Clearing House by clearing non-member institutions which are not included in the "Clearing House Returns" in the next column:

RETURN OF NON-MEMBER INSTITUTIONS OF NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE. (Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers 000 omitted.)

Table with columns: CLEARING NON-MEMBERS, Capital, Net Profits, Loans, Discounts, Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Depositaries, Net Demand Deposits, Net Time Deposits, Nat'l Bank Circulation. Rows include Members of Fed'l Res. Bank, State Bank, Trust Companies, and Grand aggregate.

a U. S. deposits deducted, \$145,000. Bills payable, rediscouts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$1,513,000. Excess reserve, \$9,100 increase.

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House statement for the week ending Oct. 1 with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding is as follows. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve system are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank.

Table with columns: Week ending Oct. 1 1921, Members of F. R. System Companies, Trust Companies, Total. Rows include Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, disc'ts & investm'ts, Exchanges for Clear. House, Due from banks, Bank deposits, Individual deposits, Time deposits, Total deposits, U. S. deposits (not incl.), Reserve with legal depositaries, Cash in vault, Total reserve and cash held, Reserve required, Excess res. & cash in vault.

* Cash in vaults not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve members.

Boston Clearing House Banks.—We give below a summary showing the totals for all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

Table with columns: BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS, Oct. 1, 1921, Changes from previous week, Sept. 24, 1921, Sept. 17, 1921. Rows include Circulation, Loans, disc'ts & investments, Individual deposits, Due to banks, Time deposits, United States deposits, Exchanges for Clearing House, Due from other banks, Reserve in Fed. Res. Bank, Cash in bank and F. R. Bank, Reserve excess in bank and Federal Reserve Bank.

Statement of New York City Clearing House Banks and Trust Companies.—The following detailed statement shows the condition of the New York City Clearing House members for the week ending Oct. 1. The figures for the separate banks are the average of the daily results. In the case of totals, actual figures at end of the week are also given:

NEW YORK WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS. (Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers 000 omitted.)

Table with columns: CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS, Capital, Net Profits, Loans, Discounts, Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Depositaries, Net Demand Deposits, Time Deposits, Base Circulation. Rows include Members of Fed. Res. Bank, Bk of N Y, NBA, Manhattan Co., Mech & Metals, Bank of Amer., National City, Chemical Nat., Atlantic Nat., Nat Butch & Dr, Amer Exch Nat, Nat Bk of Com, Pacific Bank, Chat & Phenix, Hanover Nat., Metropolitan, Corn Exchange, Imp & Trad Nat, National Park, East River Nat., Second Nat., First Nat., Irving National, N Y County Nat, Continental, Chase National, Fifth Avenue, Commonwealth, Garfield Nat., Fifth National, Seaboard Nat., Coal & Iron, Union Exch Nat, Brooklyn Tr Co, Bankers Tr Co, U S Mtg & Tr Co, Guaranty Tr Co, Fidel-Int Tr Co, Columbia Tr Co, People's Tr Co, N Y Trust Co, Lincoln Tr Co, Metropol Tr Co, Nassau Nat, Bkn, Farm L & Tr Co, Columbia, Equitable Tr Co.

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* Cash in vaults not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve members.

STATEMENTS OF RESERVE POSITION OF CLEARING HOUSE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES.

	Averages.				
	Cash Reserve in Vault.	Reserve in Depositories	Total Reserve.	a Reserve Required.	Surplus Reserve.
Members Federal Reserve banks	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
State banks*	6,666,000	3,826,000	10,492,000	8,992,620	1,499,380
Trust companies	2,216,000	4,638,000	6,854,000	6,787,650	66,350
Total Oct. 1	8,882,000	484,307,000	493,189,000	481,988,580	11,200,420
Total Sept. 24	8,806,000	490,237,000	499,043,000	480,453,550	18,589,450
Total Sept. 17	8,720,000	497,402,000	506,122,000	485,998,079	20,123,930
Total Sept. 10	8,629,000	478,426,000	487,055,000	479,263,330	7,791,670

	Actual Figures.				
	Cash Reserve in Vault.	Reserve in Depositories	Total	b Reserve	Surplus Reserve
Members Federal Reserve banks	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
State banks*	6,680,000	3,727,000	10,407,000	9,214,380	1,192,620
Trust companies	2,169,000	4,710,000	6,879,000	6,853,750	20,250
Total Oct. 1	8,849,000	465,230,000	474,079,000	484,977,230	-10,898,230
Total Sept. 24	8,826,000	502,903,000	511,729,000	479,070,070	32,658,930
Total Sept. 17	8,679,000	533,739,000	542,418,000	487,792,760	54,625,240
Total Sept. 10	8,897,000	488,372,000	497,269,000	480,900,070	16,368,930

* 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: Oct. 1, \$5,076,420; Sept. 24, \$5,054,310; Sept. 17, \$5,011,530; Sept. 10, \$4,953,600.

b This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies, but in the case of members of the Federal Reserve Bank includes also amount of reserve required on net time deposits, which was as follows: Oct. 1, \$5,099,460; Sept. 24, \$5,080,770; Sept. 17, \$5,026,500; Sept. 10, \$5,008,460.

State Banks and Trust Companies Not in Clearing House.—The State Banking Department reports weekly figures showing the condition of State banks and trust companies in New York City not in the Clearing House as follows:

SUMMARY OF STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK, NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARING-HOUSE STATEMENT. (Figures Furnished by State Banking Department.)

	Oct. 1.	Differences from previous week.
Loans and investments	\$632,501,500	Inc. \$5,629,100
Gold	6,679,400	Inc. 10,400
Currency and bank notes	16,572,600	Inc. 428,700
Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York	51,286,700	Dec. 230,400
Total deposits	680,187,700	Inc. 7,428,700
Deposits, eliminating amounts due from reserve depositories, and from other banks and trust companies in N. Y. City, exchanges and U. S. deposits	604,431,000	Inc. 8,869,900
Reserve on deposits	106,783,500	Dec. 11,300
Percentage of reserve, 20.9%.		

* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on Oct. 1 were \$51,298,700.

Banks and Trust Companies in New York City.—The averages of the New York City Clearing House banks and trust companies combined with those for the State banks and trust companies in Greater New York City outside of the Clearing House, are as follows:

The Federal Reserve Banks.—Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board on Oct. 6: 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:

Aggregate increases of \$25,100,000 in Federal Reserve note circulation, as against a total decline of about \$21,000,000 in deposits and a further gain of \$4,300,000 in cash reserves, are indicated in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly consolidated statement issued as at close of business on Oct. 5 1921. The banks' reserve ratio remains unchanged at 69%.

Federal Reserve bank holdings of bills secured by United States Government obligations show an increase for the week of \$4,900,000, while other discounts on hand declined by \$9,700,000. Holdings of acceptances purchased in open market are shown \$3,200,000 larger than the week before, those of United States bonds and notes show a decline of the week before, Pittman certificates used as cover for Federal Reserve bank note circulation show a further reduction for the week of \$8,000,000, while other Treasury certificates, largely held under repurchase agreements by the New York Reserve Bank, show an increase for the week of \$6,700,000. Total earning assets, as a result of the changes noted, were \$3,900,000 less than the week before.

Of the total holdings of \$495,900,000 of bills secured by United States Government obligations, \$342,300,000, or 69%, were secured by Liberty and other United States bonds; \$123,500, or 24.9%, by Victory notes; \$7,500,000, or 1.5%, by Treasury notes, and \$22,600,000, or 4.6%, by Treasury certificates, compared with \$346,900,000, \$110,800,000, \$6,300,000 and \$29,900,000 reported the week before.

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS OCT. 5 1921.

	Oct. 5 1921.	Sept. 28 1921.	Sept. 21 1921.	Sept. 14 1921.	Sept. 7 1921.	Aug. 31 1921.	Aug. 24 1921.	Aug. 17 1921.	Oct. 8 1920.
RESOURCES.									
Gold and gold certificates	448,472,000	442,707,000	428,036,000	446,642,000	430,555,000	413,900,000	425,699,000	407,452,000	216,763,000
Gold settlement, F. R. Board	415,175,000	416,765,000	411,210,000	441,109,000	438,590,000	428,075,000	426,454,000	418,738,000	391,974,000
Gold with foreign agencies									90,409,000
Total gold held by banks	863,647,000	858,472,000	839,246,000	887,751,000	869,145,000	841,975,000	852,153,000	826,190,000	699,146,000
Gold with Federal Reserve agents	1,756,582,000	1,759,065,000	1,777,529,000	1,694,301,000	1,677,195,000	1,694,523,000	1,645,109,000	1,660,062,000	1,142,412,000
Gold redemption fund	112,370,000	108,429,000	94,353,000	102,449,000	110,008,000	104,563,000	120,816,000	114,043,000	154,766,000
Total gold reserve	2,732,599,000	2,725,966,000	2,711,128,000	2,684,501,000	2,656,378,000	2,641,061,000	2,619,078,000	2,600,295,000	1,996,324,000

COMBINED RESULTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK.

Week ended—	Loans and Investments.	Demand Deposits.	*Total Cash in Vaults.	Reserve in Depositories.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
July 30	5,012,064,900	4,241,523,600	108,482,600	566,326,300
Aug. 6	5,074,549,200	4,191,083,000	105,280,300	559,269,800
Aug. 13	5,035,730,400	4,128,636,500	107,530,100	551,889,400
Aug. 20	4,998,030,100	4,149,772,900	103,028,500	553,046,600
Aug. 27	4,964,541,000	4,179,950,800	103,148,400	557,963,400
Sept. 3	4,968,682,700	4,230,740,700	100,232,500	561,932,200
Sept. 10	4,940,375,800	4,216,287,200	102,597,500	527,490,400
Sept. 17	4,998,175,700	4,245,261,500	105,157,700	581,887,700
Sept. 24	5,031,886,400	4,226,641,100	102,681,900	574,216,900
Oct. 1	5,061,236,500	4,246,794,000	103,500,000	567,838,500

* 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 Oct. 5 1921, in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Resources—	Oct. 5 1921.	Sept. 28 1921.	Oct. 8 1920.
Gold and gold certificates	357,209,927	348,565,816	133,402,000
Gold settlement fund—F. R. Board	32,473,657	88,846,619	37,807,000
Gold with foreign agencies			32,856,000
Total gold held by bank	389,683,585	437,412,434	204,065,000
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent	575,827,978	576,066,268	235,642,000
Gold redemption fund	15,000,000	15,000,000	37,925,000
Total gold reserves	980,511,563	1,028,478,713	477,632,000
Legal tender notes, silver, &c.	61,538,115	61,319,171	127,834,000
Total reserves	1,042,049,678	1,089,797,884	605,466,000
Bills discounted: Secured by U. S. Government obligations—for members	96,990,099	80,216,390	509,645,000
For other Federal Reserve banks	19,518,000	26,720,700	
	116,508,099	106,937,090	509,645,000
All other—For members	159,714,002	146,827,797	434,576,000
For other Federal Reserve banks		3,605,000	
	159,714,002	150,232,797	434,576,000
Bills bought in open market	18,667,209	17,604,908	97,752,000
Total bills on hand	294,889,311	274,774,796	1,041,973,000
U. S. Government bonds and notes	2,526,500	3,026,500	1,512,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness			
One-year certificates (Pittman Act)	49,276,000	49,276,000	59,276,000
All others	15,801,000	9,021,000	12,682,000
Total earning assets	362,492,811	336,098,296	1,115,443,000
Bank premises	5,776,901	5,593,876	4,028,000
5% redemp. fund agst. F. R. bank notes	1,791,510	1,596,210	2,528,000
Uncollected items	138,016,785	106,992,529	158,049,000
All other resources	3,078,660	3,083,914	920,000
Total resources	1,553,206,337	1,543,162,711	1,886,434,000
Liabilities			
Capital paid in	27,085,650	27,088,100	25,294,000
Surplus	59,318,368	59,318,368	51,308,000
Reserved for Government Franchise Tax	19,859,010	19,908,010	
Deposits:			
Government	18,960,589	12,644,968	16,978,000
Member banks—Reserve account	629,764,901	667,054,362	726,592,000
All other	11,025,767	11,741,204	15,333,000
Total deposits	659,751,247	611,440,475	758,903,000
F. R. notes in actual circulation	642,293,384	631,129,924	864,895,000
F. R. bank notes in circula'n—net liability	29,284,200	27,484,200	39,113,000
Deferred availability items	111,208,444	82,416,233	108,667,000
All other liabilities	4,406,032	4,432,899	38,254,000
Total liabilities	1,553,206,337	1,543,162,711	1,886,434,000
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	80.0%	82.4%	38.5%
Ratio of total reserves to F. R. notes in circulation after setting aside 35% against deposit liabilities	126.3%	134.3%	41.3%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	12,122,035	12,563,321	6,079,570

Note.—In conformity with the practice of the Federal Reserve Board at Washington, method of computing ratios of reserves to liabilities was changed beginning with the return for March 18. Instead of computing reserves on the basis of net deposits—that is, including in the total of deposits "deferred availability items" but deducting "uncollected items"—the new method is to disregard both amounts and figure the percentages entirely on the gross amount of the deposits. For last year, however, the computations are on the old basis; that is, reserve percentages are calculated on basis of net deposits and Federal Reserve notes in circulation.

A substantial decrease from \$65,500,000 to \$48,800,000 is shown in the amount of paper held under rediscount for other reserve banks by the Boston, New York and Cleveland banks. Rediscounts of the Richmond Bank with the New York Reserve Bank show a reduction for the week from \$24,900,000 to \$19,500,000; Atlanta reports a reduction in bills rediscounted with the Boston and Cleveland banks from \$20,100,000 to \$17,200,000; Minneapolis was able to redeem the entire amount of \$5,400,000 of paper held under rediscount with the New York Bank on the previous Wednesday, while Dallas shows a reduction of its rediscounts from \$14,900,000 to \$12,100,000, the latter amount all held by the Boston Bank.

Government deposits are stated \$1,800,000 larger than the week before, reserve deposits show a decrease of \$22,400,000, while other deposits, composed largely of non-members' clearing accounts and cashier's checks, show a reduction of \$400,000.

Federal Reserve note circulation shows an increase for the week of \$25,100,000, New York, Atlanta and San Francisco reporting the largest additions to their outstanding note circulation. Net liabilities of the Reserve banks on Federal Reserve bank notes in circulation, on the other hand, show a further decline of \$1,800,000, the total for the first time since 1918 falling below the \$100,000,000 mark.

A further gain of \$6,600,000 is shown in the gold reserves, the Oct. 5 total of \$2,732,599,000 indicating a gain since Jan. 1 of \$369,800,000, as against a loss of \$40,500,000 in other cash reserves, i. e., silver and legal.

	Oct. 5 1921.	Sept. 28 1921.	Sept. 21 1921.	Sept. 14 1921.	Sept. 7 1921.	Aug. 31 1921.	Aug. 24 1921.	Aug. 17 1921.	Oct. 8 1920.
Legal tender notes, silver, &c.	\$ 150,343,000	\$ 152,719,000	\$ 151,968,000	\$ 150,001,000	\$ 146,876,000	\$ 146,859,000	\$ 147,078,000	\$ 145,173,000	\$ 161,944,000
Total reserves	2,882,942,000	2,878,655,000	2,863,096,000	2,834,502,000	2,803,254,000	2,787,920,000	2,766,156,000	2,745,468,000	2,158,268,000
Bills discounted:									
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	495,866,000	490,927,000	495,158,000	503,677,000	539,293,000	545,176,000	541,754,000	559,689,000	1,217,098,000
All other	902,255,000	911,976,000	892,081,000	924,485,000	969,194,000	946,759,000	953,597,000	952,428,000	1,578,573,000
Bills bought in open market	42,070,000	38,889,000	33,514,000	40,712,000	44,920,000	35,320,000	35,209,000	41,910,000	305,690,000
Total bills on hand	1,440,191,000	1,441,792,000	1,420,751,000	1,468,874,000	1,553,407,000	1,527,255,000	1,530,560,000	1,554,027,000	3,101,361,000
U. S. bonds and notes	35,433,000	36,485,000	38,081,000	33,729,000	33,813,000	34,008,000	34,099,000	34,028,000	26,925,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness:									
One-year certificates (Pittman Act)	167,375,000	175,375,000	184,875,000	187,875,000	190,875,000	193,875,000	201,875,000	203,375,000	259,375,000
All other	19,054,000	12,399,000	8,571,000	19,803,000	17,084,000	2,350,000	2,800,000	7,876,000	14,576,000
Total earning assets	1,662,053,000	1,666,051,000	1,652,278,000	1,710,281,000	1,795,179,000	1,757,488,000	1,769,334,000	1,799,306,000	3,402,237,000
Bank premises	29,501,000	29,172,000	29,111,000	28,877,000	27,700,000	27,509,000	27,256,000	26,952,000	15,634,000
5% redemp. fund agst. F. R. bank notes	8,842,000	9,086,000	8,917,000	8,845,000	9,221,000	9,539,000	9,583,000	9,471,000	11,666,000
Uncollected items	558,105,000	508,185,000	591,811,000	641,279,000	494,667,000	455,897,000	463,592,000	531,871,000	795,608,000
All other resources	15,906,000	15,947,000	16,448,000	16,801,000	18,101,000	17,470,000	17,253,000	17,302,000	5,948,000
Total resources	5,157,349,000	5,107,126,000	5,161,661,000	5,240,585,000	5,148,122,000	5,055,823,000	5,053,174,000	5,130,370,000	6,389,361,000
LIABILITIES.									
Capital paid in	103,046,000	103,040,000	103,017,000	102,982,000	103,073,000	103,050,000	103,030,000	102,896,000	97,519,000
Surplus	213,824,000	213,824,000	213,824,000	213,824,000	213,824,000	213,824,000	213,824,000	213,824,000	164,745,000
Reserved for Govt. franchise tax	51,741,000	51,654,000	50,777,000	50,101,000	49,099,000	48,061,000	47,824,000	47,006,000	43,365,000
Deposits—Government	59,004,000	57,253,000	74,183,000	49,219,000	60,701,000	46,809,000	31,479,000	19,014,000	43,365,000
Member banks—reserve account	1,613,149,000	1,635,572,000	1,588,209,000	1,631,038,000	1,632,135,000	1,618,901,000	1,616,964,000	1,621,570,000	1,825,906,000
All other	24,179,000	24,580,000	29,218,000	25,574,000	25,232,000	25,044,000	25,188,000	30,665,000	27,648,000
Total	1,696,332,000	1,717,405,000	1,691,610,000	1,705,831,000	1,718,068,000	1,690,454,000	1,673,631,000	1,671,249,000	1,896,919,000
F. R. notes in actual circulation	2,482,315,000	2,457,196,000	2,474,676,000	2,491,651,000	2,517,563,000	2,481,466,000	2,485,914,000	2,503,642,000	3,322,123,000
F. R. bank notes in circulation—net liab.	6,229,000	101,372,000	103,590,000	103,075,000	107,759,000	109,864,000	112,811,000	114,502,000	213,154,000
Deferred availability items	488,741,000	441,300,000	503,174,000	553,235,000	418,563,000	389,362,000	397,011,000	455,120,000	609,980,000
All other liabilities	21,750,000	21,326,000	20,993,000	19,883,000	20,183,000	19,442,000	19,129,000	19,181,000	84,921,000
Total liabilities	5,157,349,000	5,107,126,000	5,161,661,000	5,240,585,000	5,148,122,000	5,055,823,000	5,053,174,000	5,130,370,000	6,389,361,000
Ratio of gold reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	65.4%	65.3%	65.1%	61.0%	62.7%	63.3%	62.9%	62.3%	38.3%
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	69.0%	69.0%	68.7%	67.5%	66.2%	66.8%	66.5%	65.8%	41.4%
Ratio of total reserves to F. R. notes in circulation after setting aside 35% against deposit liabilities	92.2%	92.7%	91.8%	89.8%	87.5%	88.5%	87.7%	86.3%	45.0%
Distribution by Maturities—									
1-15 days bills bought in open market	\$ 22,847,000	\$ 19,782,000	\$ 12,509,000	\$ 23,864,000	\$ 27,294,000	\$ 19,876,000	\$ 18,351,000	\$ 24,264,000	\$ 121,443,000
1-15 days bills discounted	813,342,000	801,222,000	781,238,000	832,181,000	878,094,000	859,676,000	854,600,000	860,478,000	1,618,998,000
1-15 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness	19,129,000	12,669,000	16,984,000	21,082,000	20,430,000	19,354,000	9,000,000	19,026,000	19,547,000
16-30 days bills bought in open market	6,229,000	8,582,000	10,980,000	8,702,000	6,243,000	5,619,000	7,375,000	8,472,000	55,922,000
16-30 days bills discounted	161,863,000	162,980,000	166,165,000	168,007,000	172,739,000	155,111,000	149,549,000	157,138,000	281,399,000
16-30 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness	12,500,000	15,708,000	11,563,000	16,886,000	23,689,000	15,506,000	17,333,000	12,307,000	14,000,000
31-60 days bills bought in open market	7,271,000	6,677,000	6,070,000	5,704,000	7,804,000	6,987,000	5,892,000	4,813,000	105,890,000
31-60 days bills discounted	235,802,000	240,134,000	244,633,000	246,313,000	275,915,000	279,433,000	291,860,000	273,237,000	516,868,000
31-60 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness	11,006,000	9,801,000	15,700,000	17,280,000	16,063,000	30,107,000	30,690,000	32,663,000	22,284,000
61-90 days bills bought in open market	5,652,000	3,687,000	3,775,000	2,342,000	3,579,000	2,838,000	3,588,000	4,358,000	22,435,000
61-90 days bills discounted	154,862,000	165,618,000	162,421,000	148,124,000	153,695,000	164,105,000	162,983,000	181,320,000	356,532,000
61-90 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness	18,850,000	33,107,000	11,689,000	17,013,000	15,799,000	9,800,000	14,701,000	15,659,000	22,328,000
Over 90 days bills bought in open market	71,000	161,000	180,000	100,000	---	---	3,000	3,000	---
Over 90 days bills discounted	32,252,000	32,889,000	32,780,000	33,537,000	28,044,000	33,710,000	36,353,000	39,946,000	21,874,000
Over 90 days cert. of indebtedness	124,944,000	116,469,000	137,510,000	135,617,000	131,978,000	130,458,000	132,951,000	133,506,000	195,792,000
Federal Reserve Notes—									
Outstanding	2,795,943,000	2,817,678,000	2,837,667,000	2,862,670,000	2,852,311,000	2,849,721,000	2,854,623,000	2,885,217,000	3,625,726,000
Held by banks	313,630,000	360,482,000	362,991,000	371,019,000	334,748,000	368,255,000	368,709,000	381,575,000	303,603,000
In actual circulation	2,482,313,000	2,457,196,000	2,474,676,000	2,491,651,000	2,517,563,000	2,481,466,000	2,485,914,000	2,503,642,000	3,322,123,000
Amount chargeable to Fed. Res. agent in hands of Federal Reserve Agent	3,633,702,000	3,650,957,000	3,667,177,000	3,708,770,000	3,688,605,000	3,701,036,000	3,694,122,000	3,714,661,000	4,098,239,000
Issued to Federal Reserve banks	837,759,000	833,279,000	829,510,000	844,100,000	836,294,000	851,315,000	839,499,000	829,344,000	472,513,000
How Secured—									
By gold and gold certificates	450,163,000	447,337,000	447,337,000	402,737,000	402,738,000	400,992,000	371,992,000	373,992,000	279,276,000
By eligible paper	1,039,361,000	1,058,613,000	1,060,138,000	1,168,369,000	1,175,116,000	1,165,198,000	1,208,514,000	1,225,155,000	2,483,314,000
Gold redemption fund	120,199,000	110,566,000	117,912,000	113,195,000	113,842,000	113,709,000	109,417,000	125,650,000	115,081,000
With Federal Reserve Board	1,186,220,000	1,201,162,000	1,212,280,000	1,178,369,000	1,160,615,000	1,179,822,000	1,164,700,000	1,160,620,000	748,055,000
Total	2,795,943,000	2,817,678,000	2,837,667,000	2,862,670,000	2,852,311,000	2,849,721,000	2,854,623,000	2,885,217,000	3,625,726,000
Eligible paper delivered to F. R. Agent	1,403,142,000	1,398,753,000	1,376,725,000	1,427,915,000	1,507,187,000	1,479,891,000	1,490,547,000	1,506,343,000	3,027,140,000

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS OCT. 5 1921.

Two ciphers (00) omitted. Federal Reserve Bank of—	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
RESOURCES.													
Gold and gold certificates	\$ 8,301,000	\$ 357,210,000	\$ 1,859,000	\$ 12,332,000	\$ 2,867,000	\$ 5,019,000	\$ 22,430,000	\$ 3,167,000	\$ 8,867,000	\$ 2,276,000	\$ 6,060,000	\$ 18,884,000	\$ 448,472,000
Gold settlement fund—F. R. B'd	52,779,000	32,474,000	65,158,000	45,756,000	21,372,000	6,653,000	81,240,000	19,516,000	13,531,000	28,668,000	8,622,000	39,416,000	415,175,000
Total gold held by banks	61,080,000	389,684,000	67,017,000	58,088,000	24,239,000	11,672,000	103,670,000	22,683,000	22,398,000	30,934,000	14,682,000	57,500,000	863,647,000
Gold with F. R. agents	176,213,000	575,828,000	147,372,000	177,281,000	32,074,000	49,391,000	308,396,000	56,569,000	18,234,000	35,657,000	11,676,000	167,801,000	1,756,582,000
Gold redemption fund	17,166,000	15,000,000	6,586,000	6,264,000	9,720,000	5,076,000	31,877,000	3,685,000	2,505,000	3,271,000	4,053,000	7,167,000	112,370,000
Total gold reserves	254,459,000	980,512,000	220,975,000	241,633,000	66,033,000	66,139,000	443,943,000	82,937,000	43,227,000	69,862,000	30,411,000	232,468,000	2,732,599,000
Legal tender notes, silver, &c.	15,581,000	61,538,000	6,762,000	5,991,000	4,625,000	8,007,000	18,851,000	14,195,000	409,000	4,263,000	6,207,000	8,914,000	160,343,000
Total reserves	270,040,000	1,042,050,000	227,737,000	247,624,000	70,658,000	74,146,000	462,794,000	97,132,000	43,636,000	74,125,000	36,618,000	236,382,000	2,892,942,000
Bills discounted: Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	26,709,000	116,508,000	67,600,000	40,074,000	26,957,000	36,821,000	69,795,000	27,337,000	10,714,000	19,189,000	9,507,000	44	

LIABILITIES (Concluded)— Two ciphers (00) omitted.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneap.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined per cent.	78.5	80.0	73.1	68.7	43.1	41.7	69.4	58.5	41.6	53.2	41.4	67.1	69.0
Contingent liability as endorser on discounted paper rediscounted with other F. R. banks.					19,518.0	17,195.0					12,108.0		48,821.0
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents includes bills discounted for other F. R. banks, viz.:	2,442.0	12,122.0	2,676.0	2,743.0	1,639.0	1,204.0	3,981.0	1,572.0	903.0	1,606.0	870.0	1,539.0	33,297.0
	21,840.0	19,518.0		7,643.0									48,821.0

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS' ACCOUNTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS OCT. 5 1921.

Federal Reserve Agent at—	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleve.	Richm'd	Atlanta	Chicago	St. L.	Minn.	K. City	Dallas	San Fr.	Total.
Resources— (In Thousands of Dollars)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Federal Reserve notes on hand	99,500	326,700	20,220	44,080	20,249	71,873	159,080	28,260	10,945	4,440	20,452	31,960	837,739
Federal Reserve notes outstanding	252,699	742,986	229,839	245,078	117,358	139,788	467,731	128,292	60,310	81,574	45,874	284,325	2,795,943
Collateral security for Federal Reserve notes outstanding:													
Gold and gold certificates	5,600	396,925		13,375		3,400		6,110	13,052		6,701		450,163
Gold redemption fund	20,613	17,903	16,983	13,906	3,074	2,491	15,751	3,528	1,072	3,297	2,741	18,840	120,199
Gold settlement fund—Federal Reserve Board	150,000	161,000	130,389	145,000	29,000	43,500	292,645	46,931	4,200	32,360	2,234	148,961	1,186,230
Eligible paper (Amount required)	76,486	167,158	82,467	67,797	85,284	90,486	159,335	71,723	41,986	45,917	24,198	116,524	1,039,361
Excess amount held	5,586	102,255	5,096	64,433	16,623	14,528	59,579	4,995	26,582	27,377	25,936	10,791	363,781
Total	610,484	1,914,927	484,994	598,669	271,588	366,155	1,154,121	289,839	158,147	194,965	138,136	611,401	6,793,426
Liabilities—													
Net amount of Federal Reserve notes received from Comptroller of the Currency	352,199	1,069,686	250,059	289,158	137,607	211,750	626,811	156,552	71,255	86,014	66,326	316,285	3,633,702
Collateral received from (Gold)	176,213	575,828	147,372	177,281	32,074	49,391	308,396	56,569	18,324	35,657	11,676	167,801	1,756,582
Federal Reserve Bank (Eligible paper)	82,072	269,413	87,563	132,320	101,907	105,014	218,914	76,718	68,568	73,294	60,134	127,315	1,403,142
Total	610,484	1,914,927	484,994	598,669	271,588	366,155	1,154,121	289,839	158,147	194,965	138,136	611,401	6,793,426
Federal Reserve notes outstanding	252,699	742,986	229,839	245,078	117,358	139,788	467,731	128,292	60,310	81,574	45,874	284,325	2,795,943
Federal Reserve notes held by banks	17,981	100,693	24,575	21,210	7,711	5,813	44,586	24,876	2,382	7,870	2,800	52,183	313,630
Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation	234,718	642,293	205,264	223,868	109,647	134,064	423,145	103,416	57,928	73,704	42,074	232,192	2,482,313

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. 28 1921.

Aggregate increases of \$28,000,000 in loans and of \$32,000,000 in demand deposits are indicated in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly consolidated statement of condition on Sept. 28 of 809 member banks in leading cities. In the investment block, a total liquidation, largely through sales to customers, of \$47,000,000 of Treasury notes and certificates, offset in part by additions of \$7,000,000 to holdings of United States bonds and of \$23,000,000 to corporate securities on hand is shown.

Loans secured by United States Government obligations show a reduction of \$16,000,000 for the week, while loans secured by corporate securities increased by \$17,000,000, and all other loans and discounts, largely of a commercial character, by \$28,000,000. For member banks in New York City an increase of \$31,000,000 in commercial loans and decreases of \$4,000,000 in loans secured by Government obligations and of \$8,000,000 in loans secured by corporate stocks and bonds are noted.

Of the total liquidation of short term Treasury obligations, \$15,000,000 represent notes and \$32,000,000 certificates of indebtedness. Member banks in New York City report an increase of \$5,000,000 in their holdings of Treasury notes, and a decrease of \$7,000,000 in certificates. Total loans and investments of all reporting banks are shown \$12,000,000 larger than the week before, while in New York City the corresponding increase for the week was \$22,000,000.

Accommodation of member banks at Federal Reserve banks shows an increase from \$860,000,000 to \$875,000,000 for the week, the ratio of accommodation to the banks' total loans and investments increasing from 5.8 to 5.9%. In New York City accommodation at the local Reserve bank increased from \$130,000,000 to \$150,000,000 and the ratio of accommodation from 2.8 to 3.2%.

Net demand deposits show an increase of \$32,000,000 for all reporting banks and of \$44,000,000 for member banks in New York City, the latter reporting large additions to balances of correspondent banks. Government deposits show a reduction of \$2,000,000—all outside of New York City—while time deposits increased by \$9,000,000, the increase for New York City members being \$1,000,000.

Reserve balances of the reporting institutions with the Federal Reserve banks are shown \$52,000,000 larger than the week before, the increase in New York City alone being \$54,000,000. Cash in vault increased by \$3,000,000, \$1,000,000 of which is shown for the New York City members.

1. Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business Sept. 28 1921. Three ciphers (000) omitted.

Federal Reserve District.	Boston	New York	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richm'd.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneap.	Kan. City	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
Number of reporting banks	49	112	58	85	82	43	112	37	35	79	52	65	809
Loans and discounts, including bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank:													
Loans sec. by U. S. Govt. obligations	32,422	225,493	60,608	55,995	23,479	18,184	76,805	19,038	12,544	18,431	6,837	26,790	576,626
Loans secured by stocks and bonds	190,643	1,284,787	192,108	336,708	109,298	52,016	437,047	118,731	30,200	65,659	37,484	141,986	2,996,667
All other loans and discounts	590,603	2,687,314	357,118	664,825	332,380	319,375	1,177,873	303,959	242,563	369,683	206,447	747,379	7,999,600
Total loans and discounts	813,668	4,197,594	609,915	1,057,528	465,157	389,575	1,691,725	441,728	285,307	453,773	250,768	916,155	11,572,893
U. S. bonds	37,996	311,997	46,093	107,510	61,039	30,255	17,642	26,970	15,957	31,859	34,811	101,753	877,884
U. S. Victory notes	5,611	83,738	6,390	15,161	4,707	2,143	27,300	1,970	673	2,770	1,319	15,292	166,064
U. S. Treasury notes	5,111	83,582	5,898	8,786	8,220	2,677	11,273	2,739	3,658	1,596	1,057	7,443	149,320
U. S. certificates of indebtedness	7,422	58,602	12,390	12,732	3,752	2,786	33,458	4,566	2,404	6,331	4,007	20,646	169,296
Other bonds, stocks and securities	146,649	703,956	155,689	274,306	51,697	36,572	343,265	67,324	20,615	47,124	9,518	165,274	2,021,789
Total loans, disc'ts & investments, incl. bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank	1,016,457	5,439,669	844,955	1,476,233	594,472	461,628	2,178,663	545,297	328,614	543,453	301,480	1,226,545	14,957,256
Reserve balance with F. R. Bank	72,021	609,610	58,293	89,508	28,300	26,503	171,097	38,418	16,820	35,747	20,116	75,231	1,241,664
Cash in vault	20,779	101,446	16,638	29,343	14,256	9,120	52,686	7,523	6,415	12,971	10,110	22,625	304,912
Net demand deposits	697,313	4,477,486	599,735	792,700	288,181	208,776	1,254,017	279,108	168,823	354,240	182,808	562,412	9,865,599
Time deposits	182,604	447,295	43,680	425,100	121,333	139,440	649,818	145,679	67,672	100,066	59,329	542,272	2,925,188
Government deposits	43,651	248,750	44,462	45,650	17,398	6,655	61,860	17,806	17,817	12,170	9,456	21,498	547,173
Bills payable with Federal Reserve Bank:													
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	9,989	54,200	23,510	14,856	22,460	14,298	26,299	12,379	3,345	8,580	5,521	28,172	223,609
All other				27					177		478		396
Bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank:													
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	4,113	8,370	15,334	6,711	2,115	5,377	5,917	2,778	842	1,913	303	2,482	56,255
All other	29,669	133,655	24,928	67,525	47,003	44,663	99,584	29,996	31,861	33,119	16,434	36,892	594,339

2. Data of reporting member banks in Federal Reserve Bank and branch cities and all other reporting banks.

Three ciphers (000) omitted.	New York City.		City of Chicago.		All F. R. Bank Cities.		F. R. Branch Cities.		All Other Report. Bks.		Total.	
	Sept. 28.	Sept. 21.	Sept. 28.	Sept. 21.	Sept. 28.	Sept. 21.	Sept. 28.	Sept. 21.	Sept. 28.	Sept. 21.	Sept. 28.	Sept. 21.
Number of reporting banks	70	70	51	51	280	280	211	212	318	318	809	810
Loans and discounts, incl. bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank:												
Loans sec. by U. S. Govt. obligations	202,759	207,090	56,769	57,053	404,230	418,742	95,738	95,895	76,658	78,205	576,626	592,342
Loans secured by stocks & bonds	1,120,496	1,128,542	317,075	305,461	2,113,426	2,098,332	463,387	464,235	419,864	416,740	2,996,667	2,979,307
All other loans and discounts	2,391,393	2,359,793	756,258	769,869	5,175,149	5,161,971	1,467,397	1,459,630	1,357,054	1,350,415	7,999,600	7,972,016
Total loans and discounts	3,714,648	3,695,425	1,130,102	1,132,383	7,692,805	7,679,045	2,026,522	2,019,760	1,853,566	1,845,360	11,572,893	11,544,165
U. S. bonds	267,796	266,252	18,501	17,979	449,504	440,007	212,935	210,970	215,455	215,767	877,894	870,744
U. S. Victory notes	76,354	74,889	11,865	11,474	102,035	100,265	38,323	40,015	25,706	25,983	166,064	166,263
U. S. Treasury notes	78,091	72,740	3,627	5,812	104,982	115,443	26,096	29,444	18,242	19,798	149,320	164,685
U. S. certificates of indebtedness	53,692	60,623	20,227	28,233	108,693	137,973	38,339	39,402	22,264	23,539	169,296	200,914
Other bonds, stocks and securities	529,088	528,181	134,180	134,914	1,096,211	1,086,805	575,909	562,779	349,669	349,071	2,021,789	1,998,655
Total loans & disc'ts & invest's, incl. bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank	4,719,669	4,698,110	1,318,502	1,330,845	9,554,230	9,563,538	2,918,124	2,902,370	2,484,902	2,479,518	14,957,256	14,945,426
Reserve balance with F. R. Bank	568,276	514,159	123,394	122,764	928,512	872,102	180,435	182,216	132,477	133,938	1,241,664	1,189,256
Cash in vault	88,608	87,392	30,126	29,252	172,314	170,067	58,847	57,446	73,751	73,632	304,912	301,445
Net demand deposits	4,048,072	3,973,769	874,529	881,067	6,954,938	6,918,348	1,523,266	1,523,318	1,387,395	1,391,530	9,865,599	9,833,196
Time deposits	278,403	277,290	309,947	310,069	1,368,617	1,361,570	905,924	904,260	650,647	649,829	2,925,188	2,915,659
Government deposits	238,554	238,446	43,216	44,497	430,014	431,689	71,301	71,426	45,868	46,016	547,173	549,131
Bills payable with F. R. Bank:	</											

Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, October 7 1921.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—Interest in the stock market has lagged this week and prices have declined simply from inertia, while the bond market has attracted increasing attention.

The Government cotton crop report, issued early in the week, although showing a condition 7% lower than the September report and an estimated yield the smallest in more than 30 years, was less unfavorable than had been expected, causing liberal sales and a substantial reaction from the high prices then prevailing in that market.

As a result of the week's operations in the stock market practically the entire active list has declined. Several industrial issues have lost from 2 to 4 points, while of the railway group only 2 or 3 have dropped as much as a point.

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 Oct. 7, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like American Bank Note, Preferred, Am Brake & F pref, etc.

For volume of business on New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Boston exchanges, see page 1549.

State and Railroad Bonds.—No sales of State bonds have been reported at the Board this week.

The general bond market has, as noted above, occupied very interesting position in Stock Exchange operation

The transactions on at least one day of the week have exceeded \$12,000,000, par value, and in several important cases a new high record of values has been established.

United States Bonds.—Sales of Government bonds at the Board are limited to the various Liberty Loan issues.

Table titled 'Daily Record of Liberty Loan Prices' with columns for Oct. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. Rows include First Liberty Loan, Second Liberty Loan, Third Liberty Loan, Fourth Liberty Loan, and Victory Liberty Loan.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Table showing registered bond transactions: 5 1st 4 1/2s, 82 2d 4 1/2s, 43 3d 4 1/2s.

Quotations for Short-Term U. S. Govt. Obligations.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked. Lists various short-term government obligations with their respective rates and prices.

Foreign Exchange.—

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 3 71/2 @ 3 72 1/2 for sixty days, 3 77/8 @ 3 78 1/2 for cheques and 3 78 @ 3 79 1/2 for cables.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 7.14 @ 7.16 for long and 7.20 @ 7.22 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London 52.35 fr.; week's range 52.03 fr. high and 52.75 fr. low.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:

Table showing exchange rates for Sterling Actual, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, and Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders.

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par. St. Louis, 15 @ 25c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. San Francisco, par. Montreal, \$99.375 per \$1,000 premium. Cincinnati, par.

The Curb Market.—The first half of the week in the Curb Market was decidedly active and good gains were made in prices. Thereafter there was a decided falling off in speculation with the undertone unsettled.

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Par sales during the week of stocks usually inactive see preceding page

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Oct. 1 to Friday Oct. 7), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Railroads, etc.), PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1, PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1920.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-rights. ‡ Less than 100 shares. § Ex-dividend and rights. z Ex-dividend. d Ex-rights (June 15) to subscribe share for share, to stock of Glen Alden Coal Co. at \$5 per share and ex-dividend (100% in stock Aug. 22).

For rates 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 Oct. 1 to Friday Oct. 7), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1, and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1920. Includes various stock listings like Am Smelt Secur pref ser A.100, American Sugar Refining, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. Ex-rights. α Ex-div. and rights. \$ Par value \$100. o Old stock. ‡ Ex-dividend.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see third preceding page

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* Bid # asked prices; no sale on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-rights. § Ex-div. and rights. † Ex-div. ‡ Reduced to basis of \$25 par. ¶ Par \$100.

New York Stock Exchange—BOND Record, Friday, Weekly and Yearly

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Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now—"and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price Friday Oct. 7, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and various price points.

*No price Friday; latest bid and asked. aDue Jan. dDue April. eDue May. gDue June. hDue July. iDue Aug. oDue Oct. pDue Nov. qDue Dec. rOption Sale.

N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE										N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE														
Week ending Oct. 7										Week ending Oct. 7														
Bonds	Interest	Price	Week's	Range	Range	Bonds	Interest	Price	Week's	Range	Range	Bonds	Interest	Price	Week's	Range	Range	Bonds	Interest	Price	Week's	Range	Range	
	Per Cent	Friday	Range or	Since	Since		Per Cent	Friday	Range or	Since	Since		Per Cent	Friday	Range or	Since	Since		Per Cent	Friday	Range or	Since	Since	
		Oct 7	Last Sale	Jan 1	Jan 1			Oct 7	Last Sale	Jan 1	Jan 1			Oct 7	Last Sale	Jan 1	Jan 1			Oct 7	Last Sale	Jan 1	Jan 1	
Dal Lark & Western—	J	84																						
Morris & Essex 1st gu 3 1/2s 2000	F	98	70 3/4	68 3/4	Sept 21	95	70 3/4	98	70 3/4	68 3/4	Sept 21	95	70 3/4	98	70 3/4	68 3/4	Sept 21	95	70 3/4	98	70 3/4	68 3/4	Sept 21	95
N Y Lark & W 5s	F	96	94 1/2	92 1/2	Sept 21	91	94 1/2	96	94 1/2	92 1/2	Sept 21	91	94 1/2	96	94 1/2	92 1/2	Sept 21	91	94 1/2	96	94 1/2	92 1/2	Sept 21	91
Term & Improve 4s	F	96	94 1/2	92 1/2	Sept 21	91	94 1/2	96	94 1/2	92 1/2	Sept 21	91	94 1/2	96	94 1/2	92 1/2	Sept 21	91	94 1/2	96	94 1/2	92 1/2	Sept 21	91
Warren 1st ref gu 3 1/2s	F	96	94 1/2	92 1/2	Sept 21	91	94 1/2	96	94 1/2	92 1/2	Sept 21	91	94 1/2	96	94 1/2	92 1/2	Sept 21	91	94 1/2	96	94 1/2	92 1/2	Sept 21	91
Delaware & Hudson—	J	98 1/2	99	98 1/2	Sept 21	97 1/2	99	98 1/2	99	98 1/2	Sept 21	97 1/2	99	98 1/2	99	98 1/2	Sept 21	97 1/2	99	98 1/2	99	98 1/2	Sept 21	97 1/2
1st & ref 4s	M	81	81 1/4	81 1/4	Sept 21	80 1/2	81 1/4	81	81 1/4	81 1/4	Sept 21	80 1/2	81 1/4	81	81 1/4	81 1/4	Sept 21	80 1/2	81 1/4	81	81 1/4	81 1/4	Sept 21	80 1/2
30-year conv 5s	O	86 3/4	86 3/4	86 3/4	Sept 21	86 3/4	86 3/4	86 3/4	86 3/4	86 3/4	Sept 21	86 3/4	86 3/4	86 3/4	86 3/4	86 3/4	86 3/4	86 3/4	86 3/4	86 3/4	86 3/4	86 3/4	86 3/4	86 3/4
10-year secured 7s	J	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	Sept 21	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	Sept 21	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2
Alb & Susq conv 3 1/2s	A	73 1/2	75 1/2	73 1/2	Sept 21	73 1/2	75 1/2	73 1/2	75 1/2	73 1/2	Sept 21	73 1/2	75 1/2	73 1/2	75 1/2	73 1/2	75 1/2	73 1/2	75 1/2	73 1/2	75 1/2	73 1/2	75 1/2	73 1/2
Renss & Saratoga 20-yr 6s	M	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	Sept 21	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	Sept 21	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
Den & R Gr—1st cons 4s	J	72	72	72	Sept 21	72	72	72	72	72	Sept 21	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72
Consol gold 4 1/2s	J	71	71	71	Sept 21	71	71	71	71	71	Sept 21	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	71
Improvement gold 5s	J	45	45	45	Sept 21	45	45	45	45	45	Sept 21	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45
1st & refunding 6s	F	41	41	41	Sept 21	41	41	41	41	41	Sept 21	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41
Trust Co certifs of deposit																								
Rlo Gr June 1st gu 5s	J	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	Sept 21	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	Sept 21	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4
Rlo Gr Sou 1st gold 4s	J	81	80	81	Apr 11	81	80	81	80	81	Apr 11	81	80	81	80	81	80	81	80	81	80	81	80	81
Guaranteed	J	100	100	100	Dec 20	100	100	100	100	100	Dec 20	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Rlo Gr West 1st gold 4s	J	68 1/2	70	68 1/2	Sept 21	68 1/2	70	68 1/2	70	68 1/2	Sept 21	68 1/2	70	68 1/2	70	68 1/2	70	68 1/2	70	68 1/2	70	68 1/2	70	68 1/2
Mtce. & coll trust 4s	A	57	57 1/2	57	Sept 21	57	57 1/2	57	57 1/2	57	Sept 21	57	57 1/2	57	57 1/2	57	57 1/2	57	57 1/2	57	57 1/2	57	57 1/2	57
Det & Mack—1st lien 4s	J	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	Sept 21	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	Sept 21	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2
Gold 4s	J	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	Sept 21	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	Sept 21	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2
Det Riv Tur Test 4 1/2s	M	74	73 3/4	74	Sept 21	74	73 3/4	74	73 3/4	74	Sept 21	74	73 3/4	74	73 3/4	74	73 3/4	74	73 3/4	74	73 3/4	74	73 3/4	74
Dul Missabe & Nor gen 5s	J	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	Sept 21	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	Sept 21	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2
Dul & Iron Range 1st 5s	A	90	91	90	Sept 21	90	91	90	91	90	Sept 21	90	91	90	91	90	91	90	91	90	91	90	91	90
Registered	A	90	91	90	Sept 21	90	91	90	91	90	Sept 21	90	91	90	91	90	91	90	91	90	91	90	91	90
Dul Sou Shore & Atl g 5s	J	74	74	74	Sept 21	74	74	74	74	74	Sept 21	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74
Elgin Joliet & East 1st g 5s	M	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	Sept 21	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	Sept 21	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2
Erle 1st consol gold 7s ext	M	99 1/2	100	100	Jan 20	99 1/2	100	99 1/2	100	99 1/2	Jan 20	99 1/2	100	99 1/2	100	99 1/2	100	99 1/2	100	99 1/2	100	99 1/2	100	99 1/2
N Y & Erie 1st ext g 4s	M	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	Sept 21	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	Sept 21	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2
3rd ext gold 4 1/2s	M	96	96 1/2	96	Sept 21	96	96 1/2	96	96 1/2	96	Sept 21	96	96 1/2	96	96 1/2	96	96 1/2	96	96 1/2	96	96 1/2	96	96 1/2	96
4th ext gold 5s	A	86 1/4	89	86 1/4	Sept 21	86 1/4	89	86 1/4	89	86 1/4	Sept 21	86 1/4	89	86 1/4	89	86 1/4	89	86 1/4	89	86 1/4	89	86 1/4	89	86 1/4
5th ext gold 4s	J	97	97 1/2	97	Nov 15	97	97 1/2	97	97 1/2	97	Nov 15	97	97 1/2	97	97 1/2	97	97 1/2	97	97 1/2	97	97 1/2	97	97 1/2	97
N Y L E & W 1st 7s ext	M	55	55 1/2	55	Sept 21	55	55 1/2	55	55 1/2	55	Sept 21	55	55 1/2	55	55 1/2	55	55 1/2	55	55 1/2	55	55 1/2	55	55 1/2	55
Erle 1st cons 4s prior	J	55	55 1/2	55	Sept 21	55	55 1/2	55	55 1/2	55	Sept 21	55	55 1/2	55	55 1/2	55	55 1/2	55	55 1/2	55	55 1/2	55	55 1/2	55
Registered	J	55	55 1/2	55	Sept 21	55	55 1/2	55	55 1/2	55	Sept 21	55	55 1/2	55	55 1/2	55	55 1/2	55	55 1/2	55	55 1/2	55	55 1/2	55
1st consol gen lien 4s	J	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	Oct 20	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	Oct 20	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
Registered	J	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	Oct 20	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	Oct 20	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
50-year conv 4s Ser A	F	76	78	76	Sept 21	76	78	76	78	76	Sept 21	76	78	76	78	76	78	76	78	76	78	76	78	76
do Series B	A	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	Sept 21	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	Sept 21	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2
do Series C	A	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	Sept 21	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	Sept 21	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2
Gen conv 4s Ser D	A	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	Sept 21	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	Sept 21	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
Chic & Erie 1st gold 5s	M	81	81	81	Sept 21	81	81	81	81	81	Sept 21	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81
Cleve & Mahon Vall g 5s	J	80	80	80	Jan 17	80	80	80	80	80	Jan 17	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80
Erle & Jersey 1st g 5s	J	80 1/2																						

Table of N.Y. STOCK EXCHANGE bonds, Week ending Oct. 7. Columns include Bond Name, Price (Bid/Ask), Week's Range, and Range Since Jan. 1.

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* No price Friday; latest bid and asked. a Due Jan. b Due Feb. c Due June. d Due July. e Due Aug. f Due Oct. g Due Nov. h Due Dec. i Option sale.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Oct. 1 to Friday Oct. 7) and rows of stock prices. Includes sub-headers for 'Saturday Oct. 1.', 'Monday Oct. 3.', 'Tuesday Oct. 4.', 'Wednesday Oct. 5.', 'Thursday Oct. 6.', and 'Friday Oct. 7.'.

Table with columns for 'Sales for the Week.' and 'Shares'.

Table with columns for 'STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'Range Since Jan. 1' (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stock categories like Railroads, Miscellaneous, and Mining.

Table with columns for 'Range for Previous Year 1920' (Lowest, Highest) and rows of stock prices.

Bid and asked prices. d Ex-dividend and rights. e Assessment paid. A Ex-rights. g Dividend. h Par value \$10 per share.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Oct. 1 to Oct. 7, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like U S Lib Loan 3 1/2s, 2d Lib Loan 4s, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Oct. 1 to Oct. 7, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like American Radiator, American Shipbuilding, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Oct. 1 to Oct. 7, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Alliance Insurance, American Gas, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Railways Co General, Reading, etc.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange Oct. 1 to Oct. 7, both inclusive compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Am Vitriol Prod, Am Wind Glass Mach, etc.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, Oct. 1 to Oct. 7, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Arundel Corporation, Atlan Coast L (Conn), etc.

Table with columns: Bonds (Concluded), Friday Last Sale, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Elkhorn Coal Corp, Fair & Clarke's Trac, etc.

New York Curb Market.—Official transactions in the New York Curb Market from Oct. 1 to Oct. 7

Main table listing various stocks and commodities. Columns include: Week ending Oct. 7, Friday Last Sale, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Lists items like Acme Coal, Acme Packing, Aluminum Mfrs, etc.

Table listing 'Other Oil Stocks (Concluded)'. Columns include: Friday Last Sale, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Lists items like Atlantic Lobos Oil, Preferred, Atlantic Petrol, etc.

Table with columns: Mining (Concl.)— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like South Amer Gold & P., Standard Silver-Lead, etc.

Table with columns: Bonds—, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Allied Pack convy deb 6s '39, Certificates of deposit, etc.

Table with columns: Foreign Government and Municipalities, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Argentine Nation 7s, Badische Anil Soda, etc.

Table with columns: Foreign Government and Municipalities (continued), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Argentine Nation 7s, Badische Anil Soda, etc.

* Odd lots. † No par value. ‡ Listed on the Stock Exchange this week, where additional transactions will be found. § New stock. ¶ When issued. * Ex-dividend. † Ex-rights. ‡ Ex-stock dividend. § Dollars per 1,000 lire, flat. ¶ Dollars per 1,000 marks. * Correction. † There were no sales of MacNamara Crescent Mining last week at 3c. Only sales were at 6c., 3,400 shares.

Quotations for Sundry Securities.

Large table with columns: All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "f.", Standard Oil Stocks, RR. Equipments—Per Ct, Basis. Includes entries like Standard Oil new, Atlantic Refining, etc.

New York City Banks and Trust Cos.—See page 1546
New York City Realty and Surety Cos.—See p. 1546

* Per share. † Basis. ‡ Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. § New stock /flat price. ¶ Last sale. * Nominal. † Ex-dividend. ‡ Ex-rights.

RAILROAD GROSS EARNINGS

The following table shows the gross earnings of various STEAM roads from which regular weekly or monthly returns can be obtained. The first two columns of figures give the gross earnings for the latest week or month, and the last two columns the earnings for the period from Jan. 1 to and including the latest week or month.

Main table with columns: ROAD, Latest Gross Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Jan. 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Rows include Alabama & Vicksb., Ann Arbor, Atch Topeka & S Fe, etc.

AGGREGATE OF GROSS EARNINGS—Weekly and Monthly.

Summary table with columns: *Weekly Summaries (Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %) and *Monthly Summaries (Curr. Yr., Prev. Yr., Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %).

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the fourth week of September. The table covers 11 roads and shows 15.30% decrease in the aggregate from the same week last year:

Table with 5 columns: Fourth Week of September, 1921, 1920, Increase, Decrease. Rows include Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh, Canadian National Rys., Canadian Pacific, Grand Trunk of Canada, Detroit Grand Haven & Mil., Minneapolis & St. Louis, Iowa Central, Mobile & Ohio, Southern Railway, Total (11 roads), Net decrease (15.30%).

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 5 columns: Gross from Railway, Net from Railway, Net after Taxes, 1921, 1920. Rows list various railroads and industrial companies such as Ann Arbor, Atchafalaya, Chicago & North Western, etc.

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Taxes.—Taxes were \$1,280,062, an increase over 1919 of \$114,752 or 9.85%.

Capital Stock.—The stock outstanding Dec. 31 1920, was still \$241,237,589 viz.: 4% Guaranteed, \$60,833,333; 1st Pref., \$16,644,000; 2nd Pref., \$12,312,667; 3rd Pref., \$34,884,535; Ordinary stock, \$116,563,053. [The decision of the Valuation Board in 1921 was cited in V. 113, p. 1155, 1250, 1471. The majority of the board held that the shares, both common and all classes of preferred, were without value and therefore the Dominion Government need make no payment for ownership of same. Hon. William H. Taft, one of the board, dissented. An appeal is proposed.]

Debt.—The Debenture stock outstanding at Dec. 31 1920, was still \$155,373,808 viz.: Grand Trunk 5%, \$20,782,492; Great Western 5%, \$13,252,323; Grand Trunk 4%, \$119,839,014; Northern Ry. 4%, \$1,499,980.

Funded Debt.—Principal retirements during the year were \$12,166,667 5 1/2% 5-year Secured Notes, due July 1 1920.

Principal issues during the year were \$25,000,000 7% 20-year Sinking Fund Gold Debenture Bonds dated Oct. 1 1920 (V. 111, p. 1473; V. 113, p. 960) \$898,500 6% 15-year Equipment Trust Notes, dated Jan. 15 1920, maturing serially, \$20,192,275 loan from Dominion Government under Appropriation Act 1920-21.

Capital Expenditure.—The Capital Expenditure was \$3,994,345. [Chief \$1,026,133 for land and land drainage and \$2,968,495 for rolling stock, etc.]

Financing by Dominion Government.—Under the terms of the above agreement the Government have since May 21 1920, financed the obligations of the company.

[For sale of \$25,000,000 Debenture 15-year 6s dated Sept. 21 see V. 113, p. 1250 and the \$12,000,000 6 1/2% Equipment Trusts dated Feb. 1 1921 V. 112, p. 257, 372.]

RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Miles oper. (in Canada)	3,611	3,616	3,616	x3,954
Passengers carried	12,206,977	11,620,590	10,018,717	12,132,884
Tons freight carried				
Revenue freight	26,322,423	23,292,706	24,905,484	25,272,449
Non-revenue	3,162,686		Not compiled	
Tons one mile (000)				
Revenue freight	5,028,651	4,580,346	5,028,293	4,703,165
Non-revenue tons	280,968		Not compiled	
Average per ton mile	1.155 cts.	1.055 cts.	9 cts.	.76 cts.
Total earnings	\$81,442,647	\$68,744,359	\$61,588,760	\$52,197,345
Total expenses	76,213,815	60,374,434	52,379,663	42,619,755
Net earn., bef. taxes	\$5,228,832	\$8,369,925	\$9,209,097	\$9,577,590

x Includes lines east of St. Clair and Detroit Rivers, and the Detroit and Michigan Air Lines.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDING DEC. 31.

