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Returns of Bank Clearings heretofore given on this page now appear in a subsequent part of this paper. They will be found to-day on pages 405 and 406.

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

The labor troubles at the coal mines and on the railroads are still the paramount factors in affairs. But though neither has been disposed of, yet as every step in exhibiting the contestants and committing them to action is a step towards the end of the matter, both of these great labor imbroglios have been moving towards settlement this week, and the same could be said of the whole field of industrial warfare; it will all reach its rational and lasting basis, by first disputing and resisting natural laws and then submitting to them.

The President's proposal for a resumption of mining at the recent wage scale pending the results of a thorough investigation into the whole subject, was declined by the miners, in a long letter, wrought out with considerable adroitness. They are in full accord, they say, upon the proposal for an inquiry and have urged that on every proper occasion; but "the actual completion of the work of such a commission and the application of practical reforms is an essential preliminary and a necessary prerequisite to any attempt to determine rates of pay to workers in the coal-mining industry upon a just and reasonable basis." They dwell upon the relation between regularity of employment and the possible earnings of the workers; and they inject the old assertions that excessive overhead charges are imposed on the con-

sumer in the bituminous industry and that in the anthracite there is a monopoly combination of producers and carriers whereby indefensible profits are significant factors in the cost to consumers. Combining investigation with wage arbitration, they say, is particularly bad when the wage scale at issue is in heated controversy. The questions proposed for inquiry "involve the reorganization of a huge industry, which in itself is a prodigious undertaking, and in the face of this tremendously important task no wage questions should be injected." A further objection is raised that the inquiry and decisions would not extend to all the bituminous fields affected by the strike, since operators representing nearly half the tonnage in the suspended fields have not been in attendance and presumably have no intention of being brought in.

The operators also found objections. Some half dozen associations and a number of individual operators accepted "without reservation and qualification," but Indiana operators replied that arbitration by boards even partly made up of partisans had been fully proved ineffective and was likely to increase the difficulties. They pledged themselves unreservedly, however, to abide by every order and decision of a board appointed by the President which does not have either miners or operators in its membership. The Pittsburgh Coal Producers' Association made an important point: that the non-union mines, which are not and which they thought should not be included in the proposal are now supplying two-thirds of the present and in peak times are able to supply perhaps one-half of the country's fuel demands. Thus the commission would be regulating wages and conditions for one-half the coal production, leaving the other half free to arrange between operators and men, so that the latter would have the advantage always; we cannot conceive (they say) how we can operate on a basic wage scale fixed by a commission which covers approximately only one-half the coal industry. They also raised the interesting point that there may be doubt of their ability, as being still free agents, to escape the legal consequences of putting in practice an arrangement made by a voluntary commission. They made a counter-proposal for "district" arbitration and settlement.

The Central Coal Association of Pennsylvania objected that the wage scale to be continued for the time being is the "peak" one of 1920, while that accepted by non-union miners who have been producing about one-half of the country's need is 30% lower, so that acceptance of the proposal would cause "an immediate re-inflation of the cost of mining and

the price of coal in this district." So they suggested as a modification that the men return to work on the basis of the lately expired scale, adjusted to conform to the decline of living costs in the last two years.

The President's efforts at an amicable solution having failed, he sent to the operators a request having the effect of a command "to return to your mine properties and resume operations," and on Tuesday he formally called on the Executives of 28 coal-producing States to do their part by inviting all operators and miners to resume work, with the promise "of maintained order and the protection of lawful endeavor." The Pittsburgh producers promptly voted for compliance, agreeing to pay war-time wages (without the further advance of 1920) for the present, and action towards resumption of work was taken elsewhere. With two minor exceptions, the Executives replied spiritedly and manfully, either reporting a condition of quiet and the situation well in hand or promising to hold their States to the line of duty, relying on the President's assurance of Federal aid "whenever and wherever you find your own agencies of law and order inadequate."

This is the natural and constitutional procedure. The President speaks with the voice of justice and authority in saying that State and national Governments "are jointly responsible for maintained conditions under which free men, willing to work, may work in safety." Fuel is an essential. The Government, he adds, has not challenged the right of men to decline work or of employers to hire; he intervened only to offer the best method which occurred to him of bringing the disputants together, and now duty and necessity alike demand security to all who are willing to mine coal.

Thus the lines are sharply drawn. Mr. Debs shrieks like a maniac. Mr. Lewis calls the action "a gesture" and unable to produce any material amount of coal, and Mr. Gompers rebukes the President and triumphantly asks who will do the digging. The owners will not, and if they would they do not know how; there is nobody to work until the strikers return, which they will do when the owners (the only persons at fault) come to their senses and respect their own contracts. And so on.

Yet miners are at work, and there are non-union mines; the murderous attacks are evidence that men can be found who will work at wage scales below the inflated peak of 1920; all they need is protection, and that they must have, if the entire power of the country has to be used. The hand of unionism is shown in the Illinois and Indiana statutes intended to put restrictions on mine work, but emergency may override those. The blood spilled in the Herrin massacre still cries from the ground, and Monday's invasion of a mine district in the West Virginia "Panhandle" by a mob of evildoers from Pennsylvania met such heroic and effective resistance that it will rally forces for defense. The Executives of those two States show especial firmness and courage; search is in progress for the invaders, and 79 are already reported to be in custody.

"Brute force cannot override justice in the United States," says Mr. Gompers, momentarily forgetting himself, and he is correct; it cannot and shall not. "The country is drifting," he warns us, "towards a state of irresponsibility in dealing with both the coal and the railroad strikes." It has been, it too long has been. In 1916, when Congress and the Administra-

tion weakly yielded to the threats of a railroad strike it drifted into a shifty and foolish surrender, and now we are faced by conspiracies to put the entire nation (the deluded "besiegers" with the others) into a state of siege. But cringe and dodge and evasion have run their course and have led the country to another spirit. We now have a Chief Executive of some fibre, and the people are done with the part of the worm under the heel of unionism. They are ready and about to "turn."

The foreign trade statement for June is somewhat more favorable than for any preceding month this year—in fact, exports in value exceed any month since October last and imports are larger than for any month since December 1920. The value of the merchandise exports from the United States in June was \$334,000,000. This contrasts with \$308,000,000 for the preceding month and with \$336,898,606 in June 1921. In comparing with a year ago allowance must be made for a lower range of commodity prices this year of perhaps 10 or 20%, which would affect favorably this year's figures as far as volume is concerned. Imports in June were valued at \$260,000,000, as against \$254,000,000 in May and only \$185,000,000 in June 1921. The tendency of values in our foreign trade has been almost steadily downward for the past twelve or eighteen months. In part this has been due to the constant decline in commodity prices during practically all of that period. In the past few months there has been some irregularity in the export figures and it may be that conditions are changing and an improvement is now under way.

For the fiscal year which ends with June exports were valued at \$3,770,000,000. This contrasts with \$6,516,510,033 for the preceding fiscal year, for a part of which period values were extremely high. Likewise as to imports, the value for the fiscal year just ended was \$2,608,000,000; for the preceding fiscal year, ending June 30 1921, the value of merchandise imports was \$3,654,459,346. For the fiscal year ending June 30 1914, just prior to the beginning of the war in Europe, merchandise exports amounted to \$2,364,579,148 and imports to \$1,893,925,657. For the fiscal year just closed, the excess of merchandise exports over imports was \$1,162,000,000; for the fiscal year ending with June 30 1914 the excess of merchandise exports was \$471,000,000.

The movement of the precious metals during the past fiscal year has continued very largely in favor of this country, as it has for some time past, but not so largely as in the preceding fiscal year. Imports of gold in June amounted to \$12,968,636, as compared with \$43,576,476 in June 1921. For the year ending with June, total gold imports were \$468,310,273, as compared with \$638,559,805 for the year ending June 30 1921. Exports of gold last month were only \$1,600,754, which contrasts with only \$773,603 for June 1921, and for the twelve months ending with June 30 1922, the total exports of gold were valued at \$27,345,282, so that the net imports of gold into this country for the last fiscal year ended June 30 1922 were \$440,964,991. This contrasts with a net importation of gold into the United States for the fiscal year ended with June 30 1921 of \$511,309,539.

Silver imports in June were \$6,345,000 and for the year ending June 30 1922 amounted to \$70,000,000, which contrasts with \$59,430,850 for the year ending June 30 1921. Exports of silver during June amounted to \$6,000,000 and for the fiscal year end-

ing June 30 1922 were \$62,000,000. This contrasts with total exports of silver for the twelve months ending June 30 1921 of \$52,536,171.

The funding of Great Britain's war debt to the United States has continued to receive much attention in the cable advices from London. Sir Robert Horne, Chancellor of the British Exchequer, delivered an address in the House of Commons on the Finance Bill, in which he asserted that "although the world's financial situation was still serious, Great Britain was stronger financially than at any time since the armistice." He said that at the present rate of exchange England's debt to the United States reached £938,000,000. The Chancellor added that "the recent reduction in Great Britain's floating debt and the reduction of the internal debt through conversion was the cause for increasing stability in financial matters in this country. The financial position of the world is serious, especially in Austria, which has been growing steadily worse. A great change has occurred in Germany which gave cause for the greatest anxiety." Continuing to outline Great Britain's intentions with respect to these matters he said: "They have to be dealt with in concert with the Allies at a very early period of time, indeed. They cannot be delayed any longer, and I am sure the House will not desire me in the present delicate situation to make any precise disclosure of what is actually going on. There is no reason for our looking at the present situation with any despair. I believe ways and means will be found to avert our grave financial perils. This country will play a very great part in the solution of the problem." In reply to a question by former Premier Asquith, Sir Robert Horne said: "Britain's relations with the United States of America and the question of the debt she owes that great country are engaging the Government's constant attention." He welcomed and reciprocated Mr. Asquith's view that "the British debt to the United States of America was one of solemn obligation which undoubtedly the Government would meet. The request which the United States of America had made to the Government recently to consider the question of funding the debt and, in the words of Mr. Asquith, placing it on a stable and equitable foundation, was one which would be completely met." The Daily "Chronicle" of London, in an editorial article on Mr. Horne's statement, said: "Sir Robert Horne once again gave assurance that we recognize in full our obligation to America, and we are hastening arrangements for funding the debt. So far, so good. Our national credit is sound, but it is still the English taxpayer who pays. We pay America, but we are not paid by France or Italy or Belgium. We are being asked to forgive our Allies their debts; they will make a similar request to the United States. In this matter the two great creditor countries, having similar though not equal interests, may be expected to pursue a similar policy in proportion to their interests."

Premier Lloyd George made definite announcement in the House of Commons on Monday that "a special British delegation will arrive in the United States early in September relative to the negotiations for funding the British debt to America." He was questioned "regarding proposals that Great Britain, while paying her debt to the United States, accept, in lieu of her debts from France, Italy and Belgium, German bonds which would then be destroyed. The

Premier said this plan was not a new one, but had received special publicity. It placed this country, which on the balance sheet was a large creditor in respect of war advances and reparations, he explained, in the position of paying in full its borrowings but collecting nothing in respect of its war advances or reparations." The same day Ambassador Harvey notified the State Department at Washington that "the Foreign Office had informed him the British Government would send to the United States early in September a special commission to take up the question of funding the \$4,000,000,000 British war debt to this country." While the personnel of the commission was not made public, it was stated that "it will be composed of financial experts of the Exchequer and probably Sir Auckland Geddes, the British Ambassador, who is due to return here in September."

No definite statement was made in the Paris advices either at the close of last week or the beginning of this as to whether Germany actually paid the 32,000,000 gold marks due July 15 on account of reparations. Later it became known that the money had been handed over. It was said in advance that the Committee on Guarantees, which went to Germany to gather data as to whether she really was entitled to a moratorium, would report that "Germany needs the moratorium which she has requested, but if the powers of the Committee on Guarantees are extended to cover the actual supervision of financial and commercial affairs, she will be in a position to meet even greater payments in merchandise than have so far been exacted."

Speaking at Jonchery in Eastern France last Sunday, at the unveiling of a monument "to the first Frenchman to die in the World War, Premier Poincaré made oath to France that the efforts being made by Germany 'to escape the ineffaceable judgment' imposed upon her for starting the conflict would 'never obtain the revision of that judgment.'"

On Tuesday the assertion was made in an Associated Press dispatch from Paris that "the reduction of the German indemnity to 50,000,000,000 gold marks from the present total of 132,000,000,000 and the cancellation of the French debt to England is the basis of a solution of the reparations question now being seriously discussed by French and British officials." This suggestion was said to have the "heartly support of British officials, who have been urging its acceptance upon the French officials." According to the correspondent, "the latter are looking with more and more favor upon the plan, provided it carries with it a clean-cut pledge of assistance in time of attack and assures France the allotment, wholly or in part, of England's 22% share of the total indemnity. It is believed that England is ready to concede virtually all these demands if full acceptance on the part of the French Government is obtained." The Associated Press representative added that "British officials have informed the French that their plan would bring about a radical change in the present European situation. It is thought that the mark would be stabilized, business confidence restored and Germany, with a collectible indemnity, would be bound to find means of paying." It was reported that "the proposal has strong advocates in the Reparations Commission." In further explaining the plan and the reported attitude of the different Powers, the correspondent said: "The plan would call

for a moratorium for the remainder of this year's cash payments, experts taking the view that Germany would probably be able to balance her budget by January, provided she is relieved of payments until that time. The acceptance of the proposed adjustment by France, its advocates explain, would have the effect of placing all the Allies, including Great Britain and the United States, firmly behind France in the collection of the reparation account."

In a Paris cablegram Tuesday evening it was stated that the intimation had come from official circles that "a meeting of the Allied Premiers to discuss the reparations problem is expected to be held within the next ten or fifteen days, probably in some Italian city." It was expected then that the report of the Committee on Guarantees "probably will be formally presented to the Reparations Commission Thursday or Friday." It was added that "the Commission will then carefully consider the whole question, and its decision will be communicated to the various Governments, probably by the end of next week." Word came from Paris Wednesday morning that Premier Poincare had sent a note to the British Government "informing him that he could not fix a date for a meeting with Premier Lloyd George in London before he had received the report of the Committee on Guarantees, which will form the basis of the discussion on reparations."

It was reported from Berlin Thursday morning that "the German Government has sent a note to the Allied Governments asking that the monthly reparations payment, which hitherto has amounted to £2,000,000, should be reduced to £500,000 for the period ending Dec. 31 1924. The Government further requests that during the same period all cash payments due under Part 10, Section 4, and especially paragraph 297 E, of the Peace Treaty be suspended. These paragraphs refer to compensation respecting damage inflicted upon property rights or interests of subjects of Allied or associated Powers in Germany." According to a special Berlin cable dispatch from the New York "Herald" correspondent, "for the moment Germany seems to have been saved from a political crisis, but not from an economic one." He added that "after the passage of the Defense of the Republic bill, designed to scotch all Monarchist plots in future, the Reichstag adjourned last night [Tuesday] leaving the Cabinet free to continue negotiations with the Allies, now rapidly headed toward another climax." The correspondent made the further assertion that "no demand for the reconstruction of the Cabinet will be made by the workers until after the summer recess, when it will be seen whether the Cabinet shall have steered successfully between the Scylla of continued inflation, with all its perils, and the Charybdis of reparations."

Definite announcement was made in Paris on Thursday that "the German Minister of Finance, in the name of the German Government, has accepted certain measures of control over its finances suggested by the Committee on Guarantees of the Reparations Commission, according to a communication issued by the latter board this afternoon." It was added that "the communication recites that the Committee on Guarantees was instructed to negotiate with the German Government respecting the control to be exercised by the committee over receipts and expenses, the floating debt and the export of capital." At the same time announcement was made that the report of the committee, "which it had been expected

would be handed in to-day, will be presented the first of next week." In a Berlin cablegram it was said that "the official announcement that Germany has consented to the establishment of financial 'supervision' of her household provokes only mild enthusiasm among the newspapers supporting Chancellor Wirth, but official quarters which consented to discuss the arrangements entered into with the guarantee committee of the Reparations Commission permitted the impression that Germany had made the best of a bad bargain." According to a Paris dispatch last evening, semi-official announcement was made there during the day that "Premier Poincare had addressed a note to M. Dubois, French representative on the Reparations Commission, instructing him to approve only a four to six weeks' moratorium for Germany, covering the August and September payments." The Premier was reported to have asserted that "if Germany failed to make good her reparations payments after that, her default should be officially proclaimed."

Although the belief was pretty general that little of practical value was accomplished at The Hague Conference on Russian Affairs, Otto H. Kahn, who was at the Dutch capital about a week ago, was quoted by a correspondent of the New York "Times" as expressing the opinion that "the conference with the Russians will bring useful results in that it has cleared the atmosphere and will presumably lead to a close approach to unity of views and policies on the part of England, France and the United States in respect of the Russian situation." Elaborating his opinion regarding The Hague gathering, Mr. Kahn was reported to have said: "Premier Lloyd George did wisely in arranging The Hague Conference. Issues that had been left clouded and confused before were submitted to the examination of practical experts. Facts and figures were insisted on instead of rhetoric. Problems that had been scattered all over the place, so to speak, were gathered up and laid out on the table in orderly fashion. If, as appears to be the case, the proposals by the Soviet Government are still irreconcilable, we shall now have a clear-cut situation and all concerned can govern themselves accordingly; time and evolution and the forces of economic and natural law will be left to do their unflinching work." Turning to other phases of the European situation, he said: "Meanwhile European statesmanship can and should turn its undivided attention to the most immediately pressing and menacing problem of Central Europe. The world can get along some time longer with an unsettled Russia. It cannot get along with Germany and Austria in turmoil and with the resulting dangers and grave repercussions on all of Europe." Speaking specifically about France, her position and attitude, Mr. Kahn said: "I seem to discern an important development in the attitude of France within the last few weeks. Not that I have ever shared in or had patience with the all too loose talk about the so-called militarism of France. Only those who do not know the French people or who fail to appreciate their difficulties and problems and the compelling reasons for their attitude can indulge in such talk. But whatever the just claims and needs of France, whatever the depth and sincerity of one's admiration and sympathy for her, whatever one might wish for her, it must be perfectly manifest to the candid friends of France that the reparations situation as it

has been left by the various ineffectual and superficial conferences and compromises on the subject is an impossible one, that various other provisions of the treaties and the practices applied thereunder are, as a distinguished Englishman said, 'both mean and inexpedient, and really harmful to the supposed beneficiaries; and that this whole subject must be dealt with in a manner that faces the facts now patent to all the world, with courage and large-mindedness, and recognition of realities.'

M. Patyn, President of the Non-Russian Commission, sent a letter to M. Litvinoff about a week ago stating that "the debts sub-commission saw no further use for continuing negotiations, but announcing that it was not too late for the Russians to put forward new proposals." In reply the Russians sent a letter "in an effort to resurrect the Conference." The Russians were said to have begun their letter "by asking the Allies and neutrals to state the total amount of compensation desired for nationalized properties, which they agree to pay as far as possible. The Russians demanded to know the extent of claims before, and now they say that the Allies and neutrals fear to answer because the amount is so staggering, exceeding the German reparations figures, that even America would see the necessity of slashing the figures from 50 to 75%." A representative at The Hague of the Chicago "Tribune" further outlined the letter as follows: "A recommendation is made that Russia be permitted to settle private claims with the private holders, agreeing to consider the claimant according to categories instead of individually. The Bolsheviki estimate that 90% of the claims can be settled privately to the satisfaction of private holders, and agree to arbitrate the other 10% which cannot be settled otherwise. The Russians state their willingness to give proofs that a settlement of private claims can be effected by naming numerous cases where this has already been done. They have in mind the International Harvester Company and the Westinghouse Electric Company, as well as agreements practically concluded with Leslie Urquhart, President of the British Associated Russian Creditors, and Colonel Boyle of the Shell Company. This, however, is not mentioned in the note. Both the latter concerns have been holding off from signing contracts with the Russians in order not to embarrass the British delegates here as well as not to have a repetition of the oil scandal at Genoa."

The result was that President Patyn accepted M. Litvinoff's reply and it was arranged that the private property commission should meet with the Russians on Tuesday "to hear new Soviet proposals." It became known later that "a full meeting of the non-Russian delegates" had been called for 4 o'clock that afternoon "to decide on the action to be taken in view of the Russian attitude." According to the Associated Press correspondent, "it was decided to grant the Russian request for a joint meeting on the distinct condition that it would be only for the purpose of presenting new proposals." It developed that the Russian delegates did not appear at the meeting earlier in the day of the sub-commission on private property. M. Litvinoff presented the new proposals, which were said to have caused much surprise and even a mild sensation. They provided for "the reference to all the Governments concerned of new proposals in connection with Russian recognition of debts and compensation for confiscated foreign prop-

erty. It was stipulated also that all the terms of settlement be left to direct negotiations between the Russians and the foreign bondholders and property claimants. The Russian delegation undertakes to submit the plan to the Moscow Government. It does not pretend to know how the Russian Government will treat the scheme, but it has asked the representatives of all the other countries to submit the project to their Governments and meet in about a week to reach an agreement if possible." The non-Russian delegates were strongly opposed to the new suggestions. When M. Litvinoff and his associates learned of their attitude "they declared the Russian declaration was automatically withdrawn by the failure of the other delegates to wait seven days for Moscow's action, and that the Russians now felt free to make separate agreements with the various Governments as occasion might offer." Finally it was decided to hold "a final plenary meeting" at 3 o'clock on Thursday "to receive the reports of the three sub-commissions and bring the conference to a final close."

Word came from The Hague Thursday evening that "the conference on Russian affairs here was adjourned at 5.30 o'clock this afternoon by the non-Russian commission after it had adopted a resolution pledging every participating Power to use its influence to prevent its nationals from accepting Russian concessions involving property formerly owned by foreigners. A letter from the Washington Government expressed American approval of this position." Following the adjournment of the Conference, M. Litvinoff was quoted as follows: "Yesterday's performance reminds me of the stories a sister of mine used to write. She always had a wonderful hero and created all sorts of pleasant situations for him at the beginning, but she would tire of this after going on for a while and suddenly would kill the hero in a train wreck or some other terrible accident wholly unrelated to the plot. The non-Russians seem to have done the same. They did not know what to do with the Conference, so they suddenly killed it to get it off their minds. It was an amazing performance, but it was the last of this sort in which they will involve Russia."

In an Associated Press cablegram from The Hague last evening it was asserted that "private negotiations concerning concessions in Russia have been going on between the Bolshevist delegates and representatives of industrial companies, who came from several European countries. Oil has figured considerably in their pourparlers. These negotiations will continue and the Soviets will also advance, if possible, their plans for separate agreements with the various European Powers." Maxim Litvinoff, head of the Russian delegation, announced that he would leave for Berlin to-morrow.

Outlining the most recent political developments in Germany, the Berlin correspondent of the New York "Tribune," in a wireless dispatch, said that "organized labor in Germany has dropped all factional disputes and agreed to fight for legislation to save the democracy from the threat of monarchy. It was announced to-day [last Sunday] that the Majority Socialists and the Independents have formed a parliamentary bloc in the Reichstag representing 180 votes. The immediate aim will be to try to secure an absolute majority in all matters affecting the present security of the republic. This action is by far the most important taken in many months in its

effects upon the internal affairs of Germany. It is regarded as a preliminary move toward the final reunion of both the Socialist parties, which have been in bitter conflict ever since the split over war credits. Behind the latest move stand the great German trade unions, which have compelled the Socialists of all shades to abandon the factional strife that has worked so disastrously upon labor interests." In a Berlin cablegram Friday morning, the correspondent of the New York "Herald" asserted that "German labor leaders are demanding the confiscation of capital to relieve the present financial crisis. They are not favoring this move for communistic purposes, or even the socialization of German industry, but they hold confiscation is the sole remedy."

Still another European Cabinet has fallen. Word was received from Rome Thursday morning that Premier Facta and his entire Cabinet presented their resignation to the King. It seems that a resolution was adopted by the Chamber of Deputies "expressing the opinion that the Government had failed to secure domestic peace, which was indispensable to the financial and economic reconstruction of the country." The resolution was adopted by a vote of 288 to 103. In an Associated Press dispatch from Rome yesterday morning the situation resulting from the resignation of the Cabinet was outlined as follows: "Premier Facta went before the Senate and Chamber of Deputies to-day [Thursday] to make formal announcement of the resignation of his Cabinet, presented to the King yesterday. Later Parliament approved one month's provisional budget so as to give the King the time necessary to form a new Ministry. The King this afternoon went into consultation with the leading politicians in an effort to select a new Premier, calling to the Quirinal Signor Tittoni, President of the Senate; Signor de Nicola, President of the Chamber, and former Premier Bosselli." The New York "Times" representative offered the following comment: "The new Cabinet, like those which have preceded it since the armistice, must count in the Chamber on the support of the Catholics, who represent the strongest and most homogeneous group, numbering 106 Deputies. It cannot carry on a policy energetically opposed to the Communists or the Fascisti for fear of graver troubles than those which have already occurred."

Within the last few days reports of the existence of a panic in Vienna have come to hand through the cable advices from that centre. It was said that the people became greatly upset over a statement published in the newspapers that the price of bread had been raised 60% officially. An order was issued forbidding dealing in foreign currency privately between the banks, but only through the Central Exchange, which will fix the price. Announcement was made of a forced interior loan for 400,000,000-000 crowns. Thursday evening the Associated Press correspondent at that centre cabled that he understood that "the Austrian Government has offered the following proposals, which labor leaders have accepted in principle, reserving the right of further consultation with the workers whom they represent: First, an immediate increase of allowances to the unemployed, upon which class the existing conditions are most severe. Second, control commissions to be placed at all banks to enforce the Government's order prohibiting trading in foreign moneys. Third,

prohibition of importation of all dispensable articles upon which duties are payable in gold. Fourth, vigorous prosecution of food and clothing profiteers and price raisers."

The Moscow correspondent of the New York "Times" has cabled an outline of a new taxation system proposed by the Soviet Government of Russia. In fact, it has been promulgated in the form of a decree. The correspondent said that "at first sight it is a portentous and terrible document, for it includes no less than 396 categories." He added, however, that "in practice it is extremely simple, and, once given the peasant's location, the amount of land he farms, the number of members of his family and his cows, sheep and horses, it is instantly possible to state exactly which class he is in and how much he is to pay." Without going into the minute details of the scheme, he gave the following general outline: "The decree is one of the most remarkable legal documents of any country. It realizes the ideal of a 'progressive tax,' advocated for many years by reformers in France, England and Germany. Allowances are made for dependents, etc., and, though the prosperous peasant is required to pay on a higher scale than his poorer fellow, there is a wide margin of advantage left for individual initiative. Finally—a point of enormous importance in Russia to-day—the tax is not onerous, running from nothing at all in the lowest category to 20% of the total crop in the highest. For the first time this year the tax will be collected in grain only, hay, vegetables, etc., being charged as grain, according to a fixed scale. Contrary to what has been stated in certain quarters, the fifteen provinces listed as 'famine area' are required to pay only one-fifth of the tax. Seed grain furnished them by the Government is not to be required until after the harvest of 1925, when they are expected to pay in full. The simplification introduced by the collection in grain only will save money and trouble in collection, and paves the way for much greater saving by collection in cash, which comes into effect next year if the Soviet money, as hoped, is sufficiently stable." Speaking of what it is expected will be realized from this plan of taxation, the "Times" representative said: "The food tax which may be considered to average 10% of the total, will accordingly run about 225,000,000 poods. After deducting from the estimated figure 25,000,000 poods, which will be remitted to the peasants who subscribed to the bread loan, the Government will have in hand some 120,000,000 bushels of grain. This figure may be exceeded, but after allowing for the cost of collection, storage, transportation, etc., it is reckoned the net worth in Russia of the tax will be fully 200,000,000 gold rubles [about \$100,000,000] or more than twice the amount, according to open market prices, of the total quantity of Soviet paper now in circulation." Dealing with the effect of the pronounced crops on conditions in Moscow, he said: "The crop prospects also warrant the feverish activity now displayed in Moscow in the reopening of store after store. During the past three months the huge arcades bordering the Red Square, that contain more than 1,000 stores, have been restored to private business. Other series of arcades on the central street, Petrovka, are now in process of renovation, and it is the same throughout the city, where boarded or empty store windows are now the exception."

Cable advices from London state that the Bank of Netherlands has this week reduced its discount rate to 4%. The previous rate of 4½% had been in effect since July 1 1915. With this exception, however, official discounts at leading European centres continue to be quoted without change at 5% in Berlin, France and Denmark; 5½% in Norway and Madrid; 4½% in Belgium and Sweden; 3½% in Switzerland and 3% in London. In London open market discounts were a shade firmer, having advanced to 1⅞% for short bills, against 1 13-16% last week, and 1 15-16 @ 2% for three months, against 1⅞% a week ago. Call money in London was likewise slightly higher and moved up to 1½%, in comparison to 1⅞% a week earlier. The open market discount rate has not been changed from 4% in Paris and from 1¼% in Switzerland.

Another contraction in gold totaling £498,540 was shown by the Bank of England's report for the week ending July 20, while total reserve was cut £506,000. A small reduction in note circulation, £8,000, was shown and a decline in the proportion of reserve to liabilities to 17.05%, as against 17.68% last week, 15.09% the week prior to that and 18.52% the week of June 29. A year ago the reserve ratio stood at 11.49% and in 1920 at 12.74%. Public deposits were increased £9,563,000, but other deposits fell £7,908,000. The Bank reduced its temporary loans to the Government £364,000. Loans on other securities, however, showed an expansion of £2,553,000. Gold holdings are now £127,402,158. This compares with £128,367,459 a year ago and £123,004,078 in 1920. Reserves stand at £21,595,000, against £19,099,719 in 1921 and £17,355,253 a year earlier. Loans amount to £76,216,000, in comparison with £82,275,311 and £80,081,396 one and two years ago, respectively. Note circulation is now £124,256,000. Last year the total was £127,717,740 and in 1920 £124,098,825. No further change was made in the Bank's minimum discount rate, which remains at 3%. We append a tabular statement of comparisons of the principal items of the Bank of England return:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1922. July 19.	1921. July 20.	1920. July 21.	1919. July 23.	1918. July 24.
Circulation.....	124,256,000	127,717,740	124,998,825	78,894,650	55,743,135
Public deposits.....	22,175,000	16,930,444	16,559,418	19,686,815	34,675,168
Other deposits.....	104,466,000	149,286,333	119,593,941	122,013,168	133,098,850
Government securities	46,739,000	82,718,078	56,588,361	49,822,800	56,092,632
Other securities.....	76,216,000	82,275,311	83,081,396	81,863,300	103,319,666
Reserve notes & coin	21,595,000	19,099,719	17,355,253	27,865,885	29,844,841
Coin and bullion.....	127,402,158	128,367,459	123,094,078	88,330,635	67,137,976
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	17.05%	11.49%	12.74%	19.67%	17.41%
Bank rate.....	3%	5½%	7%	5%	5%

The Bank of France continues to report small gains in its gold item, the increase this week having been 208,000 francs. The Bank's gold holdings, therefore, now aggregate 5,529,780,075 francs. This compares with 5,520,888,289 francs in the corresponding period last year and with 5,588,878,912 francs the year previous; of the amounts, 1,948,367,056 francs were held abroad in both 1922 and 1921 and 1,976,278,416 francs in 1920. During the week silver gained 101,000 francs; general deposits increased 182,507 francs, while on the other hand bills discounted fell off 21,357,000 francs. Advances were reduced 12,688,000 francs and Treasury deposits were diminished by 4,385,000 francs. Note circulation shows a falling off of 131,755,000 francs, bringing the total outstanding down to 36,369,763,000 francs, which

contrasts with 37,269,951,060 francs at this time last year and 37,764,828,695 francs in 1920. In 1914, just prior to the outbreak of war, the amount was only 6,683,184,785 francs. Comparison of the various items in this week's return, with the statement of last week and corresponding dates in both 1921 and 1920 are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Gold Holdings—	Changes for Week. Franks.	Status as of		
		July 20 1922. Franks.	July 21 1921. Franks.	July 22 1920. Franks.
In France.....	Inc. 208,000	3,581,413,019	3,571,521,233	3,616,000,496
Abroad.....	No change	1,948,367,056	1,948,367,056	1,978,278,416
Total.....	Inc. 208,000	5,529,780,075	5,520,888,289	5,588,878,912
Silver.....	Inc. 101,000	285,239,495	274,947,422	247,515,965
Bills discounted.....	Dec. 21,357,000	2,081,932,000	2,586,578,884	1,897,509,041
Advances.....	Dec. 12,688,000	2,278,937,000	2,221,185,014	1,958,212,526
Note circulation.....	Dec. 131,755,000	36,369,763,000	37,269,951,000	37,764,828,695
Treasury deposits.....	Dec. 4,385,000	42,853,000	31,308,441	134,170,467
General deposits.....	Inc. 182,507	2,379,916,000	2,770,226,070	3,165,062,237

The principal features of last week's New York Clearing House bank statement, issued on Saturday, were a material increase in deposits and a sharp falling off in excess reserves. In net demand deposits there was an expansion of \$36,162,000 to \$4,071,220,000. This total is exclusive of \$28,465,000 of Government deposits, a decline in the latter item of \$3,142,000 for the week. Net time deposits gained \$9,818,000 and now stand at \$462,022,000. Loans increased slightly over \$5,000,000. Cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank declined \$4,542,000 to \$58,273,000 (not counted as reserve), while reserves of State banks and trust companies in own vault were reduced \$585,000. An increase of \$471,000 was shown in the reserves of these institutions kept in other depositories. However, the most important change in this particular was a contraction of \$20,518,000 in the reserves of member banks at the Federal Reserve Bank, showing that there had been heavy repayment of outstanding obligations and at the same time, in conjunction with the additions to deposits, bringing about a cut in surplus reserves of \$25,590,940. The result was to draw down the total of excess reserves to \$12,316,550 from \$37,907,490 last week. The figures here given for surplus are on the basis of reserves above legal requirements of 13% for member banks of the Federal Reserve System, but not including cash in vaults to the amount of \$58,273,000 held by these banks on Saturday last. The bank statements in more complete detail will be found on a subsequent page of this issue.

Another gain in gold, accompanied by a slight expansion in rediscounting operations, constituted the features of the Federal Reserve Bank statement, issued late Thursday afternoon. For the twelve Reserve banks combined gold reserves showed an increase of \$10,000,000, while the volume of the bill holdings gained \$5,000,000, to \$592,438,000, which compares with \$1,710,056 a year ago. Earning assets were reduced \$10,000,000, owing to a drawing down of investments in Treasury certificates, &c. Deposits recorded an increase of \$18,000,000, but the amount of Federal Reserve notes in circulation was reduced \$26,000,000. Very little change was noted in the reserve ratio—only an advance to 77.8%, from 77.3% last week. The New York institution lost gold, approximately \$7,000,000, as a result of a shifting of gold reserves to interior points through the Gold Settlement Fund. A quite substantial increase in rediscounts was shown so that the total of the bill holdings increased \$14,-

000,000. Other changes, however, were comparatively insignificant, and comprised an increase in total earning assets of \$2,000,000, a decrease in deposits of \$1,000,000 and a decrease in Federal Reserve circulation of \$6,000,000. Here also the ratio of reserves remained almost stationary, merely increasing from 80.8 to 80.9%.

The local money market was really devoid of notable features. Slightly higher rates on call loans led some superficial observers to assume that money generally in the United States would work steadily toward higher levels. Well informed interests do not entertain such an idea at all. They point out that with two big strikes on, the effects of which are certain to be felt for some time to come, even though they should be brought to an end in the near future, there is not likely to be any increase in the demand for funds from industrial and mercantile sources soon. The lack of activity in these lines and in business generally has been one of the principal contributing factors to the pronounced ease of the money market for some months. Another has been the steady liquidation of loans of corporations, principally from the sale of securities. To some extent these obligations have been reduced out of current earnings. The demand for money for Wall Street purposes is not increasing. The offerings of securities are on a somewhat smaller scale and the stock market is largely professional. Announcement is expected any day, according to Washington advices, of another offering of short-term securities by the Government. It is said that the amount will be in the neighborhood of \$300,000,000. With the money market the way it is, it is generally expected that the total of the subscriptions will be largely in excess of the offering. The Government has not been a factor in the local money market so far as withdrawals from depositaries at this centre are concerned. No surprise was expressed over the failure of the New York Federal Reserve Bank to further reduce its discount rate. It has been generally known for some time that the Bank was disposed to act conservatively with regard to this matter, fearing that too rapid a reduction would result in undue inflation and speculation.

Referring to money rates in detail, call loans this week ranged between 3 and 4½%, which compares with 2¾@4½% a week ago. Monday there was no range, a flat rate of 3% being quoted. On Tuesday renewals were again put through at 3%, the minimum, but before the close a slight flurry sent the quotation up to 5%. A firmer tone was apparent on Wednesday, hence the renewal basis moved up to 4%, with all loans negotiated at that figure. Thursday the maximum advanced another ½%, to 4½%, although renewals continued at 4%, and this was the low. Friday only one rate was quoted—4%—this being the high, low and renewal basis all day. The above figures are for both mixed collateral and all-industrial loans alike. For fixed date maturities the undertone was easy with funds in large supply. After opening and ruling at last week's levels the greater part of the week, lower rates were quoted on Thursday, so that a few loans for sixty days were made at 3¾%, with the range 3¾@4% for sixty and ninety days, 4% for four and five months and 4¼% for six months, as against 4@4¼% for the shorter periods and 4¼% for five and six

months last week. The inquiry, however, was light and transactions in the aggregate only moderate.

Mercantile paper rates also have been lowered and sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character are now quoted at 3¾@4%, against 4%, although names not so well known still require 4¼%, the same as previously. Trading was quiet because of the limited supply of prime bills offering.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances continue at the levels previously current and the market has ruled dull and featureless. With the stiffening in call loan rates the demand for acceptances declined. In the earlier part of the week New York and country banks alike figured prominently in the dealings. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council is now 3½%, as against 2¾% last week. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rates on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchases by the Federal Reserve banks 3¼% bid and 3½% asked for bills running for 150 days and 3⅛% bid and 3% asked for bills running from 30 days to 120 days. Open market quotations are as follows:

SPOT DELIVERY.			
	90 Days.	60 Days.	30 Days.
Prime eligible bills.....	3¼@3	3¼@3	3¼@3
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.			
Eligible member banks.....	3¼ bid		
Eligible non-member banks.....	3½ bid		
Ineligible bank bills.....	3¼ bid		

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

DISCOUNT RATES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS IN EFFECT JULY 21 1922.

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 certificates of indebtedness	Liberty bonds and Victory notes	Other-wise secured and unsecured			
Boston.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
New York.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Philadelphia.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
Cleveland.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
Richmond.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
Atlanta.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
Chicago.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
St. Louis.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
Minneapolis.....	5	5	5	5	5	5
Kansas City.....	5	5	5	5	5	5
Dallas.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
San Francisco.....	4	4	4	4	4	4

The sterling exchange market displayed a better undertone and during the greater part of the week the trend of prices was upward. Almost from the start London sent materially higher quotations, while good buying (said to be mainly for speculative purposes) emanated from that source. Opening at a trifle over 4 44, demand bills were held at very close to that figure until Tuesday, when the quotation was suddenly rushed up to 4 46½. Local interests came into the market as buyers of round amounts and a greater degree of activity was noted than for some time past. This was in large measure due to more cheering political news from abroad. Cable advices intimated plainly that the forthcoming meeting between the French and British Premiers would result not only in a satisfactory reparations agreement but possibly cancellation of France's debt to England, also some arrangement whereby Great Britain would turn over a portion of its share in the reparations to France, thus enabling that country to give its consent

to the proposed modification of the German indemnity. Moreover, the rise was aided by continued scarcity in the supply of commercial bills, coupled with a resumption of activity on the part of the local speculative element. Later in the week news that the discussion between Lloyd-George and Poincare had been temporarily postponed had a somewhat dampening effect. Operators withdrew for a time and the market relapsed into dulness. Rates turned weak, moved irregularly, then took another quick upturn and regained part of the earlier loss, closing not far from the top.

Locally, the week's developments were not wholly favorable to exchange and bankers questioned as to the probable course of sterling, gave it as their opinion that both the rail strike and long-drawn-out coal tie-up contained disconcerting possibilities. Some observers predict interference with the autumnal crop movement; although others claim that adjustment will be reached in time to prevent such a contingency. Continued ease in money was regarded as a favoring factor, also the utterances of Sir Robert Horne, Chancellor of the British Exchequer, to the effect that Great Britain expected to settle her indebtedness to this country in full. Notwithstanding the disappointment felt over the delay in calling the London conference, there seems to be a growing belief that an Anglo-French agreement will soon be arrived at which will prove vastly beneficial in clearing up the present reparations tangle. It is rumored also that efforts are being made to arrange another meeting of international bankers for the purpose of reopening the discussion regarding a loan to Germany. One thing seems certain—that foreign exchange at present is very largely dominated by the international political situation and that the market is highly sensitive to day-to-day developments; consequently liable to erratic fluctuations in either direction.

As regards quotations in detail, sterling exchange on Saturday of last week was steady, with demand fractionally up to $4\ 44\frac{1}{8}$ @ $4\ 44\ 5-16$, cable transfers to $4\ 44\frac{1}{2}$ @ $4\ 44\ 11-16$ and sixty day bills to $4\ 41\frac{1}{8}$ @ $4\ 41\ 5-16$; trading was quiet, but the undertone appeared more cheerful. Monday's market continued dull and steady with a further advance in demand bills to $4\ 44\ 1-16$ @ $4\ 44\ 7-16$, cable transfers to $4\ 44\ 7-16$ @ $4\ 44\ 13-16$ and sixty days to $4\ 41\frac{1}{8}$ @ $4\ 41\frac{1}{2}$. Better foreign news brought a sharp advance on Tuesday and demand touched $4\ 46\frac{1}{8}$; the low was $4\ 44\frac{3}{8}$; while cable transfers ranged at $4\ 44\frac{3}{4}$ @ $4\ 46\frac{1}{2}$ and sixty days at $4\ 41\frac{1}{2}$ @ $4\ 43\frac{1}{4}$; increased activity was also noted. On Wednesday there was a downward reaction and sterling lost ground slightly; the day's range was $4\ 44\ 13-16$ @ $4\ 45\frac{3}{8}$ for demand, $4\ 45\ 3-16$ @ $4\ 45\frac{3}{4}$ for cable transfers and $4\ 42\frac{1}{4}$ @ $4\ 42\frac{1}{2}$ for sixty days; renewed uncertainty over the European outlook was given as the cause for the weakness. Pronounced dulness characterized Thursday's dealings; quotations were not materially changed and demand ruled at $4\ 44\frac{3}{4}$ @ $4\ 45\frac{1}{4}$, cable transfers at $4\ 45\frac{1}{8}$ @ $4\ 45\frac{5}{8}$ and sixty days at $4\ 42\frac{1}{4}$ @ $4\ 42\frac{3}{4}$. On Friday improvement was noted with a slight increase in the rate for demand bills to $4\ 45\frac{1}{8}$ @ $4\ 45\frac{3}{4}$, cable transfers to $4\ 45\frac{1}{2}$ @ $4\ 46\frac{1}{8}$ and sixty days to $4\ 42\frac{5}{8}$ @ $4\ 43\frac{1}{4}$. Closing quotations were $4\ 42\frac{7}{8}$ for sixty days, $4\ 45\frac{3}{8}$ for demand and $4\ 45\frac{3}{4}$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at $4\ 45\frac{1}{4}$, sixty days at $4\ 41\frac{5}{8}$, ninety days at

$4\ 41\frac{1}{4}$, documents for payment (sixty days) at $4\ 43$, and seven-day grain bills at $4\ 45$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at $4\ 45\frac{1}{4}$.

The gold movement again dwindled, though it is understood that large amounts of the previous metal are on their way, including approximately \$2,500,000 on the Celtic. Actual arrivals were \$2,500,000 on the Adriatic from London, and over \$3,000,000 on the Homeric. The Mauretania shipment reported last week as 69 boxes, which arrived on Friday, is valued at about \$2,500,000. While it is generally believed that this gold is being accumulated here by the British Government for the purpose of meeting interest payments on Great Britain's debt to the United States, a recent cable claims that at least some of it is in connection with the repayment of a Japanese loan which falls due early next week. Late arrivals included 9 cases of gold on the Matura from Trinidad, and 4 cases of gold and gold coins and 3 bars of gold on the Sixoala from Cartagena.

Strength and activity marked operations in Continental exchange, at least in the early part of the week, and values came in for a further sharp rise. French francs attracted attention by another spectacular advance, moving up 43 points for checks from the close on Friday last, to 8.61, although later losing some of this gain. The Antwerp check rate opened at $7.82\frac{3}{4}$ and moved up to 8.16. Lire likewise registered a material gain, selling up from $4.52\frac{1}{2}$ to 4.81. Here also, however, the quotation receded and the close was at 4.64 for checks. As against this, reichsmarks were weak throughout, with a declining tendency. In the early dealings the quotation for checks stood at $0.22\frac{3}{4}$. For a time the rate fluctuated unevenly, then broke to $0.18\frac{3}{8}$, or only a few points above the low level of a week ago. At the extreme close a partial recovery set in, but the undertone remained unsettled and heavy. Austrian kronen continued their downward course and this week touched a new low level of 0.0023, a loss of 0.0010 points from the previous low level. The outstanding market factor, here as in the case of sterling, was the political situation in Europe and price levels fluctuated accordingly. Speculators were active and were responsible very largely for the sensational advances in rates which followed the more encouraging reports of the plan to be discussed by the Allied Premiers, while the recession was the result of a cessation of the buying movement. Attention continues to centre upon German affairs and the persistent weakness in marks in the face of apparent improvement in the general outlook has occasioned some surprise. It is claimed that the maintenance of the present coalition government, favorable progress of the bill for a forced loan in the Reichstag, also the successful passage of the defense of the Republic bill, have removed the primary causes of uneasiness, while the feeling seems quite general that prospects for a large foreign loan to Germany are improving. One explanation of the phenomenon was that while there was a good demand for marks, selling on an enormous scale persists, because of the recent introduction in the Reichstag of a bill to prohibit the exportation of capital which is causing a rush on the part of German holders to buy up foreign currency before the bill becomes law. Advice to the effect that there was a possibility of Great Britain's canceling France's war debt to her had a favorable effect on French exchange; though,

as already pointed out, speculative activity had not a little to do with forcing price levels up, since there is as yet no positive assurance as to when these important changes are to be made. It is noteworthy that the continued lowering of the quotation for the Austrian crown is in spite of practically completed plans for a forced internal loan of 400,000,000,000 kronen, and thus indicates a lack of confidence in the Government's ability to put through such a program. Greek drachma were again conspicuous, this time by a sharp rise to 3.20, against the previous quotation of 2.75, although bankers were a unit in declaring the quotation to be purely nominal, since exchange on Athens is not being dealt in on this market to any extent. Czechoslovakian currency ruled firm, at or near the levels prevailing last week, while the other Central European currencies remained without essential change.

The London check rate in Paris finished at 52.73, against 53.85 last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre closed at 8.40, against 8.18; cable transfers at 8.41, against 8.19; commercial sight bills at 8.38, against 8.16, and commercial sixty days at 8.34, against 8.10 a week ago. Antwerp francs finished the week at 7.93 for checks and 7.94 for cable transfers, in comparison with 7.78 and 7.79 last week. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 0.19⁵/₈ for checks and 0.20¹/₈ for cable remittances, against 0.21³/₈ and 0.21⁷/₈ a week earlier. Austrian kronen closed at 0.0029 for checks and 0.0033 for cable remittances. Last week the close was 0.0033 and 0.0038. Lire finished at 4.64 for bankers' sight bills and 4.65 for cable transfers, as against 4.52¹/₂ and 4.53¹/₂ the week preceding. Exchange on Czechoslovakia closed at 2.18, against 2.30; on Bucharest at 0.66, against 0.60; on Poland at 0.00175, against 0.00177, and on Finland at 2.11, against 2.10 last week. Greek exchange finished at 3.20 for checks and 3.25 for cable remittances. This compares with 2.75 and 2.80 the previous week.

In the exchanges on the centres of the former neutral countries the same general tendencies were in evidence. The volume of business continues small and while the general undertone was firm, rate variations were relatively unimportant. In a word, nearly all of these currencies moved in sympathy with the other Continental exchanges and repeated the experiences of the preceding week. Guilders and Swiss francs as usual headed the list both in point of strength and activity, the former maintaining the high levels of a week ago and the latter touching a new high on the present movement of 19.21 for checks. The Scandinavian exchanges remained almost stationary, as also did Spanish pesetas.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished at 38.83, against 38.72; cable remittances at 38.88, against 38.78; commercial sight bills at 38.78, against 38.66, and commercial sixty days at 38.42, against 38.30 a week earlier. Closing rates for Swiss francs were 19.14 for bankers' sight bills and 19.16 for cable transfers, against 19.16 and 19.18 last week. Copenhagen checks finished at 21.57 and cable transfers at 21.62, against 21.55 and 21.60. Checks on Sweden closed at 25.95 and cable transfers at 26.00, (unchanged), while checks on Norway finished at 16.75 and 16.80, against 16.60 and 16.65 the week before. Spanish pesetas closed at 15.54 for checks and 15.59 for cable remittances. A week ago the close was 15.51 and 15.56.

With regard to South American quotations a much firmer tendency was noted, so that the check rate on Argentina closed at 36.40 and cable transfers at 36.15, against 35³/₄ and 35⁷/₈ last week. For Brazil there was an advance to 13.72 for checks and 13.75 for cable transfers, with the close 13.65 and 13.70, in comparison with 13⁵/₈ and 13³/₄ a week ago. Chilean exchange continues strong and advanced to 13, closing at 12.85, as against 12⁷/₈, while Peru was moved up to 4.08, against 4.06 the previous quotation.

Far Eastern exchange was not materially changed and ruled as follows: Hong Kong, 58¹/₂@59, against 58¹/₂@59; Shanghai, 78@78¹/₂, against 78³/₈@78⁵/₈; Yokohama, 48@48¹/₄, against 48¹/₄@48¹/₂; Manila, 49³/₈@49⁵/₈, against 50@50¹/₄; Singapore, 51¹/₄@51¹/₂, against 52@52¹/₄; Bombay, 29¹/₄@29¹/₂, against 29³/₈@29⁵/₈, and Calcutta 29¹/₂@29³/₄, against 29⁵/₈@29⁷/₈.

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 403 of the Emergency Tariff Act of May 27 1921, the Federal Reserve Bank is now certifying daily to the Secretary of the Treasury the buying rate for cable transfers on the different countries of the world. We give below the record for the week just past:

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANK TO TREASURY UNDER EMERGENCY TARIFF ACT, JULY 15 1922 TO JULY 21 1922, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	July 15.	July 17.	July 18.	July 19.	July 20.	July 21.
EUROPE—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Austria, krone.....	.000036	.000037	.000031	.000030	.000034	.000032
Belgium, franc.....	.0786	.0781	.0802	.0783	.0794	.0798
Bulgaria, lev.....	.007283	.007317	.007283	.00745	.007233	.007358
Czechoslovakia, krone.....	.0222	.02235	.0225	.022481	.022306	.021808
Denmark, krone.....	2149	2148	2156	2161	2161	2160
England, pound.....	4.4449	4.4444	4.4505	4.4557	4.4531	4.4580
Finland, marka.....	.021013	.021275	.021438	.021275	.020988	.021063
France, franc.....	.0829	.0825	.0853	.0842	.0841	.0845
Germany, reichsmark.....	.002264	.002189	.002142	.002026	.001988	.002034
Greece, drachma.....	.0282	.0280	.0289	.0304	.0310	.0314
Holland, guilder.....	3875	3874	3887	3887	3886	3888
Hungary, krona.....	.000778	.000776	.000796	.000794	.000761	.000697
Italy, lire.....	.0458	.0456	.0474	.0462	.0460	.0466
Jugoslavia, krone.....	.002940	.002944	.002988	.003032	.002975	.002985
Norway, krone.....	1660	1655	1661	1656	1665	1678
Poland, Polish mark.....	.000176	.000173	.000178	.000177	.000174	.000175
Portugal, escudo.....	0720	07	0722	0722	0718	0714
Rumania, leu.....	.005319	.005329	.005319	.006094	.006203	.006445
Serbia, dinar.....	.011779	.011771	.011929	.012129	.011914	.011921
Spain, peseta.....	1550	1549	1552	1550	1555	1558
Sweden, krona.....	2593	2593	2603	2604	2602	2596
Switzerland, franc.....	1917	1917	1920	1921	1919	1919
ASIA—						
China, Chefoo tael.....	8117	8068	8100	8100	8108	8133
" Hankow tael.....	8050	7975	8033	8033	8042	8042
" Shanghai tael.....	7759	7754	7740	7730	7736	7740
" Tientsin tael.....	8187	8108	8150	8146	8158	8183
" Hong Kong dollar.....	5795	5802	5712	5779	5788	5789
" Mexican dollar.....	5640	5655	5696	5640	5666	5658
" Tientsin or Peking dollar.....	5808	5817	5800	5792	5808	5767
" Yuan dollar.....	5725	5750	5733	5708	5725	5717
India, rupee.....	2887	2891	2897	2897	2895	2893
Japan, yen.....	4793	4780	4778	4780	4779	4776
Singapore, dollar.....	5053	5058	5058	5058	5075	5075
NORTH AMERICA—						
Canada, dollar.....	989328	989055	9900	990156	989922	990309
Cuba, peso.....	997938	998125	997875	997875	997875	997875
Mexico, peso.....	482625	483375	4835	484025	4844	4850
Newfoundland, dollar.....	987188	986797	9875	987056	987344	987813
SOUTH AMERICA—						
Argentina, peso (gold).....	8039	8097	8112	8177	8180	8199
Brazil, milreals.....	1349	1356	1359	1359	1359	1357
Uruguay, peso.....	8136	8136	8142	8155	8171	8172

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$3,834,374 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending July 20. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$4,453,374, while the shipments have reached \$619,000, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week ending July 20.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$4,453,374	\$619,000	Gain \$3,834,374

As the Sub-Treasury was taken over by the Federal Reserve Bank on Dec. 6 1920, it is no longer possible to show the effect of Government operations on the Clearing House institutions. The Fed-

eral 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, July 15.	Monday, July 17.	Tuesday, July 18.	Wednesday, July 19.	Thursday, July 20.	Friday, July 21.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 67,200,000	\$ 60,900,000	\$ 43,400,000	\$ 68,500,000	\$ 49,800,000	\$ 54,900,000	Cr. 344,700,000

Note.—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 on 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	July 20 1922.			July 21 1921.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 127,402,158	—	127,402,158	£ 128,367,459	—	128,367,459
France	143,257,021	11,400,000	154,657,021	142,900,850	10,900,000	153,800,850
Germany	50,111,880	891,450	51,002,830	54,577,200	572,250	55,149,450
Aug.-Hun.	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000
Spain	100,925,000	25,775,000	128,700,000	99,557,000	24,771,000	124,328,000
Italy	34,517,000	3,044,000	37,561,000	33,048,000	3,000,000	36,048,000
Netherl'ds	50,496,000	625,000	51,121,000	50,497,000	945,000	51,442,000
Nat. Belg.	10,664,000	1,898,000	12,562,000	10,662,000	1,560,000	12,222,000
Switz'land	21,059,000	4,675,000	25,734,000	21,766,000	4,429,000	26,195,000
Sweden	15,220,000	—	15,220,000	15,632,000	—	15,632,000
Denmark	12,684,000	218,000	12,902,000	12,642,000	207,000	12,849,000
Norway	8,183,000	—	8,183,000	8,115,000	—	8,115,000
Total week	585,462,559	50,895,450	636,358,009	588,708,509	48,813,250	637,521,759
Prev. week	580,119,779	50,869,950	630,989,729	588,668,427	48,908,150	637,576,577

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of £77,934,182 held abroad.

BRANCH BANKING.

The recent discussions affecting the establishment of branch banks, which we printed in the issues of July 8, pages 133 and 134, and July 15, pages 253 and 254, serve to bring this matter again to the serious attention of bankers. It is one of the unnoted evils of the time that in the consideration of the overshadowing problems of national and international debts, taxes, exchanges and trade in general, we are apt to overlook the importance of an increasing watchcare over the institutions we have. What may be termed minor legislation may have far-reaching consequences, and would under other conditions arouse intense interest. Again, it must be expected, our banks, as our leading financial agencies, in the presence of change and "the turmoil," and in view of the growth and fixation of the Federal Reserve System, for it is yet in a formative stage, cannot escape the complications that thrust themselves into all our affairs.

In what we shall say at this particular writing upon this banking question we shall try to confine our comment to the larger aspects and the fundamentals involved. And our first premise is that our free and independent form and practice of banking, under State and National charters, is in consonance with the spirit and form of our Government, and the constitutional right of individuals freely to associate themselves in corporate capacity to carry on a business and reap the rewards thereof. Dealing in credits, which is the prime purpose of a bank, is such a business. These banks have grown to the number of over thirty thousand, each a complete and competing integer within itself; they are scattered over our whole territory; and acting in a natural unison, they have served the people well. And it is important to note that when the Federal Reserve System of regional banks was superimposed upon what is known as a national banking system it was not in contemplation that the continued existence of either State or National banks was jeopardized or to be jeopardized. One distinct, leading, shaping demand thus to be covered, was that the provision of a flexible cur-

rency experience had proved wanting in a bond-secured currency. The banks, State or National, large or small, were not to be swallowed up, were not to lose their individuality and its prerogatives in the new "system."

As we say, these thirty thousand banks are in consonance with our representative republican institutions. And by their vary inherent freedom and independence they may grow in response to demand as the years go on into sixty thousand, if necessary. Emphatically, they are worth preserving. And just as truly they are as close to the pride, service and welfare of our varied communities as it is possible for purely financial institutions to be. The introduction of the Federal Reserve System, as was inevitable, has to some extent changed the relation of State and National banks to each other, and to the "system," but has not materially affected their business relations to the people. And we need not go into the matter of how they organize the latent credit power of communities, how they enlarge and apply credit to commerce, how they are local beneficiaries to business, to which all roads lead. It is sufficient to say that they serve and serve well, and that as to the Nationals, the larger purpose of a flexible currency to meet periods of stress through a Federal Reserve note issue, constitutes the System their helper and protection—and this in their native capacity to aid by the complete fulfillment of inhering recognized banking functions.

As disclosed in the printed discussions referred to, branch banking is not a new proposal. But there has never been a demand for it by these free and independent banks as a body, nor by the people they serve. Naturally, the subject becomes more complicated now by virtue of the new conditions imposed by the new "system." We think Chairman McFadden very properly points out a difference between branch banks within the city of the parent bank, and those extending outside. And the very establishment of regional banks as against a central bank confirms the principle that actuates opposition to the establishment of branch banks outside the city in which the bank is chartered to operate.

It is here that States which have passed laws permitting outside branches to State banks in cities, have gone contrary to the very principle of freedom and independence they assert, in a rather careless fashion, National banks are trying to destroy. If branch banking ought not to be permitted to National banks it ought not to be permitted to State banks, but we confine this statement only to the principle involved. There are other matters we do not now discuss. The situation is not the same in towns and small cities as in large cities. Further, it does not follow that because State banks have in a few instances by legislative grant been permitted to establish outside branches that therefore National banks ought to have the same right. And this for the reason that you cannot differentiate between National banks, though we do not discuss this point. As we say, State banks derive their charter rights from independent State Governments; they were first in the regard of the people, they have grown in numbers faster than the Nationals, and greatly exceed them in numbers, but that, while it brings them closer to the people in a way than Nationals, separates them by the divisional power of States. And though these State charters, old and original, in certain large city centres of banking, gives to them the present recognized

inside branches, it does not alter the fact that a huge State bank in a city may exert an influence by branches outside, whatever that be, in no way differing from that which would accrue to a National under the same circumstances. So that the root of the whole matter lies not in the rights of either State banks or Nationals, but in the effect of branch banking on our free and independent system over which, with more or less complicating power, has been imposed our new Federal Reserve System.

We would have our individual free and independent Nationals preserved from this encroachment just as we would have our State banks preserved. And we refer here, of course, to what we term broadly our "country banks." We hold to the feeling that these banks springing into being at the command of our communities, regardless of whether under one jurisdiction or the other, are part and parcel of us as a free people. We are far from believing in a vast, sinister "money-power." And by that very token, we would not surrender these "country banks," as they are called, to a Federal Reserve System. We have not discovered that the former correspondent relations between city and country bank worked to the detriment of either; and we know that by virtue of a natural reciprocal service it still exists in modified form. As to the point involved in the new law affecting National bank charters, Representative Wingo's position would seem to be justified, especially when we take account of the discretionary power (undefined) now lodged in the Comptroller. But this is not an issue in "branch banking" save as the Comptroller's permission to Nationals to establish city branches shall grow into a fixed policy threatening thus to overleap city boundaries and bear upon the independence of all our existing banks.

It is true that a city bank with branches is *one* institution, and under *one* guidance, but even this is not all that may be said for or against the practice, which we cannot now discuss. But as Chairman McFadden says, the main question here divides on a minor issue. Our own belief is that we should preserve the freedom of credit—and that we do so by making each community sufficient unto itself. And with permitted small capitalization, under supervision, we think our community wealth and prowess is such that a bank will spring up for intimate service, sustained by popular regard, in every spot in this country which needs or ought to have a bank.

**"LABOR" MOVES IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION
—LEADERS SHOULD, HOWEVER, AVOID
INCENDIARY TALK.**

In the discussion of problems affecting labor and capital, problems that are paramount in the public welfare in so far as that is maintained by the economics of advance, it is desirable never to condemn without a cause, and to offer reasons for a commitment to "opinion" that are liberal and fair. It is manifest justice, therefore, to point out the good as well as the evil, and to give commendation where and when it is due. The news columns tell us that Mr. Hugh Frayne, organizer in charge of New York City district, by order of Samuel Gompers, President of the A. F. of L., has revoked the charter of Bookkeepers, Stenographers and Accountants' Union 12646 because of the activities of communists within its membership. One allegation upon which the revocation is based is that by the manipulations of this minority element delegates were made to report at

a recent meeting of the Trade Union Educational League "that its members were 'ready for the revolution.'" A new union will be formed eliminating these "undesirables." We think all good citizens who have a lateral if not direct interest in unions and unionism will unqualifiedly commend this act of the Federation.

There is really no place in the theory and practice of our Government for the toleration of those who preach revolution and overthrow. And every class, union, society or organization, living under our laws, is right in casting them out. Especially must these malcontents become obnoxious to "labor." Behind most of them, we doubt not, are generations that have suffered injustice and oppression by other Governments in other lands. The poison in the blood is often thus by a direct descent. But for this reason they should be first to appreciate the liberty and freedom afforded to labor by our system of government and by the economics of our accepted commercial and financial customs and forms. And it must be said that when this fever of hatred for "those who have won" takes possession of the man so that he talks of tearing down our institutions there is no place for him in our citizenship, and especially is there no home for him in the efforts and activities of organized labor.

If discretion is sometimes the better part of valor, if experience is a lamp unto our feet for future guidance, this "house cleaning," if such it may be designated, has begun none too soon by the American Federation of Labor. There has long been talk of "boring from within." We do not enter into the matter of the "one great union" as against this Federation of trades workers. We confine our thought to the necessity of "labor," in its organization and in its orders, keeping itself above reproach in its attitude toward the Government. More and more will this become necessary, as labor organizations, by their own efforts, approach the Federal Government for a solution of the problems they raise. If organization cannot enhance and maintain the dignity and service of labor through the avenues permitted and protected to our citizens by our peculiar Government it will and should fail.

These men who would carry the American Federation of Labor over into the camp of the communists, if they could, are not sincere workers. They do not wish to earn, at any wage. Their desire, what other could it be? is to seize property and to defy constituted authority. They are not of the stuff of which patriots are made. Their conception of "internationalism" has no relation to the comity of nations. They simply advocate the breaking down of all forms of government and the introduction of a form of so-called rule by communes, with the properties they forcibly seize, similar to that in Russia to-day. We have no place for such men in this country.

Coupled with this salutary movement, and it is but cautionary to say it, we think, the public utterances of officials who represent organized labor should be more carefully guarded. There should never be a defiance of law, or a threat to disobey it—however much it may be disapproved. There should be no more of the loose statement that labor created this wealth and therefore really owns it, which, whatever qualification exists in the mind of the speaker, is taken up by those who talk "revolution" as a sort of shibboleth. And there should be no more of the heated characterization of capital and the capitalist

which inflames the mind of those who would not treat with wealth but take it.

We shall never "get anywhere" with the manifold problems that confront us until in tolerance we strive to see both sides. No sane working man, or let us say, no true and self-respecting working man in the United States, wishes or can wish for a regime such as that in Russia. No matter what the faults of organized labor may be, in a free republic; no matter how citizens may differ as to practices and policies of "unionism" that are within the law; it must be said that every one of these that controverts the spirit of our Government and its social and economic institutions as they stand to-day by our general approval, adds fuel to the fire in the bosoms of those who would destroy the whole.

A STRIKE THAT "HITS BELOW THE BELT."

That an "open confession is good for the soul" has long been an adage. But when such an open confession discloses intent, the unconscious revelation may be of great concern to others. According to the Associated Press, Mr. B. M. Jewell, "head of the striking railway shopmen," issued a bulletin on July 14 in which he set forth the conditions which he felt pointed to success for the strikers. It is a very strange statement to present to the public. Briefly, the conditions pointed out are: general revival of industry and business throughout the country; increase of production and activity in iron and steel; Dun's and Bradstreet's favorable reports; "that the railroads have to carry an immense amount of freight in the next few months"; as evidence of anticipated increase, railroads ordered 100,000 new freight cars first six months this year as against 30,000 for all of last year, and that the "present demand for rolling stock is about 300% more than the last five years average"; that large quantities of coal must be moved because the present surplus stocks are low; that for April, "the percentage of bad order locomotives ranging (ed) from 12% on the L. & N. to 39% on the M. K. & T. and bad order cars from 5% on the Norfolk & Western to 38.2% on the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie; and that "outside contractors cannot handle all this repair work" and that, demand increasing in outside industries, "the railroads cannot get enough men to replace those now on strike"; and therefore, in conclusion, "Hold on, brothers!"

Could anything be clearer than the willingness here expressed to take an advantage of the temporary needs of the railroads, and to ignore the interests of the public, at the very time of increase in long stagnant business—all to gain the object of the strikers, to gain their arbitrary demands in wages and so-called betterments? It is a disclosure in utter selfishness that is almost unparalleled in all the long history of these controversies. Does it not amount to saying to the railroads we have caught you in a pinch and intend to squeeze out of your dire condition an acceptance of our demands; does it not amount to saying to the public—though business is increasing we will throttle it unless the roads do what we say they should do, though you may be cold in winter for want of coal we will do nothing to relieve your anxiety now or your suffering later on unless the roads knuckle to us alone, the shopmen's unions? Talk about brotherly love! Where is it? Where is there in this bulletin even a hint of willingness to sacrifice in the public welfare, even to make concessions or to yield to arbitration? There is

none—"Hold on, brothers," we will win, not alone, if at all, by the righteousness of our cause—but because the roads and the people cannot help themselves! This bulletin ought to go into history alongside the protestations that the unions desire only the best for everybody.

Is this the view of individual members of this shopmen's union, if a majority were to give free expression? We are unwilling to believe it. We cannot conceive of a shop committee dealing with a single road as employer, going to that employer and saying: "Your cars and locomotives are out of repair by an unusually large percentage, a percentage so great you cannot get the requisite work done outside, and if you do not give us such wages as we demand, *although the condition of your road requires unusual outlays in repairs*, we will quit, and stop transportation entirely, if we can." There is no man to man, "give and take" spirit in this bulletin. However much the right to cease work be reiterated, this admonition to stay quit despite the consequences, smacks of coercion, to say the least of it. And as far as the "third party," the public, is concerned, it is manifest that its returning prosperity and its possible future needs, weigh not in the balance beside "winning the strike." And if the roads know—the public that reads and ponders must come soon to know, the real feeling that lies behind.

It is an unfortunate utterance. Leaders are especially expected to place the motives actuating the men upon the highest basis. They should be the first to accept means of arbitration in settlement. They should be the last to take a strangle-hold on the employer who in any event pays the men employed. We shall never witness calm reasoning by this route. Mr. Gompers is alleged to have said in substance that it is important that the roads operate, but not at the expense of the honor and freedom of the men. But the roads *must* operate; and they are entitled to the protection of the Government and must have the patronage of the people in order to do so successfully. "Winning a strike" counts as little when placed in opposition to "running the roads."

FOR A REAL PUBLIC OPINION.

With ugly industrial troubles monopolizing public attention, probably few readers noticed, on Tuesday, mention of the arrival of the first one of a contingent of somewhat representative Europeans who are to attend the second session of the American Institute of Politics. The session is to begin on July 27, at Williamstown, Mass., and this first arrival of its foreign attendants is Lionel Curtis, an Oxford lecturer who replaces in the Institute America's staunch friend, the late Viscount Bryce. He has a wide practical experience in organization of colonial Governments, he is now the Chief Secretary of the Irish Peace Conference, and he has had the benefit of participation in the British counterpart of the Institute. The aim of the British Institute of International Affairs, he says, is not to propagate any specific policy; its membership includes extremely radical and extremely conservative men, and it seeks to bring together men with differing viewpoints, that they may qualify their own and thus approach unity.

The great need of the time, Mr. Curtis thinks, is "some situation wherein the men who make public opinion can examine their own opinions and increase their knowledge," and he does not believe this can ever be accomplished if people who agree with one

another are always coming together; "it is only when people who disagree get together and discuss the points at issue that real education begins; this is what I take it the American Institute of Politics is doing on this side of the water, and for that reason we on the British side of affairs are anxious to get in touch with the movement."

Seven officers of our navy, ten of our army, five college presidents, more than a hundred college professors, and lawyers, authors, business men and Government officials, make up the three hundred or more on the membership rolls of the Institute. Mr. Curtis, in conjunction with Mr. Philip H. Kerr, a former Secretary to Lloyd George, will present "A British Outlook Upon the International Scene"; a former Austrian Finance Minister will speak on the present condition of that unhappy country; the aims of Japan in foreign politics will be presented by a delegate from Tokio. And so on. It will be a sort of international conference, presenting the world as each country sees it, but, we may hope, without acrimony and selfishness. Does anybody ask *cui bono* and interpose the truthful reminder that the world's misery at present is largely because there is so much babble and Babel of words and too little work? We do have too much talk, that is, too much contentious talk, too much talk apparently based on the proposition that even the most accepted and obvious of axioms are neither self-evident truths nor truths at all if statute or other expression of the popular inclination is against them.

Mr. Curtis thinks little is accomplished when people who are already agreed come together. A sound deduction, for a church whose members meet regularly for service in their own edifice and keep their contact with sinners outside at the irreducible minimum is a sepulchre of useless respectability; the good must meet the bad, the wiser must tactfully work upon the less wise, unselfishness and heroism and patience must try to infuse those virtues into those who lack them, for only thus can contact carry life. Some dogmas of labor unionism, for example, are so baldly false that we must assume that the rank and file of the membership are duped to their own hurt because they put unthinking trust in any organized action and neither study nor have opportunity to hear economic truth. The late annual convention of the Federation of Labor was nearly all of one mind, the variations being only in the degree to which the imagined fight upon capital and the employer should be pushed; is it likely that the most courteous and tactful person, appearing and seeking to address the meeting on economic truths and errors, would not have been pushed or "booed" off the platform?

Thus "people who agree with one another are always coming together." They never get any other view, or even catch the notion that any other could exist. They are dominated by bent and determination to have their own way, over and despite of everything. So we are full of blocs, or "classes," of colonies, of persons who cannot realize any community of concern, but are obsessed by one narrow purpose; so we have political knots, drawn tight, and becoming tighter with every touch upon them. Whether the imagined boon to be seized without even a thought of consequences is a bonus, or a tariff without coherence or workable justice, or a subsidy of some sort, it is always a grab for the grabbers with never a dream of the immovable truth that whatever is good tem-

porarily for a mere fraction of the people is ultimately bad for the entire number. Mr. Curtis has told us a truth: we need that people who disagree, nationally, and internationally also, should get together and discuss points. But the discussion must be receptive as well as assertive. The participants must be sincerely desirous of getting the other view accurately and weighing it fairly for what soundness it contains; they must sincerely strive to agree; they must have the wish and will to concede to the utmost upon non-essentials. Otherwise, there will be—as at Genoa—contacts, repulsions, sparrings for points, plots and counterplots—and nothing won, because nothing yielded.

Mr. Curtis avers we need "some situation wherein the men who make public opinion can examine their own opinions and increase their knowledge." Ah, yes, we do; the world needs that, and this country needs it, too. Here a distinction is drawn between opinions and public opinion, and the distinction is real. We sadly lack—and we seriously need—a strong, alert, compact public opinion, to watch Congress, to have a decided and an unyielding mind upon such derelictions from duty as bargain tariffs, unrelieved taxation, and the menace of destructive bonus raids, all in defiance of solemn pledges. Suffering experience will bring us to such an opinion, probably, but we can reach it sooner if our calmest and most thoughtful men get together and sound the call and point the way.

THE DEATH OF CHARLES R. MILLER, EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK "TIMES."

Mr. Miller, whose body went yesterday to its lap of earth, was an example of the scholar in journalism and of journalism in politics in the original and better sense of that abused word. Graduating from Dartmouth, the college of his native New Hampshire, a professorship of Latin was his first choice and he went, as a preliminary step, to the Springfield "Republican," which was much more and other than a mere local newspaper. In 1875 he came to the "Times," first handling special subjects and with such marked grasp and ability that upon retirement of the late John Foord in 1883 he became chief editor; his connection thus stretched over 47 years and his position as head over nearly 40.

In 1884 he made good a warning threat by bolting Blaine and supporting Cleveland for the Presidency. He rendered great service in the staunch way he aided Cleveland in the latter's contest with the free silver heresy. And to this day he has held the "Times" for sound currency and sane finance. When he came to it the journal had a meagre circulation, and when he took control its outlook as a business concern was far from brilliant; he leaves it one of the strongest and most influential of American newspapers. It has long stood among the few in this city from which one who wants a "family paper" whose influence upon the character of his growing children he need not fear must make his selection.

As Mr. Miller himself said, upon his friends' celebration of his 70th birthday, "to-day the public demand a vast volume of news, international in scope, and so presented that it will attract the eye; newspapers have learned how to treat news more intelligently, and that has had the effect of making readers better informed; this is notably true of women, and their interest in this development has been intensified by the news of the great war now ended."

Yet this man—one of the most scholarly, most widely informed, and best equipped of all American journalists—was so absorbed in the work he aimed to do that his own personality stayed in the background and thousands of the regular readers of the "Times" saw his name for the first time when his death was announced. He had his well-won share in the business prosperity of the paper, being the second largest owner, and he had a satisfying circle of warm friendships; but to help shape public policies and to gather "all the news that's fit to print" so occupied him that he contentedly stayed unknown.

The era of individual journalism among the daily papers has long since gone. The last of the quintet of "personal" journalists passed with "Old Marse Henry" Watterson in December of 1921. Some 20 years ago he said in a public address, that "the newspaper is the history of yesterday." It is made to sell, he added, and it must sell, or it fails utterly; but he was sure that "more and more newspaper owners will discover that integrity and cleanliness pay the best dividends."

Nothing higher need be said for Mr. Miller than that he held this ideal and that under his hand the "Times" has firmly followed the difficult but commanding line of public duty.

TRANSPORTATION AND THE GOVERNMENT.

It is significant that the first articles in one of the series of resolutions prepared for presentation by the leading Allies to the Economic Conference in Genoa emphasized the importance of the system of transport in the devastated and the smaller States and press the adoption of such propositions as at earlier conventions have dealt with railroad traffic.

The history of railway development in the United States is sure to receive close attention, especially in its relations to the Governments. The development of the underlying principles and practice of Federal regulation down to the year 1910 has been variously told. It is now taken up and brought down to date in a new book, "Railroads and Government," by Prof. Frank H. Dixon, published by Macmillan. Professor Dixon's competency lies in his experience as the organizer and first Director of the Tuck School of Administration in Dartmouth College and his present position as Professor of Economics in Princeton University, as well as in his being in the line of such authorities as President Hadley and Professor Ripley in dealing with railway problems.

He divides the history into the three natural periods, 1910 to 1916; the War Period to 1920; and the Return to Private Operation. Each period is treated in detail in its leading relations, with the purpose of giving an exact record and of noting as clearly as possible the various results. It is a condensed account for immediate practical use and at the same time is intended to interest the general reader by avoiding purely technical features. It covers the period within which we have for the first time ventured upon Governmental operation; and this, together with the demands created by the war, gives the period prime importance. A new attitude has also been taken by the Government and the public toward railway transportation as a public trust, and this has imposed a new responsibility upon all concerned in it, as well as upon the Government. We must refer our readers to the book itself for the story, confining ourselves to such conclusions as our author gathers in the closing chapter on "The Future."

He opens this with some definite statements of fact which will be generally accepted. We have not at present efficient transportation service at satisfactory rates; nor are we assured of the preservation of even such service as we had before the war; and it is not evident that capital is ready adequately to back and extend the industry. He then asks whether the present system can be successfully adjusted, or whether fundamental change of system is necessary. He recognizes on this question diversity of opinion, and ventures only to suggest a line of possible and promising development.

It is based on four propositions. 1. The railroads cannot be operated privately without earnings sufficient to insure a constant stream of new capital. To get this to-day 6% is probably required. 2. If this cannot be earned, Government aid will have to be sought. This means taxation; and this, in turn, involves Government ownership, and probably Government operation. Government ownership would be hazardous; and Government operation, as he has shown amply in the review of it in the history of the war period, would be disastrous.

3. No assurance is possible that under existing conditions 6% can be earned continuously at present rates. Higher rates would probably be less productive; many are now too high. Efficient and economical operation developed on a national scale is the only means of obtaining the necessary earnings.

4. The results sought require a nation-wide introduction of methods of co-operation, as minor economies cannot suffice.

He had previously shown that the various "economies" which the Government sought to introduce in the period of its control had accomplished little or nothing. The entire estimated savings, for example, in the emphasized "elimination of high priced executives" proved to amount at most only to one-tenth of one per cent of the operating expenses. "Short routing," besides congesting the direct lines, represented in any particular region but a fraction of 1 per cent of the total car miles traveled. The "sailing day plan" covering less-than-carload lots was dropped in April 1919. The pooling of cars also had to be quickly modified till it has reverted to approximately normal practice. "Coal-zoning" was effective in times of fuel shortage in eliminating large waste in transportation, but was abolished in February 1919. No satisfactory substitute has been found for the personal relations existing in multiple freight and passenger ticket offices which were displaced by the consolidated offices. Much advantage has been found in standardizing statistical accounts and in the field of maintenance and joint purchasing of supplies, but the attempt to standardize rolling stock has encountered much opposition and created many complications. Under the rate-making power, the Federal administration had the unique opportunity of putting on trial a uniform classification which had been sought for 30 years in vain, but the difficulties proved great and no result was reached further than to create a permanent Consolidated Classification Committee.

While the actual operating loss to the Government for the period of Federal control is put at \$1,200,000,000, a detailed statement of the final accounts with the railways shows the war cost to the Government in the operation of the railways was not less than \$1,850,000,000, and that the Government still has an additional investment in railway securities

for \$950,000,000 in obligations maturing during the next 15 years. Though the exigencies of the war seem to have made Governmental operation and control necessary at the time, to escape dangers which threatened on all sides, and Director-General Hines in his final report says that the total burden put upon the public was substantially less than would have been incurred had the roads remained in private control and rates been raised enough to save their credit, still, the Government is responsible for the facts recorded, and for the labor policy which in large degree accounts for the financial deficits. Though labor was diluted through the constant turnover due to the attractiveness of other industries and the call to military service, the inefficiency was greater than in other lines of work. Notwithstanding the increase of number employed from 1916 to 1919, the number of hours worked remained almost the same and did not keep pace with the increase of traffic. The Adamson Law laid the foundation for the greater gains made by railroad labor in 26 months of Federal operation, in the power of collective bargaining, in the development of union organization, in the standardization and nationalization of practices and policies, than in the entire previous period of the union's existence.