	1920.	1919.
Railway Operating Revenues—		
Freight	\$58,102,054	\$48,313,551
Passenger	16,948,180	15,124,852
Mail	580,239	548,781
Express	2,659,572	2,129,706
Other passenger train	289,474	231,263
Milk	233,951	209,984
Switching	785,347	591,270
Dining & buffet	349,430	388,499
Demurrage	578,057	421,458
Grain elevator	201,217	251,194
Rents of buildings and other property	135,940	218,837
Miscellaneous	579,185	314,962
Total operating revenues	\$81,442,647	\$68,744,359
Railway Operating Expenses—		
Maintenance of way & structures	\$12,005,384	\$9,478,288
Maintenance of equipment	21,103,422	16,537,827
Traffic expenses	1,304,107	1,001,311
Transportation rail line	38,518,233	30,713,902
Miscellaneous operations	501,361	392,541
General expenses	2,787,700	2,251,646
Transportation for investment		Cr. 6,392
Total operating expenses	\$76,213,815	\$60,374,434
Net revenue from railway operations	\$5,228,832	\$8,369,927
Railway tax accruals	1,280,062	1,165,310
Uncollectible railway revenues	23,005	5,540
Total operating income	\$3,925,765	\$7,199,077
Non-operating Income—		
Hire of freight cars—Cr. Balance	\$675,862	\$271,417
Rent from equipment	653,035	420,290
Joint facility rent income	871,376	610,091
Income from lease of road	10,000	10,000
Miscellaneous rent income	179,592	131,686
Miscellaneous non-operating physical property	90,823	37,185
Dividend income	141,986	698,397
Income from funded securities	2,150,914	2,021,168
Income from unfunded securities & accounts	1,464,400	1,866,841
Miscellaneous income	1,468,283	79,724
Gross income	\$11,632,037	\$13,345,876
Deductions from Gross Income—		
Rent for equipment	\$638,725	\$454,108
Joint facility rents	101,868	63,443
Rent for leased roads	474,459	368,456
Miscellaneous rents	68,716	134,178
Interest on unfunded debt	770,637	496,256
Amortization of discount on funded debt	253,934	232,934
Miscellaneous income charges	942,195	292,084
Balance, deficit or surplus	def \$4,599,105	sur \$363,270
New England Lines	990,869	599,743
Western lines	1,935,156	872,951
Interest on funded Debt—		
Debenture stock	6,555,300	550,000
Equipment bonds, \$43,187; equip. notes, \$270,057	313,244	
Canada Atlantic 1st M. bonds	640,004	
Other underlying bonds	32,500	9,468,454
Sinking fund gold debenture bonds	218,750	
Secured notes	1,502,583	
Dominion Government loans	771,451	
Sundry	20,750	
Total deductions from gross income	\$16,231,142	\$12,982,607

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET AT DECEMBER 31 1920.

(See Previous Report Figured in Pounds in V. 110, p. 2286).

Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Capital expenditure acct.	440,697,914	Capital stock	241,237,589
Impts. on leased ry prop.	324,100	Debenture stock	155,373,808
Sinking funds	18,493	Grants in aid of construction	15,142,633
Miscel. physical property	1,223,703	Funded debt unmaturred	66,429,952
Investments in affiliated cos.	41,724,288	Dominion Government loans	21,340,809
Other investments	659,365	Non-negot. debt to affil. cos.	1,758,059
Cash	deb. 888,567	Loans and bills payable	850,000
Special deposits	15,759	Traffic & car service bal. pay	10,843,402
Traffic & car serv. bal. rec.	7,424,711	Audited accts. & wages pay	26,577,921
Net bal. rec. agts. & conduc.	3,556,273	Miscel. accounts payable	86,405
Miscel. accounts receivable	18,937,451	Interest matured unpaid	1,548,811
Material and supplies	18,647,445	Dividends matured unpaid	3,519,365
Interest and divs. receivable	45,491	Funded debt matured unpaid	102,713
Rents receivable	65,547	Unmatured rents accrued	462,733
Other current assets	753	Other current liabilities	504,178
Working fund advances	192,301	Liability for provident funds	215,729
Insurance and other funds	1,747,774	Other deferred liabilities	6,804,491
Other deferred assets	10,553,216	Tax liability	2,411,605
Rents & ins. prem. paid in adv	187,459	Insurance & casualty res.	1,500,881
Discount on funded debt	1,493,863	Operating reserves	20,428
Other unadjusted debits	9,340,076	Other unadjusted credits	6,089,609
Sec. iss. or assumed—unpledg	157,065	Profit and loss deficit	Dr. 4,282,841
Total	556,125,072	Total	556,125,072

The results for the Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. were given in V. 113, p. 727 1471.—V. 113, p. 1471.

The Toronto Railway Company.

(29th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1920.)

President William MacKenzie on Sept. 30 reported in substance:

Results.—While the gross revenue for the year increased over 1919 by \$674,996 the charges exceeded the said revenue by \$417,426, as follows: The gross earnings amounted to \$7,909,892, charges for operating, maintenance, etc., aggregated \$6,626,508, leaving net balance from operation, \$1,283,384; other charges—(a) bond interest, \$109,175; (b) war and Provincial Government taxes, \$31,766; (c) Payments to City—Percentage on earnings, \$1,308,340; pavement charges, \$98,782, and general taxes, \$152,746; balance deficit carried forward \$417,426.

Wages.—Notwithstanding the large increase in wages granted to employees referred to in our last report, the company had to face another heavy increase this year. When the agreement made by the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, under which we were paying 50, 52 1/2 and 55 cents per hour expired in June last, the men demanded in the first instance a flat rate of 85 cents per hour and later a maximum of 66 cents. The Conciliation Board recommended that the prevailing rate should continue up to the end of the franchise. The men went on strike on June 23. Thereupon the Municipal Board Acting as mediators recommended that 5 cents per hour increase be granted, all other working conditions to remain the same. This was accepted by the men, who returned to work on Sunday, June 27 having been on strike four days. The increase amounted to approximately \$400,000 per annum.

Bonds.—The tenth drawing of the bonds of 1892, took place on June 22. There has been drawn to date a total of \$2,275,860.

[For details regarding the sale of the radial and power interest of the Company to the Hydro-electric Power Commission, see under "General Investment News" on another page, and also V. 113, p. 1472, 1157, 1054, 850; V. 111, p. 2424.]

The income account for years 1917-20 was published in V. 113, p. 1473.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Assets—	1920.	1919.	Liabilities—	1920.	1919.
Road, equip., &c.	19,681,262	19,667,881	Capital	12,000,000	12,000,000
Advances to subsidiary cos.	1,341,345	1,454,150	Bonds outstanding	2,274,360	2,502,307
Guaranty Toronto Power Co.		478,000	Short-term notes		478,000
Stores on hand	116,622	152,551	Mortgages	70,000	70,000
Accts. receivable	434,858	508,533	Accrued interest	31,209	37,637
Cash	109,087	311,166	Accounts & wages	1,031,634	722,086
			Injuries fund	352,908	322,646
			Renew. & oth. res.	758,962	861,078
			Profit and loss	5,161,101	5,578,527
Total	21,683,174	22,572,281	Total	21,683,174	22,572,281

—V. 113, p. 1472.

Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1920.)

President Alfred H. Smith, New York, says in substance:

Rates.—The Inter-State Commerce Commission on July 29 1920 granted an increase, effective Aug. 26 1920, in freight rates in Eastern group territory of 40% and of 33-3% between points in Eastern group territory and other territories. It also granted an increase in passenger rates of 20%, with a surcharge on Pullman fares of 50% accruing to the carriers. These increases were not immediately allowed by several of the States as to intra-State rates, so that the full effect of the advance was not measured by the percentages for inter-State traffic, although, in most instances, they were subsequently allowed under further orders of the Commission.

Traffic.—There were carried 38,500,819 tons of revenue freight, an increase of 2,435,201 tons over 1919. There were marked increases at follows: bituminous coal 1,309,000 tons, ores 1,060,000 tons, manufactures and miscellaneous 1,158,000 tons. While these commodities attained more nearly a normal basis there was a falling off of 1,045,000 tons in other products of mines, due chiefly to (1) an abnormal coke tonnage in 1919 of between 500,000 and 600,000 tons, and (2) as to clay, gravel, sand, stone, asphaltum, &c., the switchmen's strike of the second quarter of 1920 and the slowing down of building activities during the year.

Labor.—The substantial increases in pay and the changes in working conditions during and since Federal control have created a situation which is giving the company grave concern. The abolition of piece work in our shops has also been the cause of heavy additional expense.

Equipment.—The condition of the company's equipment at the end of Federal control has caused an unusual outlay for repairs, which are still under way.

Coal.—There was a substantial increase in the cost of fuel.

U. S. Settlement.—Final settlement of accounts with the U. S. Railroad Administration for the period of Federal control and the settlement also with the U. S. Government for the guaranty period—six months, March to Aug. 1920—is still in progress.

Equipment & Equipment Trusts.—The financing of the 15 locomotives allotted to us by the Director-General is being carried out through Equipment Trust No. 49, dated Jan. 15 1920. The cost will be between \$700,000 and \$800,000; notes of \$582,000 have been issued (V. 113, p. 1213, 1324).

The company is also to acquire from the N. Y. Central R.R. Co. 5 locomotives and 11 passenger-train cars covered by that company's equipment trust of April 15 1920. The estimated cost is \$637,367 and we are to assume our pro rata share of the trust and also the cost not financed through the trust. The company's share of the certificates issued to cover approximately 75% of the cost of the equipment sub-let to it is \$477,844.

Equipment trust agreement dated Oct. 1 1920 covers 1,375 steel hopper cars of 55-ton capacity, estimated to cost \$3,222,887. A part of the cost of these cars was financed by the sale of \$2,400,000 of 6 1/2% equipment trust certificates, the balance to be paid in cash; 875 of the cars, in the construction of which used trucks were employed, are being acquired for the use of the company at an estimated cost of \$1,997,887. Of these cars 300 were delivered during the year. The remaining 500 cars, to cost approximately \$1,225,000, are being acquired by the Pittsburgh McKeesport & Youghiogheny R.R. Co. under a sub-lease providing that the sub-lessee shall bear its share of the equipment trust certificates and pay the additional cost of the cars above that financed through the trust (V. 111, p. 1473).

An arrangement has been made for the construction of an additional 125 steel hopper cars, in which used trucks are to be employed, at a cost of approximately \$285,412. These cars will be divided between this company and the Pittsburgh McKeesport & Youghiogheny R.R.

Purchase.—During the year we acquired 193 shares (par value \$9,650) of the Common stock of the Pittsburgh McKeesport & Youghiogheny R.R. Co. Its total holdings in this stock at the close of 1920 were 31,337 shares, par value \$1,566,850, or 39% of the amount outstanding. The N. Y. Central R.R. Co. owns a like amount of this stock.

Floating Debt.—The company's liability for loans and bills payable has been reduced \$1,575,000 by payment at maturity. The amount due Dec. 31 1920 was \$2,975,000, including \$700,000 in favor of the U. S. Government.

Deductions.—Rent for leased roads shows an increase of \$157,614 caused by the interest on the Pittsburgh McKeesport & Youghiogheny Equipment Trust Notes issued in favor of the Director-General of Railroads.

The decrease of \$727,528 in war taxes is the result of a change in method of accounting since Aug. 31 1920, war taxes for the last four months of the year having been included in railway tax accruals.

Interest on funded debt increased \$76,412, attributable to various equipment trust obligations issued during the year.

Interest on unfunded debt shows a decrease of \$237,776, mainly due to the decreased amount accrued account loans and bills payable outstanding, and account balances with the Director-General of Railroads.

The decrease in corporate general expenses of \$103,344 is caused by the change in distribution which occurred with the end of Federal control, items for 1920, subsequent to Feb. 29 being carried to the general expenses group of operating expenses.

RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns (1920, 1919, 1918, 1917) and rows for Miles operated, Tons (revenue) freight, Company's freight, etc.

OPERATING RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns (1920, 1919, 1918, 1917) and rows for Earnings, Freight, Passenger, Mail, etc.

CORPORATE INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns (1920, 1919, 1918, 1917) and rows for Compensation accrued, Add. compen. accrued, etc.

Table with 4 columns (1920, 1919, 1918, 1917) and rows for Total (compared with compensation), Miscellaneous rent income, etc.

Table with 4 columns (1920, 1919, 1918, 1917) and rows for Gross income, Rent for leased roads, etc.

Table with 4 columns (1920, 1919, 1918, 1917) and rows for Total deductions, Balance, Add. revs. & exp. applic., etc.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with 4 columns (1920, 1919, 1920, 1919) and rows for Assets, Liabilities, Road & equip't, etc.

American Smelting & Refining Co., New York.

(23d Semi-Annual Report—Half Year Ended June 30 1921.)

President Simon Guggenheim says in substance:

After paying bond interest and before deducting depreciation and ore depletion, there was available for the payment of dividends the sum of \$1,001,838.

The Preferred dividend being cumulative and the conservative policy of the management in the past having built up in more prosperous times a large surplus for such periods as the company is now passing through, the directors felt justified in continuing the payment of the Preferred dividend.

All of the properties are in excellent condition and their management is entitled to much credit for the heroic manner in which they have reduced, and still are reducing expenses.

The present depression of our business is entirely due to the lack of demand for metals, many of which at the present time are selling below the cost of production, causing the complete shut down of many mines and the drastic curtailment of production in those still operating.

This condition is, naturally, only temporary; in fact, a slight improvement is already perceptible, and we have every reason to believe that in due course the Smelting Co. will be able to give as good an account of itself in the future as it has in the past.

See also news item on a subsequent page—Ed.]

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT SIX MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30—INCL. AMER. SMELTING & REFINING CO. AND AMER. SMELTERS SECURITIES CO.

Table with 4 columns (1921, 1920, 1919, 1918) and rows for Net earns. Smelt. & Ref. plants and industries, Total net earnings, etc.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30 1921 & DEC. 31 1920.

Table with 4 columns (June 30 '21, Dec. 31 '20, June 30 '21, Dec. 31 '20) and rows for Assets, Liabilities, a. Cost of plants, etc., b. Common stock, etc.

a Includes additions and improvements, less depreciation and additions and improvements written off to profit and loss. c After deducting \$6,121,300 held as security for Am. Sm. & Ref. Co. 1st M. bonds and \$1,426,900 deposited with trustees for redemption under stock retirement agreement.

American Shipbuilding Co., Cleveland.

(22d Annual Report—Year ended June 30 1921.)

President M. E. Farr says in substance:

Results—Depression Not Due to Over-Production.—The results from operation for the fiscal year just ended, in view of the setback in shipping, and in consequence shipbuilding, are better than were expected.

The impression prevails that the present depression in water shipping is caused solely by an over-production of vessels. Statistics recently published by Lloyd's Register prove that the world's steam tonnage, after eliminating wooden vessels and those obsolete, improperly designed and poorly constructed, is not greatly in excess of the tonnage in 1913.

Outlook.—The cost of ship construction is still high, which it must be understood, bears no relation to the low prices now quoted for vessels already built. There are few inquiries for new tonnage, and the prospects of the company's securing new business in the immediate future are not encouraging.

Ships Built, Sold and Owned.—During the year eight cargo ships, of 66,200 gross tons carrying capacity, were completed for company account. Four of these were bulk lake carriers and four of general cargo ocean type.

The four lake ships have been sold at fair prices. Notwithstanding negotiations with foreign interests for the sale of a number of the ocean type ships were closed, the buyers either refused or were unable to carry out their part of the transaction.

The Independent Steamship Co. still holds title to the ten ocean type ships, all of which are in first-class condition and now in ordinary. Repair Work.—There were 260 vessels, aggregating 1,134,492 gross tons, dry-docked at the various plants of the company during the year.

Plant, &c., Abandoned.—The West Milwaukee plant, and Dry Dock No. 3 at Cleveland, having become obsolete, were abandoned. Four Plants Closed.—On account of lack of business, the Superior, Milwaukee, Detroit and Wyandotte plants have been closed temporarily.

These plants will be reopened as soon as there is sufficient business to warrant their operation. Additions, &c.—During the year a total of \$248,044 was expended for equipment, replacements and changes in various plants.

Financial Status.—The property is in good condition and free of encumbrance. The cost of replacing property damaged by fire amounted to \$121,490, which with the exception of one item of \$838, was fully covered by insurance. The indebtedness shown in the balance sheet is current, and there are no known contingent liabilities.

Inventories, except broken lots, obsolete and surplus materials left over from the war program, have been taken on a basis of cost, but not in excess of the prevailing market prices. Sales of surplus material were satisfactory. Marked reduction in prices will be necessary to move the remainder of this stock.

Negotiations with United States.—Negotiations with the Government for the amortization of the cost of plant expansion for war work, it is hoped, will be concluded before the close of the present year.

London Office Closed.—The London office, opened in May 1919, was closed in November 1920. Dividend Outlook.—Retirement of Preferred Stock Recommended.—Many inquiries have been received concerning the continuance of dividends on the outstanding common and preferred stock.

Unfortunately, dividends on the Preferred stock are non-cumulative; that is, payable only when the earnings for the current fiscal year are sufficient to pay all or a part of the fixed 7%. The records of the company show that considerable of this stock is owned by educational, charitable and benevolent institutions. Your President sincerely hopes that a plan to retire this stock may be agreed upon, which can now be done and leave ample capital or normal

requirements. The liquidation of the outstanding preferred stock (\$7,900,000) would remove a yearly dividend requirements of \$553,000, stabilize the common stock, and end the differences between the common and preferred interests, which have existed in the past. The company is strong and sound, and its property in excellent condition to carry on construction and repair work with economy and speed, yet its shares are persistently offered at less than one-half the amount its assets would bring through liquidation.

[The accounts include the following subsidiary companies: Detroit Ship Building Co., Detroit; Chicago Ship Building Co., Chicago; Superior Ship Building Co., Superior, Wis.; Buffalo Dry Dock Co., Buffalo; Milwaukee Dry Dock Co., Milwaukee; The Independent S.S. Co., Cleveland.]

INCOME AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS FOR YEARS ENDING JUNE 30.

Table with 4 columns: Years ending June 30—, 1920-21., 1919-20., 1918-19. Rows include Net earnings all prop. after mfg. exp., Add—Interest earned, Adj. of Liberty bonds to market val., Miscellaneous (net), Total income, Deduct—General, &c., expenses, State, county and miscellaneous taxes, Prov. for amort. & demob. exp. (est.), Sundry charges (net), Depreciation, Maintenance and repairs, Federal taxes, &c. (estimated), Amort. of perm. assets to pre-war val., Adjustment of Liberty bonds, Net income for year, Previous surplus, Adjustments (net), Total, Net charge against surplus account, Preferred dividends (7%), Common dividends.

Profit and loss balance forward \$11,363,320 \$12,821,424 \$11,856,988

a Includes additional adjustment of inventories as of June 30 1920, \$588,351; overhead deferred at June 30 1920, subsequently charged off, \$151,753; plant property previously abandoned, but proper adjustment determined subsequent to June 30 1920, \$98,647; additional capital stock taxes for prior periods, \$16,534; total as above, \$855,284.

Note.—In connection with the foregoing statement of income, year 1920-21, it should be noted that there has been included as charges against the year's operating income a considerable amount as yet not definitely determined, representing charges, items of expense and outlay not applicable to the current year's business but incident to the completion of the war contracts and the transition from a war to a peace basis.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Table with 4 columns: 1921., 1920., 1921., 1920. Rows include Assets—Plants, prop., &c., Good will, patents, Govern't securities, Securities owned, Inventory, Acc'ts & notes rec., Cash, Work under constr., Deferred assets, Bldgs., mach'y, equipm't, &c., Prepaid exp., &c., Completed ships, Notes receivable & accrued interest, Bonds, stocks and accrued interest, Other assets, Total. Liabilities—Stock, preferred, Stock, common, Accounts payable, Accr. int., taxes, &c., Unpaid pref. divs., do com. stock, Reserves: Fire insurance, Workmen's comp'n's insur., Est. Fed'l taxes & adj. amort., Conting'y, &c., Add'l cost ships delivered, Surplus.

x This amount includes buildings, machinery, equipment, &c., built and installed on account of war production, \$9,417,198; less reserve for amortization, \$8,307,481.—V. 113, p. 1474, 1363.

Oklahoma Natural Gas Co., Tulsa, Oklahoma.

(Report for Six Months ending June 30 1921.)

Table with 2 columns: 1921., 1920. Rows include Gross earnings (from sale of gas \$2,652,733), Operating expenses, \$908,630; gas purch., \$881,999; total, 1,790,629, Taxes: Fed. Capital stock, \$7,148; prop. (1921), \$118,080; Fed. income (1921), \$45,000; total, 170,228, Int. on notes payable, \$24,819; int. on funded debt, \$32,770; other deductions, \$8,114; total, 65,704.

Table with 2 columns: 1921., 1920. Rows include Net operating income (gas), \$633,076, Net operating income (oil and gasoline), deb. \$,627, Net operating profit, \$624,449, Dividends paid, (4%) \$,572,000.

Balance, surplus \$42,449. The directors in Sept. last decided to defer payment of the Oct. dividend. In April and July last quarterly dividends of 2% each were paid. Compare V. 113, p. 1367.

BALANCE SHEET OF JUNE 30 1921 (COMPARED WITH DEC. 13 1920.)

Table with 4 columns: J'ne 30'21., Dec. 31'20., J'ne 30'21., Dec. 31'20. Rows include Assets—Plant equipment, Well, lines, &c., under construc'n, Depart. investm'ts, Inventories, Accts. receivable, U. S. Lib. bds., &c., Treasury stock, Deferred charges, Cash, Total. Liabilities—Capital stock, Funded debt, Accts. & gas purch. payable, Res. for taxes, int., &c., Deprec. & deplet'n, Surplus from prop. appraisal, Surplus.

a Consists of \$593,000 Oklahoma Natural Gas Co. 6% gold bonds; \$349,000 Caney River Gas Co. 6% gold bonds and \$142,000 Enid Natural Gas Co. 6% gold bonds.—V. 113, p. 1367.

International Agricultural Corporation.

(12th Annual Report—Year ended June 30 1921.)

President Stephen B. Fleming says in substance:

Loans—More Time to Planters.—The great decline in the price of cotton and farm products coming at the time of our collection period last fall made it necessary for the company to extend to the planters and farmers additional time in which to pay for their fertilizer, which made necessary the increasing of our current borrowings to supply us with funds to extend the farmers this accommodation and to provide cash to finance the spring business.

Bonds.—During the year we have retired \$434,000 of our bonds outstanding (V. 112, p. 2311), making a total reduction in the outstanding issue of \$3,957,100. There are treasury bonds available for future use in the amount of \$6,766,500.

Prof. Dividend Not Paid.—The directors in June decided that it was for the best interest of the company to omit the dividend on the Cumulative Preferred stock (V. 112, p. 2542).

Results.—The consolidated operating account shows a net loss of \$1,062,394. All inventories have been marked down by \$1,170,575, leaving a deficit for the year of \$2,232,969, which leaves us with a surplus as of June 30 1921 of \$1,350,683.

Until last fall the indications were that the fertilizer industry would market a normal tonnage at reasonable prices. In October and continuing till June 30 1921 the fertilizer industry experienced a very severe depression. As is customary, we contracted for our usual supply of raw materials during the late spring and early summer months. At the time the depression arrived these raw materials were largely in the form of manufactured fertilizer for the spring trade.

The low prices of farm products reduced the purchasing power of the farmer, who, in turn, found it necessary to curtail his purchases of fertilizer. With the large inventories in the factories of fertilizer manufacturers and a restricted demand, prices declined to a low level. The decreased consumption of fertilizer necessarily reduced the use of phosphate rock from our mines in Florida and Tennessee.

Ample reserves have been set up for such accounts as are of doubtful value. Our inventories have been taken at cost or market value as of June 30 1921, whichever was the lower.

European Business Curtailed.—The fertilizer industries of European countries experienced a like depression which has made it necessary for us to postpone the delivery of a large tonnage of phosphate rock until conditions become more normal. Many European countries are desirous of purchasing our phosphate rock but find themselves unable to do so owing to conditions created by the World War.

Outlook.—The demand for fertilizer and our shipments in the winter wheat section are substantially ahead of last year at satisfactory prices.

The poor grade and the small yield of cotton this year have conclusively proven the necessity of using sufficient fertilizer to produce good, staple cotton. The advance in the price of cotton should enable the planter to buy the necessary quantity of fertilizer for his next year's planting.

Additions Completed.—The construction of the new phosphate rock plant in Tennessee and the improvements to our Florida phosphate rock properties, as referred to last year, have been entirely completed. No new construction is contemplated nor are extensive improvements necessary during the coming year.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING JUNE 30.

Table with 4 columns: 1920-21., 1919-20., 1918-19., 1917-18. Rows include Gross profit on operations, Operating, &c., expenses, Net earnings, Div. jointly owned corp's, Gross income, Bond interest, Balance, surplus, Amort. of bond disc., org., organization exp., &c., Profit on bonds purch'd, Reserve for contingencies, Res. for loss on investm't, Inven. adjus. (to cost or market, whichever is lower), Preferred dividends, Balance, surplus—def.

* Profit on bonds purchased at a discount and canceled under operation of sinking fund. x Includes five quarterly dividends of 1 1/4% each.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, INCLUDING AFFILIATED (i. e., 100% OWNED) COMPANIES.

Table with 4 columns: 1921., 1920., 1921., 1920. Rows include Assets—Real est., plant, &c., Investments, Cash, Accts., notes, &c., rec. (less res'v.), Inventories, Due from jointly owned corp'ns., Other companies, Deferred charges, Cash in sink. fund, U. S. Liberty bds., Overburden from unmined phosph. property, Total. Liabilities—Preferred stock, Common stock, First mtge. bonds, Accounts payable, Loans and notes payable, Dividends payable, Interest on bonds and loans accrued, &c., Special reserves, Surplus.

Note.—There are also contingent liabilities consisting of endorsements on notes of jointly owned corporations, \$417,500, net included above.—V. 112, p. 2542.

Punta Alegre Sugar Co.

(6th Annual Report—Year ended May 31 1921.)

President Edwin F. Atkins, Boston, Oct. 1, wrote in subs.:

During the year ended May 31 the sugar industry suffered an unprecedented collapse, through the decline in price of raw sugar between June and December from 22 1/2c. to 3 1/2c. per pound, with a further decline later to 2c. Plans had been made, contracts let, and work started so that full production could be obtained in order to take advantage of sugar prices which were expected to be considerably above normal. When prices started to decline it was too late, and impossible, immediately to adjust production costs, as materials and labor entering into such costs did not decline as rapidly as the price for sugar.

The Government of the United States chose that time to increase the tariff on Cuban sugars to a figure representing an ad valorem duty of 80%, and at this date it is impossible to predict the effect on the industry.

At the company's estates expenses have been reduced wherever possible, and economies now in force will enable the company to compete favorably in the production of low price sugars.

Table with 3 columns: 1920-21., 1919-20. Rows include Raw Sugar of the Estates Output (Bags)—Central Punta San Juan, Central Florida, Central Trinidad, Total.

The sugar content of the cane at Punta San Juan was high, a promising indication for future crops. The company plantations supplied 22% of the cane ground. The construction work has been substantially completed, the greater part of the expense was incurred in connection with the railroad, now in first rate condition, with suitable wharf and terminal facilities.

Of the cane ground at Florida the company plantations supplied 25%. The unit is now completely equipped; the construction work during the year included a new electric plant, boiler, railroad extension, etc. High operating costs at the Trinidad mill reflected the shortage of cane, due to unfavorable weather conditions, and the high cost of cultivating the company plantations, which supplied 60% of the total cane ground.

On account of market conditions large areas of young cane at Punta San Juan and at Florida were left until next crop.

Anticipating the difficulty of disposing of raw sugars in 1921 the management, through E. Atkins & Co., entered into an arrangement with the Pennsylvania Sugar Co. whereby the production of the Punta Alegre Sugar Co. could be disposed of through a refinery as refined sugar. This contract has permitted the regular shipment of sugar from Cuba, and constant liquidation, so that on Sept. 1 only 200,000 bags of sugar remained on hand, which it is expected will be disposed of before the end of the year. These sugars are included in the balance sheet at 2.60c. per pound.

Latest advices indicate a good cane supply for the next crop, and a substantial reduction in operating costs.

In spite of the losses on last year's crop the company remains in strong financial condition, free from bonded debt or preferred stock liens. Financing for the present dead season has been arranged through the usual bank loans against the current crop.

[The directors in June last, voted to omit payment of the dividend usually paid July 15.—V. 112, p. 2649.]

Total Number of Cars Loaded With Revenue Freight.

	Weeks ended			Weekly Ave.	Total Year
	Sept. 24	Sept. 17	Sept. 10	1st Qu.	To Date.
1921.....	873,305	853,762	748,118	693,297	28,235,407
1920.....	1,008,109	991,166	883,415	817,601	834,488
1919.....	995,901	994,991	946,970	704,035	761,511

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of Oct. 1.—(a) R.R. Consolidation plan (I.-S. C. Commission plan based on plan of Prof. Ripley), p. 1429 to 1431.

The "Ry. Age" of Oct. 1, p. 613 to 616 and 633 to 635, contains an abstract of Prof. Ripley's plan, and the "Ry. Review" of same date furnished, along with extracts from that report, small reproductions of the maps that accompany the Ripley report. Compare "Times" Oct. 1, p. 21.

(b) Increased earnings due to deferred maintenance, &c. (Ass'n of Ry. Executives), p. 1434.

(c) Additional R.R. equipment obligations sold by U. S. Govt., p. 1428. Compare V. 113, p. 1212, 1324. See also "Current Events" in this issue.

(cc) R.R. and El. Ry. capital flotations in Aug. 1921 and the 8 mos., p. 1405 to 1408.

(d) Penn. R.R. Co. disputes authority of Labor Board as to management of employees, p. 1429, 1399.

(e) V.-Pres. Atterbury of Penn. R.R. says there must be further wage reductions, p. 1428.

(f) Possibility of trainmen's strike, p. 1428. (g) Ry. executives to meet Oct. 14, p. 1429. (h) R.R. relief necessary for economic recovery, p. 1429.

(i) Plan for merger and city control of N. Y. transit lines (Transit Commission) p. 1431 to 1434. See also "Current Events" in this issue.

Ann Arbor R.R.—Annual Report.

The annual report for the calendar year 1920 shows corporate net income after taxes and charges of \$73,508. The estimated amount due from the Government on account of the six months' guaranty period is \$232,742, making a total surplus of \$306,250.—V. 113, p. 1250.

Arkansas Valley Ry., Light & Power Co.—Tenders.

The International Trust Co., trustee, Denver, Colo., will until Oct. 14 receive bids for the sale to the Arkansas Valley Ry., Light & Power Co. of 50 First Mtge. Sinking Fund gold bonds of the Pueblo & Suburban Traction & Lighting Co., dated Dec. 1 1902, at not exceeding 104 and int.—V. 113, p. 182.

Baltimore & Ohio R.R.—Purchase of 2,000 Cars.

Announcement was made Oct. 4 by Geo. M. Shriver, Senior V.-Pres., that the company has awarded contracts for the purchase of 2,000 new freight cars, comprising 1,000 box cars and 1,000 steel hopper cars, involving an expenditure of \$2,000,000, which will be taken care of by financing arranged through the National Railway Service Corp. The Standard Steel Car Co. was awarded contract for 500 of the box cars and 500 of the steel hopper cars, which are to be built at its Baltimore (Curtis Bay) plant. The balance will be distributed, 500 box cars to American Car & Foundry Co. and 500 steel hopper cars to the Cambria Steel Co. Delivery of the cars should be started within four months from date at the rate of 100 to 125 cars a day.—V. 113, p. 1469, 1154.

Bangor & Aroostook R.R.—Valuation.

See Valuation Table under "Current Events" above.—V. 113, p. 729.

Boston Elevated R.R.—Status at End of Public Control.

One feature of the Boston Elevated public control Act concerning which confusion previously existing has not yet been entirely dispelled is the status of the road after 10 years of public operation. The road does not automatically revert to private operation at the end of 10 years, as many suppose. In fact, Section 12 of the Act provides that public operation shall continue indefinitely after the expiration of the 10-year period until the State elects to discontinue the arrangement; also that the State must give two years' notice by appropriate legislation of its decision to terminate the contract.

In other words, the 10 years mentioned in the Act (dating from July 1 1918) is a minimum period. Public operation may and conceivably will have greater longevity than many persons suppose at this time.

This is one matter of vital interest to investors in the Boston Elevated system securities. Another is the fact that even should the Legislature vote to return the property to the directors at the end of the minimum 10-year period, the road will still operate under the service-at-cost plan which permits it to charge fares sufficient to produce dividends of 6% on the Common stock. The only substantial change consequent upon the termination of public control would be the lapsing of the State guaranty of dividend payments. But in this connection it is worth remembering that Boston Elevated paid dividends of from 5% to 6% for a great many years when it was held down by statute to a 5-cent fare—(Boston "News Bureau" Oct. 1).—V. 113, p. 1469, 1052.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co.—Status Defined.

Judge Mayer in the U. S. District Court on Oct. 5 handed down an opinion defining the status of the lien of the gold \$5 of 1915, as a first lien in equity upon the property acquired with the proceeds of \$2,125,000 of the bonds, and upon property acquired with later proceeds amounting to \$889,705, and such property acquired by the B. R. T. as is subject to the lien of the 1st & Ref. Mtge. dated July 1 1902. The opinion was confined solely to the question of the priority liens as between the trustees of the two mortgages.—V. 113, p. 1469, 530.

Canadian Northern Railway.—Bonds Called.

One hundred thirty-two (\$66,000) First Mtge. 4% Land Grant bonds of 1909, and 427 bonds of £100 each, have been called for payment Jan. 1 1922 at 103 and interest at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, 2 Lombard St., E. C., or Lazard, Bros. & Co., Ltd., 11 Old Broad St., E. C., London.—V. 113, p. 530, 182.

Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.—Status—Outlook.

President H. E. Byram is quoted as saying in substance:

Traffic.—The wheat movement was heavy and early this year and has now rather passed its peak, which usually comes in October. This leaves proportionately less wheat to move during the remainder of the fall and the winter but there is still a great volume of grain to move. This is particularly true as respects corn, which still waits movement. It will come to the railroads, either as corn or as finished cattle and hogs, when the demand improves. Crops have been large and in the West business is gaining.

Our traffic as a whole is under that of a year ago, but not so very much under. It is not clear yet whether the increase in business activity and the resulting traffic during the past few months is due merely to the fact that business was so long below that created by the minimum requirements of the people and is now expanding only to meet those requirements, or represents a larger development. There is no doubt that until recently merchants everywhere were selling from stock and all classes were using what they had, postponing replacements. Now we have come to the time when the country must at least cover its current needs.

Rates & Wages.—A good many demands for lower rates are being made, but many reductions have already been made. Extensive rate reductions however, are impossible on the present level of costs if the railroads are to be kept fit to do the country's business. Just now they have ample capacity, but of course traffic is off.

Both rates and wages will in the long run be governed by the attitude of the public. We railroad men think that wages and rates are both too high for the commercial health of the country. The Transportation Act requires the carriers to take the first step in initiating a reduction in wages. So far as the St. Paul is concerned, we do not contemplate taking the steps toward another wage reduction and I do not know of any other companies that do. The correction of that situation will have to be left to time and public opinion.

Financial.—The St. Paul is now in a very comfortable cash position, the result of improving net earnings, combined with the restricted purchasing policy which the road had been following for some months. Vouchers for materials and supplies have been brought down to current business and the road has no overhanging debts.

St. Paul has made its settlement with the Government, in which expenditures for additions and betterments on the road during Federal control were funded. In that respect the road has no interest in the pending railroad relief bill, although its loans from the new revolving fund set up by the Act of 1920 will probably be funded for 10 to 15 years if the relief bill should pass.—V. 113, p. 627, 291.

Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry.—Valuation, &c.

It should be noted that the capitalization as shown in the statement of tentative valuation which appeared in last week's "Chronicle" and which

will be found under "Current Events" along with the valuations shown of 43 other companies in this or a subsequent issue, is the capitalization, both stock and debt, as it existed in 1915, the date of the valuation. This capitalization, as is well known, was greatly changed by the reorganization of 1917. Compare V. 103, p. 1887; V. 108, p. 1172, 1174; V. 112, p. 1627.—V. 113, p. 1470.

Cincinnati Traction Co.—No Referendum.

The Ohio Supreme Court Sept. 29 refused the writ of mandamus filed by Eli Frankenstein on behalf of a citizens committee seeking to compel the Cincinnati City Auditor to certify petitions for a referendum on the ordinance to amend the franchise of the company.—V. 113, p. 1250, 959.

City & Suburban St. Ry., Brunswick.—Sale.

Oliver C. Lismar, receiver, has been appointed master, by an order of Judge Evans, to sell the entire property at public auction on Nov. 1 at the Court House in Brunswick, Ga.—V. 113, p. 1359, 959.

Cleve. Cinc. Chic. & St. Louis Ry.—To Pledge Bonds.

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$811,000 Ser. "A" and \$2,689,000 Ser. "B" Refunding & Impt. Mtge. bonds to be pledged as collateral security for a 6% promissory demand note of \$3,500,000 issued by the company Aug. 4 1921 to the order of the Director-General of Railroads.—V. 113, p. 1470, 1354.

Columbus (O.) Ry., Pow. & Lt. Co.—Purchase—Earns.

The company, it is announced, has acquired the stock control of the Columbus New Albany & Johnstown Traction Co., owning 6.1 miles of track, extending the system to Gahanna, Ohio.

Earnings of Columbus Railway, Power & Light Co.—Calendar Years.

	8 Mos. end.		Years ending Dec. 31	
	Aug. 31 '21.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Revenue passengers	46,150,639	75,112,652	71,962,308	54,455,621
Transfer passengers	11,108,058	16,647,663	15,481,522	11,131,350
Total passengers	57,258,697	91,760,315	87,443,830	65,586,971
Kilowatt hours sold	63,939,641	101,434,824	74,839,725	69,825,731
Number of customers	42,200	38,807	32,878	29,975
Revenues				
Railway	2,397,890	3,523,768	2,481,529	2,119,163
Power, light and heat	2,208,211	3,200,608	2,516,442	2,128,301
Non-operating	4,842	3,744	4,136	17,021
Total gross	4,610,943	6,728,120	5,002,107	4,264,485
Oper. expenses & taxes	3,246,048	4,672,292	3,299,457	3,113,068
Gross income	1,364,895	2,055,828	1,702,649	1,151,417
Int. on funded debt	482,033	713,288	693,288	595,176
Int. on unfunded debt	1,875	3,187	4,868	64,367
Other deductions	70,742	72,894	81,616	35,913
Preferred dividends				76,880
Common dividends				
Depreciation	352,500	528,000	480,000	222,181
Balance, sur. for year	457,745	738,459	442,887	156,900

[According to finding submitted to Common Pleas Court Sept. 30 by Master Commissioner George B. Okey, appointed by the Court in a suit for accounting filed by stockholders to investigate charges of misappropriation of funds, former fiscal agents disbursed less than \$300,000 illegally.]—V. 113, p. 182.

Community Traction Co.—Fares Not Increased Oct. 1.

The company Sept. 30 rescinded its resolution to increase fares. The present rate will remain in effect at least until Nov. 1 to give Commissioner Cann opportunity to prove his contention that no further fare increase is necessary and that operating expenses, interest charges and the fare stabilizing fund can be paid and maintained out of the proceeds of the schedule now in effect—7 cents each, with 6 tokens for 40 cents.—V. 113, p. 1470, 1359.

Crawford County Railways Co. (1921).—Reorganized.

An official statement to the "Chronicle" states in substance: **Organization.**—Reorganization of the Crawford County Rys. Co. (1920) (compare Northwestern Pennsylvania Ry. in V. 111, p. 2229), the property of which was sold at judicial sale on April 30 1921, and purchased by A. O. Chapin, Erie, Pa., attorney for bondholders' protective committee, which reorganized company in accordance with a plan under which approximately 90% of the First Mtge. bonds of company had been deposited. Property was reorganized under date of June 20 1921.

Capitalization.—Capital stock authorized, \$100,000 (par \$100). Indebtedness authorized, \$370,000 1st Mtge. 6% Gold Bonds, dated July 1 1921, due July 1 1961. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c*). Int. payable J. & J. Secured by 1,450 shares of \$100 each of the People's Incandescent Light Co. Contingent sinking fund. Bonds are tax-exempt in Pennsylvania. Callable at par on any interest period. Columbia Trust Co., New York, trustee. The People's Incandescent Light Co. has a total indebtedness of \$150,000, bearing interest at 7% due Dec. 1 1925. Int. June and Dec. 1, Delaware Trust Co., Chester, Pa., trustee.

The interest and sinking fund are protected by following leases of property: (a) Lease of the property of Crawford County Rys. Co. to the Northwestern Pennsylvania Ry. Co. for 99 years from Jan. 1 1921 at an annual rental of \$9,000. (b) Lease of the property of the People's Incandescent Light Co. to Northwestern Electric Service Co. of Pa. for 99 years at an annual rental of \$26,000.

Directors.—F. F. Curtze (Pres.), Chas. M. Hatch (Vice-Pres.) A. A. Culbertson (Treas.), Geo. W. Kunz (Sec.), A. A. Claus, Frederick Curtze, all of Erie, Pa. See V. 112, p. 1751, 2227.

Dallas Terminal Ry. & Union Depot Co.—Valuation.

See Valuation Table under "Current Events" above.—V. 113, p. 627.

Denver & Rio Grande R.R.—Adjustment Bonds Exchanged for Western Pacific 4s.

Arthur O'Brien, Sec. of the bondholders protective committee, in a notice says:

The owners of all but a small amount of the 7% Cumulative Adjustment Mortgage Gold Bonds were deposited with the committee, having accepted the offer of the Western Pacific R.R. Corp. (see V. 111, p. 990) and exchanged their bonds for its 4% 10-Year Secured Notes, the committee has terminated the agreement of deposit, dated June 1 1917, and fixed 1/2 of 1% of the principal of the deposited bonds and bond scrip as the ratable proportion of the indebtedness, expenses and liabilities of the committee to be paid in respect of such deposited bonds and bond scrip.

The New York Trust Co., depository, will deliver deposited adjustment bonds and bond scrip to depositors on surrender of their certificates of deposit, and the payment of 1/2 of 1% of the principal of deposited adjustment bonds and bond scrip. [The total amount of the bonds exchange amounts to \$5,175,000 out of a total of \$10,000,000 outstanding].—V. 113, p. 1250, 959.

Florida & East Coast Ry.—Valuation.

See Valuation Table under "Current Events" above.—V. 113, p. 730.

Franklin & Pittsylvania R.R.—Would Abandon Road.

The company through C. B. Dudley, receiver, has filed an application with the I.-S. C. Commission seeking authority to abandon 29 miles of road between Rocky Mountain and Pittsville, Va. The property, operated for 40 years, has had a deficit every year, the receiver declared.

Georgia Ry. & Power Co.—Validity of Contracts Upheld.

The Georgia Supreme Court Sept. 27 handed down a decision upholding the validity of contracts between the towns of College Park and Decatur and the company, under which the company is not permitted to charge more than 5 cents fare to these places. The company sought to establish a 7-cent fare.

With all the justices concurring, the Court upheld the validity of the contracts that these contracts are binding and declined to reverse its original opinion rendered in 1918 holding that the Georgia Railroad Commission had no jurisdiction over the cases in view of the contracts existing.—V. 112, p. 2413, 2083.

Green Bay & Western R.R.—Valuation.

See Valuation Table under "Current Events" above.—V. 113, p. 848.

Jonesboro Lake City & Eastern R.R.—Valuation.

See Valuation Table under "Current Events" above.—V. 110, p. 167.

Kansas City Mexico & Orient Ry.—To Build Bridge.—This company in conjunction with the National Railways of Mexico, it is stated, contemplates the construction of an international bridge spanning the Rio Grande between Del Rio, Tex., and Las Varas, Mex.—V. 112, p. 1740.

Lehigh Valley R.R.—Plan to Segregate Coal Properties.—The company on Oct. 5 filed with the U. S. District Court a plan to segregate its coal properties in accordance with the decree of the U. S. Supreme Court Dec. 6 1920 (V. 111, p. 2292). The proposed plan calls for no assessment from the stockholders and results in no sacrifice of their equity in the coal company investment. The segregation also makes no change in the value of the property subject to the mortgage lien of the General Consolidated mortgage.

Digest of Statement Authorized by President E. E. Loomis.

The stockholders, through the railroad company, own the entire capital stock of the Lehigh Valley Coal Co. and of Coxo Brothers & Co., Inc. The U. S. Supreme Court on Dec. 6 1920 declared that the railroad company must sever its control of the latter two companies. On Jan. 10 1921 the directors and officers of the railroad company and the two coal-mining companies were changed, eliminating all interlocking directors and officers. (V. 112, p. 373.) Each company now has a separate and distinct set of officers and a board of directors in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court.

In considering its stockholders the management recognizes a particular responsibility because of the fact that they are 19,122 in number, representing an average holding of 63 shares. The management, in seeking a solution of this problem, has kept constantly in mind the necessity of complying fully with the letter and spirit of the decision of the Supreme Court and at the same time protecting the interests of its many small stockholders as well as those of the owners of bonds issued under the General Consolidated Mtge. In other words, the management conceives it as its duty to see that the stockholders of the company shall receive full consideration and that the bondholders and their trustee are assured that the values subject to the mortgage lien are not impaired. To accomplish these results the management has offered the following plan:

Proposed Plan of Segregation of Coal Properties.

Lehigh Valley Coal Co. to Issue \$30,000,000 Pref. Stock as Div. to Railroad Co.

The Lehigh Valley Coal Co. will issue \$30,000,000 7% non-cumulative preferred stock (with no voting rights), par \$100, which will be turned over to the Lehigh Valley R.R. in the form of a stock dividend declared out of surplus. The \$2,100,000 annual income from this preferred stock will be payable to the railroad company.

Railroad Stockholders to Receive One Share of Coal Co. Common Stock for Each Fine Share Held.

The railroad company will convey all of its interests in the \$9,465,000 common stock of Lehigh Valley Coal Co. to a trustee, which will then issue, at the direction of the railroad, to the holders of the Railroad Co. stock, 242,432 certificates of interest in the common stock of the Coal Co. in the ratio of one certificate for every five shares of common or pref. railroad stock.

These certificates of interest will be dividend-bearing, based on the dividends earned by the Coal Co. on its common stock, and in addition will give their holders the same voting rights as if they actually held the Coal Co. stock. The trustee, under the General Consolidated Mortgage, will give the new trustee a proxy, such as it has given the railroad in the past, enabling the new trustee to vote the stock as directed or authorized by the holders of the certificates of interest.

These certificates of interest are evidences that, upon the maturity of the General Consolidated Mortgage and the release of the Coal Co. stock pledged thereunder, the holders will be entitled to a pro rata distribution of the shares of the Coal Co. stock.

General Consolidated Mortgage Lien Not Disturbed.

So far as the trustee under the General Consolidated Mortgage is concerned, the segregation makes no change in the value of the property subject to the mortgage lien.

Coxo Bros. & Co., Inc., Stock to Be Sold at Maturity of Collateral Trust Bonds.

The \$2,910,150 stock of Coxo Bros. & Co., Inc., will remain as at present until the maturity, Feb. 1 1926, of the Collateral Trust Agreement under which it is pledged, except that the voting power in the meanwhile will be assigned to a trustee to be appointed by the U. S. District Court. After that time the stock is to be sold, the proceeds to go into the treasury of the Lehigh Valley R.R.

To Consolidate Delaware Susquehanna & Schuylkill R.R.

The \$1,500,000 stock of the Delaware Susquehanna & Schuylkill R.R., owning a small branch line in the coal regions, which is also pledged under the Collateral Trust Agreement, to be held until Feb. 1 1926, the maturity date of the agreement, and in the meanwhile application to be made to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to consolidate this line with the Lehigh Valley R.R. under the provision of the Inter-State Commerce Act, which permits the Commission to allow consolidation of railroads, notwithstanding the anti-trust laws. In the meanwhile, the voting power of this stock will be assigned to a trustee, as in the case of Coxo Bros. & Co., Inc.

Lehigh Valley Coal Sales Co. To Negotiate New Contract.

This plan leaves the Lehigh Valley Coal Sales Co. in position to negotiate a new contract with the mining companies.

Government Files Objection to Plan.

The Government has filed objection to the plan on the ground that the proposed segregation does not dispose of the stock of the Coal Co. to persons not connected or interested in the Railroad Co. The ruling of the Supreme Court in the case of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific segregation is cited as showing that the Anti-Trust Act calls for the placing of control of a segregated company in the hands of independent interests.—V. 113, p. 960, 533.

Long Island R.R.—Operating Results.

The company's "Information Bulletin" published for the patrons and employees of the road, reports:

Results for the 8 Months ended Aug. 31 1921 (July & August estimated).
Gross earnings, \$19,283,466; oper. expenses, \$15,971,201; net operating revenues, \$3,312,265
Taxes, \$1,005,309; uncollectible revenues, \$20,456; hire of equipment & joint rents, \$373,965; total, 1,399,730
Operating income, 1,912,535
Other income (interest on investments and rentals, &c.) 423,400

Gross income, \$2,335,935
Fixed charges, 3,213,707

Net deficit for eight months of 1921, \$877,772

Revenue and Expenses per Passenger per Mile for Seven Months July 31 1921.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.
Revenue	1.438	1.474	1.559	1.549	1.685	1.597	1.608
Expense	2.055	2.034	2.096	1.944	1.698	1.413	1.048

Manhattan (Elevated) Ry.—Lease Situation.

Regarding the lease of the Manhattan (Elevated) Ry. to the Interborough Rapid Transit Co., a readjustment of which no the basis of a revaluation of one of the features of the proposed rehabilitation of New York City's transit system (see V. 113, p. 1431-34), a question that may arise is, how could the Transit Commission compel the Manhattan Ry. to let go of the lease of the elevated lines to the Interborough Co.?

This lease calls for 7% interest on an arbitrary valuation of \$60,000,000, and is in effect a perpetual lease. It is pointed out that the holders of these securities would surely not consent to sacrifice 7% return for a 5% return with the added prospect of having their holdings cut in two through the squeezing out of water. It also is pointed out that the Interborough had spent about \$48,000,000 in third-tracking and extending the elevated lines and that it would be impossible to separate the property and still leave the lines of great public service.

The Commission in reply to these questions states that if the Interborough consented to turn over its property and the Manhattan Co. refused to relinquish its lease, it might be possible to convince holders of Manhattan securities that they would not get 7% for more than a year, and that later they might be compelled to come in on much harder terms than those proposed at present.

In other words, the city, with its control over all public thoroughfares, and the Commission, with its control over operation, would soon find a way to convince the Manhattan owners that an assured 5% was much better than no return at all. It was said there was a law which made the holders of all leases which run more than 50 years liable to payment of a tax on the return. The Manhattan lease is perpetual. It would also be possible, it was said to have the Interborough thrown into bankruptcy, in which case the court would have the power of abrogating the lease.

Compare plan for readjustment and merger of street railways and rapid transit lines of Greater New York City in V. 113, p. 1431, and compare also statement by member of J. P. Morgan & Co. before U. S. District Court under Interborough Rapid Transit Co. in V. 113, p. 1155.

Regular Quarterly Dividend.

The New York Stock Exchange has received notice of the declaration of the regular quarterly dividend (guaranteed by the Interborough Rapid Transit Co.) of 1 1/4%, payable to holders of record Oct. 7. The date of payment has not as yet been fixed.

The Committee on Securities of the Stock Exchange rules that the stock shall not sell ex-dividend on Oct. 7 and that all deliveries after that date must be accompanied by a due bill for the dividend.—V. 113, p. 1471, 1156.

Market Street Railway, San Francisco.—Earnings, etc.

See Cal. Railway & Power Co. under "Reports" above.

The company, 58 Sutter St., San Francisco or Ladenburgh, Thalman & Co., 25 Broad St., N. Y. City, will, until Oct. 11, receive bids for the sale to them of First Consol. Mtge. 5% gold bonds to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$160,153. Until Sept. 23 last, the Union Trust Co. of San Francisco, was to receive bids for the sale to it of sufficient 5-year 6% Coll. Trust gold notes, to absorb \$160,000.—V. 113, p. 1471, 1360.

Milledgeville Railway.—To Exchange Stock for Bonds.

The I.-S. C. Commission Sept. 24 authorized the company to issue \$30,000 common stock and to exchange the stock for a like amount of the outstanding first mtge. bonds which mature May 1 1946. Unpaid interest on the bonds has accrued in the sum of \$36,000. The bonds are owned by Louisville & Nashville R.R. and Atlantic Coast Line R.R., which companies acquired them on or about April 24 1899. These companies also own the entire outstanding \$30,000 capital stock. Unpaid interest accrued to the date of the exchange is to be canceled.

See Valuation Table under "Current Events" above.—V. 111, p. 2423.

Missouri Kansas & Texas Ry.—Amendment.

A modification and amendment of the deposit agreement, dated Nov. 10 1915, of the Missouri Kansas & Texas Ry., St. Louis Div. 1st mtge. Ref. 48, is proposed by the committee, Edwin S. Marston, Chairman. The proposed modification and amendment modifies and amends Article 13 of the agreement as heretofore modified and amended, so as to read in substance:

In the event that no notice of the preparation or approval and adoption of any plan and agreement of reorganization or readjustment shall be given by the committee within six years and three months from the date of this agreement, to wit, on or before Feb. 9 1922, any holder of a certificate of deposit may, after the expiration of said period, withdraw from this agreement upon surrender of his certificate of deposit and upon the payment of his pro rata share for the compensation and indebtedness, obligations, liabilities and expenses of the committee.—V. 113, p. 1360.

Missouri Pacific R.R.—Outlook.—Pres. B. F. Bush is

quoted as follows:

"Conditions in Southwest have shown an extraordinary improvement in the past six months so that prospects for the territory in general, as well as for our property in particular, are incomparably better.

"Carloadings on our lines to Sept. 26 show increase of 3,460 compared with same period last year, and cars received from connections a decrease of 2,330 or a net increase of 1,130. During last few days cars received from connections have begun to increase.

"Missouri Pacific made favorable settlement with the Government for the period of Federal control in the course of which all our short-term obligations to the Director-General were canceled. In addition, settlement left us in a strong cash position and we have even anticipated some of our near maturities.

"August earnings leave us with only a nominal debit, after interest for the eight months, and, as we have four of best months of the year ahead of us, we shall have no difficulty in covering our fixed charges for 1921 with a substantial surplus applicable to preferred stock." ("Wall Street Journal.")—V. 113, p. 960, 849.

Mobile & Ohio R.R.—Valuation.

See Valuation Table under "Current Events" above.—V. 113, p. 1251.

Montpelier & Wells River R.R.—Valuation.

See Valuation Table under "Current Events" above.—V. 104, p. 362.

N. Y. New Haven & Hartford R.R.—New Legal Staff.

C. M. Sheafe, Jr., New York, has been appointed General Solicitor to succeed J. C. Sweeney. J. M. Gibbons has been appointed General Attorney in New York succeeding N. W. Smith. W. L. Barnett succeeds Mr. Sheafe as Counsel in New York. E. J. Phillips has been made Counsel for Rhode Island and W. M. Meyer, Commerce Counsel.—V. 113, p. 1471, 1245.

Northwestern Pennsylvania Railway.—Leases, &c.

See Crawford County Railways above.—V. 112, p. 1519, 162.

Oklahoma & Arkansas Ry.—Contract.

This company has awarded a contract for the construction of a 40-mile line from Salina to Kansas, Okla., to J. W. Hoffman, Kansas City, Mo. See V. 113, p. 1361, 1471.

Ottumwa Railway & Light Co.—To Pay Off Bonds.

H. M. Byllesby & Co. announce that the company has deposited funds with the U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co. as trustee for the Ottumwa, Iowa Traction & Light Co. 1st Mtge. 5% bonds due Oct. 1 1921, to take up the outstanding balance of \$238,000, of the original issue of \$500,000.—V. 112, p. 2306.

Pennsylvania R.R.—The Railroad Labor Board—V.—Pres.

Atterbury Says Wages Must be Further Reduced—Company Disputes Labor Board's Authority in Co.'s Management.

See editorial last week's "Chronicle," p. 1399, and "Current Events" p. 1428 and 1429.—V. 113, p. 1471, 1361.

Pennsylvania-Ohio Pr. & Lt. Co.—Stock Application.

The company has made application to the Ohio P. U. Commission for permission to issue \$1,000,000 8% Cumulative Preferred stock. This will be used, it is stated, to reimburse the treasury for expenditures, and to provide funds for additional improvements.—V. 111, p. 1753, 1950.

Peoria Railway Terminal Co.—Valuation.

See Valuation Table under "Current Events" above.—V. 107, p. 1004.

Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co.—To Discontinue Freight

The Company, Oct. 3, notified the Pennsylvania P. S. Commission that it has filed a new tariff with the Commission discontinuing all freight service on its lines effective Oct. 31.—V. 113, p. 1472, 1054.

Portland Terminal Co.—Valuation.

See Valuation Table under "Current Events" above.—V. 108, p. 2023.

Providence & Danielson Ry.—Negotiations for Sale.

It is stated that negotiations for the sale of this road to the newly reorganized United Electric Rys. have been called off, as the price of \$120,000, asked by D. F. Sherman (who purchased the property for \$100,000 at receiver's sale in Sept. 1920) is too excessive.

The property that Mr. Sherman bought for \$100,000 included the trolley lines from the Providence city border to East Killingly and the branch to Chepachet. In the fall of 1920 Mr. Sherman sold the East Killingly line beyond North Scituate for junk. In October operation of the remaining lines was suspended and has not been resumed. Although the Northern Rhode Island Railway Co. was chartered at the last session of the General Assembly with power to acquire the Chepachet branch, it never carried through the deal.—V. 112, p. 1144.

Public Service Corp. of New Jersey.—Bonds Retired.—
The Phila. Stock Exchange on Sept. 29, struck off the regular list \$307,000 General Mtge. 5% bonds, due 1959, reported purchased for account of the sinking fund, leaving the amount listed at this date \$34,520,000, and making a total of \$2,980,000 of said bonds acquired for the sinking fund to Sept. 26 1921. V. 113, p. 1361, 961.

St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain RR.—Valuation.—
See Valuation Table under "Current Events" above.—V. 113, p. 629.

St. Louis Southwestern Ry.—Valuation.—
See Valuation Table under "Current Events" above.—V. 113, p. 523, 534.

Savannah (Ga.) Electric Co.—Successor Company, &c.—
See Savannah Electric & Power Co. below and compare reorganization plan in V. 113, p. 184.

Savannah Electric & Power Co.—Bonds Offered.—
Lee Higginson & Co. and Stone & Webster, Inc., New York and Boston, are offering at 97½ and int. to yield about 7¾%, \$1,750,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. 7½s, Series A.

Dated Oct. 1 1921. Due Oct. 1 1941. Int. payable A. & O. in New York, Boston and Chicago without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Commonwealth Trust Co. of Boston, Trustee. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c* & *). \$1,000 and authorized multiples. Not callable during first ten years. Callable all or part on any int. date after Oct. 1 1931; during 1932 at 105, and thereafter decreasing ½ of 1% in each year to 100 in 1940, and at 100 in 1941. Sinking fund of 2% per annum on the total amount of Series A bonds issued, first payment Nov. 1 1922, will retire bonds at 105 up to and incl. Oct. 1 1932 and thereafter at call price.

Data From Pres. A. A. Lawrence, Savannah, Ga., October 5 1921.

Company.—Incorporated in Georgia Aug. 12 1921, to acquire all the properties formerly owned or controlled by Savannah Electric Co. (per plan of reorganization in V. 113, p. 184). It will thus own and operate the greater part of the electric light and power business and the entire electric railway business in Savannah and suburbs. Population about 90,000. Electric properties include a main generating station of modern construction having a present installed capacity of 13,000 h. p.; an additional generating station of 3,000 h. p. capacity, and an extensive distribution system. The railway system includes over 60 miles of track and 97 cars.

Capitalization Outstanding Upon Completion of Present Financing.

Savannah El. & Pwr. Co. 1st & Ref. M. 7½ Ser. A. (this issue)	\$1,750,000
Savannah Thunderbolt & Isle of Hope Ry. 1st M. 4s 1947 (closed)	1,000,000
Savannah El. Co. 1st Consol. M. 5s 1952 (closed)	2,147,000
Debtenture stock, 8% Cumulative, Series A	1,300,000
Preferred stock, 6% (Cumulative after Oct. 1 1926)	1,000,000
Common stock	2,500,000

Earnings 12 Months Ending—

	Sept. 30 '21.	Dec. 31 '20.
Gross earnings	\$1,824,598	\$1,835,550
Operating Expenses and taxes	1,135,580	1,145,401
Net earnings	\$689,018	\$690,149

Annual interest on bonds (including this issue) \$278,600
Under the reorganization plan the unfunded debt of Savannah Electric Co., incurred for the construction of the 13,000 h. p. steam station and other additions, has been substantially reduced through the acceptance of \$1,300,000 8% debtenture stock by the holders of a large portion of the debt, in full payment of their claims.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of these bonds will retire the entire balance of the floating debt.

This Issue.—Authorized issue not limited. Bonds may be issued at any time to refund, par for par, underlying bonds or 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds of any series. Series A 7½% bonds are limited to \$2,500,000 in authorized amount, comprising the present issue of \$1,750,000 and \$750,000 reserved to be issued for future additions and improvements. Further bonds of other series may be issued from time to time to an amount equal to 75% of future additions, &c., when annual net earnings are 1½ times total annual interest requirements on all outstanding and proposed bonds.

Franchises.—Franchises are without time limit and are free from burdensome restrictions. Compare reorganization plan of Savannah Electric Co. in V. 113, p. 184.—V. 113, p. 961.

Southern Ry.—To Issue Bonds.—
The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue and sell at not less than 81, \$5,655,000 1st Consol. Mtge. 5% gold bonds due July 1 1994, proceeds to be used to redeem a like amount of 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds of Georgia Pacific Railway due Jan. 1 1922.—V. 113, p. 1157, 850.

Sugar Pine Railway.—Abandonment.—
The I.-S. C. Commission, Sept. 24, authorized the company to abandon its road, which extends in a northeasterly direction from its junction with the Sierra Ry. at Ralph, Calif., to Lyons, Dam, Calif., 14.15 miles. The road was originally constructed as a plant facility of the Standard Lumber Co. of Sonora, Calif. It has no passenger traffic and very little commercial freight tonnage. It serves no towns, villages or settlements along its line, but merely operates for the lumber company through cut-over timber lands.—V. 111, p. 2230.

Tennessee Central RR.—Sale Postponed, &c.—
The sale of this road, scheduled for Oct. 1, has been further postponed to Dec. 1.

John H. Dewitt, special master, has filed his report with the Court showing the total indebtedness of the receivers as \$1,109,963, as follows: Taxes for 1920, \$43,396; interest, \$1,149; taxes for 1921, \$60,000; receivers' and general attorneys' fees, \$41,742; judgments for damages, \$78,409; judgments and interest on which receiver's certificates were issued, \$46,113; claims liquidated but unpaid, \$12,965; wages as back pay, \$66,168; current salaries, \$95,000; Mississippi Valley Trust Co., \$13,781; interest on same, \$4,341; cross-tie certificates, \$2,545; Nashville terminals, \$75,000; interest on same, \$1,800; traffic balances, \$105,574; miscellaneous claims, \$347,806; suits, \$93,800; other claims, \$5,000.—V. 113, p. 72, 294.

Toronto Street Ry.—Directors Given Authority to Proceed With "Clean-Up" Sale With the City—Annual Report.—

The shareholders on Sept. 30 empowered the directors to continue to a completion the negotiations for the final clean up sale of the properties to city of Toronto and the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario. The proposals cover all of the interests which the Toronto Railway Co. has in its subsidiary companies, known as: (1) The Toronto Power Co. (and through it the Electrical Development Co. of Ont., Ltd., the Toronto & Niagara Power Co. and the Toronto Electric Light Co., Ltd.) (2) Toronto & York Radial Railway Co. which owns the radial railway lines running north, east and west from the city, known as the Metropolitan, Scarborough, Mimico and Schomberg divisions, respectively.

Robert J. Fleming, Mgr., at the annual meeting Sept. 30 informed shareholders that the floating debt of about \$3,500,000 mentioned in the annual report (see under "Annual Reports" on a preceding page) was made up principally of \$2,300,000 owing to the Bank of Commerce, for bonds that they lifted for the Metropolitan Railway, about \$400,000 rentals due, and a number of judgments against the company, Federal taxes and sundry accounts payable.—V. 113, p. 1472, 1157.

Union Pacific RR.—Application.—
W. Averill Harriman has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to hold position of director of Baltimore & Ohio and Illinois Central, while at the same time holding position of director and officer of Union Pacific System. This is the first application of the kind filed with the Commission and is made under paragraph 12 of Section 20 A of the Inter-State Commerce Act.—V. 112, p. 2407.

United Electric Rys., Providence, R. I.—President, &c.
Albert E. Potter, General Manager, has also been elected President succeeding Zenas W. Bliss, who was made temporary President when the new company was organized. Mr. Potter has also been elected a director succeeding Richard B. Comstock. Clifford Whipple, General Counsel, has been elected a Vice-President.—V. 113, p. 1252.

United Rys. & Electric Co., Balt.—New Director.—
Thomas Hildt, President of the Merchants' National Bank, has been elected director to succeed the late John B. Ramsay.—V. 112, p. 1736.

Western Pacific RR. Corp.—Bonds Exchanged.—
See Denver & Rio Grande RR. above.—V. 113, p. 1055.

Wisconsin-Minnesota Light & Pwr Co.—Station.—
Permission has been granted to the company by the Federal Power Commission for the construction of a hydro-electric power station on the Chipewa River, Sawyer County, Mich.—V. 112, p. 1618.

Wyoming & Missouri River RR.—Sold.—
This railroad which operates between Aladdin and Belle Fourche, S. Dak., 18 miles, was sold to Mahlon S. Kemmerer of Pittsburgh, Sept. 20 for \$51,200. The sale was ordered to satisfy a Federal court judgment of \$348,000 held by Mr. Kemmerer.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

General Industrial and Public Utility News.—The following table summarizes recent industrial and public utility news of a general character, such as is commonly treated at length on preceding pages under the caption "Current Events and Discussions" (if not in the "Editorial Department"), either concurrently or as early as practicable after the matter becomes public.

Steel and Iron Production, Prices, &c.

STEEL AND IRON MARKETS.—"Iron Age" of Oct. 6 says in brief: *Output Still Gaining, with Pig Iron Leading—Operations at 35 to 40%.* (1) *Pig Iron a Favorable Index.*—For the second time since the low dip in July pig iron production is an index of definite improvement in the steel industry. The pig iron total for September was 985,529 tons for 30 days, or 32,850 tons per day, as compared with 954,193 tons in the 31 days of August, or a daily rate of 30,780 tons.

The daily capacity of the 82 furnaces active on Oct. 1 is estimated at 35,650 tons, as against 30,770 tons for the 70 furnaces in blast Sept. 1. The Steel Corporation blew in six furnaces last month, in view of the increased steel production required by recent large orders in sheets and wire products. [Compare production table on another page.—Ed.]

"Seven blast furnaces are scheduled to blow in in the first half of October. (2) *Steel Company Operations.*—Steel Corporation operations are now at about 38% of capacity as against 35% last week. In the Chicago district the Illinois Steel Co. is on a 39% basis this week and the Inland Steel Co. at 40%.

(3) *Orders.*—"There is little change from the recent alignment of demand which brought larger activity to wire, sheet, tin plate and pipe mills, without betterment in the rail, plate, shape and bar total. The advance in sheets, it now appears, was preceded by bookings of about 260,000 tons by Steel Corporation and independent mills.

"The size of unrolled orders on the books of some of the rail mills is not calculated to hasten rail contracting for 1922. There are other rail mills that would welcome an early settlement of next year's rail prices and of freight reductions that they might get to work.

"Structural steel lettings of the week covering sizable projects aggregate fully 18,000 tons, with an 8,000-ton structure for a Masonic temple at Detroit.

(4) *RR. Business.*—"The Chic. Milw. & St. Paul Ry. is about to buy 3,000 cars and is inquiring for 1,000 steel underframes for its repair work.

(5) *Prices.*—"Testimony is not uniform as to the recent effort to advance plates, shapes and bars. At least the decline in these products appears to have been checked and some independent producers are making sales at 1.60c. for bars and 1.65c. for plates and shapes lag against 3c. in Oct. 1920. The Chicago district still shows continued sharp competition in all three lines.

"In steel making iron 9,000 tons of basic has been sold in the Philadelphia district at \$20.50, delivered, an advance of \$1.25 over the price paid for the last considerable tonnage of this grade [as against \$19.25 Sept. 27 and \$19 Sept. 20 1921 and \$51.26 Oct. 5 1920]. The selling of iron bought on speculation has had a somewhat depressing effect at Chicago, and resale iron has been a factor in the East, but for the most part recent advances have been maintained.

(6) *Foreign.*—"Importers with connections in Germany cannot get mills there to accept round orders from American buyers for wire nails. The speculative feature of the exchange situation may account for the reported filling of German seaport warehouses, but business is apparently being diverted from the United States to South America and the Far East.

"British steel makers report less trouble from Continental competition, owing mainly to slow deliveries from the Continent and partly to stiffening prices. Activity is increasing; 18 Cleveland district blast furnaces are now active, compared with 11 a month ago.

(7) *Iron Ore.*—"Ore shipments fell off during September, the Lake movement being 3,913,122 gross tons as compared with 4,329,158 tons during August. The total movement to Oct. 1 was 18,661,194 tons as compared with 44,273,356 tons during the same period last year. The shipping season will be practically over by Nov. 1, or a month earlier than usual. Lake Superior ore on hand at furnaces and Lake Erie docks Sept. 1 amounted to approximately 35,500,000 tons as compared with approximately 32,000,000 tons Sept. 1. Dock and furnace yard stocks were about 3,000,000 tons larger on Sept. 1 than on Aug. 1. Furnace stocks on Sept. 1 amounted to approximately 26,200,000 tons."

Coal Production, Prices, Shipments, &c.

WEEKLY REVIEW.—"Coal Age," New York, Oct. 4, reports in brief:

(1) *Outlook.*—"Optimism not all hope has made its appearance in the coal market this week. There is nothing in the coal market itself to justify this state of mind as yet, but other business is looking good, and it is other business that gives the coal man the orders. Production of coal, also, is going steadily upward. From 8,000,000 tons to 8,500,000 tons the week of Sept. 24 is the latest jump.

"The Pittsburgh district, in particular, reflects the better tone in iron and steel, and the resumption of more than 70 mills in Ohio has helped the feeling there. Seasonal autumn buying of coal is slowly gathering momentum and contracts that were not closed last spring are now being reconsidered.

"The tonnage of railroad fuel is increasing, both because of increased traffic and because of increases in storage preparatory to winter. Lake shippers are due for a temporary spurt because the improved upper dock trade has made room for additional cargoes and the fact that reduced tariffs from the mines to lower ports will end Oct. 31. Money is easier. That may help some buyers of coal to come into market for winter storage.

"The South is enjoying a good autumn trade in everything but coal, which will surely follow. From Cleveland, Minneapolis, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York the reports are in much the same optimistic vein—encouraging industrial resumption; not much increase in current orders, but more interest shown in quotations for October delivery.

"Coal Age' index of spot prices of bituminous coal at the mines this week dropped two points—from 90 on Sept. 27 to 88 on Oct. 3. Domestic sizes are moving fairly well and the trade is slashing screenings as a result in order to move them. In the Central West the buyer is playing the market for all he is worth, in possession of full knowledge that on steam coal he still has the long end of it. Mine-run is feeling the pressure on screenings. [At Chicago on Oct. 4 Pocahontas mine-run was quoted at \$2.25 to \$3, against \$2.85 Sept. 27, and Franklin, Ill., mine-run at \$2 to \$3.50, against \$2.95 Sept. 27.]

"Retail stocks of prepared sizes are growing top-heavy, as evidenced by some cutting of prices at the mines to move prepared coal. In Illinois the competition of Kentucky and West Virginia grades at lower prices is causing operators some uneasiness.

"Interests serving the New England market apparently are determined to stop the bargain business that has prevailed there for some time. This attitude is producing firmer prices, although the volume of business closed is smaller, both all-rail and through Hampton Roads [at Boston on Oct. 4 Clearfield mine-run was quoted at \$1.70 to \$2.15 against \$1.90 Sept. 27, and Somerset mine-run at \$1.50 to \$2.10 against \$1.75.]

(3) *Shipments.*—"The all-rail movement to New England during the week ended Sept. 24 was 2,894 cars, as compared with 2,530 cars week preceding.

"Exporting is now practically a memory. During the week ended Sept. 24 there were dumped at Hampton Roads only 27,860 net tons for foreign cargoes and 27,173 for bunkers. Shipments were less than one-tenth of the weekly June average in overseas movement. Total dumpings for all accounts during the week ended Sept. 29 were 217,223 gross tons, nearly 20,000 increase over the week preceding, showing to what extent the coal market is being utilized.

"The Northwest now has comfortable dock supplies on hand and distribution is progressing more satisfactorily, although in smaller lots than in normal years. The iron ranges are using stocks of coal moved from mines that are closed down. The general tendency, as in other sections of the country, has been to delay purchasing, and the better volume of business now developing is evidence that reserve stocks are becoming depleted.

"Lake movement of anthracite was stronger during the week ended Sept. 28, when 100,320 net tons of cargo coal were forwarded.

(4) Anthracite.—"Production of hard coal continues steady. During the week ended Sept. 24 the total output was 1,754,000 net tons. Demand is holding well, in spite of the unseasonably warm weather. Independent quotations on the larger sizes range up to 50c. or more above company circular. [At wholesale at New York Oct. 6 independent anthracite was quoted f.o.b. at mines as follows: Stove, \$8 25 to \$8 75, against \$8 25 to \$8 60 Sept. 27; chestnut, \$8 to \$8 50, against \$8 to \$8 25; company stove and chestnut are quoted at \$7 90 to \$8 10, as for some time past.—Ed. "Chronicle."] Steam sizes are in better position, although the smaller producer is shading his prices because of the lack of storage facilities.

Estimates of Production (Net Tons)

Table with columns: Week ended, Bituminous Coal (1921, 1920), Anthracite Coal (1921, 1920). Rows include Sept. 10, Sept. 17-b, Sept. 24-a, and Calendar year.

a Subject to revision. b Revised from last report.

Anthracite and Bituminous Receipts in New England, January-July 1921.

Table with columns: Net Tons, Tidewater, All-rail, Total. Rows include months from January to July, and Total for 1918, 1919, and 1920.

Oil, Oil Products, Production, Prices, &c.

For marked advance in prices of crude oil and for figures, production, consumption, &c., of both crude oil and refined products, see "Current Events" on a preceding page.

Other Prices, Wages & Trade Matters.

Harding Appeals for Aid of States on Unemployment.—"Times" Oct. 4, p. 1 Chicago Building Trades Council Accede to Landis's Wage Cut.—Decision concurred in by the carpenters' and plumbers' unions, which rejected the original agreement. The hoisting engineers objecting, expelled from the Trades Council.—"Post" Oct. 1, p. 1. Compare Landis's decision "Chronicle" Oct. 1, p. 1425.

N. Y. Job & Book Printers Agree to Arbitration Plan.—"Big Six" empowers wage scale committee to proceed with arrangements.—"Times" Oct. 3, p. 15. Compare "Chronicle" V. 113, p. 1421.

Mayor Hylan Vetoes Wage Rise, Warns of Pay Cut.—Idem, Oct. 4, p. 3. Miscellaneous.—(a) Several thousand N. Y. and Hoboken longshoremen quit Oct. 1, objecting to pay cut; and men desert union to fight same.—"Times" Oct. 2, p. 1; Oct. 3, p. 15; Oct. 5, p. 19. (b) Chicago Packers' employees to vote to-day, Oct. 8, on strike against open shop. Idem, Oct. 2, p. 1.

(c) Factory workers' earnings in N. Y. State in August. Idem, Oct. 2, p. 1. (d) N. Y. Milk Drivers Lose.—Demand for higher wage and fewer hours of work rejected by Conference Board.—"Times" Oct. 5, p. 12.

British Idleness.—Unemployment drops to 1,469,700 from 2,177,899 in June.—"Times" Oct. 2, Sec. 2, p. 6.

Speaking at Sunderland Oct. 2, James Henry Thomas, General Secretary of the Nat. Union of Railwaymen and Labor Member of Parliament, warned the workless against a social upheaval as a remedy for unemployment, saying "At no time during the war, did the situation look so black and dangerous as now. The next few months will be the most difficult period for the leaders."—Idem, Oct. 3, p. 1.

Move in Switzerland to End 8-Hour Day.—Dislocation of industry results in a plan to amend the Constitution for 54-hour week.—"Times" Oct. 2, Sec. 2, p. 1.

Premier Promises Jobless in Britain Won't Go Hungry.—Idem, Oct. 5, p. 1. Other Prices.—(a) Wholesale grain prices reach new low records, wheat No. 2 red at N. Y. on Oct. 5 getting down to 122½ agst. 146½ July 14 1921 and 350 Jan. 7 1920. Corn also on Oct. 5 sold at 65 agst. 96½ Jan. 3 1921 and 231¼ May 15 1920.—"Times" Oct. 4 to 7.

(b) Copper.—On reports of better demand, price of copper at wholesale in N. Y. has been advanced from 12.25 cts. a week ago to 13 cts., as also on Jan. 4 1921, but contrasting with 19.50 cts. Jan. 5 1920 and 34.50 cts. Dec. 12 1916.

The U. S. Geological Survey reports the total available on Sept. 1 as 405,051 short tons (nearly one-half held by the Copper Export Association), including pig at smelters and refined ready for shipment, but excluding stocks in transit and in process of refining, which are apparently reduced to a minimum ("Times" Oct. 6, p. 25). Total sales in Sept. are said to have amounted to about 100,000,000 lbs., against a monthly average of 75,000,000 lbs. in July and August ("Times" Oct. 5).

(c) Average Weekly Meat Price Range (Fed'l Bureau of Markets). "Times" Oct. 2—

Table with columns: Class and Grade, Last Week, Week Before, Month Previous, Year Before. Rows include Steers, Veal, Lamb, Pork loins, and other items.

(d) Brick at N. Y. Touches \$16; Lumber Higher, Too.—"Times" Oct. 3, p. 17. (e) Denatured alcohol again advanced, No. 5 to 4 cts.—"Fin. Am." Oct. 3, p. 3. (f) Agricultural implements again reduced, see International Harvester Co. V. 113, p. 1477. (g) At Government sale of wool in auction on Oct. 6, prices showed an advance of 5 to 10%—"Times" Oct. 7, p. 5. (h) Raw linseed oil in car-loads reduced from 70 to 67 cts.—"Fin. Am." Oct. 5.

Legislation, Taxation and Miscellaneous.

Important Bills.—Harding asks action before adjournment on (1) Tax revision; (2) Tariff; (3) Railroad relief; (4) Funding of the foreign debt (5) Anti-beer; (6) Good roads; (7) Maternity relief; (8) Ratification of three treaties by the Senate. "Sun" Oct. 5, p. 1.

Senator Penrose Chairman of Finance Committee Will Push Tariff.—Idem Oct. 4, p. 17.

Industrial Supreme Court.—Senator Kenyon plans legislation to establish a Federal tribunal of Industrial Relations to bring capital and labor nearer. "Times" Oct. 5, p. 16.

N. Y. State: Pay to be Cut; No Extra Session.—"Times" Oct. 5, p. 1. U. S. Manufactures Worth 62 Billions in 1920 (Census Bureau).—In 1920 an average of 9,103,200 wage earners were employed in the 289,768 manufacturing establishments of the country, whose capitalization totaled \$44,678,911,000 and whose products were valued at \$62,910,202,000 being three times 1910's total and five times 1900's. "Times" Oct. 5, p. 19.

Counterfeit \$5 Note (No Silk Threads) on Fed. Res. Bk. of Minneapolis.—"Times" Oct. 4, p. 20.

Isaac H. Smith Now Assay Office Head at N. Y.—"Times" Sept. 9, p. 6. Participation in World Settlement Urged by Returning Committee of U. S. Chamber of Commerce.—"Times" Oct. 5, p. 5.

1900% Surcharge for German Tariff Owing to Mark's Fall.—Because of the depreciation of the mark, it is semi-officially announced in Berlin that the surcharge on import duties will be raised on Oct. 20 from 900 to 1,900%. Idem Oct. 5, p. 19.

Hearing as to Relation of Int. Merc. Marine Co. to British Govt.—"Times" Oct. 5, p. 10; Oct. 6, and caption of that company below.

Only 420 Shipping Board Ships in Service.—Of the 1,464 steel ships under control of the Shipping Board only 420 are in service, it was announced officially Oct. 3; 25 are listed as "undergoing repairs," and 1,019 either have been withdrawn or are about to go to "dead mooring." "Times" Oct. 4, p. 1.

Americans Acquire Bolivian Oil Lands.—See "Braden Copper" below and "Times" Oct. 4, p. 21.

Trade Gains During Sept.—Distinct Encouragement.—(Fed. Res. Board)—"Times" Oct. 1, p. 15.

Alex. M. Howatt Goes to Jail for Calling Coal Strike in Kansas—Idem, Cement Dealers.—15 firms, 30 persons indicted at Cincinnati—Idem, p. 22.

N. Y. City Valuation for Taxation.—Preliminary figures, see "State & City Dept."; also comparative table "Times" Oct. 2, p. 14.

U. S. Shipping Board.—(a) Bids for wooden vessels rejected—"Times" Sept. 30, p. 14. (b) Divorced from Emergency Fleet Corp.—Idem Oct. 1, p. 12. (c) "London Times" claims the Board is waging rate war.—Idem Oct. 7, p. 5; Oct. 5, p. 10.

Grand Street-Williamsburg Ferry Now a Municipal Line—Idem Oct. 2, p. 18. Plan to Control World's Wireless—"Times" Oct. 1, p. 1.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of Oct. 1.—(a) New capital flotations for August and the 8 mos., p. 1405 to 1408.

(b) Comparison of Senate and House tax bills with present law (Senate Finance Committee), p. 1412 to 1419. For changes agreed upon Oct. 6 see "Current Events" above and "Times" Oct. 7, p. 1.

(c) Meat Packers' Act in full; purposes of same (Sec. Wallace), p. 1421. (d) Chicago building trade award in full (Judge Landis), p. 1425 to 1427. (e) Portland cement production and shipments in July, &c. (f) U. S. Shipping Board reduces employment force, p. 1427. (g) Arbitration plan for wage demands of N. Y. printers, p. 1421. (h) Unemployment conference in session, p. 1419 to 1421. (i) War Finance Corporation loans, &c., p. 1409 to 1411.

Allegheny Pittsburgh Coal Co.—Guaranteed Bonds Offered.—Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., New York, are offering at par and int. \$1,500,000 Guaranteed Mortgage 20-Year 8% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds (Series "A").

Guaranteed principal, interest and sinking fund by endorsement by West Penn Power Co. Dated Sept. 15 1921. Due Sept. 15 1941. Int. payable M. & S. at Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., New York and Chicago without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Free of Penn. 4-mills tax. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c) Red. all or part on any int. date upon 30 days notice at 110 to March 15 1922, less ½ of 1% for each year ending March 15 thereafter to maturity.

Data From Letter of Pres. A. M. Lynn, Pittsburgh, Sept. 22. Company.—Organized in October 1918 by West Penn Power Co. which owns all the capital stock excepting directors' qualifying shares. West Penn Power Co. located the Springdale power plant on its present site because of the accessibility to an abundance of a very excellent quality of coal, and because of the numerous advantages due to this location the Power company will contract for the entire production of the Coal company for a period extending well beyond the maturity of this issue. The Springdale Power Plant is one of the principal sources of supply of electric power for the West Penn Power Co. and its ultimate generating capacity is designed for an output of from 250,000 k. w. to 300,000 k. w.

Allegheny Pittsburgh Coal Co. owns leases and rights upon approximately 3,750 acres of unmined coal lands, containing according to independent engineers about 31,000,000 tons. The lease under which the land is controlled is entirely advantageous and operates for a period of 70 years.

Capitalization After This Financing.—Authorized Outstanding Guaranteed mortgage bonds (this issue) \$3,500,000 \$1,500,000 Capital stock 1,000,000 1,000,000

Security.—(a) First mortgage lien on all the land, equipment, &c., now or hereafter owned. (b) A direct first lien on all the mining rights and leases now or hereafter owned, including mining rights. (c) The unconditional guarantee of principal, interest and sinking fund payments West Penn Power Co. (d) Coal purchase contract of West Penn Power Co.

Sinking Fund.—Sinking fund is provided of 10 cents per net ton on all coal mined from the property now or hereafter owned, leased or controlled, but in no event shall the total semi-annual amounts so applied be less than an amount necessary to retire this issue by maturity. Sinking fund will retire \$45,000 bonds (at the callable price) in each of the years ending Sept. 15 1922 to 1926, incl.; \$65,000 Sept. 15 1927 to 1931, incl.; and \$95,000 Sept. 15 1932 to 1941, incl.

Earnings of West Penn Power Co., Calendar Years.

Table with columns: Year, Gross Earnings, Net After Taxes, Int. on Funded Debt (Dec. 31), Available For This Guarantee. Rows include years 1916 to 1921.

West Penn Power Co. (Contract).—Allegheny Pittsburgh Coal Co. will enter into a contract with the West Penn Power Co., which will stipulate, amongst other things, that the Power Co. will purchase from the Coal Co. at least an amount of coal annually at prices sufficient to meet all operating costs, taxes, royalties, etc., and the interest and sinking fund payments on these bonds.

Allen Motor Co.—To Liquidate.—The creditors on Sept. 27 decided to recommend to receivers, William C. Willard and George A. Archer, that they proceed with the sale of the plant and liquidate the property. This was in line with the recommendation of the receivers, who submitted a report of the operation of the plant and the business since they have been in charge. The report stated that under present existing conditions it was impossible to put the company back in a sound financial condition. The total amount of creditors' claims is estimated at \$1,250,000. It is stated that stockholders likely will receive nothing from the sale of the plant.—V. 111, p. 1280.

Aluminum Co. of America.—Further Data.—In connection with the offering of \$18,000,000 12-year 7% Sinking Fund Debenture Gold Bonds at 99½ and int. (see V. 113, p. 1474) Pres. Arthur V. Davis further says:

Company.—Company together with subsidiaries, all of whose stock is held by certain directors' qualifying shares—was established in 1888 and consists of the mining of the ore of aluminum smelting of aluminum therefrom and its fabrication. Owns large fabricating plants in which aluminum sheet, wire, tubes and other fabricated forms are made, also large water power plants for production of electricity required by its smelters. Principal plants are located at East St. Louis, Ill.; Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Massena, N. Y.; Edgewater, N. J.; New Kensington, Pa.; Shawinigan Falls, Que.; Badin, N. C.; and Maryville, Tenn.

Provisions.—The trust indenture will provide (a) Company shall not create any secured debt upon or against its properties (incl. properties of subsidiaries). This provision shall not prevent future purchase of property subject to mortgage, or the creation of purchase money mortgages upon property hereafter purchased; (b) Current assets shall be maintained equal to the aggregate amount of debt including the amount of these bonds then outstanding.

Condensed Balance Sheet (Incl. Subsidiaries as of July 31 1921) (but before Present Financing.)

Table with columns: Assets, Liabilities. Rows include Plant & equip., Cash, U. S. Government bonds, Bills and accounts receivable, Investments in allied cos. and marketable securities, Inventories, Prep. exp. & def. chgs. to oper.

Total (each side) \$152,628,462 x At cost, or after adjustments to market values. y Sufficient funds from the proceeds of the \$18,000,000 present issue will be deposited with Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh, for payment of these notes at par and int. Compare offering in V. 113, p. 1474.

Amalgamated Oil Co.—Dividend Decreased.—A quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share (¾ of 1%) has been declared on the outstanding \$5,000,000 capital stock, par \$100, payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Oct. 5. This compares with \$1 50 per share paid quarterly from Jan. 1920 to July 1921, inclusive.—V. 109, p. 982.

American Chicle Co.—Deferred Debentures and Stock Offer to Stockholders.—The company is offering not to exceed \$600,000 8% Deferred Debentures. Denom. \$100 and multiples thereof. Dated Oct. 1 1921, due Oct. 1 1928.

The Debentures are subordinate to the 6% Serial Notes, dated Oct. 1 1919, and rank equally with other liabilities of the company except loans up to a stated amount.

The company offers to each stockholder the right to subscribe for debentures at 90 cent interest, and Common Stock (without par value) at \$10 per share—but only if such subscriptions are for Debentures in \$100 or multiples thereof and if each subscription for Debentures is accompanied by a subscription for one share of common stock for each \$100 of Debentures subscribed for.

Stockholders who desire to accept this offer must on or before Oct. 20 file at office of company, 19 W. 44th St., N. Y. City, a statement of the amount of debentures and stock desired, accompanied by payment in New York funds at the rates above stated. Provision may be made for installment payments upon application. If the subscriptions exceed the total authorization of debentures, then all subscriptions will be reduced pro rata.

This offer of debentures and stock has been underwritten by certain of the directors to the extent of \$275,000 of debentures and 2,750 shares of stock, at the above prices.—V. 113, p. 630.

American Hide & Leather Co.—Fire Loss.—

The Milwaukee plant of the company was damaged by fire Sept. 28. As this plant represents but a small percentage of the company's tanning capacity, it will not materially interfere with the business. The loss was amply covered by insurance.—V. 113, p. 630.

American International Corp.—Sells United Fruit Shs.

We understand that American International has disposed of all of its holdings of United Fruit stock, estimated to be at least 15,000, and probably 17,600 shares. These have been sold in the last month or two. Early this year the 100% stock dividend which American International received for its United Fruit ownership was disposed of, but the original block was held intact up to the opening of the second half-year. (Boston "News Bureau" Sept. 30.)—V. 113, p. 1474, 1363.

American Malt & Grain Co.—Progress in Liquidating.—

The following published statement revised for the "Chronicle" has been pronounced substantially correct:

Progress is being made in liquidating affairs of the company. Practically everything has been converted into cash with the exception of four plants, negotiations for the sale of which are now under way. A small plant at Watertown, Wis., has been sold. The trustees now have \$275,000 in cash, equivalent to slightly more than \$5 a share on the 51,700 shares of capital stock outstanding. When they took charge there were outstanding \$290,000 1st Mtge. bonds due in 1926. These were paid off at 105 last June. Trustees have succeeded in working off the inventory consisting of grain and malt on hand left over when the company went out of the malting business. It was part of these funds which was used to pay the liquidating dividend of \$7 a share paid last May.

There are now held by trustees bids for the four remaining plants. If the trustees sell these plants at the minimum prices asked by them for the plants they could still pay a dividend of approximately \$20 a share on the capital stock. Only two bids are being considered seriously. The largest plant, at Buffalo, has a storage capacity of 2,300,000 bushels of grain. Trustees have given an option on this plant at \$450,000. The option expires Oct. 15. Trustees have a firm bid for the Kensington plant at Chicago which they are considering. Bids on the two other plants are considered too low.

Company is making money. There is just now a demand for storage space for grain, and trustees are making enough to pay cost of carrying all the plants, pay taxes and leave a margin to spare by grain storage. The Buffalo plant has now in storage close to 2½ million bushels of grain.

Passage of the bill legalizing 2.75% beer would have a far-reaching effect on the affairs of the company. It would give its plants a value from three to four times present selling figures, the trustees say.

Pending the disposal of the plants on what the trustees consider equitable prices, they will continue to use the plants for grain storage. With the present demand for grain storage facilities the Buffalo plant operated to capacity can, it is estimated, show earnings above operating expenses close to \$200,000 annually.

In the event that any of the plants are sold, it is the intention of the trustees to declare another substantial liquidating dividend as soon as they are in possession of the additional funds.

R. H. Landale, former President, since the dissolution of the company Jan. 1 1921 has been Chairman of the board of trustees in liquidation.—V. 112, p. 2086.

American Shipbuilding Company.—Dividend Outlook

—President Farr Suggests Retirement of Entire \$7,900,000 Preferred Stock.—

See under "Financial Reports" above.—V. 113, p. 1474.

Amer. Smelting & Refining Co.—Annual Report, &c.—

The following published data, believed by the "Chronicle" to be based on fact, supplement the report, which is cited fully on a preceding page:

Conditions Improving.—During the last few weeks lead and silver have shown much improvement in price, cost of supplies is coming down, while considerable lowering in smelting costs is under way so that August and September earnings are much better. Moderate cuts in wages have been made.

Work in Mexico.—Mexican operations are about the same as six months ago as the rise in silver price has been too recent to have much influence as yet upon foreign ore shipments. All the smelters of the company in Mexico, except the Asarco and the Monterey plants are in operation.

American Refineries, &c.—The Pueblo plant is still shut down as a result of the flood, while the Perth Amboy copper refinery has been shut down for several months, the copper refining being now done at Tacoma for Western ores and at the Baltimore works for Eastern receipts. The Perth Amboy lead refinery and the copper and lead blast furnaces are still operating.

In Colorado the Arkansas Valley plant at Leadville and the Durango lead smelters are both in fairly active operation, three furnaces are still running at the Garfield smelter, and the Tacoma plant is working about at capacity upon Alaska and South American ores. The Hayden smelter, which was operating mainly on Ray and Magma ores, and the El Paso plant, which was treating principally Chino output, have been shut down for several months.

Five furnaces are in operation on lead-silver ores at Murray, as the Pitman Act has stimulated mining greatly in the territory served by that smelter. Also at the East Helena plant four furnaces are busy on lead ores.

Bolivia.—The company's tin refinery at Perth Amboy is still operating, but the Bolivian mines have ceased shipping concentrates, owing to discouraging prices prevailing on tin.—V. 113, p. 1363.

American Sugar Refining Co.—No Financing Plans.—

Vice-President W. E. Foster, Oct. 5, informed the "Chronicle" that the company has no plans under consideration for any financing whatsoever.

The above statement is an answer to the following which appeared in the New York "Times" Oct. 4: "Bankers say that the steps which have been taken thus far for refinancing the companies can hardly be dignified by calling them negotiations. However, conversations between the bankers and the company executives are going on and it is probable that the financing will be attempted before the turn of the year. Wall Street has heard that the amount will be approximately \$25,000,000, and that it will be for a long period of years. Several of the bankers who will take a prominent part in the negotiations are still in Europe, and it is deemed extremely unlikely that any final action will be taken pending their return."

Number of Stockholders (Preferred and Common) Since Dec. 1 1915.
Dec. 1'15. Dec. 1'16. Dec. 1'17. Dec. 2'18. Dec. 2'19. Dec. 1'20. Aug. 1'21.
19,565 18,949 19,758 20,877 20,665 22,311 26,538
—V. 113, p. 734, 296.

American Sumatra Tobacco Co.—Omits Dividend.—

The directors on Oct. 5 decided to eliminate the dividend usually paid Nov. 1 on the Common stock. In May and Aug. last the company paid dividends of 2% each, as compared with 2½% paid quarterly from Aug. 1918 to Feb. 1921, incl.

An official statement says: "A general readjustment which affected business reached the tobacco trade somewhat later than other industries. As a consequence of general trade conditions, the directors have deemed it conservative to stop the payment of dividends on the Common stock in order to insure the maintenance of its present asset position."—V. 113, p. 1475, 1159.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Agreement.—
See Cuban Telephone Co. below.—V. 113, p. 1254.

American Wholesale Corporation.—September Sales.—
1921—Sept.—1920. Increase. 1921—9 Mos.—1920. Decrease.
\$4,276,240 \$3,344,654 \$931,586 \$26,863,156 \$31,456,766 \$4,593,610
—V. 113, p. 420, 296.

Arizona Copper Co., Ltd.—Sale to Phelps Dodge Corp.
Approved—Financial Statement—Production, &c.—

The shareholders on Oct. 3 confirmed an agreement dated Sept. 21 1921 between the company and Phelps Dodge Corp., the leading terms of which are summarized in a circular letter as of that date as follows:

(1) The whole undertaking (including the railway) is sold to Phelps Dodge Corp., excepting the Edinburgh office, a sum of about \$35,000, and the right (subject to making good if required certain expected Federal tax recoveries) to certain British tax recoveries.

(2) The price is: (a) Payment of the dividends on the [£40,000] A Preference shares (par 5s.) and [£316,530] Preference stock and retirement of these shares and stock (at the expense of that corporation) within five years; (b) 50,000 fully paid shares of \$100 each of the corporation, of which the capital will then be 500,000 shares of \$100 each. (c) The purchaser assumes all the liabilities, other than undisclosed contingent liabilities, not incurred in the ordinary course of business. It is believed that all liabilities have been disclosed.

(3) The company is to have the right to nominate a director of the corp. In order that the shareholders may retain a free market for their shares, it is proposed to keep up the present Arizona Copper Co., Ltd., but as it will practically be an investment company only, the expenses of management will be very considerably reduced.

Further Data from Official Circular Dated Sept. 21.

Condition of Industry Closed Mines.—The copper industry has, for a considerable time, been in a serious condition, owing to accumulation of stocks, and decrease in consumption leading to a heavy fall in the price of the metal. As the falling off in consumption exceeded the reduction in production, the stocks on hand, already excessive, increased. Production, therefore, had to be further curtailed. Even this did not relieve the difficulty caused by the accumulation of stocks; and consequently prices continued to fall, so that the cost of production exceeded the market price. In the early part of the year it became obvious that the only remedy was to close down, which the company did on May 31 1921 (V. 112, p. 2308).

Results for Year 1920.—Operations for the year to Sept. 30 1920 resulted in a loss of £319,673. It is anticipated that the amount paid by the company for British excess profits duty (amounting to £292,375, as well as £96,575, representing provision made in previous years for Federal taxes, beyond what is now found to be required), will be recovered. This leaves a surplus, after Preference dividends, of £44,745.

Results for Eight Months of 1921.—For the 8 months to May 31 1921, the company reports a deficit of £309,234, which, after deducting the profit and loss, surplus, forward, of £65,110; leave a net deficit May 31 1921 of £244,124.

Production of Copper, Fiscal Years ended Sept. 30.

1920-21 (8 mos.) 1919-20. 1918-19. 1917-18. 1916-17.
Cop. prod. (lbs.) 18,550,000 35,770,000 36,460,000 40,468,000 42,482,000
—V. 113, p. 630.

Armour & Co.—Text of Meat Packers Bill, Known as The Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921.—

See "Current Events," "Chronicle," Oct. 1, p. 1422-24.—V. 113, p. 297.

Art Metal Construction Co.—Extra Div.—Status, &c.

An extra dividend of 10 cents per share (1½%) has been declared on the stock along with the regular quarterly of 15 cents. The regular dividend is payable Oct. 31 and the extra payable Nov. 30, both to holders of record Oct. 14. A like amount was paid extra in March, May and August last and in November 1920.

Hayden, Stone & Co., in their circular dated Sept. 30, say in part: In the six months to June 30 the company shipped to customers slightly over \$2,500,000 of products, compared with about \$2,650,000 in 1920. The selling price of the company's products has been reduced approximately one-third in the last 12 months, so that the actual volume of shipments for the first six months of the present year is in excess of the output for the first six months of 1920. Shipments for the last half of 1920 were the largest in the company's history, and it is hardly likely that 1921 shipments will equal the 1920 total of \$6,204,335.

In the first half of this year incoming orders amounted to slightly more than \$2,500,000, as compared with \$3,700,000 in 1920. On June 30, however, the company had unfinished business of approximately \$1,100,000, and this total was increased during July and August to \$1,235,000.

The corporation has continuously been in strong financial position, but even the strong working capital balance shown in the 1920 statement has been improved by over 10% since Jan. 1. On June 30 last the company had net quick assets of \$2,810,000 as compared with \$2,505,733 Dec. 31 1920. The inventory, which at its peak in October 1920 amounted to \$2,600,000, has since been reduced to half that amount, and any inventory shrinkage which has since occurred has been charged off and absorbed in the cost of operation.

The company has on hand at present over \$600,000 in U. S. Treasury certificates in addition to its working cash balances.

For the year 1920 Art Metal realized net profits after Federal taxes and after \$561,000 of inventory depreciation of \$326,613, a sum equal to \$1 per share on the 320,570 shares of \$10 par outstanding. The 1920 dividend disbursement was \$276,853, so that \$49,759 was carried to surplus. In the half-year to June 30 1921 Art Metal has already earned net a sum in excess of the entire year's dividends at \$1 per share.

The company has passed through the trying period of readjustment without having to draw upon its surplus for either dividends or inventory losses. It has added to an already strong capital position and has paid off all of its floating indebtedness.—V. 113, p. 74.

Austin Machinery Corp.—Canadian Subsidiary.—

The company announces that the Canadian Austin Machinery, Ltd., Woodstock, Ont., incorporated under the laws of Canada, will henceforth act as sole manufacturers and distributors in Canada of the complete Austin Line of earth-moving and concrete-mixing equipment.

The manufacture of Austin Machinery at Woodstock, Ont., enables the Canadian Austin Machinery, Ltd., to supply this broad line of contractors' requirements for construction, good road making, reclamation, excavation and irrigation promptly, and to furnish service in maintenance.

The Austin Machinery Corp., with offices at Chicago, New York, and 12 other cities in the United States is capitalized at \$15,000,000 Preferred stock and 200,000 shares Common stock.

The directors are Ralph Crews, Pres. B. A. Linderman, Samue McRoberts, C. A. Peckham, Clay H. Hollister, John Ross Shaw, Vice-Pres.; and Clarence Watson.—Compare V. 111, p. 694, 1185, 1371.

Baltimore Dry Dock & Shipbuilding Co.—Sale.—

See Bethlehem Steel Corp. below.—V. 111, p. 1185.

Bethlehem Steel Corp.—Acquires Baltimore Dry Dock.

It was announced Sept. 27 that the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corp., Ltd., had purchased the Baltimore Dry Dock & Shipbuilding Co. interests in Baltimore (V. 111, p. 1185).

President Eugene G. Grace in announcing the purchase said: "The properties will be continued in operation, principally on ship repair work. These additional facilities, located in the main harbor of Baltimore, supplementing the Sparrows Point plant, give the Bethlehem Corporation a complete equipment of dry docks and marine railroads to accomplish all kinds of ship repair work in Baltimore.—V. 113, p. 1254, 1159.

Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corp., Ltd.—Acquisition.—

See Bethlehem Steel Corp. below.—V. 113, p. 852.

Braden Copper Mines Co.—Americans Acquire Bolivian Oil Lands—Contracts for \$10,000,000 Electrical Equipment.

A group of American and Bolivian capitalists, headed by William Braden, founder of the Braden Copper Mines Co., and his son, Spruille Braden, have purchased 5,320,000 acres, comprising a new oil field in Bolivia. The price paid for the property in cash is reported to be 15,000,000 pesos or nominally \$3,000,000 or at present valued at between \$2,000,000 and \$2,500,000. Two wells have been drilled on the property, and, according

to those interested in the syndicate, seepages of oil cover it. Announcement of the purchase was made Oct. 3 by Spruille Braden, who said: "The new oil field which we have just purchased I look to see developed into one of the most productive in the world. Tests show that the oil is paraffin base running as high as 45.8 Baume, and that it is perhaps one of the highest grades of oil ever found. There was keen competition for the control of the field on the part of European interests, particularly an English concern.

"The Germans competed sharply for the big railroad and equipment contracts, aggregating some \$10,000,000, which were secured several days ago, and include the most important railroad electrification contract in the world since the beginning of the war in 1914, and as a matter of fact, is the largest ever undertaken outside of the United States by American interests.

"This contract was awarded to my associates, Errazuriz, Simpson & Co., and myself and the Westinghouse Electric International Co. [See latter company below]. It calls for the electrification in the first of four zones of the Government railways, or the line from the Chilean terminal to Santiago, the capital of Chile, and to Los Andes, Argentina. Besides the American electrical equipment for the Chilean railways, there are important contracts secured by us for locomotives, cars, copper, steel, &c., for the United States interests we represent. Some of these interests include the American Locomotive Co., the Pressed Steel Car Co., and the Anaconda Copper Mining Co. We believe that Americans who desire to do an export business in South America on a large scale must put forth all efforts now.—V. 113, p. 630.

Boston & Montana Development Co.—New Mill.

According to President Allen, the new mill is practically completed and awaits only the power to start production. The poles for the power line are in place, and wires are strung over most of the distance and the power line should be completed within two or three weeks.—V. 111, p. 1086.

Briscoe Motor Corp.—Name Charged to Earl Motors, Inc.—New Capital—Directors, &c.

New plans were announced Oct. 2 whereby \$5,000,000 of additional capital will be put into the business immediately and the name changed to Earl Motors, Inc.

In making the announcement, Clarence A. Earl, former 1st Vice-Pres. of Willys-Overland Co., who took over control of Briscoe as President last March stated that the board had voted unanimously for the introduction of the new capital, necessitated through the fact that the distribution end of the business has been expanded by the addition of 20 new distributors and 240 dealers in the past six months.

Both the new financing and the new policies are to come before a stockholders' meeting Oct. 20 to be finally ratified.

The plans also involve the marketing nationally of a new "Earl" car, closed models of which will be ready for delivery Oct. 15 and open models Nov. 1. For the time being, Briscoe cars are still being turned out, while certain divisions of the factory are busy on producing parts for the new car.

The board of directors now constituted with Mr. Earl as President, consists of John Fletcher (V.-Pres. of Fort Dearborn National Bank, Chicago), Treas., H. F. Wardwell (Pres. Burnside Tilden & Co., Chicago); Horace DeLisser (Chairman Ajax Rubber Co., New York); Wallace G. Kay (Secretary & Treas. Kay & Co., Detroit); J. Fletcher Farrell (V.-Pres. Sinclair Refining Co., New York); J. Weissenbach (Weissenbach, Hartman Crain & Cormak, Chicago). L. E. Latta is Sec. (Detroit "Free-Press").—V. 113, p. 74.

British Empire Steel Corp.—Time Extended.

Time for exchanging the 6% Preference shares of Dominion Steel Corp., 7% Pref. stock of Dominion Iron & Steel Co., 7% Pref. stock of Dominion Coal Co., 8% Preference shares of Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co., 6% Preference shares of Eastern Car Co. and 7% Preference stock of Halifax Shipyards, for Cumulative 7% First Preference, Series "B," stock of the British Empire Steel Corp., has been extended until Dec. 15 1921.—V. 113, p. 1475, 421.

Brooklyn Edison Co., Inc.—Listing—Earnings.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of an additional \$3,000,000 7% Gen. Mgt. gold bonds, Series D, due Dec. 1 1940. (See offering in V. 113, p. 538.)

	Year Aug. 31	1920.	1919.	1918.
Earnings—	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Total revenue	\$15,579,479	\$13,308,868	\$10,850,114	\$8,854,302
Expenses, incl. taxes and reserve for renewals and replacements	11,209,586	10,225,919	7,499,102	6,162,445
Gross income	\$4,369,893	\$3,082,949	\$3,351,012	\$2,691,856
Interest and discount	1,882,928	1,420,333	1,088,448	898,677
Dividends, &c.	1,388,932	1,387,366	1,381,650	1,374,216
Employees' profit-sharing		121,897	106,756	121,534
Contingencies, &c.	518,186		456,149	199,620
Surplus for the year	\$579,847	\$153,353	\$318,007	\$97,809

Canada Bread Co., Inc.—Annual Report.

Years ending June 30—	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Revenue	\$307,122	\$293,881	\$176,208	\$205,772
Interest from invest.	17,953	16,237	19,944	20,434
Total income	\$325,075	\$310,118	\$196,152	\$226,206
Deprec. & bond purch.	\$72,500	\$72,714	\$50,000	\$12,500
Bond interest	See a	67,199	67,989	68,938
Common dividends	87,500	87,500	87,500	(2%) 50,000
Preferred divs. (7%)			950	1,500
Patriotic donations			39,818	
Income tax	15,278	13,828		
Balance & surplus	\$149,797	\$68,877	def. \$50,105	\$5,768

a In 1921, after deducting bond interest, in previous years before. The balance sheet as of June 30 shows: Current liabilities of \$483,635; stock outstanding, Preferred, \$1,250,000; Common, \$2,500,000; 1st Mgt. 6% gold bonds outstanding, \$1,104,400; interest accrued, \$28,734, and surplus and reserves, \$865,243.—V. 111, p. 1854.

Caddo Central Oil & Refining Corp.—Settlement of Litigation—Six Months Earnings.—Pres. Lawrence B. Dunham, in a letter to the stockholders, Sept. 25, says in subst.:

This company purchased, subject to proof of title, an undivided half interest in an 80-acre lease in the oil field at Homer, La., which turned out to be very valuable.

Litigation over this property has been most bitterly contested, the final outcome being at all times in doubt. It has at all times seemed advisable to effect a reasonable settlement of this case if possible, but attempts in this direction on our part were unavailing.

A short time ago, negotiations looking to a settlement of the case were reopened and carried on until a final payment was made Sept. 16 on the following basis: The Caddo Co. has received a cash payment of \$379,000, from which, when the legal fees and all other expenses are deducted, will leave a net return to the company somewhat in excess of \$360,000.

During the first six months of the year, the oil business went through the most trying time in its whole history. Cut after cut took place in the posted price of crude oil. The fuel oil situation was particularly bad. The output of the refineries of the company was reduced to about one-third of their total capacity. Toward the middle of summer, business became stabilized and the volume of business began to increase.

Toward the end of August connection was made with the El Dorado Pipe Line with the result that the company is now transporting its very substantial production at El Dorado to the refineries at a saving of between 35 cents and 40 cents per barrel over the railroad rate.

To summarize briefly, the company has taken its entire inventory loss and is now running to its refineries about 5,000 barrels of oil per day, the total capacity being estimated at 6,500 barrels a day, and daily sales have increased over 40% from the low point. Company's production has been substantially increased and the settlement of the law suit has enabled the company to pay off all its bank loans and thereby place itself in a good financial condition.

Earnings Jan. 1 1921 to June 30 1921.

Earnings from operation	\$231,390
Loss on inventory adjustments (but before deductions for depreciation & depletion, or provision for abandoned leases)	460,056
Deficit—for six months	\$228,666
If existing conditions continue, the results for the balance of the year should show a marked improvement.—V. 113, p. 1363.	

Canadian Car & Foundry Co., Ltd.—Dividend Action.—Action on the Preferred dividend due this month has been postponed until Oct. 12.—V. 112, p. 2752.

Chile Copper Co.—18th Quarterly Report for 6 Months Ending June 30 1921.—President Daniel Guggenheim reports:

During the quarter ended June 30 there were treated 335,871 tons of ore, averaging 1.75% copper; in the preceding quarter 581,644 tons, averaging 1.64% copper, were treated. The recovery during this quarter was 92.165%, compared with 88.873% for the quarter ended March 31 1921. Production for the quarter averaged 4,000,624 lbs. per month, compared with 6,002,258 lbs. per month during the first quarter of 1921. The cost of copper produced during the quarter was 11.971 cts. per lb., including selling and delivery expense, but excluding depreciation and Federal taxes and with no credit for miscellaneous income, compared with 11.012 cts. per lb. for the previous quarter.

Combined Earnings of Chile Copper Co. and Chile Exploration Co. Based On Copper Actually Sold and Delivered.

	2d Quar.—1921—1st Quar.	18,006,774	18,006,774
Copper production (in pounds)	12,001,873	13,878,412	15,070,157
Copper sold (pounds)	13,878,412	15,070,157	15,070,157
Net profit on copper delivered	\$291,667	\$283,768	\$283,768
Miscellaneous income	8,828	24,692	24,692
Interest on call loans & bank balances	122,853	181,846	181,846
Total income	\$423,378	\$490,306	\$490,306
Depreciation	\$697,250	\$696,059	\$696,059
Amortized discount on 15-Year 6% Conv. bonds	35,000	35,000	35,000
Accrued bond interest of Chile Copper Co.	787,500	787,500	787,500
Expenses of Chile Copper Co.	13,662	8,035	8,035
Balance deficit, both companies	-\$1,110,033 loss \$1,036,288		

x Of the above loss of \$1,110,033, \$697,250 is for depreciation, which is a book entry and is computed on a time basis, regardless of production or sale.

The companies had at Sept. 1 \$8,813,000 representing cash on hand and marketable securities, after setting aside \$1,921,000 to complete payment of purchase price of the two tank ships mentioned in the last annual report (V. 112, p. 2409).—V. 113, p. 631, 74.

Cities Service Co.—Oil Contract.

Empire Refineries, Inc., a subsidiary, has closed a contract with the Acheson Topeka & Santa Fe for the delivery of fuel oil at Ponca City, Okla., for one year. The Ponca City refinery of Empire Refineries, Inc., which has been closed down since last Feb., started up on Oct. 1 to supply this contract.—V. 113, p. 1364, 1159.

Columbia Graphophone Mfg. Co.—No Price Cut.

Chairman Francis S. Whitten in a letter to Columbia dealers denying rumors of price reductions says:

"The management desires once and for all to set at rest any such rumors. No price reduction is contemplated, as present prices were fixed without consideration of labor and material costs; but with a view of offering, at a time when low prices are expected, the biggest possible phonograph value, both for the benefit of the buying public and Columbia dealers. The recent business slump has been an unusually severe one, but I believe the corner has been turned and that Columbia dealers will in the closing months of 1921 and early in 1922 again reap the profits to which their splendid efforts entitle them."—V. 113, p. 1475.

Commonwealth Public Service Co., Fort Smith, Ark.

—Foreclosure Sale Ordered.

All properties of this company, operating utilities in a score of Western Arkansas and Eastern Oklahoma towns, will be sold at foreclosure within 60 days, unless the company pays \$1,081,773 into the United States District Court at Fort Smith, Ark., before Oct. 17. An order authorizing the sale was issued Oct. 3 by Judge Frank A. Youman, under whose direction the company has been operated by Receiver W. L. Curtis, Fort Smith. The foreclosure is ordered to satisfy \$750,000 First Mgt. and \$240,000 General Mgt. bonds and unpaid interest.—V. 110, p. 2294.

Consolidated Gas Co., New York City.

William A. Prendergast, Chairman of the P. S. Commission, in a address before the convention of the Empire State Gas & Electric Association, Lake Placid, N. Y., advocated the consolidation of all the gas companies of the City of New York into one company with the city as a partner and a unified rate for the entire city. Chairman Prendergast emphasized the fact that he was not an advocate of municipal ownership in the sense generally understood.—V. 113, p. 1364.

Consolidated Ice Co. of Pittsburgh.—Resumes Dividend.

The company has declared a dividend of 1 1/2% on the 6% Cumul. Pref. stock, payable Oct. 20. This is the first dividend to be declared since that paid in April 1916.—V. 103, p. 409.

Consolidated Steel & Iron Corp.—New Name, &c.

See Missouri Iron & Steel Corp. below.—V. 113, p. 1364.

Copper Export Association, Inc.—Sales Increase.

The Association is reported to have sold over 3,000,000 lbs. of copper on Oct. 4, bringing total sales for the year to Oct. 5 up to approximately 180,500,000 lbs. as compared with the full year 1920, when total sales were about 180,000,000 lbs.—V. 113, p. 297.

Corn Products Refining Co.—Bonds Called.

One hundred fourteen (\$114,000) 25-year 5% Debenture Sinking Fund Gold bonds, dated Nov. 1 1906 have been called for payment Nov. 1 at par and int. at the Title Guarantee & Trust Co., N. Y.—V. 113, p. 1364.

Cosden & Co.—Contract Renewed.

The company has renewed its contract with the Standard Oil Co., Ind., for the entire year of 1922. The contract is for 120,000,000 gals. of gasoline and kerosene. The price is based on the tank wagon quotation at Chicago.—V. 113, p. 1357.

Counties Gas & Electric Co.—Offering of Stock, &c.

The company, in connection with the offering of 1,080,000 Class A 8% Cum. Pref. (a. & d.) stock at par (\$50) for cash or under special terms on installment plan, has issued a circular dated Oct. 1, which shows in subst.:

Class A Pref. Stock	Authorized	Outstand'g.
Class A Preferred stock (dividend 8%)	\$2,500,000	\$1,080,000
Class B Preferred stock (dividend 7%)	2,500,000	2,400,000
Common stock	3,000,000	3,000,000
General Mortgage 5% bonds	7.5 0-000	2,730,000
Underlying bonds	2,480,000	1,797,000
Unfunded debt (\$1,400,000 Gen. M. 5% Treas. bds. pl. as coll.)		800,000

Earnings for 12 Months ended Dec. 31 1920.