The political effects of Government ownership are sufficiently well known. The passage of the Adamson Law in 1916 showed what labor could do politically when it got the country by the throat. The filibuster which closed the session of Congress in March 1919 and defeated all the appropriation bills, causing acute financial distress in the Railroad Administration showed the same situation, revealing the multitude of ways in which a politically minded Congress can be led to interfere disastrously in the affairs of a great industry.

Professor Dixon holds that this does not imply that private ownership as at present conducted is not subject to much criticism and that constant mismanagement does not exist. It is a relative matter, on the whole, and at least for the present solution is to be sought through the agency of private ownership and operation, with continued experiment in Governmental regulation to secure under centralized guidance a national program of co-operation. Various plans have been offered to secure this through the Interstate Commerce Commission. These extend to securing joint terminals, standardized construction and repair, purchase of fuel and supplies, fuel consumption, locomotive improvement and electrification, standardized traffic regulations and the like. It is said that 70% of the train track capacity in the Chicago terminals is unused. Some strong control seems to be necessary to secure the carrying into effect even of recognized beneficial measures, especially when the general good is concerned.

The solution of the problem of labor is complicated by the character and organization of the business. It is a public occupation in which the sense of responsibility to the patrons must needs be keener than elsewhere. In view of a greatly needed service and immense public benefit to be obtained, the States have issued charters to the roads which convey certain rights and require certain duties. Under these charters immense sums of private capital have been permanently invested. Methods of agreement between the administration of the roads and the employees must be found which will secure permanent, intelligent and faithful public service. Responsibility to

this end must be recognized on all sides; and out of the various boards and councils now created and the many measures proposed, there is reason to hope will come the solution so much desired.

Important, paramount, indeed, as the labor question may be, it must be recognized that it is but one of the problems involved. Other serious ones are the greater use of waterways, rivers and canals especially; the sphere of street railways in relation to passenger travel and even to freight; the new sphere opening for the motor truck; and, possibly in the near future, the aeroplane; all of which bear upon the business of the railways.

Breadth of vision, clear thinking, large intelligence, simplicity of purpose, as well as openness of mind and genuine good-will, are needed for dealing with the situation. We believe that these will not prove lacking, and such judicial books as this of Professor Dixon cannot fail to simplify and insure the desired result.

THE COURSE OF THE RAILROAD STRIKE.

Little visible progress towards ending the transportation revolt has been made during the week, and no softening of disposition on the part of the men has appeared. But railway executives here say they keep receiving from Boston employment agencies offers of men who have walked out on New England roads, while like offers of men who have walked out of roads in this section are received by Boston executives; this means that men who desert the service in one section go and start in as new men in another section where they are not personally known, thus showing that the revolt is at least largely by men who obey a coercive and intimidating pressure which they dare not resist.

While the least indispensable trains are laid off here and there, for prudential reasons, and while there is undeniably a continued interference with regularity and punctuality of movement, there is, on the other hand, a report of constant accessions of men to replace those gone. Railway executives here maintain a confident tone. The Pennsylvania announces that it has made an agreement, effective July 16, with 140,000 workers in miscellaneous classes, and a brotherhood of clerks and station employees has sought an injunction to restrain the system from putting this new arrangement into effect.

Various reports of new conferences seem to have been unfounded, although considerable conference has doubtless been had unofficially, and the reports of "new rail moves" and of a settlement confidently expected by to-day have not shown substantial warrant. The Labor Board is still marking time, being unable to do anything else, and Chairman Hooper seems more firmly of the belief that the issue has been raised between the men and the Government, a matter too clear to need argument; the men cheerfully respected and accepted the rulings of the Board while those seemed in their favor and demanded reversal or postponement as soon as they followed a more even balance of the scales of justice.

The four "concessions" which Mr. Jewell, Mr. Gompers's adjutant with the American Federation of Labor, thinks would satisfy him for the present have already been stated. The main one, the abandonment of the contracting out, has been yielded by most of the roads which have used that plan and might be waived, perhaps, by the others; it is a matter of no small importance, but the "Chronicle" has

repeatedly mentioned it and it may be dismissed for the present, in view of a still more serious difficulty which has arisen as a not unnatural result of the strike. This new "concession" is that "all men now on strike, those laid off, furloughed or on leave of absence, be returned to work and their former positions, with seniority and other rights unimpaired."

This involves both a question of permanent policy and an obvious question of justice between individuals. President Smith of the N. Y. Central expresses the views of executives generally, although not speaking for them, when he repeats his previous announcement (to end any misunderstanding) that any former employees returning to the service "will be considered new employees, with seniority dates following the men in service, whether new or old"; that is, the men returning will be subordinated in rank to those who stood by. It ought not to be necessary, anywhere, to explain or defend such a position, for length of service, everywhere, establishes its special claim; so does loyalty, and neither one nor the other can have either recognition or reward if disloyalty and abandonment are to pass unpenalized in some manner. The Western presidents' committee are as emphatic as Mr. Smith. They say:

"Not only justice but the public interest demands that in any settlement of the strike the seniority rights of men who are now working shall be recognized. If those who have struck against the decisions of the Labor Board and have tried to interrupt transportation are favored in any settlement that may be made the incentive of men to stay at work in any future strike will be destroyed and the difficulty of maintaining transportation service will be increased."

No man who has not some selfish end to serve can open his mouth to dispute such an obvious statement as this, and there is yet another point. When a road has replaced its strikers with new men and the mutineers return, shall the new men be turned out that the disloyal may have back their old jobs? Suppose there is not work for old and new, which shall have preference? On this point this same committee unanswerably says:

"On most railways there are not enough places now for all the men employed and all who struck. If, therefore, the strikers should all be allowed to go back to work with their former seniority rights many of the men now at work must be laid off. Furthermore, in periods when shops are not being run to their capacity the position on the seniority list determines who shall be kept and who laid off."

When conditions compel dropping some workers, the fittest should survive. Seniority rights and pension titles, plus the loyalty which ought to be a strong factor in conduct, should suffice to hold men from meekly obeying a strike order or dumbly following a bad example set by somebody else. If it were announced or understood that men coming to take the abandoned places of strikers were only for the emergency and would be hustled out as soon as the rebels returned, would any men but those of the lowest grade in skill and character respond to the call of an employer in a strike? Would not such an understanding of a mere stop-gap employment tend to make of the unemployed the mere rounder at whom Mr. Gompers so tilts his contemptuous nose?

No prediction can be made—except that the end of the trouble will come. Possibly the soundest expectation is that expressed on Wednesday by Secretary Walber of the Information Bureau of the Eastern

roads, who said the roads in his jurisdiction had already recruited their forces to from 50% to 60% of normal and added that "the strike will be drawn out and the end will come through the gradual disintegration of the strikers' forces; there will be a gradual drifting back to work rather than any surrender outright by the men."

And when the end comes, in this way or some other, it will be for the American people, as a matter of combined wisdom and self-preservation, to make sure that it is at least the beginning of the end, the real end.

CANADIAN EXPORTS INCREASING AND IMPORTS DECREASING

Ottawa, Can., July 21 1922.

Increasing exports and decreasing imports were the outstanding feature of the trade of Canada for the three months ending with June. The increase in domestic exports for the three months over the corresponding quarter in 1921 was \$11,414,000; while the decrease in imports, on the same comparison, was \$15,971,000.

The total value of domestic exports for the three months ending June last was \$172,824,000, as against \$161,409,000 for the same quarter of 1921. The total value of the imports for the quarter ending with June 1922 was \$175,485,000, as against \$191,456,000 for the corresponding quarter of last year.

The decrease in imports was quite general, and appeared in free as well as in dutiable goods. The decrease on free goods over the three months period was \$3,702,000, and on dutiable goods it was \$12,268,000.

Only three classes of imports showed an increase for the quarter this year. These were fibres, textiles and textile products, iron and its products, and miscellaneous commodities. The first of these classes rose from \$20,944,000 to \$24,234,000; the increase in the second case was from \$29,386,000 to \$30,356,000 and in the third instance from \$6,004,000 to \$6,312,000.

Similarly, only three classes of exports failed to show an increase. These were animals and animal products, non-metallic minerals and products and miscellaneous. The first of these fell off from \$27,884,000 to \$23,000,000, the second from \$5,559,000 to \$4,112,000, and the third from \$4,232,000 to \$3,694,000.

For the month of June by itself exports showed an increase over the previous month and over June of last year as well. Imports for June were less than for May, but more than for June of 1921. Imports for June 1922 were valued at \$61,668,000; for May 1922, \$66,121,000, and for June 1921, \$57,643,000. Exports of domestic products for June 1922 were \$71,760,000; for May 1922, \$69,146,000, and for June 1921 they were \$58,576,000.

Current Events and Discussions

WEEKLY RETURN OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS.

Further gains of \$9,500,000 in gold and of \$12,300,000 in total cash reserves, accompanied by a reduction of \$25,300,000 in Federal reserve note circulation and an increase of \$17,600,000 in total deposits, are shown in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly statement issued as at close of business on July 19 1922, and which deals with the results for the twelve Federal Reserve Banks combined. Discounted bills held by the reserve banks show an increase for the week of \$13,500,000, acceptances purchased in open market fell off \$8,700,000 and United States securities \$14,900,000.

These changes reflect largely developments at the New York bank. Government deposits were \$28,500,000 larger, while members' reserve and other deposits were \$10,900,000 less than the week before. The reserve ratio shows a further rise for the week from 77.3 to 77.8%. After noting these facts the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

As the result of further accessions of gold from without and inter-bank movements through the Gold Settlement Fund, moderate increases in gold reserves aggregating \$21,800,000 are shown for eight Reserve banks. Boston, with an increase of \$5,900,000, and Kansas City, with an increase of \$5,500,000, report the largest increases for the week. New York shows a decrease of \$6,900,000, while smaller decreases, aggregating \$5,200,000, are noted for the Atlanta, Chicago and Dallas banks.

Holdings of paper secured by Government obligations increased from \$157,600,000 to \$176,300,000. Of the total held \$118,100,000, or 67.0%, were secured by Liberty and other U. S. bonds; \$7,000,000, or 4%, by Victory notes; \$40,700,000, or 23.1%, by Treasury notes, and \$10,500,000, or 5.9%, by Treasury certificates, compared with \$103,800,000, \$5,400,000, \$32,500,000 and \$15,900,000 reported the week before.

The statement in full in comparison with preceding weeks and with the corresponding date last year, will be found on subsequent pages namely pages 412 and 413. A summary of changes in the principal asset and liability items of the Reserve banks, as compared with a week and a year ago, follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) Since	
	July 12 1922.	July 20 1921.
Total reserves.....	+12,300,000	+510,000,000
Gold reserves.....	+9,500,000	+537,000,000
Total earning assets.....	-10,100,000	-829,900,000
Discounted bills, total.....	+13,500,000	-1,242,700,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	+18,700,000	-433,500,000
Other bills discounted.....	-5,200,000	-809,200,000
Purchased bills.....	-8,700,000	+125,100,000
United States securities, total.....	-14,900,000	+287,700,000
Bonds and notes.....	-6,500,000	+166,500,000
Pittman certificates.....		-141,900,000
Other Treasury certificates.....	-8,400,000	+263,100,000
Total deposits.....	+17,600,000	+249,500,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	-11,100,000	+233,900,000
Government deposits.....	+25,500,000	+14,400,000
Other deposits.....	+200,000	+1,290,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....	-25,300,000	-431,700,000
F. R. bank notes in circulation, net liability.....	-1,300,000	-61,800,000

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE MEMBER BANKS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.

Aggregate reductions of \$28,000,000 in investments and a nominal decline in total loans and discounts, as against increases of \$109,000,000 in net demand deposits and of \$37,000,000 in reserve balances, are shown in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly statement of condition on July 12 of 796 member banks in leading cities. It should be noted that the figures of these member banks are always a week behind those for the Reserve Banks themselves. Loans secured by Government obligation decreased by \$16,000,000, and loans secured by corporate and other obligations by \$14,000,000, while other loans and discounts, largely of a commercial character, show an increase for the week of \$29,000,000. Changes in investments include increases of \$2,000,000 in Treasury certificates and of \$8,000,000 in U. S. bonds and Victory notes, and reductions of \$18,000,000 in Treasury notes and of \$20,000,000 in corporate securities. Leading changes during the week shown for member banks in New York City include net liquidation of \$35,000,000 of loans secured by corporate obligations and of \$7,000,000 of Treasury certificates, as against an increase of \$8,000,000 in other investments. Total loans and investments show decreases of \$29,000,000 for all reporting institutions and of \$34,000,000 for the New York City banks.

In addition to the substantial increase in demand deposits a further gain of \$6,000,000 in time deposits is shown as against a decline of about \$11,000,000 in Government deposits. Since January 4 of the present year demand deposits of the reporting banks have gone up \$781,000,000 and their time deposits \$465,000,000, their investments have increased by \$807,000,000, while their loans and discounts have declined by \$367,000,000.

Partly in connection with the return to the banks of currency after the July 4 holiday, borrowings of the reporting institutions from the Federal Reserve banks show a decrease for the week from \$206,000,000 to \$142,000,000, or from 1.4 to 0.9% of their total loans and investments. For the New York City banks a reduction from \$77,000,000 to \$47,000,000 in accommodation at the local Reserve bank and from 1.5 to 0.9% in the ratio of accommodation is noted.

Reserve balances, in keeping with the substantial increase in deposit liabilities of the reporting banks, show an increase of \$37,000,000 while cash in vaults shows a further increase for the week of \$10,000,000. Member banks in New York City, report an increase of \$41,000,000 in reserve balances

and of \$3,000,000 in cash on hand. On a subsequent page—that is, on page 413—we give the figures in full contained in this latest weekly return of the member banks of the Reserve System. In the following is furnished a summary of the changes in the principal items as compared with a week and a year ago:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) Since	
	July 5 1922.	July 13 1921.
Loans and discounts—total.....		-897,000,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	-16,000,000	-367,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	-14,000,000	+551,000,000
All other.....	+29,000,000	-1,081,000,000
Investments, total.....	-28,000,000	+1,059,000,000
U. S. bonds.....	+6,000,000	+414,000,000
Victory notes.....	+2,000,000	-131,000,000
U. S. Treasury notes.....	-18,000,000	+435,000,000
Treasury certificates.....	+2,000,000	+95,000,000
Other stocks and bonds.....	-20,000,000	+246,000,000
Reserve balances with F. R. banks.....	+37,000,000	+191,000,000
Cash in vault.....	+10,000,000	-31,000,000
Government deposits.....	-11,000,000	-168,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	+109,000,000	+1,111,000,000
Time deposits.....	+6,000,000	+573,000,000
Total accommodation at F. R. banks.....	-64,000,000	-1,012,000,000

GREAT BRITAIN TO SEND SPECIAL MISSION IN SEPTEMBER TO CONFER ON DEBT FUNDING.

Statements to the effect that Great Britain's debt to the United States will certainly be paid were made in the British House of Commons on July 19—these following announcements by Prime Minister Lloyd George on the 17th inst. that a special British delegation would arrive in the United States in September to confer on the funding of the British war debt to this country. Associated Press cablegrams from London July 17 said:

Mr. Lloyd George was questioned regarding proposals that Great Britain while paying her debt to the United States, accept, in lieu of her debts from France, Italy and Belgium, German bonds which would then be destroyed. The Premier said this plan was not a new one, but had received special publicity. It placed this country, which on the balance sheet was a large creditor in respect of war advances and reparations, he explained, in the position of paying in full its borrowings but collecting nothing in respect of its war advances or reparations.

On the same day the "Journal of Commerce" reported the following from its Washington bureau:

Negotiations for the refunding of the British debt to the United States will start in September. It was announced to-day at the Treasury Department.

The first official response from the British Government concerning its plans for handling the four billion dollar obligation came to-day when the State Department was informed by Ambassador Harvey that the British Foreign Office had announced the intention to send a delegation to Washington early in September. The personnel of the mission was not disclosed, but it is thought that Ambassador Geddes, together with representatives of the Exchequer, will compose the official party.

Expect Interest Payment.

The communication strengthens the belief of Treasury officials that the United States could count on \$125,000,000 on Oct. 1 as six months' interest on the debt, and that arrangements would be made before the first of 1923 for the refunding of the whole indebtedness.

Assurances have been received from the other side that Great Britain has come to the conclusion it would be unwise to entertain any idea of a cancellation of Allied debts, or an arrangement taking the obligations of France, Italy and other Allies into account. The Commission has the right to defer the payment of the principal for a period of years.

From London the cablegrams of the 19th inst. (Associated Press) said:

British officials declined to discuss the reports that the German indemnity is to be reduced to 50,000,000,000 gold marks in return for which France is to receive the cancellation of her debts to Britain. The placing of Anglo-American accounts on a definite footing is now intimated. This has long been held to be the keystone of the whole financial arch, so that speedy adjustments of other obligations may be expected.

Treasury officials say that numerous solutions of the Anglo-French debts have been considered. One of them contemplates a reduction of the German obligations to £2,500,000,000, compared with £6,600,000,000, which is the present figure. They declare that nothing will be done pending the report of the Reparations Commission.

We also give the following from London Associated Press cablegrams of July 12:

The question of funding the British war debt to the United States, reported to be under consideration by the British Government, is given prominent notice by the newspapers this morning.

Overtures for the funding of the debt were made by the American Government some time ago, according to the "Times," these being accompanied by an invitation to a conference in Washington. The "Daily Mail" asserts that important communications are now passing on the whole subject between the two Governments, adding that a British mission will leave shortly for the United States to discuss the question, and while there will also talk over the possibility of an international economic conference in Washington.

The "Morning Post's" financial editor welcomes the evidence that the funding plan, which has been advocated for some time by the "Post," is now receiving attention.

"Unquestionably this matter plays an important part in the whole problem of international indebtedness," he says, "and it is very clear that America is looking to Great Britain to give a strong lead to recognition of these external obligations."

The writer, however, ridicules the report that repayment of the debt to America in a lump sum in the near future is contemplated, adding:

"We must remember that, apart from the question of beginning the liquidation of our large debt to the United States in the autumn, we have smaller obligations to meet during the present year. It is understood that there is a liability of something like £3,000,000 due to Japan, while there is a large line of three-year British notes in America, which will mature Nov. 1, amounting to about \$50,000,000."

"It will readily be seen, therefore, that, while it is generally believed the British Government's stock of dollars in America is fairly large, there is every reason to maintain a strong position in that respect."

SIR ROBERT HORNE DECLARES GREAT BRITAIN'S DEBT TO UNITED STATES WILL BE MET.

Statements in the British House of Commons on July 19 that Great Britain's debt to the United States would certainly be paid were preceded by a declaration in Commons on July 14 by Sir Robert Horne, Chancellor of the Exchequer, that "our debt to the United States is one of the solemn obligations which undoubtedly we shall meet." This statement by the Chancellor came during the discussion incident to the third reading of the finance bill. Sir Robert, while declaring that the world's financial situation was still serious, announced that Great Britain was stronger financially to-day than at any time since the armistice. As to his further statements, we take the following from Associated Press accounts of his remarks:

He said that at the present rate of exchange England's debt to the United States reached £338,000,000.

"I welcome and reciprocate the views expressed by Mr. Asquith, namely that our debt to the United States is one of the solemn obligations which undoubtedly we shall meet. There is no question about that," said Sir Robert.

"The request which the United States made to us recently to consider the funding of the debt and to place it, as Mr. Asquith said, on stable and equitable foundations is one which will be completely met. No doubt exists in anybody's mind as to the absolute necessity of our fulfilling our duty to the very utmost."

The Chancellor of the Exchequer said that the recent reduction in Great Britain's floating debt and the reduction of the internal debt through conversion was the cause for increasing stability in financial matters in this country. The financial position of the world was serious, he said, especially in Austria, which has been growing steadily worse. A great change has occurred in Germany which gave cause for the greatest anxiety.

"These matters had to be dealt with in concert with the Allies at a very early period of time indeed," said the speaker. "They could not be delayed any longer and I am sure the House will not desire me in the present delicate situation to make any precise disclosure of what is actually going on."

Sir Robert, relating to the affairs of this country, concluded: "We are in a stronger position than at any time since the armistice. There is no reason for our looking at the present situation with any despair. I believe ways and means will be found to avert our grave financial perils. This country will play a very great part in the solution of the problem."

The bill passed its third reading without division.

SIR ROBERT HORNE ON BEARING OF UNITED STATES TARIFF MEASURE ON BRITISH DEBT.

The question as to the bearing of the pending tariff measure on the payment of Great Britain's debt to the United States came up in the British House of Commons on June 29, when Sir Robert Horne, Chancellor of the Exchequer, was quoted as saying:

One keeps steadily in mind that the American tariff makes it more difficult to pay our debts to America. That is perfectly plain and is not a consideration we should forget in dealing with the United States.

The cablegrams to the daily papers also stated:

Asked whether, in view of the fact that the United States tariff, if carried, would practically prohibit the importation of most of the staple manufactured articles in this country, the British Government would inform the United States that the payment of interest on the debt was impossible unless the tariff was lowered to such a point as to enable British goods to enter America freely, Sir Robert Horne, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said that all these relevant considerations would be borne in mind.

Prime Minister Lloyd George previously had told a questioner that the rate of interest in this country charged on advances to the Allies was 5% annually and that the interest on the British debt to the United States was about the same figure.

AMBASSADOR HARVEY LOOKS FOR EARLY RETURN OF POUND STERLING TO PAR.

The speedy return of the pound sterling to parity with the dollar was predicted by Colonel Harvey, United States Ambassador to Great Britain, in an address at the Pilgrims' banquet, given in London on July 12 in honor of Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador to the United States. Colonel Harvey's observations are indicated as follows by the Associated Press:

Ambassador Harvey cited unemployment figures and trade statistics to show Great Britain's strong financial and commercial position. He remarked that the reduction of 9% in the number of British unemployed since January was amazing, when compared with the depression which followed the Napoleonic wars. It was an exhilarating and conclusive proof, he said, of sound and unimpaired economic conditions, and of the impregnability of commercial England.

The Ambassador then commented on the fact that this revival of trade and industry was occurring despite a tremendous decrease in the volume of British exports. He believed that this could mean but one thing, namely that England, like the United States, "if dire necessity requires, can go alone, not luxuriously, as in the golden past, but yet comfortably and in safety and security, while time affords an opportunity to explore and unfold the vast possibilities of the faithful dominions and the million square miles of land in the possessions recently brought under the British flag."

Quoting further figures to show the enhanced prices of British securities, the advance in the value of the pound and the enormous saving which this advance brought to British trade, the Ambassador predicted that it would not be long before the pound "will have regained its proud position at par with the American dollar. That day, I insist, will be a happy day, worthy of celebration on both sides of the Atlantic."

Ambassador Harvey attacked as fallacious the idea that England's gain must be America's loss. "Your prosperity," he said, "is our prosperity. We rejoice in it for our own sake—well, hardly less than for yours."

In our issue of July 8, page 126, we referred to the view expressed by former Ambassador Gerard that in fifteen years Great Britain would be lending money to the United States

CERTAIN MEASURES OF FINANCIAL CONTROL AGREED TO BY GERMANY.

The acceptance by the German Minister of Finance, in behalf of the German Government, of certain measures of control over the Government's finances, suggested by the Committee on Guarantees of the Reparations Committee, was announced in a communication issued by the latter on July 20, according to Associated Press cablegrams from Paris which stated:

The communication recites that the Committee on Guarantees was instructed to negotiate with the German Government respecting the control to be exercised by the committee over receipts and expenses, the floating debt and the export of capital.

"The result of these negotiations," says the note, "was embodied in a series of documents which were handed by the committee to the German Government July 18 at the Ministry of Finance. The Ministry of Finance, in the name of the German Government, gave its adhesion to the measures contained in these documents. Written confirmation of the acceptance is expected hourly by the committee."

In stating on the same date that the report of the Committee on Guarantees, which it had been expected would be handed in this week, would not be ready until next week, Associated Press accounts from Paris added:

The Reparations Commission met late to-day, but did not. It is understood, discuss the question of a moratorium for Germany.

With definite developments in the reparations situation not expected until the middle of next week, because of delay in the presentation of the report of the Committee on Guarantees, possible solutions of the problem are being discussed in Reparations Commission and official circles. In French quarters, it is strongly indicated that France will not consent to a moratorium unless a most rigid control of German finances is initiated and measures are adopted which would insure payment in cash at the end of the breathing space.

There is not the slightest indication how the French delegate on the Commission will act, but it has come to the surface that there is much speculation on just what attitude France will eventually take on the question of a moratorium.

In certain French circles the suggestion which has met with considerable approval provides that Germany be forced to hand over a certain number of shares of German industrial companies which are now known to be extremely prosperous and paying large dividends.

It is further suggested that the committee inquire into the taxes collected by Germany and verify the total amounts gathered. It is also urged that new taxes, if the present ones seem to be lenient, should be levied. The strictest supervision of capital and the application of measures to prevent its wholesale exportation from Germany are also among the things proposed. A large section of official opinion is convinced that Germany could realize much on its apparent prosperity and put forth a more serious effort to float an international loan.

On the other hand, in British and Italian circles, the moratorium has gained favor more and more. Belgium, it is said, will consent to a respite if it is only accompanied by the most rigid guarantees on future payments. The impression is constantly gaining ground that a settlement of the reparations question in an all inclusive manner must be made sooner or later by the Allies. The question of Allied debts and reduction of the total indemnity, with payments over a certain number of years, remains a puzzle to observers, since French opinion favors a postponement of any general settlement to a much later date.

Comment as follows came from Berlin on the 20th inst. regarding the financial control agreed to by Germany, the Associated Press being authority for this:

The official announcement that Germany has consented to the establishment of financial "supervision" of her household provokes only mild enthusiasm among the newspapers supporting Chancellor Wirth, but official quarters which consented to discuss the arrangements entered into with the guarantees committee of the Reparations Commission to-day permitted the impression that Germany had made the best of a bad bargain.

At the Ministry of Finance it was denied that the agreement amounts to active "control." The process agreed to, according to official information, will be rather in the nature of "supervision," to which the German Government could not have any serious or well founded objections, inasmuch as it has nothing to conceal regarding the condition of the budget or other financial issues. It was determined to avoid any attitude which might create the impression that Germany deliberately was sabotaging reparations revenues or was willfully extravagant in her internal administration.

To this extent Government chiefs who discussed the situation to-day declared that the proposed supervision would materially contribute to dissipating mistrust of Germany abroad.

"We have not agreed to anything tantamount to financial guardianship or indefinite control which would be incompatible with our dignity as a State, which we still consider we are," Secretary of State Schroeder said in discussing the negotiations with the guarantees committee. Incidentally he indicated the German Government's acceptance of Allied supervision was agreed to on the assumption that Germany would be granted an adequate moratorium and that the Entente's watch over the German cash register would continue only during the period the moratorium was in force.

Under the present agreement the guarantees committee will station two chief delegates in Berlin. They will occupy offices outside the Government buildings and carry on their supervisory activities through an exchange of written communications. To this extent their physical limitations are prescribed, although they will be permitted to discuss orally for elucidation any issues that may come up.

The delegates will be given copies of all budgets as soon as they have been approved by the Cabinet and the Reichstag. Likewise, all tax laws and records and data on exports and imports and other financial statistics will be placed at their disposal at the earliest possible moment. The auditors of the Entente, according to information given out at the Ministry of Finance, will not have the right to revise any of the laws or measures drafted and approved by the Government.

In our issue of Saturday last (pages 246-247) we reported that the Reparations Commission had on the 13th inst. notified the German Government, in reply to the demand for a moratorium for reparations payments, that it would give a definite answer only when it had in hand the full report of the Committee on Guarantees which had gone to Berlin a short time before to supervise reforms to which the German Government had given assent. On July 19 cablegrams from Berlin (Associated Press) said:

As was foreshadowed in its note to the Reparations Commission of July 11, applying for moratorium, the German Government, it is announced, has now sent a note to the Allied Governments asking that the monthly reparations payment, which hitherto has amounted to £2,000,000, should be reduced to £500,000 for the period ending December 31 1924.

The Government further requests that during the same period all cash payments due under Part 10, Section 4, and especially Paragraph 297E, of the Peace Treaty be suspended. These paragraphs refer to compensation respecting damage inflicted upon property rights or interests of subjects of Allied or associated powers in Germany.

The same authority had the following to say in Paris cablegrams July 19:

The whole reparations question will probably be in suspense until Friday or Saturday, when the Reparations Commission will begin its consideration of the report of the committee on guarantees, which has returned from Germany. Definite developments are not looked for in the meantime.

The committee will do some intensive work to-morrow and Friday in an endeavor to have its findings ready by Saturday at the latest. In official circles the disposition is to proceed slowly and carefully with the question, and it was this idea that prompted Premier Poincare to write a letter to the British Ambassador at Paris, Lord Hardinge, pointing out the necessity of moving with the greatest care before the date of the forthcoming Franco-British meeting is fixed.

In reparations circles it is indicated that the question of instituting a most rigid control over German Governmental finances will be one of the chief elements in the discussion of Germany's request for a moratorium. It is reliably reported that a difference of opinion exists in the commission on the question of extending control over Germany, even in the event that a moratorium is granted.

A majority of the members of the committee on guarantees are said to be opposed to stricter control over German finances on the ground that this would have the effect of shifting to the Commission's shoulders all the responsibility for the financial situation in Germany.

The directors of the Allied offices for the collection from Germany of pre-war commercial debts will meet in Paris on July 25 to consider the recent announcement that Germany intends to suspend payment of these debts. There is said to be 600,000,000 gold marks due this year.

Premier Lloyd-George was reported as stating in answer to a question in the House of Commons on the 17th inst. that the British Government was steadily pursuing a policy of insisting that Germany adopt the financial reform recommended by the Reparations Commission. He said that the first essential was the re-establishment of the equilibrium in the budget. Announcement that the reduction of the German indemnity to 50,000,000,000 gold marks from the present total of 132,000,000,000 and the cancellation of the French debt to England was the basis of a solution of the reparations question seriously discussed by French and British officials. The Associated Press in Paris advices July 17 added:

Although the scheme has not yet officially reached the Reparation Commission, members of the latter have discussed the details. It is expected the proposed plan will be one of the chief subjects of discussion in the forthcoming meeting of Premiers Poincare and Lloyd-George.

The suggested solution has the hearty support of British officials, who have been urging its acceptance upon the French officials. It is announced. The latter, so the Associated Press has been reliably informed, is looking with more and more favor upon the plan, provided it carries with it a clean-cut pledge of assistance in time of attack and assures France the allotment, wholly or in part, of England's 22% share of the total indemnity. It is believed that England is ready to concede virtually all these demands if full acceptance on the part of the French Government is obtained.

The plan would call for a moratorium for the remainder of this year's cash payments, the Associated Press learns, experts taking the view that Germany would probably be able to balance her budget by January, provided she is relieved of payments until that time. The acceptance of the proposed adjustment by France, advocates explain, would have the effect of placing all the Allies, including Great Britain and the United States, firmly behind France in the collection of the reparation account.

It is admitted that the proposals if tentatively approved at the forthcoming Franco-British meeting could hardly be adopted by the two countries for several months. It is explained, however, that discussion of the plan has gone far enough to make it the outstanding and most acceptable solution of the German reparation problem.

FRENCH FOR ONLY BRIEF MORATORIUM FOR GERMANY.

The New York "Evening Post" of last night (July 21) printed the following Associated Press cablegram from Paris:

Premier Poincare has provided President Dubois of the Reparations Commission with ammunition with which to fight for France's position with regard to German reparations. It is in the form of a statement, prepared by the Premier and Minister of Finance de Lasteyrie, seeking to show by statistics and instances that Germany was responsible for her present financial crisis.

M. Dubois, it is understood, is being instructed by the French Government to require the Reparations Commission to (1) pronounce the wilful default of Germany in her reparations obligations; (2) to demand further guarantees from her; and (3) if a moratorium should be granted on cash payments, that it should not exceed five or six weeks.

Meanwhile the Guarantees Committee of the Reparations Commission is working on the report of its extensive investigations of Germany's financial and economic condition. Four sub-committees have been formed to report on Germany's revenues, expenditures, the exportation of capital,

and the publication of statistics, respectively. From these separate reports the Committee will compile its general report to the Commission. Copies of the report also will be furnished to the various interested Governments.

GERMANY'S COMPULSORY LOAN.

In announcing that the bill providing for Germany's compulsory loan had passed the third reading in the Reichstag, Associated Press cablegrams from Berlin July 18 said:

The Reichstag to-day passed the third reading of the Defense of the Republic bill by a vote of 303 to 102.

After a prolonged discussion, the bill providing for a compulsory loan of 70,000,000,000 marks was read for the third time in the Reichstag. The limit of a subscription was fixed at 3,000,000 marks. The compulsory loan operates simultaneously with the new laws on legacies and income tax. The income tax and legacy tax bills were also read for the third time.

Previous references to the bill appeared in our issues of April 8, page 1473; May 27, page 2297, and June 24, page 2773.

BELGIAN GOVERNMENT OPPOSED TO GERMAN MORATORIUM.

Associated Press advices, in a cablegram from Brussels July 19 said:

The Belgian delegate on the Reparations Commission is absolutely opposed to the proposed reduction of the German indemnity to 50,000,000,000 gold marks, it is understood to-day upon good authority.

REPARATIONS COMMISSION OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED OF DEPOSIT BY GERMANY OF INSTALLMENT DUE JULY 15.

The following advices (Associated Press) came from Paris July 17.

The Reparations Commission was officially notified to-day that Germany had deposited 32,000,000 gold marks in designated banks to meet her July 15 reparations payments.

GERMANY RAISES TAX ON FOREIGNERS.

From the New York "Times" of July 14 we take the following from Berlin:

Everybody residing in Berlin who was a non-resident of Germany on Jan. 1 1921, and who rents lodgings, except those who officially represent their Governments, will be required to pay a residence tax of five times the present levy, beginning July 15, according to a decision of the City Council.

Foreigners living in hotels, pensions and private dwellings come under this ruling.

GERMANY TO SUSPEND PAYMENTS OF PRE-WAR COMMERCIAL DEBTS.

In a Paris cablegram July 16 the Associated Press said:

Dr. Wilhelm Mayer, official representative of the German Government, has informed the French Government that Germany plans to suspend payments of her pre-war commercial debts, on which 600,000,000 gold marks will be due this year according to German calculations. This sum is entirely outside the subject of reparations and is a matter for the Governments to consider as a basis for cash payments in reparations.

CLARENCE DILLON SAYS FOREIGN GOVERNMENT FINANCING IS PASSING.

Clarence Dillon, head of the investment banking firm of Dillon, Read Co., who has just returned from a two months' trip to Europe, spent in investigating financial conditions there, declared on the 17th inst. that the phase of loans to Governments of Europe is rapidly passing and that the next phase in the development of the international relations between the United States and Europe will be loans to industries—private arrangements between bankers here and industrial leaders abroad. The New York "Times" in reporting him to this effect, adds:

The Governmental programs have been about completed for the time being. England does not want to borrow, nor does France. Loans to Italy are a long way off. Germany and Austria cannot borrow. Many of the small nations would like to get loans in the United States, but it is not in the cards that their appeal will be granted.

Our opportunity lies in industrial Europe, and I might say that all Europe looks to us for help in this direction. The railroad and public utility financing that is to be done in Europe is tremendous, and it is lucrative, too. We will lend, but we will lend with care. We must be thoroughly "sold" on a loan before we will make it, and I would say that it is much harder to sell us on a loan than it is for us to sell the bonds to investors here.

There's only one thing that American bankers can do in this case. That is to go to Europe, get acquainted with the situation, with the people and with the industries, and ascertain their needs. In other words, we must get a close-up picture of the industry, if we can. It must not be forgotten by us, either, that England has been doing this financing abroad for two generations or more and that we became leaders abroad almost overnight.

I find an exceedingly comfortable degree of willingness to co-operate with us by foreign industrial leaders. They insist, for one thing, that the managements shall be unchanged, that they shall stay in native hands. I believe this to be correct, with proper representation, of course, by the lenders on their boards. I believe we will see a great deal of foreign industrial business in the New York market in the near future.

ARGENTINE 7% TEMPORARY GOLD BONDS EXCHANGE FOR COUPON BONDS JULY 24.

The Chase National Bank announces that the Government of Argentine Nation External Loan 7% temporary bonds, due Feb. 1 1927, will be exchangeable for coupon bonds on and after July 24, at the institution's trust department.

**"KATACOMB EXCHANGES" IN SOVIET RUSSIA—
CHARTER NOW FOR PRIVATE COMMERCIAL
BANK.**

Moody's Investors' Service under date of July 13 furnishes the following regarding the "Katacomb Exchanges" which were brought into existence in Moscow and St. Petersburg with the issuance of the Soviet prohibition against trading in stocks, bonds, &c. According to the Moody advices, "not only is the Government grip loosening up gradually and transactions done now somewhat more openly, . . . but the eventual rehabilitation of the erstwhile Czarist Empire," is looked for. The information from Moody's Investment Service follows:

Russia Returns to Sanity.

The complete breakdown of the entire commercial, industrial and financial machinery in the Russian Empire, following the overthrow of the Kerensky Provisional Government by the Bolsheviks is too well known to need detailed description. It is also well known that the Soviet Administration requested the immediate delivery to the People's Bank of all kinds of securities and precious stones. Trading in stocks, bonds, &c., was prohibited. However, notwithstanding the direst threats, people in Bolshevik Russia did not shrink from the "criminal offence against the State," and continued to deal in securities. "Bourses" were established in Moscow and St. Petersburg which, owing to their secret existence against the Soviet ruling, were and still are known as the "Katacomb Exchanges" where deals have been and still are made in securities and exchanges. However, the supply was very scant, trading being confined largely to such securities as had not been turned over to the Government, although such action was "punishable by death."

Not only is the Government grip loosening up gradually and transactions done now somewhat more openly, but recent information which has come to us from reliable sources would appear to justify one's viewing with a certain degree of favor the eventual rehabilitation of the erstwhile Czarist Empire. It has been reported reliably that the Moscow agent of a prominent British corporation has been officially requested to inform the company of the desire of the Soviet Government to resume negotiations for a return of the company's properties.

Of far greater significance is the following statement which has been received by us from our over-seas correspondents, and which, in our opinion, indicates, more perhaps than any other recent happening, the gradual return of Russia to common sense. The statement bearing the caption of "The First Private Bank in Russia," follows: "The Soviet Administration has granted a charter to and approved the statutes of the first private commercial bank. The institution will be known as the South Eastern Bank and will have its main office at Rostov on the Don River. Capitalization amounts to 2,000,000 rubles (gold), consisting of 40,000 ordinary shares (to bearer) of a par value of 50 rubles (gold). One-half of the shares have been bought by the Government, which will, however, have only one representative on the Bank's directorate of six members."

**LIMITATION OF PRODUCTION PROPOSED BY RUS-
SIAN COUNCIL OF LABOR AND DEFENSE.**

The following (Associated Press) from Moscow under date of June 14, was published in the "Journal of Commerce" of July 18:

Limitation of production and probably the closing down of several factories have been recommended by a special commission of experts in a report to the Council of Labor and Defense as a means of weathering the industrial crisis, which, after a few months of revival of Russian trade, has again become acute.

Since 1918 the Soviet Government has many times been obliged to resort to limitation of industry due to shortage of fuel, raw materials or food, but the cause of the present stringency is different.

Limited sales, bad trade connections with the provinces and the insufficiency of working capital at the disposal of the various Government trusts and syndicates all have contributed to the present situation. Since the inauguration of the new economic policy the various nationalized industries have been combined in trusts and syndicates and reorganized to work on a commercial basis. All such concerns have been deprived of Government supplies and their employees no longer are rationed. Having begun with very small capital at a time when the Soviet ruble was continuously depreciating in purchasing power, they had to fall back upon their old stocks, and later they began to increase production in order to manufacture sufficient goods to obtain funds for future operations. As a result the markets soon were flooded with goods. Owing to the abnormality of trade conditions and the low purchasing power of the ruble, these goods could neither be sold freely to wholesalers nor direct to consumers.

The commission proposes that practically every industry be curtailed. The program fixes the following percentage of reduction: Coal industry, by 15%; mines by 33%; gold and platinum by 12%; salt, 33%; metal, 6 to 7%; cotton textiles, 25%; wool, 20%; flax, 20%; silk, 10%; leather, 15%; chemical, 5%; glass, 64%; china, 34%.

The commission also reports that production has fallen greatly in comparison with pre-war output, the ratio being from 7 1/4% in the metal industry up to 61% in the electrical.

"Industrial Life" in a recent issue says that the new bankruptcy law now being drafted will provide that the Government shall not be responsible for the debts of State-managed concerns. This decree, however, has not yet been adopted by the Council of Commissars.

**ABSORPTION OF RUSSIAN GOLD BY FEDERAL RE-
SERVE BANKS AND CENTRAL INSTITUTIONS
OF PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES.**

To the absorption of the Russian central gold reserve is credited the increase in gold reserves held by the central institutions of the principal countries, which, according to the Federal Reserve Board, on the latest available date—about April 1922—amounted to \$7,851,000,000, as compared with \$3,391,000,000 at the end of 1913. In an article on "The Gold and Silver Situation," published in its monthly "Bulletin" for June (made public June 27), the Board states that

there is no question "that the major part of the Russian gold has found its way into the reserves of other countries and most of it ultimately into the Federal Reserve." We give herewith the article so far as it relates to the survey of gold reserves, production, &c.:

In the "Federal Reserve Bulletin" for June 1921 there appeared a survey of the world gold situation. The gold movement to the United States, which was well under way at that time, has continued uninterruptedly up to the present and has been of sufficient magnitude to change materially the distribution of gold reserves, so that a brief survey of the year's developments and the status at the end of April, 1922, seems appropriate.

Gold Reserves.

Below is printed a table showing the gold reserves of the principal countries of the world before the outbreak of the war, soon after the armistice, at the beginning of the present gold movement to the United States in September, 1920, and on the latest available date—about April, 1922.

Gold reserves held by the central institutions of the principal countries increased from \$3,391,000,000 at the end of 1913 to \$6,320,000,000 at the end of 1918. This increase was due mainly to additions to the gold reserves from circulation. A further increase to \$6,629,000,000 is noted on Aug. 31 1920, due both to production of new gold and to further accretions to reserves from private hoards and circulation. On the latest available date the reserves amounted to \$7,851,000,000, the latest additions coming chiefly from the absorption of the Russian central gold reserve, which amounted to \$787,000,000 in 1913, but is not included in the totals because it is not known how much of it remains in Russia.* There is no question, however, that the major part of the Russian gold has found its way into the reserves of other countries and most of it ultimately into the Federal Reserve. The gold was shipped to Sweden, France and other Continental countries, and thence the same gold restamped, or equivalent amounts of other gold, were sent to the United States. Twelve million dollars were sent direct to the United States for the purchase of food, in accordance with an agreement made with the American Relief Administration.

* According to a recent estimate made by a United States Government official in Europe, the present gold reserve in Russia does not exceed 100,000,000 gold rubles. The estimate is arrived at in the following manner:

Balance of State Bank, Oct. 25 1917	1,292,000,000
Gold handed to Germans in accordance with Brest-Litovsk treaty	320,000,000
Gold captured from the Bolsheviks in Kazan by Kolchak	664,000,000
	984,000,000
Recovered by Bolsheviks	420,000,000
	308,000,000
Rumanian gold	728,000,000
Gold production	125,000,000
Other sources (from individuals and churches)	47,000,000
	50,000,000
Total	950,000,000
Paid to Estonian, Latvian, Lithuanian and Polish Governments	32,000,000
Shipped through Reval	538,000,000
Other expenditures and shipments	280,000,000
	100,000,000

GOLD RESERVES OF THE PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES.*

	Gold Holdings (in thousands of dollars).				Percentage Distribution.			
	Dec. 31 1913.	Dec. 31 1918.	Aug. 31 1920.	Latest available date, 1922.	Dec. 1913.	Dec. 1918.	Aug. 1920.	Latest available date, 1922.
United States	691,514	2,246,720	2,129,941	3,170,007	20.4	35.5	32.1	40.3
Great Britain	170,245	523,832	737,416	765,875	5.0	8.3	11.1	9.8
France	678,856	664,017	697,108	699,600	20.0	10.5	10.5	8.8
Japan	64,963	225,821	411,263	608,170	1.9	3.6	6.2	7.8
Spain	92,490	430,072	473,309	488,742	2.7	6.8	7.1	6.2
Argentina	224,989	269,628	450,057	450,537	6.6	4.3	6.8	5.7
Netherlands	60,898	277,155	255,808	243,593	1.8	4.4	3.9	3.1
Germany	278,687	538,861	260,035	238,407	8.2	8.5	3.9	3.0
Italy	288,103	243,566	203,834	212,604	8.5	3.9	3.1	2.7
Canada	142,517	190,688	172,002	153,971	4.2	3.0	2.6	2.0
India	72,780	65,842	126,905	118,341	2.2	1.0	1.9	1.5
Australia	21,899	104,142	112,966	113,876	0.6	1.6	1.7	1.5
Switzerland	32,801	80,041	104,215	105,149	1.0	1.3	1.6	1.3
Sweden	27,372	78,532	70,044	73,526	0.8	1.2	1.1	0.9
Denmark	19,666	52,159	60,991	61,191	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.8
Java	10,027	51,600	60,500	59,750	0.3	0.8	0.9	0.8
South Africa	39,905	33,579	54,991	58,855	1.2	0.5	0.8	0.7
Belgium	59,131	51,145	51,433	51,452	1.7	0.8	0.8	0.7
Norway	12,846	32,691	39,488	39,474	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.5
New Zealand	25,306	39,419	37,472	37,472	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5
Brazil	53,202	15,571	19,461	25,628	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.3
Egypt	10,881	16,312	16,614	16,807	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Yugoslavia	-----	-----	-----	13,384	-----	-----	-----	-----
Czechoslovakia	-----	-----	569	12,738	-----	-----	-----	-----
Greece	5,211	10,422	11,001	10,808	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Portugal	8,760	9,263	9,265	9,267	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1
Finland	6,948	8,299	8,299	8,299	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Bulgaria	10,615	12,352	7,141	7,334	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1
Poland	-----	-----	1,657	6,940	-----	-----	-----	0.1
Rumania	29,242	2	320	329	-----	-----	-----	-----
Aus.-Hungary	251,421	53,074	45,113	9	7.4	0.8	0.6	-----
Total	3,390,775	6,319,606	6,629,226	7,850,885	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

* Not including Russia.

It is notable that of the increase in total central reserves during the period from August, 1920, to April, 1922, which amounted to about \$1,222,000,000, the addition to the reserves of the United States alone was about \$1,040,000,000. The United States, which had about one-fifth of the reported gold reserves in 1913, had over one-third at the end of the war, and two-fifths on the most recent date. Other countries which show larger proportions of the total now than before the war are: Great Britain (5% in 1913 and 9.8% in 1922), Netherlands, Spain, Australia, and particularly Japan, whose reserves increased nearly tenfold, or from less than 2% of the total in 1913 to over 8% in 1922.

Gold Production.

Gold production in 1921 is shown in the table below. It is estimated that the output for 1921 was about \$321,000,000, or \$14,000,000 less than in 1920. Smaller figures are shown for nearly all the producing countries except South Africa. The strike in South African mines, however, which occurred early in 1922, greatly curtailed the gold output in recent months. Gold production in the United States, which reached its maximum of over \$101,000,000 in 1915, has declined continuously since that time and was only \$47,500,000 in 1921. This decrease is due in part to the rise in the price level, with the consequent increase in the cost of producing gold, while the monetary value of gold remains fixed at \$20.67 per ounce.

GOLD PRODUCTION OF THE WORLD.

Country.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.
United States	96,269	96,890	93,451	88,884	94,532	101,536
Canada	10,205	9,762	12,649	16,899	15,953	18,937
Russia	35,580	32,152	23,190	26,508	28,586	28,586
South Africa:						
Transvaal			188,293	181,885	173,500	188,033
Rhodesia	175,190	191,539	14,227	14,275	17,664	18,915
Australasia:						
Western Australia			26,515	27,166	25,488	25,015
Other Australia	65,471	60,184	27,994	25,947	23,031	24,383
British India	10,718	11,054	11,056	12,478	11,378	11,523
All other	61,826	60,359	69,762	69,499	49,806	54,038
Total	455,260	461,940	466,136	459,941	439,078	470,466

* Estimates for 1921 from the "Statist" March 18 1922, page 402.

Gold Movement.

The table presented below shows the imports and exports of gold since the end of November, 1918, in two periods: First, from that date to the end of August, 1920, when the net movement was out of the United States, and secondly, from September, 1920, to April, 1922, when the movement was into the United States. A total for the period from November, 1918, to date is also shown:

Country.	Sept. 1 1920-April 30 1922.			Nov. 1 1918-Aug. 31 1920.			Total, Nov. 1 1918-April 30 1922.		
	Imports.	Exports.	Excess of Imports.	Imports.	Exports.	Excess of Imports.	Imports.	Exports.	Excess of Exports.
France	231,849	231,849	0	1,744	4,153	2,409	232,983	4,153	1,911
Netherlands	20,840	20,840	0	1,162	15	1,147	22,002	15	21,987
Spain	3,815	3,815	0	29,778	29,778	0	3,840	29,778	25,938
Sweden	98,015	98,015	0	2,614	1	2,613	98,015	1	97,994
Switzerland	422,938	422,938	0	84,680	2,105	82,575	507,654	2,105	505,549
Denmark	47,888	47,888	0	76,188	9,483	66,705	607,654	9,483	598,171
Canada	1,315	1,315	0	2,260	17	2,243	124,016	17	123,999
Uruguay	1,887	1,887	0	1,456	3,144	1,688	3,575	3,144	431
Salvador	1,279	1,279	0	1,456	3,144	1,688	3,575	3,144	431
Mexico	2,708	2,708	0	8,328	28,127	19,799	17,539	38,617	21,078
Argentina	21,442	21,442	0	180	146,655	146,475	2,888	38,617	35,729
Colombia	7,080	7,080	0	3,023	5,969	2,946	25,065	5,969	19,096
Venezuela	1,965	1,965	0	718	12,350	11,632	7,080	12,350	5,270
China	11,498	11,498	0	1	59,396	59,395	2,683	12,350	9,667
British India	28,981	28,981	0	40,801	40,804	3	19,499	67,396	47,897
Straits Settlements	70	70	0	10,893	10,893	0	32,010	43,833	11,823
Dutch East Indies	2,123	2,123	0	10,893	10,893	0	8,803	10,963	2,160
Hong Kong	9,097	9,097	0	6,440	19,430	12,990	8,803	19,670	10,867
Japan	60,340	60,340	0	40,210	132,856	92,646	45,871	81,788	35,917
New Zealand	3,751	3,751	0	2,751	132,856	130,105	2,208	185,413	183,205
All other countries	111,800	111,800	0	10,167	20,735	10,568	2,208	22,086	19,878
Total	1,011,471	1,011,471	0	239,867	614,916	375,049	1,289,559	723,332	566,227

For the entire period the imports totaled \$1,290,000,000, received chiefly from England, France, Canada and Sweden, while total exports were \$724,000,000, sent chiefly to Japan, Argentina, China, Hong Kong and British India. As mentioned before, the losses occurred mainly prior to September, 1920, the exports of gold from the United States during the period from the armistice to September, 1920, being about \$815,000,000, while from that time to the present total exports amounted to only \$109,000,000. On the other hand, the imports aggregated \$240,000,000 during the first period and \$1,050,000,000 during the second period. Immediately after the armistice the United States paid out a great deal of gold to South America and Oriental countries which had accumulated balances during the war. Since that time the balance of trade and of payments has been continuously and overwhelmingly in favor of the United States and has brought an uninterrupted stream of gold to this country, as shown on the chart on page 661 of "Federal Reserve Bulletin". It will be seen on the chart that the large-

est net imports (\$91,000,000) were reported for October, 1920, that in 1921 a high level was maintained, but that in 1922 the amounts received were much less, the total for the four months, January to April, being \$101,000,000, or at the rate of about \$300,000,000 a year, compared with \$691,000,000 in 1921. Net imports of gold for April, 1922, were only \$11,000,000, the smallest monthly figure reports since September, 1920. The movement of gold to the United States from existing stocks has apparently run its course, and at the present time this country receives no more than the equivalent of new gold produced, though most of the gold received from France and Sweden, amounting to \$41,100,000 for the four months, is presumably of Russian origin. Imports from Great Britain, which consist chiefly of the output of South African mines, dwindled to nothing in March as the result of the strike in the Rand mines, but in April the movement was resumed, though still on a small scale, total imports for the month being \$2,000,000.

An extensive presentation of the disposition of Russian gold appeared in our issue of July 24 1920, page 339.

HENRY MORGENTHAU'S PLANS FOR REORGANIZING AUSTRIA'S INDUSTRY—\$50,000,000 CORPORATION INTERNATIONAL BANK ON GOLD BASIS.

Announcement was made in Paris on July 13 by Henry Morgenthau, former American Ambassador to Turkey, that he was arranging to form an international corporation, to be capitalized at from \$50,000,000 to \$60,000,000, for the purpose of reorganizing Austria's industry, and, to quote the Associated Press advices, "to show the world that it is possible to prevent the bankruptcy of European States." The following is from the further accounts of the Associated Press:

Mr. Morgenthau, who has just returned to Paris from Vienna, where he was assured of the co-operation of the Austrian Government, is now discussing this project with various financiers.

"There have been many plans suggested to help Austria and other broken-down countries," he said, "until Americans concluded that it was impossible. On the contrary, I know it is possible, and I am willing to invest a considerable sum of my own capital and give my time as a member of the Executive Committee.

"What I want to see is a model State made of Austria by outside capital. Then it will be apparent that the other States of Europe may be reorganized in the same manner.

"It is possible within one year after the corporation is organized to make Austria a paying commercial proposition. I stake whatever financial reputation I have on this statement. It is not true that Austria is hopelessly lost. All that is needed is disinterested initiative to put her on her feet.

"There is now less unemployment in Austria than in the United States. Within six months after the corporation has started, I am sure that Austria's railways, which are now a heavy losing proposition, will be paying. What is needed is to treat Austria like a bankrupt railway, put in new capital and then go ahead. By discharging a few thousand railway employees, which the Government itself is unable to do for fear of riots, and by raising the tariffs these railways will pay.

"It will be a holding corporation for the principal industries of Austria, and it will not in any sense be tied up with the new Austrian bank. One condition in forming the corporation is possibly hinged upon the Reparation Commission granting Austria the use of her monopolies as collateral, but I am assured that this will be done.

"My conception of the corporation is to get British, French, Italian and other capital, but with American control and with an American President of the type of such active reorganizers as David Houston, Charles Dawes or Norman Davis.

"The Austrian Government is so confident of my plan that it is willing to show its faith by taking 30% of the common stock. It knows the home conditions. For instance, Austria is becoming an agricultural country since being cut off from Hungary, but the present harvest is 30% short, due to the lack of fertilizers.

"My proposition is purely one in the interest of civilization and to show that those helping in civilization may at the same time earn money on investments."

Mr. Morgenthau, who spent months visiting Germany and other parts of Europe endeavoring to discover a feasible plan for reconstruction, finally evolved one for Austria, which was launched in Austrian official circles at a dinner in Vienna given by Albert H. Washburn, the American Minister.

During his visit in Vienna Mr. Morgenthau called on numerous bankers, who pointed out to him that much of their wealth was in safe places outside Austria, but with an international bank on a gold basis in Vienna they would reinvest in their own country.

Mr. Morgenthau was busy to-day seeing American bankers and will occupy his time to-morrow similarly. Then he will go to Italy.

"An international bank on a gold basis in Vienna," said the former Ambassador, "is bound to act as a stabilizing influence throughout the Balkans. Its value lies in the fact that it would be an outside influence exerting favorable pressure in neighboring countries. The bank would undertake all the multiple activities of any high class firm, but would be avowedly semi-benevolent in its activities. It would develop Austria's unlimited hydro-electric possibilities. I have reason to believe that an important express company of the United States would undertake the development of tourist trade."

The comment which Mr. Morgenthau's proposal evoked in Berlin is the subject of the following cable dispatch (copied by the Public Ledger Co.) published in the New York "Evening Post" of July 19:

Henry Morgenthau is regarded here by those familiar with Austrian conditions as a venturesome financier who will encounter insuperable difficulties and disappointments in his plans to save Austria through a proposed \$60,000,000 international corporation. They doubt the possibility of either raising the suggested sum or of converting the present Austria into a going concern should he do so.

The proposals for the rehabilitation of Austria by outside financial assistance, to give the amputated remnant that was left of Austria by the Paris surgeons a chance of continued life, have been discussed over and over by the League of Nations, the Supreme Council, and by private financiers, but always they have fallen through when it came to a point of providing capital in adequate quantities.

International financiers have always drawn back when asked to risk the actual cash.

Even greater difficulty is seen in the labor and political conditions, for the Socialist and labor elements are too strong for any domestic Government to cope with. They have introduced such a complicated and extensive measure of labor control in factories, railroads, etc., and exert such a pressure in fixing wages that production in Austria is actually more expensive than in Germany.

A big American corporation with plants in Germany and Austria has closed its Austrian factory permanently because it cannot afford to operate and is handling its Austrian business from the German establishment. Its Austrian manager declares similar conditions prevail in the whole Austrian territory.

The New York "Tribune" had the following to say on July 15 regarding the views expressed in New York on Mr. Morgenthau's plans:

International bankers yesterday expressed little confidence in the possibility of restoring Austria financially and economically through the medium of a corporation as suggested by Henry Morgenthau, former American Ambassador to Turkey. They characterized the project for a \$50,000,000 to \$60,000,000 international concern which would, through the introduction of foreign capital and direction, make of Austria a model State, as merely another attempt to rectify by artificial means a situation which only common sense and time could straighten out.

AUSTRIA BANS TRADING IN FOREIGN MONEYS.

The issuance on July 19 by the Minister of Finance of an order forbidding private trading in foreign moneys in Austria, although permitting travelers who buy sufficient amounts to leave the country, was announced in Associated Press cablegrams from Vienna July 19, which also stated:

In future, the order provides, any such trading by the banks must pass through the central exchange, where prices will be fixed.

FORCED LOAN FOR AUSTRIA.

On July 19 the Austrian Parliament adopted the Government's bill for a forced interior loan designed to yield a revenue of 400,000,000,000 kronen.

THE BRAZILIAN EXPOSITION AND OUR TRADE WITH BRAZIL.

In the latest issue of the "Foreign Trade Review," published by the National Shawmut Bank of Boston, attention is directed to the opportunity for American exporters through participation in the Brazilian National Exposition, which will open Sept. 7 and continue for seven months to Mar. 31 1923. Our improved trade position with Brazil is reviewed and reference made to the trade recovery of Germany and other European countries in the Brazilian market. The bank states:

That upwards of thirty European nations have already manifested their purpose to participate in the exposition with industrial exhibits indicates that the commercial world is keenly alive to the opportunities which the exposition represents.

The exposition grounds cover an area of 160 acres and are divided into a national and a foreign section. As originally planned, it was to be a national affair devoted in part to a showing of Brazilian industrial enterprise. Increasing interest, however, in the Brazilian market compelled the expansion of the idea and the inclusion of a foreign section, so that the exposition, to a large extent, will be representative of world competition among foreign exhibitors seeking to win South American trade. Sixteen nations have recognized the exposition officially, and are erecting elaborate buildings to house their government exhibits. The United States Government has appropriated \$1,000,000 for American participation, and a beautiful pavilion is being erected for the United States Government exhibit. This building, upon the close of the exposition, will be used as the American Embassy quarters.

To meet the demand of foreign manufacturers and exporters for representation, a special section of the area adjoining the exposition grounds has been laid out as an exhibition annex. In this area, foreign firms or organizations are permitted to erect the necessary buildings or pavilions for their exhibitions.

Complete statistics of the trade of Brazil for the calendar year 1921 are unavailable. The changes that have taken place from 1913 to 1920 in the relative shares of the United States, Great Britain, Germany and France in the foreign trade of Brazil are indicated in the percentage figures below:

Per cent of Total Imports into Brazil.		Per cent of Total Exports from Brazil.			
1913.	1920.	1913.	1920.		
United States.....	15.7	42.1	United States.....	32.5	21.3
Great Britain.....	24.5	21.2	Great Britain.....	13.2	8.0
Germany.....	17.5	5.0	Germany.....	14.1	6.7
France.....	9.8	5.6	France.....	12.3	11.4

"Because of her industrial character, New England," says the "Review," "should be worthily represented at the exposition. In 1920 Brazil purchased manufactured goods similar in character to those produced in New England, amounting in value to \$117,000,000. These included cutlery, iron and steel manufactures, electrical machinery, industrial machinery, textile machinery, and accessories, paper, rubber boots and shoes and other manufactures, sewing machinery, silk goods, automobile tires, tools, wire and woolen goods.

"In the single item of cotton manufactures, Brazilian imports in 1920 amounted to \$32,000,000 in value. Almost all of this trade went to the cotton spinners of Great Britain. New England, as the centre of the boot and shoe industry, is interested in the fact that 80% of Brazil's exports of hides and skins come to the United States. One-half of Brazil's exports of coffee, rubber, and sugar are also sent to the United States market. In each of these lines New England has an interest because of her sugar refining, rubber goods manufacturing and coffee roasting industries. Our large imports of Brazilian goods should, wherever possible, serve as a basis for the development of reciprocal trade.

"Reported lack of interest on the part of some of our manufacturers may be due to their experience during the chaotic period of 1920 and 1921. There is, of course, no question that the rejection of merchandise at that

time caused serious embarrassment and uneasiness to our exporters. It may be said in this connection that efforts are being made by Brazilian statesmen and others to correct this situation, which was largely responsible for the difficulties encountered a year ago. Under Brazilian law, as interpreted by the courts, the seller, particularly a foreign seller, has been somewhat at a disadvantage in a controversy over the rejection of shipments of merchandise. There is, however, evidence of a change in the attitude of some of the courts, which should put the seller upon a more even footing with the buyer. A complete revision of the commercial code of Brazil is now under consideration by the Brazilian Congress, and efforts are being made to provide for a provision which would enable the seller to dispose of rejected shipments by auction, and to sue the buyer for any loss."

BANKS TO CO-OPERATE WITH COMMERCIAL HOUSES IN FOREIGN CREDITS.

Arrangements have recently been completed for a closer co-operation between commercial houses and banks throughout the country in procuring and exchanging credit information on foreign houses, according to G. McK. Roberts, of the International General Electric Co. and Chairman of the Supervisory Committee of the Foreign Credit Interchange Bureau of the National Association of Credit Men, 41 Park Row, New York. Mr. Roberts states:

For the past three years American exporters have been clearing their foreign credit information through this Bureau, but for technical reasons it has not been practical to admit the banks to membership on the same basis as mercantile houses. Plans have now been worked out, however, and by agreeing to certain conditions, banks in all parts of the United States are becoming affiliated.

Many thousands of dollars will be saved annually both by the banks as well as exporters through this clearing house of information. The data are in the country but the big job is to find them, and this is both an expensive as well as often hopeless task. By linking together the foreign credit files of banks and exporters through safe and systematic channels, the dual purpose is accomplished of materially reducing the cost of credit investigation as well as safeguarding both the bank and exporter in the extensions of foreign credit.

This Bureau, which incidentally is non-profit-making, mutual and supervised by a committee of its own members, has at the present time on file, it is stated, cards on 120,000 foreign firms. It is expected that the affiliation of banks will increase this number materially.

CATALOGUES SUBJECT TO DUTY IN AUSTRALIA—POST OFFICE ISSUES CAUTIONARY NOTICE.

Postmaster Morgan of this city invites attention to the following announcement by the Post Office Department:

For the information of those concerned there is reprinted from the "Commerce Reports" of the Department of Commerce a dispatch from the American Consul at Adelaide, reading as follows:

"Manufacturers who go to the trouble to issue expensive catalogues and price lists often suffer a very serious disadvantage when such packages arrive addressed to Australian business men, who find that they are required to pay duty and short postage. In many cases, if he had previously been inclined to purchase in the United States the line represented by the catalogue, its receipt in this manner offends him to such an extent that he refuses to give further consideration to any line that that particular manufacturer has to offer. It is therefore advisable to warn American business houses to make certain that the duty is fully prepaid and that packages bear the full amount of postage required. It should also be borne in mind that short postage which has to be paid at the other end is levied at double the regular rate.

"The customs tariff of Australia provides an alternate duty of 10d. per pound, or 45% ad valorem (whichever returns the higher duty), on catalogues, price lists, circulars, prospectuses, show cards and photographic, lithographic and other printed advertising matter (see Sec. 172, p. 135, Annual Postal Guide for 1921, in which section the figure 40 should be changed to read 45). The customs regulations further provide that demurrage at the rate of 2d. for each 24 hours or part thereof shall be charged on parcels not claimed within 72 hours after notice has been given of the arrival of the package. Prepayment of duty on all kinds of printed advertising matter may be made by means of stamps, which are obtainable from the official representative of the Commonwealth of Australia, Room 610, No. 11 Broadway, New York City.

OFFERING OF \$2,500,000 REPUBLIC OF PERU EXTERNAL GOLD BONDS.

Blyth, Witter & Co. and White, Weld & Co. offered on July 19 at 100 and accrued interest, a new issue of \$2,500,000 Republic of Peru, 10-year external secured 8% gold bonds. The books were closed on the day of offering, the bonds having been heavily oversubscribed. The offering circular said:

These bonds are a direct obligation of the Republic of Peru and will be secured by a first lien on all the taxes from the petroleum industry.

The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, through ownership of the Imperial Oil Co., Ltd., controls approximately 90% of all oil exported. Petroleum has been produced for export, continuously, for more than 20 years, and production has increased 140% in the past 10 years.

The bonds are dated June 1 1922 and will mature June 1 1932. They are callable as a whole at the option of the Government on 60 days' notice at par and accrued interest.

Interest is payable June 1 and December 1, and principal and interest are payable in the United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness at the main office of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, paying agent for the loan, without deduction for any taxes, present or future, of the Republic of Peru. The bonds are in coupon form in denominations of \$500 and \$1,000, and are registerable as to principal only. The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, is paying agent of the loan. The circular also says:

Legislation under consideration is expected to approve a long term Customs-Secured Loan. A presidential decree provides for a detachable Warrant to accompany each bond of this issue and when and if this decree is approved by the Peruvian Congress this Warrant will entitle the holder for one year from date of the public offering of Customs-Secured Loan, to purchase a Customs-Secured bond at the original offering price, bonds of this issue at the option of the warrant holder being accepted in payment at 100 and accrued interest up to five days prior to their redemption. All rights under the Warrants cease five days prior to the maturity of this issue.

The following, based on information regarded as reliable, is also contained in the offering circular:

Redemption Fund.

Funds received by the Paying Agent in excess of amount necessary to pay interest shall be used in the purchase of bonds in the open market, or by tender at not exceeding par and accrued interest. If unable to obtain the required amount of bonds the Paying Agent shall call bonds by lot at par and accrued interest on sixty days' notice.

Financial (Par of Exchange).

The public debt of Peru on Dec. 10 1921 was \$46,805,000 or about \$10 per capita, of which \$16,050,000 was external. The entire debt service, according to the 1922 budget, is \$4,954,000, representing 17.8% of the actual revenues of 1921.

On March 31 1922, the effective gold reserve against paper money in circulation was over 91%, one of the highest reserves in the world.

Peru has recently established the Banco de Reserva del Peru, which is a central reserve and note-issuing bank, modeled directly after the Federal Reserve banks of the United States. The notes of this bank are to be secured by a reserve fund of at least 50% in gold and foreign exchange at its gold value, and in addition by approved short-term commercial paper rediscounted by shareholding banks.

When the budget of 1921 was adopted Peru was experiencing the abnormal effects of the boom of 1920. The receipts from export taxes, which were based on commodity prices, accordingly proved inadequate due to the general business depression of 1921, and the sudden decrease in revenue resulted in the temporary suspension of a part of the service of the Government debt, which service under the loan contracts is to be paid in full with a part of the proceeds of this loan.

Revenue.

In the past five years revenues from export petroleum taxes, computed at the mean exchange for each year, have averaged \$397,410. Petroleum revenues for 1922, which include additional taxes effective since Jan. 1, are estimated according to the budget at \$990,000. The petroleum export tax alone is running at the annual rate of \$640,000, which is in excess of budget estimate of revenue to be derived from this source.

Collection of Taxes.

All petroleum taxes are to be deposited as collected with the receiving agent, the Banco Italiano, Lima, Peru, to be remitted to the Paying Agent in New York at least once every two weeks to a total of \$250,000 each six months, cumulatively. Dr. William Wilson Cumberland, recommended by the State Department of the United States at the invitation of the Peruvian Government, is the present appointed Administrator of Customs, and also serves as Financial Commissioner to the Government.

General (Par of Exchange).

Peru has had a favorable balance of trade each year from 1891 to 1920, excepting 1904. The value of foreign trade increased from \$58,659,000 in 1910 to \$261,121,000 in 1920, and the surplus of exports over imports increased from \$10,186,000 to \$82,459,000 in the same period. The United States does approximately one-half the business, both export and import.

Note.—All conversions of Peruvian currency into dollars have been made with exceptions as noted, at present rate of exchange, about \$3.96 Peruvian pound at par of exchange is \$4 8665.

Legality subject to the approval of Messrs. Curtis, Mallet-Prevost & Colt, Attorneys, New York.

Several references to the creation of the Federal Reserve Bank of Peru (Banco de Reserva del Peru) have been made in these columns. The text of the Act was given in our issue of July 8, page 128.

OFFERING OF \$500,000 COMMERCIAL CREDIT CO. 7% PREFERRED STOCK.

Robert Garrett & Sons, of Baltimore, and Cassatt & Co., of New York, offered on July 13 \$500,000 7% cumulative preferred stock of the Commercial Credit Co. of Baltimore (incorporated under the laws of Delaware). The issue was offered at \$25 50 and accrued dividend per share, to yield 6.86%. The stock is in shares having a par value of \$25. Subscribers to the stock are offered the privilege of buying one share of common stock at \$50 per share flat for each ten shares of preferred which they are allotted. The capitalization and surplus—cash paid and outstanding—including present issue, consists of:

\$2,000,000 Preferred Stock 7% cumulative.
2,000,000 Preferred stock Class "B" 8% cumulative.
2,000,000 Common stock (present dividend rate 14%).
1,244,788 surplus and profits after 30% common stock dividend July 10 1922.

All three stock issues are listed on the Baltimore Stock Exchange, and application will be made in due course to list the preferred now offered. The company refunds State, county and city personalty tax up to 1/2% per \$100 assessed value in any State, or in lieu thereof State income tax up to 12 1/2 cents per share, on each issue of preferred stock, wherever held. The Fidelity Trust Co., Baltimore, is registrar of the stock. Dividends are payable quarterly the last day of December, March, June and September. The following salient features from a letter from A. E. Duncan, Chairman

of the Board of the Commercial Credit Co., to Robert Garrett & Co., are reproduced from the circular:

Business.—The business of the company (usually known as "commercial banking"), which has been successfully operated by the present management since 1912, is the purchase of open commercial accounts, acceptances, drafts, notes receivable, installment, and motor lien obligations, secured by a substantial margin or lien, and by endorsements or guarantees (except on Ford cars), the average payment of receivables being about ninety days. All of the assets of the company are liquid and subject to very little depreciation.

In its open account department the Baltimore company alone in 1921 purchased \$42,781,935 of receivables, of which 57.2% were from manufacturers and jobbers rated \$125,000 and over with first or second credit in the January 1922 agency books; 20.3% were from firms rated \$1,000,000 and over. Such firms guarantee for 100% all receivables they sell to the company.

Earnings of Commercial Credit Co., Baltimore, including affiliated companies, as computed from the reports by certified public accountants, except for part of 1922, after deducting Federal and other taxes, losses, &c., are as follows:

	Gross Receivables Purchased.	Net Earnings Applicable to Dividends.	Net Earnings on Average Total Cash Employed.	Net Earnings on Average Preferred Stock Then Outstanding.	Net Earnings on Average Pref. Class "B" Stock Then Outstanding.	Net Earnings on Average Common Stock Then Outstanding.
1916..	\$35,001,973	\$310,648	7.65%	41.41%	34.41%	30.73%
1917..	51,078,171	313,790	4.57%	41.83%	34.83%	27.83%
1918..	55,421,258	426,405	5.30%	56.85%	49.85%	42.85%
1919..	78,986,426	405,263	3.78%	52.57%	45.58%	38.60%
1920..	87,291,823	683,809	3.90%	68.61%	61.61%	54.39%
1921..	79,347,241	654,001	3.87%	52.37%	45.40%	35.00%
1922..	\$40,784,695	\$505,213	*5.70%	*80.83%	*73.33%	*65.83%

x Five months. * Per annum.

Dividends.—The company has always paid full dividends on both issues of outstanding preferred stocks. The common stock was put on a 6% dividend basis July 1 1913; increased to 8% April 1 1914; to 10% Oct. 1 1914; to 12% Oct. 1 1919; and to 14% Jan. 1 1922, which rate it is intended to continue. In addition thereto four special common stock dividends aggregating 105.92% on the original issue have been declared.

Preferred Stock Restrictions.—The preferred and Class "B" preferred stocks have equal voting powers with each other and with the common stock; are fully paid and non-assessable; are cumulative at 7% and 8% per annum, respectively; are preferred over the common stock both as to assets and dividends; and, upon sixty days' notice, either issue may be redeemed by the company at \$30 per share (par \$25) and accrued dividend.

Preferred.—This stock has the added protection of the Class "B" preferred \$2,000,000, common \$2,000,000 and surplus, adjusted as of May 31 1922 of \$1,244,778 or a total of \$5,244,778 an equity of about 262%, consisting entirely of liquid assets.

Class "B" Preferred.—This stock has the added protection of the common stock \$2,000,000 and surplus of \$1,244,778 or a total of \$3,244,778 an equity of 162%, consisting entirely of liquid assets. Dividends in excess of 10% may not be paid on the common stock unless, after the payment thereof, there shall remain a surplus equal to 50% of the outstanding Class "B" preferred stock.

CANADIAN (SASKATCHEWAN) COURT OF APPEAL REVERSES LOWER COURT AND HOLDS REGINA STERLING BONDS MAY BE MET AT CURRENT RATE OF EXCHANGE.

In our issue of Feb. 4 (p. 463) we reported the decision of the Court of King's Bench holding that Regina sterling bonds must be met at par of exchange. The city at that time announced its intention to carry the case to the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal (v. 114, p. 758). This Court of Appeal has now reversed the decision of the lower court and holds that the bonds may be met at the current rate of exchange. Concerning this decision, the "Financial Post" of July 7 says:

The action of the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal in reversing the judgment of the Court of King's Bench in the now rather famous case of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation against the City of Regina, opens an avenue for considerable litigation; also it reflects most potently on the value of certain securities—rather a certain type of Canadian securities.

The action originally brought by the Trusts Corporation claimed that certain sterling bonds sold by the city in 1918 should be payable—both as to interest and principal—at the par rate of exchange; that is, the gold value, or \$4 86 2-3 to the pound.

The city, on the other hand, claimed that interest payments could be discharged by the purchase—in Canadian currency—of British Treasury notes; such notes to be exchanged for the bond coupons as the latter fell due.

In the King's Bench Court the plaintiff's contention was upheld, the learned judge finding that "sterling," in his interpretation, meant gold value; and that by payment at par, the city would be giving no more or less than the amount due—an amount for which the city, as guarantor of the bonds, had made provision when the original debenture sale was made.

"This Court is of the opinion that the tender of the city of an amount of Canadian currency sufficient to purchase in Toronto the actual amount of pounds, shillings and pence called for in the printed due-coupons on the bonds in question, is tender sufficient to discharge the city's debt."

Bonds of the type which form the basis of this notable court action, providing for payment in Great Britain or Canada, but expressed only in terms of sterling, are fairly numerous; consequently further litigation may be expected.

The reversal of judgment also exercises an important influence on the value of the bonds to investors, the securities being much less attractive in consequence of the legality of interest payments being made in depreciated sterling.

CONDITION AND EARNINGS OF THE TWELVE FEDERAL LAND BANKS.

The Federal Farm Loan Bureau has prepared a series of tables to show the condition of the twelve Federal Land banks, separately and combined, as of June 30 1922, and furnishing a variety of other facts regarding the loans, the earnings, the surplus, &c., of these Farm Loan institutions.

The two sides of the balance sheet show aggregate assets and aggregate liabilities, respectively, of \$635,846,756 on June 30 1922 for the twelve banks. Aggregate capital stock stands at \$33,269,592, of which \$5,642,845 represents the amount subscribed by the U. S. Government (the amount of the capital stock originally subscribed by the U. S. Government was \$8,892,130, but \$3,249,285 has been retired), \$27,508,917 the subscriptions of National Farm Loan Associations, \$112,940 subscribed by borrowers through agents and \$4,890 the holdings of individual subscribers. The total of Farm Loan bonds authorized and issued is \$588,154,835, of which only \$2,215,835 remained on hand on June 30. As against these outstanding issues the net mortgage loans held totaled \$540,427,898, with \$8,884,550 of interest accrued, but not due, and the holdings of U. S. Government bonds and securities were \$73,615,286, with \$782,541 of accrued interest. There was also \$6,235,730 of cash on hand and in banks. In the following we show the consolidated balance sheet complete:

Consolidated Statement of Condition of the Twelve Federal Land Banks.

	At Close of Business June 30 1922.
Assets—	
Net mortgage loans	\$540,427,898 10
Accrued interest on mortgage loans (not matured)	8,884,549 95
U. S. Government bonds and securities	73,615,286 04
Accrued interest on bonds and securities (not matured)	782,541 47
Farm Loan bonds on hand (unsold)	2,215,835 00
Accrued interest on Farm Loan bonds on hand (not matured)	13,919 94
Other accrued interest (uncollected)	18,847 91
Notes receivable, acceptances, &c	633,164 27
Cash on hand and in banks	6,235,730 30
Accounts receivable	79,863 78
Installments matured (in process of collection)	1,132,821 53
Banking house	419,922 15
Furniture and fixtures	164,275 07
Other assets	1,222,100 49
Total assets	\$635,846,756 00

	At Close of Business June 30 1922.
Liabilities—	
Capital stock:	
United States Government	\$5,642,845 00
National Farm Loan associations	27,508,917 50
Borrowers through agents	112,940 00
Individual subscribers	4,890 00
Total capital stock	\$33,269,592 50
Reserve (from earnings)	2,124,000 00
Surplus (from earnings)	500,000 00
Farm Loan bonds authorized and issued	588,154,835 00
Accrued interest on Farm Loan bonds (not matured)	4,603,702 69
U. S. Government deposits	2,070,000 00
Notes payable	315,628 27
Due borrowers on uncompleted loans	558,041 37
Amortization installments paid in advance	472,800 38
Matured interest on Farm Loan bonds (coupons not presented)	249,125 30
Reserved for dividends unpaid	520,845 36
Other liabilities	3,008,182 13
Undivided profits	3,008,182 13
Total Liabilities	\$635,846,756 00

Memoranda—	
Net earnings to June 30 1922	\$9,459,175 75
Less—Dividends paid to June 30 1922	\$3,401,298 81
Carried to suspense account to June 30	344,413 28
Other charges to June 30 1922	81,281 53
	3,826,993 62
Carried to surplus account to June 30	500,000 00
Carried to reserve account to June 30	2,124,000 00
Undivided profits June 30 1922	3,008,182 13
Total reserve and undivided profits June 30 1922	\$5,632,182 13
Capital stock originally subscribed by U. S. Government	\$8,892,130 00
Amount of Government stock retired to June 30 1922	3,249,285 00
Capital stock held by U. S. Government June 30 1922	\$5,642,845 00
* Unpledged mortgages (gross), \$13,472,211 62.	

It will be seen that the net earnings to June 30 1922 have been \$9,459,175, of which \$3,401,298 has been paid out in dividends, \$425,695 appropriated in other ways, and \$5,632,182 remains in the shape of reserve and undivided profits. The balance sheet of each Land bank separately is shown in the following:

STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF EACH OF THE FEDERAL LAND BANKS JUNE 30 1922.