Operating revenue	\$2,037,125	Deduct—Bond interest	\$222,623
Operating expenses	1,315,015	Interest on floating debt	183,361
		Sundry deductions	1,182
Gross income	\$722,111	Net inc. applic. to divs.	\$314,945

Dividends.—The company has paid dividends continuously since its organization in 1913 on its present issue of \$2,400,000 7% Pref. stock, amounting to \$168,000 per year.

Company.—Supplies gas and electricity to the territory surrounding and lying to the north and west of Philadelphia. This territory is approximately 30 miles long and 17 miles wide, having a total area of 272 square miles.

Renders service to over 65 communities having an estimated population of 140,742. Gas is supplied through 250 miles of gas mains, radiating from its gas plants situated at Ardmore, Pa., and Norristown, Pa. Electricity is supplied through 500 miles of pole lines connected to a modern 16,000 k.w. steam generating station at Norristown, on the Schuylkill River, and a 1,500-k.w. station at Wayne, Pa. Wayne station also supplies steam for house-heating purposes.

Growth of Business—Calendar Years.

	Gross Oper. Revenue.	Gas Sales, Cubic Feet.	Elec. Sales, K.-W.Hours.	No.Gas&El Consumers.
1913	\$748,033	355,003,200	4,184,308	17,721
1914	783,115	399,480,900	5,705,033	19,755
1915	880,340	411,018,200	8,686,741	21,483
1916	1,001,112	449,514,600	15,072,864	23,333
1917	1,233,208	512,258,300	24,736,176	25,022
1918	1,385,172	581,365,400	26,687,957	25,829
1919	1,521,400	603,235,000	29,734,148	27,853
1920	2,037,125	727,778,200	39,422,145	30,691

Crocker-Wheeler Co.—Regular Dividend of 1%.—The regular quarterly dividend of 1% has been declared on the Common stock, payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Oct. 5. This is the same as that paid in July last. From 1917 to and incl. April last the company paid dividends at the rate of 8% per annum.—V. 113, p. 422.

Cuba Cane Sugar Corp.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$25,000,000 Bankers Trust Co., New York, Certificates of Deposit representing 10-Year 7% Convertible Debenture bonds, due Jan. 1 1930, deposited under the terms of a letter of the Cuba Cane Sugar Corp., dated Sept. 23 1921, on official notice of issuance against the deposit of outstanding debentures. Compare V. 113, p. 1475.

[An interest in the corporation says that there has been deposited \$6,149,700 of the \$25,000,000 debentures under the financing plan agreement up to the close of business Oct. 6. Bonds are being offered for deposit at the rate of more than \$1,000,000 a day. Holders of several large blocks have indicated an intention of depositing their bonds before Oct. 15.—"Wall Street Journal."—See V. 113, p. 1475.

Cuban Telephone Co.—Bonds Sold.—National City Co., New York, have sold at 95 and int. yielding over 8% \$4,000,000 1st Lien & Ref. Mtge. Gold Bonds Series A 7½% due 1941. (See advertising pages)

Dated Sept. 1 1921. Due Sept. 1 1941. Int. payable M. & S. without deduction for Cuban taxes in U. S. gold coin at National City Bank, New York, trustee. Denom. \$100, \$500, and \$1,000 (c* & r*) \$1,000, \$5,000 and multiples of \$5,000. Non-redeemable prior to Sept. 1 1931, but red. all or part on any int. date upon 30 days notice at 107½ and int. between Sept. 1 1931 and Sept. 1 1936, both incl. and at 105 and accr. int. thereafter but prior to maturity. Interest payable without deduction for U. S. Federal income tax up to 2%. Penn. 4 mills tax refunded.

Data From Letter of Pres. Sosthenes Behn, New York, October 4.
Company.—Incorp. in Del., Feb. 1908. Does practically entire telephone business in Cuba serving over 35,000 subscribers. Owns and operates without competition the local telephone systems in Havana, Santiago de Cuba, Matanzas, Cienfuegos, Cardenas and other important cities and towns, and in addition does all the long distance telephone business, its toll system reaching every important community on the Island of Cuba, which on the basis of the 1919 census has a population of approximately 3,000,000.
Working Agreement.—The American Telephone & Telegraph Co. and Cuban Telephone Co. have entered into a working agreement covering the division of tolls and revenues derived from the three submarine cables recently placed in successful operation between Havana and Key West. The Cuban-American Telephone & Telegraph Co. which owns these cables, is controlled jointly by the American Tel. & Tel. Co. and the International Telephone & Telegraph Corp., which latter company in turn owns a majority of the stock of the Cuban Telephone Co.

Capitalization After This Financing.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Common stock (paying 8% divs.)	\$14,000,000	\$9,432,876
Preferred stock (paying 6% cumul. divs.)	2,000,000	2,000,000
1st Lien & Ref. Mtge. Series A 7½% (this issue)	50,000,000	4,000,000
1st Mtge. 5% due Jan. 1 1951	8,733,333	4,244,317

x Issued in pound Sterling denominations principal and interest payable in U. S. gold coin at the fixed rate of exchange of \$4.8666 per £. Of the authorized £2,000,000 (\$9,733,333) bonds, £872,120 (\$4,244,317) are outstanding with public, £127,860 (\$768,252) have been converted into stock and cancelled, £25,560 (\$124,392) are cancelled in the sinking fund and balance of £944,460 (\$4,596,372) will be pledged as additional security under 1st Lien & Ref. Mortgage.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to liquidate entire floating debt and to provide in part for enlargements to its telephone system, including the installation of equipment for 5,000 additional automatic telephones.

This Issue.—Authorized \$50,000,000. May be issued in series with such interest rates, dates, maturities (not later than Sept. 1 1971) and redemption provisions as directors may determine.

Bonds of any series may be issued (a) to retire 1st mtge. bonds outstanding on Sept. 1 1921, or (b) to retire bonds of another series issued under this mortgage; (c) additional bonds may also be issued for not exceeding 75% of construction expenditures made subsequent to Sept. 1 1921, provided net earnings after maintenance and taxes are not less than twice the annual interest charges on all mortgage bonds outstanding and proposed bonds.

Sinking Fund.—The mortgage provides for semi-annual payment commencing Dec. 1 1921, of sums in cash equal to 1% of the aggregate amount of 1st Lien & Ref. Mtge. bonds outstanding, moneys to be applied: (a) to purchase of 1st Lien & Ref. bonds of any series, at or below the then existing redemption prices, or, if during a non-redeemable period at or below certain specified purchase prices; and (b) to the redemption of bonds of such series as are then subject to redemption.

Earnings Years Ended July 31.

	1920.	1921.
Gross earnings	\$2,420,521	\$2,923,142
Net after oper. expenses, maint. and taxes	1,623,758	1,703,649
Annual int. charges on \$8,244,317 mtge. bonds including this issue		512,216

Balance \$1,191,433
—V. 113, p. 187.

(Henry) Disston & Sons, Inc.—No Action.—A meeting of stockholders scheduled for Oct. 5 to act on an increase in capital stock from \$3,350,000 to \$6,000,000 was postponed until Jan. 4 1922, as the management does not consider it advisable to make such an increase under present depressed industrial conditions. Action on the increase in capital has been postponed several times, the first meeting for this purpose having been called early in the present year.—V. 112, p. 1287.

Dodge Bros., Detroit.—Business Improving.—George H. Phelps, Advertising Manager, is quoted as saying: "Our business is very good; we are turning out 600 cars a day. About 20% of our business is export and our sales are gradually increasing. We are having no labor troubles in Detroit and business is improving. The bottom of car prices has been reached and there will be no further reductions."—V. 112, p. 376.

(E. I.) du Pont de Nemours & Co.—Permanent Bonds.—The Bankers Trust Co., 10-12 Wall St., N. Y. City, are now prepared to deliver permanent 10-year 7½% coupon gold bonds in exchange for the outstanding temporary certificates. (See offering in V. 112, p. 2195).—V. 113, p. 1476, 1058.

Durant Motors, Inc.—Illinois Refuses Permission to Sell Stock—Official Explanation.—

The Illinois Securities Commission has denied the company's informal application to sell the capital stock in Illinois, as the Commission regarded the stock as "purely promotional and without basis of value."

[A dispatch from Chicago Oct. 5 states that the Illinois Securities Commission has granted the company permission to resubmit its statement for filing, which, if filed, will give it the right to offer its securities in the State. In connection with the action of the Commission, Vice-President Carroll Downes made the following statement:

"In our desire to meet any local requirements affecting the sale of our securities in Illinois, we consulted our attorneys and they advised us that any securities listed on any one of the 7 or 8 large Stock Exchanges of the country, were qualified for selling in Illinois. Our stock having been sold in Michigan and listed on the Detroit Stock Exchange, we were therefore qualified to offer it for sale as a Class 'B' security under the Illinois Securities Act.

"Having met all legal requirements, our representative secured subscriptions from a large number of investors in Illinois which were expected to be issued.

"On July 1 the Illinois Securities Act was amended in such a way that stocks were no longer qualified for sale in Illinois, merely because they were listed on the Detroit, Baltimore, Philadelphia or several other exchanges. This being the case, we immediately made inquiry of the Securities Commission through our attorneys and presented a summary statement which the Secretary of State returned to us with the suggestions as to the best manner of meeting the requirements of the amended statutes.

"The Commission has never advised us at any time that if a formal presentation of our application were made it would 'turn down' either because our stock was 'partly promotional and without basis of value,' or for any other reason.

"We state most emphatically that at no time were any of our representatives arrested for offering or selling our securities."
See also Fisk Rubber Co. below.—V. 113, p. 1364, 1255.

East Bay Water Co.—New Financing Approved.—Stockholders Sept. 28 approved new financing outlined in V. 113, p. 1364.

Eastern Rolling Mill Co.—Defers Dividend.—

In connection with the deferring of the Preferred dividend last week, President M. Jones, in a circular dated Sept. 28, says in substance: "The directors this day decided to defer action on the declaration of the quarterly dividend, for the three months ended Sept. 30 1921, payable Oct. 1 to the holders of the 8% Cumulative Preferred stock. The directors are convinced that this action is in the best interest of the shareholders, in view of the unusual conditions which have existed for some time in all lines of industry, affecting in common with others the finished steel trade.

"In spite of abnormal conditions, the company has done very well, running practically on a 50% capacity basis since the latter part of July, and having on hand sufficient business to continue at this rate, or a little better, for some weeks to come.

"It is the policy of the directors to pay the dividend on the Preferred stock just as soon as the company's business warrants doing so."

"Quarterly dividends of 2% each were paid on the Pref. stock in April and July last, while in January last an initial dividend of 8%, for the full year 1920, was paid."—V. 113, p. 1476.

Edison Elec. Illuminating Co. of Boston.—Stock Issue.

At a hearing before the Mass. Department of Public Utilities on the petition of the company for approval to issue \$4,505,600 additional capital stock (one new share for each five now outstanding) it was stated that the directors Oct. 6 voted to issue the new stock at \$130 a share with the approval of the Department of Public Utilities. Stock now outstanding \$22,528,000.—V. 113, p. 1365, 1358.

Elgin Motor Car Corp.—Gold Notes—Balance Sheet.—

A circular issued by the Argo (Ill.) State Bank offering \$500,000 8% serial gold notes at 100 and int. affords the following:

Notes dated June 15 1921. Due \$100,000 June 15 1922, \$150,000 June 15 1923 and \$250,000 June 15 1924. Int. payable J. & D. at Central Trust Co. of Illinois, trustee. Red., all or part, at any int. date at 101.

Convertible.—Conv. into Com. stock at any time before maturity at par.
Company.—Established in 1916. Company produces a 6-cylinder automobile. Plant at Argo, Ill.

Security.—Secured by all of the assets of the company, subject only to a 6% mortgage of \$125,000, payable as follows: \$14,000 in 1921, \$20,000 in 1922, \$75,000 in 1923, \$12,500 in 1924. Company agrees to establish a reserve fund and deposit with the trustee such a reserve as will be adequate to take care of each series as it becomes due.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to pay off present bank loans and to furnish new working capital to handle increased business.

Business Growth.—The circular shows "the business growth" as follows:

	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
Assets—	\$489,000	\$3,971,000	\$2,517,000	\$5,529,000	\$7,362,000
Property & plant	\$1,003,911	\$911,029			
Good-will	1,075,000	1,075,000			
Comm., disc., &c.	221,684	225,755			
Investments	45,748	89,029			
Cash	24,973	35,306			
Accts. & notes rec.	351,933	331,101			
Material & suppl.	1,340,096	1,881,057			
Prepaid expenses	12,265	23,456			
Deferred charges	33,693				
Liabilities—					
Capital stock			\$3,341,192	\$3,243,012	
Stock installments				18,910	
Mtge. pay. bond				109,990	115,000
Notes pay. real est.				13,000	
Accts. & notes pay.				506,890	919,090
Deposits on car					
Contracts				20,600	15,450
Reserve, tax., &c.				117,632	70,087
Profit & loss					191,086

Total (each side) \$4,109,304 \$4,572,638
—V. 112, p. 2647.

English Electric Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Pref. Stock Offered.—Canadian Debenture Corp., Ltd., Toronto, are offering at par, with a bonus of 40% Common stock, \$2,000,000 8% Cumulative Pref. (a. & d.) shares. Compare V. 113, p. 1365, 1256.

Exchange Buffet Corporation.—No. of Stockholders.—

The corporation, concurrent with the declaring of the 35th consecutive quarterly dividend (present rate \$2 per share), payable Oct. 31 to stockholders of record Oct. 20, announces that during the past year the stockholders' list has increased about 33% and that about 37% of the stockholders are employees in their 34 restaurants.—V. 112, p. 2753.

Famous Players-Lasky Corporation.—Resignation.—

H. D. H. Connick has resigned as Chairman of the Finance Committee. Frederic C. Lee, senior member of the Finance Committee, now becomes its acting Chairman. Theodore F. Whitmarsh, a director, has been elected to fill the vacancy on the Finance Committee caused by Mr. Connick's resignation.

Fisk Rubber Co.—Gets Durant Contract.—

The company has closed a contract with Durant Motors, Inc., for all its 1922 equipment requirements.—V. 113, p. 1256, 1151.

Fownes Brothers & Co., Inc.—Bonds Offered.—Hambledon & Co. and Hemphill, Noyes & Co. are offering at 99½

and int. yielding over 8%, \$500,000 15-Year 1st Mtge. 8% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1921.

The company, organized in New York, has acquired substantially all of the assets and the entire business, including United States patents, trade names, trade marks, good-will, &c., formerly constituting the American branch of Fownes Brothers & Co. of London, a British co-partnership, engaged in the manufacture and distribution of gloves.

The average price before providing for interest charges or taxes but after charging depreciation, for the 10 years ended Dec. 31 1920 were \$260,034, and for the 5 years ended Dec. 31 1920 were \$365,977. The maximum annual interest charges on this issue will be \$40,000.

Fox River Paper Co., Appleton, Wis.—Bonds Offered.—

Wm. L. Ross & Co., Chicago, are offering at 95 and int. yielding about 7¾%, \$750,000 1st mtge. 7% sinking fund gold bonds. Series A.

Dated Oct. 1 1921. Due Oct. 1 1931. Int. payable A. & O. at First Trust Co., Appleton, Wis., trustee, or First National Bank, Chicago, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c*). A minimum sinking fund of 25% of net earnings is required which, it is estimated, will retire all of these bonds prior to maturity. Red. on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 105 and int. for year ending Oct. 1 1922, redemption price thereafter being reduced ½% per annum until it is 102½%, which rate prevails thereafter.

Data From Letter of Pres. W. C. Wing, Appleton, Wis., Sept. 13 1921.

Company.—Incorp. in 1883, is engaged in manufacturing high grade rag-content bond ledger papers and its products are marketed throughout the United States through the paper merchant or jobber. Produces writing paper known as chancicler bond, old badger bond, English bond, defender bond, right of way bond, old badger ledger, old faithful linen ledger, battleship ledger.

Property consists of a complete 3 machine paper mill making rag-content writing papers with an annual capacity of 9,000 tons. Company owns outright its water power, which consists of three-sevenths of the entire flow of the Fox River. The Telulah Mill referred to below consists of a two machine paper mill also making rag-content writing papers with an annual capacity of 7,500 tons. This mill also owns its water power outright on this same Middle Dam level, and on the other side of the river from the Fox River Mills.

Purpose.—To reimburse company for a portion of the cost of its purchase and reconstruction of the Telulah Mill at Appleton, Wis., which it acquired from the Kimberly-Clark Co. as of Jan. 1 1921. The total expenditures to date on account of the purchase, reconstruction and modernizing of this mill have exceeded \$1,000,000. This work is now completed and the plant is in operation. There yet remains to be paid on account of the purchase \$500,000, due serially from 1922 to 1926.

Capital After this Financing	Authorized	Outstanding
1st M. 7% sink, fund gold bonds (this issue)	\$1,250,000	\$750,000
Preferred stock	500,000	350,000
Common stock	500,000	500,000

Sales.—Gross sales have increased from \$812,073 in 1911 to \$3,926,499 in 1920, and for the five years from 1916 to 1920, inclusive, gross profit available for interest, depreciation and taxes have averaged over 8 times the interest charges on this present issue of bonds.

Officers.—Wm. C. Wing, Pres.; H. K. Babcock, V.-Pres.; H. G. Freeman, Treas.; F. W. Becker, Sec.—V. 113, p. 1365.

(H. H.) Franklin Mfg. Co., Syracuse, N. Y.—Shipments.
Shipments of Franklin cars for first three weeks of Sept. are reported to be 10% in excess of those for corresponding period in Aug.—V. 113, p. 1058, 735.

Garrett County Telephone Co., Oakland, Md.—
Ernest Ray Jones, Oakland, Md., has been appointed receiver. The court has set Oct. 21 as the date of the sale.

General Motors Corp.—Resignation.—
D. A. McConnel, President and General Manager of the Klaxon Co. announces that effective Oct. 1, William M. Sweet, who is a Director and Vice-President of that company will relinquish his other duties with the General Motors Corp. devoting his entire attention to the Klaxon interests as Vice-President. Mr. Sweet is a Vice-President, Director and member of the Executive Committee of Bearings Service Company.—V. 113, p. 1365, 1256.

Glidden Co.—Bonds Authorized.—
The stockholders Sept. 19 approved the issuance of \$3,350,000 8% 1st mtge. bonds. See offering in V. 113, p. 1058, 1160.

Great Lakes Power Co., Ltd.—Bonds, &c.—
Estabrook & Co. are offering at 91 and int., yielding 6.75%, a block of \$125,000 1st (Closed) Mtge. 6% serial gold bonds, due May 1 1944. The bonds are dated May 1 1916 and are due serially May 1 1922 to 1944. Auth. \$3,000,000; retired, \$165,000; outstanding, \$2,835,000. State Street Trust Co., Boston, and Hon. Frederick Stone, S. Ste. Marie, Ont., trustees. **Property.**—Owns and operates a modern hydro-electric plant at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., having the perpetual right without rental or other charges to use 20,000 cu. ft. of water per second on the Canadian side of the St. Mary's River. Distributes power under long-term contracts to city of Sault Ste. Marie, Algoma Steel Corp., Algoma Central Hudson Bay Ry., Lake Superior Paper Co. and others. Owns International Transit Co., operating street railway system in Sault Ste. Marie and ferry between that city and Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Management, &c.—Managed by Middle West Utilities Co. Bonds are followed by \$600,000 Pref. stock and \$1,999,400 Common stock, on which dividends are being paid.

Earnings.—Combined earnings of Great Lakes Power Co., Ltd., and International Transit Co. for the 12 months ended Dec. 31:

	1920	1919
Gross earnings	\$606,043	\$551,644
Net, after operating expenses and taxes	400,083	351,867
Interest charges	164,715	147,800
Net income	\$235,368	\$204,067

See original offering in V. 102, p. 1814.

Greelock Co.—Capital Increase.—
The stockholders Oct. 4 authorized an increase in the Common Capital stock from \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000 (par \$100). See V. 113, p. 1476.

Green Star Steamship Corp.—Receivership.—
Robert C. Adams was appointed receiver by Judge Mayer in U. S. District Court Oct. 4 in an action filed by A. H. Whan & Co., creditors for \$4,900. The petition alleges that the company obtained 13 ships from the U. S. Shipping Board for the contract price of \$7,350,000, on which is still due \$6,079,810. It further alleges that the company has outstanding liabilities of \$2,200,000, and has defaulted on interest payments due on advances made for the operation of its vessels. Ten of the company's ships are now tied up in home ports, while three are on foreign voyages.

The receivership proceedings terminate negotiations extending over several months in which an endeavor was made to obtain relief for the company through modification of the original purchase price of its vessels and other means. In reviewing the situation Murray Prentice & Aldrich, counsel for the bondholders' committee, issued the following statement:

"On Aug. 22 the committee, acting on behalf of the bondholders, in view of the embarrassed financial condition of the company applied to the U. S. Shipping Board for relief through the tentative modification of the purchase price of vessels sold by the Shipping Board to the corporation under existing contracts between the Shipping Board and the steamship corporation. The contracts in question provided for the payment for the vessels covered thereby by the steamship corporation of prices which averaged over \$200 per ton, and on these contracts the steamship corporation had paid in cash in excess of \$2,600,000 and received credit from the Shipping Board in excess of \$1,000,000 with respect to the purchase price.

"The bondholders' committee was advised, late in Sept., that the Shipping Board, did not consider that it had the power under the existing statutes, to grant the relief requested by the petition, and the bondholders' committee was subsequently informally advised on Sept. 28, by counsel for the Shipping Board, that the petition had been denied. Every effort had been made by the bondholders' committee, both prior and subsequent to the filing of the above mentioned petition, to obtain funds for rehabilitation of the affairs of the company, but such efforts were without success. In view of the inability of the Shipping Board to grant relief and of the current depression in the shipping business a receivership of the property of the steamship corporation became inevitable." Compare V. 113, p. 1256, 1365.

Hammond Steel Co., Inc.—Receivership, &c.—
Judge Frank Cooper of U. S. District Court has appointed Walter R. Stone receiver in a friendly equity action, brought by Harold E. McWhinney Bloomfield, N. J., on a note for \$3,510. This is a step in the reorganization of the company which is now under way.

A protective committee consisting of Willard W. Seymour, Chairman; Charles S. Estabrook, Christopher C. Bradley, Jr., Douglas E. Petit, Albert E. Chesney, with Edward C. Kaufman of Stone, Seymour & Co., Syracuse, has been formed to protect the holders of the \$595,500 6% gold coupon notes. The Aug. 1 1921 coupons on these notes has been defaulted.—V. 110, p. 2391.

Harmony Mills, Boston.—Preferred Stock Called.—
Hornblower & Weeks of Boston, will until Oct. 10, receive offers for the sale to it of \$750,000 7% Pref. stock at par and int. Preferred stock, now outstanding, \$2,250,000.—V. 112, p. 1287.

Haverhill Gas Light Co.—To Increase Capital.—
The stockholders will vote Oct. 10 on increasing the capital stock from \$585,000 to \$731,250 by the issuance of 2,925 shares, par \$50, which will be offered to stockholders, the proceeds to be used to pay off in part the floating debt of \$150,000 incurred for additions, improvements and extensions to supply new customers and for additional working capital.

If the stockholders and the Department of Public Utilities authorize the issuance the new stock will be offered for subscription pro rata to stock of record the date stockholders authorize the increase.—V. 111, p. 798.

Hendee Manufacturing Co.—Makes Loan of \$725,000.—
The company has made a loan of \$725,000 of the Harley Co., according to a mortgage filed in the Springfield, Mass., registry of deeds. The mortgage covers real estate and other property of the Harley Co. in East Springfield. This transaction is viewed in some quarters as a step leading to the operation of the Harley Co. by the Hendee Manufacturing Co. One of the principal outputs of the Harley Co. has been castings for motorcycles, the product of the Hendee Mfg. Co.—V. 113, p. 1365, 1161.

Illinois Brick Co., Chicago.—Business—Outlook.—
President William Schlake says in substance: "Our business is below 40% of normal but conditions are brightening and I believe nearly all unions will abide by Judge Landis's wage decision. Our particular flight is with carpenters union and we will win because we feel public sentiment is with us. Naturally our stockholders cannot expect a speedy resumption of dividends at this time. The regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% was passed last March.—V. 112, p. 2542.

Indiahoma Refining Co.—To Liquidate Debts.—
The creditors committee announces that in conjunction with the management, it has made tentative arrangements to borrow sufficient funds to enable the company to make 50% cash payment on all its present banking indebtedness with the understanding that 15% of the balance will be paid April 1 and the remainder Oct. 1 1922. The company will issue notes bearing 8% and deposit as collateral its 8% sinking fund gold notes in amount double the face amount of the new notes.

J. L. Johnson, Liberty Central Trust, St. Louis, Chairman of the Committee, says that through the sale of the company's interest in Export Oil Corp. to Constantin Refining Co. and partial liquidation of inventory the company's financial position has greatly improved. Its production of crude oil from new wells which have been brought in on its properties has been increased from approximately 750 barrels a day to 1,750 barrels and its business is progressing satisfactorily. (Chicago "Journal of Commerce")—V. 113, p. 1257, 965.

Independent Brewing Co., Pittsburgh.—Resumes Divs.
The directors have declared a dividend of \$3 par share on the Preferred stock, payable Oct. 20 to holders of record Oct. 7. This is the first disbursement since Aug. 1920. The directors suspended payment of dividends on this issue in November last.—V. 113, p. 1365.

International Cotton Mills.—Capital Increase.—
The stockholders Oct. 5 authorized an increase in the Common capital stock from 100,000 shares to 200,000 shares, par \$50. The company plans on Jan. 1 1922 to transfer its selling account to Lawrence & Co. A large part of the organization of the J. Spencer Turner Co. will continue to sell the goods with Lawrence & Co. and John E. Rousmaniere, President of the Turner Co., will become on that date a partner of Lawrence & Co. Until Jan. 1 the selling of the goods made by International will be carried on as usual by the J. Spencer Turner Co. See V. 113, p. 1476.

International Mercantile Marine Co.—Hearing on Agreements Between Company and British Government.—

The U. S. Shipping Board began a hearing Oct. 4 on various questions relative to existing agreements between the company and the British Government. The main purpose of the examination is to find out whether the agreements are inimical to American shipping interests. President P. A. S. Franklin, who consented to appear and give the history of the company's relations with the British Government, submitted a pamphlet of 21 pages for the record. Some of the points brought out were:

The company is an American corporation, organized in New Jersey in 1902. Has outstanding \$51,000,000 6% Pref. stock, \$50,000,000 Common stock and \$38,000,000 1st Mtge. bonds. Since 1918 it has distributed \$36,000,000 in dividends, and paid off \$31,000,000 of its bonds. The books as of Aug. 1 1921 show 93 1/2% of its stocks is owned by American citizens, 5 1/4% by Dutch, 1/2 of 1% by English, 1/2 of 1% by Canadians, with fractional holdings in Cuba, Denmark, France, Ireland and Norway.

The company now owns, exclusive of ships under construction, 104 vessels, of 1,026,219 tons. It has a large and powerful organization for booking passengers and freight. (See also "Financial America" Oct. 5.)—V. 113, p. 1477.

International Salt Co.—Tenders.—
The U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co., trustee, will, until Oct. 17 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & Consol. Collateral Trust 5% gold bonds to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$71,832, and at a price not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 113, p. 424.

Jewel Tea Co., Inc.—Maturing Notes, &c.—
The company hopes to be able to meet the \$750,000 6% note issue due Nov. 1 next from its own cash resources. This maturity is part of the \$3,500,000 serial note issue brought out in 1919. With the payment of the \$750,000 on Nov. 1 only \$1,000,000 of the notes will remain outstanding which become due May 1 1922.

It is understood that the new management has effected changes in policies of buying and distributing merchandise so that its turnover is now from four to five times a year against but two times formerly.—V. 112, p. 1982.

Kansas & Gulf Co.—Listing—New Note Issue, &c.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$14,122,140 Capital Stock, par \$10, with authority to add \$877,860 Capital stock on official notice of issuance, making the total amount applied for \$15,000,000.

Company was organized in Delaware Dec. 15 1919 to acquire Kansas & Gulf Producing & Refining Co. by the exchange of 12 shares of Kansas & Gulf Co. stock for each share of Common stock (total, \$3,500,000) of Kansas & Gulf Producing & Refining Co., par \$100. On Jan. 22 1921 Central Mexican Oil Co. was incorp. in Delaware, capital \$10,000,000, par \$10, and in exchange for a lease of approximately 108,000 acres in Mexico and other consideration the company acquired 300,000 shares of stock of the Central Mexican Oil Co. Approximately 225,000 shares were distributed to the stockholders of the company as a dividend, the balance of 75,000 shares remaining in the treasury. The stock of the Southern Oil Corp. was acquired on June 30 1921 by the exchange of 300,000 shares of stock of the company for 30,000 shares of stock of the Southern Oil Corp., par \$100.

The directors Sept. 6 1921 authorized an issue of \$3,750,000 8% Serial Gold Notes to be dated Oct. 1 1921, \$750,000 to mature Oct. 1 1924, \$1,000,000 Oct. 1 1925; \$1,000 Oct. 1 1926 and \$1,000,000 Oct. 1 1927. Notes have been offered to the stockholders, and arrangements made that such notes as are not taken by the stockholders will be underwritten. Proceeds will be used to furnish additional working capital, the purchase of crude oil for storage and the purchase of new properties; the development of properties now owned and to be acquired, and the payment of such liabilities of the company and Southern Oil Corp. as may be deemed advisable.

On Nov. 15 1920 company entered into an agreement to purchase the entire interests of the firm of Staley, Langford & Chenault, Wichita Falls, Texas, for \$4,750,000, of which \$500,000 was paid in cash, the remaining balance being subsequently reduced by payment of \$1,970,000 since that time. Balance is payable: \$40,000 per month from June 30 1921 to and including March 30 1922 (payments due June, July and Aug. 1921 have been paid); \$100,000 per month from April 30 1922 to and including May 31 1923; and \$60,000 per month from June 30 1923 to and incl. June 30 1924. The Southern Oil Corp. has \$327,000 6% bonds outstanding (auth. \$1,000,000), maturing \$26,000 July 1 1922, \$51,000 July 1 1923, and \$250,000 July 1 1926.

The income account of Kansas & Gulf Co. for the six months ending June 30 1921 shows: Total sales, \$1,445,876; operating profit, \$832,145; net, after expenses, \$720,183; other deductions, \$132,286; total net profit (before Federal taxes), \$632,344; profit and loss surplus June 30 1921, \$2,336,315.—V. 113, p. 1477, 855.

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—Declares a 54% Stock Dividend Payable Dec. 31 in Common Stock.—

The directors Oct. 4, declared a 54% stock dividend on the Common stock, in addition to the regular quarterly cash dividends of 3% on the Common and 1 1/4% on the Preferred, all payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 16. The stock distribution will increase the outstanding Common to \$15,400,000 par \$100.

In confirming the dividend action taken in Detroit, Charles E. Merrill of Merrill, Lynch & Co., a director of the S. S. Kresge Co., said in substance:

"The stock dividend of \$5,400,000, together with the \$4,000,000 melon distributed in 1916, brings the total dividends distributed in Common stock up to \$9,400,000, equivalent to 188% on the \$5,000,000 Common stock outstanding at the end of 1915.

"It is interesting to note that the holder of 100 shares who bought his Common stock at the time of its issue in 1912, and who has taken advantage of his rights, now holds 200 shares having a market value of some \$32,000, against a total investment of \$6,500, and that after the present stock dividend has been paid his holdings will aggregate 308 shares.

"The business was established in 1897 with an investment of only \$6,700 and with the exception of \$2,000,000 Pref. stock and \$1,000,000 Common stock sold to the public, the business has grown to its present size by the reinvestment of earnings. The number of stores has increased from 42 in 1909 to 194 in 1921, and in the same period sales have grown from \$5,000,000 to more than \$52,000,000."

Sales for the Month and Nine Months ending Sept. 30.			
1921—Sept.—1920.	Increase.	1921—9 Mos.—1920.	Increase.
\$4,299,954	\$4,024,324	\$275,630	\$36,884,258
—V. 113, p. 1257, 1161.			\$34,238,256
			\$2,646,002

Laclede Steel Co., St. Louis, Mo.—Interim Balance Sheet as at Aug. 31 1921.—

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Land, bldgs., equip., &c.	\$2,756,740	Capital stock (par \$100)	\$2,200,000
Inventory	687,408	Accounts payable	112,321
Notes & accounts receiv.	302,193	Accrued expense	15,610
Investments	2,500	Reserve for Federal tax	160,008
Cash	136,968	Sundry provisions	10,624
Prepaid expense	12,176	Surplus	1,379,421
Total assets	\$3,877,985	Total liabilities	\$3,877,985

a After deducting reserve for depreciation, \$683,276. b Inventories priced at cost or market, whichever is lower. V. 106, p. 1464.

Lake Superior Corp.—Bank Loan Paid Off—Business.—

At the annual meeting Oct. 5 President Wilfred H. Cunningham said that all of the loan from the Bank of Montreal had been paid off and that the company was in excellent financial condition. It is understood that the amount of indebtedness to the Bank of Montreal June 30 1921 was close to \$2,000,000.

Current liabilities of the Algoma Steel Co. are now approximately \$3,800,000 and the current assets about \$9,750,000. Furthermore, Mr. Cunningham said, the Algoma mills are probably as well employed as any other steel mills in either country, excepting possibly some of the subsidiaries of the U. S. Steel Corporation. Inventories have been marked down to rock bottom, and Algoma Steel, he said, is assured of business running single turn through the winter. Until conditions became more normal no great promises could be made but if the steel business runs good the Algoma Co. should get its share. No new agreement had been reached with the English railway bondholders.—V. 113, p. 1161, 956.

Liggett's International Ltd., Inc.—Omits Dividend.—

The directors have voted to omit the dividend due on both classes of Common stock Oct. 1. Dividends of 2% each have been paid quarterly beginning Jan. 1 1921 on both issues of Common.

Chairman Louis K. Liggett says in substance: "At a recent meeting of the directors it was voted to pass the Common dividend payable on Oct. 1, following similar action of the United Drug Co. Liggett's International, Ltd., being a holding company, has no source of income except from dividends and interest received from its investments."

"The income received from these sources as of Sept. 30 was insufficient to provide for the payment of a Common dividend after the Preferred dividend of Nov. 1 had been set aside as required by the articles of association, and the company had accumulated since its incorporation a little over a year ago, no surplus income available for that purpose.

"The company has not been receiving cash from the Canadian company where conditions have been similar to those which have existed in the United Drug Co. in Massachusetts, but it is believed that full allowances have been made for shrinkage in value and that conditions are steadily improving.

"The earnings of the English business have been and are most satisfactory and the prospects for the future are most promising."—V. 112, p. 1615.

Los Angeles Gas & Electric Corporation.—Bonds Sold.—

Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., San Francisco, Los Angeles, &c., have sold, at 99 and int., to yield about 7.15% (see advertisement on another page) \$1,500,000 Gen. & Ref. Mtge. 7% Gold Bonds, Series "C," dated Sept. 1 1921, due Sept. 1 1931, but redeemable, all or part, on ninety days' notice at the following prices plus interest: June 1 1926, 105; June 1 1927, 104½; June 1 1928, 104; June 1 1929, 103½; June 1 1930, 103. Compare description of bonds, earnings, property, &c., in last week's "Chronicle," p. 1477.

Louisville Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds Offered.—

Harris, Forbes & Co., Guaranty Co. of New York and E. H. Rollins & Sons are offering at 99½ and interest, an additional \$500,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5-Year 7% Gold Bonds of 1918. Due June 1 1923. (See description in V.106, p. 2653).

Capitalization—		
Common stock	Authorized	Outstanding
	\$11,000,000	\$10,324,300
Preferred stock 7% Cumulative	25,000,000	1,212,000
8% Gold Notes due Jan. 15 1923	5,000,000	x3,899,700
First & Refunding Mtge. 7s. due June 1 1923	20,000,000	14,572,000
Louisville Lighting Co. First 5s. due 1953	(Closed)	1,195,000
x Secured by deposit of \$5,250,000 Gen. Mtge. 6% bonds, due Jan. 15 1923.		

Consolidated Statement of Earnings from Properties Subject to Lien of Mortgage.

For Years ended July 31—		
	1921.	1920.
Gross earnings	\$4,815,062	\$4,081,196
Net, after oper. exp., maint. & taxes (excl. deprec.)	2,188,260	1,998,015
Annual interest charge on \$15,767,000 bonds	1,079,700	
Balance		\$1,106,560

—V. 111, p. 394.

Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Co., Ltd.—Bonds Offered.—

Royal Securities Corp., Ltd., Montreal, are offering, at 99½ and interest, yielding about 7.05%, an additional \$500,000 7% Ref. Mtge. Gold Bonds, Series A, dated Dec. 1 1920, due Dec. 1 1945. Compare V. 112, p. 476, 378, 263.

Melchoir, Armstrong & Desau, Inc.—Receivership.—

David Desau and Warren W. Cunningham were appointed joint receivers for this exporting house in an equity proceeding by Judge Hough in the U. S. District Court Oct. 1.

Midvale Steel & Ordnance Co.—Div. Outlook—Oper'n's.

Chairman W. E. Corey on Oct. 4, in answer to a question by a stockholder as to the possibility of the resumption of dividends on the company's stock, stated that the officials were doing all in their power to bring about better conditions, but no one could predict when divs. could again be paid.

Mr. Corey said: "The steel situation is in such shape that probably none of the companies with the exception of the U. S. Steel Corp. could make a profit at the present quotations for products. Two important factors in the situation are the unusually high freight rates which have advanced the cost of making steel to an abnormal point and the high wages being paid coal miners. With these two matters adjusted the situation would improve.

"The company at present is operating at about 40% of capacity as compared with 20% only a comparatively short time ago, but we are operating at a loss."—V. 113, p. 633.

Midwest Refining Co. (Denver)—Omits Extra Dividend.

The usual quarterly dividend of \$1 per share has been declared, payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 15. The directors decided to eliminate the

extra payment of \$1 per share which has been made quarterly since August 1920. Extras of 50 cents per share were paid quarterly from May 1919 to May 1920, inclusive.—V. 113, p. 1161, 1059.

Minnesota & Ontario Paper Co.—To Pay Bonds.—

The \$300,000 6% serial bonds of the Minnesota & Ontario Paper Co., due Oct. 1, were paid off at office of Northwestern National Bank, Minneapolis. This will leave approximately \$3,000,000 of the original issue of \$5,000,000 outstanding, which mature serially to 1927. The name of the Minnesota & Ontario Paper Co. was changed to Minnesota & Ontario Paper Co. in Sept. 1918.—V. 106, p. 602.

Missouri Iron & Steel Corp.—Change in Name, &c.—

The stockholders on Sept. 14 (a) voted to change the name to the Consolidated Steel & Iron Corp.; (b) voted to empower the directors to issue \$2,000,000 Common stock when, as and if, at the discretion of the directors, it is advisable to do so; (c) authorized the directors to change the par value of the Common stock from \$10 to no par value, when, as and if it is thought advisable by the directors to do so.

The company recently acquired the St. Louis Iron & Steel Co. The officers are: F. J. Stuart, Chairman & Gen. Mgr.; W. R. Haight, Pres.; G. M. Thompson, 1st V.-Pres.; W. S. Walker, V.-Pres.; F. F. Rimsa, Sec.-Treas.; C. E. Smith, Consol. Eng.; F. E. Jacobs, Gen'l Sales Mgr.; J. P. Marshall, Supt. of Furnaces.—V. 113, p. 1367.

Moline Plow Co.—Reorganization Plan Dated Sept. 22 1921.—

The reorganization committee, Frank O. Wetmore, Chairman, and the other committees named below have adopted and approved the subjoined plan of reorganization.

Creditors, noteholders and stockholders of all classes who have not yet deposited under the different agreements may become parties to the plan by signing a copy thereof and depositing it with their claims, notes or stock certificates on or before Nov. 4 with the Central Trust Co. of Illinois, 125 West Monroe St., Chicago, depositary designated by the reorganization committee. The depositors are given a limited time within which to file objections or to withdraw from the plan. (See advertising pages).

The plan provides that a new corporation may be incorporated and acquire the property, assets and plants of the present company and certain of the property and assets of Root & Van Dervoort Engineering Co. All existing claims, serial notes and stocks will be wiped out through the exchange of new securities as outlined below.

Plan of Reorganization.	
Present Indebtedness	\$25,000,000; Capital Stock, \$19,000,000.
7% Serial Notes, Series C, D, E and F (principal and interest)	\$4,560,000
x Other indebtedness, principal and interest (approximately)	20,440,000
First Preferred stock (75,000 shares, par \$100)	7,500,000
Second Preferred stock (15,000 shares, par \$100)	1,500,000
Common stock (100,000 shares, par \$100)	10,000,000

x This amount includes the sums to be paid in adjustment of the claim of Root & Van Dervoort Engineering Co., as creditor.

Capital Stock and Securities to be Issued by New Corporation to be Organized.

A new corporation is to be organized in Illinois (or such other State as the reorganization committee may determine), which will acquire the property, assets and plants of the present company and certain of the property and assets of Root & Van Dervoort Engineering Co. (V. 113, p. 1061), and will issue securities (see below) not to exceed the following:

7% Debenture bonds, payable in 20 years, to bear interest from Sept. 1 1922 and prior to that date may be redeemed at par	\$12,500,000
7% Cum. First Pref. stock (125,000 shares), non-cum. until after Sept. 1 1922, and prior to that may be redeemed at par	12,500,000
7% Second Preferred stock (75,000 shares)	7,500,000
Common stock, no par value	200,000 shares

Basis of Participation by Existing Creditors, Serial Noteholders & Stockholders.

(a) Interest on 7% Serial notes and claims of other creditors up to Sept. 1 1921 shall be added to the principal, and to said principal shall be added interest for one year at the rate of 7% per annum on one-half of the amount of said principal and interest for two years at the rate of 7% (not compounded) on the other half, thereby covering interest waived as provided.

For each \$1,000 of the aggregate computed as aforesaid each serial noteholder and other creditor is to receive the securities shown in following table. The purchase price of the properties to be acquired from Root & Van Dervoort Engineering Co. shall be paid on the same basis as said notes.

(b) For each share of old stock there will be issued new stock on the basis indicated in the table.

The new securities will be issued to trustees who will in turn issue transferable trust or participation certificates therefor.

Terms of Exchange of New for Old Securities.

Holder of Existing	Outstanding (about)	Will Receive in Exchange		
Serial notes and claims	\$	Deben. 7s.	1st Pf. Stk.	2d Pf. Stk. Common.
Serial notes and claims	25,000,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	62,500 shs.
Per \$1,000 thereof		(\$500)	(\$500)	(2½ shs.)
First Pref. stock	7,500,000			7,500,000
Per \$100 share				(\$100)
2d Pref. stock	1,500,000			9,000 shs.
Per \$100 share				(3-5ths sh.)
Common stock	10,000,000			12,500 shs.
Per \$100 share				(½ share)
Available for sale corp. purp., &c.				116,000 shs.
Total	19,000,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	7,500,000 200,000 shs.

x Debentures and 1st Pref. stock remaining unissued shall be canceled.

Provisions Relating to New Securities.

Debentures.—The new debentures shall bear int. at 7% p. a. beginning Sept. 1 1922, payable semi-ann. Red. (up to Sept. 1 1922 at par flat, thereafter plus int.) at any time on 30 days' notice, all or part. If in part, redemption shall be pro rata among the holders of trust participation certificates for debentures then outstanding.

First Pref. Stock.—Shall receive no dividends until after Sept. 1 1923, after which date div. shall become cumulative at the rate of 7% p. a. May be redeemed at par up to Sept. 1 1923, and thereafter at par and divs.

May Create \$3,000,000 Debt Prior to Debentures.—So long as \$5,000,000 or more of debentures are outstanding the corporation may incur indebtedness, secured or unsecured, in the regular course of its business not in excess of \$3,000,000 at any one time outstanding, which debt may be given priority of payment over the then outstanding debentures, and shall mature not more than 6 months from the dates of the creation of such debts, but may be renewed.

May Sell Property, &c.—The directors shall always have the right to sell, exchange or liquidate or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the property, plants, business and assets.

Retirement Fund to Retire Debentures & Pref. Stock.—The directors, from earnings or from the sale, &c., of the property and assets, shall create and maintain a retirement fund to redeem and retire \$5,000,000 1st Pref. stock at par and dividends. No part of the earnings or the proceeds of the sale shall be used to retire the debentures until after such \$5,000,000 stock has been retired. After \$5,000,000 1st Pref. stock has been redeemed the directors shall set aside out of the net earnings for each year and/or other earnings and/or from other funds arising from the sale, &c., of the property not less than \$500,000 in each year as a retirement fund, which shall be used one-half to retire debenture bonds at par and int. and one-half to retire the 1st Pref. stock at par and divs. After the retirement of all the outstanding 1st Pref. stock, the retirement fund shall be used to retire the outstanding debentures.

All payments under the retirement fund shall be made pro rata among the holders of trust or participation certificates for the debenture bonds or 1st Pref. stock, as the case may be.

Remaining Common Stock.—The 116,000 or more shares of Common stock not required for purposes of exchange for old securities may be issued,

sold or otherwise disposed of for acquisition of property, for services rendered or to be rendered, or other corporate purposes, including compensation of management of such prices, &c., as the directors may determine.

To Hold All New Securities in 20-year Trust.—All of the new debentures and all classes of stock shall be deposited in a trust with trustees who are to hold the same for 20 years, issuing transferable partic. certs. therefor.

Trustees to Have Full Voting Power.—During the life of the trust the trustees are to have full voting power with respect to both the new 1st Pref., the new 2d Pref. and the new Common stock, including the stock to be issued to creditors, old serial note holders, old stockholders and any stock which may be hereafter issued.

No Dividends on 2d Pref. or Common Stocks.—No dividends shall be declared or paid on the 2d Pref. or Common stock until all 1st Pref. stock, together with its accumulated divs., and all the debentures, together with accrued interest, have been retired and paid in full. After such retirement and payment divs. on the 2d Pref. stock will be cumulative.

Directors.—The new company shall have 15 directors.

Reorganization Committee, Managers, Depositories, &c.

The plan has been prepared, approved and adopted by the following:

(1) Committee—Frank O. Wetmore, Chairman; constituted under the agreement dated May 27 1921 between the creditors. First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, depository.

(2) Committee—Ronald M. Byrnes, Chairman, constituted under agreement dated June 8 1921 between the 7% serial noteholders. National City Bank, New York, depository.

(3) Committee—Alfred Jaretski, Chairman, constituted under the agreement dated June 17 1921 between the holders of the First Pref. stock. Bankers Trust Co., N. Y., and National City Bank, Chicago, depositories.

(4) Committee—John E. Adriaene, Chairman for 2d Pref. stockholders.

(5) **Reorganization Committee.**—Frank O. Wetmore, Chairman; Percy H. Johnston, Ronald M. Byrnes, Robert I. Barr, C. P. Coffin, with Lyman A. Walton, Secretary, 38 So. Dearborn St., Chicago, and Levinson, Becker, Schwartz & Frank, 76 W. Monroe St., Chicago, Counsel. See V. 113, p. 1477.

Montgomery, Ward & Co., Chicago.—September Sales.

1921—Sept.—1920.	Decrease.	1921—9 Mos.—1920.	Decrease.
\$6,363,455	\$8,213,792	\$1,850,337	\$53,346,423
\$82,683,261	\$29,336,838		

—V. 113, p. 1060, 633, 1367.

Mountain Producers Corp.—Financial Statement.

President John T. Barnett, Denver, Colo., Oct. 1 says in substance: With the exception of the south half of Section 14, Township 40 North, Range 79 West, all applications for leases filed with the Secretary of the Interior, by The Wyoming Associated Oil Corp. in Salt Creek Field, Natrona County, Wyo., have been approved, and leases delivered to the Corporation.

There remains, however, approximately \$450,000 of impounded funds to be released and paid over to The Wyoming Associated Oil Corp. It is anticipated that such impounded funds will be released in the near future and Mountain Producers Corporation's share therefore will be paid over to it in the form of dividends.

Owing to the marked decline in the price of crude oil in the Mid-Continent and other fields, which was also followed by a reduction in the price of crude in the Wyoming Oil Fields, and a decreased consumption of refined oils, there has been during the past six months, a considerable reduction in the earnings of The Wyoming Associated Oil Corp. and a consequent reduction in the dividends received by Mountain Producers Corp. from The Wyoming Associated Oil Corp. However, notwithstanding the reduced market and price of crude oil, the setting aside of funds and payment of taxes, we regard our net earnings \$1,344,519 and the present condition of the company as being satisfactory.

Net Earnings from Date of Organization—Latter Part of May 1920.

	To Oct. 31 1920.	To Feb. 28 1921.	To Aug. 31 1921.
Net earnings	\$894,219	\$1,039,315	\$1,344,519
Dividends paid		(4%) 389,373	(6%) 584,059

Balance, surplus	\$894,219	\$649,942	\$760,460
Balance Sheet, Aug. 31 1921.			
Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$700,903	Capital stock	9,734,320
Stock of other cos.	9,734,270	Accounts payable	3,566
U. S. Certificates	50,000	Divs. payable	194,686
Furn. & fixtures	8,289	Net surplus	760,460
Accrued int. rec.	1,318		649,942
Total	10,494,780	Total	10,494,780

—V. 112, p. 2089.

Munson Steamship Line.—New Steamers—Quick Service.

The company's new steamer, "American Legion," has made a record run from New York to Rio de Janeiro in 11 days, 1 hour and 49 minutes, and to Montevideo in 14 days and 19 hours, and to Buenos Aires in 15 days 17 hours 40 minutes elapsed time from New York. The ordinary running time to Buenos Aires is about 22 days. The twin ship, the "Southern Cross," is now making its initial voyage. A reduction in the trip of about a week, it is thought, should offset much of the advantage heretofore enjoyed by European business firms in the competition for the markets of Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay. Both ships have 100% American crews. The company some months ago opened its 22-story office building on Wall St.—V. 107, p. 1582.

National Cash Register Co., Dayton, O.—Cap. Increase

A published statement revised for the "Chronicle" states: "The company recently increased its capitalization from \$15,000,000 to \$30,000,000. The increase was made in the company's second preferred stock, which was raised from \$5,000,000 to \$20,000,000. Stock will be offered to present holders of the 1st and 2nd preferred stock, as an exchange issue. Official of the company states that the issue is not to provide for extensions to the Dayton plant, as none are contemplated at the present time." The authorized capital stock now consists of \$9,000,000 common, \$1,000,000 7% 1st pref. and \$20,000,000 6% pref.—V. 113, p. 1161, 425.

New England Oil Corp.—Listing—Bal. Sheet, &c.—

The Boston Stock Exchange has placed on the list temporary certificates for 434,785 shares, no par value, Common Stock with authority to add 65,215 additional shares, at such times and in such amounts as the same may be issued in conversion of \$8,000,000 5-year Convertible Gold notes, due June 1 1925, and \$2,000,000 1-year Gold notes, due Jan. 1 1922.

A statement to the Exchange affords the following data: Company was organized for the purpose of producing, transporting and dealing in petroleum, natural gas, and their by-products. At the present time it is primarily a holding company and owns as of June 20 1921, properties or securities in properties as follows:

(a) All stock (common only issued for cash at par) **New England Oil Refining Co.**, 75,000 shares, par \$100. Incorp. Mass., June 24 1919. Owns a modern refinery and terminal at Fall River, Mass. Present capacity, 20,000 barrels crude oil a day, or over 7,000,000 barrels a year. (See V. 112, p. 1513, 1523).

(b) Entire 2,000 shares, par \$5, **New England Oil Corp., Ltd.**, incorp. Jan. 11 1921 in Canada. Owns, or is having transferred to it, concessions and other property owned by New England Oil Corp. in Venezuela (Lake Maracaibo region). These concessions and leases are approximately 246,586 acres, and on one of these concessions company is already drilling one well. United Fruit Co. is also interested in the South American acreage with this corporation.

(c) Entire 2,000 shares (par 10 peso) of **New England Mexico Oil & Transport Co.**, incorp. July 19 1920 in Mexico. Owns three new steel oil barges, two of which are being sold to New England Oil Refining Co. This company also owns terminal site and some equipment at Tampico, which is under negotiations for sale.

(d) 116,961 shares out of a total of 120,000 shares (no par) of **Canada Mexico Oil Co., Ltd.** incorp. April 2 1919 in Canada. Has contracts for crude petroleum with producers in the Panuco field, Mex., that with the New England Fuel Oil Co. being the only one now of value and from which oil is available.

(e) Entire \$3,000 issued capital (par \$100) **New England Oil Sales Corp.**, incorp. Oct. 16 1920 in Mass. A small auxiliary sales organization. Authorized capital \$100,000.

The profit and loss statement May 31 1921 shows: Earned surplus, Jan. 1 1921, \$72,037; add profit on operations from Jan. 1 1921 to May 31 1921, \$512,941; earned surplus May 31 1921, \$584,978; deduct interest on minority stockholders, \$2,901; net earned surplus, \$582,076.

Cons. Bal. Sheet May 31 1921 (New England Oil Corp. & Controlled Cos.)

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Fixed assets	\$11,516,947	Common stock (434,785 no par sh.)	\$4,348
Investments	461,217	Preferred stock	1,949,400
Oil properties, &c.	1,964,191	5-yr. 8% conv. notes 1925	6,000,000
Contracts with and advances to prod. cos.	931,803	x 1-yr. 8% conv. notes '22	43,000
Cash	38,977	10-yr. 8% 1st M. bonds	3,000,000
Accounts receivable	602,725	y Current liabilities	3,165,158
a Other current assets	2,852,305	z Deferred liabilities	492,396
Prepd. & Defer. expenses	1,142,265	z Advance payments	2,580,100
		Int. of min. stockholders in subsidiary co.	18,097
		Reserve for depreciation	141,491
		Cap. surpl. arising thru reval. of assets	1,534,363
		Profits from operation	582,076

Total (each side) \$19,510,430

a Inventory of oil, \$1,247,361 (pledged to secure \$465,000 bank acceptances—per contra); Inventory of coke & supplies, \$17,866; Inventory of construction material & supplies, \$232,151; Balance to be received from sale of 5-yr. gold notes, \$486,060 (including \$437,000 temporarily pledged as collateral); Balance to be received from sale of securities valued at \$587,378, \$562,617; Balance to be received from sale of 10-year 1st Mtge. bonds, \$306,250.

* Authorized \$2,000,000; Pledged with U. S. Navy to secure performance bond on contract to supply fuel oil, \$1,000,000; issued, \$43,000.

y Notes payable, \$1,228,043; trade acceptances payable, \$372,504; bank acceptances payable, \$465,000 (secured by inventory of oil); accounts payable, \$1,006,902; accrued salaries and wages, \$22,838; accrued interest and taxes, \$69,870.

z Navy "A" fuel oil delivered or to be delivered in accordance with U. S. Navy contracts, which contracts are secured by two performance bonds, one surety bond for \$265,000 and one for \$3,235,000 secured by \$1,000,000 10-yr. 8% 1st Mtge. bonds, \$1,000,000 1-yr. 8% Gold bonds.

—V. 113, p. 966.

New River Co.—Sales—Business—Wages, &c.—

Sales of coal by the company for export are virtually at the vanishing point. In April, May and June of this year, aided by the strike of British coal miners, large tonnages were sold by New River for foreign shipment and the company made some handsome profits. Since the resumption of production by British mines, however, this business has fallen to nothing. English coal operators are selling their product for export at \$5 per ton. None of the American mines can ship coal to foreign markets at prices which will enable them to compete with British producers.

From the standpoint of production the three months ended Sept. 30 were lean ones for New River. However, the company, with the approach of winter, believes shipments will steadily increase. The union coal miner in the New River field is still receiving peak wages. The wage agreement of the New River Co. with its miners does not expire until April 1 1922.

Thus far this year the New River Co. has paid \$15 per share on its Preferred stock on account of accumulated dividends. It is believed the company will round out 1921 with payments of \$1 50 per share on its 73,000 shares of preferred stock the first of Nov. and Dec., making a total of \$18 per share for the year. At present there are accumulated unpaid dividends to the amount of \$24 per share on the Preferred stock—Boston "News Bureau" Oct. 6.—V. 113, p. 1258, 189.

Niagara Gas Corp.—Organized.—

Incorporated at Albany, N. Y. Sept. 28, 1921 with an authorized capital of \$4,000,000, to take over the manufactured gas plant at Buffalo, heretofore owned by W. J. Judge. About \$3,000,000 of the stock has been issued to pay for the transfer of the properties. Supplies artificial gas to about 21,000 consumers. W. J. Judge is President and director. It is understood that no new financing is contemplated.

North American Co.—Earnings.—

Comparative Statement of Earnings for the Twelve Months Ended Aug. 31.

	1921.	1920.
Gross earnings	\$39,945,430	\$35,499,548
Operating expenses and taxes	29,273,255	25,941,034
Net income	\$10,672,175	\$9,558,514
Other income	313,140	190,530
Total income	\$10,985,315	\$9,749,044
Deduct—Interest charges	\$4,018,008	3,671,622
Preferred dividends sub. cos.	605,200	493,006
Minority interest in Wisconsin group	337,998	354,968
Total deductions	\$4,969,206	\$4,519,596
Balance for depreciation, dividends and surplus	6,024,109	5,229,448

An official statement says: "After deducting annual dividends of \$3 per share on the preferred stock, the balance is equal to \$17.22 a share on the common stock or 43% of its present market price."—V. 113, p. 1060, 967.

Ohio Bell Telephone Co.—Bonds Paid.—

The \$350,000 5% bonds of the Stark County Telephone Co. due Oct. 1 were paid off at office of Union Trust Company, Cleveland, O.—V. 113, p. 1367, 1060.