	Springfield.	Baltimore.	Columbia.	Louisville.	New Orleans.	St. Louis.
Assets—						
Net mortgage loans*	18,483,752 14	23,468,344 64	40,220,359 30	47,499,252 65	40,775,199 37	47,506,671 73
Accrued interest on mortgage loans (not matured)	310,763 53	340,359 17	779,426 08	805,372 51	1,118,653 34	1,188,895 74
U. S. Government bonds and securities	2,462,019 17	6,268,095 00	7,411,598 13	5,619,487 94	7,944,964 10	4,363,309 63
Accrued interest on bonds and securities (not matured)	41,465 51	46,704 59	132,154 85	32,294 89	27,412 93	38,446 71
Farm Loan bonds on hand (unsold)	301,600 00	198,860 00	86,500 00	64,500 00		403,000 00
Accrued interest on Farm Loan bonds on hand (not matured)	2,304 91	1,491 45	659 56	483 75		
Other accrued interest (uncollected)				8 17	57 97	
Notes receivable, acceptances, &c	157,645 45	289,825 46	512,355 30	284,401 95	2,676 65	223 93
Cash on hand and in banks	5,993 11	7,624 10	5,082 65	3,500 00	x152,231 69	590,526 77
Accounts receivable	32,645 85	35,451 25	107,297 09		701 83	13,530 24
Installments matured (in process of collection)			17,945 25		36,384 07	53,649 33
Banking house	19,782 39	7,329 14	9,586 88	12,900 00	140,836 03	
Furniture and fixtures	28,321 82	4,718 41	18,665 38	86 93	11,239 36	18,437 00
Other assets					66,398 01	316,079 58
Total assets	21,846,293 88	30,668,803 21	49,302,570 45	54,322,288 79	43,952,291 97	54,122,761 66
Liabilities—						
Capital stock—U. S. Government	721,345 00	702,705 00	564,595 00	476,320 00	534,820 00	462,275 00
National Farm Loan associations	949,750 00	1,195,790 00	2,031,945 00	2,417,310 00	2,091,060 00	2,431,760 00
Borrowers through agents						
Individual subscribers	165 00	1,770 00				
Total capital stock	1,671,260 00	1,900,265 00	2,596,540 00	2,893,745 00	2,626,400 00	2,894,035 00
Reserve (from earnings)	37,000 00	76,000 00	65,000 00	150,000 00	125,000 00	193,000 00
Surplus (from earnings)						
Farm Loan bonds authorized and issued	19,665,000 00	28,350,000 00	45,883,800 00	50,432,760 00	46,400,000 00	50,150,000 00
Accrued interest on Farm Loan bonds (not matured)	157,485 00	222,916 66	360,515 23	395,320 70	356,016 84	50,403,731 23
U. S. Government deposits						
Notes payable						
Due borrowers on uncompleted loans	40,597 37	8,254 59		600 00	23,150 00	19,184 16
Amortization installments paid in advance	51,571 11	57,952 79	55,630 63	149,110 04		97,685 32
Matured interest on Farm Loan bonds (coupons not presented)	17,859 05	13,624 70	43,785 07	50,002 65	36,733 13	50,817 10
Reserved for dividends unpaid						
Other liabilities	66,070 75	4,688 75	11,255 06	1,068 58	43,791 72	84,178 46
Undivided profits	139,450 60	35,700 72	115,920 83	10,017 55	80,721 42	15,122 40
Total liabilities	21,846,293 88	30,668,803 21	49,302,570 45	54,322,288 79	43,952,291 97	54,122,761 66
xOverdraft.						
*Unpledged mortgages (gross)	922,440 00	1,100,790 87	1,063,475 75	2,381,700 00	1,483,225 00	230,850 00
Assets—						
Net mortgage loans*	62,928,277 10	66,828,257 45	45,929,972 60	58,706,285 71	25,542,012 03	62,759,513 38
Accrued interest on mortgage loans (not matured)	944,312 11	1,027,692 31	638,380 91	851,402 60	407,442 84	841,848 81
U. S. Government bonds and securities	9,897,471 87	5,274,591 90	5,826,394 63	7,197,515 79	3,813,500 00	7,566,346 88
Accrued interest on bonds and securities (not matured)	124,834 54	80,330 27	42,044 98	44,812 08	54,236 82	117,802 40
Farm Loan bonds on hand (unsold)	99,300 00	240,980 00	381,920 00	113,245 00	99,600 00	226,330 00
Accrued interest on Farm Loan bonds on hand (not matured)	744 75	1,807 35	2,994 86	848 34	852 14	1,732 83
Other accrued interest (uncollected)	9,306 12	1,807 35	2,994 86	848 34	852 14	1,732 83
Notes receivable, acceptances, &c	248,216 83		9,347 16		72 41	56 08
Cash on hand and in banks	386,494 33	297,841 03	368,000 00	14,046 86		
Accounts receivable	13,191 80	1,803 44	2,356,210 00	772,182 34	324,819 51	415,659 85
Installments matured (in process of collection)	173,405 25	53,290 65	10,626 75	1,742 39	14,917 47	150 00
Banking house	175,000 00		100,758 87	91,263 38	36,676 85	412,028 94
Furniture and fixtures	14,700 00	14,000 00	18,400 00	86,140 87		
Other assets	141,038 97	274 85	109,341 22	8,095 73	82,205 60	446,934 01
Total assets	75,156,293 67	73,620,839 25	55,794,391 98	67,875,097 62	30,383,352 05	72,801,771 47
Liabilities—						
Capital Stock—U. S. Government	268,290 00	190,870 00	483,985 00	309,985 00	668,550 00	259,105 00
National Farm Loan associations	3,126,095 00	3,413,720 00	2,302,515 00	3,003,385 00	1,321,585 00	3,225,002 50
Borrowers through agents	112,940 00					
Individual subscribers		10 00	2,310 00			
Total capital stock	3,506,325 00	3,604,600 00	2,788,810 00	3,313,370 00	1,990,135 00	3,484,107 50
Reserve (from earnings)	409,000 00	270,000 00	2,788,810 00	210,000 00	105,000 00	300,000 00
Surplus (from earnings)	200,000 00		193,000 00			200,000 00
Farm Loan bonds authorized and issued	70,073,475 00	68,450,000 00	49,657,800 00	63,300,000 00	27,580,000 00	67,932,000 00
Accrued interest on Farm Loan bonds (not matured)	544,717 72	530,458 33	388,842 66	493,958 32	218,000 00	531,740 00
U. S. Government deposits						
Notes payable						
Due borrowers on uncompleted loans	73,887 64	3,380 00	145,755 47			819 04
Amortization installments paid in advance	26,920 00	34,912 95	25,214 51	32,665 05	12,602 70	13,770 27
Matured interest on Farm Loan bonds (coupons not presented)	38,854 16	37,636 25	38,614 60	38,259 77	33,914 84	72,699 06
Reserved for dividends unpaid	1,058 95		7,061 95	97,303 30		3,407 28
Other liabilities	117,396 21	2,890 75	30,005 55	4,225 91	62,770 19	11,018 05
Undivided profits	173,658 99	686,960 97	449,287 24	285,315 27	100,929 32	252,204 27
Total liabilities	75,156,293 67	73,620,839 25	55,794,391 98	67,875,097 62	30,383,352 05	72,801,771 47
*Unpledged mortgages (gross)	1,307,800 00	391,000 00	1,622,200 00	1,370,680 00	1,384,100 00	223,050 00

The loans closed by the twelve banks aggregated \$18,077,300 for the month of June and \$19,464,200 for the month of May. Results were much better in June than in May for, while in May all but one of the twelve banks sustained a loss, in June they all netted gains. This appears from the following:

Federal Land Banks At-Loss	Net Earnings		Gross Loans Closed	
	May 1922	June 1922	May 1922	June 1922
Springfield	\$11,848	\$7,897	128	\$458,100
Baltimore	4,239	12,889	387	1,005,700
Columbia	60,936	45,523	1,128	2,843,800
Louisville	59,101	15,366	554	1,990,000
New Orleans	90,909	42,908	824	1,651,300
St. Louis	47,713	51,749	730	1,919,200
St. Paul	60,404	38,361	324	1,609,800
Omaha	14,418	40,917	316	1,364,800
Wichita	59,535	42,437	617	1,801,400
Houston	65,015	46,819	553	1,801,000
Berkeley	17,624	15,134	252	1,053,400
Spokane	28,945	57,799	467	1,732,800
Total	\$466,989	\$418,279	6,310	\$19,464,200

RESOURCES OF STATE BANKING INSTITUTIONS IN UNITED STATES.

R. N. Sims, Vice-President of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans and Secretary-Treasurer of the National Association of Supervisors of State Banks, in his annual report to the Association at its annual convention in Detroit on July 19, submitted a statement showing in detail by States the capital, surplus and undivided profits, loans and discounts bonds, stocks and securities, and total resources of all State banking institutions of the continental United States, together with totals of these items of the national banks, and

all covering as of March 10 1922. The report of Secretary Sims, it is claimed, covers the only available accurate and detailed data of the State banking institutions comparable with the reports of the Comptroller of the Currency, which covers the national banks. Mr. Sims said:

The figures given are surprisingly gratifying and reflect the healthy condition of the banking institutions of our country. The total deposits are practically as high as they have ever been, except as shown by the statement of June 30 1920, when the highest point ever known was reached. In spite of the enormous liquidation in business which followed the unprecedented inflation in the post war period, there was a shrinkage of only 5% in the total deposits of all banks between June 30 1920 and March 10 1922, and a shrinkage in the State bank deposits during that time of only 1.4%.

On March 10 1922 there was a total of 30,499 banks, of which 22,302 were State and 8,197 national banks, and in round numbers a total capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$6,534,000,000, total deposits of \$38,901,000,000, and total resources of \$48,658,000,000. From June 30 1920 to March 10 1922 the State banks increased 379 in number and the national banks 167. On March 10 1922, in round numbers, the capital, surplus and undivided profits of the State banks was \$3,700,000,000, and of the national banks \$2,834,000,000, showing the capital resources of the State banks to be 30% in excess of the national banks. The deposits of the State banks were \$23,510,000,000 and of the national banks \$15,390,000,000, showing the deposits of the State banks 52% in excess of the national banks. The total resources of the State banks were \$28,808,000,000 and of the national banks \$19,850,000,000, showing the resources of the State banks 45% in excess of the national banks.

Both classes of banks perform equally useful and necessary functions, and I do not make comparisons for the purpose of disparagement, but to emphasize the fact that the two great banking systems are of equal importance in the development and handling of our country's business.

Similar comparisons by Mr. Sims, made up for earlier periods, have been published by us, namely, Jan. 31 1920, page 421; July 17 1920, page 250; Oct. 30 1920, page 1707, and Sept. 24 1921, page 1307. The following is his latest statement:

AGGREGATE RESOURCES, ETC., OF ALL BANKING INSTITUTIONS UNDER STATE CONTROL, COMPILED FROM STATEMENTS FURNISHED BY HEADS OF STATE BANKING DEPARTMENTS. ALSO AN ADDENDUM COVERING AGGREGATE RESOURCES, ETC., OF ALL NATIONAL BANKS, TAKEN FROM REPORTS OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY, AND FIGURES EXHIBITING TOTAL BANK RESOURCES OF THE UNITED STATES.

By R. N. Sims.

State	Date of Report	No. of Institutions	Capital	Surplus	Undivided Profits	Capital, Surplus & Undivided Profits	Deposits, Incl. Cert. & Cashiers' Checks	Loans and Discounts	Bonds, Stocks, Securities, &c.	Total Resources
Alabama	Mar. 10 1922	247	11,469,166	\$8,645,736		20,114,903	81,832,717	77,641,795	7,376,934	108,698,032
Arizona	Mar. 10 1922	60	4,423,571	1,899,744		10,448,248	7,371,563	40,790,840	33,729,057	6,984,130
Arkansas	Mar. 10 1922	403	16,231,425	6,423,848		2,823,029	25,468,303	99,655,346	102,330,321	8,977,792
California	Mar. 10 1922	427	99,223,620	43,142,215		17,960,570	160,326,465	1,403,591,643	940,147,044	393,534,662
Colorado	Mar. 10 1922	244	9,731,500	4,352,405		1,203,614	15,287,520	90,106,277	80,593,177	1,500,872,539
Connecticut	Mar. 31 1922	155	13,584,700	28,983,416		3,474,591	48,942,708	379,406,948	283,952,459	108,702,770
Delaware	Mar. 10 1922	40	5,544,125	5,532,085		2,100,368	13,176,578	92,562,043	35,270,490	32,392,562
Florida	May 5 1922	217	9,945,000	3,268,859		1,536,311	14,740,270	90,233,634	68,937,932	15,252,692
Georgia	Dec. 31 1921	598	31,862,200	14,955,762		6,883,011	53,700,974	166,936,490	194,016,601	14,203,181
Idaho	Mar. 10 1922	124	4,419,600	1,463,879		300,247	6,173,717	28,660,295	28,283,023	7,843,652
Illinois	Mar. 10 1922	1,401	141,032,000	81,877,135		34,383,508	257,272,643	1,565,839,151	1,180,883,638	349,162,783
Indiana	Dec. 31 1921	838	43,210,322	17,814,930		5,811,214	66,836,467	392,972,097	323,014,445	70,648,879
Iowa	Mar. 10 1922	1,338	55,823,000	35,739,261		12,236,999	93,810,060	556,978,734	581,801,022	28,591,901
Kansas	Mar. 18 1922	1,164	28,785,550	15,242,162		4,310,198	46,837,911	240,155,733	222,745,327	19,471,417
Kentucky	Dec. 31 1921	467	21,134,424	12,239,656		3,295,594	36,069,675	164,562,135	154,117,994	27,677,728
Louisiana	Mar. 10 1922	230	23,067,340	12,088,276		4,790,344	39,942,161	245,971,847	193,359,621	80,406,213
Maine	Mar. 25 1922	98	5,165,400	10,154,820		7,947,102	23,267,323	230,528,612	85,859,311	159,684,185
Maryland	Dec. 31 1921	161	18,855,745	19,825,491		18,064,050	56,445,286	348,224,080	132,124,500	171,971,625
Massachusetts	May 15 1922									
Trust companies	Oct. 31 1921	506	211,794,937	145,170,036		27,389,831	394,354,806	2,052,603,388	1,524,047,930	586,414,700
Other banks	Mar. 10 1922	573	63,505,808	43,269,175		13,021,776	118,796,460	795,870,189	348,782,142	465,341,465
Michigan	Mar. 10 1922	1,179	36,973,880	15,415,747		5,366,628	66,256,526	419,949,336	340,831,303	85,905,543
Minnesota	April 7 1922	323	13,010,950	6,751,279		1,747,201	21,518,431	120,935,692	108,142,105	18,243,453
Mississippi	April 3 1922	1,516	72,551,000	41,607,379		129,749,756	668,652,819	565,657,042	116,731,223	551,765,037
Missouri	Mar. 10 1922	273	11,615,000	3,538,219		6,484,870	30,690,153	227,137,266	200,331,450	10,062,201
Montana	Mar. 25 1922	978	25,454,800	7,759,530		841,204	15,994,423	73,805,081	72,110,037	9,787,120
Nebraska	Mar. 10 1922	23	1,736,400	548,108		299,312	2,683,320	17,762,402	14,081,972	2,109,059
Nevada	June 30 1921	70	880,000	\$9,433,930		10,263,930	149,340,024	71,260,496	86,967,210	163,772,851
New Hampshire	Mar. 10 1922	189	36,820,000	43,033,627		15,305,960	95,159,587	809,521,556	292,594,735	534,012,956
New Jersey	Mar. 10 1922	98	2,885,000	855,874		178,223	3,919,098	16,737,486	10,690,895	1,383,425
New Mexico	Mar. 10 1922									
New York	Dec. 31 1921									
Savings banks	Mar. 10 1922	642	263,845,200	\$539,758,374		803,803,574	6,410,251,422	2,403,384,643	3,818,587,108	7,006,474,032
Other banks	Mar. 10 1922	552	2,707,873	10,120,603		3,991,338	37,819,815	182,245,959	179,452,187	13,546,587
North Carolina	Mar. 10 1922	666	11,288,500	4,084,350		64,449	15,435,299	88,121,746	102,630,426	5,789,600
North Dakota	Mar. 10 1922	751	96,219,697	63,449,294		17,244,849	176,913,840	1,195,222,111	908,754,905	278,345,517
Ohio	Mar. 10 1922	517	10,889,150	2,393,856		1,033,350	14,988,119	93,678,558	64,484,113	19,125,183
Oklahoma	Mar. 10 1922	180	9,909,500	3,543,269		1,933,350	14,988,119	93,678,558	64,484,113	19,125,183
Oregon	Mar. 10 1922	761	146,702,368	219,949,743		50,172,045	416,824,158	1,703,301,848	470,092,347	1,027,352,378
Pennsylvania	April 4 1922									
Rhode Island	Dec. 31 1921									
Trust and State	Apr. 18 1922	31	9,110,200	12,018,923		5,223,997	37,253,120	302,514,013	145,018,347	161,224,965
Other banks	Mar. 10 1922	373	17,711,540	7,680,828		2,779,667	28,172,041	97,528,971	117,362,944	9,680,853
South Carolina	Mar. 10 1922	562	12,920,200	4,852,920		2,426,869	19,729,989	141,253,132	141,210,299	2,762,315
South Dakota	May 5 1922	470	22,779,057	\$13,007,929		841,204	35,786,986	170,125,574	154,246,718	15,468,547
Tennessee	Mar. 10 1922	988	46,880,200	\$17,760,224		66,630,424	240,740,498	223,684,167	17,739,185	333,896,253
Texas	Mar. 20 1922	98	7,720,626	3,598,181		935,196	12,254,004	64,849,663	58,785,530	11,754,100
Utah	Mar. 10 1922	58	2,416,000	7,431,521		1,142,300	11,989,822	120,570,582	97,675,481	29,672,338
Vermont	Mar. 10 1922	334	24,028,031	13,777,697		3,669,967	41,475,596	128,935,617	140,691,444	18,091,879
Virginia	Mar. 10 1922	391	14,323,500	4,923,347		1,478,703	20,737,551	135,548,733	91,137,261	34,065,071
Washington	Mar. 10 1922	227	17,655,100	11,787,461		3,626,560	33,069,122	169,245,658	146,417,187	30,615,105
West Virginia	Mar. 10 1922	850	34,611,700	13,143,516		8,641,611	56,297,227	410,688,336	328,778,838	187,952,914
Wisconsin	Mar. 10 1922	101	3,005,000	1,170,530		643,289	4,821,820	21,649,147	19,977,716	1,320,064
Wyoming	Mar. 10 1922									
Totals (Average date Mar. 10 1922)		22,302	1,794,110,616	1,587,488,465		319,108,843	3,700,677,924	23,510,877,185	14,108,585,847	9,414,104,361
Statement of Comptroller of Currency gives total for all national banks	Mar. 10 1922	8,197	1,289,528,000	1,036,184,000		508,560,000	2,834,272,000	15,390,438,000	11,293,874,000	4,118,160,000
Excess of State banking institutions		14,105	504,582,616	551,274,465			866,405,924	8,120,439,185	2,814,711,847	5,295,944,361
1. Totals State banks	June 30 1919	21,028	1,307,888,588	1,332,801,448		258,882,640	2,899,662,677	21,632,822,011	12,257,134,526	5,497,523,011
2. Totals State banks	June 30 1920	21,923	1,595,243,703	1,450,494,206		295,274,641	3,341,012,552	23,960,838,611	15,334,619,394	8,235,427,678
3. Totals State banks	Mar. 10 1921	22,705	1,734,969,385	1,533,327,012		318,844,745	3,687,081,143	23,790,759,818	15,440,134,596	8,877,835,337
4. Totals State banks	Mar. 10 1922	22,302	1,794,110,616	1,587,488,465		319,108,843	3,700,677,924	23,510,877,185	14,108,585,847	9,414,104,361
1. Totals National banks	June 30 1919	7,785	1,118,603,000	872,229,000		372,649,000	2,393,478,000	15,924,865,000	10,688,891,000	5,211,000
2. Totals National banks	June 30 1920	8,030	1,224,156,000	956,384,000		411,625,000	2,832,075,000	17,155,421,000	12,396,900,000	4,993,771,000

ADVANCES TO NORTH CAROLINA COTTON GROWERS' ASSOCIATION APPROVED BY WAR FINANCE CORPORATION.

Among the advances which we reported last week (page 252) had been approved by the War Finance Corporation to assist in the orderly marketing of cotton was one of \$10,000,000 to the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Association. Regarding this, the Raleigh "News and Observer" of the 13th inst. said:

Backing to the extent of ten million dollars by the War Finance Corporation is assured the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association for the financing of this year's cotton crop. This is expected to provide credit for the orderly marketing of the cotton of its 27,000 members.

This announcement was made this afternoon following the visit of a delegation from the North Carolina delegation to Washington, and at the same time the War Finance Corporation announced advances to other cotton growers' associations bringing the total credits granted to-day up to \$24,000,000.

It is significant that the North Carolina association, which now has 350,000 bales of cotton pledged, got all that they asked for. Before advances for credit are made careful investigation is made by the War Finance Corporation.

The North Carolina delegation was headed by former Congressman Lee Robinson of Wadesboro, a director in the association, and Dr. B. W. Kilgore of Raleigh, another director, and head of the State Agricultural Extension Service. C. B. Mason of Atlanta, Ga., recently named as sales manager for the North Carolina association and also for the Georgia and Alabama associations, accompanied the Tar Heels to Washington.

The advances by the War Finance Corporation will be made through the North Carolina banks up to 50% of the value of the cotton held by the association and the banks will be expected to take care of the other half. It is not expected that all of the ten million dollars will be required as it is understood that North Carolina banks are in excellent condition and will be able to take care of a large part of the necessary advances.

With the approach of the time for the marketing of the cotton crop, the co-operatives are carefully planning to avoid a congestion of the cotton markets. The North Carolina association is planning to put on an intensive drive for new members before the opening of the new crop season that will bring its total sign up to 600,000 bales.

The North Carolina association has the backing of expert financiers and no difficulty is anticipated in financing the orderly marketing of cotton in view of the action of the War Finance Corporation to-day.

TENTATIVE APPROVAL BY WAR FINANCE CORPORATION OF ADVANCE TO GEORGIA COTTON GROWERS' CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION.

The War Finance Corporation announced on July 13 that it had tentatively approved the application of the Georgia Cotton Growers' Co-Operative Association for an advance of not to exceed \$5,000,000 for the purpose of financing the orderly marketing of cotton. The Corporation states that it is expected that only a portion of the amount approved will be advanced by the Corporation and that the banks in the interested districts will do the major part of the financing for the Association.

ADVANCES APPROVED BY WAR FINANCE CORPORATION FOR AGRICULTURAL AND LIVE STOCK PURPOSES.

The War Finance Corporation announced on July 17 that from July 10 to July 15, inclusive, it approved 43 advances, aggregating \$939,000, for agricultural and live stock purposes as follows:

\$57,000 in Colorado	\$206,000 in North Carolina
20,000 in Georgia	50,000 in North Dakota
30,000 in Idaho	3,000 in Oklahoma
23,000 in Iowa	91,000 in Oregon
57,000 in Minnesota	80,000 in South Dakota
25,000 in Missouri	15,000 in Tennessee
25,000 in Montana	95,000 in Texas
5,000 in Nebraska	136,000 in Wyoming
21,000 in New Mexico	

REPAYMENT OF ADVANCES TO WAR FINANCE CORPORATION.

The War Finance Corporation announced on July 20 that it had received during the first fifteen days of July repayments totaling \$4,583,165, as follows:

On loans made under the war powers	\$10,045
On export advances:	
From exporters	\$130,195
From banking institutions	52,969
	183,167
On agricultural and live stock advances:	
From banking and financing institutions	\$3,348,985
From live stock loan companies	596,172
From co-operative marketing associations	446,796
	4,389,953

Total \$4,583,165

From Jan. 1 1922 to July 15 1922, inclusive, the repayments received by the Corporation on account of all loans totaled \$100,901,528.

THOMAS A. EDISON'S PROPOSAL FOR CURRENCY BASED ON WAREHOUSE RECEIPTS.

Thomas A. Edison's ideas for the creation of a new form of money, based on warehouse receipts, was the subject of

an article (copyright) in the New York "Times" of July 16 by Garet Garrett, who undertook to present Mr. Edison's monetary plan from the inventor's point of view—Mr. Garrett expressing therein no opinion or judgment of his own. The criticism registered against the currency proposals of Mr. Edison and Henry Ford by Thomas B. McAdams, President of the American Bankers' Association, was noted in our issue of May 20 last, page 2206; and in our issue of Feb. 25, page 776, we commented editorially on Mr. Edison's "energy dollar," proposed in the Muscle Shoals plan of Mr. Ford. According to the representations of Mr. Edison in the "Times" article, the latter's plan "proposes an experiment in finance, on a very small scale, that will tend . . . to (a) create a non-fluctuating kind of money; (b) divorce agriculture from business in the banking system; and (c) enable the farmer to finance his own seasonal wants by means of the wealth in his hands. Mr. Edison's views are set out as follows in the article which, as already stated, is copyrighted:

In the last generation one of America's most distinguished astronomers—Simon Newcomb, became so irritated by the looseness and nonsense of what people were saying about wealth, money and prices that he took his mind off the stars, poised it on the subject of economics and wrote "Principles of Political Economy," which is a classic textbook, perhaps the finest in any language.

In much the same way Thomas A. Edison, one of America's most eminent practical inventors, has in recent times been extremely exasperated, first, by the aberrations of money because they adversely touched his business, and then, in the second place, even more by what happened when he went among the experts asking simply: Why can't we have a non-fluctuating money unit? Why shouldn't the purchasing power of the dollar be constant?

The trouble with professional money experts is that they have to know too much. They know so much that they cannot answer the simplest question in an offhand way. They have to write a book about it. Nobody understands the book, least of all the experts, who immediately begin to dispute about it and write more books. One has just written five books together to explain why it is true that a thing is worth what you can get for it.

Well, the experts who differently expound finance in books, and the bankers who conduct finance in Wall Street, and the writers who report finance in the newspapers, all were of one opinion about Mr. Edison. It was the one thing they could agree about perfectly. He hadn't the remotest idea of what he was talking about.

He said he wasn't talking. He was asking. Some were polite, others were embarrassed, as if they hated to say what they thought, and others told him flatly that he couldn't understand such matters. He had better buy himself a little primer of economics, if he could find one, and so back to his laboratory.

That is what he did, taking with him a cartload of primers and books on money and banking. For weeks and weeks he sat in his laboratory with his face screwed up as it was when he was inventing a way to send four messages over one wire at one time, staring at the question he hadn't got any one to answer:

Why shouldn't we have a non-fluctuating money unit? Meanwhile his friend Henry Ford, also a practical inventor, had been asking him to think of some way to help the farmer, whose natural difficulty is that he cannot make what he sells as it is wanted. That is what the manufacturer does. But what the farmer sells he makes once a year. He gets it on his hands all at once. If people bought their food once a year, at harvest time, and stored it in the pantry, there would be no dilemma. But they don't. They buy it as they eat it. Therefore the farmer has either to store his product and sell it gradually during the year, meanwhile borrowing money at the bank to pay off his reapers and thrashers, or, if he cannot borrow he must sell it at once to speculators. There are always speculators willing to buy it. That is their business. They buy it at the harvest price, which is low because of the pressure to sell, then store it and sell it steadily through the year at rising prices as consumers need it.

Now, in the inventor's mind these two economic evils, namely, fluctuating money and a glut price for crops at harvest time, began to touch, and presently they fused as two aspects of one problem, for the more he thought and stared and read the more clearly he saw one of the absurd things that happens to money. He saw as a chronic happening that by means of passion, panic, inventive and political interference money is pulled to and fro and arbitrarily dividend between, on one side, manufacturers, merchants, and traders, whose need for it is constant, and, on the other side, farmers, whose need for it is seasonal.

And so he came to conclude that agriculture with its sudden seasonal needs and business with its continuity of needs could not be successfully financed by one system and one method.

And which set of needs was primary? One had only to ask and the answer was self-evident. Why do we speak of cotton, grain, minerals and forest products as basic commodities? Because they are the foundation upon which the whole structure of business and industry is reared. Business mainly consists in transforming and transporting what is got first from the earth. People could live without business in a fashion. They could hardly live without mining. They could not live at all without farming. Yet all modern banking systems are primarily for the use and promotion of business. They serve lastly and ill the needs of those who induce from the earth that upon which business subsists.

Here occurs a most significant thought. These basic commodities rise and fall in price by years and decades of years and yet all the time their relative value is constant. It is only an illusion that they fluctuate in value. It is the purchasing power of money that varies; the variability of money causes prices to rise and fall, but the true relative value of what we eat and wear goes neither up nor down, or very little. How may this be demonstrated? By a very simple case.

Many years ago a property was leased in Boston with the singular stipulation that the rental should be paid not in so many dollars of gold or silver, but in so many bushels of wheat per year. And that becomes the unique instance of a fixed income from rent, the purchasing power of which has not varied disastrously in several generations.

In ten years we have seen the purchasing power of the dollar fall more than half because prices more than doubled. But the purchasing power of a thousand bushels of wheat did not fall.

When prices are low wheat is cheap. When prices are high wheat is dear. Thus, in 1913, the owner of the Boston premises, receiving 1,000 bushels of wheat, received the equivalent of \$1,000 in money, the current price of wheat being \$1 a bushel. But five years later, in the midst of war prices, receiving the same quantity of wheat, he received the equivalent of \$2,500 in money, the price of wheat then being \$2.50 a bushel. And \$2,500 in 1918 would buy only as much of miscellaneous goods as \$1,000 bought in 1913. If the owner had been receiving rent in money you see what would have happened to him. He would have received \$1,000 in 1913 and \$1,000 in 1918, although \$1,000 in 1918 bought less than half as much as \$1,000 bought in 1913. That is to say, the purchasing power of his income in money would have been reduced more than half; but the purchasing power of his rental received in wheat was constant under all conditions.

Seeing this the inventor said: "Since the relative value of the earth's produce appears to be constant, a money unit representing basic commodities and nothing else would be equally constant, that is, non-fluctuating in relative value, and further, since the relative value of the earth's produce is constant, there is no reason why the farmer should not finance himself, as the gold miner does, simply by turning his output into money directly."

So there the problem was squared. It was this:

How to create a form of money that should possess a merit and perform a function not hitherto possessed or performed by money, namely:

(a) The merit of being absolutely non-fluctuating in relative value, that is to say, in purchasing power, and,

(b) The function of financing the farmer directly by means of the wealth he produces without the benefit of banking or credit, precisely as the gold miner is financed by his own gold, which he takes to the nearest mint and converts into legal currency, stamped by the United States Treasury.

Out of this formulation evolved the Edison plan.

As it evolved, certain mutable factors appeared. In mechanical and chemical problems there are certitudes. A mathematical problem may be pushed all the way to a logical answer. But in economics, which is the science of how emotional, political and quarrelsome people react to their own concerns, you cannot be absolute about anything. Nor can you perform any revolutionary change by authority of pure reason. Change will be resisted by fear, superstition, habit, prejudice and the self-interest of those who fare very well with things as they are. The most you can do, and that only after endless argument and persuasion, is to launch an experiment that will tend to bring a sound change to pass and then leave the rest to experience.

Therefore the Edison plan, which is to be set forth, proposes to do nothing radical, nothing wholesale, nothing absolute. It proposes an experiment in finance, on a very small scale, that will tend—that will only tend, in the inventor's opinion, to:

(a) Create a non-fluctuating kind of money.

(b) Divorce agriculture from business in the banking system.

(c) Enable the farmer to finance his own seasonal wants by means of the wealth in his hands, which is the beginning of all other wealth.

It is well at this point to say what the plan does not propose, for it has been much misrepresented in a hasty manner without study or understanding.

It does not propose to overturn the existing monetary system.

It does not propose to punish banking or bankers.

It does not propose to create cheap money.

It does not propose inflation.

It does not propose to demonetize gold.

It does propose an experiment with a kind of money which in the inventor's opinion will be stronger than gold money, a flexible, self-cancelling kind of money of constant purchasing power which, as it proves itself to possess these merits, will tend in time to displace gold as a single arbitrary standard of value and cause gold to be treated like any other commodity, so that those who prefer it, foreign countries, for example, may take it in lieu of wheat or bacon or cotton, if and as and when they want it.

The following statement of the plan, derived from Mr. Edison's technical memorandum and from conversations at length thereon, is authorized by him:

OUTLINE OF THE PLAN.

The frontispiece is a warehouse.

As you might expect, the inventor's mind is precise as to the kind of warehouse. It shall be of concrete, poured into standard steel molds, indestructible and inexpensive. It shall be made on a sectional principle, so that the nucleus, like a living cell, may multiply itself by a law of growth. It shall be equipped with power and all modern machinery for handling commodities swiftly. The owner of the warehouse shall be a responsible corporation that one may sue in court when argument fails, but all the stock of the corporation shall be owned by the Government. The warehouseman shall be a Federal officer.

The money to build the warehouse shall be raised by taxation, and the universal fees for storage shall be only sufficient to meet insurance, depreciation, a sinking fund charge to reimburse the Government for its original outlay and the actual cost of handling, manipulating and grading the commodities.

Of this type of warehouse it is proposed that there shall be constructed at first only twelve—six in the wheat States and six in the cotton States—and then the monetary experiment shall begin. If it fails, no great bones are broken, because there are the warehouses still, worth what they cost merely as an addition to the country's barn capacity.

Now to this warehouse comes the farmer with such basic commodities as have been nominated for storage—grain, cotton, wool, rice, legumes, fats, flax, tobacco and whatever else by experience may prove acceptable.

These commodities the warehouseman will receive on four conditions, namely:

(1) That they have originated on American soil.

(2) That the owner wishes not merely to store them, but to pledge them for money.

(3) That they shall be removed within a year, and

(4) That if he, the owner, does not remove them within a year the Government shall be free to sell them in the highest market or at auction.

The limit of one year for storage is absolute. That is to prevent accumulation, as you see at once. There is another reason. It is also to make sure that the money issued upon the commodities stored shall be self-cancelling. The plan intends that the commodities shall be liquidated steadily through the year. As they are sold they are redeemed from the warehouse and thus the money that has been issued upon them it resumed to the Government and canceled.

It is supposed that the farmer accepts these conditions. Let us suppose further that the commodity is wheat. What happens?

The warehouseman weighs and grades the wheat. Then he gives the farmer two pieces of paper, certifying in identical terms the facts of storage, quantity and grade.

One piece of paper is a mortgage certificate. The other is named an equity certificate.

We are first concerned with the mortgage certificate. This the farmer takes to the nearest national bank and exchanges it there for Federal Reserve currency, which is to say, money, up to 50% of the average value of wheat for a period of twenty-five years. The figures shall be statistically determined each year. Thus, immediately upon storing it the farmer gets one-half the value of his wheat in actual money. This is the money of current use. It is like all other money in circulation. He can do with it what he likes. He can pay his bills with it.

The farmer is still the owner of the wheat. He has merely pawned it with the Government. Evidence of his ownership is in that other piece of paper, named the equity certificate.

What does he do with that?

One of three things. He may hold it, he may borrow on it at the bank or he may sell it. It represents title to the wheat, just as a \$10 gold certificate represents title to so many ounces of gold. Any one who holds it—that is, the farmer himself or the person to whom he may have sold it—may at any time within a year take it to the warehouse together with the exact amount of money that was issued on the mortgage certificate and demand the wheat, precisely as you redeem a thing from the pawnbroker by presenting the ticket along with the money that was loaned on the article.

Suppose it is 1,000 bushels of wheat, and that the average price of wheat for twenty-five years had been \$1 a bushel. On storing the wheat with the Federal warehouseman the farmer receives those two certificates—one the mortgage certificate and one the equity certificate as aforesaid. He takes the mortgage certificate to a national bank and gets \$500 in currency. So much for that. But he needs more money immediately. In that case he may sell the equity certificate for cash to a Produce Exchange dealer. Now the farmer is out. The Produce Exchange dealer owns title to the wheat. When he wants it he can get it by presenting the equity certificate and \$500 in currency at the Federal warehouse. The warehouseman receives the money, cancels it and delivers the wheat.

If it should happen that nobody came for the wheat within a year the warehouseman would sell it for what it would bring, take \$500 for the Government and hold the remainder subject to the claims of the owner.

It would be the same precisely with any other commodity.

Naturally there would have to be a list of permissible commodities. Everything is not storable. Corn is eliminated because its natural destiny is meat. Hay is too bulky. And so on.

But if you think the problem is how to limit the list so that the money issued on warehouse mortgage certificates shall not swamp us, that is not so. The problem as it develops is to find commodities enough to serve as the basis for an amount of currency equal to the fluctuations now occurring in the volume of our circulating medium.

From the high point of 1920 to the low point of 1922 the amount of Federal Reserve currency in circulation fell more than a billion dollars.

Well, take all the basic storable agricultural commodities at half their average value for twenty-five years, then estimate the quantity that would be available for storage instead of going directly into the ways of consumption, and you haven't anywhere near a billion dollars.

To the staple grains, cotton, tobacco, legumes, fats, cheese, nuts, dried fruits, hops, sugar, broom corn, honey, wool, salt fish, &c., the inventor added resin and turpentine, then oils, then bituminous coal, then the metals like silver, zinc, lead, copper and pig iron, and when he could find nothing more, still it was doubtful if the gross total of all these things available to be stored would give rise to a billion dollars of commodities money.

At this point the inventor is confronted with the fact that his commodities money, even if it were better than gold money, as he thinks and everybody agreed with him, could never serve the needs of the whole country. There would not be enough of it. It takes between five and six billions of circulating money to transact our business.

To this he says: "No matter. It will be so much to the good. You will have made that much of the country's money better. You will have taken some of the load off gold."

And he sees no reason why in the evolution of the scheme gold should not be treated like any other commodity, to be deposited in a Government warehouse in the same way as wheat, under two certificates—one a mortgage certificate on which half its value is issued in currency, and the other an equity certificate to be bought and sold among bankers, exchange dealers, and all who traffic in gold. In that case, as in the case of wheat, the force of fluctuations would be confined to the equity, to the top half; the lower half which is mortgaged would underlie the actual money in which all things are priced.

It is claimed for this commodities money by the inventor:

That it is stronger than gold money because there in the warehouse, in the Government's custody, lies the actual wealth, the things we eat and wear and must consume to live, not in the minus ratio of one to two, as gold may be to money, but in the plus ratio of two to one.

That by enabling the farmer to convert his produce at once into money, up to half its value, it will make him self-financing, thus relieving the banks of the seasonal strain they are under to put him in funds.

That as crops come in the volume of money will expand suddenly, exactly in proportion as the need is, and then contract gradually during the year by automatic cancellation as the stuff is sold and withdrawn from the warehouses.

That it may be introduced experimentally on a small scale without disturbance to the existing system and developed as it proves itself.

That experience will demonstrate its superiority to gold money, especially the non-fluctuating character of its relative purchasing power, and that gradually people will come to trust and prefer it over gold money.

When the inventor's attention is brought to the fact that the wild price gyrations which befuddle the economic world are owing much less to intrinsic defects of currency than to the alternate expansion and contraction of credit on the books of bankers—credit which represents not money but the right to draw checks on the bank—he says:

"I know that myself. One thing at a time. Let's make money itself absolutely sound as the first step. Then the credit problem can be taken up. That is a vast problem. I can't do anything with it in my mind—not yet. I put that aside."

Along with the foregoing the "Times" printed the following monetary sayings of Mr. Edison:

I want to cast the variable out of money.

Stability! That's what we want. There's no gain from instability except for the speculators—and what happens to them? When I had charge of the Wall Street tickers and indicators in the time of Jay Gould and Black Friday I saw what happened to them. If one had a stroke of apoplexy he might die rich.

I don't believe there is any such thing as a money power. There is the power of money.

When a bank sells its credit for so much per cent, that isn't interest. That's a charge for a certain service. But when a man puts his wealth in

bonds, ceases to produce anything and lives abroad on his income—that's interest.

Why shouldn't a bank make 15% or more? I make more if I can. A bank takes risks. It has to gamble. It creates a great volume of credit, puts its capital and surplus behind it and then bets it will all be paid.

When I propose to issue money against the basic necessities of life, up to only half their average value for a quarter of a century, the financial editor of a New York paper says: "Why, that's flat money." Well, billions of money are now issued against commercial paper. Liberty bonds and Stock Exchange collateral, impalpable things you can't eat or wear. What's that? He's in a rut.

I've been thinking on this subject steadily for several months. Maybe I'm in a rut.

Any man who has been ten years in banking is unable to see a new thing clearly. He's in a rut.

You'd be surprised to know how many people are out-and-out green-backers—think the Government should just print money as it's wanted.

This gold money is not good enough. It's a fiction.

I wouldn't issue money on land. Land isn't worth anything. It's what you get from land.

The Secretary of the Treasury said to me: "What! give the Government's credit to the farmers for nothing?" I said: "You're not giving them anything. This piece of stationery I ask you to print won't be worth anything until the farmers put their commodities behind it. When the Government issues money with nothing behind it but a promise to pay then it is using its own credit. You ought to charge well for that."

Maybe fiat money would work all right if you could limit it. But you can't. Money has got to be self-limiting, in proportion to the amount of actual wealth produced.

In all the books on banking and economics I read how stupid and disastrous it was for the Government to have done this or that in a crisis. I never find out from them what the Government should have done.

All new things about money and banking, all the great reforms, come from outside. I find that in the books.

Agriculture and manufacturing cannot be financed by the same method. Their needs are too dissimilar. The farmer has one turnover. Business has many.

A first mortgage railroad bond seems to me to have more value than a Government bond. I suppose if I had to choose I'd take the Government bond. Still, I think the other way.

We ought to do something about the farmer. It's a moral obligation. He doesn't know anything about figures. He gets skinned.

While the gold miner can bring in his commodity and get full value, any attempt of the farmer to attain parity is met by a glut and a lowering of the price of his commodity, which is equal, if not superior, in value.

ALLAN A. RYAN FILES PETITION IN BANKRUPTCY.

A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the United States District Court yesterday afternoon (July 21) by Allan A. Ryan, head of the brokerage firm of Allan A. Ryan & Co., 111 Broadway, this city. The petition gave liabilities in the amount of \$32,435,477, of which \$27,806,984 are secured claims. Other assets are mentioned as being \$643,533. The firm consisted of A. A. Ryan and K. R. Howard. Among the secured creditors the following were mentioned in the evening papers:

- Chase National Bank, \$3,456,420.
 - Mechanics & Metals National Bank, \$1,402,963.
 - Lawyers' Title & Trust Co., \$389,089.
 - Empire Trust Co., \$166,705.
 - Guaranty Trust Co., \$8,822,553.
- The unsecured liabilities, it is understood, amount to more than \$6,400,000. Among the unsecured creditors are:
- C. M. Schwab, \$309,555.
 - Coleman du Pont, \$66,000.
 - Federal Motor Works of Indianapolis, \$100,000.
 - Mrs. Sarah Tack Ryan (wife of Allan A. Ryan), \$2,860,669.
 - Samuel Untermeyer, \$45,000.
 - H. Content, \$16,575.

In his petition, it is said, Mr. Ryan asserted that he had only \$16 in cash on hand, and that his clothing, jewelry and a silver toilet set, his only personal possessions, were not worth more than \$4,000. The petition was filed through Guthrie, Jerome, Rand & Kresel of 37 Wall St., and was personal to Mr. Ryan, the firm not being included. Late yesterday afternoon, according to the New York "Sun," Judge Hand appointed Francis G. Caffey, former United States Attorney, receiver under a bond of \$5,000. Mr. Ryan is the second son of Thomas Fortune Ryan and for many years has been a prominent figure in financial circles in this city. He was formerly a Deputy Police Commissioner.

The following statement, as printed in "Financial America" of July 21, was issued by the Morton Petroleum Co., the Ryan Petroleum Corporation and the Ryan Consolidated Corporation from their offices at 17 East 42d St., this city, through Douglas Beardsley, the Secretary and Treasurer of the above-named companies. It reads:

The three corporations just named are in no way affected by Allan A. Ryan's bankruptcy. Mr. Ryan is an officer and director in the corporations and because two of the corporations bore his name he had a sentimental interest and attachment thereto.

The active management of the corporations, however, is directed from the offices at Bartlesville, Okla., with A. Morton, the President, in charge.

Mr. Ryan has at no time participated in the management of the corporations, except by way of counsel and advice from time to time when an occasion suggested.

The corporations have no funded indebtedness other than current expenses, with exception of a small purchase money obligation on one of the properties now being daily liquidated by run of half the oil produced from this property. They have a net settled production of approximately 1,000 barrels per day and several thousand acres of oil leases within proven territory and have a cash bank deposit in excess of \$350,000.

THE E. M. FULLER & CO. FAILURE.

Edward M. Fuller and William F. McGee, the partners in the failed brokerage firm of E. M. Fuller & Co., against whom 13 indictments, charging them with "bucketing" customers' orders, were returned by the Grand Jury on July 14, surrendered themselves on July 15. They were arraigned before Judge Mancuso in the Court of General Sessions and soon after were released in \$25,000 bail each. On July 17 the defendants appeared for the second time before Judge Mancuso and entered pleas of "not guilty" to the indictments. We last referred to the failed firm's affairs in our issue of July 15, pages 252 and 253.

NAST & CO. CUSTOMERS MAY RECEIVE FIFTY CENTS ON THE DOLLAR.

A tentative schedule of the assets and liabilities of the failed brokerage house of Nast & Co., Chicago, issued by the Chicago Title & Trust Co., as receiver, shows that the firm's liabilities when it closed its doors July 14 were \$8,049,978, while its assets were \$6,909,470. The cash on hand amounted to \$23,600. Approximately 380 customers had accounts with the firm and, it is understood, they may receive about 50 cents on the dollar. After liquidation of bank indebtedness, &c., but before receivership expenses, there is about \$1,670,000 to satisfy the customers' equity of \$2,811,294 in securities. The details of the tentative statement prepared by the receiver follow:

<i>Assets.</i>	
Cash on hand and in bank	\$23,600
Securities in hands of banks, brokers, and in vault, at market price	6,778,933
Accounts receivable, grain and commodities	4,927
Memberships, at book value	102,010
	\$6,909,470
<i>Liabilities.</i>	
Advances and loans by banks, brokers and individuals	\$5,219,923
Customers' equity in stocks	2,811,294
Accounts payable, etc.	18,761
	\$8,049,978

We referred to the failure of Nast & Co. in our issue of July 15, page 252.

PRESIDENT HARDING SIGNS BILL GIVING STATE BANKS IN RESERVE SYSTEM SAME DISCOUNT PRIVILEGES WITH RESERVE BANKS AS NATIONAL BANKS.

President Harding signed on July 1 the bill amending the Federal Reserve Act so as to give State banks, members of the Federal Reserve system, the same privileges in discounting loans with a Federal Reserve Bank as is accorded National banks. The following is the bill as enacted into law:

AN ACT. To amend the proviso in Paragraph 10 Section 9 of the Federal Reserve Act amended by the Act of June 21 1917, amending the Federal Reserve Act.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proviso in Paragraph 10 of Section 9 of the Federal Reserve Act amended by Section 3 of the Act of June 21 1917, amending the Federal Reserve Act be amended to read as follows:

"Provided, however, That no Federal reserve bank shall be permitted to discount for any State bank or trust company notes, drafts, or bills of exchange of any one borrower who is liable for borrowed money to such State bank or trust company in an amount greater than that which could be borrowed lawfully from such State bank or trust company were it a national banking association."

Approved, July 1 1922.

The bill was passed by the Senate more than a year ago; it passed the House in amended form on June 7 of this year, as we noted in our issue of June 17, page 2673. The conference report on the bill was agreed to by both the Senate and House on June 30. In the House on the latter date, Representative Wingo stated:

So that the record may be clear upon the matter, the House conferred intend, and it is the intention of the Congress and the Federal Reserve Board holds that if this Conference report is adopted, State bank members will have the same privileges with reference to the discount of notes secured by shipping documents, warehouse receipts and such other documents that member National banks now have.

**RESOLUTION PASSED BY SENATE AUTHORIZING
ERECTION OF BUILDINGS BY FEDERAL RESERVE
BANKS OF ST. LOUIS AND SALT LAKE CITY.**

A resolution passed by the Senate June 30 authorizes the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis and the Salt Lake City branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, to enter into contracts for the erection of buildings. Senator Spencer stated that in the case of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, "the bank bought the lot upon which the building was to be erected, but did not make their contract because they thought the price of material was too high a couple of years ago. In the meantime, as the Senate knows, legislation was passed forbidding any building beyond a certain price." He added that the resolution "authorizes the building to go up in the city of St. Louis, where the land is already purchased, and also at one of its branches at Little Rock, Ark., where the land is already purchased." In stating that the conditions existing at Salt Lake City were similar to those at St. Louis Senator Smoot stated that the land had been purchased in Salt Lake City and that the buildings on it had been demolished, but because of the passage of the law the building was stopped. The following is the resolution passed by the Senate on June 30:

(S. J. Res. 208.)

JOINT RESOLUTION. Authorizing the Federal Reserve banks of Saint Louis and Salt Lake City, to enter into contracts for the erection of buildings for its head office and branches.

Whereas the Act of Congress approved June 3 1922, abridged the right of Federal reserve banks to enter into contracts by providing that no Federal reserve bank should have authority thereafter to enter into any contract or contracts for the erection of any building of any kind or character or to authorize the erection of any building in excess of \$250,000 without the consent of Congress having previously been given therefor in express terms, which, however, did not apply to buildings under construction on June 3 1922; and

Whereas many of the Federal reserve banks were not affected by this provision, since they had already completed or commenced construction of buildings for their head offices and branches; and

Whereas the Federal Reserve Bank of Saint Louis had not on June 3 1922, actually commenced the construction of any building for its head office or branches but had acquired the ground for such buildings at Saint Louis, Missouri, and Little Rock, Arkansas, and therefore the Act of June 3, 1922, operates inequitably on the Federal Reserve Bank of Saint Louis; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Federal Reserve banks of Saint Louis and Salt Lake City are hereby authorized to enter into contracts for the erection of buildings and to authorize the erection of buildings for its head office and branches on lots heretofore acquired for that purpose: *Provided*, That the total investment in such buildings shall not exceed an amount equal to 30 per centum of its paid-in capital stock and surplus.

Passed the Senate April 20 (calendar day, June 30), 1922.

The newly enacted bill under which Federal Reserve banks are required to obtain the consent of Congress before entering into contracts for the erection of buildings in excess of \$250,000, was given in our issue of June 17, page 2673.

**NATIONAL BANKS IN RHODE ISLAND NOT
EMPOWERED TO ACT AS TRUSTEE.**

National banks in Rhode Island cannot be allowed to perform the duties of trust companies by executing the trusts which arise in probate proceedings without being in contravention to the State laws, according to an opinion handed down by Chief Justice Sweetland in the Supreme Court on July 7. This is learned from the Providence "Journal," which says:

The opinion sustains the demurrer of Attorney-General Herbert A. Rice to a petition of the Aquidneck National Bank of Newport, for a writ of mandamus to compel General Treasurer Richard W. Jennings to accept \$45,000 tendered him by the bank as security for the performance of duties as a trustee, which the bank claimed it could perform under the Federal Reserve Act.

The Federal Reserve Act gave national banks the right to do the business of trust companies "in so far as the exercise of such power is not in contravention of State or local law." In dismissing the petition for the Aquidneck bank's writ of mandamus the Court takes the stand that the "exercise of such power" by national banks in this State is in violation of the Rhode Island laws.

The extension by the General Assembly of the powers of trustee to trust companies alone of all corporations "is plainly because the provisions governing their creation and their regulation safeguard in a peculiar manner the legal rights of those beneficially interested in trusts," states the opinion of Justice Sweetland.

Had the decision favored the Aquidneck National Bank, the 17 national banks of the State could have accepted trusts without operating within all the safeguards provided by State law for trust funds under the control of trust companies, the decision shows.

**BOOKS OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO CLOSE BUT
ONCE A YEAR, INSTEAD OF HALF YEARLY.**

In advices to us regarding reports of the issuance of an order by the Federal Reserve board directing the closing of the books of the Federal Reserve Banks at the end of the fiscal year only, instead of semi-annually, we have received the following advices from Governor Harding of the Federal Reserve Board:

In reply to your letter of the 17th inst., you are advised that on May 24 1922 the Board sent a letter to all Federal Reserve banks calling attention to the fact that with the Federal Reserve banks the calendar has always been regarded as the fiscal year, and because net results of operations cannot be accurately shown for each of the two six months' periods, the Board suggested that in future the books of the Federal Reserve banks be closed but once a year, that is, on December 31st. The letter was not in the form of an order, but it was a suggestion which has been adopted by all Federal Reserve banks.

One of the references to the new policy of the Board appeared in the "Wall Street Journal" of July 11, and this instating that the Board has decided to eliminate from public statements the item "reserve for Government franchise tax," said:

Federal Reserve Board has adopted the policy of having the Federal Reserve banks close their books only once each year, at the end of the calendar year and not after the payment of each dividend. Consequently there will be no addition to the surplus fund until the end of the present year. Up to this time the Reserve banks closed their books twice a year, after the payment of the dividends on June 30 and December 31, and profits after dividends and allowing reserve for Government franchise tax were added to surplus account.

It is officially stated that all of the twelve Federal Reserve banks earned their dividends for the first six months of this year, and there seems to be no reason to question their ability to earn them for the ensuing six months.

Eliminate Franchise Item.

The Federal Reserve Board has decided, however, for the present and perhaps permanently, to eliminate from public statements the item "reserve for Government franchise tax." It will probably be many years before the earnings of the banks will be as large as they were in 1920 and 1921, and as it was found that during a period of small earnings the franchise tax reserve, as shown on the books of the banks, showed in some cases a shrinkage following the payment of the semi-monthly payroll, it was deemed expedient to incorporate the franchise tax in the item "all other liabilities," and to make a public announcement of it at the close of each calendar year.

The item "reserve for franchise tax" was first set up in bank statements on May 11 1921. Prior to that time the tax reserve was incorporated in item "all other liabilities," and the Federal Reserve Board has reverted to old practice. The last statement in which item "reserve for franchise tax" was shown was June 28 at \$2,281,000. At the corresponding date of last year, June 29 1921, the tax reserve was \$40,910,000. Payments to the Government by Reserve banks as franchise taxes in last three years were as follows: 1921, \$59,974,000; 1920, \$60,725,000, and 1919, \$2,703,894.

Cause of Decreased Earnings.

Earnings of the Reserve banks have been reduced through the deflation process in industry and finance. Discount rates have been materially reduced and may work even lower, while the volume of borrowings from the Reserve banks has been substantially decreased. The larger banks have liquidated their indebtedness to the Reserve banks arising from the war period, and at present are able to accommodate customers resorting to rediscount facilities of Reserve banks. Because of the decrease in discounts to member banks the Reserve banks have increased purchases of Government securities to augment earnings.

It should also be noted that any increase in the paid-in capital of a Reserve bank, either on account of the admission of new members or of increases in capital and surplus of existing members, results in a corresponding increase in the amount which the Reserve bank must transfer to its surplus account before the Government participates in the earnings of the bank, and this also has worked at times to cause a shrinkage in the "reserve for franchise tax."

**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:

Lincoln National Bank of New York, New York, N. Y.
Southwestern National Bank of Philadelphia, Pa.
Stroudsburg National Bank, Stroudsburg, Pa.
Phoenix & Third National Bank, Lexington, Ky.
Citizens' National Bank of Raleigh, North Carolina.
First National Bank of Olanogon, Washington.
Whitman County National Bank of Rosalia, Washington.

**REDEMPTION BEFORE MATURITY OF U. S. TREASURY
CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS DUE
AUGUST 1.**

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon on July 15 authorized the Federal Reserve banks to redeem in cash before Aug. 1 1922, at the holder's option, at par and accrued interest to the date of such optional redemption, Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series B—1922, dated Aug. 1 1921, maturing Aug. 1 1922. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York in issuing notice to this effect said:

Certificates of this issue received by us prior to the maturity date (Aug. 1 1922) will be held for redemption on Aug. 1, unless request is made for immediate redemption with interest to the date of redemption.

**TREASURY DEPARTMENT'S MONEY CIRCULATION
STATEMENT REVISED.**

Announcement that the form of its circulation statement had been revised as of July 1 1922 was made by the Treasury Department yesterday, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon issuing the following statement:

The form of circulation statement has been revised beginning with the issue for July 1 1922, in order to show more accurately the distribution of the stock of money in the United States. On the new form of statement only money outside of the Treasury and the Federal Reserve banks is included in circulation. In previous circulation statements money held by the Federal Reserve banks (other than money held by or for Federal Reserve agents and Federal Reserve notes held by the issuing banks in their own

vaults) was included in the amount in circulation. Under that method of computing money in circulation transfers of gold between a Federal Reserve bank and a Federal Reserve agent resulted in an apparent change in the amount of money in circulation, and there are instances where the circulation statement, owing to such transfers, showed a decline in money in circulation when, as a matter of fact, there had been an actual increase, and increase when in fact there had been a decrease. The new form shows a per capita circulation on July 1 1922 of \$39.87, whereas under the form of statement heretofore used it would have been \$49.17.

The revised form of statement, moreover, shows more clearly the distribution of the money held in the Treasury and the amount of money held by or for Federal Reserve banks and agents. Certain changes have also been made in the column showing stock of money in the United States. The amounts of outstanding gold certificates and silver certificates have been inserted in this column, but have not been included in the total, since the gold and silver held in trust against the certificates is included under gold coin and bullion and standard silver dollars, respectively. Treasury notes of 1890 are still shown separately, but have not been included in the total, since standard silver dollars are held against them equal to 100% of the amount of the notes outstanding.

The per capita circulation of money on July 1 at \$39.87 compares with \$44.78 on July 1 1921. The Treasury's per capita figures were based on total circulation of \$4,375,555,653 on July 1 and a total population of 109,743,000 persons, as compared with a total circulation of \$4,839,611,851 on July 1 1921 and a total population of 108,087,000.

SENATOR BORAH URGES LET UP ON TAXATION BURDENS CARRIED IN BONUS AND OTHER MEASURES.

Senator Borah (Republican) in a speech in the Senate on July 6 deprecating the efforts to shut off debate on the pending tariff bill declared that "we are greatly mistaken if we think that the people are in a hurry to have us legislate along the lines on which we are proposing to legislate." Not a single one of the measures upon the program before us, he asserted, "but draws upon the people for an additional sum and weighs upon them in the form of additional taxation and increases the obligations of the Government not only by millions but by billions of dollars." The burdens which would be placed upon the people through the bonus proposition, the ship subsidy bill and other measures were dealt with by the Senator, who stated that "we have at this time an indebtedness of about \$22,000,000,000," adding that "our budget is running from \$3,500,000,000 upward." He also observed that, "according to the report of Mr. Mellon, the Secretary of the Treasury, the sources of taxes in this country are drying quite as rapidly as in Great Britain." In his final note of warning Senator Borah said:

The Republican Party is now in power. Others may vote with the party to lay on these increased taxes and burdens, but the responsibility is fixed and inescapable; it is with the party to whom has been entrusted the reins of authority. For the sake of our common country, for the sake of peace and happiness among the millions who must bear the awful load, who cannot pass it on, will not the old party of so many noble victories rise to meet the occasion and stop once and for all this orgy of extravagance, this saturnalia of expenditure until the people can redeem our country from discontent and strife and bring it back to prosperity and power?

We give herewith in full the Senator's speech:

Mr. Borah.—Of course, Mr. President, it would be perfectly suicidal for the Republican Party to shut off debate upon these schedules. It would be still worse. It would be injurious to the country.

I have always been opposed, Mr. President, to cloture; and it has been extremely interesting in the years during which I have been here to observe how cloture has been sought to be applied by the two sides of the Chamber. When the Republicans are in the majority, they want cloture, when the Democrats are in the majority, they want cloture, and when either side is in the minority, it protests against cloture. We have that situation now. I think it would be extremely unwise to apply cloture at this time. However, Mr. President, I should be tempted to vote for cloture in this instance if it were not for the two considerations, one of which I have just mentioned, that I think we cannot stop debate upon a measure by stopping debate here in the Senate. The second reason why I am opposed to cloture is because of that which lies ahead of us.

We are greatly mistaken if we think that the people are in a hurry to have us legislate along the lines on which we are proposing to legislate. The people are not at all dissatisfied to slacken haste in the matter of adding increased taxes upon the people and increase obligations and burdens upon the Government.

For instance, Mr. President, what are our friends proposing to do immediately they pass the pending tariff bill? What is the next measure to be taken up? The next bill on the program is one to impose an indebtedness or an obligation upon this country of from \$4,000,000,000 to \$6,000,000,000. That will be the first hasty step we will take after we shall have concluded the first consideration of the tariff bill. I am speaking now of the entire Congress; but do Senators think, in view of the conditions in this country at this time with reference to taxes, with reference to indebtedness, with reference to national obligations, that the people are desirous that we hasten to impose additional burdens on the Government of from \$4,000,000,000 to \$6,000,000,000. If there were a different program confronting us, if there were a different outlook, there might be some desire for haste, but in view of what confronts us I doubt very much if there is any considerable excitement in the country to have us move along with our program.

After we have disposed of the bonus proposition, which will add from \$1,000,000,000 to \$6,000,000,000 to the indebtedness of the country, what is the next measure upon our program? The ship subsidy bill. Do Senators think the people of the country are in great haste to have the debris cleared away—if I may call the tariff bill that—to make way for a ship subsidy bill, a measure which will draw from the Treasury all the way from fifty million to one hundred million and some say as high as three hundred million dollars; which will exempt some of the people of the country from the payment of a portion of their taxes; which will select a few

and give them an opportunity to succeed in the midst of the distress which presses down upon the remainder of the people? I do not think, Mr. President, that the people are in haste to have us pass that kind of a measure.

Then, after we pass the ship subsidy bill and the bonus bill, both of which will constitute drains upon the Treasury and involve additional taxes and an increase of Government obligations, we propose to take up the bill for the creation of 24 Federal Judges, which will be another drain upon the Federal Treasury. Perhaps we might justify the creation of 10 or 12 additional Federal Judges. I think we might do so; but to create 24 additional Federal Judges at this time, in my opinion, after having examined the matter as best I may, is intolerable and inexcusable and the imposition unnecessarily of a further burden upon the people of the country. And after we shall have passed the Federal Judges bill, there will come what is called the Liberia loan bill. We propose to go into the Treasury of the United States, despite its condition; and loan to Liberia \$5,000,000, at a time when the people of the United States are bled white, when they are absolutely without money to finance enterprises, and when the great reclamation projects of the West are standing as they have stood for the last seven or eight years. With the Treasury unable to meet the demands of our own people, it is proposed to go into the Treasury and loan \$5,000,000 to Liberia.

Not a single one of the measures upon the program which is now before us but draws upon the people for an additional sum and weighs upon them in the form of additional taxation and increases the obligations of the Government not only by millions but by billions of dollars.

Mr. President, therefore, while I have sat here and listened to this debate or while I have known that it was going on, I have not felt the impatience which I otherwise would if I knew that there would follow the tariff bill measures which would, in my judgment, afford relief to the country. I ask our friends who are meeting at the headquarters of our leaders if there is a single item in this program that does not increase the taxes of the people of the country? Is there a single part or parcel of the program that does not increase the obligations of the Government? It is the character of the program which makes hesitancy and delay in the consideration of the tariff bill a virtue.

Mr. President, we know that there is already great discontent throughout this country, and when discontent is widespread it is never without justification. That condition is apparent in the United States and it exists throughout the world.

It is evident that the burden which governments continue to impose upon the people is becoming unbearable. It is getting, as it were, upon the nerves of the public. The first underlying cause in my judgment of the world-wide unrest, of the almost universal criticism which we hear against governments, is exorbitant and unconscionable governmental expenditures, and particularly the outlook that these expenditures are not being diminished to any appreciable extent. Indeed, I do not believe that the burdens already placed upon the people are so disturbing, so fruitful of dissatisfaction and discontent, as those burdens which present policies indicate are yet to come. The present demands are sufficient to take the people's earnings, but the proposed policies take away their hope for better days.

The protest upon the part of the people is now being manifested in this country and throughout the world. It makes itself known in strikes, through the ballot box, and finally in rioting and in bloodshed. The most prolific source of misery and crime is oppressive taxation, and when you stop to think of the load now carried by the masses, we can not be surprised at the disorder and lawlessness everywhere prevailing.

In some countries it seems to be believed that this discontent and hunger can be fed up on repression and executions. In other countries, particularly in our own, the belief seems to prevail that the remedy is in still greater appropriations, increased national obligations, and necessarily higher taxes.

Let us examine in detail the weight under which the people are now bending and also examine some of the proposed measures of relief, some of the schemes which would start new enterprises and find employment for the idle through increased appropriations and still greater obligations of government. We will find that the late Doctor Rathenau was not far wrong when, a few days before his unfortunate death, speaking of the economic situation in Europe, he said:

Chained in our gallery we hew one another to pieces, although it is our bark which we are rowing and our struggle on whose behalf it is set forth.

We are told from time to time that the situation is encouraging; that we will get relief by reason of the fact that there are large sums of money owing to us from foreign governments, a part of which we may get and the interest of which we will surely get from some of them. These statements make it important for us to examine the conditions in those countries from which we are to get interest or aid, as we are told, to relieve the constantly increasing burdens of this country. I take up the first the condition of Great Britain.

After referring at length to the burdens resting upon Great Britain and France, Senator Borah proceeded as follows:

Thus we see, Mr. President, in these two great leading countries, whose indebtedness to us is very large, the constantly increasing expenditure, the constant increase of taxes, the constant decrease of returns of taxes or the drying up of taxes, and in all instances the rise in the cost of living and the constant increase of the burden of armaments.

I do not pause to survey the financial and economic conditions in other parts of Europe. Russia is in collapse; famine stalks her streets. In Germany the assassin's face haunts her public men and reparations dull the energy and blasts the hopes of the people. Austria, Hungary, Rumania—why recount them, for we must know that bankruptcy is everywhere threatened.

Who could doubt what effect these conditions have upon the great mass of the people? Is there any surprise that there is discontent, not only throughout those countries but spreading into all other countries adjacent thereto? The fact is that the constant increase of governmental expenditure has reached the point where it breeds revolution. Everywhere men are denouncing or criticizing their governments—here and elsewhere. The people's faith and the people's patience are nearing exhaustion.

It seems to me, under these conditions, that the first and prime duty of a party which has the future of this country in its charge is at all hazards to refrain from increasing these obligations, these expenditures, and if possible to decrease them.

Now, Mr. President, let us look for a few moments at our own country. We have at this time an indebtedness of about \$22,000,000,000. Our Budget is running from \$3,500,000,000 upward. According to the report of Mr. Mellon, the Secretary of the Treasury, the sources of taxes in this country are drying quite as rapidly as in Great Britain. We have a deficit for 1923 estimated at \$500,000,000. That is the situation presented to us, not as a speculative proposition but by actual figures. At the close of the Civil War we had an indebtedness of about \$2,674,815,356. By 1915 we had reduced the indebtedness of the Government to \$1,090,148,006. In other words, during the space of 50 years we had reduced our public indebtedness something over a billion dollars. If we are to judge the future

by the past, we now have an indebtedness which it will take us more than a thousand years to lift, to say nothing of the constantly increasing burden in the way of increased taxes from year to year by reason of the increased budgets; and it is proposed, in addition to that which we already have, to lay an extra indebtedness, which I am going to discuss in a few moments.

Mr. President, the time may come, and in my opinion it is very likely to come, when the United States will have to stand, as it were, at the Marne on this question of preserving financial civilization. The time may come when our reserves, economic and financial, will have to be called upon as our reserve of man power was called upon in 1917, and it behooves the American people and the American Congress to prepare for that as we prepared for the great conflict which confronted us in 1917. The nation which will lead in the future, which will control and dominate, will not be the nation of armies, not the nation of navies, but the nation of economic power, of prosperity at home, of financial reserve, of means to take care of those things. It behooves us, therefore, not only by reason of the call which will be made upon us here in this country but by reason of the condition which surrounds us throughout the world, to conserve and reserve all the economic and financial power that we have in order to meet that exigency when it comes.

Mr. Underwood.—Mr. President, if the Senator will allow me to interrupt him to make a suggestion, if we had owed \$22,000,000,000, as we do to-day, when the war broke out in 1917, it would have been financially impossible for us to have put 2,000,000 men in France.

Mr. Borah.—I quite agree.

Mr. Underwood.—The weakness is evidenced as much in financial weakness as it is in loss of man power.

Mr. Borah.—Quite so. There is another element to which I want to refer in connection with this, and that is the constant outlay for armaments. I have on my desk here the figures of the increase in the budget of France for 1923 for armament. Both war and navy appropriations are increased over this year's budget, the former 234,000,000 francs and the latter 323,000,000 francs. This is under date of May 16 1922. In other words, notwithstanding the financial situation in France for some reason unexplained, or not understandable, at least, by the outside world, she is increasing her army and her navy outlay over that of 1922.

Let us make a comparison with our country. For 1916, the year we started the large naval building program, we expended \$154,727,556 36 for the Navy. For 1923 we have appropriated \$328,000,000, in round figures.

The total appropriation for the Army in 1916 was \$170,836,324 69. In 1923 it was \$320,000,000. A like increase could be shown with reference to England.

I have called attention to this situation, which may seem somewhat irrelevant at first, but I am coming to the proposition of what should be the attitude of the American Congress toward these obligations which it is proposed we shall incur.

I look upon it somewhat in the light as if we were preparing for actual war. I think to drain our resources, to burden our people, to increase our obligations at this time is shortsighted, to say the least. It may be disastrous. It is a time when every citizen should feel toward his Government and its expenditures just as he would feel toward his Government if he knew that an outside enemy were threatening. Every man and every citizen should be willing to make the sacrifice, to economize, to deny himself or herself the same as we did during the Great War. There can be no possible doubt as to the task which confronts us, and there can be no doubt but what it will call for all we have under our control in order to meet it.

Notwithstanding that fact, Mr. President, we are told it is proposed as soon as this bill is out of the way to take up the ship subsidy bill. I am not going to discuss that to-day. I propose to do so in the near future. But it will be a drain upon the Treasury, it will establish a vicious system of tax exemption; it will not grant the relief, and it will burden the future, in my judgment, quite as much as it would to actually vote bonds or obligations of the Government.

Secondly, we propose to take up what is known as the soldiers' bonus bill. I am perfectly well aware that both sides of the Chamber are in favor of that proposition to a large extent. We are now paying out over \$1,000,000 a day for the disabled veterans; about \$436,000,000 for this year will be paid, more than a million dollars a day. If we calculate the obligations which we owe to those men—and if they are disabled it is an obligation which we must meet at whatever cost—it will cost this Government, upon the ratio that it cost us after the Civil War, in the next 50 years over \$65,000,000,000. Some estimate it higher. But, adding that to the \$22,000,000,000 which we already owe and the immense Budget which we have, and you have about all that the American taxpayer will be willing to carry during these coming years.

But it is proposed out of hand to lay upon the American people at this time an extra burden of from four to six billion dollars, almost twice as large as the debt which we had at the close of the Civil War; and if we pay it in the same way and at the same rate that we paid the debt after the Civil War, it will take us 250 years to pay off the debt which we propose to lay in a few weeks for the purpose of meeting this supposed obligation.

Mr. President, the discussion heretofore of this bonus measure has ranged principally about the present condition of the Federal Treasury and the immediate burdens of the taxpayer. These are matters of vital concern. But it must be apparent from the whole situation that underlying this question is a deeper problem touching not only this particular measure but the whole trend of legislation and the entire policy of reconstruction. The Treasury may run dry, but if the pride and the energy and the manhood and the womanhood of the Nation remains, it will again be replenished. The immediate burdens imposed by heavy taxes may sterilize industry and press down upon labor, but if faith in the Government and confidence in its policies remain, business in time will revive and labor again enjoy its rightful heritage. Language is inadequate to portray what a people will endure in the way of fiscal burdens so long as they believe that the policies obtaining are just and wise. But when a people begin to lose confidence in the wisdom and permanent policies of a government, it is time to look deeper than the mere significance of a pending measure.

The bonus measure is but a single expression of what seems to be a deep-rooted tendency—a tendency born of feeble policies and irresolute leadership. If this measure stood alone, if it were single in its import, we could look upon it with less concern. It is conspicuous, however, only because of the amount involved; there are any number of measures pending before the Congress of the same general nature. If you care to search the files of the Congress or survey the activities of State legislatures, you will no longer doubt the peril which confronts us as a people.

There are measures enough before the Congress, and lately in State legislatures, to bankrupt this, the richest Nation on the globe. If all the money were appropriated which, by bills, has been suggested, or if all the debts were created which such proposed measures would entail, it would place a mortgage upon the brain and the energy of our people which a thousand years could not lift. No statistician whom I have been able to find can tell us to-day the amount of indebtedness in the world. They approach with some supposed accuracy the debts of the different governments, but when you seek to tabulate the debts of the subdivisions of

governments and then the private debts, the human mind staggers and computation breaks down. This fearful load resting like a blighting milder upon the aspirations and the hopes and the energy of the people everywhere is now being increased at a rate which benumbs calculation. Even in this comparatively new land of ours we have reached already the era of embargoes, subsidies, gratuities, bonuses, and finally that sinister invention of American politics—50—50 between the States and the Government—that is, the States will exploit the taxpayer for 50 per cent and the Government for the other 50 per cent, thus dividing responsibility and augmenting extravagance, unmindful, apparently, that while the taxing power are two, the taxpayer in both instances is one and the same. The great task of legislation to-day is to ascertain how one class can benefit at the expense of another class—the taxpayer always the victim.

Mr. President, in times of adversity, in a severe economic crisis, a people, like individuals, must recur to first principles, return to the simple homely virtues, the only secure basis for either individual prestige or national power. Two roads were open to us and to all the world at the close of the Great War—that of waste, extravagance, taxes and debts, or that of economy, frugality, work and self-denial.

The former leads inevitably to increased worry, greater misery and ultimate ruin; the latter to contentment, prosperity, and strength. So far we have chosen the former course. When we have heard of unrest or political discontent, we have readily and generously tendered an appropriation. When the taxpayer has protested too earnestly, we have bravely put the burden upon posterity. Like economic cannibals, we are preying upon one another, and, going the cannibal one better, we are now preying upon our children and our children's children. Prosperity we assume is to come, not through individual sacrifice and individual effort, through self-exertion and personal initiative, but through the open door of the Public Treasury. Although the sources of taxes are drying up, yet those who are not making their way from the Public Treasury with what they could get are wending their way toward it to see what is left. If I were going to open the Treasury to any people, or if I were going to support a continuance of this policy, I would not turn the soldier away. But the road over which we are traveling means industrial distress and ultimate disaster, from which the soldier himself can not escape. People simply can not and will not much longer carry the load which we are imposing upon them. We have already tested their patience to the breaking point. The multitudes, it has been said, in all countries are patient to a certain extent, but no statesman has ever yet been wise enough to foretell the particular point at which that patience ceases.

I grant you that if this policy is to continue, there is no argument by which you can exclude the American soldier from participating in its temporary advantage; but it should also be said that there is no logic by which you can exclude him from its permanent disadvantages. No one is more deeply concerned in getting back to right principles and sound policies than these young men. No one is more vitally interested in the future welfare of the country. The unwisdom of the course we are now pursuing will fall more heavily upon these young men and theirs in coming years than upon those who are now in places of authority. It may be vain in this mad hour of political exigency and reckless appropriations to urge these views, but the inevitable hour will come when the soldier himself will regret, deeply regret, he ever consented to become a part of any such scheme. It may be idle—it may even be thought presumptuous—at this time to speak for a different standard, but I doubt not that in later years the soldier himself will rue the heedless hour when he exchanged a noble heritage for less than a mess of pottage. The thing which he gave, and stood ready to give, was without money and without price. The thing which he earned, the glory which was his transcends the miserable values of the market. He does not rightfully belong in this futile scheme to rebuild civilization and reconstruct a bankrupt world through subsidies, bonuses, appropriations, taxes, and debts.

You will all recall the uneasiness, the anxiety, with which we followed the American soldier across the sea and onto the battle line in Europe. He had been hurriedly called from the farm and the workshop, from school and college, and, practically unseasoned, undisciplined, and untrained, sent forward to meet the ordeal of war. His countrymen awaited the result with mingled feelings of fear and faith, and the whole world speculated on how he would meet the test.

We were told that this would be the real test of democracy—could a republic devoted to peace stand against the onslaught of centralized and thoroughly trained and highly militarized Powers? We all know the result. The pride and the exultation we experienced over those first encounters of our troops no tongue can tell. They had met the test. They had vindicated our whole theory of government. They had justified our standard of civilization. They had checked and were soon to turn back the armies which had brought three great nations to bay. They had demonstrated that there was something after all higher and more masterful than sheer force—than mere organization. Behind the gun was character. Behind the weapons of destruction was unbought, unpurchasable love of country. Such service, sir, the only security a republic can ever know. Such service spurns the idea of compensation, eludes all estimate, and defies the sordid rules of arithmetic. Let those disposed to do so trifle with the future by attempting to write across this glorious record adjusted compensation.

But stern as was the task of the American soldier in war and unstinted as was the praise he won, a yet more inexorable obligation and a great opportunity awaited his return to civil life. The course which we are now pursuing will prove in the long run more dangerous to our Government than a foreign foe. A proud, strong nation may suffer a reverse in arms, but time may still find it triumphant. An independent and self-reliant people may be overcome by the fortunes of war, but time fights on their side to final victory. But a nation whose citizenship has been drugged and debauched by subsidies and gratuities and bonuses, who have surrendered to the excesses of a treasury orgy, has taken the road over which no nation has ever yet been able to effect a successful retreat.

Before we can come back as a people we must change our standards and adopt a different policy. Who will set up the new standards? Who will contend for the new policy? If these young men fail to do so, where shall we look for leadership? If great tasks and great opportunities be the things for which strong men yearn, this is the most coveted hour in the whole history of our Republic. The glory of Flanders Field and the deathless courage of Chateau-Thierry will not surpass the glory and the courage of the young men who see their duty and do it now.

The Great War threw back upon society its most stupendous task. Nothing like it in all the history of the world. The whole social and economic fabric had been shaken from centre to circumference. Many of the most sacred traditions of the race, some of the most precious rights of the citizen, seemed imperiled. Old precedents were discredited. New policies were not at hand. To the ordinary citizen the world seemed steeped in debt, the future filled with drudgery and toil. It was a stricken world—hunger, disease, crime, suicide, insanity—stricken, it would seem, by one to whom alone vengeance belongs. But in spite of this fearful catastrophe the people bore up, carried the load with marvelously little complaint—carried it because they were promised on all hands and from every quarter by all political

paties and all public servants that there was to be a new and nobler era in governmental affairs. Their interests were to be zealously guarded, systematically and vigilantly protected. We were all to co-operate to lift the load and lighten the burden. Are we keeping the promise made? Are we fulfilling the pledge? Are we lifting the burden? The faith of the citizen is after all the sole source of power in a free government. To destroy it is the most reckless offense of which the public servant can be guilty.

Is there any doubt, Mr. President, that there is a political revolution on in this country? We may not feel it in all its effects in Washington, but it has reached here to some extent. The people are resentful of the fact that the promises to lift the burden have not been kept. They are striking at men in office, in power, in order to reach systems and policies and programs. Business men are borrowing money to pay their taxes. I have examined the lists in 10 of the great agricultural States of the Union and thousands of farms are for sale for taxes. While this condition confronts us, and while labor is dissatisfied and the farmer is discontented, and business discouraged, we propose without hesitation, it seems, to lay upon the American people an additional burden of from \$4,000,000,000 to \$6,000,000,000.

The Republican Party is now in power. Others may vote with the party to lay on these increased taxes and burdens, but the responsibility is fixed and inescapable; it is with the party to whom has been entrusted the reins of authority. For the sake of our common country, for the sake of peace and happiness among the millions who must bear the awful load, who can not pass it on, will not the old party of so many noble victories rise to meet the occasion and stop once and for all this orgy of extravagance, this saturnalia of expenditure, until the people can redeem our country from discontent and strife and bring it back to prosperity and power?

BUDGET SYSTEM ENDORSED AND CRITICISED BY REPRESENTATIVES MADDEN AND BYRNS IN REVIEW OF GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Endorsement and criticism of the Republican Administration under President Harding were voiced respectively by Representative Madden of Illinois, Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, and Representative Byrns, of Tennessee, ranking Democratic member of the Committee, in statements regarding Government appropriations and expenditures made in the House on June 30 and published in the "Congressional Record" of July 12. Representative Byrns contends that "the figures as to appropriations and the admission of the Administration as to the expenditures for 1923 show a lamentable failure on the part of the Republican Congress and the Administration to reduce and rerench the expenditures of the Government." Representative Madden declares that "the financial record made by the Republican Congress from May 1919 to March 1921 and by the Republican Administration in full control since March 1921, is not surpassed by any period in the history of the country." In part Representative Madden's statement follows:

Reduction of Appropriations.