Oxford Paper Co.—Bonds Called.—

Ninety-five 5-year 6% Sinking Fund Gold notes, due Nov. 1 1923, \$1,000 each and ten notes of \$500 each, have been called for payment Nov. 1 at 101 and int. at Lee, Higginson & Co., Boston and New York.—V. 112, p. 2419.

Pacific Gas & Elec. Co., San Francisco.—Aug. Earns.—

A. F. Hockenbeamer, V.-Pres., commenting on the report for August (see table of earnings above) says that contrasting August this year with the same month last year the volume of electric sales expressed in k.w. hours decreased 4%. Reduced deliveries of low rate bulk energy to manufacturing and agricultural industries in which there is reduced activity this year offset largely by ordinary retail deliveries for domestic purposes. The latter class of business shows almost normal growth as evidenced by addition of more than 19,500 electric consumers or 8% since Aug. 1920.

There has also been a decrease of 9% in electric rates due to the cutting down to 8% of the surcharge of 15% authorized by the California R.R. Commission last year to offset increased operating cost. Gas sales so far this year have increased 10%. The net results of the foregoing factors was a small decrease of 3% in August operating growth. This was offset, however, by a 12% decline in operating expenses and an increase of 16% in net operating revenue.—V. 113, p. 1478, 967.

Peerless Truck & Motor Corp.—New Management.—

Richard H. Collins, formerly active V.-Pres. and director of General Motors Corp. and Pres. & Gen. Mgr. of Cadillac Motor Car Co., assumed active management Oct. 3.

At a meeting of directors following the signing of the contract Oct. 3, whereby Mr. Collins is to acquire not less than 50,000 shares and not more than 80,000 shares at \$50 per share, Mr. Collins was elected Pres. & Gen. Mgr. Resigning directors included former Pres. B. G. Tremaine, F. S. Terry and Lewis H. Kitzredge, former V.-Pres.; Theodore W. Frech, former Treasurer, and George W. York, Cleveland, and Harrison Williams, New York.

They were succeeded by R. H. Collins, Wilbur H. Collins, F. A. Trester, F. J. Miller and A. C. Earhart, Detroit, and C. E. Sullivan, Pres. Central Nat. Bank Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland. The following remain on the board: H. A. Tremaine, Roland T. Meacham, Walter C. Baker, W. H. Staring and Geo. B. Siddall. Compare V. 113, p. 1478.

Phelps Dodge Corp.—Purchase of Arizona Copper Co., Ltd., Approved—Terms of Purchase.—

See Arizona Copper Co., Ltd., above.—V. 113, p. 633.

Philadelphia Suburban Gas & Electric Co.—Valuation.

At hearing of complaints against increases in rates before the Pennsylvania P. S. Commission, the company through Stone and Webster engineers, submitted a report which appraised the valuation of the property at \$14,557,800; original cost, \$16,750,900; reproduction cost based on an average price of labor and materials for the last 10 years, less depreciation, \$17,969,100, and reproduction cost, based on one year's average in price of labor and materials, \$27,208,700.—V. 111, p. 2431.

Phillips Petroleum Co.—Bonds Offered.—Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago; Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., New York, and Hambleton & Co., Baltimore, are offering, at 99 and interest, to yield about 7.65%, \$3,500,000 10-Year 7 1/2% Gold Debenture Bonds.

Dated Oct. 1 1921, due Oct. 1 1931. Callable as a whole on any interest date on 30 days' notice at 107 and int. for first year, at 106 and int. the second year, at 105 and int. the third year, the premium decreasing 1/4% annually thereafter. Int. payable A. & O. in New York and Chicago without deduction of normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Company agrees to refund Penn. State tax. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c*). Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, trustee.

Sinking Fund.—Commencing July 1 1922, the company will provide an annual sinking fund of 10% of maximum amount of debentures ever issued, payable 5% semi-annually, to be applied to the purchase of bonds in the open market at or below 102 1/4 and int. for the first two years, and after two years the sinking fund shall purchase bonds up to 105 and int., and if not purchasable at this price, the bonds must be called by lot at 105 and int., and at a premium of 1/2 of 1% less in each succeeding year.

Stock Option Warrants.—Each \$1,000 of bonds carries a detachable warrant entitling the holder (for 10 years) to purchase from the company at \$33 1-3 per share the following amounts of stock: For the first two years, 10 shares, and thereafter one share less during each succeeding year.

Data from Letter of President Frank Phillips, Oct. 1.

Company.—Organized in 1917 in Delaware. Is engaged in production of oil and gas and gasoline from casinghead gas plants. As of June 30 1921 owned over 130,000 acres in fee lands and leases in Okla., Kan., Tex., Ky., La. and Ark., approximately as follows: (a) 75,000 acres in 26 different counties in Okla.; (b) 25,000 acres in 10 different counties in Kansas; (c) 16,000 acres in 17 different counties in Texas; (d) 12,500 acres in 17 different counties in Ky., Ark. and La. Company now has 894 producing oil and gas wells, on 130 different properties located on leases aggregating 20,000 acres in 17 counties in five States. Company's properties represent an actual cash investment of \$24,288,090.

Company also owns three large and modern casinghead gasoline plants located on its properties near Bartlesville and in Osage County, Okla. From these plants company is producing at the rate of 5,000,000 gallons of raw gasoline per annum.

Production.—The oil production for years ending June 30 is as follows (in bbls.): 1918, 234,308; 1919, 444,503; 1920, 1,325,740; 1921, 2,263,401. These figures represent the net barrels to the company after all deductions for partnerships, royalties, &c.

Net Earnings after Taxes & Maint. (Excl. Deprec. Res.), Years ended June 30. 1918. 1919. 1920. 1921. 6 Mos. 1921. Net earnings—\$408,005 \$1,050,880 \$3,715,878 \$5,325,755 \$1,791,095 Estimated earnings for calendar year 1921, \$3,500,000.

Purpose.—To pay off certain indebtedness and to provide additional working capital.

This Issue.—Authorized, \$7,000,000. Further bonds can be issued only for 75% of the cost of new property, or capital expenditures, if annual net earnings after taxes and normal depreciation equal 2 1/2 times interest and sinking fund on the bonds outstanding and to be issued.

Balance Sheet as of June 30 1921, Adjusted to Include Present Financing.

Table with Assets (Total, \$43,743,754) and Liabilities (Total, \$43,743,754). Assets include Capital assets, Notes & acc'ts receivable, Warehouse material, Crude oil, supplies, &c., Cash, Deferred charges, &c. Liabilities include 7 1/2% Debenture bonds, Def. prop. pay'ts, notes and accounts payable, Depletion & deprec. res., Accr. liabil. (incl. taxes), Capital surplus.

Represents equity of 660,000 shares of com. stock without nominal or par value, not including shares under options. Equal to over \$48 per share of stock outstanding, exclusive of stock reserved under warrants accompanying this Debenture issue.—V. 113, p. 1478, 1162.

Plymouth Cordage Co.—Dividend Decreased.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 3%, payable Oct. 20 to holders of record Oct. 1. Quarterly distributions of 4% have been made on this issue from July 1918 to July 1921, incl.—V. 111, p. 2145.

Radio Corp. of America.—New Plant.—

The new plant of the company at Port Jefferson, L. I., which will be the most powerful in the world will be opened for public use Oct. 15. Compare diagram, &c., in N. Y. "Times" Oct. 2.—V. 113, p. 1162.

(Robert) Reis & Co.—Sales.—

Table showing sales for 2 Mos. ending Sept. 30. 1921. 1920. Decrease. Gross sales—\$1,307,354 \$2,541,573 \$1,234,219

—V. 113, p. 190.

Rockland (N. Y.) Light & Power Co.—Bonds Offered.—

H. C. Warren & Co., Inc., New Haven, Conn., are offering at prices to yield about 8 1/4% \$500,000 5-year 7% Convertible Gold bonds, dated June 1 1921, due June 1 1926. Interest payable J. & D. without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$100 and \$1,000 c&sr. Callable on any int. date at 102 and int.

Company.—Serves without competition territory extending for about 25 miles along the west shore of the Hudson River, comprising 20 communities in New Jersey and 21 in New York. Population, 52,000. Purpose.—To provide funds to pay outstanding obligations incurred in making extensions and additions to plant and transmission lines. Convertible.—Convertible at par into the Common stock at the option of the holder. Even if called, they may be converted on or prior to the date mentioned in the call for redemption.—V. 113, p. 77.

Root & Vandervoort Engineering Co.—Sale, &c.—

See Moline Plow Co. above.—V. 113, p. 1061.

Rubber Corporation of America.—Receivership.—

Judge Mayer in the U. S. District Court Oct. 5 appointed Edward R. Duer receiver in equity proceedings. The petition for a receiver was filed by the Equitable Trust Co. on a claim of \$70,043 due on a note made January last. The petition states that the defendant lacked ready cash to conduct its business and that creditors are insistent upon a settlement, and the present action is taken to protect the creditors' interests. Liabilities are placed at about \$900,000 with assets about \$1,030,000.—V. 112, p. 1747.

Salt's Textile Manufacturing Co.—Bonds Offered.—

W. A. Harriman & Co., New York, are offering, subject to prior sale or change in price, a limited amount of First Mtge. 15-Year 8% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, due June 1 1936, at 100 1/2 and int. See offering in V. 113, p. 191, 77.

Sears Roebuck & Co., Chicago.—September Sales.—

Table showing sales for 1921-Sept.-1920. Decrease. 1921-9 Mos.-1920. Decrease. \$14,800,347 \$16,275,524 \$1,475,177 \$127,369,351 \$189,758,666 \$62,389,315

—V. 113, p. 1478, 1367.

Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp.—Stockholders.—

The company on Sept. 26 had a total of 32,015 stockholders on its books, an increase of 7,621 as compared with Dec. 31 1920.—V. 113, p. 1466.

South Porto Rico Sugar Co.—Adjournment Again.—

The adjourned special meeting of the stockholders to vote on increasing the Pref. stock from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 was again adjourned Oct. 6 until Nov. 10.—V. 113, p. 1368.

Standard Motor Construction Co.—Bonds.—

All of the outstanding (approximately \$86,000) First Mtge. 6% 20-year sinking fund gold bonds, due Feb. 1 1927, have been called for redemption, at par and int. to Oct. 1 1921, at the Equitable Trust Co., 37 Wall St., N. Y. City.—V. 113, p. 543.

Standard Oil Co., Indiana.—Renews Contract.—

See Cosden & Co. above.—V. 113, p. 1061.

Standard Parts Co., Cleveland.—Would Disburse

Another 10% To Creditors.—

Application to pay creditors another dividend of 10% has been filed in Federal Court by Frank A. Scott, receiver. One such div. was paid last August.

As a result of recent adjustments the receiver reports that total claims against the company now will not exceed \$9,500,000. After payment of the first dividend there remains approximately \$1,000,000 in the treasury, which, the receiver states, is in excess of necessary working capital. Company also asks that 784 claims of less than \$100, aggregating \$22,619, be allowed in full.—V. 113, p. 1151, 858.

Standard Tank Car Co.—Postpones Dividend Action.—

The company has postponed action on the quarterly dividend on the 8% Cumul. Pref. stock until Oct. 24.—V. 112, p. 2199.

Studebaker Corp. of America.—Production—Earnings.

An exchange journal reports in brief: In the third quarter of this year the company sold approximately 22,000 cars, or nearly as many as in the second quarter, which previously ranked as the largest three months' period of over 50% in the corporation's history. For the 9 months Studebaker has turned out in round numbers 55,000 cars; the full year's showing should be close to 70,000 cars, a new high annual total. The best previous year was in 1916 with 65,885 cars, while in 1920 output was rising 51,000 cars.

The company has more closed-car business than it can currently handle—it has been for weeks oversold, notwithstanding the Detroit factories are concentrating almost exclusively on these types. Demand for open cars has fallen off over 50% in the last month with the advent of colder weather and with the increase in sales resistance that all of the big companies have been experiencing.

The "Light Six" for the manufacture of which the new South Bend plants were erected, is living up to the expectations of the management. Already 35,000 of these cars are on the highways. The recent price reduction on this model (from \$1,300 to \$1,125) has stimulated sales. (V. 113, p. 1162.)

Mainly because of price reductions, profits for the third quarter will not be up to those of the second quarter, when nearly the full year's \$7 dividend was returned for the \$60,000,000 Common. Compared with the third quarter of 1920, however, the improvement will be at least 50%. Studebaker has over \$9,000,000 cash in the banks Oct. 1—more than double its Jan. 1 balances. Since Jan. 1 it also has paid off bank loans of \$8,500,000 Preferred and Common dividends for three quarters and invested \$1,000,000 in prime marketable securities, making a total "net credit on cash clearances," so to speak, of \$16,700,000.—V. 113, p. 1478, 1162.

Swift & Co.—Number of Shareholders.—

More than 45,000 dividend checks were necessary in order to pay the shareholders their quarterly dividend to-day, Oct. 1. The shareholders are scattered over the entire face of the globe.

The company now has approximately 21,000 employee shareholders, 14,000 of whom own stock outright. Over 7,000 more are buying shares on the installment plan. The holdings of these employees represent a total of nearly 250,000 shares.—V. 113, p. 1368, 634.

Tenth & Twenty-third St. Ferry Co.—City Purchase.—

The Board of Aldermen, N. Y. City, Aug. 26, concurred in the resolution adopted by the Board of Estimate authorizing an issue of \$358,000 in corporate stock for the purchase of the ferryboats of the Greenpoint ferry (operating between E. 23d St. to Greenpoint), which will discontinue business Aug. 31. Grover A. Whalen, Commissioner of Plant and Structures, said the city would continue the operation of the ferry. The ferryboats now running will be purchased for \$254,000, and the balance of the funds from the sale of the corporate stock will be needed for repairs to the boats and the terminals.—V. 112, p. 1748.

Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Co.—Earnings.—

Income account for the six months ending June 30 1921 shows: Gross earnings, \$5,992,581; expenses, \$3,345,924; operating profit, \$2,646,657. Depreciation, \$739,140; miscellaneous charges, \$173,650. Surplus for period, \$1,733,866. Deduct cash dividends \$629,026; balance, surplus, \$1,104,840.

This statement is tentative pending decision of the U. S. Treasury Department as to the depletable values and depletion charges to be allowed, no deduction having been made in the above figures for depletion.—V. 112, p. 1875, 1863.

(John R.) Thompson Co.—Balance Sheet Aug. 31.—

Net income for the 8 months ending Aug. 31 before deducting dividend paid (\$412,460) totaled \$99,231,157, compared with \$474,040 in 1920.

Table with Assets and Liabilities for 1921 and 1920. Assets include Plant & property, Good will, Unissued stock, Securities, Inventories, Notes receivable, Current assets, Cash, Suspense accts., Deferred charges. Liabilities include Preferred stock, Common stock, Thompson bldg., bonds, Real est., mtgcs., Accruals, Income tax res., Accounts payable, Dep. reserves, Insurance, etc. res., Deferred income, Sur. & undiv. prof.

Total (ea. side) 11,484,916 10,846,654

—V. 113, p. 1368.

Tide Water Oil Co.—Cuts Wages.—

The company has reduced the wages of about 1,800 employees at its Bayonne, N. J., plant at from 18 to 24%, effective Oct. 10. An official statement says: "The company has been operating at a loss since Jan. 1 1921. So far this loss has amounted to more than \$3,000,000. It has become necessary to reduce wages, effective Oct. 10 1921. The new scale will be substantially that of 1918, when wages had reached the highest point during the war."

"It is hoped and believed that under the new scale all regular employees may be given full time. To assist in bringing about the desired result certain deferred construction work will be resumed. The management regrets that conditions are such that it cannot continue the present wage scale, but believes that if full time can be restored to regular employees, this, when coupled with the decrease which has already taken place in the cost of living, will prove a benefit instead of a hardship."—V. 113, p. 1479, 858.

Toledo Edison Co.—Pref. Stock Sold.—

The National City Co., New York, and Union Trust Co., Cleveland, announce that the issue of \$2,500,000 Prior Preferred 8% Cumulative stock has been sold. See offering in V. 113, p. 1368.

Tonopah-Belmont Development Co.—Earnings, &c.—

Net earnings for Aug. were \$52,320 compared with \$19,094 in July:

Table showing Results—Quarters Ending— June 30 1921, Mar. 31 '21, Dec. 31 '20. Net from operation, Other income, Gross income, Admin. explor., &c., exp., taxes, Net profit.

(x) Includes dividends from Belmont Surf Inlet Mines, Ltd., &c., \$50,000 for quarter ending March 31.

The net loss for the quarter ending June 30 1921, of the Belmont Surf Inlet Mines, Ltd., of which this company owns 80%, was \$12,649.

Available Resources.

Table showing Due from Jun. 30 '21, Mar. 31 '21, Smetlers, Others, U. S. cts. of, Total, Jun. 30 '21, Mar. 31 '21, Cash in banks, Total.

An official statement, Sept. 28, says in substance: "The strike at Tonopah, which began April 16, was called off Aug. 8, and the new wage scale accepted. The mine and mill at Tonopah are now operating to capacity with greatly improved labor efficiency."

"The loss at the Surf Inlet property was largely caused by an extraordinary amount of development work done to make up for that omitted during the labor shortage. Wages have now been reduced at the Surf Inlet plant to pre-war basis and labor is plentiful. The management desires to increase the company's available resources before resuming dividends."—V. 112, p. 2545.

Transex & Williams Steel Forging Corp.—Smaller Div.—

A quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share has been declared on the outstanding 100,000 shares of capital stock, no par value, payable Oct. 20

to holders of record Oct. 10. Dividends of \$1 per share were paid in April and July last; this compared with \$1.25 per share paid quarterly from July 1917 to Jan. 1921 and \$1 per share in Jan. and April 1917.—V. 112, p. 2199.

United Alloy Steel Corp., Canton O.—Balance Sheet.

Balance Sheet June 30 1921 (after merger with affiliated cos.) and Dec. 31 1920.

Assets—	After Merger		Before Merger	
	June 30 1921.	Dec. 31 1920.	June 30 1921.	Dec. 31 1920.
Real est., bldgs.	21,459,615	15,257,947	21,459,615	15,257,947
Cash	2,178,171	2,370,764	2,178,171	2,370,764
Accts. rec. (customers accts.)	2,079,920	1,470,606	2,079,920	1,470,606
Inventories	9,331,089	3,686,483	9,331,089	3,686,483
Dividends	99,970	99,970	99,970	99,970
U. S. Govt. secur.	1,698,791	1,978,329	1,698,791	1,978,329
Miscel. advances	1,286,205	62,841	1,286,205	62,841
Trustees of empl. stock	602,690	623,627	602,690	623,627
Investments	494,936	1,507,700	494,936	1,507,700
Treasury stock	2,225,000	—	2,225,000	—
Deferred charges	156,827	29,945	156,827	29,945
Total	41,513,244	27,084,315	41,513,244	27,084,315

z Represents \$1,700,000 Pref. and \$525,000 shares Common. z Includes \$1,499,700 which represents 50% of the outstanding capital stock of The United Furnace Co., exclusive of directors' qualifying shares. y Declared capital in accordance with stock Corporation Law of N. Y. State represented by an authorized issue of 905,000 shares, no par value, of which 800,000 are outstanding. z Assumed from the United Furnace Co., Canton, O.—See merger plan in V. 112, p. 1407.—V. 113, p. 191.

United Cigar Stores Co. of America.—Sales.

Sales for September were reported as \$6,349,638, compared with \$6,819,142 in Sept. 1920 and \$4,899,704 in 1919.—V. 113, p. 1162, 738.

United Drug Co., Boston.—Sub. Co. Omits Div.

See Liggett's International Ltd., Inc., above.—V. 113, p. 1479.

United Oil Products Corp.—Earnings.

As a result of the two recent advances in Texas crude oil to \$1.50 per barrel, plus the premiums received, yield on the production bonds of United Oil Producers, a subsidiary of Imperial Oil and Middle States Oil, is reported to have increased to approximately 15%.—V. 113, p. 1369.

United Verde Extension Mining Co.—Divs. Resumed.

A dividend of 25 cents per share has been declared on the outstanding \$750,000 Capital stock, par \$50 cents payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 10. No dividend was paid in Aug. last. In May last, a quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share was paid. This compares with 50 cents per share paid quarterly from Aug. 1916 to Feb. 1921 inclusive. Extras of 25 cents per share were also paid quarterly from May 1917 to Feb. 1919, inclusive.—V. 112, p. 2650.

Utah Steel Corp., Salt Lake City.—Capital Increase.

The stockholders have approved a plan to double the capital stock. Sale of the new stock will provide funds to carry out proposed enlargement of activities. The financing provides for the increase of 7,500 shares of pref. stock to 50,000 shares, par \$100. Common stock was increased to 17,500 shares of no par value. The purchase of iron ore and fuel lands, erection of blast furnace and sheet mills, and expansion of present open-hearth capacity are said to be planned.

(V.) Vivaudou, Inc.—New Director.

Manny Strauss has been elected a director.—V. 112, p. 2199.

Vulcan Detinning Co.—Earnings.

	Quarters Ending		Six Mos. to June 30 1921.
	June 30 1921.	March 31 1921.	
Sales	\$290,197	\$343,490	\$633,687
Increase or decrease in inventories	37,197	dec.132,181	dec. 94,984
Other income	4,901	3,065	7,966
Total	\$332,295	\$214,374	\$546,669
Costs and general expenses	307,100	283,641	590,741
Reserves and other expenses	23,523	—	23,523
Preferred dividend (2 1/2 %)	—	42,339	42,339
Balance, surplus	\$1,672	df\$111,608	df\$109,934

—V. 113, p. 301.

Warren Bros., Boston.—Bank Loans—Cash, &c.

The company has made considerable progress in reduction of its loans. At the end of September the total floating debt was \$3,368,360. A year ago the company's bank loans stood at \$3,945,000, in addition to which loans placed through brokers totaled \$550,000, this latter item having since been taken up so that the company now has no outside loans.

The net effect of these operations has been a reduction in loans of \$1,126,640. As of Sept. 30 the corporation had \$908,450 cash, which is \$276,000 smaller than a year ago.—"Boston Transcript" Oct. 5.—V. 112, p. 1407.

Warren (Pa.) Light & Power Co.—New Securities.

It is reported that arrangements have been made by the company to issue \$212,500 bonds and \$30,000 stock, the proceeds to be used for extensions, &c.—V. 97, p. 1754.

West Penn Power Co.—Guaranty of \$1,500,000 Allegheny Pittsburgh Coal Co 8% Bonds.

See that company above.—V. 113, p. 1479, 739

Westinghouse Elec. Mfg. Co.—\$7,000,000 Chilean Order.

The Westinghouse Electric International Co., a subsidiary, announced, Sept. 28, that it has received final confirmation of a \$7,000,000 contract to supply the equipment for electrifying the Chilean State Ry. between Valparaiso and Santiago and to Los Andes. The contract was received from the Chilean Government through the company's Chilean agents, Errazuriz, Simpson & Co., associated with Spruille Braden, of New York. (See Braden Copper Mines Co. above.) Equipment consisting of 11 passenger locomotives, 15 road locomotives and 7 switching locomotives, together with 5 substations, is to be furnished. The company explained that the 3,000-volt direct current system would be used and all standards will be of American character.

In addition to the Westinghouse Electric contract, it is announced that the Anaconda Copper Co. will participate in the contract to the extent of approximately \$600,000, inasmuch as the new work to be done will necessitate large copper purchases.

Besides the contract for electrification of the first zone of the Chilean Railways, other contracts have been obtained through the same agents, under the terms of which American Locomotive Co. will furnish 1,500,000 of equipment, consisting of 20 large freight engines, and the Pressed Steel Car Co. 100 steel gondola cars, at a contract price of approximately \$500,000.—V. 113, p. 1163.

Wheeling Steel Corp.—To Resume Operations.

The Corporation has posted notices in the Beech Bottom, Martins Ferry and Wheeling plants of the Whitaker-Glessner Co., announcing that the company is willing to resume the mills. The notice reads: "We are willing to reopen the mills of the plant. The starting of operations will depend upon the number of men reporting for work, who were employed here when the plants closed down." See V. 113, p. 859, 301.

White Motor Co., Cleveland, O.—Business, &c.

Approved statement says in substance: The company reports that collections are better than normal with the percentage of current open accounts lower than in any year since 1916 one of the most prosperous of the war years. Notes on time sales are being met with increasing promptness and the lowest percentage of past due bills was reached in August. The proportion schedule has been increased 20% this week. Inventory for certain models of trucks had been reduced to such an extent that increased production was necessary to take care of the demand for these models, it was officially stated. Further evidence of improved business conditions is shown by the fact that September sales were 8% greater than

those of August, while August showed a 10% advance over July.—V. 113, p. 1479, 1163.

Wolverine Copper Mining Co.—Production (in Lbs.).

1921—August—1920.	Increase.	1921—8 Mos.—1920.	Increase.
369,022	225,734	143,288	2,797,471
—V. 113, p. 1369, 427.		2,237,125	560,346

(F. W.) Woolworth & Co.—September Sales.

1921—Sept.—1920.	Increase.	1921—9 Mos.—1920.	Increase.
\$11,326,709	\$10,954,363	\$372,346	\$95,947,058
—V. 113, p. 1163, 739.		\$93,717,016	\$2,230,042

Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co.—Employees Stock Sub.

The employees who bought stock in the company under a deferred payment plan, have been released from their contracts, owing to decline in the market value of common stock. The stock was offered to workers at \$85 and has since declined to \$53. An announcement by the company says: "When they were made conditions were such that these contracts gave certain advantages to those holding them but these conditions have changed in a way that no one could have expected. The contracts are disadvantageous to the subscribers and unless the holders have some special reason of their own for completing them, we would advise that they be cancelled and will be glad to return the money paid on them."—V. 112, p. 2650, 2323.

Regular Dividends.

The company on Oct. 1 paid a dividend of 50 cents per share on the Common stock and the regular dividend of \$1.75 per share on the Preferred stock. Like amounts were paid three months ago. This payment it was announced was to be made from surplus, the dividend not having been earned during the present quarter. The company, it is stated, has lost \$500,000 in the last three months due to curtailed demand and low prices.—V. 112, p. 2740.

CURRENT NOTICES

—Miss Helen Herrington, A.M., a bond saleswoman connected with Bonbright & Co., Inc., New York, is giving a course at Columbia University on Tuesday evenings on the fundamental principles of investment. This course is intended particularly for women investors and women in business. Miss Herrington will aim to cover the general investment field, but it is the purpose of the course to dwell more particularly upon the various classes of bonds and stocks with their relative merits, and special advantages and disadvantages for the individual investor.

—The incorporation is announced of H. D. Fellows Co., 29 So. La Salle St., Chicago, with H. D. Fellows, President; Theo. M. Kerkhoff, Vice-President, and F. A. Grosser, Secretary-Treasurer. All three members of this new firm have had a thorough training in municipal bonds, having held managerial positions with several of Chicago's best known bond houses. The Fellows company will specialize in municipal bonds.

—"Manual of Sugar Companies."—A handbook giving statistics on the earning power and financial position, together with description and management of the various sugar companies, will be sent free on request for "Booklet 138" to Farr & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, 133 Front Street, New York City.

—Culver & Co., members of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, have opened offices at 1504 Walnut St., Philadelphia. Branch offices have also been established in Pittsburgh, Pa., and Steubenville, O. They have a private wire to A. A. Housman & Co., 20 Broad St., New York City, members of the New York Stock Exchange.

—The First Wisconsin Co., affiliated with the First Wisconsin National Bank of Milwaukee, is furnishing a daily quotation service on Liberty bonds to the bankers of Wisconsin and outside the State. On the form sent out the institution gives the high, the low and the closing price, together with interest and approximate yield on all Liberty issues.

—Huster Van B. Berg, Beverley M. Eyre and John Kerr have formed a co-partnership under the firm name of Berg, Eyre & Kerr, with offices at 23-25 Beaver Street, New York City, for the transaction of a general stock and bond brokerage business. Mr. Eyre is the New York Stock Exchange member.

—Samuel N. Hall and Samuel R. Kirkpatrick announce the formation of the firm of Samuel N. Hall & Co., with offices in the Pennsylvania Bldg., 15th and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia. They are members of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange and will conduct a general investment business.

—The firm of E. A. Carleton & Co., Inc., with offices at 15 William St., New York City, has recently been formed for the purpose of transacting a general stock and bond business. The firm members are E. A. Carleton, W. D. Trueblood and F. R. Wiswell.

—Belding, Boehmer & Co. announce the formation of a co-partnership with offices at 29 So. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill., for the purpose of dealing in investment bonds. Both firm members were formerly associated with George H. Burr & Co.

—The firm of Drumheller, Ehrlichman & Co. has been formed by Roscoe M. Drumheller, Ben B. Ehrlichman and Roy O. Hadley, with offices in the W. R. Rust Building, Tacoma, Wash. This new firm will do a general investment business.

—H. A. Throckmorton, who has been conducting a general investment business at 68 William Street, New York, consolidated his business on Oct. 1 1921 with Ogilby & Austin of 141 Broadway, New York.

—J. E. Hale and T. J. Sheridan have organized the Wall Street Advisory Service, with offices at 6 Church Street, New York City. The concern will issue daily bulletins on investment conditions.

—Thomas J. Fallon, formerly connected with Jenks, Gwynne & Co., has become associated with McGlenn & Co. of 61 Broadway, New York, as manager of their board room.

—Abraham & Co., 27 William St., N. Y., dealers in foreign securities, announce the election of their Mr. J. Bleibtreu to membership in the New York Stock Exchange.

—J. Day Knapp announces the opening of an office at 15 Broad Street, New York, for the purpose of conducting a bond brokerage business. Telephone Hanover 8216.

—Brown Brothers & Co. have issued a circular describing a large number of government and corporation bonds and notes suitable for States, individuals and institutions.

—J. Day Knapp announces the opening of an office at 15 Broad St., New York City, to conduct a high-grade bond brokerage business. Telephone Hanover 8216.

—Robert Blahut, for the past thirteen years with F. J. Lisman & Co., is now associated with Cowen & Co., in charge of their investment department.

—Harry P. Scanlon, formerly with Jos. J. Hearn & Co., has recently become associated with Parrish & Co., 115 Broadway, N. Y. City.

—Welsh Brothers, dealers in investment bonds, moved into their new office at 132 South Fourth St., Philadelphia, on Oct. 3.

—Robert M. Ogden, formerly with Low, Dixon & Co., is now with Watson & White, 149 Broadway, New York City.

—Arthur J. Hicks has recently become associated with Wistar, Carter & Co. of Philadelphia in their bond department.

The Commercial Times.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

New York, Friday Night, Oct. 7 1921.

With cooler weather trade has increased somewhat. Retail buying is certainly larger. Trade and industry is moving forward. Not by any means by leaps and bounds, but still it is moving forward. If it is progressing slowly, it is moving steadily. And collections are better. Jobbing trade shows an increase. Industries on the whole are in better shape than they were a week or ten days ago. Some contend that the trade of the country turned the corner in September, and evidence is not wanting that would seem to justify this idea, or at any rate give it color. Mail order business is larger. The trade in iron and steel, coke and coal, lumber and other building materials, as well as hardware, is of a larger scale. The improvement in iron and steel is not, as a rule, very marked, but still in some directions there is improvement. In a word there is moderate betterment in American business in goods in the main for prompt shipment. There is no large buying for forward delivery. The improvement, in other words, is on a conservative scale. The note of caution has not disappeared. Failures are still many, but it is noticed that liabilities are in the main smaller, and the total number is smaller than that of last week. It is stated at 360, against 432 last week, with 161 in the same week last year and 104 in 1919. Liabilities, it is pointed out, were the smallest in September since October of last year. Wheat has fallen 12 cents during the week, and other grain has also declined. But the exports of wheat and corn continue on a very large scale. Those of corn are some 35,600,000 bushels thus far this season, against a little less than 1,300,000 bushels up to this time last year. And the wheat exports are close to the high record of last year, in spite of competition from Argentina. Cotton has fallen \$5 a bale during the week, but the price is still some \$40 a bale higher than in June, and the financial condition of the South is much better than it was earlier in the year, so much so that it is a matter of comment all over the country. Petroleum prices have advanced.

Building is proceeding vigorously, and the fact crops out in a larger output of lumber, cement, etc. Railway earnings show an increase which gratifies the commercial world, though it is largely traceable to a reduction of about 45% in operating expenses. Foreign exchange is somewhat firmer, and bonds have been active and higher. The corn crop is large, though it has been damaged here and there by insects and mould. The cotton crop was estimated by the Government on October 3 at half a million bales above some of the more pessimistic guesses. The condition, while unprecedently low, was nevertheless better by 2 or 3% than many had expected. It may turn out that 6,500,000 bales is an underestimate, judging from the large ginning now going on. The British demand for cotton has been large, and Manchester had a somewhat better business with India and China. Disturbing rumors as to Germany's ability to pay the reparations when due have since been denied. The West, it is true, is handicapped by the great decline in prices of grain and provisions—the lowest of the season—and the high prices still current for manufactured goods, due to continued high costs of production, in which labor, of course, is one of the largest items. Unfavorable factors are the unwillingness of labor unions to accept lower wages, and the dubious outlook for an early reform of taxation which presses so heavily, directly or indirectly, on the entire population. It is surely all the more significant that in spite of such needless and vexatious burdens the business of the country is slowly gaining headway.

Boston advices say the longshoremen have agreed to a cut in wages. Coal miners in the Indianapolis district have postponed until next February the framing of new wage demands. Not a bad idea. The Tidewater Oil Co., Bayonne, N. J., announced a wage reduction ranging from 18 to 24%. Steamship company officials whose dock workers are on strike say that the United States Government will take a hand in the situation in the event that the walk-out becomes more serious. Five thousand local longshoremen have voted to withdraw from the old line unions, declaring that the leaders of the International Longshoremen's Association had "sold out" the workers. The walkout is not expected to last long. The strike was unauthorized by union leaders and was a protest against the reduction in wages from 80 to 65 cents an hour. A compromise agreement, to remain in effect 30 days, has been reached between the New Orleans steamship operators and the union longshoremen and cotton screwmen, who have been refusing to handle cotton at that port. The "Big Six" Typographical Union, meeting last Sunday here, voted to submit to arbitration the wage difference between the printers and the Employing Printers' Association. Advices from Chicago say that the danger of a general railroad strike seemed to be lessening. Strike sentiment among the men was ebbing. Chiefs of the big unions are not in favor of the strike at this time when the country is full of idle men. That is sound sense.

New Orleans manufacturing plants report a marked improvement in unemployment conditions during September.

The most pronounced increase was in the textile mills, food product companies, wood-working concerns and the railroad repair shops.

The Knit Goods Manufacturing Association says there were less than 50 mills operating in the early part of September, compared with 63 a year ago. The sales of Montgomery, Ward & Co. for September, it is stated, amounted to \$6,363,455, against \$8,213,792 in the same month a year ago. For the nine months ended Sept. 30 they were \$53,346,434, against \$82,683,261 in 1920. Sears-Roebuck & Co.'s sales for September amounted, it is reported, to \$14,800,347, against \$16,275,524 a year ago. Secretary Hoover, it seems, has a plan for the stabilization of the coal industry, which contemplates an extensive survey with the view to eliminating waste at the source, and the fixing of seasonal fuel rates. The plan also provides for the solution of the labor problem. Assurance that the Emergency Tariff bill would be extended until the new tariff bill is enacted was given on Oct. 4 by Chairman Fordney.

Southern insurance men are gloomy as to the outlook for farm business in the South, claiming that the farmer owes so much to the banks and merchants who finance his crop that insurance premiums will be the last obligation that will be met. Premier Lloyd George says that Great Britain can control her own finances, but realizes how difficult it is to do business in view of exchange fluctuations. He says he thinks things are improving but that economy is necessary. Great Britain's unemployment problem is said to be graver than that faced by any other nation. Numerically, as well as proportionally, Great Britain has more unemployed than any country in Europe except Russia.

LARD steady; prime Western, 10.60@10.70c.; refined to Continent, 12.50c.; South American, 12.75c.; Brazil, in kegs, 13.75c. Futures at one time advanced with hogs higher and a further large decrease in stocks of lard at Chicago. At one time a temporary rise in grain also helped lard. Later on prices fell to the lowest point this season on both lard and cottonseed oil, as well as grain. Foreign lard cables have been lower. Packers are supposed to be awaiting lower prices for hogs for fall and winter packing. Chicago wired: "Stocks of cured meats at leading Western packing points decreased 63,050,000 lbs. in September and are 191,941,000 lbs., against 246,096,000 last year." Stocks of lard aggregate 44,571,000 lbs., against 91,877,000 a month ago and 75,369,000 last year. To-day prices fell on scattered liquidation. The close was 27 to 30 points lower for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
October delivery... cts.	9.92	10.05	9.97	9.85	9.70	9.35
January delivery.....	9.10	9.20	9.10	8.95	9.00	8.80
March delivery.....	9.30	9.42½	9.30	9.17	9.20	9.00

PORK, quiet; mess \$25@25.50; family \$30@34; short clear \$23@23.50. Jan. closed at \$15.00. 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. 16½@17½c.; pickled bellies 10 to 12 lbs. 14½@16½c. Butter, creamery extras 46@47c. Cheese, flats 16@22½c. Eggs, fresh gathered extras 53c.@55c.

COFFEE on the spot firm; No. 7 Rio 8¼@8½c.; No. 4 Santos 11½@12½c. fair to good Cutaca 11½@12c. Futures advanced somewhat on trade buying and higher cables, but changes have not been marked. Prices have been more or less irregular within comparatively narrow limits. At times they weakened a little partly owing to European selling and the reaching of stop orders. It might be said with substantial truth that the market on the whole is marking time pending further developments. To-day prices were a shade lower, but they end 7 points higher for the week on Dec.

Spot (unofficial) 8¼c. [March.....7.97@7.98|July.....8.07@8.09
December...7.91@7.92|May.....8.02@8.04]

SUGAR has been quiet with Philippine 4½c. c.i.f. Prompt Porto Rico was quoted at 4½c. and Cuban 2½c. c.&f. Low prices are said to have been named for export requirements. It has been really an uneventful week in the sugar trade. Trade is light and everybody is awaiting further developments. The Louisiana "Planter" said that while the condition of the Louisiana cane crop as a whole may not be quite so promising as it was 60 days ago, there is nevertheless one of the best crops now ready for harvest in Louisiana ever raised on a similar acreage. Cuban sugar planters have agreed to a proposal that the President of the Republic suggest means to reduce the next crop and to make an extensive campaign against approval of the Fordney Tariff Bill. They want 2,500,000 tons of sugar passed duty free into the United States. Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 14,078 tons, an increase over the previous week and 4,000 tons larger than a year ago. Exports were 22,779 tons or about 6,000 tons more than in the previous week, and 1,000 tons more than a year ago. To-day futures fell slightly and they end 4 points lower than a week ago. The Cuban Committee has sold 35,800 bags at 2½c. c.&f.

Spot unofficial...4.23c. [March.....2.28@2.30|July.....2.47@2.49
December...2.36@2.38|May.....2.35@2.36]

OILS.—Linseed lower. Export business is practically absent. On the other hand, paint and linoleum manufacturers are taking quite a little oil. And English oil was firmer at 61¼c. October carloads, 67c.; less than carloads, 70c.; five barrels or less, 73c. Coconut oil, Ceylon barrels, 9¼@10c.; Cochin, 10¼@11c. Olive, \$1 05@1 15. Soya

bean, 10½@11c. Lard, strained winter, 87c. Cod, domestic, 41c. Newfoundland, 43c. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, 28,700 barrels. October closed at 8.88@8.90c. November at 8.88@8.95c., December at 8.97@8.98c., January at 8.98@8.99c., March at 9.18@9.19c., April at 9.18@9.20c., and spot at 8.75@9.25c. Spirits of turpentine, 74½c. Common to good strained rosin, \$5 53. The Chicago Board of Trade Directors have approved the proposed rules and regulations to Government trading in cottonseed oil. The unit will be 160 barrels. A settlement price of \$21 per barrel, plus a 5% penalty, has been fixed on 500 barrels. Mess pork defaulted on September contracts, or \$1 under the close.

PETROLEUM firmer. The slackening demand for gasoline and the small domestic consumption is made up in a large measure by a good export business. And with stocks smaller than a month ago and production steadily falling off, many in the trade believe there is no likelihood of a reaction in prices in the immediate future. Japan was a good buyer. And with conditions steadily improving in that country, negotiations for large quantities of petroleum, are expected from that source. The shorter days and longer nights have also resulted in a better demand for gas oil. Gasoline U. S. Navy specifications, 16c.; export naphtha cargo lots 17½c.; 63 to 66 deg. 20½c.; 66 to 68 deg. 21½c. 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 16½@17½c. The crude oil output dropped 9,450 barrels in the daily average for the week ended Oct. 1 according to the American Petroleum Institute. The total output for the month was 1,156,600 barrels as against 1,166,050 for the preceding week. The estimated daily average production of the California fields was 220,000 barrels, unchanged from the previous week when a decline of 103,000 barrels was reported, due largely to the strike of oil field workers.

Pennsylvania	\$3 00	Indiana	\$1 63	Electra	\$1 50
Corning	1 65	Princeton	1 52	Strawn	1 50
Cabell	1 61	Illinois	1 52	Thrall	1 50
Somerset, 32 deg.	1 61	Plymouth	0 90	Haldton	1 50
and above	1 65	Kansas & Okla.		Moran	1 50
Ragland	0 85	homa	1 50	Henrietta	1 50
Wooster	2 05	Corsicana, light	1 05	Caddo, La., light	1 25
Lima	1 83	Corsicana, heavy	70	Caddo, heavy	85

RUBBER firmer on the strength of sterling exchange and higher London market. There was no big buying movement, however, as buyers have no confidence in the stability of present prices. Ribbed smoked sheets 15½c.; November, 15¾c.; December, 16c.; January-March, 16¾c.; and January-June, 17¾c. First latex pale was held at a premium of ¼c. in all positions. Para quiet but steady; upper river fine 21½c.; coarse 11¼c.; island fine 20½c.; coarse 9¾c.; Caucho ball-upper, 11¼c.; lower, 10c.

HIDES have been in somewhat better demand, but so far as new business is concerned there has been very little of it. Prices generally reported steady. The feeling is rather more cheerful. Bogota is quoted at 14c. River Plate stocks are estimated at 50,000 hides with trade light. Foreign buyers hold off owing to low rates of exchange. Country hides have been quiet here; also City packer, with prices generally unchanged.

OCEAN FREIGHTS have been dull and to all appearance still tending downward. Tonnage remains plentiful. The demand for it is far from active. Operators of Shipping Board vessels are now booked sixty days in advance for freight shipments in the trans-Pacific, this being as far ahead as the Government will permit advanced bookings, says a San Francisco dispatch. Washington wired that of 1,464 steel ships under the control of the United States Shipping Board, 956 are now tied up and 63 more will be withdrawn from service as soon as they reach home ports. Washington wired: "The Shipping Board has broken off negotiations with the Liverpool liners in the controversy which arose last summer over the contract for the movement of Egyptian cotton from Alexandria to the United Kingdom and the United States. It has been learned here that representatives of the Shipping Board have been ordered to withdraw from the conference with the five British lines."

Charters included steamer 7,100 tons, 10% from North Pacific, United States to Shanghai 35c., to Calcutta or Bombay 50c.; both the latter ports, 52c. 6d., Oct.-Nov.; coal from Baltimore to Genoa \$4, prompt; coal from Hampton Roads to Havana \$1 65, prompt; to Bathurst, N. B., \$2 25; to St. Stephen, N. B., \$2 25. Grain from Atlantic range to Greece, 6s. 6d.; October; one round trip in West India trade, \$2; 6,000 qrs. grain from Atlantic range to Leith, 4s. 6d., October; coal from Atlantic range to River Plate, 22c., prompt; grain from Northern Pacific to United Kingdom or Continent, 56s. 3d., Nov. 15; timber from a Gulf port to Ostend and Antwerp, 60s., Pixinus, Oct.-Nov.; grain from Atlantic range to Greece, including Smyrna, 22c., one port, 23c., two ports, October; grain from Atlantic range to West Italy, 5s., one port, 5s. 4½d., two ports, October; grain from Adriatic, 5s. 3d., one port, 5s. 4½d., two ports, Nov.; 28,000 qrs. f.o.b. Atlantic range to Mediterranean (not East of West Italy), 5s. 9d., Oct.; 25,000 qrs. from Atlantic range to United Kingdom or Continent, 4s. 7½d., option Montreal loading, 4s. 9d., Oct. 25; 28,000 qrs. from Philadelphia to Genoa, 6s., prompt; coal from Atlantic range to West Italy, \$4, Oct.; lumber from Gulf to Holland and United Kingdom, 16s., Pixinus, Oct.; one round trip in West Indies trade delivery Philadelphia, redelivery north of Hatteras, \$1 25, prompt; 47,000 qrs. grain from Montreal to Continent, 16c., if one port, and 17c. if two ports, Oct.; 28,000 qrs. from Atlantic range to West Italy, 5s. 6d. if one port, Oct.; 35,000 qrs. 10% from Atlantic range to West Italy, 20c., Oct.

TOBACCO has remained quiet, buyers still purchasing only to supply their imperative needs. In other words they continue to play a waiting game. They stick to it with great tenacity and have for many months past. Perhaps there is a little more inquiry for wrappers, but there is nothing like a real stir in trade, and standing quotations are everywhere recognized as merely nominal. On any

business worth while it is intimated that such quotations would be shaded and perhaps materially to meet the circumstances.

COPPER in better demand both for export and domestic account and prices are higher. Consumers are more interested in the market than heretofore. London was also stronger. Electrolytic 12¼@13c. Tin in rather better demand and firmer; spot 27@27¾c. Lead in good demand and higher; spot New York 4.70c. Zinc in better demand and firm; East St. Louis 4.55@4.60c.

PIG IRON has been in moderate demand and generally steady. Eastern Pennsylvania furnaces sold 10,000 tons, believed to have been at \$19 50 for 1.75 to 2.25% silicon at furnace; local sales in small lots are reported at \$20 to \$20 50 for No. 2 plain at furnace as to quantity; round lots are quoted at about \$19 50. It appears that recent sales include some 22,000 tons of foundry to Massachusetts and 10,000 tons of basic in Philadelphia at \$20 50 delivered. Chicago has sold some speculative holdings at easier prices. There has also been some reselling in the East. But in general prices have been pretty well maintained. September gained over 900 tons per day, or 19% in the output of blast furnaces making iron for the market aside from the steel concerns' output. This gain was significant. For eight months it had been decreasing.

STEEL is in slowly increasing demand at about steady prices. But trade is certainly slow. Chicago, however, talks more cheerfully. Ingot production in that district is 39% of capacity. Soft bars are neglected and are offered there at 1.75 to 1.90c. Tank plates are selling slowly at 1.60 to 1.65c. Pittsburgh. Sheets command the most attention and they are steadier in price, with the output at 80 to 90% of capacity. Before the recent rise 200,000 tons were booked. Next come tubes, tin plate and wire. The steel output in general is at about 40%. Tin plate sells more readily. Rail sales are reported on a moderate scale, i. e., about 30,000 tons in all to three small companies. Tubes are in better demand. Pittsburgh reports increased orders for pipe. Government offerings of nearly 20,000 tons were taken by jobbers. Strip prices 3¾ to 4¼c. British sheet bars have fallen 5s.

WOOL has been noticeably less active at private sale but firm. Medium is reported somewhat higher; knitting mills have been buying. Sales included good Ohio quarter-blood combing at 23½c. to 24½c. Three-eighths wool quoted at 24 to 26c. Other sales include fine wools, both scoured and greasy at old prices; good French combing wools at 68 to 70c. and best clothing types at about 63 to 65c.; clean basis; East India, Jorjas at 38c., clean basis Argentine 3s. at 22 to 23c., 4s. at 17 to 18c. and Lincolns at about 14c. for good wools; nails at about 45 to 50c. for clear fine; 40c. for half-blood. 33 to 38c. for three-eighths and 24 to 29c. for quarters. On October 11th in London 110,000 bales will be offered. Recent Liverpool sales were very strong last Thursday and Friday. Australia's clip this year includes more than the usual percentage of burry wool. Germany has been buying Argentine wool. In 60 days she has taken it seems some 30,000,000 pounds from the River Plate. Bradford reports that owing partly to the French textile strike the export trade in tops and yarns has increased and mills are working overtime. The workers' union is considering the request of the employers to extend the week from 48 to 55½ hours. On Oct. 5 the wool auction at Antwerp in behalf of the British Australian Wool Realization Association began with 20,000 bales with advances as compared with the June sales on merinos of 15 to 20% and coarse crossbreds of 10%. Boston wired that buyers showed more interest in the government offerings of wool at the Army Supply Base in South Boston this week than for a long time. The sale began on Oct. 6 in Ford Hall.

London cabled Oct. 6, that the dates for the wool sales on behalf of the British Australian Wool Realization Association have been changed, i. e., the Antwerp sale to Nov. 10, and the Liverpool sale to Nov. 17-18. On Oct. 6 at the continuation of the Antwerp auction of Colonial wool on behalf of the British Australian Wool Realization Association, 10,000 bales were offered. With a sharp demand, prices advanced 25 to 30% above the June levels, confirming the recent advances in London and Liverpool. In Boston on Oct. 6 the United States Government offered 5,500,000 lbs. of ordinary grades. Demand was eager. Most of the offerings were sold. Prices advanced 5 to 10%. The Alexander Smith Company bought over 517,000 lbs., Charles J. Webb of Philadelphia bought 436,000 lbs. of greasy and 162,000 lbs. of scoured, or a total of nearly 600,000 lbs. Winslow & Co. took over 402,000 lbs., including 167,000 lbs. of scoured wools. Among the other leading buyers were Brown & Howe, Francis Willey & Co., Kenneth Hutchins & Co., Goldberg Waste Co.; Swift Wool Co. of Boston; W. W. Wood and William Hepworth & Sons of Philadelphia. The Swift Co. bought pulled wools heavily, including wool which it formerly owned before the Government commandeered the wool of the country for the war. Pulled wools, low quarter blood types sold at 15 to 22c. clean according to condition. As to South American combing wools, the Arlington Mills paid 15c. for some good Argentine 4s, shrinking 35%, which sold in the September sale at 10 cents. The United States Bunting Company bought Punta Arnes 56s. at about 34 to 38 cents clean basis. The Swift Co. bought

some Bahia Blanca topmaking 58-60s at about 45 cents, clean basis. Punta skirted combing fleece 50s sold at 33 cents, clean basis. Swift paid 37 to 40 cents clean for carding half-blood second clip Bahia Blancas. Willey bought combing Argentine pinos of 44s-40s grade at 8½ and 9 cents or about 15 cents clean basis. The highest price of the sale was 58 cents for domestic No. 1 clear fine scoured.

COTTON

Friday Night, Oct. 7 1921.

THE MOVEMENT OF THE CROP, as indicated by our telegrams from the South to-night, is given below. For the week ending this evening the total receipts have reached 258,740 bales, against 205,490 bales last week and 163,787 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1921 1,291,140 bales, against 803,970 bales for the same period of 1920, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1921 of 487,170 bales.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	11,757	15,412	31,824	16,962	18,375	14,007	108,337
Texas City						536	536
Houston		18,773					18,773
Port Arthur, &c.						594	594
New Orleans	1,245	5,476	6,576	6,443	7,270	9,886	36,896
Mobile	352	659	1,031	796	1,735	823	5,396
Jacksonville						127	127
Savannah	5,457	12,119	11,123	7,794	5,324	6,050	47,867
Brunswick						3,185	3,185
Charleston	109	2,468	1,666	558	1,106	921	6,828
Wilmington	882	1,818	2,178	1,218	1,413	570	8,079
Norfolk	2,756	4,314	3,508	1,583	4,568	2,445	19,174
N'port News, &c.						46	46
New York			1,077				1,077
Boston		57		47			104
Baltimore	200					469	669
Philadelphia	49	97	185	111	180	430	1,052
Totals this week	22,807	61,193	59,168	35,512	39,971	40,089	258,740

The following shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1921 and stocks to-night, compared with the last year:

Receipts to October 7.	1921.		1920.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1921.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1920.	1921.	1920.
Galveston	108,337	612,569	106,342	444,649	384,118	244,792
Texas City	536	7,316	291	5,965	9,952	4,835
Houston	18,773	87,990	15,686	84,919		
Port Arthur, &c.	594	4,704	317	2,242		
New Orleans	36,896	200,652	21,794	102,126	424,279	214,797
Mobile	5,396	38,385	369	3,043	20,085	1,580
Jacksonville	127	838	92	392	1,663	1,616
Savannah	47,867	197,389	21,054	114,173	174,376	100,181
Brunswick	3,185	5,083		574	5,591	845
Charleston	6,828	23,245	1,675	8,006	201,489	226,372
Wilmington	8,079	30,483	2,931	4,709	32,293	31,736
Norfolk	19,174	59,531	2,060	14,249	92,658	22,736
N'port News, &c.	46	306	48	425		
New York	1,077	4,200	168	2,719	145,810	30,037
Boston	104	5,217	176	10,984	6,343	15,918
Baltimore	669	5,519	235	3,523	1,166	2,766
Philadelphia	1,052	7,713		1,272	8,500	4,584
Totals	258,740	1,291,140	173,236	803,970	1,508,323	902,795

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Galveston	108,337	106,342	41,054	53,056	76,662	131,842
Texas City, &c.	19,903	16,294	1,613	219	278	10,158
New Orleans	36,896	21,794	23,994	41,364	44,835	70,353
Mobile	5,396	369	1,626	8,089	2,233	3,183
Savannah	47,867	21,054	50,287	41,108	41,423	50,995
Brunswick	3,185	5,000	1,000	1,000	6,000	3,000
Charleston	6,828	1,675	11,358	7,888	17,271	10,235
Wilmington	8,079	2,931	5,384	6,000	6,108	5,600
Norfolk	19,074	2,060	10,410	9,882	4,636	30,430
N'port N., &c.	46	48	92	194	104	
All others	3,029	669	6,545	534	7,459	6,962
Total this wk.	258,740	173,236	157,363	169,334	207,029	322,759
Since Aug. 1	1,291,140	803,970	728,226	1,024,106	1,310,785	1,897,355

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 122,938 bales, of which 28,186 were to Great Britain, 13,907 to France and 80,845 to other destinations. Exports for the week and since Aug. 1 1921 are as follows:

Exports from—	Week ending Oct. 7 1921.				From Aug. 1 1921 to Oct. 7 1921.			
	Great Britain	France	Other.	Total.	Great Britain	France	Other.	Total.
Galveston	5,469	5,193	19,780	30,442	78,812	90,103	268,845	437,760
Houston		6,375	12,398	18,773		24,375	63,615	87,990
Texas City							142	5,142
New Orleans			22,606	22,606	26,044	23,865	104,016	153,928
Mobile	2,168	2,300	234	4,702	6,533	3,629	10,257	20,469
Savannah	16,449		16,353	32,802	19,364	9,712	112,282	141,353
Charleston					2,033	500	14,597	17,130
Wilmington			5,300	5,300		5,500	17,200	22,700
Norfolk	8,800		300	4,100	10,592	1,000	29,540	41,132
New York	200	39	165	404	2,409	539	7,422	10,370
Boston	100			100	125		3,821	3,946
Baltimore						50	100	150
Philadelphia			488	488	47		638	685
Los Angeles					928		11,621	12,549
San Fran.			2,500	2,500			11,230	11,230
San Diego							600	600
Seattle							16,341	16,341
Tacoma			721	721			8,404	8,404
Portl'd, Ore.							1,150	1,150
Total	28,186	13,907	80,845	122,938	146,937	159,276	686,821	923,034
Total 1920	16,557	9,470	48,209	74,236	193,513	102,087	238,255	531,855
Total 1919	29,877	13,873	5,373	49,123	394,716	58,989	354,639	808,344

In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named. We add similar figures for New York.

Oct. 7 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.	
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Cont't.	Coast-wise.		
Galveston	38,146	12,530	18,692	49,379	3,000	121,747	262,371
New Orleans	9,917	5,497	10,071	15,548	36	41,069	383,210
Savannah		8,400		2,000	1,000	11,400	162,976
Charleston					1,000	1,000	200,489
Mobile	4,670	100		2,650		7,420	12,665
Norfolk	1,000		2,000		500	3,500	89,158
New York *	600	300	600	700		2,200	143,610
Other ports *	5,000		3,000			8,000	57,508
Total 1921	59,333	26,827	34,363	70,277	5,536	196,336	1,311,987
Total 1920	40,301	14,248	21,779	27,555	7,599	111,482	791,313
Total 1919	52,402	10,315	800	53,144	6,283	122,944	804,288

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery, though at higher prices at times, has in the main been at prices drifting downward under the weight of liquidation and Southern hedge selling. Moreover, there are some who believe that the crop is being under-estimated. The Government report of the 3rd instant was much better than was expected. It put the condition at 40 or below, as so many had looked for, but at 42.2%. And the crop was estimated not at 6,000,000 bales or thereabouts, but at 6,537,000 bales, though to be sure last year it was 13,439,603 bales, according to the Government ginning figures. And the ginning was much larger than many had expected. The report was issued on the same day as the crop statement. It put the total ginned up to Sept. 25 at 2,907,950 bales, against 2,249,606 in the same time last year and 1,835,214 two years ago. In other words, the ginning looked large. Some contended that it presages a larger crop than the Government estimate. As a rule, it is well known, the Government under-estimates the crop. The crop report, however, was on the whole the thing that counted most on the 3rd instant. It was the signal for heavy selling for American and European account, and prices broke 75 to 195 points, of which 140 points in three minutes. The fluctuations were extremely violent, both upward and downward, the range in a single day covering nearly 400 points. The report and the action of the market was a shock to the long interest at home and abroad, from which it has not yet recovered. Of late the weather at the South has been very good for picking, ginning and marketing the crop, and the quantity brought into sight is noticeably larger than at this time for several years past.