The appropriations for the fiscal year 1923, made at the session just closed, aggregate \$3,747,035,882 64. Compared to appropriations for the immediately preceding fiscal years, they display a great decrease. They are less than the appropriations for the fiscal year 1921 by the sum of \$1,033,794,127 71, and are less than the appropriations for the fiscal year 1922 (\$4,066,316,366 74) by \$319,280,984 10. I shall append to my statement a comparative table showing by departments and establishments the appropriations for the fiscal years 1922 and 1923.

The largest of the reductions for 1923 under 1922 has been effected in the Military (Army) and Naval establishments.

The appropriations for the Military establishment, exclusive of permanents, for the fiscal year 1922 aggregate \$350,707,538 35. The comparable appropriations for the fiscal year 1923 are \$256,411,169 67—a reduction of \$94,296,368 68. The appropriations for 1923 provide for a strength of 12,000 officers and 125,000 enlisted men. The following comparative figures on the basis of military appropriations and officer and enlisted personnel, beginning with the fiscal year 1920, when a Republican Congress started making the appropriations, shows gratifying reductions:

Military appropriations.	Amount.	Number of officers.	Number of men.
Fiscal year 1920	\$794,621,564	25,914	268,222
Fiscal year 1921	421,530,690	14,091	210,442
Fiscal year 1922	350,707,538	14,000	150,000
Fiscal year 1923	256,411,169	12,000	125,000

The reductions in naval appropriations are even more gratifying than those in the Military establishment. The total naval appropriations, exclusive of permanents, for 1922 are \$413,180,960 87. Those for 1923 are \$294,336,577, a reduction of \$118,844,383 87. This result is directly due to the conclusions reached by the Conference on the Limitation of Armament. The initiative of President Harding in calling the conference and the success of its deliberations under the presiding direction of Secretary Hughes, have made possible great economies in naval budgets of the world, and in future years will relieve humanity from the burden of providing billions of dollars of taxation to defray the cost of naval armaments.

The following table shows the naval appropriations and personnel for the fiscal years 1920 to 1923, inclusive:

Naval appropriations.	Enlisted personnel.
Fiscal year 1920, \$623,673,230	193,000
Fiscal year 1921, \$497,900,053	120,000
Fiscal year 1922, \$413,180,960	106,000
Fiscal year 1923, \$294,336,577	80,000

The combined military and naval appropriations for 1922 are \$763,888,499 22. The combined amounts for the two services for 1923 are \$550,747,746 67. The combined reduction for 1923 under 1922 is \$213,140,752 55.

The appropriations for the Shipping Board for the fiscal year 1923 aggregate \$100,459,000. The appropriations for the fiscal year 1922 are \$73,959,000. While the amount for 1923 shows an apparent increase of \$26,500,000, it must be recalled that included in the 1923 appropriations is the sum of \$50,000,000 for the payment of back claims for construction and requisition of vessels incurred during and immediately following the war period. These are inherited obligations and must be paid. With this sum eliminated, the Shipping Board appropriations show a reduction of \$23,500,000.

For the information of those who may desire to visualize by large groups the principal objects of appropriation for the fiscal years 1922 and 1923 in comparative array, I shall insert the following table:

General Classification of Appropriations for 1922 and 1923, Arranged to Show the Principal Large Objects of Appropriation.

	1922.	1923.
Interest on the public debt	\$975,000,000 00	\$975,000,000 00
Sinking funds and other funds for reduction in the principal of the public debt	387,942,200 00	369,338,800 00
Veteran's Bureau, compensation, hospitalization and vocational training	408,166,732 00	418,063,843 45
Pensions, all wars prior to the World War	265,000,000 00	252,000,000 00
Post Office Department	579,976,851 00	565,064,786 50
Military activities of the War Department (Army)	*\$52,879,838 35	*\$27,676,169 67
Navy	*\$26,378,656 87	*\$27,770,249 00
Shipping Board	73,959,000 00	100,459,000 00
Increased compensation (\$240 per annum)	85,000,000 00	88,785,173 00
Roads	70,000,000 00	10,000,000 00
All other purposes, including the Congress, the judiciary, the executive departments, independent bureaus, and the District of Columbia	492,013,088 52	462,927,361 02
	\$4,066,316,366 74	\$3,747,035,882 64

*Include amounts under permanent and indefinite appropriations.
Reductions in Actual Expenditures and Public Debt.

The reductions in actual expenditures of the Government are the best evidence of the return to a normal state of Government finances. The expenditures for the fiscal year 1919, which was the fiscal year in which the armistice was signed, covering the ordinary expenses of the Government and excluding public-debt retirements, were \$18,514,879,955 03. The expenditures for the fiscal years 1920, 1921 and 1922 (exclusive of public-debt expenditures chargeable to ordinary receipts), on a comparable basis, are as follows:

Fiscal year 1920	\$6,403,343,841 21
Fiscal year 1921	5,115,927,689 30
Fiscal year 1922	3,372,607,899 84

These figures show a reduction for 1922 under 1920 of \$3,030,735,941 37. They show a reduction for 1922 under 1921 of \$1,743,319,789 46.

The fiscal year just closed, which is the first full fiscal year of Government business under the operation of the budget system and the first full fiscal year since President Harding has been in office, has been most successful. The ordinary receipts for the year amounted to \$4,109,104,150 94. The total expenditures, including public debt items, chargeable against ordinary receipts, were \$3,795,302,499 84.

The surplus for the year is \$313,801,651 10, against an estimated deficit last December for the same period of \$24,468,703. The total gross debt of the Government on June 30 1921, the beginning of the fiscal year just closed, was \$23,977,450,552 54. The total gross debt on June 30 1922, one year later, was \$22,963,381,708 31. The reduction in the debt during the year amounts to \$1,014,068,844 23.

The total gross debt of the United States on May 31 1919 was \$25,916,874,096 83. The total gross debt on June 30 1922, as heretofore stated, was \$22,963,381,708 31. The reduction during this period amounts to \$2,953,492,388 52.

Preliminary Estimates of Expenditures for 1923.

The preliminary estimates of expenditures for the fiscal year 1923 as submitted by the spending departments aggregate \$3,771,000,000, while the preliminary estimates of receipts total \$3,073,000,000, an indicated deficit of \$697,000,000. This figure would be more impressive if the record of the fiscal year 1922 were not so freshly in mind. The preliminary estimates of expenditure for that year aggregated \$759,000,000 more than the amounts that had actually been expended when the year closed. I feel certain that the President, supported by the administrative officers, will be able materially to reduce this anticipated deficit. It must be remembered in this connection that the fiscal year just closed showed a surplus of over \$300,000,000. It should also be remembered in connection with the estimated expenditures for next year that there is included \$330,000,000 for reduction in the principal of the public debt to be paid from ordinary receipts and \$284,000,000 on account of past railroad debts, which should be deducted in arriving at any estimated figure of deficit attributable to the ordinary running expenses of the Government. These two figures alone are nearly equivalent to the estimated deficit. The meeting of all administrative officials of the Government at the call of the President on July 11 last to consider the financial problems of the fiscal year 1923 will have a most beneficial result, and when the year shall have ended its record will be as gratifying as that of 1922.

From Representative Byrns's statement we quote the following:

Mr. Speaker, the question uppermost in the mind of the average tax-paying citizen of to-day is what is it costing to run the Government and has the heavy burden of expenditures for the routine operations of the Government, which was necessarily imposed during and immediately following the war, been reduced to that extent which he had the right to expect for the fiscal year 1923—the fourth since the war came to a close. The passage of the regular annual appropriation bills for the fiscal year 1923 makes it possible to arrive at a more definite conclusion, although it should be emphasized here that the sums carried in these bills by no means represent the entire amount which will be appropriated for 1923. There will undoubtedly be deficiency appropriations during the year as has been the case in all previous years, despite the assertion made at the beginning of each year that none were contemplated. Then, too, Congress will levy additional charges on the Treasury during the year in the creation of new activities or the enlargement of those already in existence, unless this Congress adopts a radically different policy from that which it has followed since it first came into existence on March 4 1921.

The total appropriations for 1923 up to this time, including regular, permanent, indefinite and miscellaneous, are \$3,747,035,882 64. The total appropriations for 1922, including regular, permanent, indefinite, miscellaneous and deficiencies, were \$4,066,316,366 74. However, nearly \$1,500,000,000 of each of these two sums represents permanent and indefinite appropriations, which includes interest on the public debt, and so forth, and which Congress is not called upon to appropriate each fiscal year. In order, therefore, to get a picture as to just what sums Congress has appropriated, only the regular annual, miscellaneous and deficiency appropriations should be considered.

The only true test by which it can be determined whether Congress has reduced appropriations and been really economical is by a comparison of its appropriations with those made in previous years for similar purposes. This test should be applied to the appropriations made by this Congress for the fis-

cal year 1923 and as carried in the regular annual supply bills with the appropriations made by the Congress in the regular annual supply bills for 1922. It would be manifestly unfair to compare the appropriations which have been made at the beginning of July for the fiscal year 1923 with the appropriations which were made for 1922 at the beginning of that fiscal year and including all of the appropriations by way of deficiencies and special acts made during the entire year, for it is certain that there will be deficiencies and special acts passed during the present fiscal year 1923, which has just begun, and which will increase the 1923 appropriation. Measured by this test it will be found that there has been appropriated for the fiscal year 1923, \$95,872,535.37 more than was appropriated for the fiscal year 1922 at the same period of the two fiscal years. The following table illustrates this fact very clearly, but in this connection it should be explained that since 1922 the titles of the appropriation bills have been changed and appropriations are now made under the heads of departments and Government establishments, but the results are the same:

1922—Regular Annual Supply Bills.

Sundry civil	\$384,196,480 41
Post Office	574,057,552 00
Agriculture	36,404,259 00
Army	328,013,529 80
Fortifications	8,038,017 00
Navy	419,675,289 23
Diplomatic and Consular	9,320,550 79
District of Columbia	19,412,412 99
Indian	9,761,554 67
Legislative, executive and judicial	109,348,018 75
Pension	265,500,000 00
Rivers and harbors	15,250,000 00
Increased compensation	35,000,000 00
Grand total	\$2,206,981,664 64

1923—Regular Annual Supply Bills.

Executive and independent offices	\$536,638,771 45
Post Office	565,064,786 50
Agriculture	36,929,173 00
War Department	325,164,492 67
Navy	294,338,577 00
State Department	10,443,488 16
District of Columbia	22,841,609 80
Interior Department	297,565,108 67
Legislative (Congress)	12,788,324 95
Treasury Department	118,835,308 81
Commerce Department	18,743,245 00
Labor Department	6,916,920 00
Department of Justice	17,851,221 00
Increased compensation	38,735,173 00
Grand total	\$2,302,854,200 01

It should be stated that the Navy bill for 1923 carries, in addition to the direct appropriation, the authority to use unexpended balances amounting to \$54,000,000 and that at least \$60,000,000 must be appropriated under an act already passed for scrapping some of the ships of the Navy. This will make a total of \$408,336,577 for the Navy for the year 1923. In addition to this, the other bills for 1923 carry appropriations for unexpended balances amounting to \$28,677,550 24, which does not appear in the figures given in the table.

The administration's own figures as to expenditures for 1922 and 1923 show that it is expected to expend only \$24,302,499 84 less in 1923 than was expended in 1922. The expenditures for 1922 amounted to \$3,795,302,499 84, while the estimated expenditures for 1923 are \$3,771,000,000. This is a startling admission, in view of the oft-repeated claims made by General Dawes, the head of the Budget Bureau, and widely heralded to the country, that he has put into effect business methods which would bring about reductions and economy. It conclusively shows that his repeated boasts of savings of hundreds of millions of dollars were mere paper savings, unsupported by fact and that the "budget savings" propaganda with which he flooded the country was purely visionary and ethereal.

It will be informative to compare the regular annual deficiency and miscellaneous appropriations made for the entire year of 1922 with the regular annual appropriations for 1923 and the additional deficiency and miscellaneous appropriations which with reasonable certainty will be made during 1923. It furnishes further and positive proof that there has been no reduction in expenditures. The total appropriations for 1923 up to this time, the very beginning of the fiscal year, amounts to \$2,302,854,200 01. The total of these appropriations for the entire year of 1922, excluding permanent annuals and including deficiencies of over \$200,000,000 granted during the year, and also the various additional appropriations made by Congress during the year, amounts to \$2,598,500,170 72. The figures in detail are as follows:

Amounts Carried for Fiscal Years 1922 and 1923 in the Regular Annual Appropriation Acts, Deficiency Appropriation Acts, and Special Acts.

Department or establishment	Appropriations for year 1922, including deficiencies and special acts.	Appropriations for year 1923, future deficiency and special acts to be added.
Legislative (Congress)	\$18,247,247 06	\$12,788,324 95
Executive office and independent offices	498,847,057 00	536,638,771 45
State Department	16,741,346 09	10,443,488 16
Treasury Department	145,352,179 65	118,835,308 81
War Department:		
Military activities	350,707,538 35	256,411,169 67
Non-military activities	42,638,010 66	68,733,323 00
Navy Department	413,180,969 87	294,338,577 00
Interior Department	314,559,305 13	297,565,108 67
Post Office Department	579,976,851 00	565,064,786 50
Agricultural Department	39,527,434 00	36,929,173 00
Commerce Department	17,394,859 20	18,743,245 00
Labor Department	5,798,196 50	6,916,920 00
Department of Justice	16,938,607 67	17,851,221 00
District of Columbia	23,463,675 72	22,841,609 80
Increased compensation or civilian bonus	35,000,000 00	38,735,173 00
Miscellaneous (unclassified)	126,842 04	
Roads	80,000,000 00	10,000,000 00
Grand total	\$2,598,500,170 74	\$2,312,854,200 01

On the face of these figures there would appear to be a reduction in these particular appropriations of \$285,645,970 71, and if we exclude the reduction in the road's funds the cut becomes only \$215,645,970 71. But it must be borne in mind that the year 1922 has closed, and the figures given represent

the total appropriations made for that year, including deficiencies and any and all special acts of Congress, whereas the fiscal year of 1923 has just begun. The figures given for 1922 include over \$200,000,000 by way of deficiencies for that year, and it is only fair to figure on a similar amount being hereafter appropriated for 1923. There has been a law passed directing the scrapping of some of the ships of the Navy and an appropriation must be made this year for that purpose. The minimum amount which has been estimated is \$60,000,000, but the chairman of the naval sub-committee on appropriations, who is one of the very best informed among the members of Congress on naval matters, has stated that it will probably cost from \$70,000,000 to \$75,000,000. In order to be entirely conservative the minimum figures will be used. It appears practically certain that the ship subsidy bill will be passed either during this session or at the December session of Congress, and Mr. Lasker and its warmest advocates admit that at the lowest estimate \$15,000,000 will be paid in voyage subsidies during the first year of its operation and \$30,000,000 annually thereafter; and in addition there will be enormous tax exemptions to shippers and shipowners and various other aids, which will constitute a charge on the Treasury. Although it has been conclusively demonstrated by actual citation of figures in the minority report filed that it will cost \$75,000,000 or more annually, nevertheless I will waive the plain fact and use the figures given by Mr. Lasker for the first year's voyage subsidies alone. The House has passed the soldiers' bonus bill, and there seems to be no question but that the Senate will pass it at this session. It is admitted by everyone that the law will require an appropriation of at least \$77,000,000 during the first year of its operation. The House has authorized a loan to Liberia of \$5,000,000, which will undoubtedly be concurred in by the Senate. A most conservative estimate of the amount which will be needed for highways this year, in addition to what is now on hand, is \$10,000,000. Several times that sum will probably be needed, for \$80,000,000 was appropriated in 1922. These sums aggregate \$367,000,000, which with reasonable certainty can be figured as additional appropriations which will be needed for 1923, and which, when added to the regular annual appropriations for 1923, make the sum of \$2,679,554,200 01, or \$81,354,029 29 more than the total appropriations for 1922, exclusive of the permanent and indefinite appropriations for each year which amounts to nearly \$1,500,000,000, and if we exclude from comparison the roads appropriations this excess becomes \$141,354,029 29.

1922 Surplus and 1923 Deficit.

The Republican Party has not kept the Government on a "pay-as-you-go" basis. It is true that a paper surplus was shown June 30, the close of the fiscal year 1922, but Secretary of the Treasury Mellon in his letter of April 14, 1923, made it very clear that this surplus would only be made possible by the transfer of over \$200,000,000 in Governmental obligations from 1922 to 1923 which, while enabling the administration to avoid a deficit on June 30, 1922, increased the overwhelming deficit which faces the Treasury on June 30, 1923. In December 1921 the President in a message to Congress announced that there would be a deficit of over \$24,000,000 on June 30, 1922 and one of more than \$167,000,000 on June 30, 1923. At that time certain railroad expenditures by the Government were estimated among the expenditures for 1922, and none for such purpose for 1923. But in April 1922 it appeared that the December 1921 estimate of a 1922 deficit would be increased from \$24,000,000 to over \$200,000,000. To have Congress come into session in December and work for economy for seven months, to have the Director of the Budget saving \$100,000,000 on paper every few months, and then have the deficit for the first year of the Harding administration increased by such a stupendous sum could never be satisfactorily explained in the coming Congressional election. It was then that a change was made.

On April 14, 1922 the Secretary of the Treasury revised his estimates of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal years 1922 and 1923. The railroad expenditures for 1922 were eliminated and \$200,000,000 was transferred over to the column of expenditures for 1923. More than \$87,000,000 has been covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts derived from sales of surplus war material during 1922. The statement of the Treasury shows a surplus of \$313,000,000 which is attributed to increase in custom receipts, miscellaneous receipts, including Panama Canal tolls, and to the fact that expenditures for 1922 were "almost \$200,000,000 less than the estimate given last December." It has already been shown how this "reduction" of expenditures was brought about.

Meanwhile, by reason of this transfer, the December 1921 estimated deficit for 1923 of \$167,000,000 had climbed to \$484,000,000 in April 1922, which included \$125,000,000 of interest on war savings certificates. I predicted at that time that it would be not less than \$758,000,000, based on estimated receipts and expenditures which seemed certain. Since then the Treasury has again revised its figures and it is now stated that the 1923 deficit will be \$697,200,000, the estimated receipts for 1923 being \$3,078,800,000 and the expenditures \$3,771,000,000. It should be noted that in arriving at the estimate of expenditures no account was taken of the amount which will be required by the passage of the soldiers' bonus or the possibility of the passage of special acts requiring additional expenditures by the Government. When these are considered it may be reasonably expected that the deficit for 1923 will reach \$900,000,000, and possibly more, unless the receipts shall be greater than now anticipated, or Congress shows greater economy and there is a more rigid reduction of expenditures by the administrative departments.

Reduction of Public Debt.

It is announced that the public debt was reduced in 1922 in the sum of \$1,014,000,000. It is stated that this reduction was accomplished through retirements on account of the sinking fund and other public debt expenditures chargeable to ordinary receipts, through the use of surplus current funds in the Treasury and the application of the surplus of \$315,000,000 above mentioned. The peak of the public debt was reached in August 1919, when it was \$26,596,701,648 01. Between that date and June 30, 1920 it was reduced under a Democratic administration in the sum of \$2,297,380,180 94. During the fiscal year 1921, which was partly under a Democratic administration and partly under a Republican administration, the debt was reduced in the sum of \$321,876,914 53. Including the reduction during the fiscal year 1922 the public debt has been reduced in the sum of \$3,633,319,939 70 and now amounts to \$22,963,381,708 31.

Budget Estimates.

The estimates for the regular annual appropriations for 1923 submitted by the President amounted to \$2,485,377,246 87. Congress appropriated \$2,312,854,200 01, but there was included in this sum \$73,275,574 which was not included in the budget estimates. It will thus be seen that Congress reduced the budget estimates for 1923 in the sum of \$245,798,620 86. The supplemental and deficiency estimates submitted to Congress during the fiscal year 1923 amounted to \$472,410,129 96. Congress appropriated \$332,760,894 55, making a net reduction of \$139,649,245 41. Thus it appears that the estimates for regular and deficiency appropriations submitted by the President with the aid of the Budget Bureau during the first year of its existence has been reduced by Congress in the sum of \$385,447,866 86, or 13% of the amount asked, excluding the permanent appropriations not subject to reduction. In other words, if Congress had accepted the estimates as submitted by the President and the Director of the Budget, there would have been ap-

propriated over one-third of a billion dollars more than was actually appropriated. Comment is unnecessary. The Budget law is a good law, but its administration since its enactment has not justified the fulsome claims for savings and economy with which the public has been so frequently regaled through the public press. These figures show that if permitted, the Budget Bureau, acting under the personal supervision of the President, would have proved a most expensive proposition to the taxpayers.

The Budget law, which was passed June 10 1921, established a general accounting office, with the Comptroller-General as its head, at a salary of \$10,000, and an assistant at a salary of \$7,500. The office has a large clerical force, requiring an appropriation of nearly \$2,500,000 annually. In addition to auditing Government expenditures, the Comptroller-General was charged under the law with submitting to Congress reports upon the administrative examinations of accounts and claims in the various departments and the departmental inspection of the offices and accounts of fiscal officers. He was also required to specially report to Congress every expenditure or contract made in violation of law. Congress has been in session practically the entire time since the creation of this office, but no report of any kind has been made as required by law. It may be said that the only times the Comptroller-General has appeared before Congress or its committees was when he sought increased appropriations for his office.

Reorganization of the Departments.

The Republican Congress on Dec. 17 1920 created a Joint Committee on Reorganization composed of members of the Senate and House. It was made the duty of this committee to make a survey of all the departments and establishments of the Government and report as to what unnecessary bureaus could be abolished and what bureaus could be consolidated. Shortly after President Harding came into office Congress did the unprecedented thing of authorizing the President to appoint a civilian at an annual salary of \$7,500 to be the chairman of the Congressional committee. He promptly filled the place.

It was proclaimed that this committee would save millions of dollars to the Government in the abolishment and consolidation of Government bureaus, and these statements were widely published over the country for many months. The committee has been in existence for over 18 months and the salary of the chairman and other expenses have been regularly paid. Only a few weeks ago the distinguished gentleman from Virginia (Mr. Moore), a member of the committee, vigorously complained and criticized its inaction, and stated that the chairman had not called the committee together since his appointment. Certain it is that the committee has made no report and not one single bureau has been abolished or consolidated.

Civil Service Employees.

It is estimated that there were 550,000 civil service employees of the Government June 30 1922, of whom 72,253 were in Washington, as compared with 439,798 in 1916, of whom only 39,259 were in Washington. On Nov. 11 1918, when the war closed, the total was 917,760. Under the last administration this total was reduced to 691,116 on July 31 1920 and to 640,175 on Dec. 31 1921, but there has been a reduction of only about 18,000 during the past six months, and the number in Washington is nearly double what it was in 1916. It may well be asked why it is necessary four years after the war to retain in Government employ 111,000 more civil service employees than were employed in 1916. Congress has during the past fiscal year added additional employees to the Government payrolls in providing 201 additional clerks in the Pension office, 250 in the general accounting office, 600 additional positions in the office of the Internal Revenue Commissioner, and 828 employees under the Prohibition Commissioner, and a number of employees under other special acts, thus adding several millions of dollars to the annual payroll of the Government.

CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION TO HENRY FORD'S MUSCLE SHOALS OFFER—ASKS MUCH, BOUND FOR LITTLE IN RETURN.

The United States Senate Committee on Agriculture on July 15, by a vote of 9 to 7, rejected Henry Ford's offer for the lease and operation of the Government power project at Muscle Shoals. The proposition submitted by Senator Norris, Chairman of the Committee, which proposed operation of the plant by a Government-controlled corporation, was also rejected, the vote being 9 to 5. According to the New York "Times," both propositions will soon be placed before the Senate in the form of minority reports. The Senators who voted to reject the Ford offer were Norris, Page, McNary, Keyes, Gooding, Norbeck, Harrell, McKinley and Kendrick, all Republicans with the exception of Senator Kendrick. Those who voted to accept it were Ladd and Capper, Republicans, and Smith, Ransdell, Harrison, Heflin and Caraway, Democrats. Those who voted to approve the Norris plan were Norris, McNary, Norbeck, Gooding and McKinley, all Republicans, while those who opposed it were Capper, Keyes and Ladd, Republicans, and Smith, Ransdell, Kendrick, Harrison, Heflin and Caraway, Democrats. All other proposals submitted to the committee for the operation of the plant, among them those of the Alabama Power Co., Frederick E. Engstrom and Charles L. Parsons, were rejected without a roll-call. Senator Ladd, who favors unconditional acceptance of the Ford offer, was authorized by the Committee to draw up the minority report in favor of that proposition, while Chairman Norris is to write the report urging approval of the Government-owned corporation plan. Both reports are expected to go to the Senate in the coming week, although it is not believed that any action on either of them will be taken at this session of Congress, says the Washington correspondent of the "Times."

The report of the Senate Agricultural Committee rejecting Mr. Ford's offer was presented to the Senate by Senator Norris, Chairman of the Committee, on July 20. The Associated Press dispatches from Washington have the following to say regarding the report:

His [Senator Norris's] views were set forth in a voluminous report, different portions of which were supported by various members of the committee. Senators Page, of Vermont; McNary, Oregon; Keyes, New Hampshire; Gooding, Idaho; Norbeck, South Dakota; Harrell, Oklahoma; and McKinley, Illinois, Republicans; and Kendrick, Democrat, of Wyoming, the report stated, favored the rejection of the Ford offer along with Chairman Norris. Senators McNary, Norbeck, McKinley and Gooding concurred with the Chairman in the recommendation for Government development along the lines detailed in the pending Norris bill.

One of those whom, the report set forth, subscribed to the recommendation that the Ford offer be rejected, Senator Kendrick, declared in the Senate after the submission of the report, however, that he "would be glad to vote to approve the offer of Henry Ford provided a modification is made of the time limit of the lease." The Ford offer provides for a hundred-year lease and Senator Kendrick explained that he favored the fifty-year maximum provided for such leases in the Federal Water-Power Act.

The report criticized the Ford offer sharply, describing it as "the most wonderful real estate speculation since Adam and Eve lost title to the Garden of Eden," and inquiring "why a warranty deed to the Capitol at Washington is not included in this great transfer of Government property to this wonderful corporation."

"It is difficult to harmonize our idea of Mr. Ford's fairness," the report says, "with his silence on this subject, when his name is so often used in exaggeration and misrepresentation as to just what he does offer to do. The country has been given to understand that Mr. Ford has guaranteed to reduce the cost of fertilizer by one-half. He has done nothing of the kind. He has made no guarantee of any kind in the way of the reduction of the cost of fertilizer. The country has been given to understand that he pays the Government 4% interest on its investment in the two dams. He has done nothing of the kind. He has not made any such offer, and no such proposition is included in his bid. Giving his corporation credit for every dollar that it pays, he will be paying to the taxpayer less than 3% on the money which he uses out of the Treasury of the United States, and when we consider that this loan runs for one hundred years, it requires even the stretching of the imagination to understand the enormous profit that this corporation secures in this one item alone.

"Assuming that a fair interest rate in the commercial world is 6%, this would give his corporation during a hundred-year period a total gift of cold cash of \$236,250,000, and if this money were compounded, as Mr. Ford asks the Government to compound what he pays, the profit to the corporation at the end of the hundred-year period would be \$14,500,000,000. This is more than half our total cost of the World War.

"The country has been given to understand that the Ford offer provides for the repayment to the Government within the 100-year period of the entire investment that the Government has made. His offer does nothing of the kind. On the other hand, the total payments included in the offer of both interest and amortization amount to less than 3% on the investment and he never pays one dollar of the principal.

"The people of the country have been led to believe that the Ford offer means a reduced price for electricity to the consumer. It means nothing of the kind. He has not agreed to furnish a single kilowatt to any home or to any manufacturing concern except his own. The mighty power at Muscle Shoals will be devoted entirely and exclusively to the use of the great corporation which Mr. Ford will organize.

"When we bring together the results that must follow from these two divisions of the Ford offer, the mind is dazed at the unreasonableness of the proposition, at the enormity of the gift. With the expenditure of no money there is to be turned over to a corporation property of the value of more than \$100,000,000 and the right and privilege to extort unjust profits from the citizens of this country without limit.

"If the Ford offer is accepted, then the fight for conservation that has been waged by public-spirited and patriotic men and women all over the country is not only lost and given away, but those who are unwillingly compelled to make the gift are to be taxed 100 years to make the gift more profitable. It is the greatest gift ever bestowed upon mortal man since salvation was made free to the human race."

Other features of the Ford proposal are vigorously attacked. That proposing the hundred year lease of the water power projects, the report asserts, would make the Federal Water-Power Act, in effect, "a scrap of paper."

The report continues:

"In comparison with its (the Norris plan's) provision regarding fertilizer, the Ford offer sinks into absolute insignificance. It offers the greatest hope to struggling agriculture, it frankly recognizes that improvements must be made if we would cheapen the production of fertilizer, and it provides for the use of the Government property and funds to make the necessary investigation for such improvements. In advocating its passage we hold out no will-o'-the-wisp to deceive and mislead the people. We face the fertilizer proposition without practicing any deception upon the farmers.

"We believe the extraction of nitrogen from the air can be cheapened, but we cannot guarantee it. Fertilizer can be produced at Muscle Shoals, but if it is cheapened to the farmer we must have cheap power and improved processes.

"We believe that the Government is justified not only as a war measure, but as a peace proposition, to expend all of the money that may be necessary in chemical experiments with the view of cheapening fertilizer. This provision ought to be hailed with delight, not only by the farmers, but by all of the consumers who buy the products of the farm. It will develop at nitrate plant No. 1 the greatest experimental laboratory in the world.

"Instead of turning over the surplus power to any one individual or to one corporation, to be used for his or its financial benefit, without regulation from any source whatever, it will be able to supply electricity to the people at large, and cities and communities hundreds of miles distant from Muscle Shoals will receive benefits from this source, or indirectly, by the cheapening of electricity by men and corporations who will be competitors of this Governmental corporation."

The report will be followed by another from the Committee next week, presented by Senator Ladd, Republican, North Dakota, and supported by those favoring unconditional acceptance of the Ford offer.

There is also strong opposition to the measure in the Committee on Military Affairs of the House of Representatives. A minority report has recently been submitted, signed by eight of the twenty-one members. The members of the Committee signing the report were:

Representatives Charles C. Kearns, of Ohio; Frank Crowther, of New York; John M. Morin, of Pennsylvania; Harry C. Ransley, of Pennsylvania; John Phillip Hill, of Maryland; Louis A. Frothingham, of Massachusetts; Thomas A. Crego, of Pennsylvania; and Richard Wayne Parker, of New Jersey. All are Republicans and they constitute a majority of the Republican members of the Committee.

This minority report of the House Committee on Military Affairs was printed in full by the Merchants' Association of

New York in its bulletin, "Greater New York," on July 3, and we reproduce it below. In commenting editorially on the report the Merchants' Association says, "it exposes misleading representations which have been spread broadcast throughout the country in support of the Ford proposal and shows that it is, in effect, a demand upon the Government for a subsidy," and then adds:

The contract does not even provide that the plant at Muscle Shoals shall be used for the production of fertilizer and Mr. Ford specifically refused to pledge himself to use the plant for that purpose unless he could do so at a profit. This forms a sharp contrast to the promises which have been spread broadcast that if the Government allows Mr. Ford to have its property at Muscle Shoals he will cut the price of commercial fertilizer in half.

The report of the eight members of the Committee signing this minority report supplements the reasons given by The Merchants' Association against the acceptance of the Ford offer in the statement which it has filed with Congress and with the other authorities in Washington concerned in the matter.

The minority report, complete, of the House Military Committee, is given as follows:

What shall be done with Muscle Shoals is one of the big questions that is now confronting Congress. There have been several proposals made through the Secretary of War for the purchase of the Government's interests and the lease of the water power at this place. Only one of these propositions is now before the House. This is the one that has been submitted by Mr. Henry Ford.

This proposal on the part of Mr. Ford has received wide publicity. Seldom has any question pending before the American people been so broadly heralded as has this offer to take over the Government activities at Muscle Shoals. We feel that this publicity has grown into one of the most insidious propagandas that the nation has witnessed for many a day.

To Inform the People.

Notwithstanding the wide publicity that has been given to the Ford offer, we feel, because of the unfair and unreliable statements that have been sent broadcast throughout the United States, that the country little understands what it is that Mr. Ford is offering to do or what, if anything, he is offering for this great plant that has been erected at Government expense at Muscle Shoals, Ala. The people have a right to know and we are determined that they shall know the real facts about Muscle Shoals and the so-called Ford offer.

We are not satisfied with the report filed by the so-called majority membership of the House Military Affairs Committee. Neither are we in harmony with the views expressed by the Wright minority. Without undertaking to criticize adversely either of these documents, we feel that neither of them has given to the Congress or to the country a clear, fair, and unbiased statement of the facts.

Truth About Ford Offer.

There are a great many men throughout the United States who are strong advocates of the Ford offer without having any true understanding of what his proposition contains. These men are honest and conscientious, but they have been misled as to facts. They have read this propaganda, much of which is false in every detail, and they have been led to believe that Mr. Ford will manufacture fertilizer in such large quantities that it will compel the exorbitant prices that are now being asked for this much-needed commodity to fall materially. The persistent report is that he will compel the fertilizer manufacturers of the country to sell their product at one-half of what they are now selling it. This is a welcome message to the users of fertilizers and indeed would be worthy of the efforts of every man in Congress should this be accomplished. But Mr. Ford, in the contract that he submits to the Secretary of War, qualified by his statements and the testimony of his agents, does not agree to make fertilizers during entire lease period unless he can make them with profit to himself.

Production of Fertilizers.

Mr. Ford has always refused to allow himself or his company to be bound without qualification to the continuous manufacture of fertilizer at Muscle Shoals, provided this plant is turned over to him. Secretary Weeks appeared before the Military Affairs Committee of the House, and the following testimony that is illuminating indeed upon the subject of fertilizer is taken from page 29 of the records of the hearings:

"Mr. Weeks. I said to him (Mr. Ford): 'Will you guarantee to continue to manufacture fertilizer during the life of the contract' (the 100-year period)?' He replied that he would not.

"Mr. Weeks. I said in effect: 'You might stop the manufacture of fertilizer in five years, or in any time, to the great disappointment of the people down there.' He said: 'Of course, I am going to stop if I can not manufacture it profitably.'

Because of this frank admission and many kindred statements Secretary Weeks was entirely displeased with the language in the so-called fertilizer clause in the Ford offer. Later testimony in support of the fertilizer clause in last offer does not change his attitude.

Mr. Mayo, who represented Mr. Ford before the Committee and who was Mr. Ford's accredited representative, on numerous occasions testified that the Ford company would not make fertilizer at Muscle Shoals if it were found to be unprofitable, and what they mean by "unprofitable" no one knows.

Cannot Compel Manufacture.

Surely the contract does not contain any specific clause that would render it an enforceable agreement to manufacture fertilizer. Mr. Ford has at all times steadfastly refused to bind his proposed company in the contract to make fertilizer if certain contingencies should happen. The contract does not give the Secretary of War, or any other agency of the Government, power to compel him to make fertilizer in all circumstances. Even if it develops that he can make fertilizers at a profit, then he only agrees to manufacture it at about the present annual capacity of nitrate plant No. 2. The proponents of the Ford offer who are scattering propaganda throughout the country that is often devoid of truth, gain support because they promise the farmer the much needed fertilizer. The farmer often believes this and, of course, becomes at once a very partisan proponent of Mr. Ford.

A Hollow Promise.

We realize and appreciate that a great part of the farm lands of the United States is in great need of plant food, and Congress would be justified in departing from its old policies and traveling a long way to assist in getting fertilizers cheaply for the farmers. Our position is that this is a hollow promise made to enlist the support of the farmers and not absolutely binding on any fact contained in the contract or existing outside of the contract. These statements are made and sent broadcast throughout the country without regard to truth.

The bold declaration is made that Mr. Ford will manufacture fertilizer at the Muscle Shoals plant and bring down the price one-half. Nothing is ever said that the principal business of Mr. Ford—should he get this gigantic plant—would be the manufacturing of other articles which he would be allowed to sell at any price that he might see fit. The only thing that is kept before the public is that he is to make fertilizer and sell it cheaply to the farmer, only charging for himself a profit of 8% on the production. No one has ever suggested how he could make fertilizers and sell them cheaply or what means he would employ. The bold claim is made and Congress and the country must take the statement as absolute truth or be forever condemned by this crowd of wicked propagandists.

The Question of Prices.

Of course the price of fertilizer to-day is high. So is the cost of shoes and clothing and plows and wagons and practically everything that the farmer buys, or any one else buys. We are all hoping that in this aftermath of war business will soon get back to a firm and legitimate basis. These men do not only try to thus gain the sympathy of the farmer but they try to elicit the attention of the unemployed by painting a rosy picture of the great activity that is to be started overnight at Muscle Shoals where they promise a million men will be given employment. They say that when this is in operation there can be no such condition in all this country as idleness because they claim that Muscle Shoals will offer work at a high wage to every one. This is very appealing and alluring, indeed, to the man who is out of work. They do not tell him how they are going to do this, but he is flattered by this promise into the belief that a new and better day is dawning for him. Many of these men, on the bare promise that a million men will be put to work as if by magic, have become Ford enthusiasts.

Cannot Believe Fables.

If this dream were true then Congress would not be justified in withholding from men with this magic power this project. But these statements that are made by these propagandists will not bear the calcium light of real publicity. These assertions will not stand up under the searching gaze of men endowed with real business acumen. This is why we prepare this report in order that the country may know the truth about Muscle Shoals. If we were believers in fables, or had faith to believe in the pranks of fairies, then we might also think that Mr. Ford is the reincarnation of Aladdin plus his lamp. But we can not have such childlike faith. We therefore view the entire proposition from a business standpoint, trying to do the thing that is best for the country.

Fertilizer Clause Rejected.

If this company that is to be formed to take over Muscle Shoals is indeed in earnest about making fertilizers, why is it that Mr. Ford's representatives have always refused to accept a clause in the contract written by the members of the Military Affairs Committee that would make it binding upon him to make fertilizers in all circumstances, whatever else he might do with the Muscle Shoals plant? Such a clause was three times prepared by the Committee and it was three times rejected, and the proposal of Mr. Ford that is now before the House was written by his lawyers and contains no clause whatever that would compel his company throughout this 100-year period to manufacture fertilizer unconditionally.

Honesty of Mr. Ford.

All agree that Mr. Ford is honest and that he has said he wants to make fertilizer and some are willing to take him at his word, whether it is in the contract or not, but we can not help but remember that Mr. Ford is not endowed with a perpetual life, although some members of the Military Affairs Committee would give him this water power lease in perpetuity. Mr. Ford can not live throughout any considerable part of the term of this water power leasehold, and when he is gone and all the men that he may have surrounding him will have passed away we do not know in what unconscionable hands this plant will fall and neither does any man know who is living to-day.

History of Muscle Shoals.

When we got into war in 1917 two sites of lands were purchased near Sheffield, Ala., on each of which was constructed an immense nitrate plant. This nitrate was to be used in the manufacture of explosives. One of these tracts of land contains 1,900 acres and the other something over 2,000 acres of land. These two tracts were practically covered with expensive dwelling houses and immense steel and concrete buildings in which were installed the most expensive machinery. Railroad beds were constructed and tracks laid, many miles in all. Large and expensive steam railroad engines were purchased. Steel freight cars of the most costly character were built by the Government for these plants. Steel shovels, concrete mixers, and other machinery of this character that cost the Government many million dollars were purchased and are now at these nitrate plants. These plants are known as nitrate plant No. 1 and nitrate plant No. 2. They are on the bank of the Tennessee River near by Muscle Shoals. At nitrate plant No. 2 there is an immense steam power plant capable of generating 90,000 horsepower. At nitrate plant No. 1 there is a steam power plant that will develop 5,000 horsepower. Nitrate plant No. 1 cost the Government \$12,887,941. The other plant cost the Government \$66,252,363.

The War Department at that time also purchased what is known as the Waco quarry in that immediate neighborhood. This includes nearly 500 acres of land upon which is constructed many miles of railroad. This quarry cost the Government \$1,302,962. At this place is located a rock deposit that is very necessary in carrying on the activities that the Government had in mind at Muscle Shoals.

The Alabama Power Company.

The country at that time was in immediate need of power. The Alabama Power Co. had a steam-power plant located at Gorgas on the Warrior River. As the interests of the Alabama Power Co. are vitally affected by this so-called Ford affair, a brief history of this concern is necessary to a perfect understanding of the question.

The Alabama Power Co. is a public-service corporation organized under the laws of Alabama, and in 1914 had five customers consisting of two municipalities, one cotton mill, one brick plant, and one cement plant, according to the testimony of its President. But since that time it has increased its business to the extent that last year its plant had a connected load of 370,000 horsepower with an electrical output of 500,000,000 kilowatt hours annually. It furnishes light and power to 158 of the greatest industries of that section of the country. Its customers consist of brick and cement plants, coal mines, cotton mills, foundries, and machine shops, ice plants, public utilities, steel plants, and many other factories of different kinds.

Does an Extensive Business.

These industries that are scattered throughout that section of the country consume about 70% of its power. This company furnishes light for lighting houses and streets and furnishes power for street railways. It supplies light for 63 municipalities and the power for practically every industry in these towns and cities. It has 18,500 direct subscribers for

Its light and power and these companies in turn furnish 58,500 consumers with this service. These facts, gleaned from the testimony or hearings before the House and Senate committees, are set forth in this report in order that the Congress and the country may know of the extensive business that is being done by the Alabama Power Co. and the number of consumers that would be adversely affected should the so-called Ford offer be accepted. The Alabama Power Co. is a public-service corporation doing business for and in behalf of the people. The company to be organized by Mr. Ford would be a private company doing business for itself and uncontrolled or unhampered in any way by any utility commission, either State or Federal, except that if this company makes fertilizer it must make it at a profit not to exceed 8%.

Tax Remission Subsidy.

The Alabama Power Co. has invested in its business \$40,000,000. Sixteen million dollars of this amount is represented in two dams that were built by this company on the Coosa River. One of them has long since been completed and the second is nearing completion at this time. The State of Alabama, in order to induce this company to build dams to create this hydro-electric power for the use of the people, absolved it from the payment of taxes on the cost of these dams for a period of ten years. At the expiration of the ten-year period, of course the company will be compelled to pay taxes on the tax value of these dams. If this Muscle Shoals project is turned over to Mr. Ford he would not have to pay taxes on the cost of the dams at any time during his 100-year period. This is a big subsidy.

The Warrior Extension.

As we said before, when the project at Muscle Shoals was commenced by the Government it needed power. The agents of the Government commenced negotiations with the Alabama Power Co. to build an extension to the company's Gorgas steam plant and build transmission lines from this plant to Muscle Shoals, a distance of 88 miles. At that time the Alabama Power Co. was in great need of more power for itself, as its business had been growing rapidly. For this reason it had just prior to the commencing of these negotiations started the construction of an addition to its Gorgas steam plant. It has already built the foundations for this extension of its power plant and constructed its intakes and outlets for the water necessary in the operation of the plant. The agents of the Government entered into a contract with the Alabama Power Co., by the terms of which the United States was to complete this addition to the Gorgas plant.

Acting under this contract, the Government did build this addition or extension on the foundations already constructed over these water intakes and outlets and built these transmission lines from Gorgas to Muscle Shoals, and the Government paid the cost of said transmission lines and Gorgas plant extension. The cost was \$4,900,000. In this contract with the Alabama Power Co. it was agreed that when the Government was through with the plant and the transmission lines these holdings were to be sold to the Alabama Power Co. at "a fair value." Acting under its contract with the United States, the Alabama Power Co. has recently offered \$2,500,000 for said property.

In view of the disgracefully low prices that have often amounted to scandal at which war properties have been sold, ranging from practically nothing to 10 and 12% of the original cost, this price of \$2,500,000 would seem to us to be one of the best bargains that the Government has ever been offered for any of its war property, and yet some men condemn this transaction as being unconscionable. Such men are greatly biased or else they do not comprehend or know the facts.

The Ford Offer.

We want the country to know that Mr. Ford offers to pay to the United States Government a million dollars per year for five years for all of this property we have just enumerated and the Government in turn is to give him a warranty deed for said holdings with only two restrictions or conditions. One of these conditions, to wit, the manufacture of fertilizer under certain conditions, and the other condition is that he will keep nitrate plant No. 2 in a stand-by condition for the manufacture of nitrates in case of war and to be turned over to the Government in that event. Of course the Government could commandeer this plant in case of war the same as it can take over any property that is needed in the prosecution of war when war is on. Therefore, this part of the contract is surplussage.

The \$5,000,000 Offer.

This property for which Mr. Ford offers this \$5,000,000, as has already been stated, consists of:

<i>Cost to Government—</i>	
Waco quarry	\$1,302,962
Gorgas steam plant	4,900,000
Nitrate plant No. 1	12,887,941
Nitrate plant No. 2	66,252,393
Total cost to Government without interest	\$85,343,296

The above table of figures does not include the interest on these huge sums that has accrued, which now amounts to many million dollars.

Five million dollars for \$85,343,296 worth of property to us seems wholly inadequate when it is remembered that Mr. Ford could immediately dispose of the Gorgas plant to the Alabama Power Co. for \$2,500,000. This would then leave him paying only \$2,500,000 for the Waco quarry, nitrate plants Nos. 1 and 2, with all their innumerable railroad engines, and steam freight cars, steam shovels, concrete mixers, and other surplus property there that could be readily sold for several additional millions. It would be seen, therefore, should this offer be accepted, that all of this vast amount of property will be given away and not a cent be realized by the Government.

The Overflow Rights.

Out of this \$5,000,000, too, Mr. Ford demands that the Government shall furnish to him the overflow rights at Dam No. 3, the cost of which has been estimated at from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000. So it can be readily seen that Mr. Ford has practically offered nothing for all this vast amount of property, but on the other hand has asked the Government to make him a warranty deed for it with the two provisos mentioned. This price, therefore, would seem wholly inadequate for the vast amount of property that he asks be turned over to him.

In view of all these facts why should Congress be asked to take from the Alabama Power Co. its Gorgas plant, to which it is entitled under the contract, and turn it over to Mr. Ford? It will be remembered that the Alabama Power Co. needs this plant in order to serve its great clientele. It belongs to this company, it is built on the lands of the Alabama Power Co. as a part of its power plant, and the addition that the Government built is made a part of the original plant of the company, and there is no way to separate it. The Alabama Power Co. has always dealt fairly with the Government and is now offering \$2,500,000, and possibly will pay \$3,000,000 for the addition the Government built to the company's plant and on the company's land.

Dams and Water Power.

When nitrate plants No. 1 and No. 2 were being built the Government commenced the building of a dam at Muscle Shoals, known as No. 2 or the Wilson Dam. There has been expended by the Government on this project up to date \$17,000,000. If the Ford offer is accepted the Government will be required to complete the construction of this dam, together with its locks, power house and the machinery equipment that will be necessary to the generation of 600,000 horsepower, at the people's expense and at an estimated cost to the Government of \$25,000,000. The amount may be more, it may be less.

Must Build Third Dam.

In order to accept the Ford offer, Dam No. 3 must be constructed. It is located a few miles above Dam No. 2 on the Tennessee River. There has been no work done yet on this dam. Neither have the overflow rights been purchased by the Government. It is estimated that the construction of Dam No. 3, together with the necessary power house, locks and generating machinery to develop 250,000 hydro-electric horsepower, would cost the Government an additional \$25,000,000. This estimate does not include the cost of overflow rights. It is thought, too, by engineers that it will require about six years to complete Dam No. 2 and build Dam No. 3. He does not pay full interest until six years after completion of Dam No. 2 and three years after the completion of Dam No. 3. During the six years on Dam No. 2 he pays \$200,000 per year and during the three years on Dam No. 3 he pays \$160,000 per year. But, this in comparison is practically nothing to the Government on account of these dams. He only commences to pay the full amount of interest, as above stated. Then he only agrees to pay 4% interest on the cost of construction, which will be about \$50,000,000.

Loss in Interest \$13,350,000.

Therefore it will be seen that the Government in making these vast expenditures of money throughout this period, will have lost in interest the enormous sum of \$13,350,000. This amount represents the difference between the interest that will accrue in this time and the rental that Ford pays during the six years. In this one item the Government loses more than two and half times his \$5,000,000 that he agrees to pay the Government. In other words, the Government is returning to Mr. Ford in this one item of interest his \$5,000,000 and \$8,350,000 besides.

We call the attention of the membership of the House and the country to the fact that Mr. Ford's offer only contemplates the payment of 4% interest on the cost of completing Dam No. 2 and building Dam No. 3, taking no account whatever of the \$17,000,000 that has already been spent on Dam No. 2. He is to get the use of this vast sum of money throughout the entire lease period of 100 years gratis.

Federal Water Power Act.

We desire to direct the attention of the House to the fact that only a short while ago the Congress of the United States passed a water power Act that provide among other things that no lessee after the passage of said Act could be given a water-power privilege in any of the waters of the United States for a lease period covering more than fifty years. The Federal Water Power Act further provides that all lessees of water power shall be surrounded by certain Governmental restrictions as set forth in said Act. It even goes so far as to restrict the profits the lessee can make on whatever his product may be.

It will be noticed that if Mr. Ford's offer is accepted he will be given a lease covering a period of 100 years, commencing from the day of the finishing of the work on said dams and said power-houses and the installing of the machinery therein. He is restricted only in two things, namely, if he can make fertilizer at a profit he will not charge a benefit for himself to exceed 8% per annum on the cost of production. It must, however, be remembered that this company is not to engage in the manufacture of fertilizer except as a side issue. The other restriction is that he shall keep nitrate plant No. 2 in a stand-by condition, ready to be turned over to the Government in case of war.

Fertilizer a Side Issue.

According to the statements of his representatives, the manufacturing of fertilizer will be a small part of his activities there provided this gigantic plant is turned over to him. These representatives say that he will engage in the general manufacturing business and all through their testimony, let it be remembered, they say that he will only make fertilizer provided he finds it to be profitable to his concern. He will manufacture, perhaps, automobiles, surely parts for automobiles, plows, harrows and other farm implements.

It will be noted that we have used the term "representatives." Mr. Ford never appeared before the Military Affairs Committee of either the House or Senate to throw the light on his offer to which the country is entitled. He was often invited to come, the entire membership of the Military Affairs Committee of the House joining in the invitation, but he never appeared at any time.

Subsidy for the Ford Company.

From a reading of the Ford offer and the Water Power Act it will be seen that Mr. Ford, if his contract is accepted, will be given privileges and rights that are to be denied to every other man or group of men in the United States. Just why he should be selected for these privileges or these rights that are not to be bestowed upon any other man, or group of men, is more than we can understand. It is not right and we believe that all fair minds will agree with us.

If this proposal is accepted, this company at Muscle Shoals will be given the use of two dams and power houses fully equipped for a period of 100 years and it will only be required to pay as rental therefor 4% on \$50,000,000, although the dams will have cost the taxpayers \$67,000,000. The company will not be required to pay anything on the use of \$17,000,000 already invested at Dam No. 2. We have seen also that he Government will lose \$85,252,393, besides an enormous amount of accumulated interest, when it turns over to Mr. Ford, Waco, Gorgas, and the two nitrate plants.

Maintenance and Repairs.

It is recognized in this proposal that these dams will need some repairs throughout this lease period of 100 years, because there is a clause in the proposition that proposes that the company shall pay to the United States Government \$55,000 per annum to be used for repairs when necessary, on either or both dams No. 2 and No. 3. It will be noted that this company does not agree to pay for all repairs or rebuilding that may be necessary throughout the lease period provided these repairs exceed \$55,000 per annum. All repairs or rebuilding in excess of that amount must be undertaken by the Government itself, although the Government gets no advantage therefrom. If heavy floods should come and wash away any part or all of these dams or, if foundations should settle, cracking the cement work in the dams, regardless of how expensive, the Government agrees, if it accepts this proposal, to rebuild these locks and dams and repair them as the needs may arise from time to time throughout this 100-year lease period.

Other companies are required to build dams at their own expense, and if they wash out repair them at their own expense. It seems to us that Mr. Ford is asking too much. It appears to our minds that his company at least

could keep up the repairs on this property provided the Government builds his establishment, equips it for him, and turns it over to him or his company for a period of 100 years to be used by this company in any way it may see fit.

If Mr. Ford's proposition is accepted, no one knows the amount of repairs that will be required to be made by the Government in the course of 100 years. But following in the light of experience, we are led to know that these repairs will amount to many million dollars. No man can say how many. Engineers who are well versed in this class of work universally agree that the minimum cost of repairs will be 1% per annum of the original cost of construction, and the maximum cost will be 3% of the cost of construction. If we take the minimum estimate of the cost of repairs, we will find that 1% of \$67,000,000 is \$670,000. Therefore, this vast amount of money would be required in maintenance of these dams each year during the lease period. It will be remembered that Mr. Ford only agrees to pay \$55,000 per annum of this amount. The Government will, therefore, lose, if only the minimum repairs are required, on maintenance alone \$615,000 per annum. If the maximum amount is required it will be just three times this amount per annum for 100 years.

Federal Liability.

It must be remembered that Mr. Ford does not own these dams but he is given the use of them. Hence, if the dams should break the Government must stand not only the cost of rebuilding, but must pay any damage that arises in consequence of the escape of this impounded water. If great loss of life and property should result thereby, Mr. Ford's company does not stand the loss, the Government would. How many millions or even billions this is going to amount to in the course of 100 years we do not know and neither do you. We do know, however, that Mr. Ford has studiously guarded against making himself or company liable for any of these great sums of money.

The Tax Subsidy.

Another item that should be mentioned in this connection is the matter of taxes. These dams that will have cost, when finished, the taxpayers of this country \$67,000,000 will remain the property of the United States throughout the life of this lease. Therefore, the company will be free of taxes on this gigantic outlay of money, to wit, \$67,000,000, for all that time. Competing companies all this while will be required to build their own dams at enormous cost. They will be required to pay taxes on the taxable value of the dams. This is another subsidy that will be handed to this company provided this proposal is accepted.

\$50,000,000 Expenditure Required.

At the expense of repetition, let us again impress upon the public mind that in order to accept the Ford proposition the taxpayers of this country must put up \$50,000,000 additional money to complete the two dams. It is claimed by the proponents of the Ford offer that this \$50,000,000, or practically that sum, will be returned to the Government at the end of 100 years.

Frenzied Finance.

His scheme is this, and we give it prominence because it is something new to the financial world:

He will agree to pay to the Secretary of War for the use of the Government, semi-annually, during the lease period, the sum of \$23,363 to be used in retiring at the end of 100 years the \$50,000,000, the additional cost of the two dams. Let analyze this a little further. The total amount of annual payments for this purpose would be \$46,726. This company would therefore pay in cash to the Government throughout the period of 100 years only \$4,672,600. This offer about which you have all heard so much proposes that the Government shall accept these semi-annual payments and at once invest them at 4% interest, and by compounding the interest and principal the \$4,672,600 that the company will pay in cash will amount in 100 years to \$49,071,935.

This is, indeed, a very shrewd if not an entirely unique way of paying a debt of \$50,000,000 with the comparatively insignificant sum of \$4,672,600. If there should be a bad loan made, or anything at all should happen to the loan, the Government would then lose both its principal and interest. It will be noticed that the Ford company does not concern itself about the investment of these semi-annual payments, but that small detail is left to the Government itself. If this should be done and precedent in governmental affairs should be followed, we are justified in the fear that it would require the creation of an extra bureau with an army of clerks to follow this Ford fund throughout this 100-year period.

An Easy Way to Pay Debts.

If debts can be legally discharged in this way it will be a happy and welcome revelation. We are only calling the attention of the House and the country to this scheme of frenzied finance in order to direct attention to the absurdities contained in this very remarkable document known as the Ford proposal for Muscle Shoals that has seemingly swept the unthinking class of our citizenship off its feet. We say again that many men have been "swept off their feet" by reason of this proposal because they little understand the contents of this very remarkable document that Mr. Ford has submitted to the Congress of the United States through the Secretary of War.

Men everywhere who understand this proposition condemn it in unmistakable terms. The entire people will some time know what is being attempted and then the condemnation will be universal. This problem is of too great importance to allow ourselves to be persuaded by the unsound reasoning of theorists or the wiffully false statements of paid propagandists. Therefore, we can not allow ourselves to be influenced by threats of dire punishment, political or otherwise, provided we do not follow the lead of men who are seeking to control for 100 years one of the great water power sites of the East. The problem is too big and the results of a wrong solution are too far-reaching and too vital to the entire country to permit such conduct upon our part.

Country Already Overburdened.

When the country is already laboring under a heavy weight of taxes and Congress has assessed to the limit everything taxable, it would seem that this Ford company should itself raise this \$50,000,000 needed in the completion of these two dams and not ask the already overburdened taxpayers to finance it to the extent of another \$50,000,000. The taxpayers are now required to raise billions of dollars in order to pay the running expenses of the Government and they will revolt against raising this gigantic sum to place in the hands of a private corporation to carry on a private business for profit.

If Not Ford, What Then?

While we are only concerned at the moment with the Ford offer, yet briefly we want to suggest that it is our opinion that the Government ought to continue work on Dam No. 2, and the Army appropriation bill now in conference carries an appropriation of \$7,500,000 for work to be done as a Government activity on Dam No. 2, for the year commencing July 1 1922. This appropriation ought to be authorized. This work ought to go on. The Secretary of War should be authorized and directed to ask for further propositions for Muscle Shoals. Neither nitrate plant No. 1 nor No. 2 should be sold. They cost the taxpayers of this country too much money. They ought to be leased, together with the hydroelectric power created by

Dam No. 2, but this lease ought to be made under the Federal Water Power Act. The Government would then have absolute authority and control over the lessees and their products. In this way no one man or set of men could have the entire benefit of this great project at that place. Then the Government could regulate the production of fertilizer on the part of the lessee or any other manufactured articles that the lessee would see fit to make. Dam No. 3 is in no sense a part of the Muscle Shoals project and there is no excuse for its construction. It has not been commenced and it ought not to be built.

Recapitulation.

The following is a recapitulation of the entire cost to the taxpayers of the United States of the Muscle Shoals project up to the present time:

1. Waco quarry, cost to Government.....	\$1,302,962
2. Addition to Gorgas steam plant, cost to Government.....	4,900,000
3. Nitrate plant No. 2, cost to Government.....	66,252,333
4. Nitrate plant No. 1, cost to Government.....	12,887,941
5. Dam No. 2, cost already to Government.....	17,000,000
6. Dam No. 2, additional money required to complete.....	25,000,000
7. Dam No. 3, estimated cost to Government to build.....	25,000,000
8. Dam No. 3, overflow rights, estimated cost to Government (minimum).....	1,500,000
9. Interest on new money required at Dams Nos. 2 and 3.....	13,320,000

Total cost to Government.....\$167,163,296

HERBERT HOOVER'S REPORT ON AMERICAN MEASURES FOR RUSSIAN FAMINE RELIEF.

According to a preliminary report on the American measures for Russian famine relief, submitted to President Harding on July 15 by Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, and Chairman of the American Relief Administration, the famine and plague in Russia have been brought under complete control, and "the situation promises much better after the harvest." The report shows that the estimated resources mobilized from all quarters by the American Relief Administration were \$59,498,000, that a total of about 8,550,000 persons (3,250,000 children and 5,300,000 adults) were fed through the American Relief Administration, and that "the medical supplies have enabled the great typhus, typhoid, smallpox and famine fever epidemics to be kept under measurable control." Mr. Hoover's report also shows that 140 shiploads, aggregating 788,878 tons of food and medical supplies, were provided for Russian relief, of which 428,449 tons were bought through the United States Grain Corporation, while 360,430 were provided through the American Relief Administration. In submitting these details of the work accomplished by the latter Secretary Hoover states that "final report must be delayed until the receipt of accounts from Russia when distribution of supplies is complete." The following is the preliminary report submitted on the 15th inst.:

My Dear Mr. President:—The Congressional authority for use of U. S. Grain Corporation funds in relief of the Russian famine expired on July 1, and it is, therefore, appropriate that I should submit a short interim report as to the general results so far attained—not only by these funds but also those administered by the American Relief Administration from other sources. Final report must be delayed until the receipt of accounts from Russia when distribution of supplies is complete. I send you herewith the accounts of the Purchasing Commission to July 1 showing all bids, acceptances, prices, shipments, &c.

The Commission has bought through the Grain Corporation and received from the War Department the following supplies, all but a small portion of which have now been dispatched to the Relief Administration:

	Tons.		Tons.
Corn.....	248,418	Prepared milk.....	21,596
Corn grits.....	92,841	Medical supplies.....	3,400
Wheat.....	41,120		
Rye.....	21,074	Total.....	428,449

In addition to the above, the American Relief Administration has for its own account and that of other agencies acting through it dispatched the following materials, of which the rice, fats, sugar, cocoa, &c., are special additions to the children's ration:

	Short Tons.		Short Tons.
Wheat.....	111,686	Sugar.....	15,464
Flour.....	101,955	Fats.....	9,277
Corn grits.....	29,559	Cocoa.....	3,395
Rye.....	4,200	Medical supplies.....	2,900
Rice.....	15,763	Miscellaneous, clothing, bags, soap, &c.....	24,321
Beans and peas and special seeds.....	9,295		
Prepared milk.....	33,515	Total.....	360,430

The total of the above materials handled by the Relief Administration may be summarized as follows:

	Short Tons.
Cereals for seed and food.....	666,615
Beans and peas and special seeds.....	9,295
Condensed and evaporated milk.....	55,111
Sugar.....	15,464
Fats.....	9,277
Cocoa.....	3,395
Medical supplies, clothing and sundries.....	29,721
Total.....	788,878

Financial Resources of the American Relief Administration.

The estimated resources mobilized from all quarters by the American Relief Administration for distribution under its agreed control will comprise the following approximate sums up to the end of the present campaign. No appeal for public charity has been made by the Relief Administration because it was considered that much larger financial measures were not only necessary to successfully meet the situation, but also that such appeal would greatly embarrass our home charities who have been much strained during the past winter by unemployment.

General funds of American Relief Administration food remittances, sundry donations.....	\$17,500,000
Congressional authorization for food and seed (total available funds of U. S. Grain Corporation).....	19,300,000
Congressional authorization of war supplies, medical supplies.....	4,000,000
American Red Cross medical supplies.....	3,600,000
Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.....	2,325,000
Laura Spelman Memorial.....	500,000
Gold supplied by Soviet Government.....	11,433,000
National Lutheran Council.....	300,000
Menonite Central Committee.....	200,000
Volga Relief Society.....	200,000
Federal Council of Churches.....	90,000
International Committee Y. M. C. A.....	50,000
Total.....	\$59,498,000

Under the stipulations of our agreement with the Russian authorities they have furnished all internal transportation, warehouses, distribution and equipment at their own cost. Furthermore, the Relief Administration deducts a margin for the service of remitting food orders from persons in the United States to specific persons in Russia. The amount realized from this margin will apparently exceed the overhead of the administration and becomes a substantial contribution to the children's relief. Therefore, no single cent of administration or distribution cost has been deducted from Congressional funds or donations through this organization.

In addition to the above amounts, the Friends' Service Committee, as the result of public appeals, have purchased \$415,000 of supplies from the A.R.A. and have made some direct shipments to their own distribution agencies. Furthermore, the various communist committee in the United States have secured public charity for supplies sent directly to the Soviet authorities estimated by them at about \$500,000.

Distribution.

The A. R. A. administrative personnel at home and abroad comprise about 200 Americans with about 80,000 Russians under their direction. They were conducting 15,700 kitchens and distributing stations, feeding in round numbers about 3,250,000 children and 5,300,000 adults, a total of about 8,550,000 persons. This number will somewhat increase up to harvest. It is of course impossible to state the number of lives saved; it may be larger than the figures imply because if it had been necessary to divide the native supplies amongst all those fed by the A. R. A., additional numbers would have been starved before harvest; theoretically if 10 persons have 2 months' food, all are likely to die in 4 months whereas if 5 are fed from the outside, all should survive.

The medical supplies have enabled the great typhus, typhoid, smallpox, and famine fever epidemics to be kept under measurable control. Some millions of people have been inoculated for various diseases, and other sanitary measures put into force.

I am advised by our Russian staff that the Relief Administration is now reaching all accessible persons whose lives are in jeopardy and that the loss of life directly due to starvation ceased some time since, although most everyone in Russia is hungry. There was considerable loss of life early in the winter which would have been much abated had the Russian railways been able to transport the large surplus of supplies which the American Relief Administration maintained in Russian ports.

The American Relief Administration supplies are sufficient to carry through until the harvest and have in hand a surplus which will be devoted to the further support of waif and destitute children after that date.

The other American organizations mentioned above as doing their own distribution are providing for approximately 100,000 persons. In addition to the American effort our advices indicate that about 400,000 persons are being supported by the combined efforts of the other countries of Europe. The total contribution of all such countries amounts to about \$5,000,000 and the total supplies they have shipped to Russia have been about 45,000 tons.

Prospects of the Next Harvest in Russia.

It is too early to give an accurate opinion as to the results of this August harvest. The Soviet authorities have announced that it will be ample for next year. It is certain that the famine region will produce three or four times the quantity of food it did last harvest, mostly due to the large shipments of seed mentioned above. It also appears that climatic conditions are more favorable to the harvest from the remaining area of Russia than they were last year. The degeneration of agriculture does not, however, promise much hope of surplus. Whatever the supply may be, it seems likely there will be sporadic hardship in some localities due to the breakdown in distribution; extreme poverty will continue in the cities and the Jewish communities and furthermore one result of the shifting population and the ravages of famine has been a considerable body of waif and destitute children that will require time for re-absorption. The great famine is, however, under control and the situation promises much better after the harvest.

The possible extension of relief work after harvest required more consideration before decision is reached; in any event the considerable resources obtained by the Soviet authorities from the confiscation of church treasures specifically for relief purposes places them in position to care for a large part of the destitute children. The American Relief Administration would, of course, endeavor to co-operate in a solution of the problem of children and others.

General.

I can not fail to refer to the obligation we hold to the 200 of our citizens who have been engaged in the conduct of these operations, all of them at a personal sacrifice or danger and most of them under great hardship. Many of our staff have suffered from typhus, of which Mr. Blandy died; four or five have been retired from physical collapse. Rather than to attempt to recount their individual services, I transmit to you the list of the entire personnel. Their task has been difficult beyond description in a country of degenerate transport; with Government, economic, and social life just emerging from chaos.

I believe this effort has stemmed one of the greatest catastrophes that has followed the war. There is a deep feeling of gratitude in the minds of the Russian people and the results will, I am sure, be of lasting satisfaction to the American people. Without it certainly many millions of people would have died from starvation; millions more would have perished from the disorder and disease that would have followed.

I wish to express our appreciation of the energetic efforts of the Shipping Board in the movement of supplies, to the Navy for the detail of destroyers, and to their officers for assistance in handling port problems in Russia, to the Army for personnel and aid in supplies. The co-operation of other American associations mentioned above has contributed substantially, and a great measure of co-operation has been obtained from Russian officials.

I wish to add that this achievement would not have been possible without your unwavering support.

Yours faithfully,
HERBERT HOOVER,
Chairman, American Relief Administration.

EX-GOV. GOODRICH AND COL. GASKILL ON RUSSIAN CONDITIONS.

James P. Goodrich, former Governor of Indiana, and a member of the Purchasing Committee and a director of the American Relief Administration, with his return to the United States from Russia on July 14 expressed the view that Russia would be able to "harvest enough food this fall to feed the entire country." The present was the third visit to Russia undertaken by Mr. Goodrich in ten months. The New York "Tribune" of the 15th inst. reported him as saying:

Conditions at present in Russia indicate that she will harvest enough food this fall to feed the entire country. I made a long detour by team and by boat from Kazan, covering the Tartar communes in the east, where the food situation was said to have been the worst last year. Even there I found a large amount of grain had been planted and was in fine condition. American feeding this last year has saved the Russian people from starvation.

Col. Charles F. Gaskill, since last fall a member of the Russian unit of the American Relief Administration, who also was a passenger with ex-Gov. Goodrich on the Mauretania, was quoted as follows in the New York "Times" of the 15th inst.:

"The American feeding in the Saratov district," he said, "is completely controlling the hunger situation there. Each day 320,000 boys and girls come to the A. R. A. kitchens for their noon meal, and 700,000 men and women partake of their corn ration at home. The refugee movement has been practically stopped, and there are no more dead or dying human beings on the streets."

Colonel Gaskill said that Russia was undergoing evolution. It was changing from a communistic to a capitalistic form of government and the people approved of the change. Anything, he said, could be obtained by bribery. People had to stand in a line for two days to purchase a railroad ticket unless they gave a substantial tip. The smallest note he saw used in Moscow was 100,000 rubles. A good dinner in a restaurant for two persons cost 50,000,000 rubles, about \$12.50, the Colonel said.

M. LITVINOV URGES CONTINUANCE OF RUSSIAN RELIEF WORK.

The hope that famine relief work would be continued in Russia, despite the prospects of a good harvest, was expressed by M. Litvinov, in an open letter to the press at Hague—this letter being in the nature of a reply to one from the Dutch Nansen Relief Committee on July 8, which had called upon M. Litvinov either to "withdraw your deceiving assertion about famine conditions or publicly assume responsibility for the discontinuance of relief from the Netherlands." M. Litvinov urged that the relief work be continued as "the terrible consequences of the war and foreign intervention in Russia cannot be removed by a single satisfactory crop." In stating this in advices from The Hague under date of July 11, the Associated Press said:

At a meeting of The Hague Municipal Council the Communist members protested against a decision by the Burgomaster refusing to authorize public collections for the starving Russians, except once yearly. They insisted that Russia was still in dire need of assistance, despite the harvest prospects, and their motion empowering additional collections was carried. The Burgomaster justified his action by citing M. Litvinov's optimistic views concerning the harvest.

FRENCH ECONOMIST SAYS THOUSANDS DIE IN UKRAINE FAMINE.

Press dispatches from Geneva, July 16, had the following to say regarding the famine in Ukraine:

The famine in Ukraine is daily growing worse, according to Jean de Lubersac, the French economist, representing the International Relief Committee, who has just returned from Russia.

Thousands of persons daily are dying about the railway stations in such centres as Kiev, Kharkov and Odessa, he says. Refugees wander from villages to these centres, and arriving there, finding themselves without food, die around the stations. Their bodies are taken off and dumped into fields, which are made into cemeteries.

M. de Lubersac reports that many orphans, lost or abandoned children are among the starving. The food situation is worse in Kharkov, the capital of the Ukraine, where the hospitals have been closed, owing to the lack of food and medicine. He says he witnessed many cases of horror, some of cannibalism, in the region between Poltava and Kharkov. This region, once so rich, is now uncultivated, and the peasants have been reduced even to eating the thatched roofs of their houses.

In certain villages the mortality represents 85% of the pre-war population. In Odessa, according to M. de Lubersac, bodies lie in the streets several days before they are interred, owing to the crippled sanitary service.

WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN RELIEF WORK IN POLAND.

The American Relief Administration officially withdrew from Poland on June 15 after three years of efficient work, during which time it has been instrumental in saving the lives of thousands of Polish children and in laying a firm foundation of health and strength for thousands of others. The New York "Times" of July 10, in stating this, added:

Working through its distributing agency, the Polish-American Committee for Child Relief and in co-operation with the Polish Government, the A. R. A. at the peak of its operation in Poland was feeding one meal per day to nearly 1,500,000, including children under 15 years of age and nursing mothers, besides making large distributions of clothing. As subsidiary operations, the A. R. A. has given largely food and clothing

to intelligentsia and has conducted a student-feeding program of considerable scope.

The withdrawal does not mean that child feeding in Poland will be discontinued. The Central Government appreciated that there will still be an urgent need for relief especially occasioned by the large influx of repatriates into the country, and have agreed to finance with the assistance of the Communal Governments, the child feeding operation to the extent of 400,000 children to Oct. 1 1922, and 300,000 from Oct. 1 1922 to June 1 1923. Moreover, the American Relief Administration and the American Red Cross are leaving considerable stocks of milk and sanitary supplies which will ensure the future of the sanitary stations and special milk feeding in the country.

Ladislav Grabski has agreed to assume the direction of the future operation, which has been definitely established as a social organization and will have the social welfare of the children of Poland permanently under its care.

RUSSIAN COUNCIL WITHDRAWS CUSTOMS DUTIES ON FOODSTUFFS IN PARCEL POST PACKAGES.

The Russian Council of People's Commissars has withdrawn customs duties on practically all important foodstuffs received in parcels post packages by individuals or in packages or consignments by relief organizations, according to a notice received by the Post Office Department. Just a short time ago the Soviet Government lifted its limitation of two parcels post packages a month to any individual. The duties are lifted until Jan. 1 1923. Foodstuffs admitted under these regulations, the Post Office Department announced July 14, are: Butter, cheese, chicory, chocolate, cocoa powder, coffee, fish, flour, grain, foodstuffs not enumerated separately, fruits and berries and others, other than candied, honey, lemons, macaroni, meats, salted, dried, roasted and cooked, milk, condensed and dried, milkfoods, patent, oranges, potato flour, rice, sago, sausages, sugar, tea, vegetables, vegetable oils, and vermicelli.

The removal of Russian mail restrictions was noted in our issue of July 1, page 22.

Postmaster Morgan of the New York Post office made public on July 15 the following announcement by the Post Office Department regarding the decree governing unregistered parcel post to Russia:

The Russian Council of People's Commissars has issued a decree on the following amendments to the previous regulations in regard to the sending of goods to Russia by parcel post from abroad:

1. The following goods are permitted to be sent by parcel post to private individuals for their personal use without special permission from the Commissariat for Foreign Trade on condition that customs duties thereon are paid according to the tariff in force, in the case of those articles which are not free from duty.

(a) All foodstuffs with the exception of perishable ones (conditions on which such foodstuffs are exempted from customs duties are enumerated in Paragraph 3).

(b) Printed matter, manuscripts, photographs, drawings, illustrations and all kinds of documents with the exception of those of which the import is prohibited.

(c) All kinds of cloth and fabrics, clothing, garments, underwear, head-dress and other articles of attire, footwear, table and bed linen, watches, eye-glasses, thermometers, kitchen and table utensils, small household implements, articles for household repair (nails, wire, string, paste, &c.), spoons, knives and forks, and other small household utensils.

(d) Musical instruments and accessories thereto.

(e) Instruments for professional use and all the necessary accessories thereto.

(f) Articles of general use such as ordinary and toilet soap, stationery, haberdashery, &c.

(g) Medicaments.

NOTE.—Compound and patent medicines are permitted only on condition that the addressee produces the prescription of a Soviet physician. Ordinary medicines, such as boric acid, quinine, iodine, potassium permanganate, aspirin, soda, dispensary goods, sodium sulphate, xeroform, liquid soap, sodium salicylate, glycerine, vaseline, &c., are permitted without physicians' prescriptions.

(2) In case the customs authorities find that the quantity of parcels sent to private individuals and the nature of goods contained in them are not for the personal use of the addressee, but for sale, such goods come under the general regulations of the import of consignments from abroad, and for the import of which it is necessary to obtain a special permit from the Narodnyshetorg and to pay the allotted duties.

3. The following foodstuffs sent in parcels to private individuals for their own use and also to organizations engaged in relief work in the Republic are, until the 1st of January 1923, temporarily exempt from customs duties. Such organization may even receive whole consignments of goods on the condition that excise is collected on such goods as are subject to it, in accordance with the general regulations:

Butter, cheese, chicory, chocolate, cocoa powder, coffee, fish, flour and grain; foodstuffs not enumerated separately; fruits and berries and dried berries and others, other than candied; honey, lemons, macaroni, meats, salted, cured, dried, roasted and cooked; milk, condensed and dried; milk foods; patent; oranges; potato flour; rice; sago; sausages; sugar; tea; vegetable; vegetable oils, and vermicelli.

Notices issued by this office previously concerning the parcel-post service to Russia are modified accordingly.

SENATE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR INFORMATION ON ABANDONED COTTON ACREAGE.

A resolution introduced by Senator Heflin calling upon the Secretary of Agriculture to ascertain the percentage of abandoned cotton acreage up to July 1 1922, and to publish the information in the August 1 crop condition report, was adopted by the U. S. Senate on July 11. The resolution as agreed to reads as follows:

Whereas, the Crop Reporting Bureau of the Agricultural Department has heretofore made no report on abandoned cotton acreage until the 1st of December each year, and

Whereas, there is practically no cotton acreage abandoned after July 1 each year, and

Whereas, failure to obtain a good stand of cotton in many places and the increased ravages of the boll weevil in other sections of the cotton-producing States have caused abandoned cotton acreage to be larger than usual; and

Whereas, the cotton producer, the spinner and the public are entitled to know as early as the information can be obtained what per cent of cotton acreage has been abandoned; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Secretary of Agriculture be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to immediately confer with the Commissioners of Agriculture in the cotton-growing States and with the agricultural agents of the various counties in said States and ascertain just what in their opinion is the percentage of abandoned cotton acreage up to July 1 1922; be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of Agriculture shall publish said information in his forthcoming August 1st crop-condition report.

From the Congressional Record of July 11, we quote the following from the debate on the resolution:

Mr. Smoot. Mr. President, I do not know that I gathered the full import of the resolution. It seems to require a report as to the cotton acreage abandoned up to July 1 1922. It does not, however, ask that any comparison be made with the cotton acreage abandoned in any other year or period. I can not quite understand how the Bureau will answer the question propounded unless some date is specified with which to compare the cotton acreage abandoned on July 1 1922.

Mr. Heflin. I will state to the Senator from Utah that the reports published every year on Dec. 1 show that. They have authority now for obtaining that information but we want to know now what percentage of the acreage planted in cotton this year had been abandoned up to the 1st of July. There is very little cotton acreage abandoned after that time. Whatever there is, it will be reported in December. We can compare this report, when received, and show how much was abandoned each year before, because that information is already on file in the Department of Agriculture; but we want to know how much has been abandoned this year up to July 1, rather than wait until Dec. 1 and have the public, the spinners, and the cotton-buying world believe that the acreage planted in cotton in the spring is in cultivation now, when the truth is much of the acreage planted this year has already been abandoned.

APPELLATE DIVISION OF N. Y. SUPREME COURT UP-HOLDS DAYLIGHT SAVING AS LEGAL TIME.

In deciding on July 16 that the daylight saving ordinance is effective, so far as the service of legal papers is concerned, the Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court said:

The Legislature fixed a standard time which the municipalities and villages were thereby authorized to adopt. It has repeatedly been held that where the Legislature adopts a standard, it may delegate to others the power to apply that standard. The act was constitutional.

The decision was given in behalf of the estate of William Kenefick which sought to vacate the service of papers in a suit by Jess Briegel. A subpoena had been served at 12.12 a. m., daylight saving time, Sept. 11 1921. Service was declined on the ground that September 11 was Sunday, but Mr. Briegel's attorney contended that the suit had been legally started because the subpoena was served at 11.15 o'clock Saturday night, standard time. The motion to vacate service was granted by the court.

NEW YORK POST OFFICE BULLETIN OF INFORMATION.

The New York Post Office began the issuance on July 10 of a "Bulletin of Information," the purpose of which, according to Postmaster Edward M. Morgan, "is to advise those patrons of the postal service who receive or post large quantities of mail of improvements that are occurring, of additional facilities, of changes in the requirements as to mailing, &c., and further, to bring to the attention of the business interests of this city ways in which they can co-operate with the Government in promoting the efficiency of the postal system, with mutual advantage to all concerned." The Bulletin will be issued at intervals of such frequency as may be deemed expedient and necessary.

NEW LIST OF CITY SHOWING COMPARATIVE FIGURES OF POSTAL RECEIPTS TO COVER INDUSTRIAL CITIES.

A new barometer of business which is expected to touch the industrial pulse of the nation is to be inaugurated next month by the Post Office Department, it was announced on July 15 by Third Assistant Postmaster-General Glover. The statement issued in the matter says:

Since 1900 the Department has issued monthly comparative figures on postal receipts for the fifty largest cities in the country. Mr. Glover is compiling a second list of fifty cities which are to be essentially industrial cities—cities which derive their life blood from factories and industrial establishments.

Postal receipts, always considered a significant indication of the trend of business, are being watched more closely now than ever before for the expected clue to the prospective business boom and the recovery from the recent depression.

That prosperity has actually returned is seen by Mr. Glover in figures from the Dayton, Ohio, envelope factory where all postal stamped envelopes are manufactured. The factory is now turning out in excess of eleven million envelopes daily.

POST OFFICE DAILY BULLETIN SHOWING STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

The New York Post Office has just established a new service of particular interest to business men. The daily Mail Dispatches bulletin of the New York office from now on will not only carry a list of steamships arriving, but will list the countries from which mail is being received on the particular ships. Business houses expecting mail by this service will now know when the mail they are expecting is due to arrive. Cable service has been arranged to secure this accommodation.

INCREASE IN WHOLESALE PRICES IN JUNE.

A further increase in the general level of wholesale prices for June, as compared with the preceding month, is shown by information gathered by the United States Department of Labor through the Bureau of Labor Statistics in representative markets of the country. According to the Bureau's revised index numbers, this increase measures 1.1-3%, which compares with an increase of 3 1/2% from April to May. The Bureau's statement, as to June prices, made public July 19, says:

The largest price gains were reported for fuel and building materials, in each of which groups the June level was over 4% higher than that of May. Food articles averaged nearly 1 1/2% higher and cloths and clothing over 2 1/2% higher than in the month before. Metals showed an advance of 1/2% of 1%, while no change in the price level was shown for chemicals and drugs and house-furnishing goods. Farm products, on the contrary, due to declines in grains, hay and eggs, decreased 3/4 of 1% in average price from May to June, while the group of miscellaneous commodities, due largely to the drop in cattle and feed prices, decreased 1 1/4%.

Of 404 commodities, or price series, for which comparable data for May and June were obtained, increases were found to have occurred for 132 commodities and decreases for 106 commodities. In the case of 166 commodities no change in average prices was reported.

Index Numbers of Wholesale Prices, by Groups of Commodities (1913=100).

	1921.		1922—	
	June.	May.	June.	May.
Farm products.....	114	132	131	131
Food, &c.....	137	138	140	140
Cloths and clothing.....	172	175	179	179
Fuel and lighting.....	191	216	225	225
Metals and metal products.....	133	119	120	120
Building materials.....	163	160	167	167
Chemicals and drugs.....	133	122	122	122
House-furnishing goods.....	196	176	176	176
Miscellaneous.....	125	116	114	114
All commodities.....	142	148	150	150

Comparing prices in June with those of a year ago, as measured by changes in the index numbers, it is seen that the general level has increased over 5 1/2%. The greatest increase is shown for fuel and lighting materials, in which prices have risen nearly 18%. Farm products show a gain of 15% over June 1921 prices. Food items have increased 2%, building materials 2 1/2%, and clothing 4% in the year. On the other hand, chemicals and drugs, metals and metal products, and house-furnishing goods all show substantial decreases compared with prices of a year ago.

INCREASE OF RETAIL PRICES OF FOOD IN JUNE.

An increase of 1% in the retail cost of food to the average family in June as compared with May is reported by the United States Department of Labor, through the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The Bureau's statement in the matter, issued July 20, gives the following information regarding the retail price changes in June:

Prices of 43 food articles are reported to the Bureau of Labor Statistics each month by retail dealers in 51 important cities. In addition prices on storage eggs are secured only for five months of the year. From these prices average prices are made for each article. The average prices of the 43 articles on which prices are secured each month are then "weighted" according to the quantity of each article consumed in the average working-man's family. From January 1913 to December 1920, 22 articles of food were used in this index, but from January 1921 43 articles are included in the index number.

Changes in One Month.

During the month from May 15 1922 to June 15 1922, 21 articles on which monthly prices are secured, increased in price as follows: Potatoes, 20%; navy beans, 9%; sugar, 8%; round steak, corn meal, and oranges, 3%; sirloin steak, chuck roast, bacon, and strictly fresh eggs, 2%; rib roast, ham, cheese, lard, crisco, rice, baked beans, canned tomatoes, coffee and prunes, 1%. The price of bananas increased less than five-tenths of 1%.

Twelve articles decreased in price, as follows: Onions, 18%; cabbage, 11%; lamb, 3%; hens, 2%; plate beef, pork chops, evaporated milk, cornflakes and canned peas, 1%. The price of canned salmon, macaroni, and raisins decreased less than five-tenths of 1%. Prices remained unchanged for fresh milk, butter, oleomargarine, nut margarine, bread, flour, rolled oats, cream of wheat, canned corn, and tea.

Changes in One Year.

For the year, period June 15 1921 to June 15 1922, the percentage decrease in all articles of food combined was 2%. Twenty-eight articles decreased in price during the year as follows: Raisins, 22%; evaporated milk, 21%; cornflakes, 20%; cabbage, 15%; salmon, 14%; cream of wheat, corn meal, and bananas, 13%; fresh milk and rolled oats, 12%; bread and flour, 10%; plate beef and granulated sugar, 9%; oleomargarine and baked beans, 8%; chuck roast, 7%; round steak and bacon, 6%; rib roast, 5%; sirloin steak and hens, 4%; strictly fresh eggs, macaroni, and canned corn, 3%; pork chops and tea, 1%; and nut margarine decreased less than five-tenths of 1%.

The prices of the other 15 articles increased as follows: Onions, 40%; navy beans, 34%; potatoes, 33%; oranges, 27%; canned tomatoes, 23%;

butter, 12%; prunes, 11%; rice and lamb, 9%; lard, ham, and crisco, 6%; cheese, 5%; and canned peas and coffee, 1%.

Changes Since June 1913.

For the 9-year period June 15 1913 to June 15 1922, the increase in all articles of food, combined, was 44%. The articles named showed increases as follows: Potatoes, 100%; lamb, 96%; ham, 90%; hens, 68%; pork chops, 63%; flour, 61%; bread, 57%; sirloin steak, round steak, and bacon, 48%; cheese, 43%; fresh milk, 42%; rib roast 40%; corn meal and granulated sugar, 34%; butter, 28%; tea, 25%; chuck roast, 23%; strictly fresh eggs, 22%; coffee, 21%; rice, 12%; lard, 9%; and plate beef, 6%.

The index numbers based on 1913 as 100, were 139 in May, and 141 in June 1922.

NEW WAGE AND WORKING AGREEMENT IN GARMENT TRADES OF NEW YORK—WORKERS IN INDEPENDENT SHOPS TO STRIKE.

Wages and working conditions in the women's garment trades of New York will be maintained for two years under the terms of the old agreement which expired June 1, according to a new contract adopted by the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union and the Cloak, Suit and Shirt Manufacturers' Protective Association, which became effective July 20. Operations will be continued on the week-work basis, as heretofore, with the 44-hour week. The new agreement is the result of conferences lasting over a period of six weeks between the union heads and the employers. There was no strike at the termination of the old agreement on June 1, as there frequently had been in previous years.

Max Lachman, speaking for the employers, issued the following statement on the 20th with regard to the new agreement:

The agreement between the Protective Association and the International Union has finally been signed. This agreement concludes the labors of the Conference Committee and I am very glad that their efforts have been crowned with a certain measure of success. The greatest trouble with which this industry has been affected has been the frequent occurrence of shop strikes, and the members of our association have suffered from time to time. Under the present arrangement there cannot possibly be a recurrence of these costly and disastrous squabbles.

I feel certain that the officers of the union are acting in good faith in their show of determination to eliminate any further strikes. The two or three shops which are in trouble at this time will be put to work immediately, and a hearing of these particular cases will be had before an impartial chairman at once.

I feel that the members of the association are to be congratulated that there has been no cessation of work during these conferences, and that their representatives, by their calmness and coolness, were able to avert a catastrophe.

Peace is now assured for two years to those who are and those who will become members of the association within the next few days. Judging by the applications for membership that the association is receiving daily, it will be only a very short time before the association will be back to its full strength.

With shop strikes eliminated as far as our membership is concerned, we believe that we have been supplied with a magnet that will attract large numbers of independent manufacturers to our ranks. There are rumors of impending labor trouble, and in my judgment it behooves every employer who is eligible for membership to seek admission as soon as possible.

I am assured that there will be no cessation of work in the industry for the next two years in the shops of the members of the Protective Association. Every precaution has been taken to guard against trouble. There can be no trouble, and there will be none.

I am satisfied that every one who is a party to this new agreement is going to see to it that it is carefully observed. The association will bend every effort to maintain peace. While it is seemingly impossible to have everything 100% perfect, the possibilities of trouble under the present pact have been reduced to a minimum.

I believe that this contract approaches perfect understanding between the workers and the manufacturers. I believe that it surpasses in possibilities any similar document written in the industry.

GOVERNORS OF COAL PRODUCING STATES SUPPORT PRESIDENT HARDING'S PLAN FOR RESUMPTION OF COAL PRODUCTION.

Following his invitation to the coal operators to resume production, after the refusal of the miners' union to accept the Government's plan for settlement of the strike, President Harding on July 18 sent identical telegrams to the Governors of 28 coal-producing States asking them to adopt such measures for maintained order and the protection of lawful endeavor as would give assurance to everybody concerned. "I want to convey to you in this message," the President told the Governors, "the assurance of the prompt and full support of the Federal Government whenever and wherever you find your own agencies of law and order inadequate to meet the situation. . . . No cause is so important as that of common welfare, and there must be the suppression of every unlawful hindrance to the service of that cause."

The majority of the Governors assured the President they would take steps to prevent disorder. Others stated that mines in their States were in operation and unaffected by the strike. Some State Executives informed the President that they had ample means at their command to control any situation incident to reopening the mines, and some stated that if Federal aid proved necessary it would be requested. Governor Allen of Kansas congratulated the President "upon the decisiveness with which you have taken

hold of the situation," and added that "it ought to produce good results in the nation." Governor Hardwick of Georgia told the President that his State Government "stands squarely with you and will co-operate fully with the Federal Government to maintain and preserve order." Governor Hyde of Missouri declared to the President that "you have done all any President could do." Governor Morrow of Kentucky reported that he was issuing a proclamation, and added: "Your position is unquestionably correct and should be unhesitatingly pursued. I will support and maintain it." Governor Sproul said: "I again beg to assure you of the full co-operation" of Pennsylvania. Governor Trinkle of Virginia replied to the President in nine words, merely stating: "No coal strike in Virginia. Our mines are operating." Governor Morrison of North Carolina replied to the President that he would not co-operate with the Federal Government in the protection of any mines that the operators might reopen. The Governor said it would be futile to ask the miners to return to work, and added that he "would not do so anyway." In his long telegram he declared that he thought the policy of national and State intervention in labor disputes unwise.

Governor Ritchie of Maryland in a long telegram deferred endorsement of the President's invitation, stating that "the traditions of this State are those of a people who have settled such matters without the aid of bayonets and rifles." He said "I do not feel, even in the face of Federal failure, that I should immediately agree with your assumption that this failure is so complete . . . that I should . . . give assurance which might lead to filling the mine regions of Maryland with armed troops." Governor Ritchie urged, "with the greatest respect," that "you renew your efforts to adjust in a proper and peaceful way both the railroad strike and the coal strike." The following replies from Governors of coal producing States who were called on by President Harding to co-operate with the Federal Government in protecting mines at which operations are resumed were received:

Governor Allen of Kansas.—Have read your telegram with great interest and congratulate you upon the decisiveness with which you have taken hold of the situation. It ought to produce good results in the nation. In Kansas immediately prior to the cessation of mining on April 1, the Court of Industrial Relations made a temporary order permitting the continuation of the old wage scale and working conditions for a period of thirty days to enable miners and operators to begin and if possible conclude negotiations for new contracts. The operators did not object to such orders and offered to commence negotiations immediately. The miners' leaders declined the benefits of such order. The court then directed the operators to resume mining for the purpose of meeting the Kansas demand as it arose, guaranteeing protection to their miners and their properties. The operations were resumed upon a scale which for several weeks had produced 50% of the normal average output of the Kansas field and is now doing better than that and all Kansas needs are being met both as to domestic and industrial fuel. The number of miners increases daily. The Kansas Industrial Act forbids picketing of any kind and there will be no difficulty in resuming full operations in the Kansas field.

Governor Morrison of North Carolina.—There is very little mining in this State, and, so far as I know, there are no strike troubles in this industry. It would be a vain thing for me to invite coal miners to return to work in this State, but I would not do so anyway. I am truly sorry that a judgment long formed and repeatedly expressed heretofore in my State prevents my agreeing with your position as set forth in your telegram. I deem the whole policy of national or State Governments trying to adjust labor disputes unwise. It always forfeits the confidence of the side to such a controversy finally decided against by the Government and creates suspicion of the impartiality of its exercise of police power. I believe the full duty of the Government and the part of wisdom is to uphold the law with fearless impartiality and permit parties in industrial disputes to fight the economic battle to a finish.

Your position is practically to use the power of the Government against the strikers, and in the enforcement of police regulations; and the upholding of the law the strikers will naturally have little confidence in the impartiality or fairness of soldiers or other agencies of or controlled by a Government which has taken a decided stand against them, however good the reason such a stand may be. . . . There will be no trouble in North Carolina in upholding the law in this or any other controversy. I am quite sure I will not need Federal forces to aid me in the position I have taken of non-interference with either side in such controversies except to uphold the law and keep the peace and protect every would-be worker, union or non-union, from menace, insult and violence.

Governor Hardwick of Georgia.—I have your telegram of this afternoon, have carefully noted its contents and agree heartily with you. This morning I issued proclamation calling on all law-abiding citizens to obey the laws and to preserve peace and order. I have sent a strong military force to Waycross, Ga., to quell disturbance there and to preserve order. I have notified all peace and police officers of this State to preserve order and to keep down disturbances and have promised them military aid whenever necessary. I believe the National Guard of Georgia will be adequate for that purpose. Protection of persons and property is the paramount duty of government and the State Government of Georgia stands squarely with you and will co-operate fully with the Federal authorities to maintain and preserve order. You may count on full, prompt and whole-hearted co-operation from me.

Governor Morgan of West Virginia.—With assurances of continued support, I acknowledge receipt of your telegram of July 18. Since the coal strike became effective on April 1 the coal tonnage of West Virginia increased steadily to a point above the normal production of the State until recent days, when it has been seriously curtailed by lack of railroad motive power. All resources of West Virginia have been and are available to afford protection to those who desire to engage in lawful employment, to maintain order and preserve peace. There has been a splendid co-op-

eration on the part of county and local authorities in the enforcement of law and order, resulting since the coal strike declaration in a minimum of organized violence.

Governor Morrow of Kentucky.—Replying to your telegram I will issue to-night (Tuesday), in the form of a proclamation, a request to all mine operators to open their mines and to all miners to return to their employment or to seek employment when the mines are open, and am giving full assurance to all persons concerned that every power of the State will be used whenever and wherever necessary to maintain law and order, and to protect all citizens in the unobstructed exercise of their constitutional rights. Your position as announced is unquestionably correct, and should be unhesitatingly pursued. I will support and maintain it.

Governor Hyde of Missouri.—Your message regarding coal situation received. You have done all any President could do and I sincerely regret that your offer to provide friendly mediation was not accepted by both sides. I agree with your stand in making "no governmental assumption of a part in the dispute," but that it is necessary, "in the name of the common welfare to guarantee protection to those engaged in supplying public necessities." I shall take immediate steps to second your invitation to resume production in the mining industry and to protect and safeguard those engaged therein.

Governor Groesbeck of Michigan.—I find that there are no difficulties of any moment existing between Michigan operators and miners. Have wired John L. Lewis that he grant authority to the district miners of Michigan to meet with operators and resume their former relations and on the same wage basis as existed when strike was called, pending national agreement. Expect an answer to-night. We have no disturbances or law violations in our coal fields, and the State authorities can easily maintain law and order. As soon as I hear from Mr. Lewis, will wire you State's desire and program.

Governor Davis of Ohio.—Having had troops under arms for some time, Ohio stands fully prepared to act without delay. The State has ample powers and resources to compel obedience to law, to safeguard the rights of citizens and to suppress violence. The full authority of the State of Ohio has been and is ready to be marshaled into action as need for such step may arise, including the employment of all military or civil measures that are requisite effectively to maintain order.

Governor Sproul of Pennsylvania.—Your telegram of the 18th instant with regard to the coal strike situation in the country is acknowledged. Confirming my conversation with you, I again beg to assure you of the full co-operation of the Government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in your plans as outlined.

Governor McCray of Indiana.—Telegram just received. Indiana mine operators have been invited to resume mining operations. Ample protection will be given to protect life and property.

At the same time Governor McCray made public a statement issued to "the coal operators of Indiana," which said:

"As Chief Executive of the State of Indiana, I add my voice to the entreaties of the President and urge that the mines be opened without delay in order that the necessities of the public may be supplied and that the business interests of the State may be continued without further interruption. I am prepared to furnish in advance ample assistance to mine operators, and will guarantee whatever protection may be necessary to safeguard the lives of their employees and to insure, so far as possible, the safety of their property. I am determined that the business interests of Indiana shall not be ruined by the actions of a limited minority."

Governor Ritchie of Maryland.—Your telegram advising me of the failure of Federal authority to adjudicate peacefully the coal strike and asking that I invite Maryland coal operators to resume mining with assurances and under the protection of what in this State can only mean the State militia, and offering what I assume means Federal armed forces to help, if necessary, in maintaining law and order here, has received my immediate and thoughtful attention.

For the purpose of basing my decision on the very latest information concerning the situation in Maryland, I have to-day checked up on conditions, and I find the situation in this State to be substantially as follows:

1. The Georges Creek mining district has been shut down since April 1 1922.

2. The upper Potomac mining district continues partial operations, but is handicapped by the railroad strike, which prevents coal being moved from the mine.

These are the only two mine operations in Maryland. Representatives of the operators in these districts have told me that they desire a few days to consider whether your invitation to them to resume work is a proper and practicable one from their point of view, but at the same time they have told me that mining coal at present is impossible unless the railroad strike is immediately settled and sufficient cars provided to move the coal regularly and normally from the mines and to the ordinary points of distribution.

While the operators are thus considering your proposal, I feel it my duty to do the same with the object of deciding for my State whether what you outline is, from the point of view of Maryland, the action which the final analysis shows will be the best for the people of Maryland, not overlooking, of course, the common welfare of the nation.

The traditions of this State are those of a people who have settled such matters as these without the aid of bayonets and rifles. It is nearly thirty years since our militia has been used for a purpose of this kind, and I do not feel, even in the face of Federal failure, that I should immediately agree with your assumption that this failure is so complete that when the problem is turned back to each State, I should without further and more mature consideration give assurance which might lead to filling the mine regions of Maryland with armed troops.

I am fully conscious of the responsibility which Maryland must share, because of her coal deposits, in helping to supply the nation with fuel, but I feel that at this time I should not subscribe to the assumption that all things else have failed, and that the various States must give assurance now which might lead them to take up arms against their own people. The presence of troops is often not the assurance of security, but the provocation of serious trouble.

While we of Maryland, facing a new situation which you turn back to us, consider with all due gravity what you propose, I venture to urge with the greatest respect that you renew your efforts to adjust in a proper and peaceful way both the railroad strike and the coal strike, so that the country will be provided with fuel by methods which better befit our republic and which will make for a lasting settlement instead of the doubtful proposition of an armed camp at each mine.

I have no sympathy for lawlessness, and it will be my earnest aim and endeavor to be of help to you in this trying hour. By conference and otherwise I shall attempt to influence those of Maryland concerned in the situation to submit to Federal adjudication.

The time may come, unfortunately, when I may see no way out except to give the assurance which your plan involves, and in that event I will not hesitate; but in the darkest hours of situations like these there often comes the time when with methods other than force men can finally be persuaded to meet and agree for the common welfare.

Excerpts from the replies of other Governors, as made public in Washington or the State capitals, include the following:

Governor Kendall of Iowa.—"As Chief Executive of Iowa I pledge every resource of the State to the support of the program you have inaugurated for the relief of the coal situation."

Governor Shoup of Colorado.—"As Governor of Colorado I will co-operate with President Harding and the Federal authorities to the fullest extent. Coal mines of Colorado are producing more coal than ever before at this season of the year."

Governor Mechem of New Mexico.—"All coal mines are operating and production is sufficient for all present needs."

Governor Hart of Washington.—"Answering your wire regarding the coal strike, I beg to advise you there is no trouble in this State, and I have faith in the operators and miners that no condition precipitating a demand for Federal interference will arise."

Governor Dixon of Montana.—"There has been no disorder in Montana, and I do not expect there will be any." He declined to comment on his position as to State troops guarding coal mines if they are reopened.

Governor Taylor of Tennessee.—"I am not apprehensive that any serious trouble will arise. Should necessity require, we are absolutely able to and will take care of the situation."

Governor McRae of Arkansas said the President's message apparently required no answer and that he had no statement to make. Civil authorities seemed to have the situation in the State well in hand, he said.

Governor Robertson of Oklahoma stated he would "co-operate fully" with any program of the Federal Government designed to "further the public good." The Secretary to Governor Robertson reported that the Governor was out of the city but that the President's message would be brought to his attention upon his return.

Governor Mabey of Utah said that "President Harding's message doesn't apply to Utah with the same force as the other States, as we have not stopped the production of coal. Our National Guard was sent into the coal fields about a month ago. I am satisfied Utah will be able to handle the situation."

Governor Nestos of North Dakota, in a statement, announced his support of President Harding's stand. The Governor said as he understood it only one mine in North Dakota is affected.

Governor Neff of Texas was on a campaign tour and had not received the President's message. He would not comment.

The first practical suggestion for the resumption of coal production in the Northwest fields came when Governor Nestos of North Dakota telegraphed President Harding to persuade the United Mine Workers of America to put the lignite fields in a separate category and permit the local operators to treat directly with the district leaders for the settlement of local differences.

The Governor wired the President after he had formally acknowledged the executive telegram from him urging immediate resumption of mining. A conference followed with the big lignite operators, and Stanley Washburn, Vice-President of the Washburn Lignite Coal Co., suggested that the Governor join him in making this request of the President. Governor Nestos was informed that most of the Washburn miners went out in response to the general call and not because of local grievances, and for that reason particularly both sides wished to avoid violence. As North Dakota, Minnesota and South Dakota must depend upon the North Dakota lignite mines for 90% of their domestic and power fuel this fall and winter, it is imperative that mining be resumed at once. This all were agreed upon. As a result of the conference Governor Nestos telegraphed the President as follows:

The fuel situation in the Northwest, and in North Dakota especially, is based entirely on the production of lignite coal. There are within the borders of my State larger deposits of this coal than of bituminous and anthracite in any other State in the Union. The Washburn Lignite Coal Company and a few smaller mines are closed by the strike. Most of these men went out on the national call and not, as I am informed, because of any local grievances. While, as I wired you this morning, I am eager to commence the mining of coal in this State, I am equally anxious to exert every effort within my power to have these mines reopened peacefully rather than by methods which might result in violence. In conference to-day with coal operators it has been suggested that the lignite coal fields, which have no more economic bearing on the bituminous than the bituminous have on the anthracite, be placed if possible in a separate category and the operators be allowed to deal directly with the district leaders. I am glad to join in this request made by Stanley Washburn of the Washburn Company, to you by wire to-day to use such means as you deem appropriate and consistent to persuade the United Mine Workers of America to have this problem, which is largely local to my State, settled between the operators and the district leaders. As both appear reasonable and anxious to serve the community, as well as to secure reasonable protection for their own interest, I believe that such an arrangement will enable us to begin mining shortly and that such an action will in a large measure solve the fuel problem of the Northwest.

The President's telegram referred to above was sent to the following Governors:

Thomas E. Kilby, Alabama; Thomas C. McRae, Arkansas; Oliver H. Shoup, Colorado; Thomas W. Hardwick, Georgia; Len Small, Illinois; Warren T. McCray, Indiana; N. E. Kendall, Iowa; Henry J. Allen, Kansas; Edwin P. Morrow, Kentucky; Albert C. Ritchie, Maryland; Alexander J. Groesbeck, Michigan; Arthur M. Hyde, Missouri; Joseph M. Dixon, Montana; Merritt C. Mechan, New Mexico; Cameron Morrison, North Carolina; R. A. Nestos, North Dakota; Harry L. Davis, Ohio; J. B. A. Robertson, Oklahoma; B. W. Olcott, Oregon; William C. Spruhl, Pennsylvania; W. H. McMaster, South Dakota; Alf. A. Taylor, Tennessee; Pat M. Neff, Texas; Charles R. Mabey, Utah; E. Lee Trinkle, Virginia; Louis F. Hart, Washington; Ephraim F. Morgan, West Virginia; Robert D. Carey, Wyoming.

While messages from State Executives were arriving at the White House, says the New York "Times," a conference was held in Senator Borah's office attended by Senators Walsh of Massachusetts and King of Utah, Samuel Gompers,

President of the American Federation of Labor; Frank Morrison, Secretary of the American Federation of Labor, and Edgar Wallace, legislative agent of the United Mine Workers of America. The conference was called by Senator Borah as Chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor to discuss whether any immediate legislative action would assist in obtaining a strike settlement. Mr. Gompers is understood to have told the conference that he expected a readjustment in the situation within a few days. This prompted Senator Borah to declare after the meeting that "I feel much more hopeful after this conference with Mr. Gompers than I did before." It appeared to be the opinion of the three Senators that any attempt by Congress to inject itself in the coal situation would not help the Administration's hand in its effort to avert a fuel famine, and it was decided to suspend judgment of the President's plan until an opportunity had been given to weigh the results of appeal to the Governors of the coal mining States.

President Harding's telegram to the Governors of 28 coal-producing States, as given out at the White House on July 18, was as follows:

The proposal of the Federal Government to the United Mine Workers and the various coal operators whose mines are under suspension to submit all questions in dispute to a national coal commission for arbitration has been declined. The mine workers declined as a body. The majority of the bituminous operators pledged unequalled acceptance. The anthracite operators accepted the principle of arbitration, but made specifications which could not be considered.

I had proposed that the operators and mine workers in dispute should immediately resume coal production under the wage scales and working conditions which prevailed at the time of the strike on last April 1; that every question in dispute should go to a national commission to be composed of three representatives of the mine workers, three representatives of the operators and five representatives of the American people. It was proposed to make the commission the final authority on all disputes until next March, and meanwhile the commission was to inaugurate a searching inquiry into every phase of the coal industry, in order to recommend the way to maintained understanding between workmen and employers, to promote steady employment and assure a continuous and ample fuel supply.

The failure to secure the acceptance of this proposal for a voluntary adjustment left me no other course but to invite the mine operators to return to their mines and resume activities.

I trust you will find it consistent to second this invitation, if you have not already done so, with the invitation to all miners and operators to resume their work. This invitation should be accompanied by such assurance of maintained order and the protection of lawful endeavor as will give assurance to everybody concerned. I want to convey to you in this message the assurance of the prompt and full support of the Federal Government whenever and wherever you find your own agencies of law and order inadequate to meet the situation.

Your State Government and the Federal Government are jointly responsible for maintained conditions under which free men, willing to work, may work in safety. We are responsible for the production and the transportation of a fuel supply ample for the necessities of the American people and the public utilities which serve them, particularly the railways engaged in inter-State commerce. We must have ample coal to maintain industrial activity, we must have the coal necessary to the health, security and activity of all the people. I recite to you these details because it is important to have it understood how far the Federal Government has gone in seeking a voluntary adjustment. Thus far there has been no challenge of the right of workers to decline employment, or the right of the employers to hire as they elect.

Our present duty is to guarantee security in the exercise of these rights, security in all lawful operations, and afford a safe opportunity for that production and distribution demanded by the necessities of the American people.

There has been no Government assumption of a part in the dispute between organized workers and organized employers. I did offer the only available agency which I know to effect a settlement, and these good offices have not availed.

It becomes necessary, therefore, in the name of common welfare, to invite production in the fulfillment of that obligation which attaches to any American industry engaged in providing any public necessity, and to afford security to all men alike who are ready and willing to work and serve the common need. No cause is so important as that of common welfare, and there must be the suppression of every unlawful hindrance to the service of that cause. To the task of lawful protection and the maintenance of order the Federal Government pledges to you every assistance at its command.

WARREN G. HARDING.

COMMENT OF JOHN L. LEWIS ON PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO GOVERNORS OF COAL STATES.

John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers of America, issued a statement on July 18 commenting on President Harding's message to the Governors of coal producing States in which the President asked for their co-operation in resumption of mining operations.

Mr. Lewis declared the President's message to the Governors "merely a gesture which will not produce coal in any substantial quantities" and asserted that the mine workers' strike would be continued. Earlier in the day, before the telegram had been dispatched, Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, predicted in a statement that President Harding's invitation to the operators to resume operations would result in no appreciable increase in production." Mr. Lewis added:

The action of the Government will in no manner change the position of the mine workers or result in termination of the strike. Men who are voluntarily on strike will not return to work merely because armed guards are placed around the mines. There is no question of law and order involved, because the mine workers are punctiliously observing the requirements of law and order, and no troops are necessary.

The men have been free to return to work during the sixteen weeks this strike has progressed. This action of the Federal Government is merely a gesture, which will not produce coal in any substantial quantity. The mine workers will continue on strike until some avenue of honorable settlement in accordance with the principles of collective bargaining is accorded them. We are ready now, as we have always been since last December, to join any constructive move for an adjustment of this situation.

MICHIGAN MINERS AND OPERATORS SEEK TO ARBITRATE DIFFERENCES BUT UNION REFUSES TO ALLOW WORKERS TO TAKE PART.

When informed by coal mine operators and union officials at a conference in Saginaw that the differences between mine owners and their striking employees were not so great that they could not be settled by arbitration, Governor Alex J. Groesbeck on July 19 moved to bring about such a step. The Governor wired John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers of America, asking that he give permission to the miners in Michigan to adjust their differences by arbitration. This Mr. Lewis rejected, and as a result Governor Groesbeck indicated that he might take steps to operate Michigan mines under State direction. The Governor also telegraphed President Harding, telling him of the plan, assuring him that no disorder was likely in Michigan, and asserting that should the State need Federal aid it would be asked for later. The Governor acted following a conference with R. M. Randall, General Manager of the Consolidated Coal Co. of Saginaw, and John Murray, Secretary of District 24, United Mine Workers. Each indicated, the Governor said, that the strike could be settled by arbitration.

John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers, declared that no permission would be given the Michigan State organization of the union to enter upon a settlement of the strike in that State by arbitration, as suggested by Governor Groesbeck. "I shall advise the Governor of Michigan that the settlement of the strike in that State is dependent upon direct negotiations between the miners and operators," Mr. Lewis declared, after receiving the Governor's communication, "which cannot be begun until a basis has been laid for them by the creation of a national basic agreement on wages and working conditions." The response referred to the unyielding stand of the miners for a wage settlement in the central competitive field of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania, without which the union has decreed its local organizations in other States may not contract for a resumption, even should employers be willing to meet all other terms.

Subsequently the union head sent a telegram to Governor Groesbeck, rejecting his proposal. Upon receipt of this Governor Groesbeck sent to President Harding the following message:

Mr. Lewis wires refusal of permission to district miners in Michigan to meet operators and resume work under agreement in force previous to April 1. As matters stand now, no coal will be produced unless properties are placed under public control.

In view of extraordinary emergency throughout the nation, public and private industries being paralyzed and consumers being mulcted, constituting as it does a challenge of Governmental authority and power, would suggest that steps be taken at once to open mines and run them until differences are adjusted and legislation is adopted calculated to prevent recurrences of present trouble and establishing equitable relationships between owners and workers and likewise protection of the public interests.

Please advise further decision or wishes in matter.

The day after the agreement went into effect it was announced that in an attempt to compel independent cloak and suit makers not connected with the employers' association to sign a two-year contract with the union, 50,000 members of the Ladies Garment Workers' Union would quit work next Tuesday.

Although almost the entire membership of the union in New York will walk out, Benjamin Schlesinger, President of the union, referred to the movement as a "stoppage." It was explained that half of the members would be back at work within a few days, as they were employed by members of the Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers' Protective Association, which, as above stated, has signed a new contract with the union. Mr. Schlesinger said the purpose of the suspension was to "once and for all" eliminate the "social and corporate sweat-shops." The walkout will be in the nature of a strike, he said, as far as it affected the 25,000 workers employed in 2,000 independent shops not connected with the protective association.

PRESIDENT HARDING TELLS GOVERNOR SPROUL COAL COMMISSION WILL BE APPOINTED.

Replying to a telegram from Governor Sproul of Pennsylvania, urging prompt creation of a Coal Commission as proposed in the Government's original plan for settlement of the strike, in the event that satisfactory production is not attained as a result of the efforts to resume operation at the mines, President Harding on July 20 sent a message to the Pennsylvania Executive saying a Commission would be appointed in due time. "America's welfare," the President declared, "will not permit those who assume to serve it to deny for any reason the supply of such a necessity as fuel and thereby jeopardize American life and health and happiness. . . . There is an authority above all workers and operators, and that authority,—the American public—must have an agency of effective expression." The correspondence between the President and Governor Sproul follows:

Harrisburg, Pa., July 20 1922.

The President:

I wish to report strong public sentiment supporting your invitation to operators and miners to resume production. I trust, however, that you are merely withholding the appointment of your Commission long enough to determine whether satisfactory production will result. If this does not occur within a reasonable time, I respectfully urge the prompt creation of your Commission, either as originally proposed or in modified form. If voluntary production falls, Pennsylvania will welcome exercise by you of full executive authority. Meanwhile I renew my pledge of hearty co-operation.

WILLIAM C. SPROUL, Governor of Pennsylvania.

Washington, D. C., July 20 1922.

Governor William C. Sproul, Harrisburg, Pa.

Your telegram relating to appointment of Coal Commission, notwithstanding mine workers and a minority of mine operators declined to accept such arbitration, is received. Matters are temporarily in suspension because when arbitration was denied there was but one consistent thing to do, as I saw it, and that was to invite production. You may expect the selection of a Commission, because America's welfare will not permit those who assume to serve it to deny for any reason the supply of such a necessity as fuel and thereby jeopardize American life and health and happiness. Moreover, there was a third party to submit its case to the Commission—the great American public. The primary object was the prompt and just ending of a dispute. The broader purpose was a searching inquiry into the coal industry, to learn all the causes of dispute and find a way to avoid them in the future. It may be desirable to modify the form of the Commission as originally proposed, because it was first designed to meet most promptly the exigency then existing. I wish a settlement at the Conference table, where all could be heard and all be represented on the Commission.

It has seemed to me that time to appraise the situation, the opportunity to measure the unquestioned fairness of the proposal and sense the obligations involved, and a period in which to resume production, would either avoid drastic steps on the one hand or clearly justify them on the other. The Commission will come in due time. There is an authority above all workers and operators, and that authority—the American public—must have an agency of effective expression.

Thank for your renewed pledge of co-operation, and be assured of like cordial pledges from the Executives of most coal producing States.

WARREN G. HARDING.

SENATOR LODGE URGES PATRIOTIC CITIZENS TO SUPPORT PRESIDENT IN HIS STAND ON COAL STRIKE.

In a statement issued to-day at Washington, July 19, Senator Lodge of Massachusetts declared it was the duty of every patriotic citizen to sustain the President "without reservation or purpose of evasion." Senator Lodge said:

My position is simply that which every patriotic American citizen must hold. I have always believed unswervingly in law and order, which are the foundations of our Government. Without them we cannot have a free republic. The laws made by the people and their representatives must always be obeyed and enforced. Order must be maintained for, without it, nations fall into anarchy, the worst of tyrannies. No free man and no free woman can be compelled to work, and no free man and no free woman can be deprived of the right to work. In the exercise of the right to work all law-abiding citizens are entitled to the fullest and most complete protection of the Government, State and national.

There can be but one Government in the United States, and that is the Government elected by the whole people. No minority of the people, no matter how highly organized, can be allowed to control the Government of all the people.

President Harding asked, as President Roosevelt asked in 1902, the mine owners and the miners to arbitrate their differences. A majority of the mine owners consented. The miners refused. The President has now requested that the mines be opened and proposes that all who are willing to work be protected to the fullest extent, if necessary, by all the forces of the States and nation. It seems the plainest and most absolute duty of all patriotic Americans to sustain the President "without reservation or purpose of evasion" at this crisis when he is standing for law, order and justice, precious above all else to the people of the United States.

SAMUEL GOMPERS'S VIEWS ON PRESIDENT HARDING'S INVITATION TO COAL OPERATORS TO RESUME PRODUCTION.

Declaring that the country "is drifting toward a state of irresponsibility in dealing with both the coal and railroad strikes," Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, came forth on July 18 with a formal statement commenting on the President's invitation to the coal miners for resumption of production, following the refusal

of the miners to accept the Government's plan of settlement. Asserting that coal could be had in ample quantities "the moment justice is done," Mr. Gompers said the great need of the hour was "for normal, natural conference between the interested parties," and that "when a half million men are aggrieved is a poor time indeed for the roll of drums, the rattling of sabres and the pounding of mailed fists." He continued:

The country is drifting toward a state of irresponsibility in dealing with both the coal and railroad strikes. Utterances from employers and from Government officials are sufficiently alike in thought and context to indicate the close bond of sympathy between the two forces. The situation is one well calculated to cause the gravest concern in every quarter.

The President invites the mine owners to return to their properties and resume operations. Surely the President does not expect that these owners of mines are going to dig coal. There are not enough of them in all to operate more than a mine or two, and most of them would not know how to dig coal even if they were in condition to dig coal and wanted to do so. Who, then, is to do the mining when the mine owners resume operation?

The miners who are on strike are not going to dig coal until the strike is ended. The non-union miners are and have been at work and their number cannot be increased materially. The army may go to the mining districts, but the army is not composed of coal miners.

The fact is that there is nobody to mine coal until the coal miners now on strike return to the mines. They will return to the mines gladly and quickly as soon as the mine owners agree with them on terms and conditions of employment.

The responsibility for this grave crisis is upon the mine owners. It is on no one else. No matter what the Government may say, what the mine owners may say, or what hostile newspapers may say, the mine owners are the guilty parties.

Let it be not forgotten that the strike was caused by the wanton disregard of their contract by the mine owners. They treated their pledge to the miners as a scrap of paper. They refused to confer with the miners. They sought to treat the miners as serfs, and the miners refused to accept such treatment. They ceased mining coal.

It is important to the country that coal be mined. It is even more important that a half million miners be treated with justice. The nation cannot put anything ahead of justice. It cannot put politics or the profits of a small group of mine owners ahead of justice to the miners. It cannot even put the need for coal ahead of justice. Coal can be had in ample quantities the moment justice is done.

Brute force cannot override justice in the United States. I do not know what measures the President has in mind to take, but, I repeat, the only method in which coal mining can be resumed is agreement between the miners and owners upon terms deemed fair and just by both sides. It will not do to trample rough shod over the aspirations and requirements of any portion of our people. This is neither the hour nor the scene for the man on horseback. The great need of this hour is for normal, natural conference between interested parties. When a half million men are aggrieved is a poor time indeed for the roll of drums, the rattling of sabres and the pounding of the mailed fist.

PITTSBURGH COAL PRODUCERS TO DISCONTINUE CHECK-OFF SYSTEM.

Members of the Pittsburgh Coal Producers Association at a meeting on July 19 unanimously decided to resume operation of bituminous coal mines in that district to the fullest extent possible. A statement issued after the meeting said that war-time wages (before the further advance of 1920) would prevail, but that the check-off system would be discontinued. The latter decision is contrary to the demands of the miners and one of the causes of the strike. The statement of the operators said:

It was unanimously decided to comply with the President's invitation to resume operations in the Pittsburgh district to the greatest extent possible. Work at the mines will be resumed at the wages in effect in November 1917. The practice of collecting union initiation fees, dues and assessments, known as the check-off, will no longer be continued. The wages proposed will be upon the basis of \$5 per day of eight hours for basic day labor; 70 cents per ton for machine coal and 87.64 cents per ton for pick coal.

The operators generally feel that the statements made by the President of the United States, together with his assurance of proper protection, have greatly clarified the situation and will result in an increase in the production of coal. This will be particularly true in the non-union fields of the State inasmuch as the many promises made to the unfortunate men who ceased work at the request of the union have failed to materialize.

OUTBREAKS IN WEST VIRGINIA COAL DISTRICTS.

Striking coal miners made an armed attack on mines at Cliftonville, W. Va., on July 17, and seven men were killed as a result of the outbreak. Among them was Sheriff H. H. Duval and six other men, said to be union miners. More than two dozen men were injured in the affray. The scene of the violence was the property of the Richland Mining Co. Several of the union men were rounded up and put in jail pending an inquest. With regard to the disturbance, Governor Morgan of West Virginia made the following statement in a telegram to the New York "Herald":

A mob of striking miners, bent on murder and destruction, estimated to number three to four hundred, largely foreigners, invaded West Virginia from Pennsylvania this morning. They attacked the Richland mine, near Cliftonville, Brooke County, fired on a posse of deputy sheriffs, killed Sheriff H. H. Duval, dynamited the tipple and were repulsed by the posse of officers with casualties which will probably number a dozen. Thirteen prisoners were taken, according to latest reports, and are lodged in the Brooke County jail at Wellsburg. West Virginia and Pennsylvania authorities co-operating are engaged in a search for escaping members of the mob.

The invasion of West Virginia by the murderous mob of foreign strikers was a dastardly attempt to curtail coal production. The Richland mine was being operated and threats had been made that an attack would be

made. It is but one instance of acts of terrorism intended to break the morale of those who have declined to strike.

Sheriff Duval fell a martyr to duty and the cause of law and order. His watchfulness and preparedness prevented another Herrin massacre and possibly saved scores of lives.

As soon as complete reports have been received efforts will be made to give a speedy trial to those in custody. In the meantime the County Court of Brooke County has elected Thomas H. Duval as Sheriff to replace his father, and he is being aided by Sheriff Harry T. Clouse of Ohio County.

If necessary, the West Virginia National Guard is ready to reinforce the local authorities, and Gov. Sprout of Pennsylvania is co-operating and has dispatched a force of twenty-five members of the Pennsylvania Constabulary to the section to aid in preserving peace.

E. F. MORGAN, Governor of West Virginia.

Charleston, W. Va., July 17.

STATEMENT ISSUED BY ILLINOIS COAL OPERATORS ON HERRIN OUTBREAKS.

Illinois coal operators representing all sections of the State, at a large meeting held at the Great Northern Hotel, Chicago, on July 15, expressed unanimously their "continuing horror and bitterness of feeling over the monstrous atrocities committed near Herrin, Ill., on June 20 and 21, when some 72 employees of the Southern Illinois Coal Co., after their surrender under a flag of truce, were removed from the mining property and a substantial number of them brutally murdered by a lawless mob on the public highways, the remainder being tracked like wild animals through woods and fields in an effort to destroy them all." The statement issued by the operators continued:

That local and state officials with a full knowledge of the extreme threat of the situation, and in ample time to have prevented such ruthless butchery, took no action to prevent it, is and will remain a stain not only upon the local community but upon the State as a whole until through adequate energy and effort not only the perpetrators but the instigators of this awful crime are apprehended and punished to the fullest extent of the law.

If for any reason, either of politics or because of the domination by any class or group, there shall be failure on the part of the proper authorities to handle this situation promptly and vigorously, it must be apparent to everyone that group lawlessness will be encouraged and become a menace always before the people in every section of the State.

We commend the utterances of President Harding in his address on July 4, that "liberty is gone in America when any man is denied by anybody the right to work and live by that work. It does not matter who denies. A free American has the right to labor without any other's leave."

Urgent demand for immediate Governmental investigation of the recent mine atrocity at Herrin, Ill., with a view to bringing to justice those responsible for it or who participated in the attack, was voiced in a resolution adopted this week by the Bituminous Operators' Group in conference at the Hotel Washington. The resolution was as follows:

Whereas, The conference between representatives of the Government, mine workers' officials and bituminous coal operators has been held while there still ring in our ears the shouts of the attacking miners and agonized cries of their tortured and maimed victims at Herrin, Illinois, so treacherously betrayed after having surrendered; and

Whereas, The public has been led to believe that 16 or 17 men were murdered, while our information is such as to forces us to the belief that three times that many lives were sacrificed and that men whose only crime was their desire to earn a livelihood had stones tied about their necks and were thrown into ponds; were shot down in their tracks or hunted like wild beasts; and

Whereas, With one exception so far as we have seen in the public press, no expression of horror, detestation or disavowal of the atrocities committed at Herrin, Ill., has been made on the part of the officials of the United Mine Workers; and

Whereas, No prompt, vigorous and far-reaching efforts, so far as we have been advised, have been made by the local and State authorities of Illinois to ascertain the true extent of the massacre and to apprehend and bring to justice the persons guilty of these atrocities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, representing the bituminous coal operators of the United States, publicly express our horror and detestation of the outrages at Herrin, Ill., and other innumerable acts of intimidation and violence which are being committed during the present strike in other parts of the country; and

Be It Further Resolved, That we demand from the Government of the United States such prompt, vigorous and impartial investigation of the terrible crimes committed at Herrin, Ill., as will inform the public of the true extent of the massacre and will bring to trial the guilty persons, whether actual participants or those who by incendiary writings or intemperate speech provoked the mob, to the end that there may be guaranteed to each man his constitutional rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and

Be It Further Resolved, That for the purpose, if possible, of avoiding further acts of violence which would follow such expression on the part of individuals, this resolution proclaims the joint expression of the bituminous coal operators here assembled.

MINERS' UNION REJECTS GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL FOR SETTLEMENT OF COAL STRIKE.

The United Mine Workers of America informed President Harding on July 15 that they had rejected the proposals for settlement of the coal strike which were presented by the President to the conference of miners and operators on July 10. The reply of the miners' union, a lengthy and argumentative discourse on the conditions in the coal industry, was adopted unanimously by the Policy Committee of the union which was called to Washington after the Government's proposal of arbitration (published in

these columns last week, page 262) had been made by the President. "We find upon examination and analysis," the miners said in their reply, "that even the acceptance of the plan by the mine workers would bring about only a partial settlement, leaving the public to be embarrassed and industry further dislocated by a continuance of the strike situation in vast coal producing areas. The mine workers cannot, under these circumstances, lightly consider the utter abandonment of more than 200,000 of their members to the whims and caprices of hostile employing interests who are publicly committed to the policy of destruction of collective bargaining in the industry. For these substantial reasons, the representatives of the United Mine Workers are compelled to withhold their acceptance of the arbitration proposal submitted by you. The mine workers are alive to the necessity of immediate resumption of coal mining operations. Already coal stocks are so low that there is possibility of a serious coal shortage next Fall and Winter. Industry is now, and has been for some time, paying an excessive price for its fuel, and the public may expect further unwarranted price extortions before its coal requirements are fully met. There is every moral and economic reason for a termination of the present strike in the mining industry, and the mines should resume operation at the earliest possible date."

Soon after the President had received the official declination of the mine workers to accept his proposal for settling the strike, the following statement was issued at the White House:

The President met the policy committee of the United Mine Workers and received the written declination to accept the voluntary plan proposed for the settlement of the dispute which is responsible for suspended mining activities. There will be no announcement of any Government plan to relieve the situation until the response of the bituminous operators is received. It is expected to have their report Monday morning. The President did not comment to the mine workers' committee on the decision reported, except to say that he hoped they fully appraised the responsibility they assumed in declining the Government's offer of a means of instant adjustment and the resumption of mining.

Consideration of methods by which Senators from coal-producing States might be helpful in bringing about arbitration of differences between the miners and the operators came to a premature climax when Secretary Hoover was called to the telephone and advised by the President that the miners had flatly rejected his arbitration plan. Secretary Hoover had gone to the Capitol to discuss the efforts to settle the coal strike at the invitation of Senator George Wharton Pepper, of Pennsylvania, who had called on Mr. Hoover at the Department of Commerce earlier in the day. They were in the midst of their discussion in the offices of Senator Curtis, of Kansas, it is stated, when word of the rejection of the arbitration proposals was received. The conference was terminated forthwith. Those who met with Secretary Hoover, in addition to Senator Pepper, were Senators McCormick and McKinley, of Illinois; Pomerene and Willis, Ohio, and New and Watson, Indiana. These Senators represent the four States that make up the central competitive field. The Senators from Kentucky and West Virginia were not invited because the non-union mines are largely located in those States. As Secretary Hoover left the conference with the Senators he said they had received so many telegraphic inquiries from their States on the coal situation that he had decided to come to the Capitol to answer them all at once. He said he had outlined the steps that were being taken by the President to bring the opposing parties together when the discussions were interrupted by word from the White House that the miners had refused arbitration.

When the members of the Policy Committee of the miners' union called at the White House on July 15 to present their reply to the President they received statement from the President construing and explaining the terms of his settlement proposal. The President's interpretative statement, a copy of which was sent to the operators as well as the miners is given further below. The miners' reply, rejecting the Government's proposal of arbitration, was embodied in the following statement issued by the union after their conference with the President:

The policy committee of the United Mine Workers of America met at the Red Cross Building, Washington, to-day, and adopted an answer to President Harding's proposal for Government arbitration of the strike of coal miners. Members of the anthracite scale committee held a separate meeting earlier in the day and decided to reject the proposition. These members also sat in the policy committee meeting and participated in the general consideration of the subject. By unanimous vote the policy committee rejected the proposal of the President, and a letter, signed by the International officials and all of the district presidents of the United Mine Workers of America, was prepared and delivered to President Harding at the White House. The letter sets forth the reasons for rejection of the arbitration proposal and is as follows:

To the President:

We are in full accord with your proposal for the establishment of a commission which, as you state,

"shall investigate exhaustively every phase of the coal industry. It shall reveal every cost of production and transportation. The President will ask Congress to confer authority for the most thorough investigation and make appropriations necessary to do such work."

The fundamental interests of the mine workers and of the consumers of coal are dependent on such action being taken. It is also essential to the proper development and stabilization of the coal industry itself.

During the past two years it has been very apparent to the mine workers that such an investigation as you now propose should be inaugurated, and we have, on every proper occasion, recommended that this be done. When at the beginning of the existing controversy our representatives were called upon to testify before the Committee on Labor of the House of Representatives, we formally urged the creation of such a commission and submitted detailed suggestions as to its composition and powers. We are therefore indeed gratified to accept your proposal for a comprehensive investigation of the coal mining industry by a commission representative of the mine workers, the operators and the public, and to assure you that it shall have our most hearty co-operation and support.

The actual completion of the work of such a commission and the application of practical reforms, however, is an essential preliminary and a necessary prerequisite to an attempt to determine rates of pay to workers in the coal mining industry upon a just and reasonable basis.

Labor is only one factor in the production and distribution of coal. Labor costs are only one element in the many elements of costs involving the mining of coal and its transportation. All of these factors and elements are closely interrelated and interdependent. One factor, such as labor, cannot be segregated and a decision made upon it alone. Among other things the relation of labor and other costs to profits and prices must be ascertained. Inquiry must also be made as to the degree of regularity of operation of mines and the opportunity afforded to the mine worker under prescribed rates of pay to earn an adequate income for himself and his family.

By way of concrete illustration, it is stated, on the basis of the facts available, that the bituminous coal industry functions irregularly and intermittently because of over-expansion and unfair competition. Employees under the existing way are unable to secure sufficient employment to earn living wages, while the public is compelled to bear excessive overhead charges amounting to approximately \$1 per ton on each ton of soft coal produced. Manifestly it is futile to attempt to adjust wage rates on an equitable basis until the truth of this condition of affairs has been thoroughly uncovered and the cause of it finally removed.

On the other hand, in the anthracite branch of the industry, where wage rates are lower than in the bituminous mines but employment more regular, it is known, on the basis of available facts, that a monopoly exists under which excessive profits are obtained from coal producing and coal sales companies and from excessive freight rates charged by the anthracite railroad corporations, which are the head of the combination. With the anthracite coal operators alleging a labor cost of \$3.92 per ton for their production it is a manifestly unfair practice for them to charge the ultimate consumer in the Atlantic seaboard market an additional \$12 per ton. It is, therefore, obvious in the anthracite field that indefensible monopoly profits are the significant factors in the determination of the price of anthracite coal to domestic consumers.

All the facts, in short, must be known if justice is to be done to the anthracite mine workers and the public. Moreover, after the facts are known equitable results cannot be secured until assurance is received that any constructive reforms, based on a study of the facts, are to be practically accepted and applied.

Abstract reasoning alone would clearly demonstrate the soundness of this conclusion, but aside from all abstract considerations the actual history of the coal industry itself during the last two years amply confirms it. Two years ago, after a prolonged strike arising from the same fundamental causes as the existing strike, our rates of pay in the bituminous mines were fixed by a Presidential commission with complete authority as to wages, prices and profits. In making its wage award this commission also made 17 basic recommendations. Most of these recommendations were made with the knowledge that if carried out they would stabilize the industry and bring a degree of order out of chaos. The wage scale also was predicated upon the assumption that these recommendations would be heeded and adopted, but absolutely nothing has been done. On the contrary, the year 1921 was the most disorganized and irregular period that the soft coal industry has had for at least thirty years.

Several months after the bituminous coal commission had rendered its report a decision as to wages and working conditions in the anthracite field was handed down by the anthracite coal commission, which had also been appointed by the President. Unlike the bituminous commission, however, the anthracite commission restricted its findings to wage matters only. The result was that the wages were fixed below accepted standards as to healthful and decent living requirements without regard to labor and other costs of production, monopoly profits and prices to consumers.

Both by reason and experience, we are, therefore, convinced that the establishment of a fair wage in the coal industry is dependent upon regularity of operation, over development, costs of production, profits and prices.

When all the facts bearing upon the production and distribution of coal have been collected and impartially analyzed, we shall gladly face these facts and accept them as a condition to the rehabilitation of the coal-mining industry.

In any case the combination of a scientific investigating commission with a wage arbitration board is bad. It is particularly bad when the wage scale at issue is a matter of heated and bitter controversy. The primary duty of the commission, to be of real service, must be to collect the facts and give consideration to broad matters of principle and policy. These questions involve the reorganization of a huge industry, which, in itself, is a prodigious undertaking.

In the face of this tremendously important task no wage question should be injected.

We believe that there would be no difficulty in establishing proper wage scales through conference with the operators if the industry itself was operating on a proper basis and that therefore if the commission is successful in establishing the proper basis for the future conduct of the industry the fixing of detail wage scales can properly be left to the usual conference.

The mine workers desire to point out that the coal operators who have been in attendance at the recent conferences assembled by you and to whom you have submitted the plan for arbitration of the coal strike are only partially representative of the producing interests affected by the present suspension of mining. Operators representing nearly 50% of the tonnage in strike fields where production is stopped have not been in attendance at such recent conferences and we have no information that proposed plan of arbitration has been submitted to them by any Governmental agency.

We are further advised through public and private information that these interests have no intention of coming within the purview of the provisions of

your plan of adjustment. Under such circumstances it is futile to believe that any general settlement can be made. It is manifestly unfair to attempt to exact from the mine workers' representatives commitment to an arbitration plan while at the same time powerful operating interests employing hundreds of thousands of men now on strike are left free to follow their own selfish impulses and escape responsibility in the premises. We feel assured that your Excellency transmitted this plan of settlement with the sincere hope that the present strike could be adjusted upon a basis of national scope.

We find upon examination and analysis, however, that even the acceptance of the plan by the mine workers would bring about only a partial settlement, leaving the public to be embarrassed and industry further dislocated by a continuance of the strike situation in vast coal producing areas. The mine workers cannot under these circumstances lightly consider the utter abandonment of more than 200,000 of their members to the whims and caprices of hostile employing interests who are publicly committed to the policy of destruction of collective bargaining in the industry.

For these substantial reasons the representatives of the United Mine Workers are compelled to withhold their acceptance of the arbitration proposal submitted by you.

The mine workers are alive to the necessity of immediate resumption of coal mining operations. Already coal stocks are so low that there is possibility of a serious coal shortage next fall and winter. Industry is now and has for some time been paying an excessive price for its fuel, and the public may expect further unwarranted price extortions before its coal requirements are fully met. There is every moral and economic reason for a termination of the present strike in the mining industry and the mines should resume operation at the earliest possible date.

The development of this emergency has been constantly apparent to us since last April, and we have repeatedly warned the operators, the public and the Government of its approach. It would have been obviated if the bituminous operators had fulfilled their contractual obligations and met with us in the usual way to adjust wage scales and working conditions. The only effective way at the present time to escape the industrial and domestic catastrophe which these operators have thus made imminent is for them to measure up, even at this late date, to the requirements of honor and good faith by meeting with our representatives in inter-State conference.

In the anthracite situation we again emphasize the offer previously made by our representatives that the anthracite coal operators recognize the principle of the eight-hour day for all men in the industry, with proper recognition of the union, and that the existing rates of pay be taken as a starting point for future joint negotiations together with a decision of merit of the additional demands of the anthracite mine workers. Such consideration will so simplify matters that basis of agreement may be easily reached.

The mine workers represent the human factor in the coal industry and human consideration should take precedence over all others. We respectfully submit and feel confident that you will agree with us that the mine workers should not be responsible for all the alleged ills and maladjustments of a diseased industry. For generations back our people have been the patient sufferers from all the adverse factors which have operated against them. We call your attention that each year 2,500 of our men die and countless numbers suffer injury in order that society might be provided with fuel.

The hazard of the calling should be given every consideration and our people should be compensated in accordance with their skill as artisans, the laboriousness of their toil and the degree of personal danger which they encounter. For a period of fifteen weeks they have been deprived of their means of livelihood. They have suffered and have seen their wives and children suffer. Thousands have been evicted from their homes and they have bravely endured every discomfort and personal sacrifice. They cannot now lightly forego the fruits of their struggle and every dictate of humanity requires that they should be treated with that consideration due them.

The public interest, as well as the mine workers, requires that material wants be provided and their pride as citizens maintained.

We feel that this attitude will commend itself to your sense of right and justice and that it will be sanctioned by the reason and wisdom of all thoughtful men who love justice and humanity.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the United Mine Workers of America.

PRESIDENT HARDING GIVES INTERPRETATION AND EXPLANATION OF HIS PROPOSALS FOR SETTLEMENT OF COAL MINE TROUBLES.

The President's interpretative communication with regard to the Government's proposals, referred to above, was given out July 15 as follows:

To O. M. Ogle, President of National Coal Association;
To S. D. Warriner, President of the Anthracite Coal Association; and
To John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers of America;

Since I tendered to you in a joint session at the executive offices on Monday, July 10, certain proposals for the arbitration of the coal dispute, and since there have been numerous inquiries and several informal conferences in the intervening time, aimed at clearer understanding, I have thought it desirable to place before you, in writing, such interpretation of the general proposal as I have sought informally and in verbal statements to convey. These definite interpretations do not in any way modify the original proposal, but will serve to clarify such doubts of construction as have been expressed and leave no possibility of misunderstanding.

The program contemplates three successive stages as follows:

First. That the mine workers return to work under the same terms and conditions as those which governed each case on last March 31. This includes the check-off.

Second. It is the intent that the temporary arrangement above shall remain in force only during the shortest period that may be required for a determination of terms and conditions of labor for the period ending March 1 1923. I have emphasized this by suggesting that the wage scale shall be determined by Aug. 10 1922, with authority in the Commission to extend that period by such number of days as may be required. Its earliest determination is very necessary in order that contracts and estimates involved in business transactions may become settled, and it is understood that all questions of dispute as to conditions of labor or any other points of friction between operators and employees, who are parties to this arrangement shall be determined by the Commission, and such settlement shall hold until the 1st of March 1923. These decisions may also require more time than until Aug. 10 and therefore the Commission is to have authority to extend time for settlement of each or any of these questions as it finds to be necessary.

Third. That the Commission in recommending an establishment for maintenance of industrial peace in the coal industry will be expected to bring in such recommendations in time to allow for their use in the settlement of relations after the 1st of March 1923. They are to be recommendatory and not binding.

The President will ask of Congress as soon as the House is reconvened in August for a grant to the Commission of the necessary legal powers to make an exhaustive inquiry into the coal industry in order to acquire the needed information upon which to formulate plans to avoid future suspension of production.

In order to clarify what shall constitute a commitment to the plan I have proposed, let it be understood that, as to the bituminous fields, the basis of agreement in national disputes has hitherto been agreements between the United Mine Workers with operators in the central competitive fields. Therefore the acceptance of this offer by the United Mine Workers and by the operators shall be deemed complete and binding when United Mine Workers and the operators, parties to the central competitive field agreement, which expired on March 31, have accepted it. The other bituminous mines which are now idle because of strike or suspended operation are expected to adhere to the plan and comply with the decisions of the Commission, but their action in no way affects the validity of the agreement to the plan.

In the anthracite fields the acceptance of this offer by the United Mine Workers on one side and the Anthracite Operators' Association on the other shall render it effective. If the mine workers and operators agree there shall be a separate Commission.

It is understood that all decisions by the Commission must be reached by a majority vote thereof, and all decisions shall be binding to all parties to the agreement until March 1 1923.

WARREN G. HARDING.

MAJORITY OF BITUMINOUS OPERATORS ACCEPT GOVERNMENT'S STRIKE SETTLEMENT PLAN— PRESIDENT HARDING DEMANDS RESUMPTION OF MINING.

The bituminous coal operators of the unionized fields informed President Harding on July 17 that they were in accord with the Government's proposal for settlement of the strike which has been in effect since April 1. They all subscribed broadly to the proposal to arbitrate, and the majority of the districts represented in the conference called by the President accepted the proposal unconditionally. A minority of the districts declined to accept the proposals in their entirety. Following receipt of the operators' reply, President Harding invited them "to return to your mine properties and resume operations." Referring to the declination of the miners to accept the proposal, the President in his communication to the operators declared: "The freedom of action on the part of workers and on the part of employers does not measure in importance with that of public welfare and national security." The President's reply read as follows:

Gentlemen:

I have your decision. I would not be frank if I did not confess a disappointment of your lack of unanimity. To the large majority of you, who have pledged readiness to resume activity under the Government's proposal, I must express my own and the public's gratitude.

We have now reached a point, owing to the refusal of mine workers and the minority of your operators to accept the proposed arbitration, where the good offices of the Government, in seeking a voluntary adjustment of the dispute between mine operators and mine workers, are without avail.

I cannot permit you to depart without reminding you that coal is a national necessity, the ample supply of which is essential likewise to common welfare and inter-State commerce.

The freedom of action on the part of workers and on the part of employers does not measure in importance with that of public welfare and national security. I therefore invite you to return to your mine properties and resume operations.

The following statement, in addition to the President's reply to the operators, was made public at the White House after the delegation of operators left:

At 5 o'clock this afternoon the coal operators made extended verbal and written reports to the President. All of them subscribed broadly to the proposal to arbitrate.

The majority of the districts represented in the conference accepted the President's proposal unconditionally. A minority of the districts in the conference joined in subscribing to the general principles of arbitration and collective bargaining.

The general reply submitted by the operators to the President follows:

To His Excellency, Hon. Warren G. Harding, President, White House, Washington, D. C.:

My Dear Mr. President:—We have given most careful and thorough consideration to the proposal submitted by you on July 10, supplemented by your statement of July 15, and we are not only in entire accord with your plan to establish a general tribunal to inquire into all the facts in our industry and make recommendations for the solution of our fundamental problems, but we urge that such a plan be put into effect by you.

We also wish to remind you that we have already proposed the broad principle of arbitration in our previous conferences with the officials of the Administration and with the representatives of the miners. We still stand on that broad principle and are in entire accord with you in that respect.

We did have in mind, however, discussing with you certain recommendations as to the machinery to make an arbitration plan effective and to accomplish the results which the country and you yourself desire.

In view of the contingencies that confront us and the varying conditions in the different coal producing districts of the country, our conference, has decided to answer your proposal by districts, rather than as a whole, and we attach, hereto, statements of the position taken by the several districts represented in the conference of operators assembled at your request here in Washington.

All of the operators of your conference unite in supporting the principle of arbitration and collective bargaining and your high motives in calling us together.

And, finally, they say to you and to the American people that each and every one of them stands ready in this crisis to put his properties and his own services at your disposal and command at any instant.

Very respectfully yours,

A. M. OGLE, Chairman

The report of the majority of the bituminous coal operators submitted to the President follows:

Dear Mr. President:—We have approached the earnest consideration of your proposal of July 10 1922 for arbitration in the coal situation with that degree of solemn earnestness that is due a subject that is so fraught with so grave and far-reaching consequences to the whole American people—that no private interests of ours can weigh in our considerations.

Therefore, on behalf of the bituminous coal operators who have been in conference with you, and who represent associations producing in 1921 a substantial majority of the bituminous coal, which was covered by collective bargaining with the United Mine Workers of America, we beg to state that we accept your proposal of July 10 without reservation and qualification.

While making this unreserved acceptance, we think that it is due to the public and to the industry that we should point out not only some suggestions which we believe would be helpful in the consummation of so great an undertaking, but also some of our difficulties in acceptance.

Inasmuch as the old machinery for making scales based on the central competitive field has broken down, proven entirely inadequate to meet the changed economic conditions of the country, and is, therefore, now irrevocably abandoned; and inasmuch as the great varied technical and economic situation of the various districts makes it almost impossible for a national arbitration board to satisfy these differing situations; and inasmuch as the operators here assembled are anxious to maintain the principle of collective bargaining, we suggest that it should be made possible under a national arbitration for negotiations to be undertaken by States or other large groupings of districts, subject to the general direction of the Arbitration Commission of the major issues involved.

This is in the mutual interests of both operators and workers, because of the many technicalities and varied economic conditions differing in the various sections of the country.

The wage scales expiring March 31 1922, in the unionized industry, based upon an inside-day wage of \$7 50 per day for mine labor, are far above the wage levels of the country. They are far above our competitors in the non-union fields. They impose a burden on the consuming public and the whole industry. They affect the freight rates, the cost of manufactures, the interests of our farmers and our working people in every direction. We have no doubt that in your proposal that the miners should return to work upon this scale, even temporarily, you had in mind the more essential question of immediate return to production, in order that industry should not be paralyzed; that the proper wage levels to be determined would not thus be prejudged, and that we and the public at large could afford to make this sacrifice in your effort to secure the return of the men to work, even though it did lean entirely to the side of the miners, rather than to that of equity and general public interest.

We had thought that the scale of November 1917, based upon \$5 per day for common labor, would furnish a better medial line between the contentions of the two parties. The largest part of the non-union coal production of the country at the present moment is carried on below this level.

We welcome an exhaustive inquiry into the functioning of the industry, as we believe any exposure of the truth of the situation will show the intolerable and wasteful conditions under which the unionized industry is carried on under the present labor regime and the penalties that are imposed upon the public by the inability to secure the enforcement of contracts and the thousand other ills. We suggest that it would be desirable to separate the problems of anthracite and bituminous coal. We see no objection to separating again the investigation problems from those of arbitration of the present disputes into different commissions pending the development of some plan of stability. Respectfully submitted.

H. N. TAYLOR, Chairman.
MICHAEL GALLAGHER H. C. SMITH
H. M. DAVIS P. J. QUEALY
RICE MILLER

With regard to the attitude of the operators and miners toward the President's call for resumption of mining operations, embodied in his reply to the operators given further above, Washington dispatches to the New York "Times" on the 17th had the following to say:

The swift action taken by the President late to-day came as a surprise both to the representatives of the miners and operators. The statement which he made to the committee of operators who called at the White House was construed generally as placing blame for the situation as it exists upon the miners and as carrying the promise that the Government would provide protection if the operators were able to get workers to man their mines.

President Ogle of the National Coal Association said that the operators would return to their mining districts, probably to-morrow, and would do their best to carry out the President's suggestions. He had not been informed, he said, whether protection would be furnished immediately, but hoped for a further statement of the Administration's purpose in that connection.

John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers of America, refused to make formal comment, taking the position that he was not in a position to do so until there was further information at hand concerning the steps which the Administration intended to take. The position of the miners is that there will be no break in their ranks and that the Administration will learn quickly the futility of attempting to mine sufficient coal without the aid of the union miners to avert the danger of a serious famine. The appearance of troops in mine fields, some of the labor leaders contend, would only arouse resentment and bitterness among the union miners and would not accomplish the desired result.

The ranks of the operators were split into factions to-day and they were unable to reach a unanimous report. After several hours of wrangling a statement was agreed upon to the effect that the operators subscribe to the general principle of arbitration, although all of them could not accept the President's proposal without modifications. This was submitted to the President by a committee of operators headed by Mr. Ogle.

That the committee of operators was startled by the quick retort made by President Harding was obvious as they left the Executive offices. It was no secret that the leaders among the operators and the United Mine Workers of America had expected that the President would make further overtures. The situation had been invited by the developments in both camps, but the directing heads of the miners and operators scarcely were ready to face it.

The Policy Committee of the United Mine Workers had met during the morning and after giving consideration to the interpretative statement made by President Harding on Saturday, had adjourned subject to the call of the Chair. Most of the members were planning to remain in town for several days. When the first reports of the attitude assumed by the President got around to their headquarters in the Raleigh Hotel, the representatives of the miners asked many questions of the correspondents and wanted to know particularly whether there was any information as to what President

Harding would do about sending troops to give protection to non-union workers.

President Lewis of the United Mine Workers had left his hotel for a dinner engagement when the President's statement was issued "inviting" the operators to return to their mines and operate them regardless of the attitude of the union organizations. His first intimation as to the President's attitude was supplied by a correspondent of the New York "Times." It is doubtful if he had expected that the President would act so quickly.

Two delegations of operators called upon President Harding at the White House this afternoon. The first was headed by Harry N. Taylor, President of the Southwestern Coal Operators' Association, and represented the operators who were willing to accept the President's proposal without qualifications, although convinced there should be changes.

This group of operators included the Iowa tonnage, which is comparatively small; the State of Illinois, part of Ohio, including the Pittsburgh district, No. 8, and the Cambridge district, as well as the Southwestern district.

These operators had subscribed also to the general statement submitted later to the President by Mr. Ogle, but they wanted the President to know that they were prepared to accept unconditionally if there was no other course acceptable to him.

The central point of the opposition to the President's proposal was found in the Pennsylvania fields, dominated by the Pittsburgh Coal Operators' Association. With these fields were found the Central Pennsylvania fields, the Indiana fields and most of the Ohio fields. All of these made separate reports setting forth drastic conditions to the acceptance of the President's proposals.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon is a stockholder of one of the corporations of the Pittsburgh group and at the last moment he made an effort to swing these operators into line. It developed that he had advised acceptance of the President's proposal in the event that there was no insurmountable obstacle in the way of such action. But his advice was swept aside and the Pittsburgh group remained solidly for rejection.

It was said that none of the operators was in favor of unconditional acceptance of the President's proposal and that the fear of public opinion being directed against them by the newspapers was the one thing which finally influenced the districts headed by the Harry N. Taylor committee to agree to accept if the President insisted on such a course.

The operators' associations that accepted President Harding's proposal "without reservation and qualification" were the Pittsburgh Operators' Association of Ohio, Illinois Coal Operators' Association, Cambridge District, Iowa Coal Operators' Association and Southwestern Coal Operators' Association, besides 30 individual operators from Monongahela, Marion and Brooke Counties, W. Va. Replies were made to President Harding by associations declining his proposal. The Indiana operators, who declined to accept the proposals, said in part:

We are regretfully obliged to inform you that we cannot accept your proposal for two reasons:

1. Repeated experiences in the coal industry have shown that arbitration by boards composed, even in part, by partisan members, is entirely impracticable and ineffective, and in the past such boards have tended only to lead us into greater difficulties.
2. As shown in the requests of the parties affected for interpretations of your proposal, there is evidence of doubt on some of the salient features and consequently there will be room for much misunderstanding and confusion.

We wish to advise you, however, that we now pledge ourselves to engage unreservedly to abide by every decision and order of a Board of Arbitration appointed by you which does not include in its membership either miners or operators.

The Pittsburgh Coal Producers' Association replied in part:

We regret to say that we regard your proposition as one that will merely for the moment tide over a crisis, to the ultimate injury, not only of the industry, miners and operators alike, but also to the country.

Your proposition requests that we consent to arbitrate on a basic wage scale for the union mines of the United States by a national commission. We will treat it first from the economic standpoint. We assume that you know that the non-union mines of the country which are not, and we believe, should not be involved in your proposal, are now producing two-thirds of the present economic demands of our people for coal, and are able in peak times to produce perhaps 50% of the nation's demands.

It would, therefore, be the function of your commissioner to fix a basic wage and working conditions for perhaps 50% of the coal production of the country, while the other 50% would have the privilege, from time to time, of establishing for itself such wage scales and working conditions as might be arranged between employer and employee to meet changed economic conditions.

This means that the union operator is tied to fixed standards, while the non-union operator may at any time deal with his men as best suits the immediate advantage of both. The result inevitably will be that in the non-union branch of the industry the wage scale will vary to give the non-union operator the business and the non-union miner the work, while the union operator and union miner will take largely the business that is left. Your plan cannot operate otherwise.

We cannot conceive how we can operate our properties on a basic wage fixed by a commission, which covers only approximately one-half of the coal industry. We cannot deliberately jeopardize our properties and business interests by acceptance. Some other solution must be found.

You propose to put the miners back to work at the wages which were paid under the scale which expired March 31 1922. These were the highest wages ever paid in the industry. Under this scale basis day labor received \$7 50 per day of eight hours; these wages were fixed at the peak of war wages and conditions and have already been liquidated in the non-union fields of the industry.

If this wage is to be but a temporary one, what operator or dealer in the Great Lakes trades would care to take chances of getting back the high cost of his coal in the face of an assured reduction in the immediate future? Is this proposition from the Government fair to the non-union operator, who has already liquidated his wages and who in many fields has worked his mines under the hardship of unlawful aggression by the United Mine Workers of America? Can he hope to keep his mines at work on the wage scales now being paid if the union miners are to receive these wartime wages?

How can it result otherwise than to cause dissatisfaction among his employees? He will be compelled to submit to unionization, or for the immediate future at least meet the wages proposed by you. If he can escape unionization by paying such wages it will mean that the public over the whole United States will have to pay wartime prices for coal as long as

such wages are in effect. The American people cannot afford to suffer this arbitrary organization to dominate its fuel supply. If it were not for these non-union fields, the entire country would now be under its autocratic, arbitrary and ruthless domination. To-day only these fields protect the American public from great privation for want of fuel. The right of an employer to enjoy his constitutional rights and keep aloof from this organization must not be denied. This proposition is vital to the preservation of American liberties and we should not be parties to compromising it.

We come now to a consideration of the doubtful legality of making a basic wage scale for the union mines of the United States with the check-off feature. We express no opinion as to the matter.

It is pertinent, however, to observe that in this over-developed industry all mines of the country, generally speaking, are engaged in sharp competition in inter-State commerce. The mines in each district compete in the same market, and the districts, union and non-union, some with one, some with another, are in close competition.

The wage scale very largely determines the price of coal, and it has been inferred in the past that a basic wage has been fixed by operators and miners to impose a basic price on the American people, and that the check-off furnishes the funds to accomplish it.

The present Attorney-General, in referring to trade associations, has also said that the arbitrary fixing of the principal elements entering into the price of commodities would be violative of the law. Is this fixing of a basic wage different from other elements?

We cannot forget that even if we would consent to your proposal, we are still, in the eyes of the law, free agents, and doubt our ability to evade the legal effect of our putting into practice any arrangement made by a voluntary commission. The very purpose itself to fix a basic mine wage for the United States would seem to us objectionable as being contrary to public policy. Without hazarding a legal view on a subject so complex, we feel that such a procedure comes gravely close to an arbitrary and man-made interference with the free flow of coal in inter-State commerce.

We, as you, earnestly desire a proper solution of this unfor-unate controversy. We are not unmindful of the fact that we are trustees for the American people in our industry, and being of the opinion that your proposal is not the best solution of the controversy, we respectfully decline it as made.

We, however, agree with the principle of arbitration in matters of this kind, and therefore propose the following:

1. That the principle of district settlement be recognized by the United Mine Workers of America.
2. That the mine workers at mines in the Pittsburgh district now on strike return to work immediately on the wage scale in effect in November, 1917, without the check-off. This scale to be effective until March 31, 1923, or such earlier date as the board of arbitration, hereinafter referred to, may be able to fix a wage for the district, provided, however, that this arrangement shall not apply to the mine or mines of any operator who refuses to participate.
3. That the President of the United States shall, as soon as conveniently may be, appoint a Board of Arbitration for the Pittsburgh district, consisting of three members, said arbitrators to be residents of the Pittsburgh district, none of whom shall be miners or operators or in any way connected with the bituminous coal industry. The finding of a majority of said board shall be final and binding upon both operators and miners. It shall be the function of this board to immediately commence the study of conditions affecting the district and to fix as promptly as possible a proper wage scale for the district, said report to be made not later than April 1, 1923.
4. The check-off practice to be eliminated.
5. The competitive relations in and about our district and with competing non-union and union districts and operations to be the determining factors in arriving at any wage scale.

We have no objection to your proposal to create a national commission to investigate the coal industry in all its phases and to make report thereon, but insist that the organization, history, aims, purpose and conduct of the United Mine Workers' organization be not overlooked in the investigation. In case this plan is not accepted by the miners' organization, the operators of the Pittsburgh Coal Producers' Association will demand that they and their employees be protected in their right, in the hope that the right will be vindicated, not by words, but by the protective arm of government.

We further offer, if the Government attorneys so desire, to enter into immediate negotiations, providing for Governmental operation of our mines in order that the public be supplied with coal.

The letter of the Central Coal Association of Pennsylvania based its refusal upon these grounds:

1. The wage rates offered by the President to union miners in the provisional scale are those exacted and paid in 1920, when the peak demand and peak prices for commodities prevailed. The wage rates already accepted by non-union miners, who up until this week had continued to produce one-half of the country's requirements, are approximately 30% lower than those proposed by the President and equal, nevertheless, to the highest wartime wages paid in 1918 and 1919.

The inevitable consequence of our acceptance of this provisional scale is to cause an immediate re-inflation of the cost of mining and the price of coal in the districts, which had already made the post-war adjustment and continued to serve the country's fuel needs on a reasonable basis.

2. The President's plan embodies a provisional scale for the resumption of work on basic wage rates and working conditions which grant to the miners practically every exorbitant demand which they have made and for which they have contended without regard either for economic law or for the laws of this country, enacted to protect life, to preserve order and to guarantee the right of individuals to offer or to obtain employment by free bargaining, either singly or collectively.

Our acceptance of this proposal would establish and vindicate the doctrine of the radical element in organized labor that force wins victory.

As to the President's plan of arbitration we are thoroughly in accord with it in principle, as evidenced by our last resolution in conference, which was rejected by the mine workers. We protest, however, that the true principle of arbitration is perverted in the President's plan on the following grounds:

1. The operators are asked to surrender unconditionally their fundamental principle of district wage agreements before appearing before this commission.

2. We protest against the recognition made by the President's plan of the compulsory collection of union dues from the pay envelopes of all their employees under the iniquitous "check-off" system.

We are compelled to waive our two fundamental contentions before the appointment of a commission, and the remainder of our case which might be brought before the commission is of comparatively little moment to us or to those we represent and cannot, in our opinion, be called arbitration in any true sense of the word.

We will promptly and willingly submit to any neutral commission of representative citizens, not connected with the production of coal, the full and detailed reasons for our unalterable stand upon district agreements and the abolition of the "check-off" system; and with these issues we will also arbitrate any and all other phases or features of our business.

Pending the appointment of a neutral commission, and in order to meet the imperative demand for a prompt resumption of mining, we respectfully suggest that the President should amend his proposal for a provisional wage agreement as follows:

Mine workers are to return to work on the scale of wages, which expired last March 31, adjusted to conform with the changes in the cost of living between Aug. 15 1920, when this scale became operative, and this date. This adjustment to be determined from the cost of living under index figures of the Department of Labor.

We believe that the future of America as a manufacturing nation, and even as a democratic society, depends upon the successful issue of our contentions.

It is with a full knowledge of its gravity that we have reached our decision and we respectfully call the President's attention to the perils involved in a compromise of principle to gain expediency at this critical juncture.

INTER-STATE COMMERCE COMMISSION AUTHORIZES PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD TO LEASE PITTSBURGH, CINCINNATI, CHICAGO & ST. LOUIS RAILROAD BUT IMPOSES IMPORTANT CONDITIONS.