At the same time the stock market has been more or less weak and irregular, and some of the commodity markets, such as grain, provisions and cottonseed oil have declined to new low levels for this season, something which has not been entirely ignored by traders in cotton, especially those at the West. And latterly Liverpool has shown depression, declining as much as 120 to 160 American points in a single day. The spot sales there, although still on a quite liberal scale, have fallen off from the high totals of recent weeks. To-day they were down to 10,000 bales. The Bank of England rate of discount has not been reduced. Foreign exchange has continued to be more or less depressed. Liverpool sold heavily here to-day. And at times there have been disturbing rumors about the payment of German reparations. It was intimated that the great depression in German finances might cause some postponement. All this was denied later, but for the time being it had more or less effect. And moreover, cotton goods of late have been less active at some decline in prices. Fall River's sales of print cloths for the week were estimated at 150,000 pieces, against 200,000 last week. Both print cloths and sheetings have declined here within a day or two. And one of the stock arguments of the bears is that the consumer will not buy goods manufactured on the basis of 20 cents for raw cotton. Unemployment continues to be widespread. People are in no mood, it is believed to pay anything like war prices. They are sick of all that; they had thought that it had been left behind. With taxes high, and the cost of living very dear, many people considered it very certain that an advance to 20-cent cotton, to say nothing of anything above that level, would have a very prejudicial effect on the consumption, both at home and abroad. Europe, moreover, still continues poor. Exchange rates, of course, are very low. England faces a serious problem in the matter of unemployment, to no further. Speculation here is not large; it is a much narrower market in this respect than it was before the war.

On the other hand, however, there are many who reason that an advance in prices is inevitable after the first rush of receipts is over, with the crop less than half what it was a year ago, or in recent years, and they believe that nothing can prevent a material increase in the consumption of cotton, which makes the cheapest clothing known. The South has marketed considerable of its crop already, and the big carry-over from last year was financed months ago. The pecuniary situation of the South is better than it has been for a long period. The farmer and the dealer have paid off debts to the banks and the merchants. They are more independent. When the price falls the farmer and the dealer withdraw from the market. Also there is said to be a scarcity of good staples and of the higher grades. The contract, needless to say, on the American Exchanges calls for high grades of cotton. If such qualities are scarce, it must of necessity affect the price of contracts. Believers in an advance say that it is futile to blink the fact that the condition of 42.2% on Sept. 25 is the worst ever known at that time of the year. It must be compared with 49.3 on

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:

	1921		1920	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Shipped—				
Via St. Louis	13,734	144,055	3,694	36,346
Via Mounds, &c	8,877	41,569	3,585	23,833
Via Rock Island		1,310		1,258
Via Louisville	1,674	11,940	348	4,627
Via Virginia points	5,824	34,609	721	8,806
Via other routes, &c	6,132	62,060	4,287	27,649
Total gross overland	36,241	295,543	12,635	102,519
Deduct shipments—				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c	2,902	22,649	577	18,498
Between interior towns	381	4,152	78	2,134
Inland, &c., from South	9,736	50,270	2,049	22,776
Total to be deducted	13,019	77,071	2,704	43,408
Leaving total net overland*	23,222	218,472	9,931	59,111

* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 23,222 bales, against 9,931 bales for the week last year, and that the season to date the aggregated net overland exhibits an increase over a year ago of 159,361 bales.

	1921		1920	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
In Sight and Spinners' Takings.				
Receipts at ports to Oct. 7	258,740	1,291,140	173,236	803,970
Net overland to Oct. 7	23,222	218,472	9,931	59,111
Southern consumption to Oct. 7	67,000	661,000	68,000	697,000
Total marketed	348,962	2,170,612	251,167	1,560,081
Interior stocks in excess	77,394	108,097	62,540	122,754
Came into sight during week	426,356		313,707	
Total in sight Oct. 7		2,278,709		1,682,835
Nor. spinners' takings to Oct. 7	48,647	345,308	22,093	228,414

a These figures are consumption; takings not available.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Week—	Bales.	Since Aug. 1—	Bales.
1919—Oct. 10	337,553	1919—Oct. 10	1,602,497
1918—Oct. 11	369,864	1918—Oct. 11	2,296,552
1917—Oct. 12	436,619	1917—Oct. 12	2,619,073

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph from the South this evening indicate that the weather during the week has favored the gathering of the crop, and in consequence picking has made good progress and is finished in a number of sections. Texas reports further deterioration.

TEXAS.—General.—Cotton deteriorated on account of weevil and worms. Practically no top crop indicated. Condition generally very poor.

Galveston, Tex.	Rain.		Thermometer	
	Days	In.	High	Low
Galveston, Tex.	2	2.14	high 86	low 68
Abilene		dry	high 92	low 52
Brownsville	2	0.14	high 98	low 62
Corpus Christi	1	0.33	high 90	low 70
Dallas	1	0.98	high 92	low 56
Del Rio	1	0.06		low 60
Palestine		dry	high 88	low 54
San Antonio	2	0.76	high 90	low 60
Taylor		dry		low 58
New Orleans	2	0.21		
Mobile, Ala.				
Selma	2	0.26	high 89	low 51
Savannah, Ga.	2	0.45	high 89	low 42
Charleston, S. C.	3	0.37	high 87	low 49
Charlotte, N. C.	3	0.59	high 89	low 49
Charlotte, N. C.	3	0.70	high 83	low 42

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:

	Oct. 7 1921.		Oct. 8 1920.	
	Feet.	Feet.	Feet.	Feet.
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge.	6.3		5.2
Memphis	Above zero of gauge.	16.5		7.6
Nashville	Above zero of gauge.	10.0		7.9
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge.	5.7		6.7
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge.	19.9		11.7

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations of middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Week ending October 7.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wed. day.	Thursd'y.	Friday.
Galveston	21.75	21.75	21.25	20.50	21.25	20.75
New Orleans	20.50	20.50	20.25	19.25	19.50	19.50
Mobile	19.75	19.75	19.50	18.75	19.25	18.75
Savannah	20.75	20.75	20.75	20.75	20.75	20.00
Norfolk	20.25	20.38	19.88	19.00	19.88	19.38
Baltimore	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.50	20.00	20.50
Philadelphia	21.35	21.60	21.00	20.35	21.05	20.60
Augusta	20.25	20.50	20.00	19.25	19.88	19.50
Memphis	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.25	20.50	20.50
Houston	21.25	21.50	21.00	20.15	21.00	21.40
Little Rock	20.75	21.00	20.50	20.00	20.50	20.25
Dallas	20.60	20.90	20.35	19.60	20.40	19.85
Fort Worth		20.85	20.35	19.60	20.45	19.90

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton markets for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Oct. 1.	Monday, Oct. 3.	Tuesday, Oct. 4.	Wed. day, Oct. 5.	Thursd'y, Oct. 6.	Friday, Oct. 7.
October	20.05-08	20.30	19.81	18.99	19.75	19.10
December	20.26-32	20.49-54	20.00-05	19.18-23	19.98-00	19.43-49
January	20.03-10	20.28-35	19.72-77	18.99-02	19.75-80	19.19-21
March	19.59-61	20.07	19.55-60	18.70-75	19.50-55	18.97-98
May	19.15-17	19.53-61	19.05-14	18.28-38	18.97-03	1-47-52
July	18.70-75	19.02-12	18.72-75	17.90	18.50-55	18.07-19
Tone						
Spot	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady
Options	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Very st'y	Steady

THE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT'S SEPTEMBER REPORT.—The following statement, showing the condition of cotton on Sept. 25, was issued by the Department of Agriculture on Oct. 3:

The Crop Reporting Board of the Bureau of Crop Estimates of the United States Department of Agriculture estimates from the reports of the correspondents and agents of the Bureau the condition of the cotton crop on Sept. 25 last, at 42.2% of normal, as compared with 49.3% on Aug. 25 1921, 59.1 on Sept. 25 1920, 54.4 on Sept. 25 1919, and 62.4 the average on Sept. 25 of the past ten years.

A condition of 42.2% on Sept. 25 forecasts a yield per acre of about 118.0 lbs. and a total production of about 6,537,000 bales of 500 lbs. gross. Last year the production was 13,439,603 bales, two years ago 11,420,763 bales, three years ago 12,040,532 bales, four years ago 11,302,375 bales, and five years ago 11,449,930 bales.

The final outturn will probably be larger or smaller than the above amount according as conditions hereafter are better or worse than average conditions.

State—	Comparisons of conditions by States follow:			
	Sept. 25 1921.	Aug. 25 1921.	Sept. 25 1920.	10-Year Average.
Virginia	53	63	72	77
North Carolina	54	62	68	69
South Carolina	40	50	62	66
Georgia	33	41	51	64
Florida	50	59	50	60
Alabama	46	53	49	59
Mississippi	48	57	50	59
Louisiana	41	45	47	58
Texas	38	42	61	61
Arkansas	53	63	65	64
Tennessee	62	74	66	68
Missouri	70	78	75	72
Oklahoma	38	48	70	61
California	73	83	90	92
Arizona	61	85	90	—
Other	83	85	90	—
United States	42.2	49.3	59.1	62.4

Following is the indicated production as of Sept. 25 last, compared with the amount ginned (Census) 1920 crop, figures in bales:

State—	Sept. 25 Forecast 1921.	Ginned 1920 Crop (Census).	Sept. 25 Forecast 1921.	Ginned 1920 Crop (Census).
	Virginia	10,000	21,333	Arkansas
North Carolina	489,000	924,761	Tennessee	217,000
South Carolina	644,000	1,623,076	Missouri	48,000
Georgia	720,000	1,415,129	Oklahoma	405,000
Florida	16,000	18,114	*California	68,000
Alabama	468,000	662,699	Arizona	45,000
Mississippi	646,000	895,312	Other	7,000
Louisiana	245,000	387,663		
Texas	1,863,000	4,345,282	United States	6,537,000

* Lower California (about 31,000 bales) included in California figures but excluded from United States total.

CENSUS BUREAU REPORT ON COTTON GINNING TO SEPT. 25.—The Census Bureau issued on Oct. 3, its report on the amount of cotton ginned up to Sept. 25 from the growth of 1921 as follows, round bales counted as half bales, and excluding linters, comparison being made with the returns for the like period of 1920 and 1919:

	1921.	1920.	1919.
Alabama	229,927	84,031	138,701
Arizona	2,970	5,622	3,588
Arkansas	152,052	57,240	63,550
California	1,182	6,808	5,345
Florida	3,567	3,280	5,154
Georgia	391,756	279,820	539,796
Louisiana	100,851	86,887	52,032
Mississippi	251,001	96,193	121,125
Missouri	14,376	239	1,820
North Carolina	141,757	31,691	80,782
Oklahoma	139,405	66,522	82,653
South Carolina	215,290	171,451	332,971
Tennessee	42,130	820	7,134
Texas	1,220,281	1,359,002	401,998
Virginia	1,051	—	155
All others	354	—	110
United States	2,907,950	2,249,606	1,835,214

The number of round bales included this year is 63,319 bales, against 75,026 bales in 1920 and 19,561 bales in 1919.

The number of American Egyptian bales included is 2,376 compared with 3,365 bales in 1920 and 2,166 bales in 1919.

The number of Sea Island bales included is 229 bales, against 37 bales in 1920 and 698 bales in 1919.

The corrected statistics of the quantity of cotton ginned this season prior to Sept. 1 are 486,056 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.

Cotton Takings. Week and Season.	1921.		1920.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Sept. 30	5,804,690		4,548,568	
Visible supply Aug. 1		6,111,250		4,956,257
American in sight to Oct. 7	426,356	2,278,709	313,707	1,682,835
Bombay receipts to Oct. 6	618,000	258,000	12,000	178,000
Other India shipm'ts to Oct. 6	62,000	28,000	2,000	67,000
Alexandria receipts to Oct. 5	610,000	60,000	20,000	45,000
Other supply to Oct. 5*	64,000	49,000	3,000	28,000
Total supply	6,265,046	8,784,959	4,899,275	6,957,092
Deduct—				
Visible supply Oct. 7	5,978,916	5,978,916	4,664,311	4,664,311
Total takings to Oct. 7 a	286,130	2,806,043	234,964	2,292,781
Of which American	240,130	2,231,043	180,964	1,771,781
Of which other	46,000	575,000	54,000	521,000

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces the estimated consumption by Southern mills, 661,000 bales in 1921 and 697,000 bales in 1920—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 2,145,043 bales in 1921 and 1,595,781 bales in 1920, of which 1,570,043 bales and 1,074,781 bales American. b Estimated.

BOMBAY COTTON MOVEMENT.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay for the week ending Sept. 15 and for the season from Aug. 1 for three years have been as follows:

September 15. Receipts at—	1921.		1920.		1919.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay	28,000	179,000	15,000	132,000	13,000	203,000

Exports from—	For the Week.				Since August 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1921—	13,000	21,000	34,000	70,000	70,000	182,000	252,000	
1920—	10,000	2,000	12,000	7,000	91,000	32,000	130,000	
1919—	1,000	1,000	14,000	9,000	24,000	204,000	237,000	
Other India—								
1921—	2,000	—	—	1,000	20,000	—	21,000	
1920—	2,000	—	—	5,000	40,000	3,000	48,000	
1919—	1,000	3,000	5,000	3,000	10,000	18,000	31,000	
Total all—								
1921—	13,000	21,000	34,000	1,000	9,000	182,000	273,000	
1920—	12,000	2,000	14,000	12,000	131,000	35,000	178,000	
1919—	2,000	4,000	19,000	12,000	34,000	222,000	268,000	

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS OF COTTON.—The following are the receipts and shipments for the week ending Sept. 14 and for the corresponding week of the two previous years:

Alexandria, Egypt, September 14—	1920-21.	1919-20.	1918-19.
Receipts (cantars)—			
This week	59,671	32,000	35,266
Since Aug. 1	271,108	63,319	104,934
Exports (bales)—			
To Liverpool	3,500	500	56,830
To Manchester, &c	12,432	1,607	15,500
To Continent and India	2,082	800	3,150
To America	2,555	1,194	21,601
Total exports	2,082 35,478	1,300 8,411	24,800 107,081

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Sept. 14 were 59,671 cantars and the foreign shipments 2,082 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market is quiet for both yarns and cloths in consequence of American news. We give prices for to-day and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

	1921.				1920.			
	32s Cop Twist.	8½ lbs. Shrtngs, Common to Finest.	Col'n Mid. Upl's	32s Cop Twist.	8½ lbs. Shrtngs, Common to Finest.	Col'n Mid. Upl's	32s Cop Twist.	8½ lbs. Shrtngs, Common to Finest.
Aug. 12	16½ @ 18½	15 6 @ 17 0	8.54 @ 10.00	16½ @ 18½	15 6 @ 17 0	8.54 @ 10.00	16½ @ 18½	15 6 @ 17 0
19	16½ @ 18½	15 6 @ 17 0	8.47 @ 10.00	16½ @ 18½	15 6 @ 17 0	8.47 @ 10.00	16½ @ 18½	15 6 @ 17 0
26	16½ @ 18½	15 3 @ 16 6	9.61 @ 10.00	16½ @ 18½	15 3 @ 16 6	9.61 @ 10.00	16½ @ 18½	15 3 @ 16 6
Sept. 2	17½ @ 19½	15 10c @ 17 0	11.20 @ 12.00	17½ @ 19½	15 10c @ 17 0	11.20 @ 12.00	17½ @ 19½	15 10c @ 17 0
9	21 @ 24	17 7½ @ 18 9	12.56 @ 13.00	21 @ 24	17 7½ @ 18 9	12.56 @ 13.00	21 @ 24	17 7½ @ 18 9
16	21 @ 24	17 7½ @ 18 9	13.33 @ 14.00	21 @ 24	17 7½ @ 18 9	13.33 @ 14.00	21 @ 24	17 7½ @ 18 9
23	21 @ 25½	18 0 @ 19 6	14.80 @ 15.00	21 @ 25½	18 0 @ 19 6	14.80 @ 15.00	21 @ 25½	18 0 @ 19 6
30	23 @ 26	18 3 @ 19 6	14.72 @ 15.00	23 @ 26	18 3 @ 19 6	14.72 @ 15.00	23 @ 26	18 3 @ 19 6
Oct. 7	23 @ 26	18 9 @ 19 9	14.21 @ 15.00	23 @ 26	18 9 @ 19 9	14.21 @ 15.00	23 @ 26	18 9 @ 19 9

SHIPPING NEWS.—Shipments in detail:

NEW YORK—To Liverpool—Sept. 30—Cedric, 200	200
To Havre—Sept. 30—Rochambeau, 39	39
To Pnaeus—Oct. 5—Ossa, 165	165
GALVESTON—To Liverpool—Sept. 30—Monarch, 5,469	5,469
To Antwerp—Sept. 30—Monarch, 5,193	5,193
To Antwerp—Sept. 30—Hornby Castle, 1,900	1,900
To Ghent—Sept. 30—Hornby Castle, 4,880	4,880
To Barcelona—Oct. 1—Mar Rojo, 5,925	5,925
To Venice—Oct. 1—Gerty, 6,975	6,975
To Trieste—Oct. 1—Gerty, 100	100
HOUSTON—To Havre—Sept. 30—City of Lordsburg, 6,375	6,375
To Bremen—Sept. 30—Oklahoma City, 9,538	9,538
To Hamburg—Sept. 30—Oklahoma City, 957	957
To Ghent—Sept. 30—City of Lordsburg, 1,903	1,903
NEW ORLEANS—To Bremen—Sept. 30—Mexico, 8,534; Oct. 3—Glentworth, 4,649	13,183
To Hamburg—Sept. 30—Mexico, 300; Oct. 3—Glentworth, 100	400
To Rotterdam—Sept. 30—Martensdijk, 484	484
To Antwerp—Oct. 3—Beuersplein, 200	200
To Copenhagen—Oct. 1—Bullaren, 100	100
To Lisbon—Sept. 30—Wilcox, 200	200
To Genoa—Sept. 30—Fagernes, 700; Mont Pelvoux, 1,980	2,680
To Naples—Sept. 30—Mont Pelvoux, 750	750
To Japan—Sept. 30—Kazembe, 1,775	1,775
To China—Sept. 30—Kazembe, 3,136	3,136
MOBILE—To Liverpool—Oct. 5—Asian, 2,168	2,168
To Havre—Sept. 30—Bayou Chico, 2,300	2,300
To Antwerp—Sept. 30—Bayou Chico, 234	234
SAVANNAH—To Liverpool—Oct. 3—West Harshaw, 3,648; Oct. 4—Kastalia, 12,401	16,049
To Manchester—Oct. 3—West Harshaw, 400	400
To Bremen—Oct. 1—Orla, 3,646; Oct. 6—Willcasino, 2,847	6,493
To Hamburg—Oct. 1—Orla, 460	460
To Japan—Oct. 3—Yuri Maru, 9,400	9,400
WILMINGTON—To Barcelona—Oct. 4—Flume, 1,000	1,000
To Venice—Oct. 4—Flume, 4,300	4,300
NORFOLK—To Liverpool—Oct. 4—Westlake, 3,800	3,800
To Rotterdam—Oct. 4—Soestdijk, 300	300
BOSTON—To Liverpool—Sept. 20—Assyria, 100	100
PHILADELPHIA—To Rotterdam—Sept. 23—Soestdijk, 200	200
To Antwerp—Sept. 22—City of Flint, 288	288
SAN FRANCISCO—To Japan—Oct. 1—Empire State, 1,250; Oct. 5—Siberia Maru, 600	1,850
To China—Oct. 1—Empire State, 650	650
TACOMA—To Japan—Sept. 28—Manila Maru, 721	721
Total	122,938

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Borrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

	High Density.	Stand. ard.	High Density.	Stand. ard.	High Density.	Stand. ard.
Liverpool	.375c	.475c	.475c	.612c	.50c	.65c
Manchester	.375c	.475c	.75c	1.00c	.50c	.70c
Antwerp	.25c	.45c	.75c	1.00c	.47c	.62½c
Ghent	.25c	.45c	.65c	.81c	.30c	.45c
Havre	.25c	.45c	.65c	.81c	.30c	.45c
Rotterdam	.25c	.45c	.65c	.81c	.30c	.45c
Genoa	.50c	.65c	.50c	.65c	.60c	.75c
Christiania	.47c	.62½c	.50c	.65c	.60c	.75c

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Sept. 16.	Sept. 23.	Sept. 30.	Oct. 7.
Sales of the week	83,000	81,000	84,000	59,000
Of which American	47,000	41,000	39,000	31,000
Actual export	6,000	7,000	7,000	9,000
Forwarded	54,000	55,000	52,000	61,000
Total stock	954,000	914,000	902,000	864,000
Of which American	530,000	540,000	510,000	491,000
Total imports	37,000	14,000	49,000	29,000
Of which American	32,000	1,000	24,000	21,000
Amount afloat	110,000	107,000	32,000	—
Of which American	49,000	45,000	37,000	—

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12.15 P. M.		Large business doing.	Good demand.	Easier.	Quieter.	Quieter.
Mid. Upl's		15.03	15.06	14.49	13.62	14.21
Sales	HOLIDAY	18,000	16,000	12,000	14,000	10,000
Futures Market opened		Irregular 16@31 pts. advance.	Steady 32@33 pts. advance.	Steady 27@31 pts. decline.	Easy 31@49 pts. decline.	Irregular 41@52 pts. advance.
Market, 4 P. M.		Bar. steady 12@17 pts. decline.	Quiet 35@53 pts. decline.	Bar. steady 59@81 pts. decline.	Steady 11@26 pts. decline.	Barely st'y. 2pts. dec. to decline. 16 pts. adv.

The prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Oct. 1 to Oct. 7.	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12½ p. m.	12½ p. m.	12½ p. m.	4 p. m.	12½ p. m.	4 p. m.	12½ p. m.	4 p. m.	12½ p. m.	4 p. m.	12½ p. m.	4 p. m.
October	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
November	14.83	14.53	14.86	14.89	14.39	14.08	13.52	13.82	14.11	13.96	14.58	14.27
December	14.43	14.12	14.45	14.47	13.97	13.67	13.15	13.43	13.74	13.59	14.24	13.94
January	14.04	13.73	14.07	14.11	13.67	13.40	12.91	13.18	13.49	13.30	14.04	13.73
February	13.84	13.53	13.87	13.93	13.51	13.26	12.79	13.04	13.35	13.14	13.64	13.32
March	13.44	13.13	13.51	13.57	13.13	12.87	12.44	12.74	13.05	12.87	13.44	13.13
April	13.25	12.94	13.36	13.43	13.11	12.85	12.44	12.72	13.03	12.87	13.44	13.13
May	13.09	12.78	13.19	13.31	12.98	12.71	12.32	12.60	12.85	12.61	13.25	12.94
June	12.79	12.48	12.89	13.00	12.70	12.44	12.05	12.30	12.55	12.31	13.09	12.78
July	12.54	12.23	12.63	12.69	12.35	12.11	11.72	12.00	12.21	11.98	12.79	12.48
August												
September												

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Oct. 7 1921.

Flour has remained for the most part quiet. Fluctuations in wheat are erratic, sharp and frequent, and the flour buyer hardly knows what to think. In the last few weeks the general tendency of wheat has been downward. This of itself tends to make the buyer timid. He is naturally afraid of loading up on a falling market. Under the circumstances, he is buying on a very moderate scale, or even less than that; he is buying just as little as possible. And from present appearances it does not look as though he will change this very conservative attitude until something develops to give him strong reasons for believing that wheat prices have become stabilized, and he can go ahead without incurring uncommercial risks. At one time, it is true, the tone was a little better. Minneapolis reported prices firm with the cash demand for wheat larger; also flour sales better. It is stated, too, that mills of this country are running now at about 60% of capacity as against 48% a year ago; that the spring wheat mills are working at 70% as against 53% at this time last year. But this means that production is so much the greater while at the same time domestic business for the most part is small, and the export trade is light. On Oct. 4, to be sure, the clearances were 40,500 sacks, including 13,500 to London, 7,300 to Hamburg, 7,000 to Rio de Janeiro and 5,677 to Copenhagen. But this meant old business. New trading for foreign account is admittedly small. Canada is underselling American mills on hard clears. But Canada, too, finds the foreign market smaller. In a word, while clearances are good new transactions, as already intimated, are small.

Wheat has been declining sharply in a dull market, with increasing supplies. The visible supply in the United States increased last week, 1,636,000 bushels against 1,021,000 in the same week last year. This brings the total up to 52,795,000 bushels, against 27,564,000 a year ago. It is true there was at times a stronger market; on the 3d inst., for example, when prices ran up some 4 cents for a time, on rumors of export business. It was said to have reached 1,000,000 bushels, but later estimates cut this down to 500,000 bushels. Some 750,000 bushels, it appears, were sold for export last Saturday. But later on the foreign demand fell off. Hedge selling increased. In a nut-shell the situation has resolved itself into a case of big receipts, big supplies and deficient demand. The marketing of wheat at the Northwest is very large. And it tells on the price. Minneapolis on the 5th inst. fell 4 cents. On the same day Winnipeg broke 5 cents. So did Chicago. Outside speculative support has been absent. When there has been an export trade it has been mainly in Manitoba and Argentina wheat. Galveston complains of a congestion of supplies; they back up into the terminal markets. Hedging sales have been a depressing factor. Wall Street has been selling. Stocks at times have declined. Disquieting rumors about the German reparation payments have been afloat. It was said that Germany would ask for a deferment. Germany's financial situation, it was insisted, is bad. And so on.

Small wonder, perhaps, that prices have been drifting downward. Argentine crop news, moreover, has been favorable, and prices for that description have also been declining. On the 5th inst. they fell 2½ to 3½ cents. Cash markets in this country have been generally quiet and weak. Kansas City wired on the 5th inst. that fully 300 cars of wheat were carried over unsold on the 4th inst. and 232 cars on the 5th inst. The visible supply of American and European wheat increased for the week 2,032,000 bushels.

Calgary, Alberta, wired: "Our movement not abnormal at present season. We are still confident that the crop will not exceed last year's, i.e., about 220,000,000 bushels of wheat." Farmers have been selling freely, but owing to the decline are now disposed to hold. 50% or more of Alberta crop is marketed and the balance will come slowly; yields are very disappointing. The "Modern Miller" says that "favorable soil conditions have led to so increases in acreage of winter wheat. Rapid progress was made in seeding operations this week, although work was checked by wet soil in a few sections of the soft winter wheat States. Early sown wheat is up to good stand but comprises only a small percentage of the total area. Many points in soft wheat States have shipped their marketable surplus and few have any great quantity remaining. Supplies are also comparatively low in the West and Southwest as growers were permitted by the weather to market spring wheat more freely but urgent selling is almost completed." "but and Call" trading on the Chicago Board of Trade and on all the leading grain exchanges in the U. S. came to an end on Sept. 30. To-day prices declined with continued large Northwestern receipts. The ending is 11 to 12c. lower for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red	cts.	128½	130½	115	123	122½	120½
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

December delivery	cts.	117½	118½	115½	111½	113½	109½
May delivery	cts.	122½	123½	119½	116½	118	113½

Indian corn has declined somewhat but on the whole has shown far more steadiness than wheat. This was partly due to the fact that there have been increasing reports of damage to the crop by mould and ear worms. This has tended to keep the shorts in order. At the same time the fluctuations have been very narrow. It is true that the movement of the crop has been large, and the export demand small. But the consensus of opinion is that the crop has really suffered some damage and though the receipts are large at the West favored by good weather there is no sign of aggressiveness on the short side. Crop statisticians state that most of the crop is beyond frost damage, but there have been heavy losses from worms, rot and mould. Recently there has been considerable rain in the Ohio Valley, accompanied by poor husking returns. Also the visible supply last week, moreover, showed a decrease of 1,231,000 bushels, against an increase in the same week last year of 2,482,000 bushels, making a difference of 3,800,000 bushels, showing that considerable corn is going into consumption as an offset to the big receipts. The visible supply now stands at 11,265,000 bushels, against 7,587,000 bushels a year ago. So that there is no scarcity of corn and of course there is not likely to be. Also the corn market is more or less affected by the depression in wheat. Still, as already intimated, the short side is being handled gingerly for the time being. To-day prices again declined, partly on selling by cash houses, which offset continued reports of crop damage. Prices end only 1 cent lower for the week, however.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 yellow	cts.	66½	67	66	65	66	64½
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

December delivery	cts.	49½	49½	49½	48½	49½	48½
May delivery	cts.	54½	54½	54½	54½	55	54½

Oats have declined partly in sympathy with the fall in prices for wheat. The offerings, too, at times have been rather large. Liquidation has been on a liberal scale. At the same time cash business has been small. Outside speculative interest in oats is lacking. The visible supply increased last week in this country 762,000 bushels. It is true that that is less than a third of the increase during the corresponding period last year, when it was 2,402,000 bushels. But the vital point is that the total is now 65,843,000 bushels, against 27,602,000 bushels a year ago. And certainly this is a formidable supply to confront a dull market. Of late, it is true, the receipts have been rather small. But, on the other hand, as already intimated, the demand has been small. And there is the overshadowing influence of the depression in wheat. To-day prices were again lower in sympathy with the decline in other grain, and also because of renewed liquidation. The ending as 2 to 3 cents lower for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 white	cts.	47½	48	47½	47	47	46
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

December delivery	cts.	36	36½	35½	35½	35½	33½
May delivery	cts.	40½	40½	40½	39½	39½	38½

Rye has declined in sympathy with other grain, especially as trade has been small. Besides, the Northwest has been liquidating. The lack of export demand has also been more or less severely felt. At times it is true, prices have

rallied on covering of shorts and because of temporary upturns in other grain. Also receipts have been moderate. But, take it for all and all, there has been a tendency to liquidate and a very noticeable drift of prices downward. On the 5th instant, for example, they fell 5 cents per bushel, under Northwestern selling. The visible supply last week decreased 295,000 bushels, against an increase in the same week last year of 518,000 bushels. But the total is still 5,131,000 bushels against 4,407,000 bushels a year ago. To-day prices again fell in company with other grain. December ends 13½ cents lower than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

December delivery	cts.	96½	97½	94	89	89½	86½
May delivery	cts.	101	103	98½	93½	93	91

The following are closing quotations:

GRAIN.

Wheat—			
No. 2 red	\$1 20½		
No. 1 spring	Nominal		
Corn—			
No. 2 yellow	\$0.64½		
Rye—			
No. 2	0 91		
Oats—			
No. 2 white	46		
No. 3 white	43½		
Barley—			
Feeding	59@63		
Malting	66@70		

FLOUR.

Spring patents	\$7 50@	\$8 00	
Winter straights, soft	6 00@	6 25	
Hard winter straights	6 85@	7 25	
Clear	5 75@	6 25	
Rye flour	6 25@	6 75	
Corn goods, 100 lbs.			
Yellow meal	1 75@	1 90	
Corn flour	Nominal		
Barley goods—Portage barley			
No. 1	\$6 50		
Nos. 2, 3 and 4 pearl	6 50		
Nos. 2-0 and 3-0	6 50@		
Nos. 4-0 and 5-0	6 75		
Oats goods—Carload			
spot delivery	6 06@	6 15	

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR WEEK ENDING OCT. 4.—The influences of weather on the crops as summarized in the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture for the week ending Oct. 4 were as follows:

COTTON.—Under influence of persistent warm weather in the Southern States cotton bolls continued to open very rapidly, and picking and ginning made generally good progress, although there were some interruptions by rain in some localities in some parts of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and western Florida, according to a report issued by the Weather Bureau to-day. The bolls are mostly opened to the northern limits of the belt, and picking is well advanced even in the more northern districts. The recent rains have been beneficial in checking deterioration in North Carolina, but weevil and worms continue very active and damaging generally especially so in Texas and Oklahoma. There will be little or no top crop in any portions of the belt; cotton was badly damaged in the Yuma section of Arizona by the unusual heavy rainfall.

WHEAT, &c.—The generally fair weather in the northern great plains, the central and northern Rocky Mountains and north Pacific Coast States was very favorable for late threshing in those districts. Less rain and more sunshine were also favorable for seeding winter grains in the lower Missouri Valley, although the soil continued too wet in portions of Missouri. The weather and soil conditions were very favorable for seeding wheat in the great plains States, where rapid progress was reported. Soil conditions were greatly improved in the South Atlantic States by showers the latter part of the week.

CORN.—The weather was more favorable for the drying of corn in the lower Missouri and Central Mississippi valleys, although more sunshine is needed in Ohio Valley districts. Corn matured rapidly in the South, and harvest made very satisfactory progress in nearly all sections. Cribbing was general in Iowa, although the ears are somewhat too moist. Very little damage to corn resulted from frost in Central and Northwestern States, as the crop was mostly mature.

Showers broke the drouth in the Gulf and Atlantic Coast States, although more rain is needed in some areas. Frost occurred during the week from the Western regions and the central Mississippi Valley westward; white frost was reported as far south as Oklahoma, while it was heavy or killing in the central and upper Missouri Valley.

Some damage to tender vegetation was reported in central Rocky Mountain States, but the crops were so far advanced in more eastern districts that little or no injury resulted.

The weather was unusually favorable for maturing and drying fruits in the Pacific States. Satisfactory progress made in farm work except in a few east-central areas where showers were frequent.

The statement of the movement of breadstuffs to market indicated below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	bbls. 196lbs.	bush. 60 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.	bush. 32 lbs.	bush. 48lbs.	bush. 56lbs.
Chicago	259,000	488,000	5,622,000	1,199,000	107,000	60,000
Minneapolis	2,788,000	327,000	1,146,000	110,000	150,000	
Duluth	2,088,000	291,000	59,000	400,000	670,000	
Milwaukee	39,000	140,000	830,000	500,000	192,000	33,000
Toledo	59,000	74,000	71,000			
Detroit	18,000	29,000	58,000			
St. Louis	140,000	1,146,000	517,000	558,000	24,000	24,000
Peoria	65,000	57,000	337,000	267,000	7,000	
Kansas City	2,288,000	106,000	238,000			
Omaha	743,000	487,000	278,000			
Indianapolis	57,000	260,000	236,000			
Total wk. '21	503,000	9,872,000	8,920,000	4,610,000	840,000	937,000
Same wk. '20	289,000	11,949,000	4,663,000	4,680,000	1,372,000	1,435,000
Same wk. '19	523,000	13,741,000	2,270,000	4,363,000	1,014,000	900,000
Since Aug. 1—						
1921	4,437,000	129,064,000	68,285,000	61,124,000	7,070,000	5,093,000
1920	2,344,000	83,145,000	29,813,000	56,801,000	8,840,000	8,205,000
1919	4,267,000	166,524,000	25,959,000	59,612,000	19,775,000	8,607,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Oct. 1 1921 follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	367,000	2,564,000	175,000	314,000	192,000	6,000
Philadelphia	55,000	1,078,000	31,000	27,000		9,000
Baltimore	54,000	424,000	239,000	5,000	68,000	169,000
Norfolk	12,000					
New Orleans*	90,000	1,260,000	90,000	50,000		
Galveston		1,720,000				
Montreal	69,000	3,359,000	2,894,000	507,000	255,000	417,000
Boston	24,000	80,000		31,000		1,000
Total wk. '21	671,000	10,485,000	3,429,000	934,000	515,000	602,000
Since Jan. 1 '21	19,128,000	206,600,000	74,267,000	37,686,000	13,567,000	19,420,000
Week 1920	446,000	8,798,000	301,000	580,000	117,000	480,000
Since Jan. 1 '20	18,350,000	174,283,000	15,457,000	20,840,000	7,443,000	40,442,000

*Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Oct. 1 are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	Peas.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	1,296,565	60,077	130,159	—	8,571	106,962	—
Boston	80,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Philadelphia	1,164,000	—	28,000	—	—	—	—
Baltimore	432,000	56,000	20,000	—	75,000	108,000	—
New Orleans	216,000	188,000	93,000	5,000	—	—	—
Galveston	1,104,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Montreal	1,339,000	2,795,000	31,000	132,000	798,000	132,000	—
Total week	5,631,565	3,099,077	314,159	137,000	841,571	346,962	—
Week 1920	7,934,160	68,000	158,848	99,000	573,556	373,000	2,100

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1921 is as below:

Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—	Flour.		Wheat.		Corn.	
	Week Oct. 1 1921.	Since July 1 1921.	Week Oct. 1 1921.	Since July 1 1921.	Week Oct. 1 1921.	Since July 1 1921.
	Barrels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
United Kingdom	98,462	1,726,704	2,195,547	27,274,654	748,077	8,606,952
Continent	205,697	1,826,359	3,306,018	72,539,034	2,206,000	22,240,114
So. & Cent. Amer.	3,000	227,479	130,000	1,408,400	136,000	1,369,000
West Indies	7,000	257,304	—	—	9,000	259,300
Brit. No. Am. Colon.	—	1,500	—	—	—	—
Other Countries	—	131,455	—	—	—	7,196
Total	314,159	4,170,801	5,631,565	101,222,088	3,099,077	32,479,562
Total 1920	158,848	4,386,510	7,934,160	104,818,576	68,000	925,004

The world's shipment of wheat and corn for the week ending Oct. 1 1921 and since July 1 1921 and 1920 are shown in the following:

Exports.	Wheat.			Corn.		
	1921.		1920.	1921.		1920.
	Week Oct. 1.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.	Week Oct. 1.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
North Amer.	11,159,000	137,277,000	122,719,000	1,473,000	33,733,000	998,000
Russ. & Dan.	368,000	1,378,000	—	221,000	7,279,000	635,000
Argentina	140,000	10,093,000	31,000,000	1,494,000	49,397,000	39,866,000
Australia	1,632,000	16,176,000	7,886,000	—	—	—
India	—	712,000	—	—	—	—
Oth. countr's	—	—	280,000	200,000	4,025,000	864,000
Total	13,299,000	165,636,000	161,886,000	3,388,000	94,434,000	42,363,000

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Oct. 1 was as follows:

	GRAIN STOCKS.					
	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.	Oats, bush.	Rye, bush.	Barley, bush.	
United States—						
New York	1,103,000	35,000	1,012,000	25,000	280,000	
Boston	51,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	—	
Philadelphia	2,316,000	274,000	222,000	28,000	3,000	
Baltimore	3,838,000	415,000	360,000	1,443,000	293,000	
Newport News	—	—	18,000	—	—	
New Orleans	4,253,000	153,000	179,000	—	148,000	
Galveston	5,442,000	—	—	156,000	—	
Buffalo	3,439,000	2,617,000	7,426,000	706,000	711,000	
Toledo	1,428,000	133,000	1,169,000	51,000	2,000	
Detroit	27,000	32,000	164,000	19,000	—	
Chicago	4,193,000	4,289,000	18,516,000	499,000	181,000	
afloat	—	—	3,490,000	66,000	—	
Milwaukee	324,000	204,000	1,093,000	3,000	146,000	
Duluth	3,707,000	486,000	5,178,000	921,000	490,000	
afloat	—	—	549,000	—	—	
Minneapolis	3,399,000	48,000	18,114,000	308,000	1,295,000	
St. Louis	2,918,000	160,000	859,000	52,000	4,000	
Kansas City	10,726,000	1,212,000	3,364,000	67,000	—	
Peoria	207,000	78,000	818,000	—	—	
Indianapolis	485,000	174,000	458,000	7,000	—	
Omaha	2,308,000	434,000	2,293,000	487,000	38,000	
On Lakes	1,776,000	350,000	362,000	292,000	162,000	
On Canal and River	7,955,000	170,000	200,000	—	195,000	
Total Oct. 1 1921	52,795,000	11,265,000	65,843,000	5,131,000	3,918,000	
Total Sept. 24 1921	51,159,000	12,486,000	65,081,000	5,426,000	4,003,000	
Total Oct. 2 1920	27,564,000	7,587,000	27,602,000	4,407,000	3,415,000	
Total Oct. 4 1919	84,900,000	2,163,000	19,612,000	15,395,000	4,541,000	
<i>Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, 12,000 bushels New York; total, 12,000 bushels, against 20,000 in 1920; barley, New York, 7,000 bushels; Baltimore, 293,000; Buffalo, 73,000; Duluth, 35,000; total, 408,000 bushels, against 4,000 bushels in 1920; and wheat, 361,000 New York, 57,000 Baltimore, 623,000 Buffalo, 4,000 Philadelphia, 19,000 Boston, 1,630,000 Chicago; total, 2,694,000 bushels in 1921.</i>						
Canadian—						
Montreal	3,294,000	458,000	941,000	633,000	220,000	
Ft. William & Pt. Arthur	13,001,000	—	2,009,000	—	1,248,000	
Other Canadian	1,060,000	—	3,774,000	—	457,000	
Total Oct. 1 1921	17,355,000	458,000	6,724,000	633,000	1,925,000	
Total Sept. 24 1921	15,791,000	429,000	6,726,000	399,000	2,017,000	
Total Oct. 2 1920	11,309,000	248,000	6,925,000	394,000	844,000	
Total Oct. 4 1919	7,510,000	2,000	2,277,000	272,000	1,436,000	
Summary—						
American	52,795,000	11,265,000	65,843,000	5,131,000	3,918,000	
Canadian	17,355,000	458,000	6,724,000	633,000	1,925,000	
Total Oct. 1 1921	70,150,000	11,723,000	72,567,000	5,764,000	5,843,000	
Total Sept. 24 1921	66,950,000	12,915,000	72,357,000	5,825,000	6,020,000	
Total Oct. 2 1920	38,873,000	7,835,000	28,527,000	4,801,000	4,259,000	
Total Oct. 4 1919	92,410,000	2,165,000	21,889,000	15,667,000	5,977,000	

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

New York, Friday Night, Oct. 7 1921.

Throughout the drygoods trade there has been increasing evidence of activity during the week. The opening of the spring 1922 showings of dress goods by one large manufacturer the latter part of last week was followed by various other concerns during the current week. The prices which are being quoted are in line with expectations, being on a par with the prices which governed this field for similar constructions last year, although for a few lines there is a small reduction. Trading, it is true, has as yet been light, but taken all in all it is generally regarded as normal,

considering the conditions and a constructive feature establishing, as it does, future values. The period of cool weather has brought reports from the metropolitan and other districts of the apparent beginning of the long-deferred buying by the consuming public. While the weather has not been severe enough to really be considered as making fall buying a necessity, it has been sufficient to show that, despite industrial conditions, there will be a near normal amount of buying by the public for the current season. This is very gratifying to the clothing manufacturers, who are still anxiously awaiting the orders for delayed goods which they confidently expect to materialize as soon as the retailers see that conditions which confront them are not as black as they have been led to believe. The cotton market has been very active, and there is increasing evidence that buyers are realizing that with the upward move in the raw material the present is the proper time to purchase, as most of the larger mills have been very conservative in their upward revision of prices, hoping thereby to gradually stabilize the advance which is necessary.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—There has been increasing evidence of activity throughout the cotton market. Generally the prices are a little higher than they were the past week. However, each movement of the commodity affects the goods at this critical time, and there is an appreciable up-and-down movement to the trading. The prices which are being offered are considered by many of the mills to be most conservative, being an advance of only a small percentage on the advance of the raw article. Apparently this is being realized by the buyers, who are competing for such odd lots as have been offered for some weeks at the prices current two months ago. Many buyers are pleased with their foresight in purchasing their requirements some time in the past, and are attempting to place orders for future delivery on the current basis. The larger mills which withdrew temporarily from the market during the advance are back with their offerings, and agents are booking business freely. The next two months have been booked by many mills, and some of them are reporting orders on hand which will keep them busy for an even longer period. Some export business has been developed. Orders placed some time ago for this class of business are being filled, particularly by Southern mills, for shipment to South America, and a limited amount to Mexico. The demand and inquiry, however, is not as strong as it was during the past when lower prices prevailed. Buyers are still contending that retailers will be unable to sell higher priced goods to the public, but at the same time are placing orders. At present there is steady trading in print cloths, and 28-inch, 64 x 64's are listed at 7c, with the 64 x 60's at 6½c. In the gray goods, 38½-inch, 64 x 64's are listed at 10c. Three-yard brown sheetings are selling at 12½c. Converters are still in the market for their requirements. Cotton duck continues to be active, and the demand which recently developed has been well maintained.

WOOLEN GOODS.—The dress goods section of the trade has been quiet throughout the week, with interest centred on the display of the various companies of their spring 1922 lines. The original showing was made last week, but since that time there have been several others. As yet the demand for spring goods has been light; buyers are present, but apparently reticent as to purchases. Some trading has been effected, but as yet it has not progressed far enough to give an idea as to the ultimate outcome. The prices shown on these future openings have been well maintained by the manufacturers. There is no appreciable difference in the quotations as compared with those of last year, and it is felt that clothing manufacturers will keep up their insistence on cheaper goods. The men's wear section is the scene of more activity. The cooler weather has brought into the store of the retailer trade which he has long been waiting for, and it is being impressed on him that his fall and winter commitments are going to be lighter than his requirements. The question of cheaper goods to put over the counter is still an item that is holding down any development of interest. Cutters will not, or cannot, reduce their labor charges and expect the manufacturer to make the necessary reduction in his schedule. The cost statements and financial sheets of some of the larger manufacturers would show that they are now operating on as narrow a margin as could possibly be expected. The metropolitan districts are reporting a strong demand for overcoats in the men's wear section.

FOREIGN DRYGOODS.—Burlaps have been quiet and steady during the week. At present spot 8-40's are obtainable at 4.40c, and 10½-40's at 6c. The futures are slightly higher. The market reports from Calcutta show a normal condition prevailing there, with the market steady. The Government report showing a jute crop of about half normal output has been accepted as correct, and the burlap market is generally regarded as now being nearly level for the time being. Holidays will affect the Calcutta market from this week until Oct. 17, during which time offerings of burlaps will be small.

Importers of linens are reporting an increasing demand, though complaining that it still continues to be of a hand-to-mouth variety. Indications point to a scarcity of linen, with possible advance in price. At present quotations being made by leading dealers are slightly higher.

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MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN SEPTEMBER.

No general slowing down in the output of municipal bonds in the United States is yet in evidence, for, though the aggregate of bonds disposed of in September falls below that for the months immediately preceding, it is nevertheless very large. The total for September, according to our tabulations, is \$86,477,162. In August the amount was \$106,396,153, in July \$102,700,291 and in June \$109,677,671. The largest undertaking in the way of municipal financing during the month was the sale by the State of West Virginia of \$15,000,000 5% highway bonds. These bonds are part of an authorized issue of \$50,000,000 and had been unsuccessfully offered on Aug. 10—apparently because of the requirement of the law that they must not be sold for less than par—but in September were taken by a number of West Virginia banks at par and accrued interest and re-sold by them through Watkins & Co., Redmond & Co., the National City Co. and other prominent investment houses. As these latter offered them for public subscription at 98 and interest for all maturities, it is obvious that the West Virginia banks are figuring upon compensation from indirect sources, and apparently they are counting upon the advantage to be derived from holding the proceeds of the sale on deposit. Other important issues disposed of in September were: Michigan, \$10,000,000 5½% soldiers' bonus bonds awarded to a syndicate composed of the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank and other banks of Chicago at 103.033, a basis of about 5.25%; Cleveland City School District, Ohio, \$5,000,000 6% school bonds to a syndicate headed by the Bankers Trust Co. of New York at 102.92, a basis of about 5.63%; Jersey City, N. J., \$4,139,000 5% bonds, consisting of \$2,261,000 (\$2,275,000 offered) general improvement bonds and \$1,878,000 (\$1,892,000) water bonds, to a syndicate headed by Harris, Forbes & Co., the prices paid for these issues being 100.638 and 100.779, respectively; Connecticut, \$2,000,000 5% bonds "to provide funds for per-

manent improvements in and new construction of State institutions," awarded to a syndicate headed by the Chase Securities Corp. at 103.42, a basis of about 4.69%; Los Angeles City School District, Calif., \$1,500,000 5½% tax-free bonds to Blyth, Witter & Co. and associates; Long Beach City School District, Calif., \$1,465,000 6% tax-free bonds sold to a syndicate headed by Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., at 102.40, a basis of about 5.76%; Arizona, \$1,000,000 6% tax-anticipation bonds sold to the First National Bank of Los Angeles at 100.0125; Butte, Mont., \$1,000,000 6% funding bonds to the Metals Bank & Trust Co. of Butte at 100.15; Lincoln Park District, Chicago, Ill., \$1,000,000 5% serial bonds; Oregon, \$1,000,000 6% highway bonds to Stacy & Braun and associates at 100.51, a basis of about 5.87%; Ouachita Parish Road District No. 1, La., \$1,000,000 6% road bonds; St. Louis County Independent School District No. 27, Minn., \$1,000,000 7% school bonds to a syndicate headed by Gates, White & Co. of St. Paul, and State of Tennessee, \$1,000,000 6% revenue bonds to the Old Colony Trust Co. and S. N. Bond & Co., jointly.

In addition to the sales of long-term obligations in September there were also negotiated during that month \$72,426,900 temporary loans, including \$67,970,000 short-term securities (revenue bonds and bills, corporate stock notes and assessment bonds) issued by the City of New York.

Canadian long-term obligations floated in September amounted to \$60,014,718, including sales by the Province of Ontario of \$30,000,000 6% debentures (of which \$15,000,000 were sold to New York bankers), and sales by the city of Toronto of \$19,000,000 6% debentures.

A comparison is given in the table below of all the various forms of securities placed in September of the last five years:

	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Permanent loans (U.S.)	\$ 86,477,162	\$ 49,820,768	\$ 70,839,634	\$ 24,732,420	\$ 31,175,017
*Temporary loans (U.S.)	79,426,900	56,393,143	51,392,000	39,625,000	29,610,618
Canadian loans (perm't)	60,014,718	9,531,744	1,179,788	5,848,446	374,610
Bonds of U. S. Possess	None	None	None	None	None
Gen. Fd. bds. (N. Y. C.)	None	5,500,000	None	None	None
Total	225,918,780	121,245,655	123,411,422	70,205,866	61,160,245

* Including temporary securities issued by New York City in September, \$67,970,000 in 1921, \$51,010,143 in 1920, \$40,250,000 in 1919, \$36,095,000 in 1918 and \$22,730,000 in 1917.

The number of municipalities emitting permanent bonds and the number of separate issues made during September 1921 were 348 and 428, respectively. This contrasts with 348 and 446 for August 1921 and with 342 and 454 for September 1920.

For comparative purposes we add the following table showing the aggregates, excluding temporary loans and also Canadian issues, for September and the nine months for a series of years:

	Month of September.	For the Nine Months.	Month of September.	For the Nine Months.
1921	\$86,477,162	\$776,166,681	1906	\$8,980,418
1920	49,820,768	489,176,223	1905	9,825,200
1919	70,839,634	519,669,754	1904	10,694,671
1918	24,732,420	238,179,833	1903	8,762,079
1917	31,175,017	378,078,924	1902	9,179,654
1916	22,174,179	368,388,101	1901	14,408,056
1915	26,707,493	406,496,817	1900	4,033,899
1914	13,378,480	408,044,823	1899	7,201,563
1913	26,025,969	288,204,714	1898	6,173,665
1912	25,469,643	317,912,921	1897	9,272,691
1911	26,487,290	314,503,570	1896	3,693,457
1910	18,364,021	231,921,042	1895	11,423,212
1909	23,001,771	272,389,451	1894	8,249,347
1908	34,531,814	243,241,117	1893	3,885,137
1907	47,947,077	199,722,964	1892	6,242,952

SEPTEMBER BOND SALES.

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
1488	Adams County Ind.	4½	1922-1931	\$18,000	100	4.50
1488	Adams Co. S. D. No. 43					
	Wash.	6		3,000	100	6.00
1381	Albany County N. Y.	5		304,000	100	5.00
1381	Albany Ala.	7		50,000	93.25	---
1488	Albert Lea Minn.	6		75,000		
1381	Alexander County Ill.	5	1922-1941	350,000	97.50	5.35
1498	Alhambra, Calif.			20,003	100	---
1270	Alliance City S. D. Ohio	6	1922-1935	70,000	100.002	5.99
1488	Amery Wis.			24,500		
1270	Amite La.	5		90,000	100	5.00
1598	Anderson Sch. City, Ind.	6	1931	110,000		
1173	Anoka County Minn.	5¾	1932-1941	150,000	101.31	5.65
1270	Arizona (State of)	6	1922	1,000,000	100.012	5.99
1488	Arundel Sch. Dist. Calif.	6	1921-1930	6,000		
1488	Asbury Park N. J.	4¾	1923-1972	50,000	100	4.75
1598	Ashland, Ky.	5¾	1947-1957	160,000		
1489	Atlanta Ga.	6	1922-1931	136,500	102.30	5.55
1498	Atitica Sch. Dist., Iowa	6		25,000	100	6.00
1381	Atwater Minn.			20,000		
1270	Barberton Ohio (3 iss.)	6		36,400		
1270	Bartlesville Okla.	6	1936	300,000	100	6.00
1598	Belhaven, No. Caro.	6		60,000	93.33	6.68
1271	Beltrami County Minn.	6	1931-1939	85,000	100.91	5.99
1381	Birmingham Ala.	7		115,500	101.63	---
1381	Blackfoot Paving Dist. No. 26 Idaho	7	1931	50,000		
1598	Boone Co., Ind. (3 iss.)	4½	1922-1931	45,400	100	4.50
1598	Boone County, Ind.	5	1922-1931	2,600	100	5.00
1381	Boone County Iowa	4½		17,700	100	4.50
1489	Boone County Iowa	5½	1941	120,000		
1381	Boulder Colo.	6		75,000		
1598	Boundary County, Ida.			50,000		
1381	Breadley Beach N. J.	6		250,000	100.05	5.99
1271	Briarcliff Manor N. Y.	5¾	1924-1931	15,000	100.074	5.73
1381	Brockton Mass.	5	1922-1931	60,000	100.389	---
1381	Brockton Mass.	5½	1922-1926	9,500		
1489	Browning Mont.	6	1931-1941	60,000		
1173	Buchanan County Mo.	5	1927 & 1928	200,000		
1271	Burnett Sch. Dist. Calif.	6	1922-1936	15,000	100.006	5.99

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists various municipal bond issues with their respective terms and values.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Continuation of municipal bond listings.

All the above sales (except as indicated) are for August. These additional August issues will make the total sales (not including temporary loans) for that month \$106,396,153.

DEBENTURES SOLD BY CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES IN SEPTEMBER.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists debentures sold by Canadian municipalities in September.

Total amount of debentures sold in Canada during September 1921 \$60,014,718

a Average date of maturity. d Subject to call in and after the earlier year and mature in the later year. k Not including \$79,426,900 of temporary loans reported, and which do not belong in the list. r Taken by sinking fund as an investment. y And other considerations. z Refunding bonds.

NEWS ITEMS.

Alexandria, Va.—City Manager Form of Government Approved by Voters.—The voters of Alexandria on Oct. 4, approved the plan to change the City Government to the City Manager form.

The vote was extremely light, since the number of qualified voters in the city is 3,875. The vote by wards was as follows: First, for, 343; against, 83. Second, for, 293; against, 87. Third, for, 503; against, 70. Fourth, for, 339; against, 78.

Will Effect Changes.

The Council so elected will choose a Mayor from among their number, and employ a City Manager, at a salary also to be determined by Council, who will administer all of the city's business affairs under the supervision of the Council.

The City Manager will appoint all city officers designated by the Council, and may remove them for neglect, inefficiency or other causes, but must report all removals to the Council at its next meeting. He has no power to appoint any of the financial or legal officers, or the clerical force and other attendants of the Council; these are appointed by the Councilmen, and include the Corporation Attorney, City Auditor, Clerk, and Collector of Taxes. They are subject to removal by the Council alone.

The City Manager is required to see to the enforcement of all city ordinances and to the performance of their duties by all city officers, and to keep the Council constantly advised on all civic matters.

New Mexico (State of).—Legality of State Highway Debentures Upheld.—In the suit filed to test the legality of the \$800,000 debentures issued by the Highway Commission (V. 113, p. 656) the Supreme Court of the State affirmed the legality of the issue following the carrying of the constitutional amendment at the election Sept. 20.

New York City.—Tentative Values of Real Estate and Personal Property for 1922.—The Department of Taxes and Assessments on Oct. 1 opened the assessment books for the year 1922. The tentative assessed value of ordinary real

Total bond sales for September (348 municipalities covering 428 separate issues) \$86,477,162

REVISED TOTALS FOR PREVIOUS MONTHS.

The following items, included in our totals for previous months, should be eliminated from the same. We give the page number of the issue of our paper in which the reasons for these eliminations may be found.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Amount. Lists items to be eliminated from previous months' totals.

We have also learned of the following additional sales for previous months:

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists additional sales for previous months.

estate and real estate of corporations is announced to be \$9,947,323,092, an increase of \$339,305,625, compared with the tentative figures of 1921. The final figures for 1921 were \$9,544,728,525. We give below the estimated figures for 1922, comparison being made with the estimated and final figures for 1921.

REAL ESTATE.

	Tentative Figures		Final Roll.
	1922.	1921.	1921.
Manhattan	5,671,192,055	5,489,193,555	5,470,482,258
Ordinary real estate	136,357,900	131,679,600	131,198,850
Real estate of corporations	793,980,736	771,571,046	766,871,771
Bronx	54,914,250	54,206,350	53,756,150
Ordinary real estate	2,370,712,431	2,302,215,511	2,267,238,056
Real estate of corporations	45,846,700	45,985,050	45,774,850
Brooklyn	702,569,100	648,746,735	645,939,140
Ordinary real estate	41,095,550	40,884,150	40,876,330
Real estate of corporations	125,805,720	118,693,720	117,749,970
Queens	4,848,650	4,841,750	4,841,150
Ordinary real estate	9,664,260,042	9,330,420,567	9,268,281,195
Real estate of corporations	283,063,050	277,596,900	276,447,330
Grand total of real estate	9,947,323,092	9,608,017,467	9,544,728,525

The above does not include special franchises. The assessments for these are made by the State Board of Tax Commissioners and returned to the Tax Department of the city in January each year.

The total of the tentative personal assessment list for 1922 is \$667,480,950, or \$37,408,100 more than the tentative figures for 1921. Enormous reductions are always made in these figures by the "swearing off" process.