The acquisition of the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad (known as the Panhandle), its subsidiary, by the Pennsylvania Railroad, by means of a lease for 999 years, was approved and authorized by the Commission July 10, "provided, however, that the authorization herein given is upon the express condition, that the Pennsylvania Co. and the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. shall not hereafter sell, pledge or otherwise dispose of the capital stock of the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad Co., now owned or controlled by them, or either of them, or any part thereof, without the consent of this Commission."

Five of the eleven members wrote separate opinions on the decision. Commissioner Potter concurred but said the condition should not have been written into the approval. Commissioners Hall, Daniels, Eastman and Campbell dissented, because they believed the Commission is not authorized by law to attach such a condition and therefore exceeded its powers. Much importance is attached to the decision of the Commission in that it attempts to place restrictive conditions on the Pennsylvania Co., a holding company, which is not a party to the lease, and over which the Commission has no control. That the Commission should attempt to regulate a company which is not a common carrier and consequently is not subject to the jurisdiction of that body is certain to raise the question whether it has not exceeded its authority.

The Pennsylvania Railroad gave notice during the hearings that it could not agree that the Commission has the power to supervise leases by means of conditions attached to its approvals of such documents. The road has not yet determined whether it will accept the lease under the conditions named.

The report of the Commission follows: The Pennsylvania RR., a common carrier subject to the Inter-State Commerce Act, hereinafter called the Pennsylvania, on June 2 1921, filed an application, pursuant to paragraph (2) of Section 5 of the Inter-State Commerce Act, for an order authorizing it to acquire control, by lease, of the railroad and leased lines of the Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis RR., a common carrier of the Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis RR., hereinafter called the Panhandle, for the term of 999 years from January 1 1921. Hearings were held upon this application on Sept. 27 and Dec. 13 1921. No representations were made by any State authority either in favor of or against the granting of the application. The application was made the subject of a tentative report by an examiner, to which report exceptions were filed by intervenors, and the case was argued orally by the parties.

At the first hearing the Continental Insurance Co., hereinafter called the Continental company, filed an intervening petition asking that the application be denied on the ground that the proposed lease is unfair and unjust to the independent stockholders of the Panhandle, or "in the event that the Commission deems it in the public interest that such lease be authorized, then that such authorization shall be upon the condition that the Pennsylvania RR. pay an adequate and just consideration, equal to a dividend of 6 3/4% upon the outstanding stock of the Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis RR., and that the terms of the lease shall secure to such stockholders a return in that amount."

At the second hearing it was contended in behalf of L. Kemp Duval, an intervening minority stockholder owning 1,225 shares of the capital stock of the Panhandle, that not only should the past earnings for a period of not less than 10 years be considered, but that in determining what those earnings were, we cannot accept the earnings credited to the Panhandle by the board of directors, or other officials of that company, as being the true earnings, but that we should, through our own examiners, make an investigation and ascertain what the true earnings were.

The Panhandle was organized Jan. 1 1917 as a consolidation of the Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis Ry., the Vandalla RR., the Pittsburgh, Wheeling & Kentucky RR., the Anderson Belt Ry. and the Chicago Indiana & Eastern Ry. Its railroad extends from Pittsburgh, Pa., to Cincinnati, O., Chicago, Ill., Louisville, Ky., and St. Louis, Mo., and serves many cities of importance in the intervening territory. It operates 2,265.61 miles of first main track, of which 1,855.38 miles are owned by it and 410.23 miles are leased.

By the terms of the proposed lease, the Panhandle demises to the Pennsylvania all the railroads owned and operated by it, and assigns to the Pennsylvania the leases which it holds of the Little Miami RR., extending from Cincinnati, O., to Columbus, O., and Richmond, Ind.; the Terre Haute & Peoria RR., extending from Farmville, Ill., to Maroa, Ill.; and from Decatur Junction, Ill., to the Indiana State line near Farrington, Ill., and that

portion of the Evansville & Terre Haute RR. extending from Terre Haute, Ind., to Rockyville, Ind. By the terms of the lease the Pennsylvania proposes to pay to the Panhandle, as rental: (a) a sum equivalent to 4% per annum on the Panhandle's now outstanding Capital stock until Dec. 31 1925, and 5% per annum thereafter, without deduction for any taxes other than an income tax on the stockholders levied by the Government of the United States; also a sum equivalent to such percentage on any additional Capital stock that may with the approval of the lessee be issued by the lessor after Jan. 1 1921, as shall have agreed upon by the lessor and the lessee at or prior to the date of the issuance thereof. The lease provides that it is "the true intent and meaning of these presents that the said sum shall at all times hereafter be and remain applicable to and be applied and disbursed by the lessor as a dividend fund for its stockholders, when and as from time to time received as herein provided, without any deduction or abatement on account of any such taxes, and that every such tax shall be paid by the lessee in addition thereto, except as income tax on the stockholder levied by the Government of the United States above referred to." (b) A further sum sufficient to enable the Panhandle to maintain its corporate organization and to pay all taxes and assessments and all installments of interests and sinking funds on its bonded and other indebtedness, when due and payable, and all taxes in respect of such bonded or other indebtedness.

The Pennsylvania further agrees to pay all rentals accruing under the leases of the Little Miami RR. and the Terre Haute & Peoria RR., hereinabove referred to, and all sums to become due under any contracts for trackage or other rights conferred upon or possessed by the Panhandle. The lease further provides that the Pennsylvania may and will make all improvements, betterments and additions to the demised premises as shall in its judgment be necessary, and that the cost thereof shall be repaid to it by the Panhandle, either in money, or by the issue and delivery to it of bonds of the Panhandle, or of its Capital stock, as the Pennsylvania shall elect. Upon the maturity of any of its bonds during the term of the lease, the Panhandle, if unable to pay them, agrees to provide for their extension, or to issue and deliver to the Pennsylvania other bonds to provide for such payment.

On March 15 1920, the Pennsylvania Company, a corporation whose entire Capital stock is held by the Pennsylvania, owned 651,245 shares of the Capital stock of the Panhandle and the Pennsylvania owned 4,500 shares. These holdings aggregated 77.54% of the entire Capital stock. The remainder of the stock, amounting to 189,908 shares was held by outside stockholders.

For many years the Pennsylvania Company and the Pennsylvania have been the financial backers of the Panhandle and its predecessor companies. Either one or the other of these two companies has guaranteed all the outstanding bonds of the Panhandle and has advanced funds from time to time to enable it to enlarge and improve its property, to provide equipment and to sustain its credit. On March 15 1920, the Panhandle was indebted to the Pennsylvania Company for advances to an amount approximating \$22,000,000, and thereafter issued and delivered to the Pennsylvania Company \$20,000,000 of its 5% 50-year bonds, to discharge this indebtedness. Thereupon the Pennsylvania Company offered to purchase the outstanding minority stock of the Panhandle by paying to the holders thereof, par for par, 50-year 5% bonds of the Panhandle, guaranteed, principal and interest, by the Pennsylvania. This offer was accepted by the holders of 174,791 shares. There remain outstanding 15,117 shares of minority stock, comprising 1.7% of the total issue, of which the Continental Company owns 2,000 shares. The shares held by the Continental Company were the only shares that voted against the approval of the proposed lease.

For many years the Panhandle and the Pennsylvania have worked in close co-operation and have interchanged and moved traffic as one transportation system. It is stated by the applicant that the proposed lease will enable it to operate the railroad of the Panhandle as a part of its system, which will eliminate much of the separate accounting now necessary. It is expected that economies in operation will be effected through a better alignment of operating divisions and the reduction of overhead expenses. It should also simplify the work of preparing reports required by Federal and State regulatory bodies.

At the close of the year 1920, the Panhandle had an authorized capital stock of \$100,000,000, of which \$84,701,957 was issued and outstanding. In addition thereto there was a stock liability for conversion amounting to \$158,153. Its authorized funded debt, including equipment obligations, amounted to \$140,471,818, of which \$106,457,512 was outstanding. The road and equipment account showed an investment of \$260,750,063 and the profit and loss credit balance amounted to \$4,558,261. The Continental Company states that the physical value of the Panhandle's property, as indicated by the engineering and land reports of our Bureau of Valuation as of June 30 1916, plus the net charges to road and equipment accounts from that date to Dec. 31 1920, amount to \$221,722,834. No complete tentative valuation of the property has been made by us.

The interveners do not contend that the proposed lease would not be advantageous to the railroad companies involved nor that it would not effect economies beneficial to the public. They do contend, however, that the net income of the Panhandle for the years 1908 to 1917 inclusive, before deducting payments required to be made to sinking funds, averaged 6.75% on its outstanding capital stock. They contend further that the principal factor in determining the value of the capital stock of a railroad company is the prospect of future earnings of the company, and that the circumstance that the stock of the Panhandle is virtually guaranteed by the Pennsylvania should not be given any appreciable weight in determining its value. For obvious reasons, the earnings for the period 1908 to 1917 cannot be taken as an index of future earnings. A Vice-President of the Pennsylvania testified that in his opinion there was no hope that the Panhandle would earn a return equal to 4% on its capital stock during the next five years, even with all economies that might be effected. As to the value of the guaranty, it is common knowledge that in many cases a guaranteed stock will sell on an interest basis comparable to that of bonds. Furthermore, in comparing the value of a rental with a return through dividends, it must be taken into consideration that dividends are not ordinarily measured by net income but are usually and properly much less.

The interveners contend further that the lease does not expressly provide for the guaranteed dividend; that in this respect it is subject to interpretation; and that the provision in question may very well be held not to be one which can be taken advantage of by the stockholders of the Panhandle. The Vice-President of the Pennsylvania testified that it was his understanding that under a fair construction of the lease it is obligatory upon the Panhandle to disburse as dividends to its stockholders the rental payments of 4% per annum on its capital stock for the first five years and 5% per annum thereafter. The interveners contend also that inasmuch as the Pennsylvania is the majority stockholder of the Panhandle, has elected its directors, and has controlled the company and operated its property for many years, the two corporations cannot be said to be dealing at arms length, but that the Pennsylvania occupies with respect to the transaction a fiduciary relation to the Panhandle and to its dissenting stockholders.

We do not consider it necessary to discuss our responsibility in protecting the interests of minority stockholders who may object to proposed action on the part of a carrier corporation, inasmuch as it is our view that the granting of the authority herein requested will not be inimical to the interests of any of the interested stockholders.

As heretofore stated, approximately 98% of the Panhandle stock is owned by the Pennsylvania or by the Pennsylvania Company. It is obvious that so long as that situation continues, the payment of the rentals reserved in the lease will be merely a matter of bookkeeping as regards the 98% of the stock which is so owned. If the Pennsylvania were to dispose of the stock which it and the Pennsylvania Company now hold an entirely different situation would be presented and one which might very well be said to be against the public interest. Such a sale of stock would separate the responsibility in operating the property under the lease from the proprietorship in the property which is now vested in the lessee. The Pennsylvania contends that we have no power to guard against such an occurrence by means of a condition attached to our authorization which would prevent the Pennsylvania from disposing of the stock without our consent, its position being that the conditions referred to in paragraph (2) of section 5 of the Act are the conditions of the lease itself, and that the language does not cover a condition subsequent which is unrelated to the subject matter of the transaction.

We are unable to accept this construction of the law. In considering the propriety of proposed action for which our authority is sought, it is plainly our duty to take into consideration all surrounding circumstances that have a bearing upon the interest of the public in the thing sought to be done. It follows, in our opinion, that where the authorization depends for its justification upon certain existing circumstances, the authority given may be conditioned upon a continuance of the controlling circumstances, and proper provisions may be made to insure such continuance, or the substitution of circumstances as satisfactory from the standpoint of the public interest. *Chicago Junction Case*, 71 U. S. C. C. In this case, we regard the relationship between lessor and lessee as essential to our approval of the proposed arrangement, and such approval will be given upon condition that the Pennsylvania Company and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company shall not dispose of their stock in the Panhandle without our consent. Subject to the aforesaid condition, we find that the acquisition by the Pennsylvania of control of the railroad and leased lines of the Panhandle under the Panhandle under the terms of the lease described in the application will be in the public interest.

Commissioner Potter, concurring in his report, says:

Our proper function is limited to an approval or disapproval, in whole or in part, of the proposed acquisition covered by the application before us. We possess no power to require the establishment, by contract or otherwise, of a relation between the acquiring carrier and this Commission, by virtue of which we may say what the carrier may or may not do in the future. We may not exact tribute from a carrier as an inducement to us to grant approval. We may not, as a condition, require that a carrier part with any of its property or surrender any of its existing rights. We could not properly demand that the applicant surrender to us its Panhandle stock. Nor should we demand control of that stock by tying it up so that it cannot be used without our consent. And yet this is exactly what the report attempts to do when it says the Pennsylvania may acquire the Panhandle by lease only upon the condition that it surrender control of an important asset which it now owns and give to us the power of saying how it shall be used during 999 years.

There is much that can happen within 999 years. This Commission may not be in existence that long. Notwithstanding our order, the Pennsylvania might in the future go ahead and sell the stock without coming to us. It may be sold under a decree of court at the instance of a creditor. The condition would not prevent these and many other events. Certainly it could not be said that we are empowered to destroy the value of the Panhandle stock as property, although such is really the logic of the condition imposed. The stock in question is property, and will continue to be property, and the title and power of sale remains with the Pennsylvania. Would its sale constitute a breach of a contract made with us, and, if so, would the remedy be to recover damages and how and to what extent would we have been damaged? We have no authority to build up such a right for the Government. Would the lease automatically terminate and the property revert to the Panhandle? Clearly not. Would a breach of the condition which we have exacted give the Panhandle the right to re-enter and take its property? If we thought we secured that right to the Panhandle and it did not want to exercise the right, there apparently would be nothing that we could do. But the Panhandle could not have any such right. It would have agreed otherwise. The condition simply is not workable.

The condition is inherently unwise and unreasonable. If effective, it is a destruction and waste of which we ought not to be guilty. Our job is to develop financial strength, not dissipate it. We should conserve assets for credit and other purposes, and not render them unavailable. A lease without condition would vastly improve and strengthen the position of both carrier properties and serve the public interests. The condition, if valid, will injure the carrier and the public. In imposing such a condition we transgress our duty rather than perform it. We prejudice where we should benefit. The Pennsylvania now has a practical control through stock ownership of the Panhandle. The continuance of that control we find to be desirable and obviously it is. The Pennsylvania could part with the Panhandle stock and could hypothecate and otherwise use it. It is available to serve the public interest for credit purposes, but with the present relations between the companies such use might disrupt the system. Allow the lease to be made without condition and the stock could be used no more freely than now, but if through any adversity the stock should get out of Pennsylvania control the system would not be disrupted as would result from a sale of the stock without a lease. The public interest clearly requires that the lease should be made and that the stock should remain available for use as now. It cannot be in the public interest to render unavailable an available \$50,000,000 asset.

We say it is a good thing to put the properties together. We don't even say that the stock ought not to be sold. We recognize that perhaps it should be sold—but only with our consent. We say the Pennsylvania may acquire the Panhandle by lease if it will turn over to us the right to say whether an asset consisting of shares of stock shall be continued in its present form for 999 years or be converted into something else. To my mind this is an invasion in management in the field of company policy which has not been authorized and which property was withheld from a Governmental agency.

Section 2 of Paragraph 5 authorizes us to ascertain whether the terms and conditions of the lease or other instrument of acquisition are just and reasonable. Such an instrument necessarily must have terms and conditions. The terms and conditions contained in such an instrument presented by the application, and only these so contained, are the ones we are authorized to consider. The purpose is to give us power to determine whether the terms and conditions are unduly burdensome. There is no warrant in the statute for imposing any outside or new conditions establishing a right

in us or a relation between the applicant and us as an inducement to us to act.

The explanation of my vote in favor of the report containing the offensive condition is this. Perhaps the applicant will desire to proceed under the report. The application has been before us for a long time. Bad as I think is the report, it seems to be the only way by which the applicant can obtain what I conceive to be even partial justice. Perhaps the applicant will conclude that the condition is illegal, as I am strongly inclined to think it is, and that it may be disregarded, as seems to me it may. Whatever we may think of our power, we are not above the law. The course may intervene in a helpful way. And then, too, it may be that some time within 999 years this Commission will be composed of men whose views do not accord with ours. Perhaps other men at another time will correct our error. I even indulge the hope that with further consideration we may change our mind. The report is no worse than a denial and it may be helpful to have our views understood. So I vote for the report in its present form rather than for a denial. Commissioners Lewis and Cox concur in these views.

Commissioner Hall, dissenting, says:

The only justification for my concurrence in this report would be that the condition imposed is as void as it is futile. I prefer to dissent because I am not in accord with the statement of facts, the reasoning or the conclusion. Incidentally, I fail to perceive why public interest requires that the tenant should be, beneficially, the landlord as well throughout this term. Back of all that lies the belief that no man is wise enough to pass on the sufficiency of provisions in a railroad lease framed to cover a future of 999 years. No such period in the past affords any guide. Even 100 years ago steam railroads were unknown, and 200 years hence they may have followed the ox team, or become transformed almost beyond recognition. Such leases are anachronisms at best, and under Section 5 of the Inter-State Commerce Act, they are not needed for any purpose. Obviously the parties to this lease are concerned with the immediate rather than the remote future. Perhaps they might better attain their end by seeking approval of a short-term lease pending such consolidation as may become possible under the existing statute. Be that as it may, the present application should either be granted or denied on its merits, without extraneous and continuing condition.

Commissioner Daniels, dissenting, says:

The report in this case says:

"... we regard the relationship between lessor and lessee as essential to our approval of the proposed arrangement, and such approval will be given upon condition that the Pennsylvania Company and the Pennsylvania RR. Co. shall not dispose of their stock in the Panhandle without our consent."

Subject to the applicant's acceptance of the aforesaid condition, the applicant's acquisition of control of the Panhandle under the terms of the proposed lease is found to be in the public interest and approved.

I am not disposed to narrow or restrict the Commission's power to prescribe all proper conditions with which to hedge about the acquisition by one carrier of the control over another by means of a lease. I do not assent to the proposition that when such a lease is tendered to us for approval, we are simply to approve or reject *in toto*. Section 5, Paragraph 2, is so worded that it is not easy to circumscribe within a ringfence definition the exact powers which the Commission may or may not exercise in the premises. It is not necessary to do so here, beyond saying that any condition imposed by us must be germane to the subject matter of the transaction. The possible future sale or pledge of the capital stock of the Panhandle is not even remotely connected with the manner in which the proposed control by lease is sought to be acquired. What the imposition of the proposed condition amounts to is to suggest a sort of treaty with the applicant whereby we assume the role of guardian of the public interest, and agree that if the applicant and a subsidiary of the applicant will stipulate that what is now a free asset in their corporate treasuries shall in future be subjected to our suspensive vote, as to its disposition, we will authorize the applicant to acquire the desired control of the Panhandle. I do not believe such a condition falls within the powers we may legitimately exercise under the statute. We may not, under guise of a latitudinarian interpretation of the public interest, exercise jurisdiction over a subject matter of an alien kind, in no way connected with the terms or the manner in which the desired control is sought to be obtained. We might with equal propriety prescribe as a condition of our approval that any future bond issues of the Panhandle shall be marketed through competitive bidding rather than underwritten by a banking house. However excellent the reasons that we might now give for this last-mentioned requirement, the sale in question has nothing to do with the control here sought. Neither has the future method which the applicant may employ in handling what is now a free asset in its treasury and which we here seek by indirection to subjugate to an extra-legal yoke of our own devising.

Commissioner Eastman, dissenting, says:

In this case the Pennsylvania is seeking authority to acquire control, by lease for a term of 999 years, of the Panhandle, which operates 2,265 miles of main track and has about \$85,000,000 of stock outstanding, nearly all of which is owned by the Pennsylvania or by its subsidiary holding company, The Pennsylvania Company. The rental is to be sufficient to pay 4% per annum upon the stock until 1926, and 5% thereafter.

Experience has shown very clearly the infirmities and dangers of this method of combining railroad properties. They are illustrated by the following from the *New England Investigation*, 27 I. C. C. 560, 600:

"During the year 1912 the Boston & Maine operated 2,244 miles of railroad, of which it owned 725 miles, the remainder, 1,519 miles, being leased. In all cases the rental is a fixed amount. Sometimes the lease provides for the payment of a given sum in cash, but usually the agreement is to pay the interest upon the funded debt of the lessor company and a given per cent upon its capital stock. In most cases it is provided that the lessor company shall issue new securities, either stock or bonds, for necessary improvements, although in one or two cases such improvements must be made by the Boston & Maine at its own expense. It will be seen, therefore, that the amount of the rental for these leased roads is a fixed sum which only varies from year to year in the event of change in the funded debt or the stock of the lessor company."

"This method of building up a railroad system is inherently a vicious one. In the first place, it concentrates too much power in too small a stock holding. In 1901, the operated mileage being substantially what it is to-day, the outstanding capital stock of the Boston & Maine was only about \$25,500,000; the possession of slightly over \$13,000,000 of this stock insured the control over more than 3,000 miles of railway, including the Maine Central. In 1907 the New Haven company, by the purchase of less than \$11,000,000 of this stock, obtained what amounted to a control of the property. This ought not to be possible. The control of a railroad should properly rest with the owners of the property; which is not at all the case with a system constructed as is the Boston & Maine."

"The second, and perhaps more serious objection, is this: The margin between fixed charges and income is too narrow. The stipulated rent must be paid and the interest of the lessee company must also be paid. This item of rent in case of the Boston & Maine slightly exceeds \$5,000,000 annually, and its interest charges are something over \$2,000,000 annually, while a dividend of 8% upon its outstanding capital stock would be only about \$2,500,000. There is in a system built up like this no power of resistance, no working capital, so to speak. The stockholders of the Boston & Maine are little more than residuary legatees of the railroad operations of northern New England. In days of prosperity handsome dividends are enjoyed, but a comparatively slight wave of adversity obliterates these dividends and makes bankrupt the company."

The situation thus described was one of the chief causes of the subsequent receivership. In the reorganization which followed, in 1910, it was found necessary to consolidate the leased lines with the Boston & Maine, and to substitute the preferred stock for their guaranteed shares. There have been many other cases where leases have been a potent contributing cause to the financial downfall of railroad or public utility properties.

Financiers have repeatedly and most forcefully enlarged upon the dangers of increasing the fixed charges of railroad companies in an amount disproportionate to the outstanding capital stock. Our records are full of such admonitions. Certain States prohibit investment by savings banks in the bonds of railroad companies, where the ratio between bonds and stocks is greater than 3 to 1. Many financiers think that even this ratio is not sufficiently conservative, and by the railroad laws of Massachusetts the limit is made 2 to 1. Yet every lease which guarantees a fixed return upon stock is equivalent to the substitution of bonds for stock, since it has a similar effect in adding to the burden of fixed charges.

For the above reasons, I should have no hesitation in condemning the proposed lease, if the bulk of the Panhandle stock were not held, directly or indirectly, by the Pennsylvania. Its possession of this stock, in my opinion, is the one factor that renders this lease worthy of consideration, for so long as the stock is so held, the return guaranteed comes back to the treasury of the Pennsylvania and has only bookkeeping importance. In passing upon the lease, it is entirely proper, therefore, that we should consider whether or not the continuation of this stock ownership is, or can be, assured.

This leads to a further thought. Under Section 20 (a) of the Inter-State Commerce Act, the Pennsylvania may not now issue any share of stock, or any bond, without our consent, and we may grant such authority only if we find that such issuance—

(a) is for some lawful object within its corporate purposes, and compatible with the public interest, which is necessary or appropriate for or consistent with the proper performance by the carrier of service to the public as a common carrier, and which will not impair its ability to perform that service, and (b) is reasonably necessary and appropriate for such purpose.

The effect of the 999-year lease which is now proposed would clearly be to make the shares of Panhandle stock which are now held, directly or indirectly, by the Pennsylvania, the equivalent of its own interest-bearing securities. Moreover, while it may not sell its own securities without our consent, it could sell these equivalent guaranteed shares regardless of our supervision and without the finding which Section 20 (a) requires. Thus, the purpose of this section, which is not only to prevent over-capitalization but to control and regulate the expenditure of capital funds, would be defeated.

I am quite aware that the law does not entirely close the door against the expenditure of capital funds without public supervision, for no supervision is provided where the funds are obtained from surplus earnings or the sale of assets. But we can at least refrain from opening the door wider by permitting a carrier unconditionally to increase the salability of certain of its assets through an act which we have power to control. For example: The Pennsylvania can now freely sell or pledge the Panhandle stock which it holds, and expend the funds so obtained as it sees fit; but such a sale or pledge would be far more probable if this lease were executed without condition, for it would at once increase the marketability of the Panhandle stock and make its retention in the treasury of the Pennsylvania unnecessary for purposes of control.

These are some of the reasons, I believe, why the majority have attached the condition to their authorization of the lease that the Panhandle stock which is directly or indirectly held by the Pennsylvania shall not hereafter be sold or pledged without our consent. With the intent of that condition I am in hearty accord. But the Pennsylvania has asked for approval or disapproval of the lease in the form in which it now stands. It has not indicated that conditional approval would be acceptable. On the contrary, the Pennsylvania has indicated that such a condition as the majority have attached to their authorization would be unacceptable, and that it is prepared to contest the lawfulness of such a condition in the courts. Under such circumstances, in my judgment, the Pennsylvania should be taken at its word, and authority to make the lease should be denied outright. No substantial public interest is at stake. Upon any theory, the eventual consolidation of the Pennsylvania with the Panhandle, assuming that this will be in accord with the final consolidation plan under Section 5 of the Act, is far more to be desired than a 999-year lease.

In the above discussion, I have assumed that the lease as drawn virtually guarantees 4% upon the Panhandle stock until 1926, and 5% thereafter. Apparently there is doubt as to this. Even if I were in other respects convinced that the lease is in the public interest, I should favor the withholding of approval until this doubt is removed. It is a simple matter to remove it, and no occasion exists for inviting possible future fraud upon minority stockholders. I am authorized to say that Commissioner Aitchison concurs in these views.

Commissioner Campbell, dissenting, says:

In the main I approve of the concurring remarks of Commissioner Potter. It is my view "that the condition that the Pennsylvania Company and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company shall not dispose of their stock in the Panhandle without our consent" is a condition which we have no authority to impose, and for that reason I dissent.

REFUNDING PUBLIC UTILITY BONDS.

"Eastern investment bankers are in an optimistic mood concerning the future of the investment securities market," according to A. S. Cummins, Assistant Manager of the bond department, H. M. Byllesby & Co., whose remarks to this effect were made upon his return to Chicago from the eastern offices of the company. This, says the "News Bulletin" of July 6 issued by Byllesby & Co., is especially true with regard of the issue of public utility companies. Mr. Cummins looks for considerable refunding. On this point he is reported as saying:

There is a growing disposition to refund bonds that were originally placed on the market during the stringent financial period of 1919 and 1920 bearing high rates of interest. Most of these issues contain clauses authorizing the borrowing company to call the issue for redemption on optional dates, permitting the retirement of the entire issue or a part of it; and many concerns have already taken advantage of this privilege and the easy condition of the money market to reduce their fixed charges. Large amounts of callable bonds are still outstanding, however, and is expected that a considerable proportion of the total will be called for payment.

The amount of the securities of all classes called for payment in July, according to the best statistics available, is in the neighborhood of \$145,000,000, a new high record. This compares with \$28,282,000 called in June, 1922, and only \$1,839,000 in July of last year. Public utility bonds

take a prominent part in the total of corporation issues called for redemption. Considerable new financing probably will result from the large amount of public utility bonds that will mature in the last half of this year, the total amount of maturing obligations of this nature amounting to \$261,921,000. The refunding of callable issues and the issuance of securities to finance new construction will add considerably to this total. Little competition from foreign government loans is expected this year, although some foreign industrial securities may be introduced into the market in the Fall. As a whole, the outlook for the continuance of a good bond market is promising.

DEVELOPMENTS IN STRIKE OF RAILROAD SHOPMEN.

That the strike of the railroad shopmen would be fought out between the railroads and the men who had elected to suspend work has become quite evident this week. On the 19th inst. both the U. S. Railroad Labor Board and the Western Presidents' Committee on Public Relations of the Association of Railway Executives indicated that conferences were no longer in progress with the Labor Board looking to the adjustment of the differences, the Board in its announcement giving as the reason therefor that "there does not seem to be any probability of reconciling the antipodal views of the carriers and the men on the question at issue." Both the Western Presidents' Committee and the Board agreed in their statement (which we give elsewhere) that the so-called question of "seniority rights," which had arisen since the strike was called July 1, had become one of importance. Indications that the roads would not yield on their stand as to "seniority rights" were conveyed not only in the statement issued by the Western Presidents, but also by John J. Walber, spokesman in New York for the American Railway Executives Association, who, according to the New York "Evening Sun" of the 20th inst., stated that the roads had decided to "fight it out." Mr. Walker was also reported in the same paper as stating:

The strike now is entirely administrative. The railroads have refused to grant any of the five propositions suggested by B. M. Jewell, head of the striking shopmen, and especially will the roads stand by their refusal to restore full seniority rights to the shopmen who walked out.

On the same day, L. F. Loree, Chairman of the Eastern Presidents' Conference, following a meeting of the latter in this city on Thursday, stated that the decision of the Labor Board to abandon efforts to bring about a settlement of the strike was welcomed by the railroads, adding that "now we can fight out our differences directly with the men, who for the first time will be confronted by cold facts." Mr. Loree, in behalf of the Conference, also stated that the railroads were proceeding to fill the strikers' places and that "the railroads are in full accord with the announcement of the Labor Board of July 3, that the new men entering the service are within their moral and legal rights in taking such service; that they are not strike-breakers, but public servants, and are entitled to the protection of every department and branch of the Government, State and National." The statement in full will be found under another head in this issue. Another development of the 20th inst. was a conference in Washington between Senators Cummins, Watson and Kellogg with Eastern railroad executives, an account of which we given in another item. In reporting last night (July 21) that B. W. Hooper, Chairman of the Railroad Labor Board, had been summoned to the White House for a conference, the New York "Evening Sun" said that it had been indicated after yesterday's Cabinet meeting that President Harding would probably summon the railroad executives and leaders of the striking shopmen to Washington for a peace conference. These developments of the day, it was added, were considered the first steps in a move to bring about a termination of the strike. According to the "Journal of Commerce" of yesterday, the metropolitan district strike committee, through its Secretary, Dave Williams, denounced on the 20th inst. the decision of the railroads to cancel seniority rights as a move to force the open shop upon shop craft workers. The committee's statement was reported as saying:

It is final proof that the policy of the roads is to destroy American labor unionism. We will show them, however, that they cannot either build up their forces with non-union men or crush unionism in the shops. If the executives want a fight we are ready. The striking shopmen, like the miners, will battle indefinitely for justice.

The New York "Times" of yesterday said:

Replying to the rail executives statement the central strike committee charged violations of the Labor Board's ruling. It added: These violations both destroy the workers' confidence in the prestige and power of the Labor Board and aroused them to the pitch of strike. Even to-day the Erie and Western Maryland still refuse to obey the Board's ruling on outside contracting. These two roads, together with the Pennsylvania and New York Central, have been the worst offenders in violating Labor Board rulings. For over a year these roads have installed their own

rules reducing the pay of some of the men as much as 20 cents an hour below the wage the Labor Board said they should pay.

The installation of the company union by the Pennsylvania RR. and the installation of piece work by the New York Central RR. as well as the farming out of work and the subcontracting of the work by the Erie and Western Maryland show a conspiracy to defeat the labor provisions of the Transportation Act.

See "War on Unionism."

In commenting on the refusal of the railroads to meet the union's terms in Chicago, the Strike Committee said the railroad executives have now "declared war upon American labor unionism," and also had "declared open war upon the Railroad Labor Board and the Transportation Act."

On July 14 it was stated that members of the Cabinet who met with President Harding that day placed their main hopes for a settlement of the railroad strike on the ability of Chairman Hooper of the Railroad Labor Board to find a solution of the problem. The Associated Press dispatches of that date said:

The President was said to hold the view that, should Government operation of the carriers become necessary, it would not abridge the liberty of railroad workers to be drafted for service in the positions in which they have had experience. Whatever discussion occurred along this line, however, was said to be on a strictly hypothetical basis, there being no evidence that Federal control would be forced by developments of the strike.

Possible use of Federal troops to protect railroad employees remaining on their jobs was deprecated in union circles to-day as tending to aggravate the situation. This view was expressed by J. P. Noonan, President of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, who charged that mail trains were being withdrawn deliberately by the railroads to force Government action. President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor also declared there was no justification for use of troops, particularly unless and until requested by the State authorities.

Telegraphic advices to the New York "Times" from Washington, July 14, with regard to the Cabinet meeting, stated:

After a prolonged meeting of the Cabinet this morning, devoted solely to a discussion of industrial troubles, Secretary of War Weeks remained at the White House for further conference with President Harding. On his return to the War Department Mr. Weeks said the question of relative seniority of the striking shopmen, should they return to work, is virtually the sole question to be decided before an agreement is reached between railroad labor and the managements.

Later in the afternoon Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, said he, too, had the same information.

"I cannot say how authentic it is," Mr. Gompers said, "and it is not official, but I received identical information to-day. I don't know whether the Railroad Labor Board has had any connection with this effort at a settlement, but if so, it is like the fifth wheel of a wagon."

Mr. Gompers declared that the best medium for a settlement would be through direct negotiation between labor and the railroad managements rather than through the continued agency of the Federal Government's Railroad Labor Board.

"I firmly believe," he said, "that if the railroad executives and the representatives of the railroad labor organizations were to meet and discuss the situation among themselves they could reach an adjustment of the strike. Anyway, the assertion that the Cummins-Esch Transportation Act can prevent strikes has been demonstrated to be an absolute fallacy. You can't prevent strikes by law."

On the 14th inst. the issues in the controversy were discussed at a conference in Chicago between B. W. Hooper, Chairman of the Railroad Labor Board, and B. M. Jewell, President of the Railway Employees' Department of the American Federation of Labor, Chairman Hooper, issuing a statement, saying:

For several days I have been endeavoring to find some common ground upon which both parties could stand, consistently with their own interests and with the supreme rights of the public.

Concisely, the respective positions of the carriers and the leaders of the labor organizations are as follows:

The preliminary question of a conference between the railway executives and the heads of the organizations was disposed of agreeably to both sides. It was suggested that the Railroad Labor Board reopen or resume the strike hearing held two weeks ago. To this both parties readily agreed. Such a hearing, with an intervening recess, would have furnished ample opportunity for private conference of the representatives of the two sides.

It was suggested by me, however, that it was useless to have the hearing and conference unless there was a prospect of reaching an agreement. Both sides concurred in this.

After a full discussion it was conclusively evident that the differences were fundamental.

Mr. Jewell and his associates suggested four things for consideration, set out in the order of their importance—namely, the contract question, the protested rules embraced in Board decisions, the recent wage decision and the establishment of a national adjustment board. Incidentally, they demanded that after a satisfactory adjustment of the four matters named all men out on strike should be reinstated in their former positions without impairment of their rights of seniority.

The carriers suggested that they would undertake to meet the first request of the employees by wiping out the contract system on the two or three roads where it still exists. They expressed the belief that this could be done and the Board's decision against this practice made effective on all roads.

The railway executives further agreed to establish regional boards of adjustment similar to those already in operation for the train and engine service men.

The executives would not agree that the strikers, when they returned to the service, should take the positions and the seniority of the new men and the men who had remained in service.

As to the rule decision and the wage decision of the Railroad Labor Board, the carriers took the position that the shopcrafts were at liberty to petition the Board for a rehearing of these decisions, in which hearing the carriers would participate and by the result of which they would abide.

Mr. Jewell and his associates insisted that the carriers must agree to satisfactory modification of both the wage and the rule decisions of the Board before the strike is called off. The executives declined to consider these two decisions, except in connection with a rehearing by the Board.

I have attempted to give a plain and impartial statement of the respective contentions without any supporting argument for either position.

Perhaps as a result of all this discussion both parties have a clearer conception of the issue.

At the same time a statement as follows was issued by Mr. Jewell:

Representatives of the railway employees again showed, by meeting in conference to-day, a readiness to co-operate with the efforts being made to bring about an agreement between the railroads and the shop craftsmen.

The issues in the present controversy were of course the subject of discussion, but it would be obviously improper for me to give any details of the discussion.

It would be fair to say that no conclusions have been reached, but also fair to state my opinion that now, as throughout the hearings before the Labor Board, the principal obstacle in the way of peace is the financial controllers of the railroads, who have directed the policies of the railway executives in support of a general anti-labor program, rather than in the interest of the transportation service of the country.

Refusal of the railway executives to negotiate in conference with the representatives of the employees, does not, in my opinion, represent the free will decision of the majority of the executives, but merely the dictates of the financial interests.

We are preparing and will shortly publish a statement of the case of the railway shopmen, wherein we shall demonstrate that the policies of the railway executives, who have brought about the present widespread controversy with the railway employees, are the product of a banking combination which controls 82% of the railroad mileage.

If the active operators of the railroads were free to manage these properties, according to true management policies, instead of being compelled to follow banking dictation, peace would not be difficult to maintain upon the American railroads.

In reporting the issuance of a statement by Mr. Jewell on July 15, amplifying a similar one given out by him the previous day, when he attributed most of the difficulties in the present situation to "Wall Street control" of the railroads and the "national anti-union campaign," the New York "Tribune" said:

In his newest charges Mr. Jewell declared that the Labor Board is dominated by a group of twenty-five bankers, represented by General W. W. Aterbury and T. De Witt Cuyler of the Association of Railway Executives. Twelve New York banks control 267 directorships in ninety-two of the country's railroads, the statement set forth, and continued as follows:

The same groups control six directorships each on ninety-one of the first-class rail lines of the country, operating more than 211,280 miles or 82% of the rail mileage of the country.

Says Board Failed of Duty.

The same men control the equipment companies and the mines of the land. The mistake of the Railroad Labor Board is that it has been persuaded to reduce labor costs on the theory that the cost of living would then fall to the new wage level, instead of performing its duty to help maintain wages on a level with the actual cost of living.

The Board has been made the instrument of organized money power, represented by twenty-five interlocking bank and rail directors—the general staff of the American financiers who have been campaigning ever since the war to "put labor in its place;" or in still plainer language to establish a system of industrial feudalism which was developing rapidly in the United States before the war.

On the 15th inst. the Western Railroad Presidents' Committee on Public Relations authorized the following statement regarding the strike situation:

Reports from railways in all parts of the country show steady, and in some territories large, gains in the number of employees in the shops since the strike began. The situation is somewhat better in Eastern territory than elsewhere, but Western railways report increasing numbers of men returning to work, and most of them report the movement of their lines to normal.

Developments show that the main thing needed to insure the return of normal conditions is the protection of men who want to work from violence by strict enforcement of the laws. Wherever injunctions against unlawful interference with workers and property have been issued there has been an immediate increase in the number of men at work.

The action of the railways in refusing to consider any plan of settlement which does not include protection in their seniority and other rights of men who have stayed at work or are now willing to go to work also has had a beneficial effect.

Several railway executives have at his request met and conferred informally with Chairman Hooper of the Railroad Labor Board regarding possible means of terminating the strike.

The statement issued by Chairman Hooper Friday sets forth the results of these conferences correctly. The railway executives have unanimously indicated that they will not agree to any plan which is inconsistent with the decisions which have been rendered by the Labor Board and that they will not confer with representatives of the strikers while the strike continues, but that they are perfectly willing to attend any meeting, or participate in any hearing called by the Labor Board with a view to effecting a settlement that would not nullify, but uphold and carry out the Board's decisions.

The railway executives also have indicated a willingness to accept any modification of its decisions which the Labor Board, after hearings, might make. They cannot, however, agree to any conference with the representatives of the strikers because the very purpose for which such conference is sought by representatives of the strikers, as avowed by Mr. Jewell, is to secure a settlement contrary to the decisions of the Board, and for the railroads to agree to this would be to undermine the dignity and influence of the Board, just as the unions are trying to do by this strike.

The facts show clearly that the executives of the railways have shown willingness to do everything that is reasonable to end the strike, while Mr. Jewell has indicated that only by the railways surrendering to his demands and disregarding the decisions of the Labor Board can it be ended.

This leaves responsibility for continuance of the strike solely upon the leaders of the strikers.

With regard to a conference on the 15th inst. between President Harding, E. F. Grable, President of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railway Shop Laborers, and F. L. Feick, legislative representative of the union, a White House statement was issued as follows on that day:

E. F. Grable, President of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railway Shop Laborers, and Fred L. Feick, legislative representative of the same organization, spent two hours this morning in con-

ference with the President on the strike situation. They brought to the President the first personal and official protest that the railway managers were ignoring the decisions of the Railroad Labor Board and presented their objections to the decision of the Board relating to the appeals of that brotherhood.

The President gave the fullest possible hearing and assured Messrs. Grable and Feick that they had taken the one defensible course in presenting their case.

He assured them that inasmuch as Congress has constituted the Railroad Labor Board for the express purpose of settling disputes and preventing interruption to transportation, all decisions must be accepted by employers and employees alike, and assured them also that non-compliance on the part of the railways had not been brought to his attention until the strike was called.

He explained that any inadequacy in the law must be corrected by Congress and cannot be effected by interrupted railway operations.

Messrs. Grable and Feick expressed a hope for an early settlement, and declared that the proper conferences would end in such a settlement. The President assured them that every possible conference was being sought.

Commendation has been given the "Big Four" brotherhoods by the railroads for their neutrality, according to the New York "Times" of the 16th inst., which, in referring to disorder and sabotage with the announcement that the maintenance of way men were on the verge of a walkout, said:

That little permanent damage had been done was in a great measure due to the vigilance and fair play of the train crews, officials said, explaining:

The members of the Big Four train service brotherhoods deserve mention for the strict neutrality they have observed during the strike. They have co-operated in getting the trains through and have shown a meticulous regard for public safety.

As to the threats of the maintenance of way men, Associated Press dispatches from Detroit, July 16, said:

The railroads must cease their reported efforts to compel maintenance of way workers to perform the duties of striking shop employees, or the maintenance of way men will be called out on strike, E. F. Grable, International President of the Maintenance of Way Brotherhood, declared here to-night.

Mr. Grable indicated that in any event no strike by his organization could be expected before Thursday, the day he has set for a meeting here of the brotherhood's grand lodge, which includes the general chairmen of all divisions and members of the executive council.

Referring to the hope of an early settlement, it was stated on the 16th in dispatches from Chicago (Associated Press):

Despite the silence of the leaders, with accompanying rumors of a tacit armistice or truce to allow fuller consideration of points brought out during the week at mediation conferences, hopes of an early settlement were expressed freely in both railway and labor quarters, although no tangible basis for these expectations was given in any case.

One of the factors most often quoted to justify a belief that the drift was toward peace, despite the failure last week of Mr. Hooper's efforts to bring the labor leaders and the executives together, was the statement of R. A. Henning, General Chairman of the Federated Shop Crafts of the Northwest, that only the refusal of Eastern roads to agree to reinstate striking shop crafts workers with their full seniority rights is preventing a settlement of the strike so far as the Northwest roads are concerned.

The railroads throughout, it was declared, have insisted that their men return to work as one of the first steps toward peace, and the belief was expressed that the restoration of the rights sought would not alone prove a great stumbling block in the way of a full settlement. In this connection a member of the Labor Board asserted that the roads had to a large extent stopped recruiting men to replace the strikers.

On the other questions at issue—outside contracting for shop work, modification of certain rules and working agreements, the establishment of conciliation boards and wages—it was declared that most of the roads had already agreed to abolish outside contracting as ordered by the Labor Board and to establish early the conciliation boards under the Federal Transportation Act. Thus, but two questions, it was asserted, were now at issue—rules and wages—both of which might again be brought before the Labor Board for decision on the demand of the men for a hearing.

In the case of the maintenance of way men, it was pointed out, the Board averted a walkout by agreeing to an immediate consideration of appeals for wage increases on the ground that Government figures showed that the cost of living had increased since it rendered its wage reduction decision, which became effective on July 1 simultaneously with the calling of the shopmen's strike.

On the 18th inst. the threatened strike of 400,000 maintenance of way men was stayed at Chicago, Mr. Grable, it was stated, having reached an agreement with the Railway Labor Board to withhold any strike order until the Board can give a rehearing on its previous decision, which was not accepted by the men. The Associated Press advices from Chicago stated:

Mr. Grable issued a statement to-night asserting that "the path to an early adjustment is open" so far as the 400,000 members of his organization are concerned. Referring to his conference with President Harding last week, Mr. Grable said he had received assurance that Chairman Cummins of the Senate Inter-State Commerce Committee expected to hold early hearings on disputed points of the labor provisions of the Transportation Act, particularly with reference to the living wage principle.

"The basis for the guidance of the Board in the present Act is to set a 'just and reasonable' wage," Mr. Grable's statement said. "The present issue, which should be settled by such a hearing by the Inter-State Commerce Committee of the Senate and amendments to the law, is an interpretation of this phrase 'just and reasonable,' and its application to a living wage."

Mr. Grable said he advised the Board of the orders sent to his general chairmen to open negotiations with their respective roads immediately regarding disputed rules, working conditions and wage and to submit the case to the Board if an agreement was not reached.

The first of these disputes came before the Board to-day, the dispute being that of the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul road. The carrier set aside the thirty-day clause in existing agreements for the filing of a dispute and Mr. Grable secured the Board's promise for early hearings on this and similar cases, many of which will be consolidated.

He requested that future decisions on wage disputes, favorable to the men, be made retroactive to July 1, when the wage cut became effective.

Mr. Grable said that a peaceful settlement of the shopmen's strike was being held up by a few roads who were unwilling to allow returning employees their seniority rights.

The railroads, in ultimatums to the strikers, said unless they returned to work by certain dates, all of which have now expired, they would start in again as new employees. They are supported in their stand by proclamations issued by the Labor Board.

On the other hand, President B. M. Jewell and his striking shopmen have asserted that any settlement must be predicated on a full restoration of seniority rights to the returning strikers.

On the 17th inst., when about 8,000 stationary firemen, engineers and oilers were called out, it was stated in Cincinnati dispatches that approximately 200,000 railroad clerks, freight handles and station and express men were either taking a strike vote or were expected to take one, according to information at headquarters of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Station and Express Men. On the 20th inst. Mr. Grable reiterated his statement that the outlook for the settlement of the differences between the men and the railroads appeared bright, due to the abolishment by the roads of their alleged practice of compelling maintenance men to perform the duties of striking shopmen.

Previous references to the strike since its inception appeared in our issues of July 8, page 159, and July 15, page 267.

STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN HOOPER OF RR. LABOR BOARD REGARDING TERMINATION OF EFFORTS TO SETTLE SHOPMEN'S STRIKE.

Indications that the efforts of the U. S. RR. Labor Board to effect a settlement of the strike of the railway shopmen had been terminated without an agreement having been reached, were contained in statements issued at Chicago on July 19 by B. W. Hooper, Chairman of the Board, and the Western Presidents' Committee on Public Relation of the Association of Railway Executives. The latter's statement, given under another heading in this issue, announced that "there are now no conferences in progress looking toward a settlement of the shopcrafts strike." Adding that Chairman Hooper had held informal conferences with some railway executives, the statement said "these have had no results and are now at an end." Similarly Chairman Hooper of the Labor Board stated that "as there does not seem to be any probability of reconciling the antipodal views of the carriers and the men on the question at issue, the Labor Board and none of its members are now engaged in any further efforts along this line." Both statements referred to the fact that the question of "seniority rights" had arisen since the calling of the strike and had become "one of importance." Chairman Hooper in relating the basis on which a settlement had been proposed as a result of conferences this week between himself and A. O. Wharton, labor member of the Board, and R. M. Jewell and heads of the striking organizations, stated that virtual agreement had been reached between the rail heads and the strike leaders on all of the five points in dispute except that of the return to the strikers of the seniority rights—a question not originally in dispute between the roads and their men.

"At present," said Chairman Hooper's statement, "there is no possibility of an agreement on the reinstatement of striking employees with all rights restored." The following is from Chairman Hooper's statement:

Last Saturday I endeavored to inform the public as to the progress of certain efforts to terminate the strike. The divergency between the carriers and the shop craft organizations was so wide as to discourage further activities in behalf of a settlement. Rather unexpectedly, however, the matter was taken up again on that same day. On that afternoon Mr. Wharton and I held a long conference with Mr. Jewell and the heads of the seven striking organizations. It was then indicated by Mr. Jewell and his associates that they would be willing to submit to their committee of ninety men for approval an agreed program if the carriers concurred in same.

The plan proposed was as follows:

First—That the carriers which had arbitrarily changed the wages and working conditions of the employees represented by said seven organizations, by means of the contract system, in violation of the Railroad Labor Board's decisions, should withdraw from this practice. This applied to only a few roads, as the others had heretofore announced their willingness to cancel such contracts. The principal of those that have not yet made such announcement are the Erie and Western Maryland.

Second—That the authority granted by the transportation Act to the carriers and their employees to set up an adjustment board or boards be exercised by the establishment of a national adjustment board, with the entire jurisdiction authorized by said Act, namely, the hearing of all disputes except those affecting wages.

Third—That the employees involved in the strike proceed in conformity with the Transportation Act in the settlement of the disputed rules and wages, seeking from the Railroad Labor Board a hearing of the recent wage decision and promptly submitting the seven disputed rules to the Adjustment Board, with the statutory right of appeal to the Labor Board.

Fourth—The carriers to withdraw or dismiss all law suits growing out of the strike.

Fifth—All men now on strike, those laid off, furloughed or on leave of absence to be returned to work and their former positions, with seniority and other rights unimpaired.

As a method for securing a conference fully representing the carriers and the employees concerned, it was contemplated that the Railroad Labor Board should call a hearing for that purpose.

In the absence of an organization authorized to speak for all the carriers, I submitted this proposal to certain railway executives, who are considered fair and conservative men. These gentlemen claimed no representative authority, but if a tentative arrangement could have been perfected it was to be submitted to the other executives, and, in fact, it is my information that the above suggestions have been laid before a good many other executives.

As there does not seem to be any probability of reconciling the antipodal views of the carriers and the men on the question at issue, the Labor Board and none of its members are not engaged in any further efforts along that line.

The Associated Press accounts from Chicago had the following to say regarding Mr. Hooper's statement:

Mr. Hooper, discussing the negotiations, said he had submitted the proposal to several railway executives with the promise that if a tentative agreement could be reached it was to be submitted to other executives. Mr. Hooper said he understood the program had been laid before a large number of executives.

"My investigation of the attitude of the carriers has convinced me," his statement said, "that no serious obstacle is to be found in any of the items above enumerated, except the fifth."

"Only 16 of 201 Class 1 roads had entered into the contracting out of shop work and most of them have now discontinued it," his statement continued, and added that "the great majority of the carriers would be pleased to see the few remaining roads withdraw from it."

"The carriers raised no objections to reopening the wage decision, and the dispute regarding seven protested rules, he said, and declared that "the foregoing disposition of contracts, wages and rules would remove from conflict all three of the questions upon which strike votes were taken."

Regarding adjustment boards, Hooper said many roads are willing to have regional boards, some are willing to have a national adjustment board and some favored boards on each individual road. "An agreement of some sort could doubtless be reached upon this matter," he said.

"At present," the statement continued, "there is no possibility of an agreement on the reinstatement of striking employees with all rights restored."

The carriers contended, he said, that when the men struck, the carriers owed to themselves and the public the duty of continuing the operation of the trains for the transportation of freight, passengers and mails. In doing this, Mr. Hooper said, the carriers endeavored to replace the men who quit the service and asserted that they promised efficient men permanent employment and fair treatment after the strike was over and could not recede from these obligations.

"They also state," Mr. Hooper continued, "that to give the returning strikers preference over the men now employed would merely encourage the recurrence of strikes."

The carriers, he said, have promised to employ men who have been out on strike if they have not been guilty of breaches of peace and the destruction of property, but refused to give them seniority over those who have remained at work.

"Personally," the statement said, "I had hoped some agreement might be reached that would result in the resumption of work by men now on strike. This question is not before the Labor Board at this time, but is one between the carriers and the employees."

Mr. Wharton, one of the labor members of the Railroad Board, submitted and outline of the union's stand on the question of the seniority rights, and this was embodied in Chairman Hooper's statement as follows:

Briefly, the Federated Shop Crafts' position is that any settlement of the present controversy which has for its object restoration of harmonious relations and efficient operation of shops, must take into consideration:

1. Restoration of the men involved to their status as employees as of the date prior to stoppage of work.
2. That the great majority of these men are permanently located and are more desirable employees than those who have been employees since stoppage of work.
3. That it will be an unusual position, and one which it is not believed to be justifiable, if the carriers in this case adopt an attitude denying the request of the organization in this respect when by so doing they prevent the possibility of a settlement.
4. No organization heretofore has been called upon or expected to sacrifice all accumulated rights of years of service in situations of a similar character.
5. That this action on the part of the carriers will place full responsibility of a continuation of the strike with inevitable consequence resulting therefrom.

WESTERN RAILROAD EXECUTIVES' STATEMENT REGARDING DISCONTINUANCE OF CONFERENCES LOOKING TO STRIKE SETTLEMENT.

Along with an announcement by the U. S. Railroad Labor Board on July 19 that it was no longer engaged in conferences looking to the settlement of the strike of railway shopmen, in view of the inability to reconcile differences between the strikers and the carriers, a statement was also issued at Chicago on the 19th inst. by the railroad executives, through the Western Presidents' Committee on Public Relations of the Association of Railway Executives, which likewise reported the termination of conferences with the Labor Board without results. Both statements announced that the question at issue now was that of "seniority rights." The Western Presidents' statement pointed out that "on most railways there are not enough places now for all the men employed and all who struck. If, therefore, the strikers should all be allowed to go back to work with their former seniority rights, many of the men now at work would have to be laid off." It added that "not only justice, but the public interest, demands that in any settlement of the strike the seniority rights of men who are working shall be recognized." The following is the statement:

There are now no conferences in progress looking toward a settlement of the shopcrafts strike. Chairman Hooper of the Labor Board has held

informal conferences with some railway executives, but these have had no results and are now at an end.

Since the strike was called the so-called question of "seniority rights" has arisen and has now become one of importance.

The public should be fully and clearly advised of what is involved in this question of "seniority rights." Seniority is based on length of continuous service, and determines who has the right to work. In every railway shop there is a list of men whose names appear in the order of their length of service, those oldest in point of service being at the top of the list, those newest in the service at the bottom. On most railways there are not enough places now for all the men employed and all who struck. If, therefore, the strikers should all be allowed to go back to work with their former seniority rights, many of the men now at work would have to be laid off. Furthermore, in periods when shops are not being run to their capacity, the position on the seniority list determines what men shall be kept and what men laid off. The position on the seniority list carries with it other rights and privileges, but the foregoing are the most important rights now involved.

Not only justice, but the public interest, demands that in any settlement of the strike the seniority rights of men who are now working shall be recognized. If those who have struck against the decisions of the Labor Board and tried to interrupt transportation are favored in any settlement that may be made, the incentive of men to stay at work in case of future strikes will be destroyed and the difficulty of maintaining transportation service increased.

The men who have stayed at work or accepted employment during the strike have been given assurances of protection not only by the railroads, but by the Government itself. The Railroad Labor Board, in resolutions adopted on July 3, said that: "It must be conceded that the men who remain in the service and those who enter it anew are within their rights in accepting such employment; that they are not strike-breakers seeking to impose the arbitrary will of an employer on employees; that they have the moral as well as the legal right to engage in such service of the American public to avoid interruption of indispensable railway transportation and that they are entitled to the protection of every department and branch of the Government, State and national."

President Harding, in his proclamation on July 12, referred to the fact that:

The maintained operation of the railways in inter-State commerce and the transportation of the United States mails have necessitated the employment of men who choose to accept employment on the terms of the decision of the Labor Board and who have the same indisputable right to work that others have to decline to work.

The Labor Board itself has especially called attention to the fact that, as it said in a statement issued by its Chairman on July 3, in this case the controversy is not as in the former case, between the carriers and their employees, but that decisions in the matters in controversy were reviewed by the Labor Board, a Government body, and that "it is these decisions against which certain of the employees strike." In this statement, Chairman Hooper said, the men who remain in their positions and new men who may come in will be protected by public sentiment and full Governmental powers.

Thus it will be seen the fact that men who are now working have claims upon the railways and the public superior to those of the strikers has been repeatedly recognized by governmental bodies and officials and that they have remained at work or gone to work with the distinct understanding that their rights will be protected.

EUGENE V. DEBS, IN STATEMENT TO STRIKING RAILROAD MEN, URGES UNIONS TO STRIKE AND FIGHT TOGETHER.

In a statement to the striking railroad men and other unions on the 17th inst., Eugene V. Debs, leader of the American Railway strike in 1894, declared that the time has come for the rank and file to muster their forces and stand together "strike together, vote together and fight together all along the line." "Now that the war is over and Kaiserism is dead and democracy and liberty are on top," says Mr. Debs, "this same crowd . . . to whom you rallied in such a frenzy of enthusiasm, . . . is now lined up against you in battle array and ready to shoot you down like dogs." Mr. Debs's statement, issued at Chicago, was reported as follows in the press dispatches:

There has been some slight disorder and a few scabs have been hurt. This has been the extent of the violence, but it has been sufficient to bring to the strikers what they fought for in the late world war. The Federal Government announces through the Department of Justice that it will stand no trifling on the part of the strikers, and that if necessary armed force will be employed at once for their suppression.

The Governors of seven States have simultaneously announced that they have the National Guard in their respective States mobilized and ready to move at command when the exigencies of the situation demand action.

You will have no trouble in guessing what kind of action is thus meant on the part of the national and State Governments which you shouted for, voted for, invested your last dollar for and crossed the Atlantic to fight and be gassed and die for in the war to make the world in general and America in particular safe for democracy and liberty.

And now that the war is over and Kaiserism is dead and democracy and liberty are on top, this same crowd, to a man, to whom you rallied in such a frenzy of enthusiasm, to compensate you for your noble patriotism, is now lined up against you in battle array and ready to shoot you down like dogs.

It is true, Mr. Union Man, that your craft union leaders, with scarcely an exception, stood with the Wall Street profiteers in howling for war and rushing you, the common herd, into the trenches, to be gassed, mutilated and murdered, while they remained in the rear to receive the plaudits of the plutocratic press for their patriotism. But that does not excuse you, for you chose those leaders and were responsible for them, and after all the leaders are about as fit or otherwise as the rank and file that elects them.

If in the light of this situation you do not realize the crying need for unity, for solidarity on every front, regardless of creed or color, you are indeed in a pathetic plight and your case is all but hopeless. Your weak craft unions have got to be converted into a powerful industrial union and you have got to cut loose once and for all from the rotten political parties of your masters.

Your interests as workers and producers are absolutely identical and there is no earthly reason why those who are employed in the same industry should belong to different unions or give their votes to different political parties.

The struggle is entering upon its critical stage, and whether the tolling hosts shall emerge in triumph and establish industrial and social democracy in the world or go down in humiliating defeat for another historical period of economic bondage depends entirely upon the capacity of the workers to muster their forces and stand together, strike together, vote together and fight together all along the line.

EASTERN PRESIDENTS' CONFERENCE ON RAILWAY SHOPMEN'S STRIKE—STRIKERS PLACES TO BE FILLED BY NEW MEN.

The determination of the railroad executives to continue to fill the places of the striking railway shopmen with new men, was indicated on July 20 by L. F. Loree, President of the Delaware & Hudson, and Chairman of the Eastern Presidents' Conference, following a conference meeting in this city at the Bankers' Club. As Chairman of the Conference, Mr. Loree issued a statement in which he said that the strike, by the statement of the men and the declaration of the U. S. Railroad Labor Board, "is not a strike against the railroads, but a strike against an order of a Government tribunal, —a strike against the Government of the United States, itself." "The position of the railroads," said Mr. Loree's statement, "is one of patriotic and loyal obedience to Government authority, and they are proceeding with all diligence to fill the strikers' places and to perform their duty to the public." In addition to the prepared statement given out by Mr. Loree as Chairman of the Conference, he was reported in the "Journal of Commerce" of yesterday (July 21) as saying:

"We had what you might call an experience meeting. We compared notes and told each other what the individual roads had done to meet the strike. Then we decided on a common course of action, always bearing in mind, however, that each railroad's problem is its own and must be handled as individual roads think best. In this connection, it is probable that the railroads as separate units will take action to break the strike within the next few days. All reports plenty of labor available to fill the gaps in the ranks, and in fact most of the lines already have hired new men to replace those who left the service.

"Along with the new men we are employing many strikers who, seeing the light, are returning to their jobs. Most of these men are moving to new fields, however; that is, they are shifting from one road to another to avoid the wrath of their more stubborn brethren.

"The decision of the Labor Board to abandon efforts to bring about a settlement of the strike is welcome by the railroads. Now we can fight out our differences directly with the men, who for the first time will be confronted by cold facts. Strike leaders have been keeping their followers in line by promising favorable action by the Labor Board. Now that they no longer can hide behind the skirts of the commission the union chiefs must come out in the open."

The following is the statement issued by Mr. Loree as Chairman of the Conference:

The issues of the present railroad strike were perfectly clear at the beginning. If they are not so now, it is because of deliberate efforts to obscure them.

1. The United States Railroad Labor Board is the tribunal created by law to fix the wages of railroad employees.
2. On July 20 1920 the Board increased the wages of the shop crafts employees about 22% and made the decision retroactive to May 1 1920.
3. On June 1 1921, the cost of living having come down, the Board, after careful consideration and the taking of much testimony, reduced the shopmen's wages about 12%, effective July 1 1921.
- It will be noted that when the wages were increased the decision was dated back, and that when they were reduced the decision was dated forward, the employees benefiting thereby in both cases.
4. Subsequently, further reductions having occurred in the cost of living and other conditions having changed, the Labor Board again considered the matter at great length and with great care, and on June 5 1922, reduced the shopmen's wages approximately 10% more, effective July 1 1922, thus putting the wages of these employees generally back to about where they were on April 30 1920.
5. The Board had also, on Aug. 11 1921, rendered a decision changing some seven rules relating to the payment of overtime.
6. There is no question between the striking employees and the railroad companies of the adequacy or inadequacy of the new wage scale, nor of the justice or injustice, advantages or disadvantages of the rules governing working conditions. These questions after three hearings of great length and painstaking exactness of inquiry have been determined by the Labor Board.
7. On June 18 the Chairmen of the six shop crafts advised the Labor Board, in part, as follows: "Your decisions have been submitted to a strike vote of our members and we are awaiting the results of their action. Should our members decide not to accept your decision, or, in other words to strike, we shall sanction their action, and advise you accordingly." Subsequently, a strike was called for July 1.
8. On June 29 the Labor Board cited to appear before it the next day the leaders of the shop crafts organizations on the ground that their "overt act" in calling the strike threatened to interrupt commerce. It also cited the executives of 23 railroads which had contracted out certain of their maintenance work. At this hearing some denied that they were contracting work, and of the others, all but two agreed to discontinue the practice. The labor leaders, particularly Mr. Jewell, refused to respond to the citation. During the hearing Chairman Hooper of the Labor Board said:

"It is evident to every student of the situation that the railway labor organizations have no just cause for serious complaint at the treatment they have received at the hands of Federal wage tribunals during the war period and since.

"The wages fixed by the recent decisions of this Board will purchase more than the wages received by them prior to the war. In other words, their wages have increased by a greater percentage than has the cost of living. In some instances the increase is strikingly notable.

"So far as Mr. Jewell is concerned, let his blood be on his own head. Mr. Jewell has flouted a Government tribunal, charged with the duty and responsibility to investigate this matter, not only in the interests of the public, but in the interests of his own organizations, and the interests of the carriers the railway transportation system of this country. He has shouldered the responsibility of his own volition, and the Board desires to pursue the matter no further."

9. On July 3 the matter was considered by the Labor Board and its position authoritatively declared. It stated: "The six organizations comprising the Federated Shop Crafts have notified the Railroad Labor Board that a very large majority of the employees which they represent have left the service of the carriers, that the members of such organizations are no longer employees of the railways, under the jurisdiction of the Railroad Labor Board or subject to the application of the Transportation Act," and advised the carriers that "where either of the above-named organizations, by reason of its membership severing their connection with the carriers, ceases to represent its class of employees, . . . that the employee-remaining in the service and the new ones entering same, be accorded the application and benefit of the outstanding wage and rule decisions of the Railroad Labor Board, . . . and . . . It must likewise be conceded that the men who remain in the service and those who enter it anew are within their rights in accepting such employment, that they are not strike-breakers seeking to impose the arbitrary will of an employer on employees; that they have the moral as well as the legal right to engage in such service of the American public to avoid interruption of indispensable railway transportation, and that they are entitled to the protection of every department and branch of the Government, State and National."

10. When the decision of the Labor Board ran in the employees' favor, they accepted it; now that it runs against them, they have rejected it. The strike, by their own statements and by the declaration of the Labor Board, is not a strike against the railroads but a strike against an order of a Government tribunal—a strike against the Government of the United States itself. The issue, and the whole issue, at the present time is, "Shall the just authority of the Government be defied and the Government rendered helpless to protect its citizens in their peaceful and lawful pursuits?" The position of the railroads is one of patriotic and loyal obedience to Government authority, and they are proceeding with all diligence to fill the strikers' places and to perform their duty to the public.

The railroads are in full accord with the announcement of the Labor Board of July 3 that the new men entering the service are within their moral and legal rights in taking such service; that they are not strike-breakers but public servants, and are entitled to the protection of every department and branch of the Government, State and National; and, as railroad employees, these men are entitled quite as well to the protection and consideration of the railroads.

The Conference and the above statement came after the announcement by the Labor Board on July 19 that the latter was no longer engaged in conferences looking to the reconciling of the differences between the roads and the strikers. The Board's statement is given elsewhere in this issue. We likewise refer in another item to the conference in Washington on the 20th inst. between several Senators and Eastern railway executives.

CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN SENATORS AND EASTERN RAILWAY EXECUTIVES.

The railway shopmen's strike was the subject of a conference in Washington on Thursday, July 20, between several Senators and Eastern railroad heads,—this conference coming late in the day after the meeting held in New York of the Eastern Presidents' Conference, to which we refer elsewhere in this issue. Those in attendance at the Washington conference included Senator Cummins, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Inter-State Commerce; Senators Watson of Indiana and Kellogg of Minnesota, Republican members of that Committee and the following railroad executives: T. DeWitt Cuyler of the Association of Railway Executives; L. F. Loree, President of the Delaware & Hudson; E. J. Pearson of the New York, New Haven & Hartford; W. W. Atterbury, Vice-President of the Pennsylvania; Frank H. Alfred of the Pere Marquette, and Alfred Thom, General Counsel for the Association of Railway Executives. A statement issued at midnight by Senator Cummins regarding the conference said:

Senators Kellogg, Watson and myself had a conference with some of the Eastern railroad presidents for the purpose of talking over the strike and ascertaining, if possible, the exact issues between the roads and the strikers. We wanted to discover whether there was any legislation that would remove the difficulty in the way of an adjustment.

We discussed the whole situation freely and frankly. The views of the shopmen have already been fully disclosed at Chicago. The object of the conference was solely to secure information upon this vital subject.

The following is from the Associated Press dispatches from Washington:

Senator Cummins said he would be compelled to decline answering inquiries as to the details of the conference, but did say, in expressing an opinion as to the outlook for an adjustment of the strike, that he was "hopeful to the last." He declared no conclusion had been reached as to what legislation was needed.

Asked as to whether the executives came to Washington by invitation or at their own instance, he said that he could not discuss that subject. He added, however, that he did not ask the railroad chiefs to come here for the conference.

The principal points in dispute between the executives, who were called here more or less secretly late in the day, and the union were gone over at the conference together with the possibility of legislation to meet the situation. It was said that no legislation was practicable to deal with the present strike.

The rail executives, it was stated, were insistent upon three points which the unions are demanding as a recession to send the men back to work. These are the seniority rule, the restoration of the pension status and the question of board of adjustment between the employers and employees.

At the conference it was said that the rail executives declared they could not and would not yield to the union demand for a national board of adjustment. They also were said to be insistent upon refusing to restore the status quo of employees on strike with respect to their seniority and pension rights. All of these have been demanded by the union representatives as necessary before they would order the men back to work pending a rehearing of the question of wage scales.

Earnest efforts were said to have been made by the Senators present to obtain modification of the railway executives' position. It was said that the possible menace to the public from the railway strike combined with the coal strike, was stressed by the Senators, but the attitude of the railway executives on the three main points regarded as a necessary precedence to the returning of the men to work was said to be unyielding.

No further conferences in Washington were said to be planned. Some of the conferees said it was apparent that such efforts would be fruitless. Persons well informed said that President Harding did not contemplate calling the executives into conference himself and that apparently any further moves must come through the Railroad Labor Board, the railroad executives or the union representatives. One of the conferees said that the future part of the Government now appeared to be the task of maintaining order on the strike-affected rail lines and at the same time in the coal fields.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD'S WAGE AGREEMENT WITH EMPLOYEES.

The closing of the revised wage agreement between the Pennsylvania RR. and its more than 140,000 employees was announced by the road on July 18. Previous announcement that agreement on wage reductions had been reached between them management and elected representatives of its employes was made by the Pennsylvania on June 27 and was referred to in our issue of July 1, page 33. Regarding the road's statement of July 18 the Philadelphia "Ledger" said:

An official statement of the railroad said the new wage rates were the result of a series of conferences between representatives of the employees and the management. The statement continued:

"The new schedules of wages differ in some respects from the rates established by the Labor Board for other railroads, but the difference is in favor of the Pennsylvania employees. For the most part, the Pennsylvania system rates are graded in accordance with the skill and experience required and the prevailing rates are generally higher than those established for other railroads.

"The completion of these wage adjustments marks the third important achievement in industrial relations under the Pennsylvania system plan of employee representation which was established last year in order to give the employees an opportunity to have a voice in the Pennsylvania management. The first was the negotiation of mutually satisfactory rules covering working conditions to take the place of the so-called national agreements, and the second was the establishment of permanent methods of settling controversial questions.

"All three of these matters have been determined in joint conferences between the management and employees elected by secret ballot to represent the various crafts and classes."

The employees affected by the new wage agreement include shopcraft, maintenance of way and signal department employees, clerks and miscellaneous forces. The new rates are effective as of July 16 instead of July 1, as previously announced.

PROCEEDINGS TO RESTRAIN PENNSYLVANIA RR. FROM MAKING EFFECTIVE NEW WAGE AGREEMENT.

Coincident with the announcement on the 18th inst. of the conclusion of the wage agreement between the Pennsylvania RR. and its employees, J. Washington Logue, counsel for the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, and including freight handlers and station employees of the Pennsylvania system, appeared in the United States Court at Philadelphia prepared to argue a suit to restrain the company from enforcing its wage revision. As to the hearing on the 18th inst. the Philadelphia "Ledger" said:

Counsel for the Pennsylvania clerks, freight handlers and station employees told Federal Judge Dickinson yesterday that if the company were not restrained from enforcing the new wage the men would be compelled to adopt measures of their own to obtain their rights.

Continuance Protested.

Mr. Logue, attorney for the brotherhood, protested when a continuance was ordered because John Hampton Barnes, counsel for the railroad, was absent.

"The railroad has had ample time to prepare its case," said Mr. Logue. "The brotherhoods here, which represent 150,000 employees, have resorted to the peaceful and honorable method of taking the matter to court, but they have now reached the point where it is almost impossible to restrain them any longer."

The wage protest was to have been heard jointly with a suit to restrain the railroad from putting into effect new working conditions. Both the wage revision and the new working conditions were arranged, according to the brotherhood, with representatives selected from among the employees by the railroad who do not represent the majority of the workers.

The brotherhood asserts the right to send its own representatives to the conferences, and it is asserted the railroad denied them that right.

Judge Dickinson directed all parties in the case to be in court at 2 o'clock to-day for a hearing.

On the 19th inst. decision was reserved. The press dispatches from Philadelphia that day said:

In requesting an order from the court requiring the railroad to maintain the old scale of wages until a final decision is reached by the Federal courts on the enforcement of the Railroad Labor Board's orders, J. Washington Logue, counsel for the brotherhood, asserted that the Pennsylvania had disregarded "in almost every respect" the Board's decrees.

John Hampton Barnes, counsel for the railroad, asked for a dismissal of the suit, declaring that the order of the Labor Board holding that the men had a right to select their own representatives for a conference on working conditions and wage reductions had been held illegal by the Federal court and was of no effect against the Pennsylvania system. He also maintained that the Board had no power to enforce its orders and that the courts had no authority to enforce the decrees. Mr. Barnes also contended that the Pennsylvania had not been a party to the last wage reduction order by the Board, and therefore could not be affected by its order against other roads.

In its reference to the proceedings July 19, the "Ledger" stated:

According to the brotherhood, there are between 30,000 and 35,000 clerks, freight handlers and station employees of the Pennsylvania who are ready to strike if the revised wage, which the railroad claims has been mutually agreed upon, is enforced. The brotherhood asserts the revision is a reduction in wages, although the road disputes this.

The brotherhood's suit is based on the allegation that the railroad's method of choosing employees' representatives in reaching the agreement ignored the brotherhood as a proper negotiating representative of the men and was not in accordance with the Transportation Act.

U. S. COURT OF APPEALS RULES AGAINST PENNSYLVANIA RR. ON SOME QUESTIONS OF JURISDICTION OF LABOR BOARD.

The U. S. Railroad Labor Board is upheld in a decision handed down this week in the test case brought by the Pennsylvania RR. against the Board, according to the press dispatches from Chicago, which state that the Circuit Court of Appeals there reversed on July 20 the decision previously given in the case (April 22) by Judge Page in the U. S. District Court at Chicago. The road had sought an injunction to restrain the Board from issuing an order criticising it for failure to observe decisions of the Board and had been upheld by the lower court. Regarding the decision handed down on the 20th inst. the Chicago advices to the New York "Times" state:

The claim of the Railroad Labor Board to possess the power of criticism those who ignore its decisions appeared to be upheld to-day in a judgment rendered by Justice Baker, Altschuler and Evans in the Federal Court of Appeals, reversing the decision of Federal Judge Page in the test case of the Pennsylvania Road in connection with a decision of the Board.

The decision, in effect, not only restores props that had been knocked from under the labor unions, but it removes a grievance that railway shopmen have nursed for months.

In a controversy between the Board and Pennsylvania RR. Judge Page had ruled that the Board was not an integral part of the Government, was a corporate body, and therefore could sue and be sued.

The decision has an important bearing on the present railroad strike inasmuch as the original dispute involved the forming of a "company union" by the Pennsylvania, which refused to meet unions of the federated shop crafts.

The railroad insisted that it had the right to deal with its own employees and Judge Landis supported this contention by granting a temporary injunction restraining the Labor Board from criticising the actions of the railroad in connection with the company union matter. Later Judge Page made the injunction permanent.

In his decision Judge Page ruled that the Railroad Labor Board had exceeded its authority and had jurisdiction only in cases directly concerning wages and working rules.

The decision was appealed by Solicitor General Beck, who contended that it would invalidate hundreds of the Board's rulings. To-day's action of the Court of Appeals, it was predicted, will invalidate the wage agreement which the Pennsylvania RR. recently announced it had made with its shop employees, because the Labor Board found that the road was dealing with representatives of less than 15% of its employees, without considering the sentiments of the remainder of the workers. Officials of the road this week announced that the new wage agreements affected 140,000.

Reversal of Judge Page's rulings is held to mean that the Pennsylvania, the most prominent carrier fostering the open shop, will be compelled to meet with shop crafts representatives in selecting employees to meet with its officials.

The ruling of Judge Page referred to in these columns May 6, page 1969.

WITH IMPROVING INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS B. M. JEWELL SEES RAILROADS IN "HOLE" THROUGH STRIKE.

The assertion that the striking railway shopmen "have the railroads in a hole" is contained in a strike bulletin issued at Chicago on July 14 by B. M. Jewell, President of the Railway Employees' Department of the American Federation of Labor. According to the Associated Press, the following are the facts summarized, comprising, President Jewell said, "our strategic position":

Industrial and business conditions throughout the country are picking up strongly.

Steel and iron production is steadily increasing and activity and preparations for further activity in all other lines are increasing.

Dun's and Bradstreet's report steady betterment of conditions all along the line.

This means that the railroads have to carry a tremendous amount of freight in the next few months. Since the beginning of the year earnings and business have increased tremendously over a corresponding period last year.

Railroad management anticipated this increased business and ordered 100,000 new freight cars in the first six months of this year, as compared with only 30,000 new cars for all of last year.

The present demand for rolling stock is about 300% more than the last five years' average, and demand for locomotives is also increasing.

The prolonged coal strike means there has got to be a tremendous movement of coal between now and December in order to supply domestic users, industrial concerns and public utilities.

Over a week ago the United States Geological Survey reported that the existing coal reserves are the lowest they can possibly go without endangering the future regular supply.

The threatened strike of seamen on the Great Lakes, if it happens, will probably throw still more burden of moving coal on the railroads.

The latest reports of the condition of railroad equipment, those for April, show the percentage of bad order locomotives ranging from 12% on the L. & N. to 39% on the M. K. & T., and bad order cars from 5% on the Norfolk & Western to 38.2% on the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie.

Outside contractors cannot handle all this repair work and most of the roads are far enough from the contractors' shops so that the problem of hauling bad order equipment to the contractors is a big one.

Demand for labor is increasing in outside industries, and that means that the railroads cannot get enough men to replace those now on strike.

All this means that time is with us. Every day we hold on weakens the railroads and strengthens our hand. Hold on, brothers.

LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS DECLARE PENSIONERS ARE CALLED UPON TO ACT AS STRIKE BREAKERS.

The following is from the New York "Times" of July 18:

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers in a statement here last night declared pensioners were being compelled to work as strike-breakers.

"Faced with the tragic alternative of losing their livelihood or breaking fraternal ties which have bound them to their labor union for half a century," it was stated, "many worn-out employees of the railroads are being ordered back to service as strike-breakers under penalty of losing the retirement pension, which is their sole source of income."

"Reports coming from various railroads of the country show that certain unscrupulous executives are now ordering these old pensioners to return to work, with the alternative of losing their entire pension. On the other hand, if the act as strike-breakers, they will be expelled by their brotherhoods."

The statement said members of the "Big Four" brotherhoods were "heartily in sympathy" with the striking shopmen, but had been "ordered" by their officers to perform scrupulously all their usual duties under the terms of their agreements with the railroad companies.

SAMUEL GOMPERS ASSERTS WALL STREET DOMINATION AND COURT GOVERNMENT ARE ELEMENTS IN RAILROAD CONFUSION.

Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, in his statement last week criticising the proclamation of President Harding warning against interference with train service by striking shopmen, declared "there are two great elements making for railroad confusion to-day." One, he said, "is the domination of Wall Street, which means the management of railroads first of all for financial purposes." Second, he said, "there is the Government court, seeking to enlarge its powers and impose its will." This, he asserted, "must give way to a resumption of the sound democratic practice of negotiation and agreement between management and workers." Mr. Gompers's statement, which was given in part in our issue of a week ago (page 269), is given herewith in full as published in the New York "Herald" of the 13th inst.:

The President's proclamation of July 11, relating to the railroad controversy, requires some comment. It is of a most unusual character.

The President enjoins "all interference" with interstate commerce, which means railroad equipment moving from one State to another. Railroad workers who withdrew their services have an effect on this movement of equipment, because the equipment cannot be kept in condition to move without their services. All good citizens will join in the hope that there will be no unlawful conduct anywhere by any one, but the conduct of armed railroad guards has made that hope a vain hope already.

The President's proclamation contains the most important assertion that "the peaceful settlement of controversies in accordance with law and due respect for the established agencies of such settlement are essential to the security and well being of our people."

This clearly conveys an impression not in accord with the law. It is calculated to make a fetish of the Transportation Act and of the Railroad Labor Board.

The President's declaration implies that the workers have not proceeded in accordance with the law and that in stopping work they have gone outside of the law. The fact is that the law specifically gives to the workers the right to cease work in the event that they cannot accept the award of the Railroad Labor Board. The findings of the Board are not decisions which must be obeyed. They are awards which the Board hopes both employers and employees will accept, but which neither is bound to accept.

I call attention to the fact that 92 railroads, in 104 cases, have refused to abide by awards of the Board. In not a single case has the Railroad Labor Board or the Federal Government coerced a railroad into acceptance of an award. It remains for the Board and the Government to attempt to coerce the workers into acceptance of a most unfair and unacceptable award. The courage and solidarity of the workers in their resistance to arbitrary and autocratic orders is most commendable and ought to be applauded by every liberty loving American.

The Railroad Labor Board, in an order issued July 3, sought to glorify and authorize strike breaking, the most despicable business in which men engage. The Board called upon strike-breakers to organize, and it promised to recognize and deal with these organizations of strike-breakers.

The President now adds his approval to this form of activity by his reference to the employment of men who choose to accept employment under the terms of the decision as having been "necessitated." He describes the Board's award as a "decision," and thus adds his approval to the Board's assumption of a power which it does not possess, as well as his approval to the business of strike breaking.

The American Federation of Labor at the outset branded the Esch-Cummins Act as wrong in principle and doomed to failure. We have the proof in abundance. The law neither operates trains nor gives justice to the workers. It is one of the most complete and abject failures of our time. The day must come when not only employers but Governments will realize that industry cannot be operated on the principle of autocracy and imperialism. Conditions cannot be imposed upon workers when those conditions are not satisfactory to workers. It matters not whether those who seek to enforce such imposition are employers or Government courts and commissions. These latter customarily speak with the voice of employers offering the terms of employment. It is desirable that American railroads operate continuously, but not at the price of the sacrifice of manhood and of justice.

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first of all for financial purposes. Railroads must eventually be managed from the standpoint of service. Second, there is the Government court, seeking to enlarge its powers and to impose its will. This must give way to a resumption of the sound, democratic practice of negotiation and agreement between management and workers.

The President's proclamation overlooks fundamentals. It is an effort to sanctify and crown with power the Railroad Labor Board. It is a denial of democratic methods. It is an effort to perpetuate the impossible. The one way to operate the railroads in safety is to revive joint negotiations, bring justice to the workers and thus make possible a condition of safety of railroad equipment. The public is endangered not by what the workers may do but by railroad equipment that is going from bad to worse and that cannot be kept in repair except by the constant attention and effort of the men who now find it impossible to work.

"PROPAGANDA FOR INDUSTRIAL FEUDALISM HAS FOUND ITS WAY INTO THE WHITE HOUSE," SAYS REPORT OF AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR.

A report by a special committee on the subject of industrial courts was made to the executive council of the American of the American Federation of Labor on June 25 following the annual convention. The report declared that "propaganda for industrial feudalism supported by political bureaucracy has found its way into the White House."

"We make the definite statement," said the report, "that the campaign for establishment of so-called industrial courts and commissions is the result of the conniving and designing of financial, commercial and industrial interests for the definite purpose of defeating the legitimate aspirations of the workers." The report, prepared by a committee of labor leaders selected by Samuel Gompers at the direction of the Federation's convention, attacked President Harding's proposal for the regulation of trade unions and said that "it is most regrettable to note the utterances of the President of the United States wherein he disapproves labor's reluctant but necessary resort to the right to strike against industrial oppression." The report was further quoted in press dispatches which had the following to say:

Pointing out the alleged failure of the Kansas Court of Industrial Relations to keep the wheels of industry moving and prevent the coal miners' strike, the committee asserted that "it is evident that the legislative representatives of the people of New York were not misguided by the combination of political ambition and private greed in the campaign to secure similar legislation in that State."

The reference was to the Duell-Miller bill, proposed by the Board of Trade and Transportation of New York City. Declaring that there can be no compromise on these issues, the committee urged the Executive Council to continue to lead organized labor in its fight against compulsory incorporation of trade unions and that "renewed energy be displayed by trade unionists and by all friends of liberty, justice and democracy in the State of Kansas and Colorado to the end that the oppressive and restrictive laws enacted in these States may be repealed at the earliest possible moment."

Says Courts Cannot Move Industry.

Dealing with the Kansas Court of Industrial Relations law, the Colorado Industrial Commission law, proposed compulsory incorporation of trade unions, President Harding's proposal to regulate trade unions and the attempt made in New York to secure enactment of a law similar to the Kansas law, the report said:

"Interwoven throughout all of these legislative enactments and legislative proposals is the insidious attempt to extend the doctrine of conspiracy to the whole trade union movement, and thus to prevent the constructive, effective and efficient application of the principles of organization and co-operation by wage earners. Whatever else may be said of the Kansas Court of Industrial Relations law, the fact remains that the wheels of industry cannot be moved by anti-strike legislation any more effectively than coal can be dug by injunction.

"The experience had with the Colorado Industrial Commission law demonstrates even more clearly the real viciousness and futility of legislation of this character. Instead of making for peace and tranquility, it necessarily aggravates and intensifies industrial conflicts.

"It is evident from the report of the Executive Council that the legislative representatives of the people of the State of New York were not misguided by the combination of political ambition and private greed in the campaign to secure similar legislation in that State.

"It would seem that the propaganda for industrial feudalism supported by political bureaucracy has, however, found its way into the White House. It is most regrettable to note the utterances of the President of the United States wherein he disapproves labor's reluctant but necessary resort to the right to strike against industrial oppression.

"It may be well to recall in this connection a most appropriate utterance upon the same subject by another President. Abraham Lincoln said:

"I am glad that a system of labor prevails under which laborers can strike when they want to, where they are not obliged to work under all circumstances, and are not tied to work whether you pay them for it or not. I like a system which lets a man quit when he wants to, and I wish it might prevail everywhere. I want a man to have a chance to better his condition. That is the true system. I am not ashamed to confess that twenty-five years ago I was a hired laborer."

"It is for no arbitrary reason that we oppose these proposals for compulsory submission to tribunals created by the State. It is because of the fundamental principles involved and because of the utter failure of such institutions to promote either peace, freedom or justice.

"We make the definite statement that the campaign for establishment of so-called industrial courts and commissions is the result of the conniving and designing of financial, commercial and industrial interests for the definite purpose of defeating the legitimate aspirations of the workers.

"It is the aim of this campaign, and of these institutions either to limit or to destroy constitutional rights. These rights we cannot surrender without surrendering everything. To submit to the imposition of industrial courts means to abandon the road to freedom and to accept enslavement.

"From the many directions and through many proposals the campaign of organized financial, commercial and industrial interests makes itself evident. The whole object is to deprive the workers of all opportunity to exercise a

voice in the determination of terms and conditions under which they shall give service and to prevent workers from withdrawing their service where they cannot agree to terms and conditions proposed by employers.

"This is not an issue upon which there can be compromise. The cleavage is sharp and clear. The Industrial Court, the Industrial Commission, the proposals to regulate voluntary associations of workers and farmers—these are the devices of Kings and Chancellors to hold subjects in submission and humility; they cannot be tolerated by free men.

Wages Versus Profits.

"Labor for its service to the community as a producer, receives wages. Manufacturers and merchants for their services receive profits. Those who favor the character of legislation under consideration allege that the welfare of the community justifies the State in determining maximum wage rates. Were the same principles to be applied to manufacturers and merchants and a maximum price were to be placed on their returns, manufacturers and merchants would sweep out of office those who had dared to authorize the State to fix maximum prices and maximum profits in private industry and commerce.

"Your committee therefore commends the officers and the Executive Council for their vigorous, unceasing efforts to prevent the enactment of this species of vicious legislation, and for its untiring efforts to focus the public mind upon this unwarranted encroachment upon the rights and liberties of the people in the States of Kansas and Colorado. Your committee urges that renewed energy be displayed by trade unionists, and by all friends of liberty, justice and democracy in the States of Kansas and Colorado, to the end that the oppressive and restrictive laws enacted in those States may be repealed at the earliest possible moment."

STANDARD OIL COMPANY ON FIXING OF GASOLINE PRICES—SENATE INQUIRY.

Under the head "Are Gasoline Prices Too High" the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, in the June number of its publication "The Lamp," refers to the investigation which has been undertaken into the prices of gasoline in response to the Senate resolution. According to the company, "the crux of the gasoline situation is this: The price is not fixed by the Standard Oil Co. (N. J.) or by any other large company nor by any association or group of companies. It is fixed by the consumer and expressed by demand." For some time, the article states, "there has been a sub-normal demand for everything but gasoline. The result has been to force prices of the other products below the actual cost of production. . . . Recent increases in gasoline prices were made by all companies, to substantially the same degree and about the same time, not through any agreement or understanding, but because the universal demand carried up prices asked by the primary market, which is the refiner." It is added that "at the present level for gasoline, which many people believe to be excessive, there is not a fair profit in running a barrel of crude oil." The article follows:

In response to manifestations on the part of the public of a feeling that refiners have taken advantage of the summer demand for gasoline by pushing the price up on the face of a stabilized level for crude oil, the Senate of the United States adopted on May 13th a resolution calling upon the Committee on Manufactures to conduct an investigation and make a report. The questions raised in the resolution are summarized under nine heads as follows:

1. The stock of crude oil on hand at the present refineries in 1920-21 and 22.
2. The price of crude oil in the various months of said years.
3. The stocks of gasoline during the same years.
4. The relation of gasoline prices in these years to the prices of the crude.
5. Have recent increases in gasoline been made by several companies or has there been any uniformity in the prices demanded by all refiners?
6. Were these prices put in at the same time or substantially the same time?
7. Has there been any understanding between the various companies to raise prices?
8. Is there any natural reason for an increase in gasoline?
9. Give such facts as bear upon the present increase in prices of gasoline in view of the decreased price of crude oil.

Replies to these questions will put the Committee in possession of a large amount of valuable data essential to a thorough understanding of the true position of the petroleum industry to-day, but the public, impatient of statistics and ancient history, would be more interested in the answer to a tenth question worded as follows:

"Are the gasoline refiners and marketers making an unreasonable profit at the higher levels recently established?"

Prices of the products of any industry must be maintained at a level which will allow a fair profit to the companies or individuals engaged in it, provided there is an essential business efficiently organized. If for any reason or another prices run below the cost of service, the consumer will suffer. An instance of that condition has been seen in the operation of some of our railroads and rapid transit lines. In general, prices of petroleum products (throughout 1921 were below the cost of production. This fact may be easily determined by any one sufficiently interested to analyze the annual reports of petroleum companies for that year. The advance in the principal product this year is not prima facie evidence that losses have given way to profits. The larger number of refineries standing idle is evidence to the contrary.

The crux of the gasoline situation is this: The price is not fixed by Standard Oil Company (N. J.) or by any other large company nor by any association or group of companies. It is fixed by the consumer and expressed by demand. Last fall many refiners found themselves embarrassed by large stocks and with insufficient working capital to carry these over until business might resume. There ensued a drive for business at prices made regardless of cost. The Oklahoma gasoline market, jobber's price, went to 12 cents a gallon and in doing so established the base price for gasoline the country over. It mattered not what it was costing refiners either in Oklahoma or on the Atlantic seaboard to produce gasoline; the market was fixed by the refiners' necessity.

With their surplus stocks largely converted into money, the seasonal demand for gasoline was again experienced with the approach of the summer of 1922. In the space of a few weeks the same people who had established the price of 12 cents put it up to 19 cents in Oklahoma, or the

equivalent of about 25 cents at the Atlantic seaboard, taking in freight charges. That was the reflection of the working of the simplest economic law, uninfluenced by any of the considerations raised in the Senate's questionnaire. The article in question might just as well have been strawberries or cotton. When more of a product is offered than the public will consume, the price falls in the effort of each producer to make his stock. When the demand reappears he follows it up with an advance in prices in an effort to recoup his losses.

However, there is another important consideration with which the public is not conversant. That is the disparity between prices for gasoline and the other products obtained from the crude oil. If the demand for refined products were balanced, so that all of the refiners' output could be sold at fair prices, it would not be necessary to get the present figures for gasoline.

Crude oil yields a fairly definite ratio of different products and it is not possible to vary this greatly to meet an increased call for any one of them. A 42-gallon barrel of petroleum from the Mid-Continent field, for example, run through a complete refinery as distinguished from a skimming plant, yields approximately 10 gallons of gasoline, 8 of refined oil, 3 of lubricating oil, 1 of wax, 12 of gas oil, and 6 of fuel oil, with a loss of 2 gallons. Theoretically, the cost of crude, its transportation, refining and marketing expenses, provision for amortization and an allowance for profit should be allocated among the 6 products listed so as to let each bear its proper share. When one of these products does not find a market, the refiner must increase the proportion borne by the others.

For some time there has been a sub-normal demand for everything but gasoline. The result has been to force prices of the other products below the actual cost of production. If the refiner must find storage for 8 gallons of refined oil for every 10 gallons of gasoline he can sell, his financial problem becomes extremely serious. If instead of selling his wax at the equivalent of 33 cents per gallon he has to practically give it away or let it run into the residue to be burned under the boilers, he must obtain a higher price for his saleable products.

Recent increases in gasoline prices were made by all companies, to substantially the same degree and at about the same time, not through any agreement or understanding, but because the universal demand carried up prices asked by the primary market, which is the small refiner. At the present level for gasoline, which many people believe to be excessive, there is not a fair profit in running a barrel of crude oil. The industry hopes that the demand for other products than gasoline will improve so that the costs of refining will be more evenly distributed. An alternative is the further development of processes to increase the gasoline yield.

The original resolution of May 13 calling for the inquiry into the prices of crude oil and gasoline, and the later one of June 5 broadening the scope of the inquiry, were referred to in our issues of May 27, page 2306, and June 10, page 2538. The sub-committee named to conduct the investigation consists of Senator LaFollette, Chairman; Senator McNary (Ore.), Senator Rawson (Ia.), Senator Smith (S. C.) and Senator Jones (N. M.).

On June 23 it was announced that the Committee had decided to submit questionnaires to every branch of the crude oil and gasoline industry. Senator LaFollette, Chairman of the sub-committee, on July 3, made an announcement concerning the schedules or questionnaires. These schedules, copies of which are made public, are intended to cover prices, organization and business and financial conditions. The questionnaires have been sent to more than 350 companies, covering all the large refineries, producing and principal marketing companies. Senator LaFollette's announcement said:

These schedules are framed with the view of getting from the companies the latest and most complete information on the subject covered by the resolution. The purpose of the schedule on prices is to determine the prices paid by refineries for the crude or raw material and the prices revised by them for the finished products resulting therefrom after the refinery operations. Its purpose is also to bring out the tank wagon prices of gasoline and kerosene and the differentials existing between said prices and the retail or service station prices.

The schedule on organization and business is intended to develop the inter-relationships, if any, existing between the various companies engaged in the oil business, also to develop any common stock ownership that might exist together with any strong connection existing by virtue of any financial relationship.

The financial schedule is intended to develop the financial condition of the companies in the various branches of the oil business during the period mentioned, also to bring out the profits made in the industry during this period.

These questionnaires were sent to something over 350 companies, covering all the large refineries and producing companies and the principal marketing companies. The questionnaires were accompanied by a copy of the resolution and a letter of explanation, so that the companies might be fully informed respecting the scope and purpose of the investigation. They were all mailed last week, and the companies were requested to have the desired information in the hands of the committee not later than July 15.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION'S REPORT TO CONGRESS ON CONDITIONS IN PETROLEUM TRADE IN WYOMING AND MONTANA.

The Federal Trade Commission on July 13 sent to Congress a report on conditions in the petroleum trade in Wyoming and Montana. This report summarizes the important facts developed through an inquiry into the conditions of the petroleum trade in those States made pursuant to a complaint of the Montana State Railway Commission regarding gasoline prices. As to the information contained therein a statement issued by the Commission says:

The margins between the wholesale and retail gasoline prices at numerous points in Montana, ranged from 5 to 10 cents per gallon, but these unusually large margins were in all cases obtained only by the smaller retailers. The wholesale and retail prices of the large marketing companies were usually identical at points taking the same freight rates and price changes were made by them at practically the same time. No evidence was found, however, which indicated a conspiracy among these large companies to fix prices.

Although the prices of high grade crude petroleum were lower in Montana and Wyoming than in any other crude-producing States in the country, the refinery prices of gasoline and kerosene were much higher than at Mid-Continent refineries. The Midwest Refining Co. is owned by the Standard Oil Co. (Indiana) and produces more than 90% of the gasoline and kerosene refined in the entire Rocky Mountain territory. The Midwest Refining Co. also charges higher prices for gasoline shipped into Montana and adjoining Rocky Mountain States than for shipments made in States adjacent to the Mid-Continent oilfield.

The unsatisfactory situation in Montana and adjacent Rocky Mountain States is evidently due to the fact that the oil trade in this region is practically monopolized by Standard Oil interests. The producer of crude petroleum and the consumer of gasoline are both at the mercy of the Standard. This monopolistic position was perfected in 1920 and 1921, when the Standard Oil Co. (Indiana) secured control of the Midwest Refining Co. and acquired a one-half interest in the Sinclair Pipe Line Co., and the Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing Co. Sinclair interests have recently obtained important leases in the Teapot Dome of the Salt Creek field in Wyoming. Standard companies now dominate every branch of the petroleum business of the entire Rocky Mountain region.

The conditions in other sections of the country are not radically different from those in the Rocky Mountain region. To-day the entire country is divided into 11 Standard gasoline marketing territories in which a Standard marketing company is the dominating factor and in which there is no real competition between the various Standard units. This monopolistic situation is possible under the terms of the Standard Oil dissolution decree, by which the different Standard companies are, for legal purposes, supposed to be strangers to each other, but, there is, as is generally known, an interlocking stock ownership in the different organizations which has perpetuated the very monopolistic control which the Court sought to terminate.

The Commission is of the opinion that this situation cannot be effectually remedied by existing laws and that adequate relief can only be secured through additional legislation. It recommends, therefore, that Congress pass a law prohibiting common stock ownership in corporations which have been members of a combination dissolved under the Sherman Law.

APPEAL BY AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR TO WORKERS TO AID IN SHOPMEN'S DISPUTE—STRIKE AGAINST WALL STREET.

Several edicts by the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor incident to the railway shopmen's strike have been promulgated this week. On the 19th inst. an appeal issued by unanimous vote of the Executive Council and over the signatures of all members of the Council, including Samuel Gompers, Federation President, was forwarded to every labor organization in the United States, to every labor publication, and to all organizers of the Federation. It appealed "to all workers everywhere to support the railroad workers in their efforts to obtain a just settlement of the railroad shop trades' dispute." The appeal said:

We call upon working people everywhere and upon all Americans who love justice to sustain the cause of the railroad workers who have ceased work as their only remaining method of protest against an injustice which must rank as one of the most reprehensible which any American industrial or political institution has ever sought to impose.

No workman, whether a member of a union or not, will, if he is possessed of true American manhood, engage in any work formerly done by men now on strike.

No man now on strike will, if he is true to the cause, conduct himself in any but a law-abiding manner.

The cause for which the workers are contending is worthy of every just and proper effort that can be put forth in its behalf.

Let there be a determination and a solidarity which shall, at the same time, bring victory in the present struggle and serve notice upon reactionary employers and financial interests everywhere that there is to be no return to autocratic, despotic methods in American industrial life.

A "proclamation of facts" which the New York "Times" announced on July 18, has been issued by the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor, speaking for and in the name of the Federation, construes the action "on the part of the Railroad Labor Board as an effort to assist the general movement of Bourbon employers and reactionary financial interests to destroy the voluntary organizations of the workers." The Presidential proclamation of July 11 is construed as of the same character, and the strike is declared to be "against the Wall Street interests and their hirelings, the managers who control the railroads of the land and not against the United States Government." The following account of the "proclamation of facts" is taken from the "Times":

The "proclamation," adopted in the form of a resolution, has been sent to all national and international unions and all city central labor bodies throughout the United States. The "proclamation" in part follows:

"Whereas, there is misrepresentation of the cause of the railroad workers now on strike against the nation's most powerful combination of financial and economic strength, be it

"Resolved, by the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor, speaking for and in the name of the American Federation of Labor, that the following proclamation of facts be issued to the workers and to the people of our country generally:

"The workers engaged in the present struggle are in no sense engaged in a conflict against the Government of the United States, and we denounce most vigorously the efforts that have been made to make it appear as if the Government is being attacked.

"The workers have ceased work because the Railroad Labor Board has made an award in response to a plea by the railroads putting into effect terms and conditions of employment sought by the railroads and which the workers are unable to accept.

"The stoppage of work can be ended at any moment through joint negotiation between the railroad managements and the workers. The conduct of railroad managements is the result of Wall Street control of the railroads. The great majority of railroad executives would long since have come to an amicable agreement with the workers were it not for the fact that the Association of Railroad Executives is absolutely dominated by a small minority representing the great allied financial interests of Wall Street. It is a fact that more than 100 railroad directorships are controlled by a group of about twenty-five of the most powerful financial magnates

in Wall Street, and that this same concentrated power extends in like manner into practically every industrial field in the country. Boards of directors of various New York banks control 270 directorships of 93 class one railroads.

"This control extends not only to the various railroad systems but also to the chief industries of the country which furnish the railroads with fuel, material for maintenance of way and equipment, new equipment and other supplies.

"Thomas de Witt Cuyler and W. W. Atterbury (of the Pennsylvania RR., headquarter of the United States Steel) and L. F. Lorce (President of the Delaware & Hudson RR.), who are at present leading the attack upon the organized employees of the road, both before the country and the Railroad Labor Board, are members of this railway committee of the combine.

"By various devices and largely by virtue of the Government guarantee millions upon millions of dollars have been taken by the railroads from the United States Treasury. The findings of the Inter-State Commerce Commission and of the Railroad Labor Board clearly indicate the accuracy of the statement that approximately \$2,000,000,000 a year are wasted by mismanagement, by improper financing and by useless duplication of effort.

"The decision at this time to reduce the wages of the workers is an effort to take from their pockets the enormous sums hitherto provided by the Government to cover the cost of railroad waste, extravagance and high financing.

"It is well enough to urge the need of continued transportation facilities in the interests of the general public, but it cannot be in the interest of the general public to continue further and further the enslavement of free workers to earn dividends and profits for a few.

"We point to the fact that the railroads have ignored decisions of the Railroad Labor Board. We repeat that in none of these cases has there been the slightest effort on the part of the Government to coerce railroad management into acceptance of displeasing awards. On the contrary, in one case the Pennsylvania RR. obtained an injunction which prevented the Railroad Labor Board from enforcing or even publishing the decision. The Government, by its silence, has been a party to the conduct of the railroads in ignoring the awards of the Railroad Labor Board.

"On July 3 the Railroad Labor Board adopted a resolution which it has since neither rescinded nor modified, declaring that the recognized national organizations of railway employees who have suspended work have ceased to represent those classes of employees, and calling upon non-union men employed by the carriers to form organizations which would be recognized by the Railroad Labor Board.

"We construe that action on the part of the Railroad Labor Board as an effort to assist the general movement of Bourbon employers and reactionary financial interests to destroy the voluntary organizations of the workers.

"We construe the Presidential proclamation issued on July 11 as of the same character.

"We call attention to the abject failure of the Railroad Labor Board and to every other court or tribunal established by law to make strikes either unlawful or impossible.

"The fact that any organizations affiliated with the A. F. of L. have not participated in the strike up to this time in no way lessens the justice of the cause for which all other affiliated unions are striking.

"Let there be no mistake: This is a strike against the Wall Street interests and their hirelings, the managers who control the railroads of the land and not against the United States Government. The Railroad Labor Board is not a judicial, executive or legislative branch of the Government. It is purely an advisory and recommendatory body and the public has had no choice in the selection of the personnel nor has the public any control over any of its members.

The proclamation is signed by: Samuel Gompers, President; Frank Morrison, Secretary; James Duncan, First Vice-President; Joseph F. Valentine, Second Vice-President; Frank Duffy, Third Vice-President; William Green, Fourth Vice-President; W. D. Mahan, Fifth Vice-President; T. A. Rickert, Sixth Vice-President; Jacob Fischer, Seventh Vice-President; Matthew Woll, Eighth Vice-President; Daniel J. Tobin, Treasurer, Executive Council, American Federation of Labor.

MARYLAND COURT OF APPEALS HOLDS SOLDIER BONUS LAW INVALID BECAUSE OF REFERENDUM PROVISION.

Judge T. Scott Offutt of the Maryland Court of Appeals, on July 18 handed down a decision reversing the ruling of Judge Charles F. Stein in the case of Harry O. Brawner vs. Board of Election Supervisors of Baltimore City (V. 115, p. 206), and holding that the Soldiers' Bonus Act passed by the last Legislature is unconstitutional on the ground that the provision for a referendum of the \$9,000,000 bond issue is in violation of the methods of law-making provided in the Maryland Constitution. The Baltimore "Sun" of July 19, in its account of the decision says:

The decision, prepared by Judge T. Scott Offutt, turns entirely upon the point that the Legislature is without authority to pass a general law carrying a referendum to the electorate of the State. It was deemed by the Court unnecessary to pass upon other constitutional questions raised.

The Court's action will prevent the placing upon the ballot this fall of a proposition for a \$9,000,000 State bond issue, proceeds of which would be paid in various forms to former service men.

After some discussion of the referendum practice as applied to laws local in character, as compared with those of State-wide application, the decision reads:

"Coming back to the main proposition, in our judgment, the Legislature had not the power to submit the Act in question to the qualified voters of the State for their approval or disapproval, and we rest our conclusion upon two grounds, one, that the people of Maryland having delegated to the Legislature of Maryland the power of making its laws, that body could not legally or validly redelegate the power and the authority thus conferred upon it to the people themselves; and, two, that the people of the State, from whom the Legislature itself derives its powers, having prescribed in the Constitution of the State the manner in which its laws shall be enacted, it is not competent for the Legislature to prescribe any other or different way in which its laws may be enacted."

The decision then quotes many cases dealing with referendum provisions, after which constitutional provisions for the making of laws in Maryland are cited.

"But in the Act under consideration," the ruling continues, "the Legislature has added a new qualification or condition to the passage of legislation in addition to and entirely dehors anything in the Constitution. That is, it provides that although the Act under consideration has passed both houses and has been signed by the Governor, it shall not become a law unless a majority of the qualified voters of the State approve it.

"The effect of that provision is not in any way to amend the Constitution, but to violate it. It takes away all real responsibility for the legislation from the Legislature and the Governor, where it was placed by the Constitution, and places it upon an anonymous majority of the qualified voters."

"The Legislature is perhaps the most extensive and even plenary powers of law-making, and is restrained and limited only by the State and Federal Constitutions.

"These powers and functions are of the most vital interest to the people, who are affected by everything which tends to impair its capacity to adequately discharge its duties and perform its functions under the Constitution. That capacity must bear a close and direct relation to the responsibility which is placed upon members of the Legislature by the Constitution for legislation enacted by them.

"When, therefore, the Legislature instead of enacting legislation in accordance with its wisdom and experience and with a just regard for its responsibility, merely initiates or proposes legislation and refers all responsibility in connection with it to the people, it violates both the plain letter and the spirit of the Constitution.

"It was contended that the Act was complete when signed by the Governor, and that the referendum was merely a 'contingency' upon the happening of which the Act was to take effect. That proposition or formula is but a device, a mere fiction, born of the necessity of supplying some reason for recognizing and conceding the legal principles crystallized in the maxim 'delegata potestas non potest delegari' 18 C. J. 471 N. 92 and at the same time upholding an Act which in terms violated them.

"This Act by its terms is not to become a law unless a majority of the voters approve it, otherwise it is to be void. Under the Constitution no Act is to become a law unless it passes both houses and is approved by the Governor or passed over his veto. How or in what way, then, does the legislative power given to the Legislature and the Governor differ from that given by this Act to the people. The people are given expressly the power of determining whether the act shall or shall not be law. If that is not legislative power, what is it?

"There are cases which hold that such a power is not legislative in its character, but for reasons already given we are not prepared to adopt the principles or the reasoning of such cases, because we feel that they are fundamentally unsound and fallacious. We are, therefore, of the opinion that the referendum section of the Act is in conflict with the Constitution of the State and therefore void."

Mindful of Veterans' Claims.

The Court then expresses keen consciousness of the sacrifices which soldiers, sailors and nurses of the State made in the World War.

"It is unfortunate," the decision reads, "that this legislation, through which the State attempted in some measure to recognize that claim, must fail. But so long as we are entrusted with the administration of the law, we must be bound by the law."

The order appealed from will be reversed, the opinion states, and the case remanded in order that the writ of mandamus may be issued.

Veterans to Draft Another Bill.

Herbert L. Grymes, Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Maryland Department American Legion, said the Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars immediately would begin work on another bill, without referendum, to be presented to the next Legislature. No further appeal will be taken, he added.

"The new bill will be designed to meet the objections of the Court of Appeals to the law just knocked out," Mr. Grymes said.

Might Yet Get On Ballot.

Another means of getting the bonus bill on the ballot, others pointed out, would be a petition with 10,000 signatures to be presented to the Secretary of State, under the referendum amendment to the State Constitution, calling for a referendum on the question. Some seemed to think that the Legion would not take this step unless it learned in advance of the next Legislature that a bonus bill was unlikely to pass. If the bonus question come to this point, it is said, the issue probably will be raised in the election of the members of the next Legislature.

Dry's Vindicated, They Say.

There was joy in the office of the Anti-Saloon League when word came that the bonus bill was held unconstitutional. The joy was not because the Act was knocked out, but because the Court, in its decision, upheld opinions previously expressed by George W. Crabbe, Superintendent, and J. Bibb Mills, attorney for the League.

"Practically the same issue was involved in the bonus bill as in amendment to the State-wide enforcement measure that the enemies of prohibition attempted to tag to it," said Mr. Mills, "and we all held that it would not stand a Constitutional test."

REMOVAL OF AMERICAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS OPPOSED.

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From the office of the American Bankers Association comes a proposal to remove the headquarters of that organization from New York to Washington. The suggestion for this change was made by President Thomas B. McAdams in his report at the meeting of the executive council, recently held at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. He gave these reasons for the change:

I want to see the American Bankers Association, representing as it does every class of our citizenship, fostering sound and constructive policies for the development of business and finance. In order to do this we must not act independently of other great interests in this country, working toward the same ends, but should so establish our points of contact as to eliminate conflict and create a spirit of co-operation which will insure the success of our policies when founded upon sound principles and in the interest of all the people. We must devise some plan by which we may be continuously kept in touch with all the great national and international movements which are more and more concentrating in the nation's capital.

A few years ago a movement was started to move the headquarters to Washington. It met with strenuous opposition, the opponents urging such a move would make of our association a political organization. Since that time the situation has changed materially. Other great organizations, recognizing that their work could only be done effectively in close contact with the administrative and legislative branches of the Government, have established permanent homes there, and are rendering a great service to the nation in assisting both legislation and administration in their initial stages. The presence of these organizations in Washington has never been questioned. They form a part of the life of the national capital, and their assistance, their suggestions and their willingness to help are appreciated by all those interested in the upbuilding of this country.

The statement that the location of the headquarters of other great business organizations at Washington "has never been questioned" is certainly subject to important qualifications. Both in the debates in Congress and in the newspapers their presence has been seriously attacked.

President McAdams thus explains why the existing methods of dealing with legislative matters are objectionable:

On the other hand, if our association be represented in Washington through a committee interested in a specific piece of legislation, our influence is immediately discounted by the assumption we never go to Washington except in advocacy or opposition to a pending measure or a possible ruling by a department official. When we do appear we are accused of conducting a lobby in our own selfish interest. The only motive which should actuate this council in this or any other question is its effect upon our association's ability to aggressively and intelligently serve its members and broaden its field of influence in behalf of the public good. The movement of our headquarters to Washington is the greatest single contribution this council will have the privilege of making to financial America.

This proposal represents another of the all-too-frequent movements to put the Government further and further into business. It is a deplorable tendency, and one which should receive no countenance from the bankers of the United States. Washington is already honeycombed with business organizations whose sole object is to interfere either positively or negatively in legislative matters. Here is the almost unending source of propaganda of all sorts with which the country is being continually deluged. And even where these efforts are for laudable objects, they are open to grave objection on the ground that they afford undue advantages to certain organized groups, compared with the interests of other bodies of citizens not represented at Washington by an organization.

This combining of certain interests for maintaining headquarters at Washington for the express purpose of influencing legislation is contrary to the entire spirit of our institutions. It gives a greater power to these groups than they ought to have. And this power is almost certain to be used selfishly.

The American Bankers Association heretofore has wisely kept out of politics. This sound policy should be maintained. If the headquarters are moved to Washington, a contrary departure will be indicated. Indeed, the removal will rightly be interpreted as having been made for the express purpose of putting this great organization into politics.

We have too much politics in our banking already through the control exercised by the Federal Reserve Board, the ex-officio chairman of which is a member of the President's cabinet, and all the members appointed by the President. If the headquarters of the American Bankers Association are removed to Washington, we shall have more Government in banking, and therefore more politics. The railroads are virtually managed from Washington, and we see what has happened to them. Do we wish the banks of the country also fall under the deadly paralysis of Government and politics? If we do not, we should not take this unwise step.

President McAdams declares that "the movement of our headquarters to Washington is the greatest single contribution this council will have the privilege of making to financial America."

A greater contribution would be to keep the banks out of Government and out of politics.

TAX ON FOREIGN CORPORATIONS IN NEW YORK—SHARES HAVING NO PAR VALUE CANNOT BE ASSESSED AT \$100.

In a decision affecting the "no par value" stock law of New York State, the Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court, Third Department, has ruled that:

There is no authority in the law for the assumption that non-par value stock has a value of \$100 a share for the purpose of assessing the tax under Section 181. We think the tax to which the relator is liable under that section must have as its base actual capital of the relator employed within this State.

The Court's conclusions, handed down in certiorari proceedings brought by the Terminal & Town Taxi Corporation, successor to the Black and White Taxi Co., were made known on July 10. The decision reverses the order of the State Tax Commission, which, under the "no par value" law of 1920, had assessed the corporation for franchise and license taxes as though each share of the stock was actually worth \$100. Regarding the Appellate Division's findings, we quote the following from the New York "Herald" of July 11:

Foreign corporations operating in New York State with capital stock of no par value will hereafter pay license taxes and minimum franchise taxes on the basis of "actual capital employed within the State," according to a decision handed down by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, Third Department, in Albany, made public here yesterday.

A section of the corporation tax laws for 1920 providing that in taxation each such share shall be regarded as having a face value of \$100 was held unconstitutional, and an earlier provision omitting such designation of value was reinstated.

Tax experts regarded the opinion as of prime importance. It was given on the appeal of the Terminal and Town Taxi Corporation in certiorari proceedings asking a review of the assessment of the State Tax Commission of a license tax of \$2,598 and an annual franchise tax of \$2,983 70 for the year ending Oct. 31 1921. Justice H. T. Kellogg wrote the opinion. Henry M.

Powell of Powell & Silver, of 51 Chambers Street, argued the appeal for the corporation. The court annulled the determination of the Commission and sent the case to the Commission for "further action in accordance with this opinion."

More than 200 corporations, chartered in some other State and therefore technically "foreign" in New York, will be affected by the decision. These have an aggregate capitalization of more than \$500,000,000. The amount in taxes eventually involved may run into many thousands of dollars.

"We think that the tax to which the relator (the taxi company) is liable under that section must have as its base the actual capital employed within this State," Justice Kellogg wrote.

The license tax, assessed when a foreign corporation first enters the State for business, is a fee of 1/4 of 1%, computed on the capital stock utilized in the State during the first year of business here.

The minimum franchise tax provision, to which objection also was raised, provides that foreign corporations, with certain exceptions, shall be subject to a minimum tax of one mill upon such portion of issued capital stock at face value as the gross assets employed within the State bear to the gross assets wherever employed. The section also contains a clause setting forth that stock without par value "shall be deemed" for the purpose of tax assessment to have a value of \$100.

The Appellate Court upheld the contention of Mr. Powell that if the expression "shall be deemed" means "shall be determined," the provision has the effect of imposing a discriminatory tax.

"We cannot escape the conclusion that the expression 'shall be deemed' as employed in the provision under consideration, does have the force of 'shall be determined,'" the opinion continues. "The compulsory valuation of \$100 required by the provision as thus construed to be placed upon every share of no par value stock is entirely arbitrary and necessarily would result in unequal taxation."

"Section 214 of the Tax Law, as it read prior to the enactment of Chapter 640 of the Laws of 1920, did not contain the objectionable provision which we regard as unconstitutional. The law then provided for a minimum tax of not less than one mill upon each dollar of the issued capital stock of a foreign corporation apportioned to this State. It also provided as follows: 'If such a corporation has stock without par value, then the base of the tax shall be on such a portion of its paid in capital as its real and tangible personal property in the State bears to its entire real and tangible personal property.' This was an entirely reasonable provision and imposed a tax which would bear equally upon all foreign corporations."

"Chapter 640 of the Laws of 1920, by which the unconstitutional provision above referred to was sought to be imposed, did not in express terms repeal the reasonable provision of Section 214 of the Tax Law which we have referred to. The effect of our holding that the later provision is unconstitutional is, therefore, to reinstate the earlier provision. The minimum franchise tax imposed upon relator is, therefore, determinable by its actual capital employed within the State."

The Terminal and Town Taxi Corporation has an authorized capital stock of \$1,617,500, consisting of 15,000 preferred and 23,500 common. Of the former, 6,947 of \$100 par value have been issued; of the common, 13,837 of no par value have been issued. The amount paid in for the common stock was \$117,500, or about \$8 55 a share.

WAR EXCESS PROFITS TAX DECISION—TANGIBLE PROPERTY PAID IN.

On July 10 the Treasury Department in a decision governing war excess profits taxes, held that the paid in surplus allowed in any case is confined to the value definitely known or accurately ascertainable at the time the property is paid in. The following is the decision issued in the matter:

(T. D. 3367.)

War Excess Profits Tax.

Article 836, Regulations No. 45 (1920 edition), and Article 836, Regulations No. 62, amended.

Treasury Department,

Office of Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Washington, D. C., To Collectors of Internal Revenue and Others Concerned:

Article 836, Regulations No. 45 (1920 edition) and Article 836, Regulations No. 62, are hereby amended to read as follows:

"Article 836—*Tangible property paid in; value in excess of par value of stock.*—The paid-in surplus allowed in any case is confined to the value definitely known or accurately ascertainable at the time the property is paid in. Evidence offered to support a claim for a paid-in surplus must be as of the date of the payment. It may consist among other things of (a) an appraisal of the property by disinterested authorities; (b) a certificate of the assessed value in the case of real estate, or (c) evidence of a market price in excess of the par value of the stock or shares.

Opinion evidence, expert or otherwise, of the value of property as of a prior date will not be accepted. Retrospective appraisals submitted in support of a claim for a paid-in surplus will not be accepted in any case where other reasonably satisfactory evidence is available and in any case will be accepted only after rigid scrutiny and will be followed only to the extent to which their reasonableness is fully established. The property which was paid in is the basis of the appraisal and the appraisal must reconcile the accounts so as to reflect accurately the actual value on the date as of which the appraisal is made and the depreciation sustained. Proper consideration must in all cases be given to depreciation and the expired and remaining serviceable life of the property must be shown. To be acceptable retrospective appraisals must show: (1) The history of the business and manner in which the information or data was acquired; (2) the manner in which the appraisals were constructed; (3) the inventory on the date of the appraisal in detail; (4) the date of acquisition of all items remaining in the inventory as of the date of appraisal; (5) the elimination from the inventory of all items acquired subsequent to the date as of which the appraisal is made and how this was effected (all items, the date of acquisition of which cannot be definitely determined, should be listed separately and all the facts bearing upon the date of acquisition given); (6) the replacement cost at the date as of which the appraisal is made of each item accepted as on hand on that date determined upon competent data, with a statement of the method employed in arriving at such cost (estimates and general statements will not be accepted); (7) the rate and total amount of depreciation as shown by the books; (8) the rate and total amount of depreciation taken upon each item included in the appraisal for the purposes of the appraisal (if other than normal rates of depreciation are used the reason therefor and the method of computing depreciation must be fully explained); (9) the actual cost when ascertainable of each item included in the appraisal; (10) the book value on the date as of which the appraisal is made of all the items included in the appraisal; and (11) a detailed statement of all plant facilities and additions, represented by capital expenditures previously written off, which were still in use

on the date as of which the appraisal was made and all the depreciation actually sustained or accrued on such items. No claim will be allowed for paid-in surplus in any case in which the addition of value has been developed or ascertained subsequent to the date on which the property was paid in to the corporation, or in respect of property which the stockholders or their agents on or shortly before the date of such payment acquired at a bargain price, as, for instance, at a receiver's sale. Generally, allowable claims under this article will arise out of transactions in which there has been no substantial change of beneficial interest in the property paid in to the corporation, and in all cases the proof of value must be clear and explicit.

C. P. SMITH, *Acting Commissioner of Internal Revenue.*

Approved July 10 1922.

A. W. MELLON, *Secretary of the Treasury.*

INCOME TAX DECISION—STOCK SUBSCRIPTION RIGHTS—COMPUTATION OF GAIN.

Under a Treasury decision made public July 8 it is held that "a stockholder's privilege of subscribing to new shares of stock before they are offered to the public is an incident of his stock ownership, and the acquisition of that privilege, while it may increase the value of the stockholder's interest in the corporation, does not constitute a segregation of the profits of the corporation and is not gain, profit or income to the stockholder." The Treasury Department's ruling is based on a decision of the U. S. Supreme Court May 29 1922, in the case of Joshua W. Miles, Collector, vs. the Safe Deposit & Trust Co. of Baltimore. The several rulings of the Treasury Department are announced by it as follows:

(T. D. 3365.)

Income Taxes—Act of February 24 1919—Decision of Supreme Court.

1. Stock Subscription Rights—Nature—Income.—A stockholder's privilege of subscribing to new shares of stock before they are offered to the public is an incident of his stock ownership, and the acquisition of that privilege, while it may increase the value of the stockholder's interest in the corporation, does not constitute a segregation of the profits of the corporation, and is not gain, profit or income to the stockholder.

2. Same—Sale of Rights—Extent of Tax Liability.—A stockholder of a corporation who receives the right to subscribe for shares of a new issue of stock is, on sale of such right, liable to income tax on so much of the proceeds as exceeds the cost of the right (citing Merchants Loan & Trust Co. vs. Snieland, T. D. 3173).

3. Same—Sale of Rights—Computation of Gain.—The new shares, if and when issued, are indistinguishable from the old shares, and as they are received by reason of the ownership of the old shares the average of the price paid for the old shares and of the subscribing price for the new shares constitutes cost for either an old share or a new share in computing taxable gain, following the analogy of the computation employed in the case of the sale of stock dividend shares. On the sale of stock rights, cost and selling price are determined by assuming that the stockholder, instead of selling his rights, subscribed for new shares and sold them, and the gain taxable to a stockholder who sells his rights is equal to the gain taxable to a stockholder who subscribes for a new share and sells his new share.

In ascertaining the selling price it is assumed that the stockholder, if he had subscribed, would have refused to sell his new share for any amount less than the sum of the subscribing figure and the prevailing price offered for the rights, and the sum of these two amounts is assumed to represent the selling price of the stock rights. The taxable gain, therefore, is found by taking the sum of the subscribing price and the market value of the rights and subtracting from that sum the average of (1) the cost of one old share, and (2) the subscribing price of one new share.

4. Stock Subscription Rights—Sale of Rights—Computation of Gain.—The acquisition of a new share by the exercise of a right to subscribe is merely an exercise of one of the rights of stock ownership, and until the new share has been sold no profit has been realized and there is no taxable income.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

Five shares of Atlantic Safe Deposit Co. stock were sold at auction this week and no sales of trust company stock were made either at the Stock Exchange or at auction.

Shares.	BANK—	Low.	High.	Close.	Last Previous Sale.
5	Atlantic Safe Deposit Co.	95	95	95	-----

Plans for the merger of the Lincoln National Bank, formerly the Lincoln Trust Co., with the Mechanics & Metals National Bank, received formal approval at special meetings of stockholders of both institutions on July 20. The completion of the merger now awaits only the official approval of the Comptroller of the Currency at Washington, and will probably be put into effect early next week. According to the merger details, so far as they have been made known, three of the offices of the Lincoln will be continued as branches of the Mechanics & Metals National Bank. These offices are located at 204 Fifth Avenue, Broadway and Leonard Street, and Broadway and 72d Street, and will be in charge of the same staffs of officers as heretofore, the former officers of the Lincoln being appointed branch officers of the Mechanics & Metals National Bank. With the completion of the merger the Mechanics & Metals National Bank, in addition to its head office at 20 Nassau Street, will have 12 branch offices on Manhattan Island. With capital, surplus and profits in excess of \$27,000,000, its net deposits will be approximately \$175,000,000. Previous reference to the merger appeared in our issue of June 24, page 2791.

Edward F. Hutton was elected a director of the Metropolitan Trust Co. of this city to fill a vacancy.

A proposal to increase the directorate of The Bank of America from twenty-two to twenty-eight members was announced on July 16. A call has been issued for a special stockholders' meeting to be held Friday, August 4, to consider this plan. This proposal follows the recent merger of the Atlantic National Bank with The Bank of America.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Columbia Trust Co., of this city, on July 20, William A. Phillips, of Dillon, Read & Co., was elected a director.

William A. Fischer, Secretary of the Peoples Trust Co., and Second Vice-President and a trustee of the Bay Ridge Savings Bank, of Brooklyn, died suddenly of heart disease on July 16. Mr. Fischer, who was 54 years of age, was born in Brooklyn. At the age of 22 he entered the employ of the Peoples Trust Co. He was a member of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce.

Arthur S. Kleeman, formerly of the firm of George H. Burr & Co., has become associated with the Manufacturers Trust Co. of Brooklyn, N. Y., as a Vice-President, in charge of their newly organized investment department.

In the near future the Bank of Coney Island, Brooklyn, plans to begin the erection of a handsome banking home on Thompson's Walk, 100 feet south of Surf Avenue—a site adjacent to its present building. The new building, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$200,000, will be a two-story structure and will have a frontage of 150 feet on Thompson's Walk and a depth of 95 feet. The materials used will be terra cotta, concrete and steel. The main banking room will have a ceiling height of 24 feet. Two huge windows on the Thompson's Walk side will flood the room with light. The main entrance to the new building will be through the bank's present building. Upon the completion of the building these present quarters will be used exclusively by the officers of the bank. Upon the expiration of the lease of this building, which has a considerable time to run, the main entrance to the new building will be built. The plans for the new building call for a special platform in the building for loading currency, bonds and valuable papers into the bank's armored motor car. This will be vault-like in form and have direct connection with the money vaults. Huge steel doors, equipped with time locks, will guard the entrances to the vaults. Five thousand individual safe deposit boxes will be installed in the building, and there will be book and stationery vaults. A trunk storage vault will be a special feature.

An application to organize the Bergen National Bank of Jersey City, N. J., has been approved by the Comptroller of the Currency. The new institution will have a capital of \$250,000, surplus of \$50,000 and undivided profits of \$25,000. The stock, par \$100 per share, is being placed at \$130 per share. The institution expects to begin business in September.

William E. Brown, until recently Vice-President and Cashier of the Back Bay National Bank of Boston, on July 7 pleaded "not guilty" before Judge Julian Mack of the Federal District Court to a secret indictment alleging misappropriation of the bank's funds and was released in \$1,000 bail, according to the Boston "Herald" of July 8. Timothy F. Callahan, counsel for Brown, stated that the case sets up "only a technical violation," that "there is no fraud or dishonesty" and that he was sure his client would be acquitted. The "Herald" went on to say:

According to the Federal attorney's office, the bank financed the Central Maine Potato Co., owned and operated by A. A. Heald of Boston, but there came a time when the bank directors voted that no more loans should be extended to the company.

The Federal authorities maintain that Brown, disregarding this vote, allowed the potato company to overdraw its account to the extent of \$15,347, and when the company later pledged four \$5,000 notes to cover the overdrafts, Brown is alleged to have informed its representative that the bank directors would not approve the notes. It is on these transactions that the indictment is based.

Recently the Back Bay National Bank brought suit for \$75,000 against the National Surety Co. of New York, to recover on an alleged agreement to guarantee the bank against financial loss which it might suffer if Brown failed to comply with instructions of the board of directors regarding the making of loans.

George L. Barnes, representing the bank, took the position that the surety company guaranteed the bank against "default, misapplication or omission"

on Brown's part. The bank claimed in the suit that the surety company failed to live up to its alleged agreement upon being apprised of the fact that Brown had disregarded the direction of the directors.

Judge Wolfe of the Superior Court of Connecticut, sitting in Bridgeport, recently issued a temporary injunction restraining the Bridgeport Savings Bank from establishing two outlying branches in the city of Bridgeport, one on the East Side, in close proximity to the American Bank & Trust Co., and the other on the West Side in close proximity to the West Side Bank. The injunction was in answer to a petition made to the Superior Court for a restraining order by the American Bank & Trust Co. and the West Side Bank, in which action the State Bank Commissioner was made a party plaintiff and entered an appearance by the Attorney-General. The American Bank & Trust Co. and the West Side Bank are carrying the question to the Supreme Court of Errors in a friendly suit. The reasons for granting the injunction are given in the following excerpt from Judge Wolfe's decision:

It appears that there is now pending in the Superior Court at Hartford an amicable suit, brought under the declaratory judgments law, by said Bank Commissioner against the defendant bank, which, by agreement of the parties, is to be reserved for the advice of the Supreme Court of Errors, in which that court is to be asked to advise the Bank Commissioner whether the defendant bank can legally establish and conduct banks of the character proposed at these and other locations, separate from their main banking house location.

In view of the uncertainty as to the legal right of the defendant to establish these outlying banks and of the pendency of the action in Hartford County, and of the doubt existing in the mind of the Bank Commissioner as to defendant's right in the premises and the fact that the State is asking that one of the institutions of its creation be restrained from proceeding until this question is disposed of by the Supreme Court of Errors, I feel that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted and an injunction as prayed for may therefore issue, until the further order of the court in the premises.

The stockholders of the Bank of Pittsburgh, N. A., Pittsburgh, on July 11 unanimously voted to increase the capital of the institution from \$2,400,000 to \$3,000,000, by the declaration of a stock dividend of 25% out of the undivided profits. Harrison Nesbit is President.

Louis Dellone, President of the Lykens Valley Railroad Co. and one of the founders of the Merchants' National Bank and the Central Trust Co., Harrisburg, Pa., died July 16.

The directors of the First National Bank of Norwood, Ohio, have declared a stock dividend of 100%, thereby increasing the capital of the bank from \$200,000 to \$400,000. The dividend is to be paid out of the undivided profits account. After the dividend is paid the surplus account will amount to \$300,000. The increase was approved by the stockholders July 15. The enlarged capital will go into effect about July 25.

Alfred Butler, a stockholder, director, and an officer of the Commercial & Savings Bank Co. of Bellefontaine, Ohio, since its incorporation in 1901, died on July 4.

James M. Hays, Vice-President of the First Wisconsin National Bank of Milwaukee, Wis., died on June 30. Mr. Hays was 50 years old. He began his banking career 35 years ago as a messenger in the old Houghton Brothers Bank. In 1892, when the Houghton Brothers Bank became the Central National Bank, he was made Teller and retained that rank until the consolidation in 1898 with the Wisconsin National Bank, when he became Paying Teller of the latter, four years later advancing to the position of Assistant Cashier. At the time of the consolidation of the Wisconsin National and the First National banks as the First Wisconsin National in 1919 he was Cashier of the Wisconsin National, and upon the completion of the merger he became a Vice-President of the consolidated bank.

According to a special press dispatch from Geneva, Neb., on July 6, appearing in the Omaha "Bee" of the following day, the Nebraska State Bank of Milligan has been closed by the State Department of Trade & Commerce and E. J. Kotas and his brother Adolph Kotas, President and Cashier, respectively, of the failed institution, arrested. It was further stated in the dispatch that both the accused officials gave bail in the amount of \$10,000. Mr. E. J. Kotas, it is understood, is head of the Milligan Grain Co. of that place.

From a press dispatch from Statesville, N. C., on July 15, which appeared in the New York "Evening Post" of the same

day, it is learned that C. E. Pennington, Assistant Cashier of the First National Bank of Statesville, committed suicide by shooting on the night of July 13 following the announcement of a shortage of approximately \$85,000 in the accounts of the Cashier, John W. Guy, Sr. A press dispatch from Washington on the same date, appearing in "Financial America" of this city of that date, further reported that the bank had not been closed, the directors taking action to make good the shortage, and that it was expected that the bond of the late Assistant Cashier would in large part cover the loss.

At a meeting of the directors of the Farmers & Mechanics National Bank of Fort Worth, Texas, on June 26, it was voted to recommend to the stockholders the increase in the capital of the bank from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. The new stock will be offered to the present stockholders at par, namely \$100 per share. The shareholders will meet on August 5 to ratify the plan.

The Banco di Roma, Rome, announces the appointment of Andre Hess as manager of its New York office at No. 1 Wall Street. He was formerly Paris manager of the Mercantile Bank of the Americas.

The Banco di Roma in New York has received cable advices from the head office in Rome that its board of directors has decided to submit to shareholders proposal to increase capital from 150 to 200 million lire.

The directors of the London Joint City and Midland Bank Limited announce an interim dividend for the half-year ended June 30 last at the rate of 18% per annum less income tax, payable on July 15. The dividend for the corresponding period of 1921 was at the same rate.

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings continue their satisfactory record of increase. Preliminary figures compiled by us, based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country, indicate that for the week ending Saturday, July 22, aggregate bank clearings for all the cities in the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will show an increase of 21.0% over the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$7,537,073,246, against \$6,224,900,212 for the same week in 1921. This is the eighteenth successive week in which our weekly aggregates have shown an improvement as contrasted with last year. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week ending July 22.	1922.	1921.	Per Cent.
New York.....	\$3,617,100,000	\$2,805,800,000	+28.0
Chicago.....	458,673,894	406,356,229	+12.8
Philadelphia.....	379,003,000	315,000,000	+20.3
Boston.....	274,000,000	233,638,444	+17.2
Kansas City.....	109,343,987	129,714,137	-15.7
St. Louis.....	a	a	a
San Francisco.....	*125,000,000	107,700,000	+16.0
Pittsburgh.....	*155,000,000	133,000,000	+15.0
Detroit.....	98,519,438	89,457,004	+7.8
Baltimore.....	60,137,293	57,530,317	+4.5
New Orleans.....	41,992,210	40,403,444	+3.9
Ten cities, five days.....	\$5,316,766,738	\$4,318,599,575	+23.1
Other cities, five days.....	654,127,634	868,817,269	+10.9
Total all cities, five days.....	\$6,280,894,372	\$5,187,416,844	+21.0
All cities, one day.....	1,250,178,874	1,037,483,368	+21.0
Total all cities for week.....	\$7,537,073,246	\$6,224,900,212	+21.0

* Estimated. a Refuses to furnish figures.

Complete and exact details for the week covered by the foregoing will appear in our issue of next week. We cannot furnish them to-day, inasmuch as the week ends on Saturday and the Saturday figures will not be available until noon to-day, while we go to press late Friday night. Accordingly in the above the last day of the week has in all cases had to be estimated.

In the elaborate detailed statement, however, which we present further below, we are able to give final and complete results for the week previous—the week ending July 15. For that week the increase is 17.9%, the 1922 aggregate of the clearings being \$7,510,698,314 and the 1921 aggregate \$6,371,466,018. Outside of this city, however, the increase is only 9.4%, the bank exchanges at this centre having recorded an expansion of 24.9%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located and from this it appears that in the Boston Reserve District the increase is 12.3%, in the New York Reserve District (including this city) 24.8%, in the Philadelphia Reserve District 9.1%, and in the Cleveland Reserve

District 12.3%. The Richmond Reserve District shows a gain of 3.5%, the Atlanta Reserve District 8.7%, and the Chicago Reserve District 9.8%. The Minneapolis Reserve District and the Kansas City Reserve District both record decreases, though only slight, the falling off being 3.8% in the former and 3.6% in the latter. The St. Louis Reserve District has an increase of 10.8%, the Dallas Reserve District of 3.9%, and the San Francisco Reserve District of 19.9%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Week ending July 15,		1922.	1921.	Inc. or Dec.	1920.	1919.
Federal Reserve Districts						
(1st) Boston..... 9 cities	\$	355,432,091	317,446,231	+12.3	452,764,149	450,585,703
(2nd) New York..... 9 "	\$	4,419,454,233	3,538,179,570	+24.8	4,809,818,684	5,441,237,194
(3rd) Philadelphia..... 9 "	\$	476,558,217	324,519,828	+46.5	543,397,328	492,177,353
(4th) Cleveland..... 9 "	\$	364,568,848	324,569,218	+12.3	461,669,834	389,360,228
(5th) Richmond..... 6 "	\$	145,974,179	141,016,204	+3.5	199,821,457	188,984,930
(6th) Atlanta..... 12 "	\$	142,796,546	131,421,989	+8.7	201,097,711	179,224,925
(7th) Chicago..... 19 "	\$	744,837,340	696,393,770	+6.9	941,306,709	876,337,578
(8th) St. Louis..... 7 "	\$	59,924,676	51,426,237	+16.3	71,492,532	52,320,464
(9th) Minneapolis..... 7 "	\$	117,375,359	121,393,091	-3.3	147,010,736	81,829,186
(10th) Kansas City..... 11 "	\$	242,050,659	251,015,795	-3.6	369,119,499	350,945,553
(11th) Dallas..... 5 "	\$	46,202,272	44,455,504	+3.9	59,839,522	61,857,312
(12th) San Francisco..... 14 "	\$	380,720,712	317,469,341	+19.9	462,025,693	328,339,037
Grand total..... 117 cities	\$	7,516,698,314	6,371,466,018	+17.9	8,650,815,874	8,887,686,832
Outside New York City.....	\$	3,164,024,226	2,891,291,372	+9.4	3,919,052,874	3,507,697,121
Canada..... 28 cities	\$	298,635,747	306,565,952	-2.6	414,394,911	327,334,911

We now add our detailed statement, showing last week's figures for each city separately, for the four years:

Clearings at—		Week ending July 15,				
		1922.	1921.	Inc. or Dec.	1920.	1919.
First Federal Reserve District—Boston						
Maine—Bangor.....	\$	797,847	819,472	-6.4	1,043,289	853,226
Portland.....	c	a	a	a	a	a
Mass.—Boston.....	\$	324,000,000	288,643,634	+12.3	412,014,502	416,129,479
Fall River.....	c	2,519,382	1,471,932	+71.3	2,142,969	2,658,462
Holyoke.....	a	a	a	a	a	a
Lynn.....	a	1,281,746	1,187,376	+8.0	1,690,821	1,353,850
New Bedford.....	a	1,647,239	1,743,854	-6.1	2,240,453	2,000,000
Springfield.....	a	6,298,288	4,023,003	+56.4	6,790,209	5,124,208
Worcester.....	a	3,807,465	4,118,274	-5.4	5,296,049	4,500,588
Conn.—Hartford.....	a	9,949,509	9,838,165	+1.1	13,519,384	11,063,730
New Haven.....	a	7,111,120	5,062,451	+40.1	8,086,473	6,857,156
R. I.—Providence.....	a	a	a	a	a	a
Total (9 cities).....	\$	350,452,091	317,446,231	+12.3	452,764,149	450,585,703
Second Federal Reserve District—New York						
N. Y.—Albany.....	\$	4,781,569	3,602,936	+32.7	5,026,973	5,421,805
Binghamton.....	a	11,164,600	996,040	+10.9	1,323,200	1,044,300
Buffalo.....	\$	638,136,332	37,317,241	+15.6	53,009,710	39,794,862
Elmira.....	a	584,493	Not incl. in total	a	a	a
Jamestown.....	a	1,270,782	1,072,422	+19.3	a	a
New York.....	\$	4,348,674,938	3,480,174,646	+24.9	4,731,763,000	5,379,989,711
Rochester.....	a	10,333,188	8,403,152	+23.0	12,539,645	10,163,375
Syracuse.....	a	5,814,343	3,802,511	+52.9	5,444,614	4,348,506
Conn.—Stamford.....	a	49,835,340	2,355,362	+18.9	a	a
N. J.—Montclair.....	a	434,391	425,270	+2.2	614,642	471,835
Total (9 cities).....	\$	4,416,453,733	3,538,179,570	+24.8	4,809,818,684	5,441,237,194
Third Federal Reserve District—Philadelphia						
Pa.—Allentown.....	\$	1,242,860	1,105,174	+12.5	1,184,005	1,045,528
Bethlehem.....	a	3,076,945	2,475,128	+24.3	3,985,631	a
Chester.....	a	a	a	a	a	a
Lancaster.....	a	2,572,344	2,456,860	+4.7	2,947,236	2,398,043
Philadelphia.....	\$	453,000,000	415,000,000	+9.2	517,620,190	474,116,892
Reading.....	a	3,043,121	2,655,457	+14.6	3,269,315	2,601,922
Scranton.....	a	68,149,056	4,637,004	+5.5	5,208,440	4,878,928
Wilkes-Barre.....	a	62,850,032	2,770,709	+2.7	3,527,475	2,643,340
York.....	a	1,404,712	1,367,406	+2.7	1,566,562	1,391,632
N. J.—Trenton.....	a	4,046,147	3,981,390	+1.6	4,076,874	3,100,875
Del.—Wilmington.....	a	a	a	a	a	a
Total (9 cities).....	\$	476,388,217	436,519,028	+9.1	543,397,328	492,177,563
Fourth Federal Reserve District—Cleveland						
Ohio—Akron.....	\$	69,082,000	6,261,000	+45.1	11,294,000	8,880,000
Canton.....	a	4,520,024	3,477,463	+30.0	6,385,567	3,985,343
Cincinnati.....	a	59,878,616	56,030,199	+6.9	78,028,376	66,938,929
Cleveland.....	\$	696,068,000	88,234,181	+8.8	158,524,458	128,478,122
Columbus.....	a	15,507,400	15,947,900	-2.8	17,984,000	16,298,400
Dayton.....	a	a	a	a	a	a
Lima.....	a	1,109,416	914,935	+21.3	1,096,474	1,454,979
Mansfield.....	a	a	a	a	a	a
Springfield.....	a	a	a	a	a	a
Toledo.....	a	a	a	a	a	a
Youngstown.....	a	64,789,019	4,482,212	+6.8	5,905,767	8,047,490
Pa.—Erie.....	a	a	a	a	a	a
Greensburg.....	a	a	a	a	a	a
Pittsburgh.....	\$	169,000,000	145,082,000	+16.5	176,854,740	149,510,607
W. Va.—Wheeling.....	a	4,614,373	4,099,357	+13.4	5,587,422	5,756,358
Total (8 cities).....	\$	364,568,848	324,552,218	+12.3	461,669,834	389,360,228
Fifth Federal Reserve District—Richmond						
W. Va.—Huntington.....	\$	1,546,527	1,556,348	-0.6	1,962,193	a
Ya.—Norfolk.....	a	6,156,635	7,090,331	+29.1	10,562,215	11,492,578
Richmond.....	\$	41,937,427	38,383,584	+9.3	59,518,260	60,148,627
S. C.—Charleston.....	a	2,419,680	2,528,838	-4.3	4,000,000	3,500,000
Md.—Baltimore.....	a	72,196,050	74,174,233	-2.5	105,594,785	96,843,725
D. C.—Washington.....	a	18,718,957	17,342,850	+7.5	17,984,000	17,000,000
Total (6 cities).....	\$	145,974,179	141,016,204	+3.5	199,821,457	188,984,930
Sixth Federal Reserve District—Atlanta						
Tenn.—Chattanooga.....	\$	6,430,875	5,195,884	+24.5	8,551,000	6,481,182
Knoxville.....	a	2,775,531	2,098,786	+33.0	3,300,000	3,120,458
Nashville.....	a	16,191,239	14,132,059	+14.6	23,441,086	14,951,782
Ga.—Atlanta.....	\$	39,558,908	38,694,445	+2.2	64,052,156	66,692,578
Augusta.....	a	1,505,755	1,724,400	-12.7	3,619,216	4,162,738
Savannah.....	a	1,417,140	1,425,000	-0.6	2,800,000	1,400,000
Fla.—Jacksonville.....	a	9,952,000	8,807,036	+13.0	12,577,000	5,630,885
Ala.—Birmingham.....	a	21,774,872	17,047,355	+27.7	18,297,722	13,094,642
Mobile.....	a	1,955,386	1,522,023	+28.5	2,709,056	1,650,000
Miss.—Jackson.....	a	558,383	587,191	-12.1	710,062	540,640
Vicksburg.....	a	316,569	299,127	+17.6	374,298	362,906
La.—N. Orleans.....	a	41,257,158	39,018,423	+5.7	60,668,193	58,196,414
Total (12 cities).....	\$	142,790,545	131,421,989	+8.7	201,097,711	179,224,925

Clearings at—		Week ending July 15,				
		1922.	1921.	Inc. or Dec.	1920.	1919.
Seventh Federal Reserve District—Chicago						
Mich.—Adrian.....	\$	207,138	200,000	+3.6	305,437	125,689
Ann Arbor.....	a	661,600	526,781	+25.0	610,063	390,085
Grand Rapids.....	\$	111,016,000	105,152,605	+5.6	136,328,136	100,000,000
Lansing.....	a	6,545,000	6,000,000	+9.1	7,672,366	6,013,186
Ind.—Ft. Wayne.....	\$	1,878,000	1,685,000	+11.5	2,232,949	1,874,877
Indianapolis.....	\$	2,087,888	1,977,177	+5.6	1,935,185	1,921,617
South Bend.....	a	21,440,000	17,351,000	+22.9	21,305,000	20,916,000
Wis.—Milwaukee.....	\$	2,576,800	1,250,000	+106.1	1,500,000	1,150,000
Ill.—Cedar Rapids.....	\$	33,670,414	29,731,643	+13.2	38,007,945	30,793,261
Des Moines.....	a	2,329,921	2,101,194	+10.9	2,965,613	2,207,292
St. Louis.....	\$	9,025,132	8,345,069	+8.1	11,161,048	10,972,669
St. Paul.....	a	6,034,853	5,744,228	+5.1	9,033,577	11,591,463
Waterloo.....	a	1,490,312	1,442,055	+3.3	2,113,821	2,035,003
Ill.—Bloomington.....	a	1,214,296	1,316,503	-7.8	1,854,674	1,780,851
Chicago.....	\$	554,678,618	504,444,150	+10.0	691,274,290	668,248,907
Danville.....	a	1,310,019	1,254,500	+4.4	1,696,546	1,482,896
Decatur.....	a	4,266,270	3,471,417	+22.9	5,965,175	5,101,255
Peoria.....	a	2,044,058	1,898,073	+7.7	2,300,000	2,100,000
Rockford.....	a	2,360,121	2,571,979	-8.2	3,147,784	2,722,497
Springfield.....	a	a	a	a	a	a
Total (19 cities).....	\$	764,837,340	696,563,770	+9.8	941,260,709	870,837,578
Eighth Federal Reserve District—St. Louis						
Ind.—Evansville.....	\$	5,291,597	4,898,095	+8.0	5,542,202	4,644,446
Mo.—St. Louis.....	\$	20,964,905	24,165,292	+11.9	31,940,539	16,639,565
Ky.—Louisville.....	a	388,275	335,343	+15.8	564,084	645,698
Owensboro.....	a	14,843,703	12,143,988	+22.2	20,496,025	12,282,475
Tenn.—Memphis.....	a	7,859,788	8,379,561	-6.2	10,900,269	8,742,832
Ark.—Little Rock.....	a	346,958	348,884	-0.6	466,960	755,131
Ill.—Jacksonville.....	a	1,288,852	1,214,694	+6.1	1,516,563	1,530,347
Quincy.....	a	a	a	a	a	a
Total (7 cities).....	\$	56,984,076	51,426,257	+10.8	71,462,582	52,220,464
Ninth Federal Reserve District—Minneapolis						
Minn.—Duluth.....	\$	66,232,367	7,224,225	+13.9	8,750,246	8,142,702
Minneapolis.....	\$	67,272,830	66,049,035	+1.9	86,369,131	45,576,231
St. Paul.....	\$	36,176,136	33,142,966	+9.2	44,658,070	19,736,380
N. D.—Fargo.....	a	2,198,809	1,941,476	+13.3	2,347,853	3,837,106
S. D.—Aberdeen.....	a	1,411,421	1,322,057	+6.8	1,840,708	1,841,797
Mont.—Billings.....	a	596,389	662,325	-10.9	1,226,003	1,254,311
Helena.....	a	3,397,598	2,950,408	+16.2	1,837,825	2,010,659
Total (6 cities).....	\$	117,275,550	121,393,091			

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of June 22 1922:

GOLD.

A fair amount of gold came into the market, and was acquired mainly on Indian account. The value of precious metal (expressed in lacs of rupees) imported into India during the period Oct. 1921 to April 1922 was as follows: Gold, 10,87; silver, 10,27. A net import of gold and silver was recorded in each month; the combined total value amounted to 21.14 lacs of rupees. Thus during seven months alone precious metal worth about £14,000,000 (roughly, half gold and half silver) was acquired by India, although Indian products were in poor request abroad during the first five months. It is possible that the gold purchases were to cover gold previously exported. The abnormal purchases of silver to some extent were attributable to the Gandhi agitation, and possibly in some degree to the demand being stimulated by the removal of the embargo upon import. The following were the total United Kingdom imports and exports of gold during the month of May 1922: Imports, £3,147,294; exports, £2,823,721. The imports and exports of gold to and from Spain during the years 1920 and 1921 were as follows (based upon the gold par):

	Imports.	Exports.	Net Import.	Net Export.
1920	£296,260	£194,584	£101,676	
1921	5,866	149,165		£140,299

SILVER.

The market has continued in a languid condition; business rather small, and buyers shy. Consequently prices have been inclined to recede, notwithstanding the appreciation of the dollar. The Indian bazaars have been buying a fair amount for shipment, but in many instances have sold similar amounts for forward delivery. Continental offerings have been a little more free. We are informed by the Royal Mint that the value of silver consumed in coinage in Great Britain during the year 1920 was £5,490,064 14s. 3d. representing approximately 10,085,625 fine ounces, and net 89,867,671 ounces as stated in our letter of the 8th inst. This last total was obtained from a usually well-informed source. Of this amount 204,657.61 fine ounces were purchased as bullion, and the balance was provided out of withdrawn coin of .925 fineness. The imports and exports of silver to and from Spain during 1920 and 1921 were as follows (based upon the gold par):

	Imports.	Exports.	Net Export.
1920	204,805	£391,129	£236,324
1921	19,665	113,019	393,354

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

In Lacs of Rupees—	May 31.	June 7.	June 15.
Notes in circulation	17239	17240	17331
Silver coin and bullion in India	7706	7711	7802
Silver coin and bullion out of India			
Gold coin and bullion in India	2432	2432	2432
Gold coin and bullion out of India			
Securities (Indian Government)	6517	6512	6512
Securities (British Government)	584	585	585

No silver coinage was reported during the week ending 15th inst. The stock in Shanghai on the 17th inst. consisted of about 27,200,000 ounces in sycee, 30,000,000 dollars, and 1,030 silver bars, as compared with 26,200,000 ounces in sycee, 30,000,000 dollars, and 1,630 silver bars on the 10th inst.

Quotations—	Bar Silver per oz. Std.		Bar Gold per oz. Fine.
	Cash.	2 Mos.	
June 16	35 1/4d.	35 1/4d.	92s. 3d.
June 17	36d.	36d.	92s. 3d.
June 19	36 1/4d.	36 1/4d.	93s. 6d.
June 20	36 1/4d.	36 1/4d.	94s. 5d.
June 21	35 1/4d.	35 1/4d.	93s. 3d.
June 22	35 1/4d.	35 1/4d.	93s. 3d.
Average	35.916d.	35.937d.	93s. 2d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and forward delivery are respectively 1/4 below those fixed a week ago.

We have also received this week the circular written under date of June 29 1922:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue is £127,131,380, as compared with £127,664,820 last week.

A substantial amount of gold came into the market and was acquired for the U. S. A. and for India, the former taking the larger proportion. In consequence of some relaxation on the 27th inst. of the Indian demand, the quotation compared more favorably with the United States gold parity.

The Southern Rhodesian gold output for May 1922 amounted to 53,920 ounces as compared with 54,315 ounces for April 1922 and 48,744 ounces for May 1921.

The following figures show the monthly balance of Indian trade in lacs of rupees:

1920-21.		1921-22.		1920-21.		1921-22.	
April	+1387	-685	+417	October	-1032	-825	-825
May	+574	-200	+348	November	-1107	-922	-922
June	-82	-167		December	-902	-255	-255
July	-314	+135		January	-897	-712	-712
August	-936	+234		February	-703	-59	-59
September	-469	+93		March	-486	+142	+142

CURRENCY.

The ramifications of the Great War affected currency in the most out-of-the-way places. For instance, the United States Consul at Tahiti stated in a report that there was no specie in circulation in the colony except in inconsequential amounts. Silver had disappeared from the colony except in the late fall of 1919, and for the most part is locked up in vaults and strong boxes, and some of it has found its way out of the colony. Before the recent issue of the Chamber of Commerce notes the requirements for small change were met by the printing by any one so disposed of small tickets of varying denominations. These tickets passed readily from hand to hand where issued by a local trading house or merchant. Ordinary business cards, upon which had been written the French equivalent of "good for one franc," &c., and without signature or stamp, were frequently met with circulating as currency.

SILVER.

The market has kept steady this week, supported by more or less inquiry on account of China. The Indian bazaars have been dealing here, but have not assisted the tendency much because they have both bought and sold. Moderate supplies have been forthcoming from the Continent but the United States has not been inclined to sell at favorable rates.

We understand that silk stocks in Lyons are low and it is possible therefore that the silk season in China may be an early one and brisk, favorably affecting the Far Eastern exchanges. We also hear that the low value of the Polish mark has encouraged the manufacture of silk goods in that country to the detriment of the French industry. We may add that latest advices from the United States of America state the buying of raw silk was very keen at the time of writing.

Details as to U. S. exports of bar silver have been received as follows:

April 1922	San Francisco to China	3,747,000 ounces
May 1922	San Francisco to China	5,101,000 "
May 1922	New York to London	750,000 "
May 1922	New York to India	1,088,000 "

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

(In lacs of rupees.)	June 7.	June 13.	June 22.
Notes in circulation	17240	17331	17417
Silver coin and bullion in India	7711	7802	7888
Silver coin and bullion out of India			
Gold coin and bullion in India	2432	2432	2431
Gold coin and bullion out of India			
Securities (Indian Government)	6512	6512	6514
Securities (British Government)	585	585	584

No silver coinage was reported during the week ending 22d inst. The stock in Shanghai on the 24th inst. consisted of about 29,400,000 ounces in sycee, 31,500,000 dollars, and 2,620 silver bars, as compared with 27,200,000 ounces in sycee, 30,000,000 dollars, and 1,030 silver bars on the 17th inst.

The Shanghai exchange is quoted at 3s. 6 1/2d. the tael.

Quotations—	Bar Silver, per Oz. Std.		Bar Gold, per Oz. Fine.
	Cash.	2 Mos.	
June 23	35 1/4d.	35 1/4d.	93s. 4d.
24	35 1/4d.	35 1/4d.	93s. 4d.
26	35 1/4d.	35 1/4d.	94s.
27	36 1/4d.	36 1/4d.	93s. 4d.
28	36 1/4d.	36 1/4d.	93s. 8d.
29	36 1/4d.	36 1/4d.	94s. 2d.
Average	36d.	36d.	93s. 8-1/2d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and forward delivery are each 1/4 above those fixed a week ago.

We have also received this week the circular written under date of July 6 1922:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue is about £500,000 lower, at £126,634,190, as compared with £127,131,380 last week. Moreover the currency note return shows a diminution of £500,000 in gold and an increase of £500,000 in bank notes.

A fair amount of gold came into the market. After providing for a few Indian orders, the bulk was shipped to the United States of America. The declared exports from Shanghai to the United States during the first quarter of 1922, including gold bars, states the "Financier," amounted to \$11,172,149, a decrease of \$8,396,549 compared with the first quarter of 1921. It is noted, however, that in this period of 1922 the value of gold bars exported to the United States was only \$1,047,576, while in 1921 it was \$10,968,581. The merchandise was valued at \$10,124,573 in 1922, compared with \$8,600,117 in 1921.

SILVER.

In the earlier part of the week the tone of the market was fairly steady, owing to intermittent purchases for China and India, and a certain amount of bear covering. The Continent was a fair seller, but supplies from America were not easy of attainment. Yesterday and to-day, however, owing to the paucity of buyers falling prices were recorded.

We are informed that the Cobalt district is now producing upon a larger scale.

It is once again reported from American sources that a United States silver export association is mooted in order to cope with the conditions which are likely to obtain when the purchases under the Pittman Act cease to give artificial support to the silver market. Of the 208,000,000 ounces to be purchased under its provisions 116,000,000 had been secured by the 22d ult.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

In Lacs of Rupees—	June 15.	June 22.	June 30.
Notes in circulation	17331	17417	17601
Silver coin and bullion in India	7802	7888	8075
Silver coin and bullion out of India			
Gold coin and bullion in India	2432	2431	2432
Gold coin and bullion out of India			
Securities (British Government)	6512	6514	6512
Securities (Indian Government)	585	584	584

No silver coinage was reported during the week ending 30th inst. The stock in Shanghai on the 30th ult. consisted of about 32,700,000 ounces in sycee, \$33,000,000 and 2,200 silver bars, as compared with 29,400,000 ounces in sycee, \$31,500,000 and 2,620 silver bars on the 24th ult. The Shanghai exchange is quoted at 3s. 6 1/2d. the tael.

Statistics for the month of June are appended:

Highest price	Bar Silver per oz. std.		Bar Gold per oz. fine.
	Cash Delivery, 2 Mos. Delivery.	3 Mos. Delivery.	
Lowest price	36 1/4d.	36 1/4d.	94s. 5d.
Average price	35 1/4d.	35 1/4d.	91s. 6d.
	35.9d.	35.885d.	92s. 10-1/2d.

Quotations—	Bar Silver per oz. std.		Bar Gold per oz. fine.
	Cash.	Two Months.	
June 30	36 1/4d.	36 1/4d.	93s. 7d.
July 1	36 1/4d.	36 1/4d.	93s. 5d.
July 3	36 1/4d.	36 1/4d.	93s. 2d.
July 4	36 1/4d.	36 1/4d.	93s. 7d.
July 5	36 1/4d.	36 1/4d.	92s. 5d.
July 6	35 1/4d.	35 1/4d.	93s. 0-1/2d.
Average	36.312d.	36.312d.	93s. 0-1/2d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and forward delivery are each 1/4 below those fixed a week ago.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past two weeks:

London, Week ending July 14.	Sat. July 8.	Mon. July 10.	Tues. July 11.	Wed. July 12.	Thurs. July 13.	Fri. July 14.
Gold, per fine ounce	36 1/4	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Consols, 2 1/2 per cents	93s.	92s. 7d.	92s. 10d.	93s.	92s. 5d.	92s. 9d.
British, 5 per cents	57 1/2	57 1/2	58	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2
British, 4 1/2 per cents	99 1/2	99 1/2	100	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
French Rentes (in Paris) fr.	94 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2
French War Loan (in Paris) fr.	57.90	58	57.65	57.95	57.70	57.70
(Paris) fr.	75	75.20	75	74.55	74.20	74.20

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been:

Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.):	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2
Domestic	71 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70	70	70 1/2
Foreign						

London, Week ending July 21.	Sat. July 15.	Mon. July 17.	Tues. July 18.	Wed. July 19.	Thurs. July 20.	Fri. July 21.
Silver, per oz.	35 1/4	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Gold, per fine ounce	92s. 9d.	92s. 8d.	92s. 9d.	92s. 5d.	92s. 7d.	92s. 6d.
Consols, 2 1/2 per cents	58 1/2	59	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2
British, 5 per cents	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
British, 4 1/2 per cents	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2
French Rentes (in Paris) fr.	57.70	57.85	57.85	57.95	58.10	58.20
French War Loan (in Paris) fr.	74.20	75	75.50	76.25	76.95	76.95

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been:

Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.):	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2
Domestic	70 1/2	70	70	69 1/2	70	69 1/2
Foreign						

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS FOR JUNE.