The following table shows the amounts for the various classes of personal property on the 1922 list, compared with the tentative and final list of 1921, the final figures for 1921 being designated by means of an asterisk (*):

PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Borough	Resident Personal		Corporation		Non-Res. Per.		Saze Law
	Personal.	Estate.	Resident.	Non-Res.	Sec. 7, Sub. 1.	Sec. 7, Sub 2	
Manhattan	248,617,800	103,006,900	47,714,500	8,075,000	21,093,700	4,692,100	
1921	234,834,350	98,457,700	41,290,500	9,553,000	18,106,100	4,310,700	
1921*	102,043,350	11,519,100	15,234,350	7,078,200	14,020,500	2,847,100	
Bronx	44,652,000	3,971,500	1,487,000	5,000			
1921	39,194,500	5,840,300	1,484,500	3,000			
1921*	12,920,900	541,300	434,500	3,000			
Brooklyn	116,394,900	30,837,500	5,618,500	36,000			
1921	107,588,900	35,210,600	3,911,500	57,000			
1921*	32,069,800	2,751,700	2,894,350	26,000			
Queens	19,660,750	5,434,200	7,616,000	1,000			
1921	19,726,050	3,963,350	1,011,100	17,500			
1921*	6,231,150	601,400	564,300	12,500			
Richmond	3,635,000	1,359,100	167,500	5,000			
1921	3,516,900	1,797,700	197,600				
1921*	1,167,275	120,300	141,100				
Total	433,260,450	144,609,200	55,703,500	8,122,000	21,093,700	4,692,100	
1921	404,860,700	145,269,650	47,895,200	9,630,500	18,106,100	4,310,700	
1921*	154,432,475	15,533,800	19,268,600	7,119,700	14,020,500	2,847,100	

GRAND TOTAL BY BOROUGH

	Manhattan.	Bronx.	Brooklyn.	Queens.	Richmond.	Total.
1922	433,260,450	50,115,500	152,886,900	26,111,950	5,166,600	667,480,950
1921	406,552,350	46,522,300	146,768,000	24,718,000	5,512,200	630,072,850
1921*	152,742,600	13,899,700	37,741,850	7,409,350	1,428,675	213,222,175

Accompanying the report of the tentative figures was a statement by Henry M. Goldfogle, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments which read as follows:

It is interesting to note that the lowest increase in any district in Manhattan is in the East Side section bounded by James Street, along the Bowery to Grand Street, to Essex Street and north to 14th Street to the East River. That increase is only \$1,821,500, while the largest increase of any district in Manhattan is in District No. 8, bounded by 40th Street on the south to 79th Street on the north, Fifth Avenue to the East River, commonly termed the Grand Central Zone, the increase being \$44,253,600.

Many of the large increases are due to the recent construction of very large office buildings, theatres and apartment houses completed during the past year. Notable instances of these are the Cunard Building, the Borden Building, the Strauss Building, the Canadian Pacific Building, the Heckscher Building, the Cammeyer Building, the Giddings Building, the Penn Terminal Building, the Loew Theatre Building, the two Garment Center Buildings and several immensely large new apartment houses on Park Ave.

Through legislation passed from time to time at Albany the Department has been deprived of authority to tax the greater part of personal property as was the case some years ago. The city, however, receives a proportionate share of the State income and corporation tax, which last year netted the city \$17,879,929.98. What will come to us this year is entirely problematic.

The new law which exempts certain classes of dwelling houses from taxation, and which was passed to encourage housing facilities in the city, will, of course, operate to reduce to a considerable extent the valuation of the real estate, but just how much it is now impossible to predict. It is roughly estimated that there will be over 14,000 applications made for exemption of taxes on the newly constructed tax-exempt buildings in the five boroughs.

New York State.—Calling of an Extraordinary Session of the Legislature to Amend the Provisions of the 1921-1922 Direct Tax Schedule Declared Unnecessary by Governor Miller.

—In answer to a communication from New York City Comptroller Charles L. Craig, in which the Comptroller takes the stand that the direct State tax imposed by Chapter 396 of the past session of the Legislature is unconstitutional and suggests that an extra session of the Legislature is necessary to correct the statute, Governor Nathan L. Miller, on Oct. 4, wrote the following letter stating that the Comptroller was in error in expressing the belief that the direct State tax provisions were invalid and that there was need of calling an extraordinary session of the Legislature to amend the schedule.

State of New York, Executive Chamber, Albany. Oct. 4 1921.

Hon. Charles L. Craig, Comptroller, New York City.
Dear Sir:—I beg to acknowledge your letter of Sept. 23 in which you suggest the calling of an extraordinary session of the Legislature to correct alleged illegalities in the imposition of the State tax provided by Chapter 396 of the laws of 1921.

The enclosed opinion of the Attorney-General makes it plain that you are in error in asserting illegality because of the inclusion in a single item of the tax for the State debt service. It is equally plain, however, that the item of 7727 mills to produce \$11,475,359.67 for debt service does include 0757 mills to raise \$1,225,000, or six months' interest on the \$45,000,000 of sol-

diers and sailors bonus bonds which the Court of Appeals has decided cannot legally be issued; but the opinion of the Attorney-General demonstrates that it is not necessary to convene the Legislature as you suggest. The effect of the decision of the Court of Appeals is to render the entire item of 7727 mills for debt service invalid and void. It therefore becomes the duty of the State Comptroller, in certifying the State tax, and of the legislative bodies of the several counties in levying the same to omit the void item for debt service, and the State Comptroller will issue certificates certifying the amount of tax for State purposes that can validly be levied under the law as now exists, thus entirely eliminating the void item. The result will be that the appropriation of \$11,475,359.67 for debt service will have to be met from the general fund precisely as it would be the duty of the State Comptroller under the Constitution to make the necessary payments from that fund even if no appropriation had been made therefor, and there will be practically no State tax except the mill and a half tax imposed for the support of the common schools and teachers' salaries.

Fortunately the treasury is in a condition to meet the payments necessary to be made this fiscal year for debt service and the taxpayers may thus at once, and at a time of the greatest need, get the benefit of the economies which have been inaugurated in the public services of the State. The result will be a reduction of the tax rate from 2.695 mills last year to 1.5043 mills this year and a total reduction in the amount of direct State taxes of \$12,666,180.25 as compared with last year.

If comparable reductions in the expense of local, county and municipal governments had been effected, the burden on real estate and the serious tax situation in the City of New York, to which you refer, would not exist. Unfortunately in many localities and notably in the City of New York, the tax burden has been increased at a time when economic conditions made substantial decreases essential to the public welfare with the result that the reduction in State taxes, substantial as it is, will be much more than offset by increased local taxation.

However, that makes it still more important to keep the State tax rate as low as possible and doubly gratifying that it is not necessary to convene the Legislature in Extraordinary Session to provide a substitute for the tax item which, under the decision of the Court of Appeals, is invalid.

Very truly yours, NATHAN L. MILLER.

The Governor's statement was based on an opinion prepared by Attorney-General Charles D. Newton, which read as follows:

Attorney-General's Opinion.

The opinion of the Attorney-General sent to the Governor is as follows: "Transmitted with your letter of Sept. 26 is a communication from Charles L. Craig, Comptroller of the City of New York, in which he makes exposition and argument that the direct State tax imposed by Chapter 396 of this past session is unconstitutional and he presumes that you will desire to call the Legislature in extra session to correct the statute. My view is that an extra session is not necessary, and, briefly, so as to expedite a reply to your inquiry, for the reasons I now state.

"The direct State tax is 2.277 mills on each dollar of real and personal property in the State subject to taxation and is the total of three separate mill rates proposed to raise revenue for the general fund of the State Treasury, for the payment of principal and interest on State debts and for the support of the common schools, specified in the statute separately as follows:

"For the payment of those claims and demands which shall constitute a lawful charge upon the general fund during the fiscal year beginning July 1 1921, forty-three ten thousandths of a mill.

"For services relating to the State debt, including the annual contributions to sinking funds for the amortization of the principal of debt, the redemption of serial bonds, and interest on debt, including soldiers and sailors bonus bonds, seventy-seven hundred and twenty-seven ten thousandths mills.

"For the support of common schools, including the payment of district and teachers' quotas, academic quotas, non-resident academic tuition, and aid in the payment of salaries of teachers in public schools of the State, to be apportioned as provided by Chapter 680 of the Laws of 1920, one and one-half mills."

"To the second item, that for the State debt service, taxing officers and bodies throughout the State are bearing attention for it includes a tax to pay the interest on soldiers' and sailors' bonus bonds which cannot now be issued, the referendum act authorizing their issue having been declared unconstitutional quite recently by our Court of Appeals as is of common knowledge.

Taxing Power of Legislature.

"The statute, the direct State tax, designed to raise for the total debt service of the State \$11,475,359.67 of which \$1,225,000 was six months' interest on \$45,000,000 of 5% soldiers' and sailors' bonus bonds as appears from Part VI. of the general appropriation bill of this year (Chap. 176).

"I need hardly state the proposition for it is directly perceptible; has the legislature power to levy a tax for an unconstitutional purpose? And I need hardly express to you the answer. A tax must be for a purpose for which public moneys may be expended (Loan Ass'n v. Topeka, 20 Wall 655; Weisner v. Village of Douglas, 64 N. Y. 91).

"Moneys of the State contemplated to be raised by this direct tax of 1921 cannot be used to pay soldiers and sailors a bonus. We have definite judicial direction to that effect (People of the State of New York v. The Westchester County National Bank of Feelskill). Manifestly the people cannot be taxed to sustain activities which the Government may not exercise

Doesn't Agree With Craig.

"However, I do not follow along with Comptroller Craig's conclusion that the entire direct tax is void. Heretofore for several years past in statutes imposing a direct State tax, a rate has been fixed separately for each sinking fund (Chap. 724 of 1915; Chap. 762 of 1917; Chap. 368 of 1918; Chap. 535 of 1919; Chap. 652 of 1920). In 1921 the tax for debt service was lumped in one rate and the sinking funds not specifically described. The former was the better practice for it distinctly stated the tax and the object to which it was to be applied, in clear consonance with Art. III, S. 24 of the Constitution providing:

"Every law which imposes, continues or revives a tax shall distinctly state the tax and the object to which it is to be applied and it shall not be sufficient to refer to any other law to fix such tax or object.

"From the foregoing observation I do not mean that I believe the recital for debt service in the 1921 statute has defied the constitutional requirement. Indeed, if that question were necessarily to be discussed here, I should say the paragraph conformed to the fundamental provision. The object of the tax is sufficiently stated. It is for all State debt and for all sinking funds. These sinking funds, although required by the Constitution to be separately kept" (Art. VII., Sec. 5), partake on one nature, namely, State debt service; and a tax for the general fund, which has been held sufficiently descriptive to comply with Art. III., Sec. 24 (People v. The Supervisors of Orange, 17 N. Y. 235; Peoples Home Insurance Co., 92 N. Y. 328; Matter of McPherson, 104 N. Y. 306).

Debt Service Item Void.

"But I disregard the proposition, being convinced that the debt service item of the 1921 statute is unconstitutional on the other and more particular ground that it includes a purpose, soldiers and sailors bonus bonds, for which the revenues to be raised cannot be expended.

"Had the taxing statute this year separately itemized the sinking funds and the mill rates therefor, it would have been easy to ignore and leave uncollected, and the mill rate tax provided for the bonus bonds. Nowhere from the statute itself, however, is the mill rate tax for the bonus bonds computable, nor are we at liberty to inspect the annual appropriation bill or arrive at the rate tax by a computation not drawn from the contents of the direct tax statute itself. It shall not be sufficient to refer to any other law to fix such tax or object (Art. III., S. 24). I must conclude that the whole debt service item of the statute is void.

"I approach what I deem a solution which obviates the calling of the Legislature in extra session. Having expunged the third paragraph of the statute, that for the debt service the mill rate taxes for the general fund and for the common schools remain unaffected. The statute is divisible. Judge Cardozo, writing the opinion in People ex rel. Alphia Portland Cement Co. v. Knapp (230 N. Y. 48, 62), after finding certain items illegal in the scheme of taxing corporations on their franchise, continues in support of the remainder of the statute:

"I find it unbelievable that a Legislature willing to impose a tax with those items in, would be unwilling that the tax should stand if those items were out. Undoubtedly it wished them in if it had the legal right to keep them. To say that does not mean that rather than lose them, it would throw the project to the winds. Laws are not to be sacrificed by courts on the assumption that legislation is the play of whim and fancy. A doctrinaire emphasis on the possible rather than the probable would forbid

severance at all times. No doubt it is easy, sheltering ourselves behind some implacable tenet of the separation of governmental powers, to insist upon a certainty impossible of attainment. We do small service to the State by so intransigent a pose. Our right to destroy is bounded by the limits of necessity. Our duty is to save unless in saving we pervert. When all the world can see what sensible legislators in such a contingency would wish that we should do, we are not to close our eyes as judges to what we must perceive as men. This need is all the greater in fields where the law is in a stage of transition and readjustment (Henderson supra). With the line so blurred and vague between the lawful and the unlawful, the most honestly conceived and carefully developed system of assessment may involve some element of value beyond the reach of the taxing power. I will not readily impute a desire to place the revenues of the State in jeopardy by the sacrifice of the whole whenever there is a failure of a part.

Legislature's Intention.

"Of course also, referring to the tax we are here discussing, the Legislature did not import that if it was unable to get the bonus bond interest, it did not care to raise revenue for the other purposes.

"The opening sentence of the direct tax statute provides that 'there shall be imposed, for the fiscal year beginning July 1 1921, taxes aggregating two and two hundred and seventy-seven one-thousandths mills on each dollar of real and personal property of this State subject to taxation, for the year is hereinafter mentioned.' While this is the general taxing clause of the statute and fixes the total mill rate, it is but the statement of the 'aggregate' tax; and the three subordinate paragraphs specifying the general fund purpose, the debt service purpose and the common school purpose, carrying their own rates, impose the tax as effectively to my mind as the opening clause. The Comptroller accordingly, is able to certify the tax from the face of the statute after the elimination of the debt service rate, without deriving aid from outside sources which, as we have seen, is forbidden by Art. III., Section 24, of the Constitution.

"It is not too late for the Comptroller to issue new certificates to the different county legislative bodies, for I understand the actual levy of taxes, including the amounts for the State tax, does not customarily take place in up-State counties until on or after Dec. 15 in each year, and from Comptroller Craig's letter there is yet time before Oct. 10 for the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York to correct its tentative budget.

"Foregoing the State tax for debt service this year, I might add, interferes not at all with the payment of principal and interest on State bonds nor with contributions to the sinking funds, for the Legislature by the appropriation bill has appropriated the necessary moneys from the general fund, and had it failed to do so the Comptroller would have been obliged to make the payments from that fund (Constitution, Article VII., Section 11). The general fund can stand this debt service until the Legislature next meets in regular session.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) CHARLES D. NEWTON, Attorney-Gen."

Oregon.—Friendly Suit to be Instituted to Decide Legality of Soldiers' Bonus Bonds and the Constitutional Amendment Under Which They Were Authorized.—We are advised by Harry C. Brumbaugh, Secretary of the World War Veterans' State Aid Commission, under date of Sept. 29 that, in order to finally determine the validity of the \$5,000,000 Oregon Veterans' State Aid gold bonds (first issue) for which bids were to have been received on Oct. 10 1921 (V. 113, p. 1493) and the Constitutionality of the amendment under which they were authorized, the Commission has decided to have a friendly suit instituted, which will be carried before the Supreme Court of the State for final decision. A special dispatch from Salem to the Portland "Oregonian" dated Sept. 30 said:

Constitutionality of the Oregon bonus law will be passed upon by the Supreme Court of Oregon in a friendly suit which is to be instituted in the lower courts immediately. This action was decided upon to-day by the State Bonus Commission after it had been found that sale of the initial bonds waited upon such action in view of the recent New York decision against the bond issue in that State. The Commissioners said that there are no points of similarity between the Oregon and New York situation, but that friendly suit in the Oregon courts is necessary only in order to effect a sale of the bonds.

Preliminary arrangements for the suit were being made to-day by Secretary Brumbaugh under instructions of the Commission.

Post Institutes Proceedings.

The proceedings will be instituted by the Commander of Portland Post No. 1 of the American Legion. T. H. Boyd who is a taxpayer, will petition for an injunction restraining the Commission from selling the bonds.

The petition probably will be promptly denied by the Circuit Court of Multnomah County and certified to the Supreme Court for decision. The Commission will ask that the case be advanced on the Supreme Court calendar in order that it may be cleared up in short order.

No slowing down of the bonus machinery will result from the suit, the Commission announced. The work will continue as if no suit were pending although the legal action will disturb the Commission's plan to open bid for the sale of bonds early in October and probably will delay bonus payments until December.

Official Statement Issued.

The following official statement was given by this Commission following its meeting this afternoon:

"In order to effect the sale of the bond issue at this time it has been found necessary by the Commission to cause the question of constitutionality of the Oregon bonus law to be passed upon by the Supreme Court of the State. Accordingly, under an arrangement with representatives of the ex-service men, an injunction will be asked by them from the lower courts restraining the Commission from selling the bonds. This action will serve to bring the case before the Supreme Court.

"This Commission regards this action as a formal proceeding necessary in the advantageous sale of bonds, as there is no question in the minds of the Commission concerning legality and constitutionality of the law.

New York Decision Cited.

"The Commission had hoped to obviate this formality and feels that such a suit would not have been necessary except for decision against the New York bonus law, which, though in no way similar to the Oregon law, served to depress the bond market for bonus bonds and thus make the suit here mandatory.

"The work of the Commission will continue as heretofore and applications will be received and checked as in the past. In fact, the Commission will proceed quite the same as if no suit were pending except that actual disbursement of funds must await the decision of the Supreme Court and the subsequent sale of the initial bonds."

Queensland (State of), Australia.—Bonds Offered in the United States Quickly Disposed of.—Yesterday (Friday) the National City Co. offered and quickly sold \$12,000,000 7% 20-year non-callable coupon (registerable as to principal only) sinking fund external loan gold bonds of the State of Queensland, Australia. The price at which the above bonds were offered was 99 and interest, yielding about 7.10% to maturity. Additional information concerning these bonds will be found in our department of "Current Events and Discussions."

Rio de Janeiro (City of), United States of Brazil.—Bonds Offered in the United States.—A syndicate composed of Dillon, Read & Co., Lee, Higginson & Co. and the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank are offering \$12,000,000 8% 10-25-year (optional) sinking fund gold coupon (registerable as to principal) bonds of the city of Rio de Janeiro, Federal District of the United States of

Brazil, to investors at 97¾ and interest to net over 8.20%. Further information concerning this offering will be found in the fore part of this issue in our department of "Current Events and Discussions."

Salttillo, State of Coahuila, Mexico.—City Resumes Payment of Interest—State Also to Resume.—H. M. Noel & Co. advise us that the first payment of interest on the City of Salttillo, State of Coahuila, Mexico, bonds, which have been in default since 1913, has been received by them. The above firm also state that it has secured an agreement from the State of Coahuila (which also defaulted on the payment of its interest) providing for interest payment on these bonds too, not later than Nov. 1. Further information concerning this matter may be found on a previous page of this issue in our Department of "Current Events and Discussions."

Texas.—Result of Vote on Proposed Amendments to State Constitution.—Of the five proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution submitted to the voters at the special election on July 23 (V. 112, p. 2785) only one, the proposition to permit only fully naturalized foreign citizens to vote in the State, was approved. The vote, as given out by S. L. Staples, Secretary of State, is as follows:

1. The amendment of Article 17, Section 58, of the Constitution, abolishing the Board of Prison Commissioners. For 39,659, against 71,880.
2. The amendment to Section 5 and 21 and 22 and 23 of Article 4 of the Constitution of the State of Texas providing for compensation of executive officers. For 25,778, against 68,223.
3. Amendment of Section 51 of Article 3 of the Constitution authorizing the Legislature to grant aid to Confederate soldiers, sailors and their widows who have been a resident of this State since Jan. 1 1910. For 49,852, against 61,568.
4. The amendment to Section 24 of Article 3 of the Constitution relating to mileage and per diem of members of the Legislature of the State of Texas. For 24,424, against 85,482.
5. The amendment to Section 2 of Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of Texas providing that only native born or naturalized citizens of the United States shall be qualified electors in this State, and providing that either the husband or wife may pay the poll tax of the other and receive the receipt therefor, and permitting the Legislature to authorize absentee voting. For 57,622, against 53,910.

Wisconsin.—Amendment to Constitution for the Acquisition of Public Utilities, Passed by Legislature.—The resolution proposing to concur in the action taken by the 1919 Legislature in amending Article XI of the Missouri Constitution was approved by the 1921 Legislature on July 13. The proposed amendment, which would permit cities to incur additional indebtedness not exceeding 5% on the value of the taxable property in such city for the purpose of acquiring public utilities, will be submitted to the people of Wisconsin at the general election to be held in November 1922. The full text of this resolution may be found in our issue of Feb. 12 1921 on page 673.

BOND CALLS AND REDEMPTIONS.

Denver (City and County), Colo.—Bond Call.—In pursuance of Section 47 of the Revised Charter, 1916, of the City and County of Denver, notice is given that sufficient moneys are in the hands of M. J. McCarthy, Manager of Revenue, Ex-officio City Treasurer, to pay the following bonds:

- Storm Sewer Bonds.*
- Washington Park Storm Sewer District—Bond No. 229.
- West Denver Storm Sewer, District No. 1—Bond No. 99.
- Sanitary Sewer Bonds.*
- Seventh Ave. Special Sanitary Sewer District—Bonds No. 23 to 28, incl.
- Improvement Bonds.*
- East Denver Improvement District No. 5—Bond No. 137.
- North Side Improvement District No. 15, Bonds No. 64 to 68, incl.
- North Side Improvement District No. 23—Bond No. 74.
- South Capitol Hill Improvement District No. 2—Bond No. 110.
- South Denver Improvement District No. 8—Bond No. 59.
- South Denver Improvement District No. 9—Bond No. 38.
- Park Bonds.*
- East Denver Park District—Bonds No. 1936 to 1945, inclusive.
- Surfacing Bonds.*
- North Denver Surfacing District No. 1—Bond No. 75.
- Park Hill Heights Surfacing District—Bond No. 14.
- Seventh Ave. Parkway Surfacing District—Bond No. 32.
- Surfacing District No. 4—Bonds No. 48 to 54, inclusive.
- Paving Bonds.*
- Alley Paving District No. 17—Bonds No. 30 to 35, inclusive.
- Alley Paving District No. 18—Bonds No. 21 to 24, inclusive.
- Alley Paving District No. 21—Bonds No. 27 to 30, inclusive.
- Alley Paving District No. 23—Bonds No. 28 to 30, inclusive.
- Alley Paving District No. 24—Bonds No. 36 to 39, inclusive.
- Alley Paving District No. 26—Bonds No. 23 and 24.
- Alley Paving District No. 27—Bond No. 27.
- Alley Paving District No. 29—Bond No. 13.
- Alley Paving District No. 50—Bond No. 9.
- Alley Paving District No. 56—Bond No. 13.
- Acoma Street Paving District No. 1—Bond No. 19.
- Fast Denver Paving District No. 3—Bond No. 31.
- East Denver Paving District No. 8—Bond No. 34.
- Market Street Paving District No. 2—Bonds No. 80 to 84, inclusive.
- North Denver Paving District No. 1—Bond No. 27.

All such bonds are hereby called in for payment, and at the expiration of thirty days from the first publication of this notice, to-wit, on the 31st day of Oct. 1921, interest on the bonds above described will cease.

Upon the request of the holders of any of the above bonds received ten days before the expiration of it call the above official will arrange for their payment at the Bankers' Trust Co., New York City, but not otherwise.

Portland, Ore.—Bond Call.—Improvement bonds numbered 28,343 to 28,535 incl., dated Nov. 1 1914, are called for payment on Nov. 1 at the office of Wm. Adams, City Treasurer.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS this week have been as follows:

ALBANY, Morgan County, Ala.—PRICE PAID.—The price paid by the Alabama Bonding Co. of Montgomery for the \$50,000 bonds—V. 113, p. 1381—was 93.25 and accrued interest. The bonds were acquired on Sept. 6 and are described as follows: Interest rate 7%. Denom. \$500. Int. A. & O.

ALBANY COUNTY (P. O. Laramie), Wyo.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 6% 10-20 year (opt.) tax-free coupon road construction bonds dated July 1 1921, offered on Oct. 5—V. 113, p. 1381—have been sold to Bosworth, Chanute & Co. of Denver, at a cover of 101.

ALHAMBRA, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—Of an issue of \$100,000 water bonds voted last June (V. 112, p. 2659), \$20,000 have been sold to the Alhambra Savings Bank of Alhambra at par, it is reported.

The remainder of the issue, it is stated, and an issue of \$12,000 fire bonds, voted at the same time as the water bonds, will be offered for sale in the near future.

AMARILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Amarillo), Potter County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—Reports say that the School Board has called a bond election for Oct. 25 to decide whether \$450,000 in bonds shall be issued for the erection and equipment of two new buildings.

ANDERSON SCHOOL CITY (P. O. Anderson), Madison County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, have purchased \$110,000 6% coupon tax-free school bonds recently offered. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 26 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M.-S.) payable at City Treasurer's office. Due Sept. 26 1931.

Assessed valuation for taxation.....\$32,730,250
Total debt (this issue included)..... 198,000
Population, 1920 census, 29,767.
Total debt less than 2-3 of 1% of assessed valuation.

ANGELINA COUNTY (P. O. Lufkin), Tex.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$1,142,500 5 1/2% road bonds recently voted—V. 113, p. 1073—are described as follows: Coupon bonds: Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1921. Int. A. & O. payable in Lufkin or Austin. Due serially for 30 years.

APPANOOSE COUNTY (P. O. Centerville), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that \$54,000 6% funding bonds have been sold at par.

ASHLAND, Boyd County, Ky.—BOND SALE.—The \$160,000 5 1/2% coupon water works improvement bonds offered on Sept. 29—V. 113, p. 1270—have been sold. Date Jan. 15 1921. Due on Jan. 15 as follows: \$25,000 1946 and 1951, \$20,000 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955 and 1956, and \$10,000 1957.

ASHLAND, Boyd County, Ky.—BOND ELECTION.—According to newspaper reports, \$250,000 general sewer system impt. bonds will be submitted to a vote of the people on Nov. 8.

ATTICA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Attica), Marion County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$25,000 6% school bonds has been sold at par to the Marion County National Bank of Knoxville.

ALBUQUERQUE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Albuquerque), Bernalillo County, N. Mex.—BOND SALE.—Recently the \$425,000 5 1/2% 10-20 year (opt.) school bldg. bonds—V. 112, p. 281—were sold at 95 to Bosworth, Chanute & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons and William R. Compton Co. Date Feb. 1 1920.

BAYOU FOUNTAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Baton Rouge), East Baton Rouge Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Oct. 12 by W. D. Woodward, Sec'y Board of Commrs for \$65,000 5% semi-ann. drainage bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 15 years.

BEAVER TOWNSHIP (P. O. Morocco), Newton County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—C. W. Timmons, Township Trustee, will receive until 11 a. m. Oct. 15 bids for \$30,000 6% bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the Farmers State Bank in Morocco. Due \$2,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1922 to 1936 incl. Cert. check for \$500, required.

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 21 (P. O. Polaris), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Evalyn H. Pyle, Clerk, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Oct. 15 for \$4,000 6% 10-20-year (opt.) funding bonds. Cert. check for \$100, required.

BEGGS, Okmulgee County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 1 the \$50,000 6% 20-year city hall bonds—V. 113, p. 1381—were sold at par. Date Oct. 1 1921.

BELEN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Belen), Valencia County, N. Mex.—BOND SALE.—Bosworth, Chanute & Co., of Denver, have purchased the \$45,000 6% school bldg. bonds—V. 113, p. 437.

BELHAVEN, Beaufort County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 water works and the \$60,000 sewer 6% bonds, offered unsuccessfully on Jan. 20—V. 112, p. 487—have been sold at par less a commission of \$8,000. This bid is equal 93.33, a basis of about 6.68%.

BENT AND PROWERS COUNTIES JOINT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13 (P. O. Willy), Colo.—BOND ELECTION AND SALE.—Subject to being voted at an election in about 50 days, the International Trust Co. of Denver has purchased \$90,000 6% 15-30-year (opt.) school bldg. bonds. Int. semi-ann. payable in New York.

BENTON COUNTY (P. O. Camden), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—I. B. Tigrett & Co. of Jackson were the successful bidders (92.23 and interest) for the \$50,000 5% tax-free road bonds offered on Oct. 3—V. 113, p. 1381. Date Oct. 1 1921.

BENTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Ivan Macy, County Treasurer (P. O. Prosser) will receive bids until 1 p. m. Oct. 15 for the purchase of \$4,000 school bonds at not exceeding 6% interest. Prin. and int. payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly for 9 years optional \$500 beginning 1923.

BLACK SPICE DRAINAGE DISTRICT, Ark.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 1 M. W. Elkins & Co. of Little Rock were awarded \$16,000 6% drainage bonds at par. Denom. \$500. Date March 1 1920. Int. M. & S. Due yearly on Sept. 1 from 1922 to 1931 incl.

BLOOM TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. South Webster), Scioto County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—C. H. Aeh, Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 17 for \$6,000 5 1/2% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 17 1921. Int. A. & O. Due \$500 each six months from Oct. 17 1923 to April 17 1929, incl. Cert. check for \$300, required.

BOONE COUNTY (P. O. Lebanon), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The following four issues of road improvement bonds offered on Sept. 29—V. 113, p. 1381—were sold at par and accrued interest as follows: \$7,800 4 1/2% Samuel Dean et al. Jefferson Township bonds to Elliott M. Smith, Lebanon, Ind. Denom. \$390. Date Jan. 4 1921. Due \$390 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, inclusive. 25,600 4 1/2% Samuel J. Sanders et al. Eagle Township, bonds to Thomas Sheerin of Indianapolis, Ind. Denom. \$640. Date Nov. 3 1920. Due \$1,320 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, incl. 12,000 4 1/2% Albert Perkins et al., Clinton Township, bonds to Thomas D. Sheerin of Indianapolis, Ind. Denom. \$300. Date Nov. 3 1920. Due \$600 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, inclusive. 2,600 5% L. M. Sandlin et al., Center Township bonds to Garvin L. Payne & Co. of Indianapolis, Ind. Denom. \$130. Date Aug. 2 1921. Due \$130 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, incl. Interest M. & N.

BOONE COUNTY (P. O. Boone), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—R. A. Wilder, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 17 for approximately \$120,000 5 1/2% funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1921. Bonds payable at the office of County Treasurer. Int. semi-ann. Due Sept. 1 1941. County will furnish printed bonds. Sealed bids may be addressed to the above official at Boone, Iowa. At the time set for sale the sealed bids will be opened and thereafter open bids will be received.

BOSTON, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary loan of \$2,500,000 dated Sept. 22, and due Nov. 7 1921 was recently sold at 5% interest.

BOULDER, Boulder County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$34,666 48 Paving District No. 15 bonds has been sold at par to a contractor. Bonds will be handled by Keeler Bros. & Co. of Denver.

BOUNDARY COUNTY (P. O. Bonners Ferry), Ida.—BOND SALE.—Newspapers report that \$50,000 road bonds have been sold.

CALDWELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Caldwell), Burleson County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—An issue of \$125,000 modern school house bldg. bonds has been voted, it is reported.

CALIFORNIA (State of)—BOND OFFERING.—Friend W. Richardson, State Treasurer (P. O. Sacramento) will sell at public auction at 2 p. m. Oct. 27, in parcels of one or more, or as a whole, \$5,000,000 5 1/2% highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 3 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable in gold at the office of State Treasurer, or at the option of holder, at the fiscal agency for the State of California in New York City. Due \$100,000 yearly on July 3 from 1938 to 1942, incl. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. The notice of this offering was already given in V. 113, p. 1271. It is given again because additional data has come to hand.

CALISTOGA HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Napa County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—It is stated that the Treasurer of Napa County has sold \$66,000 school bonds to the Central Bank of Vallejo.

CAMBRIA TOWNSHIP, Cambria County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Daniel W. Jones, Secretary (P. O. Wilmore R. D.) will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Oct. 21 at the American National Bank in Ebensburg for the purchase of \$70,000 5 1/2% tax-free road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1921. Int. F. & A. Due on Aug. 1 as follows: \$11,600 1927, \$15,000 1933, \$20,000 1939 and \$24,000 in 1945. Cert. check for \$500 payable to Robert Scanlan, Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. These bonds were first offered on Aug. 19—V. 113, p. 652. It is stated that there has never been any litigation or question over any previous issues of bonds, all previous issues having been liquidated at maturity.

Assessed valuation of taxable property within said road district, \$3,944,230
Present bonded indebtedness..... None.
Floating indebtedness, \$13,000. This floating indebtedness is to be paid out of the funds realized from the sale of the advertised bonds, the debt having been contracted since the bonds were first advertised for sale and the money obtained having been used for the purpose for which the bonds are being issued.
Population of district over 4,000. Chief industries in district, Mining of coal and general farming. Real estate assessed at from sixty to seventy-five per cent. of its real value.

CAMBRIA TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cambria County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 7 p. m. Oct. 21 sealed bids will be received at the office of L. S. Jones, Secretary, in the Barker Building in Ebensburg, Pa., for the purchase of \$30,000 5 1/2% tax-free bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1921. Int. F. & A. Due \$10,000 on Aug. 1 in the years 1929, 1937 and 1945. Cert. check for \$500, payable to I. E. Lewis District Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. These bonds were first offered on Aug. 19 V. 113, p. 652. It is stated that there has never been any litigation or question over any previous issue of bonds, all previous issues having been liquidated at maturity.

Assessed val. of taxable property within said school dist., \$2,944,230 00
Present bonded indebtedness..... 30,000 00
Floating indebtedness..... None.
Population of district, over 4,000. Chief industries in district, mining of coal and general farming. Real estate assessed at from 60 to 75% of its real value.

CARNESVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Carnesville), Franklin County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—The \$17,500 school bonds voted as reported in—V. 112, p. 1999—have been disposed of.

CARROLLTON, Carroll County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$140,000 6% improvement bonds have been sold.

CASCADE, Cascade County, Mont.—BONDS HELD ILLEGAL.—The District Court Judge, J. B. Leslie, has held an issue of \$20,000 6% sewer bonds illegal.

These are the bonds which were offered on July 11 and sold on that day to C. E. Green—V. 113, p. 316.

CATLETTSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Catlettsburg), Boyd County, Ky.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$40,000 school bonds has been sold.

CHOWAN COUNTY (P. O. Edenton), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Notice is given that sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners, until 12 o'clock noon, Oct. 20 for the purchase of \$300,000 Road Bonds of the denominations of \$1,000 each or in larger denominations as buyers may desire. The bonds bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum, interest payable semi-annually. Time and place of payment of interest to be fixed suitable to the purchaser. Bonds to run thirty years and issued for the purpose of building hard surfaced roads in Chowan County. Bonds to become due and payable as follows: Interest to be paid on the whole issue for five years from the date of the bonds and beginning at the end of the five year period 4% of the entire issue or \$12,000 shall be due and payable at the end of each year for the remaining twenty five years, or until the \$300,000 is paid in full. Each bidder is required to put up a certified check for 5%, or \$15,000. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

CHURCHILL COUNTY (P. O. Fallon), Nev.—BOND SALE.—The State Board of Finance has purchased \$25,000 6% road bonds.

CITY OF HORICON AND TOWNS OF HUBBARD AND OAK GROVE JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Wisc.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$100,000 6% bonds has been sold to the Second Ward Securities Co. and the First Wisconsin Co., both of Milwaukee. Denoms. \$500 and \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1921. Int. F. & A. Due yearly on Feb. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1922; \$4,000, 1923 and 1924; \$5,000, 1925; \$10,000, 1926; \$5,000, 1927; \$6,000, 1928 and 1929; \$8,000, 1930 to 1932, incl.; \$9,000, 1933; \$8,000, 1934 and \$7,000, 1935 and 1936.

Assessed valuation.....\$3,094,036 00
Total debt including this issue..... 111,462 58
Population, estimated, 2,500.

CLAYTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Clayton), Union County, N. Mex.—BOND SALE.—The International Trust Co. of Denver, has purchased at a private sale the \$88,000 6% school bldg. bonds—V. 113, p. 438.

CLERMONT, Lake County, Fla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No sale was made on Oct. 4 of the \$30,000 6% 30-year water-works bonds—V. 113, p. 1382.

CLEVELAND, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,000,000 5 1/2% coupon water works bonds offered on October 3—V. 113, p. 1174—have been sold to the First National Bank and Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., both of New York, jointly, at 102.31, a basis of about 5.29%. Denomination \$1,000. Date July 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the American Exchange National Bank in New York City. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$60,000, 1923 to 1932, incl., and \$70,000, 1933 to 1952, incl. These bonds are being offered on a previous page of this issue to investors at prices to yield from 5.50% to 5.10% (according to maturity).

COHOES, Albany County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following three issues of 6% bonds offered on Oct. 4—V. 113, p. 1382—were sold to Sherwood & Merrifield at 103.08, a basis of about 5.54%: \$16,000 00 bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1922 to 1937, inclusive. 66,445 29 Series A General Improvement bonds. Denom. 60 for \$1,000 and 12 for \$500 each, all in coupon form and 1 for \$445 29 in registered form. Due \$3,500 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1922 to 1933, inclusive; \$3,445 29 on Oct. 1 1934 and \$3,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1935 to 1941, inclusive. 84,572 59 Series B bonds. Denom. 80 for \$1,000 each; 9 for \$500 each and 1 for \$72 59. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$8,500 from 1922 to 1926, incl.; \$6,500 from 1927 to 1930, incl.; \$6,072 59 in 1931 and \$2,000 from 1932 to 1936, incl. All of the bonds in this issue are in coupon form except the one bond for \$72 59 which is in registered form. Date Oct. 1 1921.

COLLEGE VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. College View), Lancaster County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$35,000 6% tax-free coupon bonds has been sold to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1922 to 1926, incl., and \$1,500, 1927 to 1946, incl.

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation for taxation, 1921... \$2,752,735 Total debt (this issue included)... 95,000 Less sinking fund... \$8,616 Net debt... 86,384 Population, estimated, 2,400.

COOS COUNTY (P. O. Coquille), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—I. F. Bunch, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Nov. 2 for \$150,000 6% county bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1921. Int. M.-N. payable at County Treasurer's office. Due \$25,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1923 to 1928, incl. Cert. check for 5%, required.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Pottawattamie County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The State Savings Bank of Council Bluffs has purchased the \$200,000 5 1/2% water works bonds offered on Oct. 6—V. 113, p. 1490—paying a premium of \$1,900 equal to 100.95. Date Feb. 1 1921.

CUMMING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cumming), Forsyth County, Ga.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on Sept. 6 for \$28,000 worth of school bonds carried by an overwhelming majority there being only eleven votes against them, it is reported.

CURTIS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Curtis), Frontier County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The \$80,000 6% school bonds, offered unsuccessfully, fully on Aug. 2—V. 113, p. 653—have been sold at 94 to the Omaha Trust Co. of Omaha.

DALLAS, Dallas County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 5% gold coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds, offered on Oct. 1 (V. 113, p. 1271), were awarded on Oct. 3 to George L. Simpson & Co., of Dallas, representing Eldridge & Co., of New York, for \$623,220 (95.88) and interest, a basis of about 5.34%: \$450,000 water filtration bonds. Due \$11,000 each year, except \$12,000 each fourth year, for forty years. 200,000 garbage incinerator bonds. Due \$5,000 each year for forty years. Date May 1 1921.

DANVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Danville), Des Moines County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$55,000 school bonds has been awarded to local investors.

DAVENPORT, Scott County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The William R. Compton Co., and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., both of Chicago, have been awarded \$475,000 5 1/4% tax-free bonds at 102.52, a basis of about 5.26%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1921. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable at the office of City Treasurer. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$9,000, 1931; \$23,000, 1932; \$39,000, 1933; \$48,000, 1934 and 1935; \$49,000, 1936; \$50,000, 1937 and 1938; \$51,000, 1939; \$54,000, 1940 and 1941.

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation... \$83,062,800 Total debt, including this issue... 1,469,500 Population, 1920, 56,727.

DE SOTO CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. De Soto), Dallas and Madison Counties, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—James Bowers, Secretary Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Oct. 22 for \$76,000 6% school bonds. Date Nov. 1 1921. Int. M. & N. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1926 to 1934, inclusive, and \$31,000, 1935, optional after 1926. Principal payable at any bank in Chicago or Des Moines.

DOUGLAS COUNTY (P. O. Superior), Wis.—BONDS NOT TO BE OFFERED AGAIN AT PRESENT.—W. J. Leader, County Clerk, advises us that the \$20,000 5% road bonds offered but not sold on Sept. 15—V. 113, p. 1383—will not be placed on the market again this Fall. He also says: "In fact, I do not think we will try to sell bonds before next Spring, if then."

DUBOIS COUNTY (P. O. Jasper), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—J. A. Sonderman, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 22 for \$18,200 5% William Conrad et al., Columbia Township bonds. Denom. \$455. Date Nov. 15 1921. Int. M. & N. Due \$910 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, incl.

DUDLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Dudley), Laurens County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—The Robinson-Humphrey Co. of Atlanta, has purchased \$11,000 6% school house erection bonds at 94. Date June 1 1920. Int. annually (June 1).

ELIZABETHTON, Carter County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—J. M. Brumit, Town Recorder, will receive bids for \$24,000 6% school bonds. Maturity not to exceed 30 years.

EL PASO, El Paso County, Tex.—CHARTER AMENDMENT TO BE VOTED ON.—A charter amendment to increase the rate of interest on city bonds from not to exceed 5% to not to exceed 6% will be submitted to a vote of the people on Nov. 1.

On Nov. 8 the voters will decide whether they are in favor of voting and selling various 6% 6-30 year serial bonds, aggregating \$1,850,000, to Stern Bros. & Co., and the Commerce Trust Co., both of Kansas City, Mo. The date first decided to vote upon the above proposition was Sept. 6—V. 113, p. 1075.

EL PASO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 54, Colo.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 6% 10-20-year (opt.) high school bldg. bonds, offered on Sept. 30—V. 113, p. 1272—were sold on Oct. 1 to the International Trust Co. of Denver at 98.57. Int. semi-ann. payable in New York. Other bidders, all of Denver, were: Bonwell, Phillips & Co. 98.12; Boettcher, Porter & Co. 97.59; Sidlo, Simons, Fels & Co. 97.15; Bosworth, Chanute & Co. 97.75; Bankers Trust Co. 97.15; Antonides & Co. 95.53.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY (P. O. Pensacola), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—The Clerk Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed bids until Nov. 15 for \$1,000,000 road paving bonds, it is reported.

ESSEX FIELDS, Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The New Jersey Fidelity & Plate Glass Insurance Co. was the successful bidder at 101.20, a basis of about 5.88% for the \$30,000, 6% coupon water works bonds offered on Sept. 30—V. 113, p. 1272. Date Oct. 1 1921. Due \$800 on Oct. 1 1923 and 1924; \$900 on Oct. 1 1925, and \$1,100 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1926 to 1950, inclusive.

FELICITY, Clermont County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 12 m. Oct. 29 by Foster Altman, Village Clerk, for \$15,000 6% street impt. bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 15 1921. Int. semi-ann. Due \$500 yrly. on Mar. 15 from 1922 to 1951, incl. Cert. check for 3% of bid payable to the Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

FILLMORE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 40 (P. O. Ohiowa), Neb.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 27 an issue of \$75,000 6% school bldg. bonds was sold at 97.

FOREST, Hardin County, Ohio.—BOND NOT SOLD.—The \$3,100 6% deficiency funding bonds offered on Sept. 29—V. 113, p. 1272—were not sold as no bids were received. Denom. 5 for \$500 and 1 for \$600.

FOUNTAIN COUNTY (P. O. Covington), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Albert H. McElwee, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 15 for \$25,600 5% Bryon Frazier et al., Richland and Cain Township bonds. Denom. \$1,280. Date May 15 1921. Int. M. & N. Due \$1,280 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, incl.

FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The State of Washington has purchased at par \$6,000 5 1/4% school bonds.

FREDERICK COUNTY (P. O. Frederick), Md.—BOND SALE.—The \$125,000 5% school bonds offered on Sept. 29—V. 113, p. 1383—were sold to the Citizens National Bank of Frederick at 101, a basis of about 4.91%. Date Oct. 1 1921. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000 in 1936 and \$15,000 from 1937 to 1944, incl.

FREEBORN COUNTY (P. O. Albert Lea), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Fred Tavis, County Auditor, will receive bids until Oct. 21 for the following 6% bonds: \$40,000 Ditch No. 36 bonds. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1927 to 1931, incl., and \$3,000, 1932 to 1941, incl. 8,000 Ditch No. 39 bonds. Due \$1,000 biennially Sept. 1 from 1927 to 1941, incl. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the First National Bank, St. Paul. Cert. check for 10% of total bid, required.

FREMONT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 24, Colo.—BOND SALE.—Keeler Bros. & Co. of Denver, have acquired \$15,000 6% tax-free bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1921. Int. payable semi-ann. Jan. 1 and July 1 in New York. Prin. and int. payable in gold coin. Due \$1,000 yearly from July 1922 to July 1936, incl.

Financial Statement. Real valuation (conservative estimate)... \$800,000.00 Assessed valuation 1920... 454,511.00 Total debt, this issue only... \$15,000 Less cash on hand... 3,000 Total net debt... 12,000 Population officially certified, 1,000.

FROID, Roosevelt County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—S. B. Wallender, Town Clerk, will sell at public auction at 8 p. m. Nov. 1, \$10,000 electric light plant bonds not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J.-J.) payable at office of the Town Treasurer or at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. at option of holder. Due Nov. 1 1941, optional Nov. 1 1931. Cert. check for \$1,000 payable to the Town Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

GADSDEN, Etowah County, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. Oct. 17 by H. A. Thomas, City Clerk, for \$143,500 6% public impt. assessment bonds.

GATESVILLE, Coryell County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—It is reported that the City Council has ordered an election for Oct. 26 to vote on a \$42,500 bond issue for the construction or purchase of a water works system. It is also reported that the franchise of the private company expires in October.

GEORGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. George), Lyon County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—M. A. Floyd Co. of Minneapolis has been awarded an issue of \$22,000 6% school bonds at par.

GETTYSBURG INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Gettysburg), Potter County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Oct. 17 by Charles E. Harris, Clerk Board of Education, for \$90,000 6% school bonds. Interest semi-annually.

GIBSON COUNTY (P. O. Princeton), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Alfred M. Johnson, County Auditor, will receive bids until 10 a. m. to-day (Oct. 8) for \$17,874 6% John A. Ford et al., drainage bonds. Denom. 9 for \$1,790 and 1 for \$1,764. Date Aug. 15 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Due serially.

GILBERT, St. Louis County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Oct. 11 by A. W. Indihar, Village Clerk, for the purchase of \$200,000 tax-free gold coupon refunding bonds at not exceeding 6% interest—V. 113, p. 1174. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1921. Int. J. & J. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1924 to 1926, inclusive; \$14,000, 1927 and \$20,000 1928 to 1936, inclusive.

GLENMORE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Edgeley), La Moure County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—During August the State of North Dakota purchased \$2,500 4% building bonds at par. Date Dec. 31 1920. Due Dec. 31 1940. Bonds are not subject to call but may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

GOODING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Gooding), Gooding County, Ida.—BOND SALE.—Bosworth, Chamute & Co. of Denver have purchased \$60,000 6% funding bonds at 96.42.

GRAND RAPIDS, Kent County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The following four issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$408,500, which were offered on Sept. 29—V. 113, p. 1383—were sold to the Old Colony Trust Co. and Edmunds Bros. jointly at par.

- \$45,000 6% street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$9,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1922 to 1926, inclusive. 70,000 6% street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$7,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1922 to 1931, inclusive. 118,500 6% sewer construction bonds. Denom. 115 for \$1,000 each and 5 for \$700 each. Due \$23,700 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1922 to 1926, inclusive. \$175,000 5% Pearl Street Bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 1941. Date Oct. 1 1921. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. * The total amount of this issue when offered was \$275,000.

GRATIS, Preble County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—N. G. Kimmel, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 25 for \$1,000 6% village bonds. Denom. \$200. Date Oct. 1 1921. Int. A. & O. Due \$200 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1922 to 1926, inclusive.

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Webster City), Iowa.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The \$24,000 6% tax-free coupon funding bonds, awarded as stated in V. 113, p. 1490, are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date, Oct. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due Nov. 1 1931.

Financial Statement. *Value of taxable property... \$47,121,908 Total debt (this issue included)... 531,000 Population, 1920 census, 19,531.

* The constitutional debt limit is 5% of the value of taxable property. The Supreme Court of Iowa defined this to be 5% of the actual value of taxable property as returned by the assessor and as equalized.

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Cincinnati), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following four issues of 6% bonds which were offered on Sept. 23 (V. 113, p. 1075) were sold as stated below: \$12,500 Clough Road No. 358 Assessment bonds to A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., at 103.14, a basis of about 5.59%. 116,000 Clough Road No. 358 county's portion bonds to the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., and Richards, Parish & Lamson, jointly, at 103.35, a basis of about 5.70%. 15,000 Cincinnati-Brookville Road, Section "B", Assessment bonds to A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., at 103.141, a basis of about 5.59%. 226,500 Cincinnati-Brookville Road, Section "B", county's portion bonds to the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co. and Richards, Parish & Lamson, jointly, at 102.46, a basis of about 5.67%. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1921. Int. J. & J. Due July 1 1931.

HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Helena), Lewis & Clark Counties, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 6 p. m. Oct. 15 by Thomas E. Goodwin, Clerk, for the \$150,000 6% gold refunding bonds, recently authorized—V. 113, p. 875. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the County Treasurer's office or at the Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y. at option of holder. Due \$15,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1933 to 1942, incl., optional yearly on Jan. 1 from 1932 to 1941, incl. Cert. check for \$1,500, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

HENNEPIN COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 91 (P. O. Maple Plain), Minn.—BOND SALE.—Mrs. Frank Ford, of Maple Plain, has purchased at par the \$2,000 6% school bonds offered on Oct. 1 (V. 113, p. 1491).

HIGHLAND (P. O. Dallas), Dallas County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—Breg, Garrett & Co. of Dallas, advises us that they have purchased the \$100,000 6% gold coupon street impt. bonds, recently voted—V. 113, p. 875. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1921. Due \$5,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1927 to 1946, incl. Bonded debt including this issue, \$236,000. Sinking fund, \$7,000. Assessed value 1921, \$8,381,138. Total tax rate (per \$1,000), \$21.50. In connection with their purchase they say: "Highland Park directly adjoins the City of Dallas, and will sooner or later become a part thereof."

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Buffalo), Bedford County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by N. E. Leach, Secretary of School Board, until 7 p. m. Oct. 15 for \$25,000 5 1/2% tax-free school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 15 1921. Int. semi-ann. (A.-O.). Due yearly on Oct. 15, as follows: \$2,000 1921 to 1933, incl. and \$3,000, 1934. Cert. check for \$300, required.

HOPLAND UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Mendocino County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—On Oct. 11 an issue of \$25,000 6% bonds will be offered for sale, it is stated.

HOUGHTON COUNTY (P. O. Houghton), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—The County is offering for popular subscription \$100,000 5 1/2% 10-year road bonds at par and accrued interest. Denom. \$100 and \$1,000 each. Subscriptions will be received by any bank in Houghton County or by the County Treasurer.

HOWARD COUNTY (P. O. Kokomo), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—T. C. Sanders, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 10 for \$11,880 5% David Fawcett et al., Howard Township bonds. Denom. \$594. Date Sept. 15 1921. Int. M. & N. Due \$594 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, incl.

HUNTINGTON PARK UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BIDS.—The following bids were also received on Sept. 19 for the \$75,000 6% school bonds, awarded as stated in V. 113, p. 1384:

Cyrus Pearce & Co.	California Company	\$76,033
Hunter, Dulm & Co.	Frick, Martin & Co.	75,874
Harris Trust & Savings Bk.	State Board of Control	75,710
Wm. R. Staats Co.	Citizens National Bank	75,325

HURON, Erie County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The State Industrial Commission of Ohio was the successful bidder at par and interest for \$23,155 86 6% Inter-County Highway No. 3 Main Market No. 18 special assessment bonds offered on Oct. 3—V. 113, p. 1273. Date Sept. 15 1921. Due yearly on Sept. 15 as follows: \$1,155 86 in 1922 and \$2,000 from 1923 to 1933, incl.

IDAHO (State of).—BOND SALE.—The following bids were received on Oct. 1 for the \$2,000,000 5% 10-20-year highway bonds, dated Jan. 1 1921—V. 113, p. 1273:

The Palmer Bond & Mortgage Co., Salt Lake City, as fiscal agent, charging a fee of \$83,600, presented a bid of par and accrued interest on behalf of William R. Compton Co., Equitable Trust Co. of New York, Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., Eldredge & Co., Remick, Hodges & Co., The Boise City National Bank as fiscal agents, charging a fee of \$95,860, presented a bid for par and accrued interest on behalf of Hornblower & Weeks, R. W. Pressprich & Co., Redmond & Co., Northern Trust Co., Chicago; Taylor, Ewart & Co., A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., The Minnesota Loan & Trust Co.

E. B. Sherwin, of Ferris & Hardgrove, Spokane, made an offer to secure a bid for par and accrued interest on \$250,000 of the issue, conditioned upon an option on the remaining \$1,750,000 to Dec. 31 1921, for which they asked a fee of \$12,125 and attached a certified check for \$5,000.

Although we are officially informed that the Palmer Bond & Mortgage Co. were awarded the fiscal agent contract at \$83,600 and the bid they submitted was accepted, we understand that contract of sale has not yet been closed and there appears to be some question as to whether it actually will be closed. In connection with the sale of the bonds the "Oregonian" of Oct. 1 said:

"Sale was made to-day by State Treasurer Banks of the fourth issue of Idaho State highway bonds in the sum of \$2,000,000. This was the fifth attempt to obtain an acceptable bid for those 5% semi-annual 20-year bonds first authorized by the 1919 Legislature and affirmed by popular vote at the general election of 1920. Under the fiscal agency provision made by the 1921 Legislature, the successful bidder was the Palmer Bond & Mortgage Co. of Salt Lake, representing a syndicate of five New York financial houses. The Palmer bid for the fiscal agency was \$93,600, which sum is to be paid the agent for procuring the purchases, who agrees to absorb the entire \$2,000,000 issue of bonds at par with accrued interest. They are dated Jan. 1 1921, and mature Jan. 1 1941. Sale of the bonds means a new lease of life to active prosecution of State highway work.

"The work of the Bureau of Highways has been practically at a standstill for lack of funds, save for the completion of work under old contracts and a certain amount of construction and maintenance work under the nine-tenths mill special levy. The sale makes possible also the retirement of registered warrants drawn and now outstanding on the highway fund.

ISHPEMING, Marquette County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 5% street bonds offered on Oct. 1—V. 113, p. 1491—were sold to local investors at par and accrued interest. Date Oct. 1 1921. Due \$5,000 yearly from 1922 to 1928, inclusive.

JACKSON, Hinds County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—Last month the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. of N. Y. purchased \$50,000 street, bridge and sewer bonds at par and accrued interest.

JASPER COUNTY (P. O. Rensselaer), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—John T. Briggs, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 1 p. m. Oct. 14 for \$21,400 5% Elit Toben et al., stone road bonds. Denom. \$1,070. Date Sept. 15 1921. Int. M. & N. Due \$1,070 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, incl.

JAY COUNTY (P. O. Portland), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$8,400 6% J. J. Kidder et al., Pike Township bonds offered on Oct. 1—V. 113, p. 1491—were sold to the J. F. Wild & Co. State Bank at par and accrued interest.

JEFFERSON, Jefferson County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$22,500 5% water and light bonds have been sold at par to local banks.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Madison), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—S. G. Bovard, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 15 for 19,400 John M. Stewart et al., Graham Township bonds. Denom. \$485. Date July 5 1921. Interest M. & N. Due \$970 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, inclusive. These bonds were first offered on July 27—V. 113, p. 440.

JENNINGS COUNTY (P. O. Verona), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 5% bonds offered on Sept. 10 (V. 113, p. 979) were sold:

\$16,000 Thos. Wood Columbia Township bonds. Denom. \$800. Due \$800 every six months beginning May 15 1922.

21,200 Henry Burgmeyer Spencer Township bonds. Denom. \$1,060. Due \$1,060 every six months beginning May 15 1922. Date Sept. 1 1921. Int. M. & N.

JOHNSTONS STATION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lincoln and Pike Counties, Miss.—PETITION FOR BOND ISSUE WITHDRAWN.—The "Magnolia Gazette" of Sept. 15 said:

"The petition for a bond issue election filed with the Board of Supervisors last week by citizens residing in the Johnston Station High School district, lying partly in Pike and partly in Lincoln, was withdrawn after the Board had granted it and ordered the election held. After the Board had taken the requested action, doubt arose as to the legal right of a high school district to issue bonds, and attorneys representing the petitioners asked leave to withdraw until the question could be more carefully and thoroughly investigated. It was proposed to issue \$10,000 of the district's bonds of which \$6,450 would be the share of the Pike County territory and \$3,550 of that portion lying in Lincoln County."

KINSTON, Lenoir County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 7.30 p. m. Oct. 20 W. B. Coleman, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids for \$300,000 6% coupon (with privilege of registration) electric light bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 15 1921. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. Due yearly on Oct. 15 as follows: \$6,000 1923 to 1942, incl., and \$10,000 1943 to 1960, incl. Cert. check or cash upon an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of the amount of the bonds bid for, payable to the above official required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Successful bidders will be furnished with the opinion of Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt, of New York City, that the bonds are valid and binding obligations of the City of Kinston, and the bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon.

KIOWA COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9, Colo.—BOND ELECTION AND SALE.—An issue of \$9,000 6% 15-30-year (opt.) school-building bonds has been sold to the International Trust Co. of Denver, subject to being voted at an election to be held in about 50 days. Interest semi-annual, payable in New York.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—The Board of City Commissioners will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 11 for the purchase of \$160,000 6% 1-5-year serial street-improvement bonds. Int. A. & O. Bonds will be sold subject to approving opinion of Shaffer & Williams, of Cincinnati. Certified check for \$2,500, payable to the City of Knoxville, required. John L. Greer is City Recorder.

LAMBERT, Quitman County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until Nov. 1 for \$30,000 electric light and gravel street 6% bonds, voted on Sept. 29 by 35 to 10.

LANE COUNTY (P. O. Eugene), Ore.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 10, \$50,000 5% road bonds were sold at par and accrued interest to Mercer & Igoo. Denoms. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000. Date May 1 1921. Int semi-ann.

LA FOLLETTE, Campbell County, Tenn.—BONDS DEFEATED.—On Sept. 30 the \$40,000 6% coupon bonds—V. 113, p. 654—were defeated.

LANSING, Ingham County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—City Clerk Judson A. Parsons will receive bids until 8.30 p. m. for \$200,000 paving bonds, \$100,000 sewerage system bonds and \$100,000 water bonds, bearing 5% interest. Denominations to suit purchaser (except on such bonds as sold over the treasurer's counter as explained below). Date Nov. 1 1921. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & N.), payable at the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York; Peoples State Bank of Detroit or any other place designated by the successful bidder. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows:

Table with columns: Water Bonds, Paving Bonds, Sewerage System Bds., Year. Rows list bond amounts and years from 1927 to 1941.

To carry out the provisions of the charter of the City of Lansing these bonds will be offered to the public at par for a period of 30 days. This time will expire Oct. 14 1921, and the City Council has the authority to sell the unsold portion to the highest bidder. (See Section 183, Chapter 12, of the city charter). This will be done on Oct. 17 1921 in the Council rooms in City Hall at 8.30 P. M., Central Standard time. It will be satisfactory to the city or bidders to place their bids on the entire issue of \$400,000 and then sell the city at par that portion which has been sold over the Treasurer's counter. We are notified by F. H. Prasby, City Comptroller, under date of Oct. 1 that the city had up to said date sold at par over the Treasurer's counter \$5,000 water bonds in denominations of \$1,000 and due in 1941, and he further advises us that the city may sell from \$2,000 to \$3,000 more before Oct. 14 1921. Certified check for 1% of the par value of the bonds, drawn upon a chartered banking house, required. Bonds and legal opinion to be furnished by the successful bidder.

Financial Statement table with columns: Description, Amount. Rows include real and personal property, assessed value, total debt, net bonded indebtedness.

LARAMIE COUNTY (P. O. Cheyenne), Wyo.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 5% county hospital bonds offered unsuccessfully on Feb. 7—V. 112, p. 676—have been sold to the Memorial Hospital of Laramie County.

LARAMIE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Laramie), Albany County, Wyo.—BOND ELECTION.—Probably in November an election will be held to vote on the issuance of \$350,000 high school bonds.

LAUREL, Cedar County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The First Trust Co. of Omaha has been awarded \$37,000 6% paving intersection and \$40,000 7% district paving bonds.

LEMON TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Butler County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Monroe National Bank of Monroe, Ohio, was the successful bidder at par and accrued interest for an issue of \$14,000 6% deficiency bonds. Denom. \$500. Int. M. & S. Due from Sept. 1 1926 to 1931, incl.

LEWIS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 208, Wash.—BONDS NOT TO BE RE-OFFERED AT PRESENT.—The \$10,000 school bonds, offered unsuccessfully on Sept. 10 (V. 113, p. 1384), will not be re-offered before next year.

LIBERTY GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Robeson County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—J. R. Poole, Superintendent County Board of Education (P. O. Lumberton), will receive sealed bids until Nov. 7 for \$25,000 6% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Int. J. & D. Certified check for \$1,000, payable to the above official, required.

LINCOLN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lincoln), Lancaster County, Neb.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 8.30 p. m. Oct. 11 for coupon school bonds, not to exceed 5% interest, by the Secretary Board of Education. Three separate and distinct proposals are desired for the bonds as follows: Proposal 1 for bonds in the amount of \$100,000, Proposal 2 for bonds in the amount of \$200,000 and Proposal 3 for bonds in the amount of \$400,000. Date Nov. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the office of City Treasurer, who is ex-officio Treasurer of School District. Due in 30 years from date optional on or after 3 years from date. Cert. check for 1% of the amount of bonds bid for, required. Proposals are desired on the basis of the purchaser printing bonds. Total bonded debt (excluding this issue) June 30 1921, \$1,113,500. Balance all funds (cash on hand June 30 1921), \$371,753 94. The assessed valuation of property certified by the County Clerk Sept. 21 1921 for the tax year 1921, \$90,121,895. School population (June 1921), 15,540.

LINTON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Coshocton), Coshocton County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,000 6% coupon school bonds offered on Oct. 1 (V. 113, p. 1384) were sold to the West Lafayette Banking Co. at par and accrued interest. Date Sept. 1 1921. Due \$250 each six months from May 15 1922 to Sept. 1 1927, inclusive.

LITTLE OPOSSUM BAYOU DRAINAGE DISTRICT, Quitman County, Miss.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No sale was made on Sept. 10 of the \$65,000 6% 30-year serial bonds—V. 113, p. 1175. Denom. \$1,000. Int. semi-ann. They will be re-offered on Oct. 10.

LOGAN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Stapleton), Neb.—BOND SALE.—The Peters Trust Co. of Omaha has purchased \$36,000 6% 10-20 year (opt.) school bldg. bonds.

LORAIN, Lorain County, Ohio.—BIDS.—The following bids were received on Sept. 30 at the offering of the \$265,000 6% coupon bonds (V. 113, p. 1384):

Table with columns: Name, Amount. Lists various banks and their bids for Lorain County bonds.

LOS ANGELES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—PRICE PAID.—The price at which the \$1,500,000 5 1/2% gold tax-free bonds were acquired—V. 113, p. 1384—was 100.02, a basis of about 5.49%. The bonds were purchased on Sept. 12.

LOS ANGELES CITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—PURCHASES.—The purchasers of the \$500,000 5 1/2% school bonds—V. 113, p. 1384—were R. H. Moulton & Co., and the Bank of Italy, jointly. The price paid was 100.025, a basis of about 5.49%.

LOS NIETOS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—L. E. Lampton, County Clerk (P. O. Los Angeles), will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Oct. 17 for \$12,000 6% school bonds.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Anderson), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$17,000 6% bonds offered on Oct. 1—V. 113, p. 1384—were sold to the Merchants National Bank of Muncie at 103.235, a basis of about 5.40%.

MAHONOMEN, Mahanomen County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 6% 20-year water-extension bonds offered on Sept. 26 (V. 113, p. 1385) were sold on Oct. 3 to the Lincoln Trust & Savings Bank of Minneapolis at 95.25, a basis of 6.43%.

MARLIN, Falls County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election \$225,000 water works bonds were voted by 251 to 40.

MAUMEE, Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—F. C. Lantz-enheiser, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. Oct. 17 for the following 6% Key Street Sewer District sewer construction bonds:

- \$30,970 00 branch sewer No. 1 in subdistrict No. 1 bonds. Denom. 1 for \$970 and 30 for \$1,000 each. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,970 in 1922; \$3,000 from 1923 to 1930, incl., and \$4,000 in 1931.

Date Nov. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the Village Treasurer's office. Cert. check for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

MAUMEE VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Maumee), Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 6% coupon bonds offered on Sept. 22—V. 113, p. 1176—were sold to Prudden & Co. at 101.638, a basis of about 5.88%.

MAYES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16, Okla.—BONDS APPROVED.—On Sept. 27 \$13,500 school-building bonds were approved on Sept. 27 by the Attorney-General.

MAYNARD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Maynard), Fayette County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—Reports state that \$40,000 school bonds have been purchased by White, Phillips Co., of Davenport.

MENNO, Hutchinson County, So. Dak.—PURCHASER.—The purchaser of the \$38,000 bonds (V. 113, p. 1385) was the Drake-Ballard Co. of Minneapolis. The price paid by them was par.

MIAMI COUNTY (P. O. Troy), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—T. B. Rodabaugh, County Auditor, will receive sealed proposals until Oct. 28 for \$8,200 power-plant bonds and \$9,700 electric light bonds, both bearing 6% interest and dated Oct. 1 1921.

MICHIGAN (State of).—BOND OFFERING.—Frank E. Gorman, State Treasurer, will receive sealed proposals until 11 a. m. Nov. 1 for \$4,000,000 5 1/2% or 5 3/4% coupon (with privilege of registration) highway improvement bonds.

CORRECTION.—The date of the \$10,000,000 5 1/2% coupon soldiers bonus bonds which were sold on Sept. 22 (V. 113, p. 1385), to a syndicate headed by the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago is Oct. 15 1921, not Oct. 1 1921, as incorrectly reported in our issue of Sept. 24, page 1385.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY (P. O. New Brunswick), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—F. William Hilker, County Treasurer, will receive sealed proposals until 2 p. m. Oct. 13 for an issue of 5 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration) road-improvement bonds not to exceed \$112,000.

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation taxable real estate, 1921—\$101,071,007. Assessed valuation taxable personal property, 1921—28,047,909.

MINOT, Ward County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota during August purchased \$10,000 4% sewage-disposal-plant bonds at par. Date April 1 1920. Due April 1 1940. Bonds are not optional but may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

MODESTO, Stanislaus County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—L. A. Love, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Oct. 12 for the following 7% bonds: \$20,112 44 improvement bonds. Date Sept. 1 1921. 3,089 16 improvement bonds. Date Aug. 15 1921.

MONROE COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 4, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The Bank of Amory and the Security Bank, both of Amory, have purchased \$50,000 6% road bonds at par.

MONO LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mono Lake), Mono County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—An issue of \$3,500 6% school-building bonds has been voted.

MONROE TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Arcamam R. D. No. 4), Darke County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 6% bonds offered on Oct. 1 (V. 113, p. 1174) were sold to the Provident Savings & Trust Co., and Richard, Parish & Lamson, jointly at 101.56, a basis of about 5.88%.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Dayton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—F. A. Kilmer, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 9 a. m. Oct. 13 for \$4,700 6% coupon ditch bonds. Denom. 3 for \$900 and 2 for \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office.

MORGAN COUNTY (P. O. Martinsville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—John S. Spoor, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 20 for \$24,730 6% Ella D. McNair et al., ditch bonds. Denom. 8 for \$591.25 and 40 for \$500 each. Date Aug. 25 1921. Int. semi-annually.

MORRILL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, Neb.—BOND SALE.—Benwell Phillips & Co. of Denver have purchased \$4,000 6% school bldg. bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 1 1921. Prin. and ann. int. (Feb. 1) payable at the office of County Treasurer. Due \$1,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1923 to 1926, incl.

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation (1921)—\$530,000 00. Total bonded debt (this issue only)—4,000 00. Population estimated, 650.

MORRILL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9, Neb.—BOND SALE.—Recently \$5,000 6% school bldg. bonds were sold to Benwell, Phillips & Co. of Denver. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1926 to 1930, incl.

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation of taxable property (1920) as returned by Assessor—\$261,670 00. Total bonded debt (this issue only)—5,000 00. Population estimated, 200.

MORRILL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. C-14, Neb.—BOND SALE.—Benwell, Phillips & Co. of Denver, have been awarded \$7,000 6% school bldg. bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$1,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1931 to 1937, incl.

Financial Statement. Valuation of tax. property as returned by the Assessor for 1920—\$468,000. Total bonded debt, this issue only—7,000. Population estimated, 500.

MORRILL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73, Neb.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$11,000 6% funding bonds has been sold to Benwell, Phillips & Co. of Denver. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the office of County Treasurer. Due \$1,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1934, incl.

Financial Statement. Valuation of taxable prop. as returned by the Assessor for 1920—\$551,175. Total bonded debt, this issue only—11,000. Population estimated, 750.

MOUNT VERNON, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 registered assessment bonds offered on Sept. 30—V. 113, p. 1385—were sold to Farson, Son & Co. at 100.188 for 5 1/2%, a basis of about 5.71%.

MOUNT VERNON, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—James Berg, City Comptroller, will receive bids until 8 p. m. Oct. 11 for \$100,000 5 1/2%, 5 3/4% or 6% coupon (with privilege of registration) highway repaving bonds.

MOWER COUNTY (P. O. Austin), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. Oct. 11 by the County Auditor, for \$44,695 41 5 1/2% trunk highway reimbursement bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except one bond for \$695 41. Date Oct. 1 1921. Int. semi-ann payable at St. Paul or Minneapolis, as designated by successful bidder.

Financial Statement. Assessed Valuations (1920)—Real estate—\$21,571,400 00. Personal property—3,796,248 00. Money and credits—3,474,728 00. Total—\$28,842,376 00. Actual valuation (estimated)—74,184,822 00. Bonded indebtedness (roads and bridges)—405,775 00.

NEWCOMERSTOWN, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Harry Dillehay, Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 15 for \$8,000 6% cemetery bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 1 1921. Int. semi-annually. Due \$500 each six months from Oct. 1 1922 to April 1 1930, incl. Cert. check for \$300, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

NEWPORT NEWS, Warwick County, Va.—BOND SALE.—Kissel, Kinicutt Co., and the Wm. R. Compton Co., both of New York, jointly purchased at 102.33 (\$230,245 87), a basis of about 5.34%, the three issues of improvement bonds aggregating \$225,000 offered on Oct. 3—V. 113, p. 1274. Date April 1 1921. Due April 1 1951.

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP (P. O. Wanamie), Luzerne County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 5 1/2% coupon improvement bonds offered on Sept. 30—V. 113, p. 1274—were sold to the Glen Lyon Bank at par and accrued interest. Date Sept. 1 1921. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$5,000 in 1923 and \$10,000 from 1933 to 1935 inclusive.

NEWTON COUNTY (P. O. Kentland), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—John J. Sell, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids on or after Oct. 24 for the purchase of \$171,000 6% L. R. Williams et al., ditch bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1921. Int. payable semi-ann. at the Discount & Deposit State Bank, Kentland.

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—TEMPORARY LOANS.—During the month of August the city issued \$87,970,000 short-term securities, consisting of revenue bills, special revenue bonds, corporate stock notes and assessment bonds, as follows:

Table with columns: Amount, Int. Rate, Maturity Date, Date Sold. Includes sections for Revenue Bills of 1921, Corporate Stock Notes, Rapid Transit, Municipal Purposes, and Special Revenue Bonds of 1921.

NICHOLASVILLE, Jessamine County Ky.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$56,000 water-plant bonds has been purchased by the Security Trust Co. of Lexington.

NILES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Niles), Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—M. G. Kennedy, Clerk, will receive sealed proposals until 12 m. Oct. 14 (Date changed from Oct. 13—V. 113, p. 1492) for \$56,000 6% coupon bonds.

NORA SPRINGS, Floyd County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—Schanke & Co. of Mason City have been awarded \$5,000 6% funding bonds. Date Oct. 1 1921. Due Oct. 1 1931.

NORTHAMPTON, Hampshire County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The \$32,000 5% coupon concrete bridge bonds offered on Oct. 4—V. 113, p. 1492—were sold to Merrill, Oldham & Co. of Boston at 100.17, a basis of about 4.96%.

Table listing names of other bidders and their respective bid amounts for the Northampton bonds.

NORFOLK, Va.—BOND SALE.—Estabrook & Co., Guaranty Company of New York, Bankers Trust Co., and Hannahs, Ballin & Lee, all of New York, have purchased \$1,547,000 5 1/2% tax-free coupon (with privilege of registration) school bonds at 100.60 and interest, a basis of about 5.46%.

Financial Statement for Norfolk bonds, showing estimated true value of taxable property, assessed value, total bonded debt, sinking fund, water debt, and net debt.

NORTH DAKOTA (State of).—BOND SALE.—We are advised that approximately \$1,500,000 of a total issue of \$3,000,000 5 1/2% real estate series bonds have been acquired by Spitzer, Rorick & Co. of N. Y.

Spitzer, Rorick & Co. are the bond dealers who took the issue. The price paid for the bonds in New York is to be made known later on. The bond issue was authorized by the North Dakota Legislature in 1919 and the campaign to sell the bonds has been under way ever since.

The North Dakota Industrial Commission opened an office in New York and has been conducting a popular campaign to sell the bonds. The expense has been borne out of State funds, and has been heavy, but the results of the campaign never have been given out in any authoritative way.

NORTH POWDER, Union County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$7,500 water and fire protection bonds has been sold.

OAKDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Stanislaus County, Calif.—PURCHASER.—The purchaser of the \$60,000 6% school bonds was the National City Co. They were acquired at 100.43, a basis of about 5.93% on Sept. 13 and are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 13 1921. Int. semi-ann. Due \$5,000 yearly on Sept. 13 from 1923 to 1933 incl. The above corrects the report given in V. 113, p. 1492.

OAKWOOD, Montgomery County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The two issues of 6% bonds aggregating \$13,700 which were offered on Sept. 6—V. 113, p. 1077—were not sold as no bids were received.

OCONOMOWOC, Waukesha County, Wisc.—BOND SALE.—The Second Ward Securities Co., Milwaukee, paying a premium of \$347, equal to 101.38, was awarded the following three issues of 6% improvement bonds: \$15,000 armory bonds, 5,000 water-works construction bonds, 5,000 sewer bonds.

OKANOGAN, Okanogan County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—Anderson & Nelson of Tanasect, have purchased an issue of \$23,297 74 city bonds.

OLMSTED COUNTY (P. O. Rochester), Minn.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 4 \$137,817 76 trunk highway reimbursement bonds were sold to the Wells-Dickey Co., at 100.97 and interest. Date Aug. 1 1921. Due on Aug. 1 from 1931 to 1935, inclusive. In giving the notice of the offering of the bonds in V. 113, p. 1493, we stated that they would bear 6% instead of 5 1/2%.

ONTARIO, Malheur County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—According to newspaper reports, \$5,000 6% sewer bonds have been sold at 95.

ORANGETOWN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Pearl River), Rockland County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$245,000 6% coupon or registered school bonds offered on Oct. 4—V. 113, p. 1493—were sold to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. of New York at 101.67, a basis of about 5.82%.

ORLEANS COUNTY (P. O. Albion), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Harry E. Colburn, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 15 for \$44,000 6% coupon or registered highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Citizens National Bank of Albion. Due \$22,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1922 to 1927, incl. Cert. check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required. The bonds will be certified as to genuineness by the Citizens National Bank of Albion and their legality approved by Caldwell and Raymond of New York. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

PACIFIC COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 111, Wash.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 12 \$35,000 6% 10-year serial bonds were sold as follows at par: \$20,000 bonds to the State of Washington, 15,000 bonds to local parties. Denoms. \$500 and \$1,000. Int. annually.

PALO PINTO COUNTY (P. O. Mineral Wells), Tex.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$1,000,000 5 1/2% Special Road District No. 1 bonds voted on Aug. 20—V. 113, p. 981—are in denom. of \$1,000 and are dated Sept. 1 1921. Int. A. & O. Due serially for 40 years.

PAOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Paola), Miami County, Kans.—BONDS VOTED.—This district has voted \$60,000 bonds for a new grade building.

PATOKA, Gibson County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by Miss Ella Adams, Town Clerk, until 7:30 p. m. Oct. 13, for \$7,000 6% electric lighting system bonds. Denom. 10 for \$500 and 8 for \$250. Date Oct. 1 1921. Int. semi-ann. Due Oct. 1 1931. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

PENSACOLA, Escambia County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by F. D. Sanders, Mayor, until 2 p. m. Nov. 7 for \$125,000 6% improvement bonds. Legality to be approved by Jno. C. Thomson, N. Y. City. Bids to be made on form to be furnished by the City of Pensacola. Bonds will be delivered on Dec. 1 1921.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Will B. Hadley, City Controller, will receive sealed proposals until 12 m. Oct. 26 for the purchase of the following 5 1/4% registered or coupon bonds: \$3,804,000 bonds. Due Oct. 26 1971, optional Oct. 26 1941. 3,858,800 bonds. Due Oct. 26 1936.

These bonds may be bought in denominations of \$100 and its multiples, in registered form, and in the sum of \$1,000 in coupon form. Date Oct. 26 1921. Sealed proposals will be received at Mayor's office until Wednesday, Oct. 26 1921, at 12 o'clock noon. Bids must be on form which may be had on application to Mayor's office, and must be accompanied by certified check for 5% of par value of the amount of loan bid for. Negotiable Interim Certificates will be issued if desired, pending engraving of permanent certificates. Loan certificates interchangeable as to form from registered to coupon, or from coupon to registered, and re-exchangeable from one to the other from time to time at option of holder, and coupon form may be registered as to principal.

PIERCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 65, Wash.—BOND SALE.—Blyth, Witter & Co. of Seattle, have been awarded \$45,000 6% bonds. Due \$5,000 yearly on July 1 from 1922 to 1930, incl. optional July 1 1923.

Financial Statement for Pierce County bonds, showing assessed valuation, bonded debt, and population.

PLAINS, Sumter County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—The Continental Trust Co. of Atlanta has purchased \$20,500 water and \$6,500 light 5% bonds at 95. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1920. Int. J. & J. Due \$1,000 yrly.

PLAINVIEW, Hale County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—On Sept. 16 \$60,000 municipal auditorium bonds were authorized by a vote of more than 2 to 1.

POLK COUNTY (P. O. Des Moines), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 3 the following coupon bonds were sold at public auction to R. M. Grant & Co. of Chicago for \$314,075 (101.31) for 5 1/4% \$218,000 general funding bonds. Due yearly as follows: \$15,000, 1923 to 1935 incl., and \$23,000, 1936. 92,000 bridge bonds. Due yearly as follows: \$10,000 1923 to 1930, incl.; and \$12,000, 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasurer's office, without exchange.

POLK VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Polk), Ashland County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. F. Smith, District President, will receive sealed proposals until 12 m. Oct. 15 for \$50,000 6% bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 1 1921. Int. M. & S. Due serially. Cert. check for \$1,000, payable at sight to W. J. Kirkpatrick, Clerk of the District, required. Said bonds will be sold to the highest and best bidder for not less than par and accrued interest to date of delivery.

POMONA CITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$425,000 5 1/2% tax free school bonds offered unsuccessfully on Aug. 22—V. 113, p. 1177—have been sold to Wm. R. Staats Co., and Blyth, Witter & Co., both of San Francisco. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$5,000 1922 to 1925, incl.; \$6,000, 1926 to 1929, incl.; \$7,000, 1930 to 1933, incl.; \$8,000, 1934 to 1936, incl.; \$9,000, 1937 to 1939, incl.; \$11,000, 1940 and 1941; \$14,000, 1942 to 1961, incl.

Financial Statement for Pomona City bonds, showing assessed valuation, total debt, and ratio net debt to assessed valuation.

PORT OF GRAYS HARBOR (P. O. Aberdeen), Grays Harbor County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 27 \$200,000 6% 10-20-year (opt.) gold tax-free coupon impmt. bonds were sold to Blyth, Witter & Co., Los Angeles; Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., San Francisco, and Ferris & Hargrave of Spokane at 99.075. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Date

July 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasurer's office or in New York City. Due July 1 1941; optional July 1 1931.

Financial Statement. Real valuation (estimated) \$100,000,000. Assessed valuation, 1920 45,407,984. Bonded indebtedness, this issue only 400,000.

PORT OF TACOMA (P. O. Tacoma), Pierce County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 29 the \$900,000 6% coupon bonds, Series 3—V. 113, p. 1386—were sold to H. P. Pratt, for the account of Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Chicago, A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., N. Y., Northern Trust Co., Chicago, and H. P. Pratt & Co., Tacoma, for \$910,350 (101.15) and interest. Date Sept. 1 1921. Due yearly as follows: \$18,000 1932, \$19,000 1933, \$20,000 1934, \$22,000 1935 and 1936, \$24,000 1937, \$25,000 1938, \$27,000 1939, \$29,000 1940, \$30,000 1941, \$32,000 1942, \$33,000 1943, \$36,000 1944, \$37,000 1945, \$39,000 1946, \$41,000 1947, \$44,000 1948, \$46,000 1949, \$48,000 1950, \$51,000 1951, \$54,000 1952, \$57,000 1953, \$60,000 1954, \$63,000 1955, and \$25,000 1956.

Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc. Seattle; Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Merchants Loan and Trust Co., Wm. R. Compton Co. \$909,105 30. John E. Price & Co., Seattle; Cartsens & Eales, Inc., Seattle; R. M. Grant & Co., New York 906,030 00. Smith & Strout, Seattle; P. W. Chapman & Co., Chicago; Blythe, Witter & Co., Seattle; Seattle National Bank, Seattle; Ferris & Hardgrave, Seattle, Union Trust Co., Spokane 900,225 00.

All the above bidders offered accrued interest. BOND SALE.—On Sept. 1 Carstens & Earles, Inc., and John E. Price & Co., both of Seattle, were awarded \$100,000 5% 11-35 year bonds at 86. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1920. Int. F. & A.

POWELL, Park County, Wyo.—BOND SALE.—Bankers Trust Co., of Denver, has purchased \$10,000 water and \$17,000 electric 6% bonds at 86. PROVO, Utah County, Utah.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The \$100,000 6% coupon tax-free water works bonds, sold as reported in V. 113, p. 982—answer to the following description: Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the National Park Bank, N. Y. Due Sept. 1 1941, optional Sept. 1 1931.

Financial Statement. Real value of taxable property, estimated \$14,578,000. Assessed valuation for taxation 8,746,814. Total debt (this issue included) 500,000. Less water debt \$325,000. Net debt 175,000. Population, 1920 census, 10,303.

PROWERS COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 41 (P. O. Hartman), Colo.—BOND ELECTION & SALE.—Subject to being voted at an election to be held in about 50 days, the International Trust Co. of Denver, has purchased \$45,000 6% 15-30 year (opt.) school bonds. Int. semi-ann. payable in New York.

RANDOLPH COUNTY (P. O. Winchester), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The following six issues of 6% highway bonds which were offered on Oct. 1—V. 113, p. 1386—were sold as stated below: \$9,000 A. R. Williams et al., Franklin Twp. bonds, to the J. F. Wild & Co. State Bank at par. Denom. \$900. 8,000 Riley Almenrode et al., Monroe Twp. bonds, to T. M. Thomburg at 100.08. Denom. \$800. 9,800 Elias D. Owens et al., White River Twp. bonds, to T. M. Thomburg at 100.10. Denom. \$980. 13,600 Lewis A. Yost et al., White River Twp. bonds, to the Fletcher-American Co. at par. Denom. \$680. 13,700 Levi Brimer et al., White River Twp. bonds, not sold. Denom. \$685. 8,400 Joseph Bookout et al., Nettle Creek Twp. bonds, to Nelson P. McCollins at 100.10. Denom. \$420. Date Aug. 1 1921. Int. M. & N. Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1922 until all paid.

RED WING, Goodhue County, Minn.—BONDS AWARDED IN PART.—Of the \$50,000 6% imp. bonds voted on Nov. 2 1920—V. 111, p. 2158—\$15,500 have been sold. Denom. \$1,000. Int. J. & V. Bonds payable at the office of City Treasurer. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$500, 1931; \$5,000, 1932; \$5,000, 1933 and \$5,000, 1934.

REINBECK CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Reinbeck), Grundy, Tama and Blackhawk Counties, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$225,000 6% school bldg. bonds offered on July 2—V. 112, p. 2793—have been sold to Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport. Date June 1 1921. Due June 1 1926.

RHEA COUNTY (P. O. Dayton), Tenn.—BONDS VOTED.—An issue of \$600,000 road bonds has been voted.

RICHARDSON, Minn.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$10,000 6% road and bridge bonds has been sold at par to the American Savings & Trust Co. of Little Falls.

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 41 (P. O. Sidney), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—The Clerk, Board of Trustees, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Oct. 22 for \$1,400 6% (opt.) funding bonds. Denom. \$200. Date Oct. 22 1921. Interest semi-annual. Due Oct. 22 1941, optional Oct. 22 1931. Certified check for \$100 required.

RIPON, Fond du Lac County, Wis.—BONDS PROPOSED.—An issue of \$25,000 6% coupon bonds for rebuilding sewage disposal plant, is under consideration. Denom. \$500. Int. semi-ann.

RIVERSIDE, Riverside County, Calif.—BOND PROPOSITION NOT TO BE VOTED UPON.—H. C. Cree, City Clerk, informs us that the Common Council on Sept. 26 decided not to submit the \$200,000 bonds—V. 113, p. 1386—to the voters at the regular November election. He also says that it is doubtful as to whether the question will come up again within the next twelve months.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—NOTE SALE.—An issue of \$750,000 school construction notes which was offered on Sept. 30 was awarded to S. N. Bond & Co. of New York City at 5 1/2% interest, plus a \$191 premium. Notes will be made payable six months from Oct. 4 1921, at the Central Union Trust Co., New York City, will be drawn with interest, and will be deliverable at the Central Union Trust Co., 80 Broadway, New York City, Oct. 4 1921. Other bidders were: Robert Winthrop & Co., New York City Interest. Premium For \$100,000, all or any part 5.48% \$1.00 For \$100,000, all or any part 5.55% For \$50,000, all or any part 5.60% 1.00

NOTE OFFERING.—J. C. Wilson, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 2:30 p. m. Oct. 10 for \$200,000 local improvement notes. Purchaser to name interest rate. Notes will be made payable six months from Oct. 13 1921 at the Central Union Trust Co., N. Y. City, will be drawn with interest and will be deliverable at the Central Union Trust Co., 80 Broadway, N. Y. City, Oct. 13 1921.

ROSEAU COUNTY (P. O. Roseau), Minn.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$38,000 6% County Ditch No. 25 bonds has been sold. Int. semi-ann. Bonds payable at First National Bank St. Paul. Due yearly on June 1 from 1927 to 1941, incl.

ROUTT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, Colo.—BOND ELECTION & SALE.—An issue of \$14,000 6% bonds has been sold, subject to being sanctioned by the voters at an election yet to be called, to the Bankers Trust Co. of Denver.

ST. LANDRY PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 14 (P. O. Opelousas), La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. Nov. 7 by F. Octave Pavy, President of Police Jury, for \$300,000 5% bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the office of Parish Treasurer or National Park Bank, N. Y., at option of holders or purchasers. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1922 and 1923; \$7,500, 1924; \$8,000, 1925 and 1926; \$8,500, 1927; \$9,000, 1928; \$9,500, 1929; \$10,000, 1930; \$10,500, 1931; \$11,000, 1932; \$11,500, 1933; \$12,000, 1934; \$12,500, 1935; \$13,000, 1936; \$14,000, 1937; \$14,500, 1938; \$15,000, 1939; \$16,000, 1940; \$17,000, 1941; \$18,000, 1942; \$19,000, 1943; \$19,500, 1944, and \$21,000, 1945. Cert. check for 2 1/2% required. The purchaser will be required to defray the cost of any legal examination or investigation in connection therewith that may be required by him.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—CITY BORROWS AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF MONEY.—The city borrowed an additional \$520,000 on Sept. 29 through the Comptroller's office from a number of local banks for the purpose of replenishing the municipal treasury. The St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of Sept. 30 had the following to say with regard to the matter:

"The City of St. Louis, through the Comptroller's office, yesterday borrowed an additional \$520,000 from a number of local banks for the purpose of replenishing the municipal treasury so that the city can meet its pay rolls on the 1st of next month. Yesterday's loan brings the total debt of the city to \$1,040,000. The loans are secured by notes bearing 6% interest and the entire amounts will be repaid in December, when the tax collections are made."

"It is estimated at the Comptroller's office that the city probably will have to borrow another \$1,000,000 before enough taxes have been collected to take care of the current expenditures. All loans are made with banks that are now acting as depositors for city money. In former years the banks paid their taxes several months in advance in order to assist the city to meet its pay rolls, but no advances have been made this year."

"The question of additional appropriations for some of the city departments will probably be revived as soon as the Board of Aldermen resumes its regular sessions on Oct. 7. Heads of departments in the meantime are greatly worried about Comptroller Nolte's announcement that he will not allow additional appropriations except for health and hospital purposes. It is the Comptroller's contention that a deficit exists in the municipal finances and that at least a part of it must be wiped out during the current year. When this year's budget was made it was estimated that \$500,000 of the \$1,000,000 deficit could be wiped out this year, provided that heads of all departments adhere strictly to their original appropriations."

"So far no formal requests for supplementary allowances have been submitted, although heads of departments have repeatedly complained that they will be unable to get along with their money until the end of the fiscal year. In several departments all employees have been laid off or fixed periods without pay and in others the activities have been curtailed. Only in a few instances have employees been discharged permanently, however."

SALEM, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following six issues of 6% bonds offered on Oct. 4 (V. 113, p. 1276) were sold to the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati at 100.10: \$29,000 00 city's portion improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1921. Due \$2,000 on Sept. 1 1930 and \$3,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1931 to 1939, inclusive.

10,277 24 funding deficiency bonds. Denom. 1 for \$277 24 and 20 for \$500 each. Date Nov. 15 1920. Due \$2,277 24 Sept. 15 1924 and \$2,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1925 to 1928, inclusive. 10,461 00 special assessment bonds. Denom. 1 for \$1,461 and 9 for \$1,000 each. Date Aug. 1 1921. Due \$1,461 April 1 1922 and \$1,000 yearly on April 1 from 1923 to 1931, inclusive. 9,546 24 special assessment bonds. Denom. 1 for \$546 24 and 9 for \$1,000 each. Date Sept. 1 1921. Due \$546 24 April 1 1923 and \$1,000 yearly on April 1 from 1924 to 1932, inclusive. 2,003 13 special assessment bonds. Denom. 1 for \$403 12 and 4 for \$400 each. Date July 1 1921. 15,000 00 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1921. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1927 to 1941, inclusive.

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY RECLAMATION DISTRICTS, Calif.—BOND SALE.—Reports say that the following 3 1/2% bonds have been sold at par: \$195,000 Reclamation District No. 2037 bonds. 127,000 Reclamation District No. 2038 bonds.

SAYRE, Beckham County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—W. E. Simmonds, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. Oct. 24 (to be opened at 8 p. m. on that date) for the following 6% coupon bonds, voted on June 15 by 121 to 71. \$40,000 electric light imp. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. \$28,000 water works extension bonds. Denoms. 28 for \$1,000 and 1 for \$500.

6,500 sewer imp. bonds. Denom. 6 for \$1,000 and 1 for \$500. Date July 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Mechanics & Metals National Bank, N. Y. Due July 1 1946. Cert. check for \$1,500 payable to the City of Sayre, required. Official circular says: "The bonds are authorized under Section 27, Article 10 of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Oklahoma, and are properly registered by city, county and State officials. They have been properly certified to the County Excise Board and levy made by said Board for the payment of semi-annual interest and proportionate part of sinking fund. No litigation is pending nor is any threatened affecting these bonds. These bonds will be incontestable on date of sale. There has been no default in payment of interest on outstanding bonds. City does not contemplate the issuing of any other bonds in near future." Total bonded debt including these issues, \$188,500. Water debt (incl.) \$90,500. Sinking fund July 1 1921, \$20,379. Assessed value for taxation 1921, \$886,350. Actual value (est.) \$2,250,000. Tax rate (per \$1,000) 1921, \$29.39. Population 1920 (census) 1,703. Present estimate, 2,100.

SCOTT COUNTY (P. O. Davenport), Iowa.—BOND SALE NOT COMPLETED.—The sale of the \$420,000 5% road bonds to the Central Engineering Co., and McCarthy Improvement Co., Contractors—V. 113, p. 1386—was not completed because attorneys refused to approve the bonds.

BOND SALE.—Reports say that the county has sold \$148,000 funding bonds as follows: \$100,000 bonds early this year. Purchaser's name or purchasers' names not known. 48,000 bonds recently to Geo. M. Bechtel & Co., Davenport. Interest rate 6%. Due yearly from 1926 to 1935, incl.

SELMA, Johnston County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 6% gold sewer bonds, offered on Aug. 2 (V. 113, p. 557) have been sold to the First National Bank of Selma at par. Date July 1 1921. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1923 to 1942, inclusive, and \$2,000, 1943 to 1962, inclusive.

SEVIER COUNTY (P. O. Sevierville), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 1 the \$300,000 6% road bonds (V. 113, p. 1276) were sold to Caldwell & Co. and I. B. Tigrett & Co., at 100.38 and interest and funds to be deposited with banks designated by them. Date 1943 to 1962, inclusive.

Other bidders were: Bank of Sevierville, Sevier—First Nat. Bank, Maryville \$294,000 ville \$297,000 J. C. Mayer & Co. \$285,300 *And the county to deposit funds with them and receive 4% interest.

SLATON, Lubbock County, Tex.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received on Sept. 30 for the \$55,000 sewer and \$35,000 water-works 6% tax-free coupon bonds (V. 113, p. 1276) were rejected. They can now be purchased at private sale.

SLAYDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51 (P. O. Slayden), Gonzales County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—An issue of \$6,000 bonds was carried at a recent election by seven votes. Only nineteen votes were cast.

SMITHFIELD, Cache County, Utah.—BID REJECTED.—A bid of \$4,500, which was submitted for the purchase of \$35,000 6% water bonds on Oct. 3—V. 113, p. 1386—was declined. They will be reoffered in about ten days.

SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP, Johnston County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—J. W. Stephenson, Chairman of the Smithfield Township Roads (P. O. Smithfield), will receive sealed proposals until 12 m. Oct. 26 for \$15,000 6% coupon road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the National Bank of Commerce, N. Y. Due May 1 1936. Cert. check or cash on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for payable to the Commissioners of Smithfield Township Roads, required. A notice of this offering appeared in V. 113, p. 1494. It is given again because additional information has come to hand.

SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS LEVEE DISTRICT, Ark.—BOND SALE NOT COMPLETED.—The sale of the \$400,000 6% bonds to the Bankers Trust Co., of Little Rock (V. 112, p. 1658), was not completed, it is stated.

SOUTH PASADENA CITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BIDS.—On Sept. 19, the following bids were also received for the purchase of the \$125,000 6% school bonds, awarded as reported in V. 113, p. 1386: Schwabacher & Co. \$128,550 00 State Board of Control \$127,895 00 Cyrus Peirce & Co. California Company 127,804 00 Hunter-Dulin Co. 128,326 00 California Bank 128,325 00 Harris Trust & Sav. Bk. 128,325 00 Steven, Page & Sterling 126,551 79 National City Co. 128,177 50 Citizens National Bank 125,825 00 Blyth, Witter & Co. 128,161 00 Wm. R. Staats Co. 128,161 00

SOUTH PARK DISTRICT (P. O. Chicago), Cook County, Ill.—BOND OFFERING.—J. F. Neil, Secretary of the District, will receive sealed proposals until 12 m. Oct. 19 for the following 4% bonds: \$200,000 park improvement bonds. Due \$10,000 yearly on May 1 for 20 years. 500,000 Lake Front extension bonds. Due \$25,000 yearly on May 1 for 20 years. 800,000 South Park Avenue bonds. Due \$1,000 May 1 1924 and \$47,000 yearly on May 1 for 17 years thereafter.

Date May 1 1921. A deposit of \$25,000, either in currency or certified check, payable to the South Park Commissioners, required. The official notice of this offering may be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

SPRINGFIELD, Clark County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following three issues of 6% special assessment bonds offered on Oct. 3—V. 113, p. 1276—were sold to the State Industrial Commission of Ohio on Oct. 5. \$10,642 50 bonds. Denom. 5 for \$628 50 and 15 for \$500 each. Due \$2,128 50 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1922 to 1928, incl. 10,900 00 bonds. Denom. 10 for \$590 each and 10 for \$500 each. Due \$1,090 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1922 to 1931, incl. 15,420 00 bonds. Denom. 10 for \$542 each and 20 for \$500 each. Due \$1,542 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1922 to 1931, incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the City Treasurer's office. Date Mar. 1 1921.

STAMFORD, Jones County, Tex.—CORRECT AMOUNT.—The amount of bonds voted on Sept. 6 was \$125,000 (not \$25,000 as stated in V. 113, p. 1386).

STAMFORD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Hobart), Delaware County, N. Y.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$15,000 5% school bonds offered on Oct. 4 (V. 113, p. 1494) were not sold.

STATESBORO, Bullock County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 5% public school bonds, offered on March 31 (V. 112, p. 1056) have been sold. Date Jan. 1 1921. Due \$12,500 on Jan. 1 in each of the years 1926, 1931, 1936, 1941, 1946 and 1951.

STEELE COUNTY (P. O. Owatonna), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Geo. Griffin, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Oct. 11 for the following two issues of 6% drainage bonds: \$27,000 Public Tile Drainage System No. 9 bonds. Due on July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927; \$2,000, 1928 to 1933, incl.; \$1,000, 1934; \$2,000, 1935 to 1940, incl., and \$1,000, 1941. 9,000 Public Tile Drainage System No. 17 bonds. Due on July 1 as follows: \$500, 1927 and 1928; \$1,000, 1929; \$500, 1930 to 1934, incl.; \$1,000, 1935; \$500, 1936 to 1939, incl.; \$1,000, 1940 and \$500, 1941. Date July 1 1921. Cert. check for 5% of bid payable to the above official required.

STEBEN COUNTY (P. O. Angola), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The Citizens State Bank of Orland was the successful bidder at par and accrued interest for the \$7,500 5% bonds offered on Sept. 5—V. 113, p. 878.

STILLWATER, Payne County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 6% sewer bonds offered on Aug. 9—V. 113, p. 658—have been sold to the Municipal Excavation Co. of Oklahoma City at par.

STILLWATER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Stillwater), Washington County, Minn.—BONDS PROPOSED.—This district is contemplating the issuance of \$150,000 high school bldg. additional bonds.

SULLIVAN COUNTY (P. O. Sullivan), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Ed. P. Snow, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 12 m. to-day (Oct. 8) for the following 5% road improvement bonds: \$26,300 Thomas M. Douthitt et al., Jefferson Twp. bonds. Denom. \$657 50. 33,100 Sansberry Riggs et al., Fairbanks and Turman Twp. bonds. Denom. \$827 50. 19,000 Elias A. Borders et al., Turman Twp. bonds. Denom. \$950. Date Sept. 15 1921. Int. semi-ann. (M.-N.). Due one bond every six months from May 15 1922.

SWAIN COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$55,000 6% bridge bonds has been sold to C. N. Malone & Co. at par.

SWIFT COUNTY (P. O. Benson), Minn.—AMOUNT OF BONDS SOLD.—The correct amount of 5 1/2% tax-free drainage bonds sold to the Minneapolis Trust Co., Minneapolis, was \$48,633 (not \$48,663, as reported in V. 113, p. 1177).

TEMPE, Maricopa County, Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 7:30 p. m. Oct. 24 for the \$135,000 municipal light and gas plant purchase bonds—V. 113, p. 983.

THURSTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 21, Neb.—MATURITY.—The \$10,000 6% school bonds which were sold on Sept. 20 to the Omaha Trust Co. of Omaha at 95 (V. 113, p. 1494) mature in 20 years, optional after 10 years.

TIFFIN, Seneca County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 5% Hedges Street improvement bonds offered on Sept. 30—V. 113, p. 1177—were sold to the City National Bank of Tiffin at par and accrued interest. \$10,336 63 city's portion bonds. Denom. 1 for \$333 63, 6 for \$500 each and 7 for \$1,000 each. Due \$1,333 63 Sept. 1 1922 and \$1,500 on Sept. 1 from 1923 to 1928, inclusive. 22,462 19 assessment portion bonds. Denom. 1 for \$2,462 19 and 20 for \$1,000 each. Due \$4,462 19 on March 1 1922 and \$3,000 on March 1 from 1923 to 1928, inclusive. Date Sept. 1 1921. Int. M. & S.

TIPTON COUNTY (P. O. Covington), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The Guaranty Trust Co. of Kansas City, has been awarded \$130,000 6% drainage bonds. Due Nov. 1 1922 to 1940, incl.

TOLEDO, Tama County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$8,000 6% refunding bonds has been sold to Schanke & Co., of Mason City. Date Nov. 1 1921. Due Nov. 1 1941.

TOPEKA, Shawnee County, Kans.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$140,000 5 1/2% tax-free water and light bonds has been sold to Columbian Title & Trust Co. at 101.47, a basis of about 5.13%. This was a flat bid. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date Sept. 1 1921. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S.) payable at the State Treasurer's office. Due Sept. 1 1941. Other bidders were:

W. R. Compton Co., Chicago	\$141,065 50
Ames, Emerich & Co., Chicago	140,838 50
Brown-Crummer Co., Wichita	140,200 00
Shawnee Investment Co., Topeka	140,000 00
Fidelity National Bank & Trust Co., Kansas City	140,000 00
Stern Bros. & Co., Kansas City	139,842 50
O. M. McNear & Co., Chicago	139,463 50
Prudential Trust Co., Topeka	138,810 00
D. E. Dunne & Co., Wichita	138,218 50
Vernon A. Branch, Wichita	137,712 50
Stifel-Nicolaus Investment Co., St. Louis	137,630 50
H. P. Wright & Co., Kansas City	135,722 50
* November 1st delivery.	

TRAVIS COUNTY (P. O. Austin), Tex.—BONDS TO BE ISSUED.—This county is preparing to issue \$1,000,000 bonds soon.

VANCOUVER, Clarke County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that \$35,000 6 1/2% refunding bonds were sold to the Western Bond & Mtge. Co. and the Ladd & Tilton Bank, both of Portland, at 100.70.

VANCOUVER SCHOOL DISTRICT, Clark County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The Washington Exchange Bank of Vancouver has purchased \$90,000 school bonds.

VENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Venton), Benton County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 1 the \$100,000 6% 5-year school bonds—V. 113, p. 1078—were sold to the Drake-Ballard Co., at 100.29 and int., a basis of about 5.93%. Date Sept. 15 1921. Other bidders were: Cont'l & Commer'l Tr. [White Phillips Co.—\$99,233 00 & Savings Bank—\$100,286 00] First National Co.—99,060 00 Geo. M. Bechtel & Co.—100,001 50 Renghelm-Wheelock Co.—99,419 00

VISALIA HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Tulare County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—Bradford, Weedon & Co. of San Francisco have purchased \$112,000 5 1/2% tax-free bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 14 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (April 24 & Oct. 24) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly from 1924 to 1944, incl. Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation	\$4,113,720
Total debt	164,000
Population (estimated), 8,000.	

WACO, McLennan County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The San Antonio "Express" of Sept. 16 says: "At to-day's (Sept. 8) session of the City Commission, the offer of the City to buy Park Lawn Cemetery at a cost of \$65,000 was formally accepted by W. M. Foster, President of the Waco Cemetery Association, owners of Park Lawn. The owners of Park Lawn agree to buy at par \$65,000 worth of Cameron Park improvement bonds issued last year, and the city will give its notes for the payment of the cemetery property."

WALKER COUNTY (P. O. LaFayette), Ga.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$400,000 tax-free road bonds, which were recently sold to the Robinson-Humphrey Co. of Atlanta—V. 113, p. 1078—are described as follows: Interest rate 5 1/2%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable in New York City. Due yearly on Aug. 7 as follows: \$10,000, 1923 to 1926, incl.; \$15,000, 1927 to 1932, incl.; \$18,000, 1933 to 1947, incl. Coupon bonds (subject to registration.) Financial Statement.

Actual value of property	\$19,000,000 00
Assessed value for taxation 1921	8,390,054 00
Total bonded debt (this issue only)	400,000 00
Floating debt	None
Population 1920 Census, 23,370.	

WALLA WALLA, Walla Walla County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—On Oct. 25 \$500,000 6% water extension bonds will be offered for sale. A like amount of bonds was reported as sold in V. 112, p. 2450.

WARREN, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Geo. T. Hecklinger, City Auditor, will receive sealed proposals until 12 m. Oct. 25 for \$45,000 6% coupon deficiency bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund, now at the Union Savings and Trust Co. of Warren, Ohio. Due \$9,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1922 to 1926, incl. Cert. check for \$500, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Bonds are issued under authority of Section 3,939 et al. of the General Code of Ohio. Bonds are not authorized by election. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Financial Statement.

Total Assessed Valuation for 1919—	
Real estate	\$44,980,320 00
Personal property	15,047,060 00

Total valuation	\$60,027,380 00
Indebtedness—	
General bonded debt	\$1,107,950 00
Special assessment debt	851,404 00
This issue, City share	45,000 00

Total debt, including this issue—\$2,278,254 00 Cash balance and investments in Sinking Fund, \$46,000 00. Population 1910 census, 11,081. Population 1920 census, 27,050. Dated at Warren, Ohio, this 19th day of Sept. 1921. Water Works bonds and extension, \$987,500 00. Self-sustaining. Tax rate 19.4

WASHOE COUNTY (P. O. Reno), Nev.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—Further details are at hand relative to the sale of the \$200,000 6% road bonds, awarded on Sept. 20 to Schwabacher & Co. of San Francisco at 101.23 a basis of about 5.86%—V. 113, p. 1387—Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1920. Int. J. & J. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$14,000, 1931; \$33,000, 1932 to 1936, incl., and \$21,000, 1937.

WASHINGTON, Fayette County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 6% bonds offered on Oct. 3—V. 113, p. 1279—were sold to the Ballinger-Scheuman Co. at par and accrued interest.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Portsmouth R. No. 1), Scioto County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—George A. Doll, Clerk, will receive sealed proposals until 12 m. Oct. 19 for \$11,500 6% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 19 1921. Int. A. & O. Due \$500 yrly. on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1946 incl. Cert. check for \$575 required.

WATKINS, Meeker County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—S. Zitlow, Village Recorder, will receive sealed bids for \$12,000 6% funding bonds until 8 p. m. Oct. 11. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A.-O.) payable at the Northwestern Nat'l Bank, Minneapolis. Cert. check for 10% of bid, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

WAVERLY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Waverly), Alamosa County, Colo.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Oct. 31 by Henry Sundquist, President Board of Directors, for \$75,000 bonds.

WEST CARROLLTON VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. West Carrollton), Montgomery County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by C. H. Bloss, Clerk Board of Education, until 12 m. Oct. 21 for \$9,000 6% coupon school deficiency bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A.-O.) payable at the First National Bank of Miamisburg. Due \$1,000 yrly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1931, incl. Cert. check for 5% of par value of bonds payable to the above clerk, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

WEST HICKORY GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hickory), Catawba County, No. Caro.—BONDS VOTED.—It is reported that \$60,000 in bonds, to erect a new graded and high school bldg. were voted. It is also reported that the majority for the bonds was 204 only three voters actually casting ballots against the issue, though 78 remained away from the polls and had their votes counted against it.

WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Raubsville), Northampton County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—John Streepy, District Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. to-day (Oct. 8) for \$13,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 1 1921. Int. A. & O. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1922-1934 incl.

WILMERDING, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh was the successful bidder at 101.5077 for 5 1/2%, a basis of about 5.38% for the \$20,000 coupon tax-free street impt. bonds offered on Sept. 21—V. 113, p. 1079. Date Sept. 1 1921. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1930; \$3,000, 1935 and \$5,000 in 1940; 1945 and 1948.

WINSTON SALEM, Forsyth County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. H. Holcomb, Treasurer, until 12 m. Oct. 13 for the following 5 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds aggregating \$1,235,000: \$800,000 school bonds. Due on May 1 as follows: \$28,000, 1922 to 1941 incl. and \$30,000, 1942 to 1949 incl. 250,000 water bonds. Due on May 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1923 to 1952 incl., and \$10,000, 1953 to 1962 incl. 100,000 general improvement bonds. Due \$4,000 yrly. on May 1 from 1922 to 1946 incl. 85,000 city hall bonds. Due on May 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1922 to 1948 incl., and \$4,000, 1949.

Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable in New York. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mtge. & Trust Co., N. Y., which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon, and the validity of the bonds will be approved by Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt, N. Y. City. Cert. check for 2% of bid required. Forms and instructions for bidding will be furnished by the above official.

WINSTON-SALEM, Forsyth County, No. Caro.—BOND ELECTION.—On Oct. 25, \$1,000,000 school, \$100,000 park and playground and \$50,000 hospital bonds will be voted upon it is reported.

WOBURN, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$62,000 1 to 20-year bonds and an issue of \$62,200 1 to 5-year 5% bonds were sold to R. L. Day & Co. at 100.549.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.—CERTIFICATES ISSUED.—The following, according to the "Financial Post" of Toronto, is a list of certificates issued by the municipal department of the Province of British Columbia from Aug. 24 to Sept. 7:
 District of Salmon Arm—By-law No. 134, high school purposes, \$11,500, payable in 20 years with interest at 6%, payable half-yearly.
 City of Salmon Arm—By-law No. 116, high school purposes, \$11,500, payable in 20 years with interest at 6%.
 City of Cranbrook—Debentures Nos. 21-40, 81-110, \$25,000, issued under "Electric Light Loan Debenture By-law 1920," No. 188, 20 years, payable Sept. 1 1940, with interest at 6½%.
 City of Prince George—"Street Improvement Debentures By-law No. 132, 1921," \$20,000, payable in 10 years, with interest at 6%.

BRITISH COLUMBIA (Province of).—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$2,000,000 6% 25-year bonds was sold on Oct. 5 to a syndicate composed of Wood, Gundy & Co., A. E. Ames & Co. and others at 95.39, a basis of about 6-37%. The bonds are payable in Canada.

DUNNVILLE, Ont.—BOND SALE.—A. E. Ames & Co. were the successful bidders at 95.58, a basis of about 6.46% for \$45,000 6% public school bonds and \$4,000 6% water-works bonds. Tenders received were as follows: A. E. Ames & Co., 95.58; Wood, Gundy & Co., 95.08; Dominion Securities Corp., 94.85; R. C. Matthews & Co., 94.11; Macneil, Graham & Co., 92.50; W. A. Mackenzie, 92.27; A. Jarvis & Co., 91.8.

GANANOQUE, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—An issue of \$15,000 6% debentures was recently sold.

MIMICO, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—An issue of \$21,300 6½% debentures was recently sold to O. H. Burgess & Co. at 95.

SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Sask.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—The following, according to the "Financial Post" of Toronto, is a list of authorizations granted by the Local Government Board from Sept. 10 to Sept. 17:

Schools.—Gray, \$10,750; Lucky Lake, \$6,000; Barlestone, \$5,000; White Sand Valley, \$7,000; Poplar Creek, \$2,200; King's County, \$3,000; Beechy, \$4,000; Coleraine, \$4,900.
Rural Telephones.—Tuxford, \$14,300; Montmarte, \$1,350; Carruthers, \$29,000; Manor, \$2,500.

DEBENTURE SALES.—The following we learn from the same source is a list of debentures amounting to \$26,912, reported sold in the same period:

School Districts.—Wynyard, No. 2499, \$1,800, 10 years, 8%, various; Wynyard; Looville, No. 2140, \$6,000, 20 years, 8%, Waterman-Waterbury Mfg. Co., Regina; Eldon, No. 1510, \$1,000, 5 years, 8%, Dr. Jossop, Tugasko; Penile, No. 3207, \$800, 10 years, 8%, S. Burwash, Evesham.
Rural Telephones.—Kennedy East, \$3,400, 15 years, 8%, W. D. Craig; Regina; Naisbury, \$10,000, 15 years, 8%, H. J. Birkett & Co., Toronto; Burdick, \$1,700, 15 years, 8%, Moose Jaw Sinking Funds.
Village.—Leslie, \$2,212, 10 years, 8%, various, Leslie.

TORONTO, Ont.—ADDITIONAL DATA.—We are advised by Geo. H. Ross, Commissioner of Finance, that the United Financial Corporation was associated with the National City Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., and the Guaranty Co. of New York, in acquiring the \$10,000,000 6% coupon (with privilege of registration) gold bonds at 105.195 in Canadian funds, or at

96.179 in U. S. funds, as reported by us last week (V. 113, p. 1496). He also advises us that, together with the National City Co. of Canada, there were associated in acquiring the \$5,000,000 6% coupon (with privilege of registration) gold bonds at 95.428 (V. 113, p. 1496) Harris, Forbes & Co., R. C. Matthews & Co., R. A. Daly & Co. and the United Financial Corporation. The following bids were received for the \$10,000,000 issue:

	Canadian	N Y	Funds	Funds
The National City Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., Guaranty Co. of New York, United Financial Corporation	105.195	96.179		
Kuhn, Loeb & Co., N. Y.; Chase Securities Corp., N. Y.; Illinois Trust & Sav. Bank, Chicago; Wood, Gundy & Co.	104.669	95.588		
Blair & Co., Inc., Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., Blyth, Witter & Co., Kountze Bros., White, Weld & Co., Equitable Trust Co., New York; Old Colony Trust Co., Coffin & Burr, Inc., Stacy & Braun, Rutter, Lindsay & Co., Inc., A. E. Ames & Co.	104.124	95.09		
Lee, Higginson & Co., Boston Bankers Trust Co., New York; E. H. Rollins & Sons, Boston; Spencer Trask & Co., New York; Clark, Dodge & Co., New York; Brown Bros. & Co., New York; Warner & Co., Inc., Boston; R. A. Daly & Co., Toronto	104.154	95.09		
Dominion Securities Corporation	104.04	94.89		

The following are the only two bids received for the \$5,000,000 issue:
 National City Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., R. C. Matthews & Co., R. A. Daly & Co., The United Financial Corporation 95.428
 A. E. Ames & Co., Wood, Gundy & Co., Dominion Securities Corporation, Aemilius Jarvis & Co. 95.28

WINDSOR, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—An issue of \$150,000 water-works debentures and an issue of \$60,000 Grace Hospital extension debentures have been sold to Wood, Gundy & Co.

WINNIPEG, Man.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$1,529,000 6% coupon (with privilege of registration) gold bonds was recently sold to Coffin & Burr, Inc., and A. E. Ames & Co., jointly at 106.54 (Canadian funds), which is equal to about 96.89 in U. S. funds. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1921. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable at the agency of the Bank of Montreal in New York in U. S. gold coin, or at the Bank of Montreal in Toronto, Montreal or Winnipeg, in Canadian currency. Due Oct. 1 1946. Legal opinion of E. G. Long.

	Financial Statement.
Assessment, 1920	\$236,970,460
Exemptions not included in the above	40,971,930
Total debenture debt, including present issue	46,780,686
Less: Local improvements (ratepayers' share)	\$11,299,484
Water-works	7,190,732
Hydro-electric	9,652,000
Public School Board	5,850,000
Housing	1,440,000
High water pressure (special assessments)	1,284,632
Sinking fund on funded debt	\$11,724,062
Less on above special debts	8,329,571
	3,394,491
	40,111,339
Net debt	\$6,669,347
Value of municipality's assets	61,999,387
Population, 196,947.	

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