The Bureau of Statistics at Washington has issued the statement of the country's foreign trade for June, and from it and previous statements, we have prepared the following: Totals for merchandise, gold and silver for June:

FOREIGN TRADE MOVEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

(In the following tables three ciphers are in all cases omitted)

000s omitted.	Merchandise.			Gold.			Silver.		
	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports.	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports.	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1922	334,000	260,000	74,000	1,601	12,969	11,368	6,005	6,346	7341
1921	339,899	185,690	154,209	774	43,577	42,803	1,424	3,627	2,203
1920	620,377	552,000	76,771	5,320	26,765	21,445	4,410	6,562	2,146
1919	928,379	292,915	635,464	82,973	26,135	56,838	12,608	7,078	5,530
1918	483,739	266,350	217,389	329,449	2,704	31,892	29,188	8,566	5,361
1917	573,468	306,323	267,845	67,164	91,339	24,175	8,964	2,235	6,729
1916	464,680	245,795	208,881	8,312	122,335	114,433	4,644	3,182	1,462

/ Excess of Imports.

Total for twelve months ended June 30:

Table with columns for Merchandise, Gold, and Silver, and sub-columns for Exports and Imports. Includes values for 1921-22, 20-21, 19-20, etc.

† Excess of imports.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Table listing various companies like Alliance R'ty, Amer Surety, Bond & M.G., etc., with bid and ask prices.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Large table listing various banks and trust companies such as Amer Exch, Battery Park, Bowers, etc., with bid and ask prices.

* Banks marked with (*) are State banks. † New stock. ‡ Ex-dividend. § Ex-rights

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange July 15 to July 17, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table showing stock transactions with columns for Stock, Par, Price, Week's Range, Sales for Week, and Range since Jan. 1.

* Last sale. Note.—Sold last week and not reported, \$1,500 Brownsville Ave. Tr. 5s at 78.

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED.

Table listing applications to organize for various banks like The First National Bank of Slickville, Pa., etc.

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE APPROVED.

Table listing approved applications for banks like The Vale National Bank, etc.

APPLICATIONS TO CONVERT RECEIVED.

Table listing conversion applications for banks like The First National Bank of Oxford, Mich., etc.

APPLICATION TO CONVERT APPROVED.

Table listing approved conversion applications for The Farmers National Bank of Buda, Texas.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Table listing issued charters for banks like State National Bank of Brownsville, Tex., etc.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

Table listing voluntary liquidations for banks like The First National Bank of Glendale, Calif., etc.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not usually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were recently sold at auction in New York, Boston and Philadelphia:

Table listing auction sales for various securities like 54 Union Mortgage Co. of New York, etc.

By Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table listing securities sold by Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, including National Bank, etc.

By Messrs. R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table listing securities sold by R. L. Day & Co., including Nat. Shawmut Bank, etc.

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing securities sold by Barnes & Lofland, including Union Passenger Ry., etc.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are 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 listing dividends for various companies like Connetquot & Passumpsic Rivers, etc.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.
Street and Electric Railways.			
Montreal Tramways (quar.)	3 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 21
Philadelphia Co., preferred	\$1.25	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 10
Tampa Electric Co. (quar.)	*2 1/2	Aug. 15	*Holders of rec. Aug. 1
Banks.			
Continental	3 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 28
Pacific (quar.)	2	Aug. 1	July 25 to July 31
Extra	2	Aug. 1	July 25 to July 31
Trust Companies.			
Farmers' Loan & Trust (quar.)	5	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20
Fire Insurance.			
Commercial Union	5	On dem.	
Pacific	5	July 19	Holders of rec. July 18
Miscellaneous.			
American Book (quar.)	2	July 22	July 19 to July 23
American Coal (quar.)	\$1	Aug. 1	July 13 to Aug. 1
American Linn (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
Appalachian Power, 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
Balding-Corticeoli, Ltd., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Sept. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 1
Bigelow-Hartf. Carp. Corp., com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 21
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 21
Bourne Mills (quar.)	3	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 19
Butler Bros. (quar.)	3 1/2	Aug. 15	July 30 to Aug. 15
California Wine Assn., common	6	July 19	Holders of rec. July 13
Common	6	Aug. 21	Holders of rec. Aug. 15
Calumet & Hecla Mining (quar.)	*5	Aug. 3	*Holders of rec. July 22
Canada Cement, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 31
Central Am. Lt. & Pow., com. (quar.)	2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 31
Preferred (quar.)	2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 31
Chicago Yellow Cab Co., Inc. (mthly.)	\$3-1.30	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20
Christy (H. C.) Co. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 25
Cities Service—			
Common (monthly, payable in cash)	*1 1/2	Sept. 1	*Holders of rec. Aug. 15
Common (pay. in com. stock scrip)	*2 1/2	Sept. 1	*Holders of rec. Aug. 15
Pref. & pf. B (mthly., pay. in scrip)	*2 1/2	Sept. 1	*Holders of rec. Aug. 15
Cincinnati Coal Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 25
Davis Mills (quar.)	*1 1/2	Sept. 23	*Holders of rec. Sept. 9
Dominion Bridge (quar.)	1	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 31
Dow Chemical, common (quar.)	3 1/2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 5
Preferred (quar.)	3 1/2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 5
Durham Hosiery Mills, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 23
Gair (Roberts) Co., 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	July 22 to July 31
Gossard (H. W. J.) Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 25
Hall Lamp	*5	July 27	*Holders of rec. July 24
Hodeman Rubber, pref. (quar.)	2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20
Hood Rubber, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	July 21 to Aug. 1
Illum. & Power Secur., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 31
Imperial Tob. of Grt. Brit. & Ire., ord.	*7 1/2	Sept. 1	
Industrial Salvage Co. (special)	10	Aug. 10	Holders of rec. July 31
Intertype Corporation, com. (quar.)	*1	Aug. 15	*Holders of rec. Aug. 1
Kaufmann Dept. Stores, com. (quar.)	\$1	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20
Kollier Switchboard & Supply (quar.)	2	July 31	Holders of rec. July 24
Leggett's Internat., pref. (quar.)	\$1	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
Lincoln Manufacturing (quar.)	*2	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 18
Lindsay Light, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 25
Lyman Mills	8	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20
Martin-Parry Corp. (quar.)	50c.	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15
Massachusetts Lighting Co., com.	*25c.	Aug. 21	*Holders of rec. Aug. 1
New Cornelia Copper (quar.)	*25c.	Aug. 21	*Holders of rec. Aug. 4
New Niguroe Sugar	*7	July 31	*Holders of rec. July 24
Pacific Gas & Elec., 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 31
Pacific Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20
Pathosyn-Plymouth Mills, pref. (quar.)	*2	Sept. 1	*Holders of rec. Aug. 18
Pick (Albert) & Co., common (quar.)	40c.	Aug. 1	July 22 to July 31
Portland Cig. Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 7	Holders of rec. July 18
Producers & Refiners Corp., pref. (quar.)	2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 31
Pullman Co. (quar.)	*50c.	Sept. 1	*Holders of rec. Aug. 15
Pure Oil, common (quar.)	*2	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 20
Revelon, Inc. (quar.)	*1	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 25
Rosenbaum Co., common (special)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 22
Shove Mills (quar.)	1	Aug. 20	Holders of rec. Aug. 1
Southern States Oil Corp.	1	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 31
Stewart Mfg., com. (quar.)	*75c.	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 25
Preferred (quar.)	*2	Aug. 15	*Holders of rec. July 31
Stewart-Warner Speedometer, com. (quar.)	75c.	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 31
Trenton Felties, non-com. pref. (quar.)	1	July 25	Holders of rec. July 20
Cumulative preferred (quar.)	1	July 23	Holders of rec. July 20
Troxel Mfg., preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 20
United Profit Sharing (quar.)	*15c.	Oct. 2	*Holders of rec. Sept. 1
Wayssop Mfg., common (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 24
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 24
Wurflizer (Rudolph) Co., com. (mthly.)	75c.	July 25	
Common (monthly)	75c.	Aug. 25	
Common (monthly)	75c.	Sept. 25	
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 22
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 21
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	2	Mar. 23	Holders of rec. Feb. 19 '23
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	2	Jan. 23	Holders of rec. May 22 '23
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 21
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 21
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 23	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 23	Holders of rec. Mar. 22
Yellow Cab Mfg., Class B	60c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.
Railroads (Steam).			
Alabama Great Southern, preferred	3 1/2	Aug. 17	Holders of rec. July 13
Ath. Top. & Santa Fe, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. July 28
Preferred	2 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. June 30
Baltimore & Ohio, preferred	2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
Buffalo & Susquehanna, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 30	Sept. 16 to Oct. 1
Canada Southern	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. June 30
Central RR. of New Jersey (quar.)	2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 3
Chic. St. Paul Minn. & Omaha, com.	2 1/2	Aug. 21	Holders of rec. Aug. 16
Preferred	3 1/2	Aug. 21	Holders of rec. Aug. 16
Cuba RR., preferred	3	Feb. 15-23	Holders of rec. July 20
Preferred	3	Feb. 15-23	Holders of rec. July 20
Great Northern, preferred	3 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. June 30
Hunt & Broad Top Mt. RR. & Coal, pf.	1	Aug. 1	July 16 to July 31
Louisville & Nashville	3 1/2	Aug. 10	Holders of rec. July 15
Mahoning Coal RR., common	5	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
Michigan Central	4	July 29	Holders of rec. June 30
Mine Hill & Schuylkill Haven	\$1.50	Aug. 1	July 15 to July 31
Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis	3 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 22
New York Central RR.	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. June 30
New York Chicago & St. Louis			
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 19
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 19
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Norfolk & Western, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 19	Holders of rec. Aug. 31
Adjustment preferred (quar.)	1	Aug. 19	Holders of rec. July 31
Northern Pacific (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. June 30
Pennsylvania (quar.)	50c.	Aug. 31	Holders of rec. Aug. 1
Pere Marquette, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
Preferred (acc't accum. dividends)	1	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
Prior preference (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.
Railroads (Steam), (Continued).			
Pittsburg & Lake Erie	\$2.50	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
Pittsb. & West Virginia, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 31	Holders of rec. Aug. 14
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 29	Holders of rec. Nov. 16
Reading Company, common (quar.)	\$1	Aug. 10	Holders of rec. July 18
First preferred (quar.)	50c.	Sept. 14	Holders of rec. Aug. 20
Street and Electric Railways.			
Bangor Ry. & Electric, com. (quar.)	3/4	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
Brazilian Trac., Light & Pow., ordinary	1	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. July 31
Carolina Power & Light, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
Connecticut Ry. & Ltg., com. & pf. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 15	Aug. 1 to Aug. 15
Duquesne Light, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 1
Eastern Mass. St. Ry., 1st pref. Series A	*3	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 25
Sinking fund stock	*3	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 25
Milwaukee Elec. Ry. & Lt., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 31	Holders of rec. July 20
Montreal Lt., Ht. & Pow. Cons. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 31
Philadelphia Co., com. (quar.)	75c.	July 31	Holders of rec. July 15
Philadelphia Rapid Transit (quar.)	\$1.50	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
Public Service Investment, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
Railway & Light Securities, com. & pref.	3	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
West Penn Power Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
West Penn Rys., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 1
West Penn Trac. & W. P., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 1
Preferred (acc't accum. dividends)	10 1/2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 1
York (Pa.) Rys. pref. (quar.)	62 1/2	July 31	Holders of rec. July 21
Banks.			
Corn Exchange (quar.)	5	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 31
Miscellaneous.			
Acme Tea, 1st & 2d pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 12
Alliance Realty (quar.)	2	July 15	Holders of rec. July 8
Allied Chem. & Dye Corp., com. (quar.)	\$1	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 17
Allis-Chalmers Mfg., com. (quar.)	1	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 24
American Bank Note, common (quar.)	\$1	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 26
American Cigar, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
Amer. Dist. Teleg. of N. J. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 29	Holders of rec. July 15
American Gas & Elec., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 12
American Gum, preferred (quar.)	2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
American Ice, common (quar.)	1 1/2	July 25	Holders of rec. July 7
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 25	Holders of rec. July 7
Amer. La France Eng. Co., com. (quar.)	2 1/2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 1
American Light & Trac., com. (quar.)	1	Aug. 1	July 15 to July 27
Common (payable in common stock)	1	Aug. 1	July 15 to July 27
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	July 15 to July 27
American Mfg. pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Sept. 17 to Oct. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Dec. 17 to Dec. 30
American Radiator, common (quar.)	\$1	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 1
American Shipbuilding, common (quar.)	2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
Common (quar.)	2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Common (quar.)	2	Feb. 1 '23	Holders of rec. Jan. 15 '23
Common (quar.)	2	May 1 '23	Holders of rec. Apr. 14 '23
Common (quar.)	2	Aug. 1 '23	Holders of rec. July 14 '23
American Soda Fountain (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 30
Amer. Sugar Refr., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Aug. 1
Amer. Telegraph & Cable (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 1
Amer. Water-Works & Elec., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31
Amoskeag Mfg., com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Aug. 2	Holders of rec. Aug. 7
Preferred	\$2.25	Aug. 2	Holders of rec. July 7
Art Metal Construction (quar.)	25c.	July 31	Holders of rec. July 14
Associated Dry Goods, com. (quar.)	\$1	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 10
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 12
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 12
Associated Oil (quar.)	1 1/2	July 25	Holders of rec. June 30
Allatic Refining, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
Atchafalaya, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20
Austro. Nickel Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
Bang Service Stations, Inc., pf. (quar.)	2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
Barnhart Mfg. (quar.)	2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
Barnhart Brothers & Spindler			
First and second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 26
Bathelard & Snyder Co., pref. (quar.)	2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
Borden Co., common	1	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 15
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Sept. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 1
Boston Consolidated Gas, preferred	11-12	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
Brandram-Henderson, Ltd., common	1	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 16
Brill (J. G.) Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	July 23 to July 31
British Empire Steel, pref. B (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
Brown Shoe, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20
Buckeye Pipe Line (quar.)	\$2	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 21
Burns Bros., com., Class A (quar.)	*82	Aug. 15	*Holders of rec. Aug. 1
Common, Class B (quar.)	*50c.	Aug. 15	*Holders of rec. Aug. 1
Prior pref. (quar.)	*50c.	Aug. 15	*Holders of rec. Aug. 1
Burrage Adding Machine (in stock)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 29
California-Oregon Power, pref. (quar.)	2 1/2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 15
California Peaking Corporation (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 31
Canadian Converters, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 31
Canadian Explosives, common (quar.)	1 1/2	July 30	Holders of rec. June 30
Carrier, Inc., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 31	Holders of rec. July 15
Cassey-Hedges Co., common (quar.)	2 1/2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 15
Cedar Rapids Mfg. & Power (quar.)	2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 31
Chariton (quar.)	1	Aug. 1	July 11 to July 31
Chicago Pneumatic Tool (quar.)	1	July 25	Holders of rec. July 15
Cibola, Wilm. & Franklin Coal, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
Cities Service—			
Common (monthly payable			

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Concluded)			
Gillette Safety Razor (quar.)	*83	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 1
Stock dividend	e*5	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Halle Bros. Co., 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 31	July 25 to July 31
Harris Brothers, preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 11
Hart, Schaffner & Marx, Inc., com. (qu.)	*1 1/2	July 25	*Holders of rec. Aug. 15
Hillman Coal & Coke, 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 25	July 15 to July 25
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 25	July 15 to July 25
Homestake Mining (monthly)	2 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20e
Hupp Motor Car, common (quar.)	2 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15a
Idaho Power, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
Indiana Northern Utilities, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
Indiana Pipe Line	\$2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 15
Ingersoll-Rand Co., common (quar.)	2 1/2	July 31	Holders of rec. July 7a
International Combustion Engineering (qu.)	50c	July 31	Holders of rec. July 22a
International Harvester			
Common (payable in common stock)	f2	July 25	Holders of rec. June 24a
Internat. Mercantile Marine, pref.	3	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14
International Nickel, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20a
Kaministiquia Power (quar.)	2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 31
Kelly-Springs Tire, pref. (quar.)	2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 1a
Kelsey Wheel, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 21a
Kress (S. I.) Co., common (quar.)	\$1	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20a
Lehigh Coal & Navigation (quar.)	2	Aug. 31	Holders of rec. July 31a
Lima Locomotive Works, pref.	2 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 10a
Loose-Wiles Biscuit, 2d pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15a
Lowell Elec. Light Corp. (quar.)	2 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
Marine Oil (quar.)	*2	Aug. 5	*Holders of rec. Aug. 1
Marland Oil (No. 1)	\$1	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a
Mason Tire & Rubber, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. June 30a
Massachusetts Gas Cos., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
May Department Stores, com. (quar.)	2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15a
Common (quar.)	2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Midwest Refining (quar.)	50c	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 1a
Moon Motor Car, com. (qu.) (No. 1)	*\$1	Aug. 2	*Holders of rec. July 15
Montreal Light, Heat & Power (quar.)	2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 31
Morris Canal & Banking, pref.	*5	Aug. 1	*July 16 to July 31
Consolidated stock	*2	Aug. 1	*July 16 to July 31
Mullins Body Corp., pref. (quar.)	2	Aug. 21	Holders of rec. July 22a
Mutual Oil (quar.)	*2 1/2	Sept. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 1
Nash Motors, common	80	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20a
National Biscuit, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 14	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 31	Holders of rec. Aug. 17a
Nat. Enameling & Stg., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
New Jersey Zinc (quar.)	2	Aug. 10	Holders of rec. July 31a
N. Y. & Honduras Rosario Mining (qu.)	2 1/2	July 25	Holders of rec. July 15
Northern States Power, com. (quar.)	2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. June 30
Peerless Truck & Motor (quar.)	75c	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
Peerless Truck & Motor (quar.)	75c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a
Penmans Co., Ltd., com. (quar.)	2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 5
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 21
Penn Traffic	10c	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15a
Phillips-Jones Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20a
Pittsburgh Coal, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 25	Holders of rec. July 7a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 25	Holders of rec. July 7a
Pittsburgh Steel, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 18a
Plant (Thos. G.) Co., 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 31	Holders of rec. July 15
Postum Cereal, common (quar.)	*1 1/2	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 20a
Preferred (quar.)	2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20a
Prairie Oil & Gas (quar.)	3	July 31	Holders of rec. June 30a
Extra	2	July 31	Holders of rec. June 30a
Prairie Pipe Line (quar.)	3	July 31	Holders of rec. June 30a
Extra	2	July 31	Holders of rec. June 30a
Procter & Gamble, common (quar.)	5	Aug. 15	July 16 to Aug. 15
Common (payable in com. stock)	f4	Aug. 15	July 16 to Aug. 15
Pub. Serv. Co. of No. Ill., com. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 15
Quaker Oats pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 31	Holders of rec. Aug. 1a
Reo Motor Car (stock dividend)	e100	Aug. 10	July 16 to Aug. 10
Royal Dutch Co.	\$2.065	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 10
Russell Motor Car, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20
St. Lawrence Flour Mills, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20
Salt Creek Consol. Oil (quar.)	*2 1/2	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 20
Salt Creek Producers Association (qu.)	*30c	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 15
Savannah Sugar Refg., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
Shafter Oil & Refining, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 25	Holders of rec. June 30
Shell Transport & Trading	\$ 1.55 1/2	July 25	Holders of rec. July 17
Sierra Pacific Elec., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15a
Simmons Company, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
Sinclair Cons. Oil Corp., com. (quar.)	50c	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	2	July 25	Holders of rec. June 30a
Southern Wisconsin Elec. com. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Sept. 1	*Holders of rec. July 28
Standard Oil (Ohio), pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 8
Steel Co. of Canada, com. & pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
Steering Products, Inc. (quar.)	*75c	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 18
Stern Brothers, preferred (quar.)	2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15a
Stover Mfg. & Engine, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 22
Superior Steel, 1st & 2d pref. (quar.)	2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 1a
Swift International	90c	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 15a
Texas Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 17
Tobacco Products Corp., com. (quar.)	*2 1/2	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 2a
Underwood Typewriter, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 2a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 28	Holders of rec. July 10a
Union Oil of California (quar.)	1	July 28	Holders of rec. July 10a
Extra	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 5a
Union Tank Car, com. & pref. (quar.)	87 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
United Drug, 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
United Dyewood, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
United Eastern Mining	15c	July 28	Holders of rec. July 8a
United Gas Imp't. pref. (quar.)	50c	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a
United Royalties (monthly)	2	July 25	Holders of rec. June 10a
Bonus (payable in stock)	100		Holders of rec. June 10a
United Verde Extension Mining (quar.)	25c	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 5a
United States Glass	*1	July 29	Holders of rec. July 22
U. S. Radiator, com. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Sept. 30	*Holders of rec. Sept. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 31	Holders of rec. Sept. 1
U. S. Rubber, 1st pref. (quar.)	2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15a
Ventura Cons. Oil Fields (quar.)	50c	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 19
Extra	50c	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 19
Wahl Co., com. (monthly)	50c	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 22a
Common (monthly)	50c	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 23a
Common (monthly)	50c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 22a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 22a
Warner (Chas.) Co. 1st & 2d pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	July 27	Holders of rec. June 30a
Westinghouse Air Brake (quar.)	\$1	July 31	Holders of rec. June 30a
Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg., com. (qu.)	*1	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 15
Wileox Oil & Gas (quar.)	*50c	Sept. 1	*Holders of rec. July 15
Extra	2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 10a
Woolworth (F. W.) Co., com. (quar.)	50c	Aug. 1	July 25 to July 31
Wrigley (Wm.) Co., com. (monthly)	50c	Sept. 1	Aug. 25 to Aug. 31
Common (monthly)	50c	Oct. 1	Sept. 25 to Sept. 30
Common (monthly)	50c	Nov. 1	Oct. 25 to Oct. 31
Common (monthly)	50c	Dec. 1	Nov. 25 to Nov. 30
Common (monthly)	50c	Jan. 1	Dec. 25 to Dec. 31

* From unofficial sources. † The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice. ‡ A transfer booka not closed for this dividend. § Less British Income tax. ¶ Correction.
 a Payable in stock. b Payable in common stock. c Payable in scrip. d On account of accumulated dividends. e Payable in Liberty or Victory Loan bonds.
 f Payable in New York funds. g Payable in Canadian funds.
 † One and one-quarter per cent of this in cash and the balance in 6% dividend warrants in three installments of 3% each on Feb. 15 1923, Aug. 15 1923 and Feb. 15 1924.
 ‡ Made up of two quarterly dividends of 75 cents each.

Weekly Return of New York City Clearing House Banks and Trust Companies.

The following shows the condition of the New York City Clearing House members for the week ending July 15. The figures for the separate banks are the averages of the daily results. In the case of the grand totals, we also show the actual figures of condition at the end of the week.

NEW YORK WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.
 (Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers [000] omitted.)

Week ending July 15 1923	Net Profits		Loans, Discounts, Incor-porations, &c.	Cash in Vault	Reserve with Legal Depositories	Net Demand Deposits	Time Deposits	Bank Circulation
	July 15 1923	June 30 1923						
Members of Fed. Res. Bank	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Bk of NY, NBA	2,000	7,642	38,908	612	3,982	28,205	1,785	1,946
Bk of Manhat'n	5,000	17,277	125,079	2,328	14,526	107,759	15,164	1,641
Mech & Met Nat	10,000	17,326	148,959	7,405	19,456	143,673	3,181	998
Bank of America	5,500	5,828	63,021	1,630	8,222	61,730	2,375	1,809
Nat'l City Bank	40,000	49,730	472,657	7,002	61,388	*635,759	44,719	1,509
Chemical Nat.	4,500	15,987	125,914	1,287	14,410	103,155	16,953	345
Amer. Exch. Nat.	500	71	5,000	101	574	3,782	5	297
Nat'l Bk of Comm.	5,000	7,450	105,692	1,213	13,281	91,510	10,153	4,962
Pacific Bank	25,000	36,405	353,898	1,099	37,641	282,856	30,042	---
Chat. & Phen Nat.	1,000	1,712	21,676	1,168	3,283	22,697	577	---
Hanover Nat'l	10,500	9,865	153,163	5,910	19,279	130,510	21,087	5,976
Corn Exchange	5,000	20,169	116,641	467	14,377	105,286	---	100
Imp & Trad Nat	8,250	11,147	166,173	7,016	23,597	154,956	20,222	---
Nat Park Bank	1,500	8,500	35,805	502	3,770	28,231	658	50
East River Nat.	10,000	23,230	163,770	1,066	17,544	132,749	3,556	5,419
First Nat Bank	1,000	776	12,037	416	1,536	10,645	1,866	50
Irving Nat Bank	10,000	43,695	294,672	475	25,654	184,290	58,244	7,424
Continental Bk.	12,500	11,066	189,894	4,768	24,833	188,086	8,231	2,615
Chase Nat Bank	1,000	882	6,850	138	977	5,894	---	---
Fifth Ave Bank	20,000	21,053	343,148	6,537	47,217	328,018	25,152	1,090
Commonwealth	500	2,273	20,345	663	2,730	20,924	---	---
Garfield Nat Bk	400	884	8,246	508	1,104	8,474	---	---
Fifth Nat Bank	1,000	1,675	14,875	509	2,245	14,637	55	398
Seaboard Nat.	1,200	973	16,104	294	1,871	14,229	697	248
Coal & Iron Nat	4,000	6,763	74,863	1,112	9,527	71,490	1,714	69
Bankers Tr Co.	1,500	1,311	14,641	649	1,619	12,141	692	413
U S Mfg & Tr.	20,000	24,083	254,991	949	34,405	*269,588	19,433	---
Guaranty Tr Co.	3,000	4,110	56,372	726	6,582	47,645	7,224	---
Fidel-Intern Tr	25,000	17,400	378,383	1,331	45,586	*419,569	32,928	---
Columbia Tr Co	1,500	1,788	18,333	438	2,471	18,183	711	---
N Y Trust Co.	5,000	7,877	50,045	787	7,780	72,759	7,105	---
Lincoln Nat Bk	10,000	17,073	158,296	589	18,300	136,120	18,015	---
Metropolitan Tr	2,000	1,299	20,355	430	2,958	20,255	265	---
Farm Loan & Tr	2,000	3,704	36,557	488	1,994	30,853	2,098	---
Equitable Tr Co	5,000	1,928	135,465	541	14,313	*103,388	25,948	---
Total of averages	274,350	433,395	4,487,642	63,750	543,434	e3,937,657	404,416	34,109
Totals, actual condition July 15	154,514,414	58,273,530	735,633,969	154,408,776	33,681	20,255	265	---
Totals, actual condition July 8	84,500,931	62,815,660	255,839,930	781,399,004	34,021	---	---	---
Totals, actual condition July 1	14,556,166	55,207,551	790,428,335	382,140	34,416	---	---	---
State Banks Not Members of Fed'l Res'v Bank								
Greenwich Bank	1,000	2,027	17,864	1,566	1,868	18,202</		

	Actual Figures.				
	Cash Reserve (in Vault)	Reserve in Depositories	Total Reserve	Reserve Required	Surplus Reserve
Members Federal Reserve banks	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
State banks*	4,918,000	539,735,000	539,735,000	528,253,300	11,481,700
Trust companies	2,178,000	5,930,000	8,158,000	8,068,650	89,350
Total July 15	7,096,000	550,232,000	557,328,000	545,011,450	12,316,550
Total July 8	7,681,000	570,279,000	577,960,000	540,052,510	37,907,490
Total July 1	7,197,000	562,143,000	569,340,000	552,472,510	16,867,490
Total June 24	7,432,000	558,138,000	565,570,000	569,195,200	3,825,200

* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank.
 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: July 15, \$12,263,250; July 8, \$11,970,120; July 1, \$11,464,200; June 24, \$8,461,020.

State Banks and Trust Companies Not in Clearing House.—The State Banking Department reports weekly figures showing the condition of State banks and trust companies in New York City *not in the Clearing House* as follows:

SUMMARY OF STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK, NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.
 (Figures Furnished by State Banking Department.)

	July 15.	Differences from previous week.
Loans and investments	\$753,311,700	Dec. \$831,600
Gold	5,585,900	Inc. 112,200
Currency and bank notes	19,175,800	Inc. 256,800
Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York	64,993,200	Dec. 1,855,000
Total deposits	801,341,700	Dec. 2,617,800
Deposits, eliminating amounts due from reserve depositories and from other banks and trust companies in N. Y. City exchanges and U. S. deposits	752,924,500	Inc. 497,000
Reserve on deposits	123,720,000	Dec. 3,730,700
Percentage of reserve, 20.2%		

	RESERVE.	
	State Banks	Trust Companies
Cash in vault	\$12,238,700 7.58%	\$12,523,000 2.77%
Deposits in banks and trust cos.	23,025,300 14.26%	75,933,000 16.82%
Total	\$35,264,000 21.84%	\$88,456,000 19.59%

* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on July 15 were \$64,993,200.

Banks and Trust Companies in New York City.—The averages of the New York City Clearing House banks and trust companies combined with those for the State banks and trust companies in Greater New York City outside of the Clearing House are as follows:

COMBINED RESULTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK.

Week ended—	Loans and Investments.	Demand Deposits.	*Total Cash in Vaults.	Reserve in Depositories.
Mar. 25	5,021,050,300	4,445,139,800	90,730,300	588,300,100
April 1	5,034,161,200	4,304,631,200	91,467,800	589,734,700
April 8	5,087,991,900	4,535,297,200	91,810,600	608,594,800
April 15	5,086,519,300	4,577,182,300	94,189,300	612,177,300
April 22	5,141,326,100	4,619,860,900	91,853,200	623,404,900
April 29	5,130,822,800	4,657,698,400	92,431,500	611,593,000
May 6	5,209,013,300	4,694,822,600	91,100,100	621,974,900
May 13	5,233,359,300	4,738,487,800	132,318,400	643,139,400
May 20	5,297,769,500	4,807,891,800	91,723,900	648,307,500
May 27	5,334,400,700	4,827,593,600	91,161,400	638,697,000
June 3	5,372,704,700	4,853,005,100	91,486,700	646,059,900
June 10	5,408,101,000	4,852,544,100	93,253,000	660,182,300
June 17	5,372,704,700	4,853,005,100	91,486,700	646,059,900
June 24	5,491,415,000	4,980,544,500	90,155,600	663,100,900
July 1	5,370,259,900	4,816,507,000	88,730,000	657,840,800
July 8	5,457,357,300	4,808,047,500	92,436,900	651,619,800
July 15	5,421,565,700	4,792,336,500	95,874,700	717,627,500

* This item includes gold, silver, legal tenders, national bank notes and Federal Reserve notes.

New York City Non-Member Banks and Trust Companies.—The following are the returns to the Clearing House by clearing non-member institutions and which are not included in the "Clearing House Returns" in the foregoing:

RETURN OF NON-MEMBER INSTITUTIONS OF NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE.

(Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers [000] omitted.)

CLEARING NON-MEMBERS	Capital, Profits.	Loans, Discounts, Investments, &c.	Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Depositories.	Net Demand Deposits.	Net Time Deposits.	Net Bank Circulation.	Averages				
								Average \$	Average \$	Average \$		
Week ending July 15 1922.												
Members of Fed'l Res. Bank.												
Battery Park Nat.	1,500	1,190	9,416	162	1,175	7,291	394	198				
W. R. Grace & Co.	500	1,245	10,316	20	492	1,297	7,977					
Yorkville Bank	200	985	18,585	482	1,610	9,106	10,135					
Total	2,200	3,420	38,317	664	3,277	17,694	18,416	198				
State Banks												
Bank of Wash. Hts.	200	315	4,427	643	269	4,496	430					
Colonial Bank	800	1,715	17,300	2,308	1,477	18,557						
Total	1,000	2,030	21,727	2,951	1,746	23,053	430					
Trust Companies												
Mech. Tr., Bayonne	200	606	9,491	437	159	3,966	5,598					
Total	200	606	9,491	437	159	3,966	5,598					
Grand aggregate—Comparison with previous week..	3,400	6,058	69,535	4,052	5,182	44,713	24,444	198				
		+396	+146	+47	+4	-241	+1,124	-1				
Gr'd asgr. July 15	3,400	5,870	69,139	3,906	5,135	44,954	23,320	199				
Gr'd asgr. July 1	3,400	5,889	68,498	4,005	4,868	44,546	23,077	199				
Gr'd asgr. June 24	3,600	6,702	79,160	4,040	6,783	45,749	23,067	199				
Gr'd asgr. June 17	3,600	6,636	78,658	4,030	6,681	45,622	22,573	199				

a U. S. deposits deducted, \$113,000.
 Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$421,000.
 Excess reserve, \$271,880 increase.

Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.—In the following we furnish a summary of all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

	July 19, 1922.	Changes from previous week.	July 12, 1922.	July 5, 1922.
Capital	\$	\$	\$	\$
Surplus and profits	59,520,000	Inc. 9,000	59,520,000	59,520,000
Loans, disc'ts & investments	84,665,000	Dec. 4,243,000	821,255,000	818,467,000
Individual deposits, incl. U. S. Time deposits	817,012,000	Inc. 9,577,000	803,020,000	806,535,000
Due to banks	612,597,000	Dec. 1,945,000	125,228,000	122,174,000
Due from banks	123,283,000	Dec. 4,502,000	109,521,000	109,080,000
Reserve in Fed. Res. Bank	105,019,000	Dec. 874,000	4,430,000	10,471,000
Cash in bank and F. R. Bank	23,600,000	Inc. 959,000	22,611,000	29,478,000
Reserve with legal depositories	76,047,000	Inc. 5,129,000	70,918,000	69,334,000
Reserve required	72,617,000	Dec. 207,000	72,410,000	72,590,000
Excess reserve	9,522,000	Dec. 611,000	10,133,000	9,291,000
Federal Reserve Bank	5,142,000	Inc. 164,000	4,978,000	6,003,000

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending July 15, with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is given below. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank. "Cash in vaults" is not a part of legal reserve. For trust companies not members of the Federal Reserve System the reserve required is 10% on demand deposits and includes "Reserve with legal depositories" and "Cash in vaults."

Two Ciphers (00) omitted.	Week ending July 15 1922.			July 8 1922.	July 1 1922.
	Members of F. R. System	Trust Companies	Total.		
Capital	\$35,175.0	\$4,500.0	\$39,675.0	\$39,675.0	\$39,675.0
Surplus and profits	96,143.0	14,083.0	110,226.0	110,226.0	108,832.0
Loans, disc'ts & investm'ts	624,584.0	38,506.0	663,090.0	658,511.0	658,614.0
Exchanges for Clear. House	29,112.0	564.0	29,676.0	27,464.0	33,605.0
Due from banks	100,133.0	22.0	100,155.0	96,472.0	90,255.0
Bank deposits	120,391.0	349.0	120,740.0	117,009.0	115,544.0
Individual deposits	519,655.0	24,494.0	544,029.0	536,317.0	534,002.0
Time deposits	16,350.0	516.0	16,866.0	16,411.0	16,359.0
Total deposits	656,306.0	25,329.0	681,635.0	669,737.0	665,907.0
U. S. deposits (not incl.)	5,399.0	5,399.0	6,174.0	6,174.0	6,835.0
Reserve with legal depositories	3,511.0	3,511.0	4,177.0	4,177.0	3,402.0
Cash in vault*	64,275.0	54,375.0	55,003.0	52,436.0	52,436.0
Total reserve and cash held	9,152.0	4,081.0	10,233.0	9,997.0	9,774.0
Reserve required	63,427.0	4,592.0	68,019.0	69,177.0	65,612.0
Excess reserve & cash in vault.	53,993.0	3,659.0	57,622.0	56,753.0	56,315.0
	9,464.0	10,397.0	12,454.0	12,454.0	9,297.0

* Cash in vaults not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve members.

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 July 19 1922 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

	July 19 1922.	July 12 1922.	July 20 1921.
Resources—			
Gold and gold certificates	207,273,014	207,668,840	281,738,000
Gold settlement fund—F. R. Board	53,469,965	53,733,671	53,211,000
Total gold held by bank	260,742,979	260,402,512	334,949,000
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent	833,586,938	803,771,198	488,698,000
Gold redemption fund	6,788,904	7,880,354	20,000,000
Total gold reserves	1,101,118,822	1,108,054,365	843,557,000
Legal tender notes, silver, &c.	33,610,598	31,536,116	71,667,000
Total reserves	1,134,729,420	1,139,590,482	915,224,000
Bills discounted: Secured by U. S. Government obligations—for members	69,493,759	58,506,275	146,396,000
For other F. R. banks	24,230,897	15,181,835	25,804,000
All other—for members	40,399,149	46,363,299	244,525,000
For other F. R. Banks			5,610,000
Bills bought in open market			5,747,000
Total bills on hand	134,125,805	120,051,410	428,082,000
U. S. bonds and notes	49,357,790	51,955,750	2,022,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness—One-year certificates (Pittman Act)	118,624,000	127,769,000	52,776,000
All other			2,665,000
Total earning assets	321,807,555	319,276,160	485,543,000
Bank premises	8,956,511	8,749,395	5,377,000
5% redemp. fund asgr. F. R. bank notes	899,060	899,060	1,822,000
Uncollected items	134,269,332	141,071,518	122,089,000
All other resources	3,105,056	3,130,189	2,597,000
Total resources	1,603,566,966	1,612,716,805	1,532,562,000
Liabilities—			
Capital paid in	27,571,900	27,571,900	26,872,000
Reserve for Government Franchise Tax	60,197,127	60,197,127	59,318,000
Government	16,529,408	5,308,305	12,970,000
Member banks—Reserve account	759,211,627	771,559,118	637,422,000
All other	10,731,533	10,637,238	11,893,000
Total deposits	786,472,568	787,493,661	662,285,000
F. R. notes in actual circulation	616,469,110	622,754,058	645,314,000
F. R. bank notes in circula'tion—net liability	15,540,200	15,935,200	28,915,000
Deferred availability items	93,197,341	94,635,454	88,384,000
All other liabilities	4,118,710	4,129,404	21,475,000
Total liabilities	1,603,566,966	1,612,716,805	1,532,562,000
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	80.9%	80.8%	70.0%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	9,512,845	9,621,069	21,178,820

CURRENT NOTICES.

—George B. Keenan & Co. announce the organization of a corporation with offices in the First National-Soo Line Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn., to conduct a business in investment securities, specializing in municipal bonds in the Ninth Federal Reserve District. Active members of the corporation include Hamilton L. Whithead, investment banker, President, and George B. Keenan, Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. Keenan has been identified with the bond department of the Minneapolis Trust Co. for a number of years.

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Friday afternoon, July 21, and showing the condition of the twelve Reserve Banks at the close of business the previous day. In the first table we present the results for the system as a whole in comparison with the figures for the seven preceding weeks and with those of the corresponding week 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. *The Reserve Board's comment upon the return for the latest week appears on page 359 being the first item in our department of "Current Events and Discussions."*

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JULY 19 1922.

	July 19 1922.	July 12 1922.	July 5 1922.	June 28 1922.	June 21 1922.	June 14 1922.	June 7 1922.	May 31 1922.	July 20 1921.
RESOURCES.									
Gold and gold certificates	\$ 317,980,000	\$ 317,832,000	\$ 317,040,000	\$ 316,937,000	\$ 318,614,000	\$ 316,435,000	\$ 323,745,000	\$ 324,740,000	\$ 268,448,000
Gold settlement, F. R. Board	490,620,000	514,590,000	518,679,000	532,351,000	531,290,000	504,707,000	502,204,000	486,889,000	404,005,000
Total gold held by banks	808,600,000	832,422,000	835,719,000	849,288,000	849,904,000	821,142,000	825,949,000	811,429,000	772,453,000
Gold with Federal Reserve agents	2,195,062,000	2,181,560,000	2,123,816,000	2,123,373,000	2,121,680,000	2,142,118,000	2,128,242,000	2,140,891,000	1,624,332,000
Gold redemption fund	41,673,000	41,851,000	61,142,000	48,207,000	48,376,000	44,534,000	55,881,000	55,301,000	111,513,000
Total gold reserves	3,045,335,000	3,055,833,000	3,020,677,000	3,020,868,000	3,019,960,000	3,007,794,000	3,010,072,000	3,007,621,000	2,508,298,000
Legal tender notes, silver, &c.	123,987,000	121,207,000	113,252,000	127,498,000	127,715,000	128,684,000	123,904,000	122,876,000	151,068,000
Total reserves	3,169,322,000	3,177,040,000	3,133,929,000	3,148,366,000	3,147,675,000	3,136,478,000	3,134,066,000	3,130,497,000	2,659,366,000
Bills discounted:									
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	176,263,000	157,555,000	185,390,000	189,900,000	140,713,000	148,949,000	171,305,000	171,106,000	609,779,000
All other	257,205,000	272,387,000	313,482,000	279,192,000	280,835,000	272,978,000	276,183,000	300,384,000	1,076,370,000
Bills bought in open market	148,970,000	157,675,000	155,065,000	154,060,000	121,497,000	123,975,000	136,133,000	118,182,000	23,907,000
Total bills on hand	592,438,000	587,617,000	653,937,000	623,161,000	543,045,000	537,922,000	556,437,000	589,672,000	1,710,056,000
U. S. bonds and notes	201,901,000	203,424,000	216,237,000	224,638,000	227,374,000	238,308,000	243,775,000	244,648,000	35,407,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness	74,000,000	74,000,000	74,000,000	74,000,000	74,000,000	75,500,000	77,000,000	77,000,000	215,875,000
One-year certificates (Pittman Act)	265,948,000	274,349,000	260,371,000	257,069,000	254,160,000	251,875,000	297,101,000	281,771,000	2,892,000
All other	9,000	4,000							
Municipal warrants									
Total earning assets	1,134,296,000	1,144,394,000	1,204,445,000	1,179,768,000	1,098,560,000	1,167,275,000	1,174,313,000	1,193,091,000	1,964,236,000
Bank premises	42,417,000	41,985,000	41,642,000	41,568,000	41,368,000	41,074,000	40,994,000	40,872,000	25,762,000
5% redemp. fund agst. F. R. bank notes	7,496,000	7,551,000	7,496,000	7,587,000	7,505,000	7,639,000	7,518,000	7,580,000	9,954,000
Uncollected items	592,345,000	611,733,000	514,725,000	511,871,000	580,959,000	624,732,000	625,893,000	454,938,000	544,655,000
All other resources	16,186,000	16,169,000	16,206,000	15,988,000	16,672,000	20,829,000	20,684,000	20,490,000	12,712,000
Total resources	4,962,062,000	4,978,872,000	4,918,443,000	4,904,848,000	4,891,808,000	4,998,027,000	4,903,468,000	4,847,268,000	5,216,679,000
LIABILITIES.									
Capital paid in	105,339,000	105,324,000	105,217,000	105,078,000	105,079,000	104,879,000	104,859,000	104,729,000	102,222,000
Surplus	216,398,000	215,398,000	215,398,000	215,398,000	215,398,000	215,398,000	215,398,000	215,398,000	213,824,000
Reserved for Govt. franchise tax	2,281,000	2,281,000	2,281,000	2,281,000	2,281,000	2,281,000	2,281,000	2,281,000	2,281,000
Deposits—Government	49,376,000	20,837,000	36,677,000	43,780,000	10,393,000	73,273,000	39,574,000	54,295,000	34,967,000
Member banks—reserve accounts	1,864,145,000	1,875,229,000	1,818,996,000	1,865,199,000	1,812,016,000	1,821,450,000	1,823,901,000	1,782,004,000	1,636,196,000
All other	29,010,000	28,871,000	29,029,000	30,297,000	32,006,000	34,513,000	33,455,000	33,854,000	27,856,000
Total	1,942,531,000	1,924,937,000	1,884,702,000	1,939,276,000	1,854,399,000	1,929,036,000	1,896,990,000	1,870,153,000	1,693,019,000
F. R. notes in actual circulation	2,132,848,000	2,158,122,000	2,194,323,000	2,124,423,000	2,126,304,000	2,122,610,000	2,141,531,000	2,141,184,000	2,564,512,000
F. R. bank notes in circulation—net lib.	65,053,000	67,380,000	63,146,000	67,259,000	67,839,000	68,000,000	71,812,000	70,553,000	127,875,000
Deferred availability items	479,274,000	430,360,000	430,101,000	430,314,000	500,049,000	535,464,000	450,497,000	423,217,000	453,543,000
All other liabilities	20,710,000	21,451,000	20,406,000	20,820,000	20,659,000	20,409,000	20,174,000	19,798,000	61,684,000
Total liabilities	4,962,062,000	4,978,872,000	4,918,443,000	4,904,848,000	4,891,808,000	4,998,027,000	4,903,468,000	4,847,268,000	5,216,679,000
Ratio of gold reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	74.7%	74.4%	74.0%	74.3%	75.9%	72.4%	74.5%	74.9%	58.9%
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	77.8%	77.3%	76.8%	77.5%	79.1%	77.4%	77.6%	78.0%	62.5%
Distribution by Maturity—									
1-15 days bills bought in open market	\$ 59,016,000	\$ 58,775,000	\$ 66,992,000	\$ 59,415,000	\$ 31,868,000	\$ 27,454,000	\$ 39,608,000	\$ 47,714,000	\$ 14,258,000
1-15 days bills discounted	347,284,000	224,711,000	289,805,000	263,576,000	221,015,000	210,195,000	216,767,000	253,849,000	971,150,000
1-15 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness	22,959,000	10,645,000	5,813,000	4,106,000	33,700,000	69,396,000	70,073,000	74,249,000	3,700,000
16-30 days bills bought in open market	30,583,000	37,783,000	29,628,000	37,845,000	27,022,000	29,269,000	27,267,000	20,122,000	3,277,000
16-30 days bills discounted	33,234,000	39,243,000	39,588,000	38,675,000	39,508,000	46,370,000	48,248,000	47,831,000	164,545,000
16-30 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness	3,900,000	24,235,000	22,930,000	1,500,000	500,000	1,000,000	7,144,000	500,000	6,595,000
16-30 days municipal warrants	6,000								
31-60 days bills bought in open market	27,831,000	34,582,000	34,639,000	43,064,000	40,545,000	36,652,000	40,176,000	26,666,000	2,983,000
31-60 days bills discounted	58,067,000	59,959,000	64,500,000	61,811,000	61,529,000	61,933,000	61,933,000	72,833,000	286,529,000
31-60 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness	38,361,000	3,900,000	14,027,000	26,292,000	26,329,000	31,717,000	34,199,000	4,670,000	29,742,000
31-60 days municipal warrants	1,000								
61-90 days bills bought in open market	24,885,000	20,220,000	16,880,000	15,156,000	15,415,000	25,504,000	24,347,000	19,106,000	3,279,000
61-90 days bills discounted	59,492,000	57,801,000	53,953,000	50,208,000	46,375,000	44,112,000	43,204,000	45,929,000	190,922,000
61-90 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness	47,641,000	52,792,000	42,057,000	40,873,000	37,652,000	3,900,000	3,900,000	35,160,000	35,992,000
61-90 days municipal warrants	3,000	3,000							19,000
Over 90 days bills bought in open market	6,352,000	6,335,000	7,236,000	8,580,000	6,614,000	5,036,000	4,765,000	4,675,000	19,000
Over 90 days bills discounted	45,501,000	48,228,000	50,848,000	54,831,000	53,041,000	50,987,000	50,082,000	51,048,000	74,003,000
Over 90 days cert. of indebtedness	227,187,000	256,777,000	249,144,000	259,108,000	229,979,000	285,452,000	257,885,000	244,185,000	143,638,000
Federal Reserve Notes—									
Outstanding	2,583,868,000	2,589,509,000	2,561,837,000	2,537,485,000	2,522,750,000	2,518,799,000	2,526,949,000	2,511,810,000	2,969,666,000
Held by banks	451,020,000	431,387,000	367,514,000	413,063,000	396,446,000	396,189,000	385,418,000	370,626,000	405,953,000
In actual circulation	2,132,848,000	2,158,122,000	2,194,323,000	2,124,423,000	2,126,304,000	2,122,610,000	2,141,531,000	2,141,184,000	2,564,613,000
Amount chargeable to Fed. Res. Agent in hands of Federal Reserve Agent	3,350,935,000	3,341,921,000	3,301,379,000	3,294,062,000	3,284,031,000	3,279,696,000	3,294,971,000	3,300,574,000	3,781,176,000
Issued to Federal Reserve banks	2,583,868,000	2,589,509,000	2,561,837,000	2,537,485,000	2,522,750,000	2,518,799,000	2,526,949,000	2,511,810,000	2,969,666,000
How Secured—									
By gold and gold certificates	416,122,000	416,122,000	416,122,000	416,123,000	416,122,000	416,122,000	409,863,000	407,413,000	344,993,000
By eligible paper	388,806,000	427,949,000	438,021,000	414,112,000	401,070,000	376,681,000	398,707,000	397,919,000	1,345,334,000
Gold redemption fund	127,651,000	128,010,000	124,985,000	127,300,000	121,963,000	134,167,000	128,804,000	131,428,000	118,896,000
With Federal Reserve Board	1,651,289,000	1,619,428,000	1,582,709,000	1,579,641,000	1,583,595,000	1,591,829,000	1,589,576,000	1,602,050,000	1,160,443,000
Total	2,583,868,000	2,589,509,000	2,561,837,000	2,537,485,000	2,522,750,000	2,518,799,000	2,526,949,000	2,511,810,000	2,969,666,000
Eligible paper delivered to F. R. Agent	585,242,000	576,635,000	635,631,000	606,648,000	529,749,000	525,071,000	540,254,000	666,077,000	1,659,119,000

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JULY 19 1922

Two ciphers (00) omitted.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
RESOURCES.													
Gold and gold certificates	\$ 13,976,000	\$ 207,273,000	\$ 5,499,000	\$ 13,225,000	\$ 3,286,000	\$ 5,645,000	\$ 24,482,000	\$ 4,438,000	\$ 7,231,000	\$ 2,577,000	\$ 10,467,000	\$ 19,881,000	\$ 317,980,000
Gold settlement fund—F. R. Bd	33,002,000	53,470,000	46,144,000	48,910,000	35,313,000	21,424,000	148,817,000	8,681,000	29,438,000	32,729,000	4,460,000	31,232,000	490,620,000
Total gold held by banks	46,978,000	260,743,000	51,643,000	59,135,000	38,								

RESOURCES (Concluded)— Two ciphers (00) omitted.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland	Richmond	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis	Minneapolis	Kan. City	Dallas	San Fran.	Total.
Bank premises.....	\$ 5,249.0	\$ 8,956.0	\$ 601.0	\$ 5,660.0	\$ 2,571.0	\$ 1,546.0	\$ 7,632.0	\$ 936.0	\$ 920.0	\$ 4,086.0	\$ 2,093.0	\$ 1,267.0	\$ 42,417.0
5% redemption fund against Federal Reserve bank notes.....	422.0	890.0	700.0	539.0	188.0	468.0	726.0	2,023.0	190.0	916.0	146.0	279.0	7,490.0
Uncollected items.....	58,318.0	134,289.0	47,730.0	58,079.0	47,611.0	23,440.0	76,199.0	32,842.0	15,001.0	38,475.0	21,184.0	39,007.0	592,345.0
All other resources.....	693.0	3,105.0	541.0	1,223.0	315.0	121.0	736.0	524.0	1,357.0	763.0	1,827.0	4,981.0	10,180.0
Total resources.....	363,004.0	1,603,566.0	368,081.0	435,951.0	199,839.0	200,814.0	756,060.0	178,574.0	123,082.0	204,344.0	110,151.0	418,596.0	4,962,062.0
LIABILITIES.													
Capital paid in.....	7,981.0	27,572.0	9,003.0	11,603.0	5,592.0	4,281.0	14,621.0	4,769.0	3,573.0	4,622.0	4,201.0	7,421.0	105,239.0
Surplus.....	16,483.0	60,197.0	17,945.0	22,509.0	11,030.0	9,114.0	29,025.0	9,388.0	7,468.0	9,646.0	7,394.0	15,199.0	215,398.0
Deposits: Government.....	2,092.0	16,529.0	3,867.0	4,939.0	1,718.0	1,384.0	2,856.0	1,972.0	1,205.0	6,824.0	2,470.0	4,227.0	49,376.0
Member bank—reserve acct.....	123,553.0	759,212.0	108,555.0	148,117.0	67,708.0	48,514.0	267,886.0	60,068.0	43,139.0	77,509.0	44,549.0	125,205.0	1,864,145.0
All other.....	394.0	10,732.0	1,851.0	1,174.0	234.0	518.0	1,422.0	681.0	304.0	393.0	169.0	11,738.0	29,010.0
Total deposits.....	126,039.0	786,473.0	113,773.0	151,009.0	69,326.0	51,868.0	273,560.0	62,661.0	44,648.0	84,726.0	47,288.0	141,260.0	1,942,531.0
F. R. notes in actual circulation.....	161,816.0	616,469.0	178,133.0	195,387.0	79,791.0	112,696.0	369,039.0	66,907.0	49,482.0	58,975.0	26,283.0	217,870.0	2,132,848.0
F. R. bank notes in circulation— net liability.....	4,928.0	15,540.0	5,138.0	4,991.0	2,779.0	4,758.0	7,543.0	3,291.0	3,041.0	8,371.0	2,593.0	3,080.0	66,053.0
Deferred availability items.....	44,453.0	93,197.0	42,808.0	48,939.0	40,166.0	16,964.0	58,790.0	30,825.0	13,494.0	36,389.0	20,714.0	31,930.0	479,274.0
All other liabilities.....	1,304.0	4,118.0	1,281.0	1,513.0	1,155.0	1,133.0	3,477.0	839.0	1,376.0	1,015.0	1,678.0	1,836.0	20,719.0
Total liabilities.....	363,004.0	1,603,566.0	368,081.0	435,951.0	199,839.0	200,814.0	756,060.0	178,574.0	123,082.0	204,344.0	110,151.0	418,596.0	4,962,062.0
Memoranda.													
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined, per cent.....	73.4	80.9	77.0	70.1	70.1	81.7	88.1	65.4	73.0	66.2	57.5	71.8	77.8
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.....	1,900.0	9,513.0	2,082.0	2,134.0	1,275.0	953.0	3,097.0	1,223.0	703.0	1,249.0	677.0	1,187.0	725,993.0

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS ACCOUNTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JULY 19 1922.

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.....	91,250	277,650	34,920	35,120	30,910	72,404	88,900	27,250	10,500	16,400	20,833	60,930	767,067
Federal Reserve notes outstanding.....	180,101	871,933	212,780	214,292	88,160	116,928	412,267	83,750	52,445	70,142	29,207	251,863	2,583,868
Collateral security for Federal Reserve notes outstanding.....													
Gold and gold certificates.....	5,300	363,184	15,275	15,275	2,400	2,400	11,210	13,032	1,142	2,545	7,701	2,515	127,651
Gold redemption fund.....	7,964	39,403	13,643	12,779	5,016	4,512	16,207	3,138	1,142	2,545	2,515	16,989	127,651
Gold fund—Federal Reserve Board.....	133,000	431,000	147,389	145,000	51,795	92,000	352,645	43,300	15,000	43,360	10,000	181,800	1,651,289
Eligible paper (Amount required.....)	33,837	38,346	51,748	43,238	31,349	18,016	43,415	26,104	23,251	17,437	8,991	63,074	388,806
(Excess amount held.....)	4,671	93,959	3,165	7,892	6,229	13,541	28,347	5,407	1,329	939	27,045	8,412	199,436
Total.....	456,123	2,115,475	463,645	471,596	213,959	319,801	941,781	200,157	116,719	157,623	106,292	568,068	6,131,239
Liabilities—													
Net amount of Federal Reserve notes received from Comptroller of the Currency.....	271,351	1,149,583	247,700	249,412	119,070	189,332	501,167	111,000	62,945	86,542	50,040	312,793	3,356,935
Collateral received from (Gold.....)	146,264	832,587	161,032	171,054	68,811	98,912	365,832	57,646	29,194	52,705	20,216	198,789	2,195,062
Federal Reserve Bank (Eligible paper.....)	38,503	132,305	54,913	51,130	36,078	31,557	71,762	31,511	24,580	18,376	28,036	56,486	385,242
Total.....	456,123	2,115,475	463,645	471,596	213,959	319,801	941,781	200,157	116,719	157,623	106,292	568,068	6,131,239
Federal Reserve notes outstanding.....	180,101	871,933	212,780	214,292	88,160	116,928	412,267	83,750	52,445	70,142	29,207	251,863	2,583,868
Federal Reserve notes held by banks.....	18,285	255,464	34,647	18,905	8,369	4,232	43,228	16,843	2,903	11,167	2,924	33,993	451,920
Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation.....	161,816	616,469	178,133	195,387	79,791	112,696	369,039	66,907	49,482	58,975	26,283	217,870	2,132,848

WEEKLY RETURN FOR THE 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 796 member banks, from which weekly returns are obtained. These figures are always a week behind those for the Reserve Banks themselves. 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. The comment of the Reserve Board upon the figures for the latest week appear in our Department of "Current Events and Discussions" on page 359.

1. Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business July 12 1922. Three ciphers (000) omitted.

Federal Reserve District.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richm'd.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
Number of reporting banks.....	49	107	56	84	79	42	109	37	35	78	52	68	796
Loans and discounts, including bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank.....	\$ 15,529	\$ 86,034	\$ 16,032	\$ 30,650	\$ 12,021	\$ 7,783	\$ 46,215	\$ 15,673	\$ 10,213	\$ 10,271	\$ 4,595	\$ 15,977	\$ 270,993
Loans sec. by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	224,624	1,678,007	225,121	330,162	113,444	58,883	495,640	122,988	32,029	65,900	41,979	147,977	3,536,754
Loans secured by stocks and bonds.....	555,955	2,231,121	315,246	634,283	300,567	284,874	1,021,304	272,345	190,748	348,424	186,313	699,404	7,031,414
All other loans and discounts.....	796,148	3,985,162	560,399	995,095	426,032	351,540	1,563,159	411,266	232,990	424,595	233,387	893,448	10,839,161
U. S. bonds.....	90,552	526,376	54,467	145,322	55,950	27,481	118,472	28,718	26,317	55,125	34,848	112,406	1,276,041
U. S. Victory notes.....	1,630	9,803	8,523	1,634	703	726	3,955	2,233	256	1,329	600	7,654	39,096
U. S. Treasury notes.....	19,769	349,610	19,708	27,487	4,229	1,722	49,451	9,765	7,157	6,012	6,872	13,865	515,567
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.....	9,290	117,664	10,796	8,557	3,256	6,789	29,536	9,366	8,003	18,432	6,024	22,116	250,129
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	168,374	835,295	182,953	278,182	54,718	33,298	401,294	81,491	23,108	57,232	8,158	166,908	2,290,911
Total loans, disc'ts & investments, incl. bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank.....	1,085,663	5,823,910	832,856	1,456,628	544,894	421,556	2,165,867	542,779	297,831	562,725	289,889	1,186,397	15,210,985
Reserve balance with F. R. Bank.....	83,614	707,154	95,787	99,215	35,120	30,067	206,338	34,921	20,310	45,793	23,034	36,142	1,438,146
Cash in vault.....	20,056	96,669	15,687	29,803	14,084	10,010	54,943	6,841	14,643	12,538	9,258	21,517	308,169
Net demand deposits.....	808,316	5,037,857	684,438	849,135	330,408	248,298	1,459,841	319,506	190,210	442,617	209,523	616,966	11,197,115
Time deposits.....	233,239	762,387	51,086	490,648	144,961	150,796	679,276	162,397	71,126	114,916	65,525	560,003	3,476,360
Government deposits.....	10,089	37,300	7,675	11,543	3,815	3,772	12,546	4,131	3,844	4,397	2,843	9,015	110,970
Bills payable with Federal Reserve Bank: Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	1,534	46,705	8,658	3,724	5,095	145	2,519	2,034	38	72		3,178	73,752
All other.....					200							165	365
Bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank: Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	89	528	55	11	97	3						10	97
All other.....	10,705	8,355	4,729	12,797	5,490	3,033	4,044	1,555	1,680	2,099	3,684	8,609	66,778

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.		
	July 12.	July 5.	July 12.	July 5.	July 12.	July 5.	July 12.	July 5.	July 12.	July 5.	July 12 '22	July 5 '22	July 13 '21
Number of reporting banks.....	66	66	50	50	273	273	210	210	313	313	796	796	816
Loans and discounts, incl. bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank.....	\$ 75,941	\$ 79,691	\$ 36,032	\$ 36,179	\$ 176,539	\$ 183,632	\$ 50,340	\$ 58,018	\$ 44,114	\$ 44,888	\$ 270,993	\$ 286,538	\$ 638,399
Loans sec. by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	1,506,097	1,540,778	369,877	352,293	2,612,511	2,628,079	488,981	485,972	435,262	437,027	3,536,754	3,561,078	2,985,483
Loans secured by stocks and bonds.....	1,940,920	1,936,949	647,241	647,099	4,398,048	4,382,253	1,370,099	1,359,308	1,263,207	1,260			

Bankers' Gazette

Wall Street, Friday Night, July 21 1922.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—Notwithstanding decidedly forbidding news regarding the long drawn out coal strike, the newer but more disturbing railway strike, and the lamentable European situation, both the stock and bond markets were practically buoyant during the early part of the week. Several old, well-known railway stocks, including Baltimore & Ohio and Atchison, and a half dozen equally prominent industrial issues made a new high record for the year in this movement. Some of the latter did better than the rails, Crucible Steel adding 11 points to its previous highest quotations. This advance led, of course, to profit taking sales and a moderate reaction has followed, beginning on Thursday. This, however, has wiped out only a part of the earlier gains and substantially more than half the active list closes higher than last week.

For some reason not generally understood, the active element in Stock Exchange circles seems not to have taken seriously the rather grave outlook in the coal situation, or the threatened interference with traffic now overhanging the railways of the country. Iron production has already been curtailed, owing to the coal shortage, and this shutting down must, of course, increase if the shortage continues.

Also, a good many trains have been dropped from railway schedules, including some mail carriers, and the question naturally arises, how far can this movement go without serious results? Nevertheless, the market for all classes of securities has, until now, steadily advanced. The New York Telephone Company's offering of \$25,000,000 was this week more than three times oversubscribed and at least four Liberty Loan issues have sold at the highest quotation ever reached.

The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

STOCKS. Week ending July 21.	Sales for Week	Range for Week.		Range since Jan. 1.	
		Lowest.	Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.
Amer Malt & Grain—	200	2 July 19	2 July 19	2 July	2 July
Stamped 3d paid—	100	57 July 18	57 July 18	54 Feb 70	Mar
Amer Tel & Cable—	100	1 1/2 July 19	1 1/2 July 20	1/2 Jan 3	3 June
Assets Realization—	100	130 July 17	130 July 17	120 Apr 140	June
Atlas Powder—	100	33 July 15	36 1/2 July 19	30 July	36 1/2 July
Beechnut Packing Co. 20	800	2 1/2 July 15	2 1/2 July 15	1 1/4 June	2 1/2 July
Bklyn Union Gas rights—	200	92 1/2 July 19	92 1/2 July 19	80 Jan	92 1/2 Apr
Brown Shoe, pref.—	100	55 July 18	55 July 18	50 Jan	57 A. pr
Coto & Son, 2d pref.—	100	95 July 17	95 July 17	95 June	97 1/2 June
Cosden & Co., pref.—	100	409 66 July 21	66 July 21	67 1/2 Mar	66 1/2 Mar
Detroit United Rys.—	3,300	135 1/2 July 17	143 July 21	115 May	150 July
E. I. du Pont de N. & Co 100	250	81 1/2 July 15	82 July 20	80 June	85 June
Debenute 6s.—	3,400	72 1/2 July 21	73 1/2 July 17	70 July	77 1/2 May
Eastman Kodak, new—	18,200	44 1/2 July 15	47 1/2 July 21	40 1/2 June	48 June
Elec Stor Battery, new—	400	37 1/2 July 20	37 1/2 July 20	23 Feb	44 1/2 June
Emerson-Grant, pref.—	100	97 July 19	97 1/2 July 20	96 June	99 June
Gen Amer Tank C. pf 100	200	81 1/2 July 19	81 1/2 July 19	80 1/2 July	103 May
Hartman Corp.—	8,200	22 July 21	20 1/2 July 15	20 1/2 June	23 1/2 July
Hudson Motor Car.—	3,700	109 1/2 July 15	110 1/2 July 21	104 1/2 June	110 1/2 July
Ill Cent pf 6% Ser. A. w. 1	30	69 July 15	69 1/2 July 19	61 Feb	69 1/2 July
Ill C Ser 8 1/2 Ser. A 100	6,500	3 July 21	3 1/2 July 19	3 July	4 1/2 July
Illma Locomotive Rigs.	100	90 July 19	90 July 19	82 1/2 Jan	93 July
Mallinon & Co., pref.—	200	46 1/2 July 21	46 1/2 July 20	45 1/2 July	46 1/2 July
Manhattan El Ry cfs dep	53,900	31 1/2 July 17	33 1/2 July 19	30 1/2 July	34 1/2 July
Mexican Seaboard Oil—	26,500	29 July 21	31 1/2 July 20	29 July	32 1/2 July
Voting trust certifs.	100	81 July 15	82 July 15	70 June	90 Jan
M St P & S S M, pf.—	200	31 1/2 July 19	31 1/2 July 19	31 1/2 July	31 1/2 July
MK&T war 3d ass't paid	100	28 1/2 July 19	28 1/2 July 19	28 1/2 July	28 1/2 July
Preferred—	245,453	July 15	252 1/2 July 20	253 July	252 1/2 July
Nash Motors—	500	85 1/2 July 17	89 1/2 July 17	69 Jan	89 1/2 July
Nat Cloak & Suit, pf. 100	300	18 July 18	30 July 18	47 Jan	53 May
Ohio Fuel Supply—	300	66 July 18	66 July 18	56 1/2 May	66 July
Pacific Tel & Tel—	100	87 1/2 July 19	87 1/2 July 20	80 1/2 July	87 1/2 July
Preferred—	100	90 1/2 July 21	90 1/2 July 21	85 1/2 Jan	93 1/2 May
Phillips-Jones, pref.—	700	40 1/2 July 17	41 1/2 July 18	39 1/2 July	40 1/2 June
Plym Wrigley Stores.—	100	96 1/2 July 20	96 1/2 July 20	85 Mar	97 1/2 June
Pittsburgh Steel pref. 100	100	110 1/2 July 15	110 1/2 July 15	108 Apr	115 1/2 Mar
Railway Steel Sp. pf. 100	1,000	44 July 21	44 1/2 July 18	44 July	50 1/2 June
Reynolds Spring Co.—	300	17 1/2 July 20	17 1/2 July 20	8 1/2 Jan	21 Apr
Robert Re & Co.—	200	93 July 17	94 July 20	83 Jan	94 July
So Porto Rice Sug. pf. 100	100	93 1/2 July 20	93 1/2 July 20	83 1/2 Jan	93 1/2 July
Stand Milling, pref.—	100	39 1/2 July 20	39 1/2 July 20	34 Feb	420 Mar
Tex Pac Land Trust—	200	120 July 15	124 July 20	109 1/2 Mar	137 1/2 May
Tidewater Oil—	4,000	22 1/2 July 15	24 July 19	22 1/2 July	24 July
Tobacco Products rights	35,000	23 1/2 July 15	24 July 21	1 1/2 July	4 1/2 July
United Retail Stores rts.	2,100	23 1/2 July 15	24 July 17	21 1/2 June	25 1/2 May
U S Hoffman Mach'y.—	100	109 1/2 July 19	109 1/2 July 19	107 1/2 July	110 May
U S Tobacco, pref.—	200	109 1/2 July 19	109 1/2 July 19	108 1/2 June	112 June
Western Elec, pref.—	300	72 July 17	72 July 17	65 Jan	73 May
West se E & M, 1st pf. 50	100	1 1/2 July 20	1 1/2 July 20	0 1/2 Mar	1/2 Apr
White Oil rights—	100	121 July 21	121 July 21	117 Jan	121 June
Woolworth & Co pref 100					

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week ending July 21 1922.	Stocks.		Railroad, etc., Bonds.	State, Mun. and Foreign Bonds.	U. S. Bonds.
	Shares.	Par Value.			
Saturday	286,775	\$32,455,200	\$3,095,000	\$866,500	\$1,826,500
Monday	480,410	34,420,500	5,472,500	1,830,500	4,033,200
Tuesday	651,950	50,164,000	6,588,500	2,212,000	3,852,600
Wednesday	797,768	62,101,000	8,494,000	1,982,000	5,531,500
Thursday	723,800	59,225,000	8,070,000	1,640,000	4,486,900
Friday	718,400	55,800,000	8,323,000	1,495,000	5,294,000
Total	3,650,103	\$283,965,700	\$40,043,000	\$10,026,000	\$25,014,700

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week ending July 21.		Jan. 1 to July 21.	
	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
Stocks—No. shares—	3,650,103	1,654,064	146,348,302	100,532,155
Par value—	\$283,965,700	\$127,490,305	\$12,984,416,089	\$7,484,926,314
Bonds	\$25,014,700	\$29,863,350	\$1,064,408,955	\$1,053,065,090
Government bonds—	10,026,000	5,028,500	355,789,500	159,448,900
State, mun., &c., bd.	40,943,000	18,805,000	1,175,448,900	505,307,600
RR. and misc. bonds—				
Total bonds—	\$75,083,700	\$53,694,850	\$2,595,647,355	\$1,717,882,490

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week ending July 21 1922.	Boston		Philadelphia		Baltimore	
	Shares.	Bond Sales	Shares.	Bond Sales	Shares.	Bond Sales
Saturday	6,668	\$45,250	1,830	\$21,000	484	\$36,000
Monday	10,452	35,400	5,429	115,150	547	19,700
Tuesday	11,676	55,800	6,566	50,050	1,098	39,600
Wednesday	13,934	120,150	6,489	51,750	404	28,600
Thursday	12,215	45,400	6,185	72,750	1,462	38,000
Friday	15,109	65,000	2,041	51,000	579	120,200
Total	70,054	\$368,000	28,540	\$362,600	4,574	\$274,100

Daily Record of Liberty Loan Prices.	July 15	July 17	July 18	July 19	July 20	July 21
First Liberty Loan	High 100.80	100.94	100.96	100.90	100.98	100.98
3 1/2% bonds of 1932-47	Low 100.74	100.74	100.84	100.48	100.80	100.90
(First 3 1/4%)	Close 100.80	100.90	100.90	100.76	100.96	100.90
Total sales in \$1,000 units	62	302	267	1,399	494	323
Converted 4% bonds of 1932-47 (First 4%)	High	---	---	---	---	---
Low	---	---	---	---	---	---
Close	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total sales in \$1,000 units	---	---	---	---	---	---
Converted 4 1/2% bonds of 1932-47 (First 4 1/2%)	High	100.94	101.08	100.92	101.20	101.30
Low	---	---	---	---	---	---
Close	---	100.80	100.84	100.82	100.86	101.16
Total sales in \$1,000 units	---	264	355	206	134	99
Second Liberty Loan	High	101.00	---	---	---	---
4% bonds of 1927-42 (First 4%)	Low	101.00	---	---	---	---
Second 4 1/4%)	Close	101.00	---	---	---	---
Total sales in \$1,000 units	---	12	---	---	---	---
Second Liberty Loan	High	100.60	---	100.56	100.60	100.70
4% bonds of 1927-42	Low	100.60	---	100.34	100.58	100.70
(Second 4%)	Close	100.60	---	100.34	100.60	100.70
Total sales in \$1,000 units	---	10	---	2	33	21
Converted 4 1/2% bonds of 1927-42 (Second 4 1/2%)	High	101.50	100.74	100.80	100.62	100.80
Low	101.50	100.52	100.54	100.44	100.54	100.76
Close	101.50	100.70	100.54	100.54	100.80	100.76
Total sales in \$1,000 units	---	10	671	389	605	866
Third Liberty Loan	High	100.40	100.52	100.68	100.50	100.70
4 1/2% bonds of 1928	Low	100.32	100.34	100.42	100.44	100.42
(Third 4 1/2%)	Close	100.34	100.46	100.50	100.44	100.42
Total sales in \$1,000 units	---	894	1,064	942	1,277	687
Fourth Liberty Loan	High	100.94	101.04	101.08	101.04	101.24
4 1/2% bonds of 1933-38	Low	100.82	100.92	100.92	100.92	101.02
(Fourth 4 1/2%)	Close	100.92	100.90	100.92	100.98	101.32
Total sales in \$1,000 units	---	263	1,109	1,531	1,319	1,159
Victory Liberty Loan	High	100.54	100.56	100.58	100.58	100.58
4 1/2% notes of 1922-23	Low	100.52	100.52	100.54	100.54	100.54
(Victory 4 1/2%)	Close	100.54	100.56	100.56	100.56	100.54
Total sales in \$1,000 units	---	362	397	270	537	336

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds:

37 1st 3 1/2%—	100.60 to 100.74	94 3d 4 1/2%—	100.20 to 100.70
16 1st 4 1/2%—	100.60 to 101.08	161 4th 4 1/2%—	100.74 to 101.20
1 2d 4%—	100.28	376 Victory 4 1/2%—	100.44 to 100.56
110 2d 4 1/2%—	100.36 to 100.70		

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Maturity.	Int. Rate.	Bid.	Asked.	Maturity.	Int. Rate.	Bid.	Asked.
Sept. 15 1922	5 1/2%	100 1/2	100 1/4	Mar. 15 1925	4 1/2%	101 1/2	101 1/2
Sept. 15 1924	5 1/2%	100 1/2	100 1/4	Mar. 15 1926	4 1/2%	102 1/2	102 1/2
June 15 1924	5 1/2%	103	103 1/2	Mar. 15 1928	4 1/2%	100 1/2	100 1/2
Sept. 15 1924	5 1/2%	102 1/2	103	June 15 1928	3 1/2%	100	100 1/2
Dec. 15 1922	4 1/2%	100 1/2	100 1/4	Dec. 15 1925	4 1/2%	100 1/2	100 1/2

Foreign Exchange.—Sterling exchange exhibited increased activity and strength, with a net advance of about 1 1/2 cents for the week. Pronounced strength was seen in the Continental exchanges, French and Italian currency establishing sharp gains. Marks, however, remained weak.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 1/2 @ 4 3/4 for sixty days, 4 1/2 @ 4 1/2 for checks and 4 1/2 @ 4 1/2 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4 1/2 @ 4 1/2; sixty days, 4 1/2 @ 4 1/2; ninety days, 4 1/2 @ 4 1/2, and documents for payment (sixty days), 4 1/2 @ 4 1/2. Cotton for payment, 4 1/2 @ 4 1/2, and grain for payment, 4 1/2 @ 4 1/2.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 8.33 @ 8.41 for long and 8.37 @ 8.45 for short. Germany bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 38.42 @ 38.44 for long and 38.78 @ 38.80 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 52.73 fr. week's range, 52.70 fr. high and 53.53 fr. low.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:
Sterling Actual—Sixty Days. Checks. Cables.
High for the week 4 1/2 @ 4 1/2 4 1/2 @ 4 1/2 4 1/2 @ 4 1/2
Low for the week 4 1/2 @ 4 1/2 4 1/2 @ 4 1/2 4 1/2 @ 4 1/2

Paris Bankers' Francs—
High for the week 8.53 8.61
Low for the week 8.16 8.24

Germany Bankers' Marks—
High for the week 0.22 1/2 0.23 1/2
Low for the week 0.19 1/2 0.19 1/2

Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders—
High for the week 38.44 38.87

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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						Sales for the Week	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1, 1922. On basis of 100-share lots		PER SHARE Range for previous year 1921	
Saturday, July 15.	Monday, July 17.	Tuesday, July 18.	Wednesday, July 19.	Thursday, July 20.	Friday, July 21.		Shares	Railroads	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
\$ per share.	\$ per share.	\$ per share.	\$ per share.	\$ per share.	\$ per share.			\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	
17 17	14 18	14 18	14 16	14 17	15 15	1,000	Ann Arbor.....100	10 Jan 3	20 1/2 Mar 6	8 Mar	12 1/2 Feb	
39 41	40 40	40 40	40 42	41 41 7/8	41 42 1/8	1,000	Preferred.....100	28 1/2 Jan 26	51 1/2 Mar 24	20 Apr	32 1/2 Dec	
110 1/4 101 1/4	101 1/4 101 1/4	101 1/4 101 1/4	101 1/4 101 1/4	101 1/4 101 1/4	100 1/4 101 1/4	8,500	Ach Topoka & Santa Fe.....100	9 1/4 Jan 3	10 1/2 Apr 20	7 1/2 Jan	94 Dec	
90 90 90 1/2	90 1/2 90 1/2	90 1/2 90 1/2	90 1/2 90 1/2	91 91	91 91 1/4	1,900	Do pref.....100	8 1/4 Jan 3	9 1/2 Apr 22	7 1/2 Jan	88 Nov	
108 108	108 108 1/2	108 108 1/2	108 108 1/2	108 108 1/2	108 109 1/4	3,200	Atlanta Btm & Atlantic.....100	8 1/4 Jan 14	9 1/2 Apr 17	1 Apr	9 1/2 Nov	
51 51 51 1/2	51 51 1/2	51 51 1/2	51 51 1/2	51 51 1/2	53 53 1/2	62,500	Baltimore & Ohio.....100	83 Jan 9	11 1/4 July 6	77 Mar	43 1/2 May	
60 61 1/4	61 61 1/4	61 61 1/4	61 61 1/4	62 62 1/2	62 62 1/2	1,400	Do pref.....100	52 1/2 Jan 11	63 1/2 July 13	47 Mar	56 1/2 Nov	
64 70	64 70	64 70	64 70	68 68	67 70	10	Buffalo Roch & Pitts.....100	50 Jan 4	65 May 25	49 1/2 Dec	72 1/2 Mar	
25 1/4 26	25 1/4 25 1/4	25 1/4 25 1/4	25 1/4 25 1/4	26 26 1/2	25 1/2 26 1/4	5,500	Brooklyn Rapid Transp.....100	6 Jan 4	29 June 30	6 Dec	14 1/2 Jan	
22 22 1/2	22 1/2 22 1/2	22 1/2 22 1/2	22 1/2 22 1/2	22 1/2 22 1/2	22 1/2 22 1/2	1,300	Certificates of deposit.....	6 Jan 11	24 1/2 June 30	3 1/2 Sept	10 Jan	
139 140	139 140 1/2	140 140 1/2	140 140 1/2	140 140 1/2	139 140 1/2	2,900	Canadian Pacific.....100	119 1/2 Jan 6	145 Apr 17	101 Oct	123 1/2 Nov	
181 185	181 185	181 185	181 185	185 185 1/2	181 185	100	Central RR of N J.....100	184 Mar 31	192 Feb 17	186 Oct	209 Mar	
68 68 1/2	68 1/2 68 1/2	68 1/2 68 1/2	68 1/2 68 1/2	69 69 1/2	68 1/2 68 1/2	8,800	Chesapeake & Ohio.....100	64 Jan 10	70 July 19	46 June	65 1/2 May	
10 10 10 1/2	10 1/2 11	10 1/2 11	10 1/2 11	11 11 1/2	10 1/2 11	1,700	Chicago & Alton.....100	18 Jan 24	19 1/2 May 26	4 Nov	8 1/2 Jan	
18 18 1/4	18 1/4 18 1/4	18 1/4 18 1/4	18 1/4 18 1/4	18 1/4 18 1/4	17 1/2 17 1/2	500	Preferred.....100	3 1/2 Jan 25	3 1/2 May 25	6 1/2 Dec	12 Apr	
37 37	36 36	35 35 1/2	36 36	35 1/2 36	35 38	300	Chicago & East. III RR (new).....	12 1/2 Jan 25	39 1/2 May 8	13 1/2 Dec	16 1/2 Nov	
55 55	55 55	54 56 1/2	54 56 1/2	55 55	54 56	300	Do pref.....100	32 Jan 30	59 Apr 28	33 1/2 Dec	37 Nov	
8 8 8 1/2	8 1/2 8 1/2	8 1/2 8 1/2	8 1/2 8 1/2	9 9	8 1/2 8 1/2	1,200	Chicago Great Western.....100	5 1/2 Jan 11	10 1/2 May 27	6 1/2 Dec	9 1/2 May	
21 21	20 20	21 21	21 21	21 21	20 21	21,000	Do pref.....100	14 1/2 Jan 31	25 1/2 May 20	14 June	20 1/2 May	
27 1/2 27 1/2	27 1/2 27 1/2	27 1/2 27 1/2	27 1/2 27 1/2	27 1/2 27 1/2	27 1/2 28 1/4	11,000	Chicago Milw & St Paul.....100	17 1/4 Jan 9	20 1/4 Apr 18	17 1/4 Dec	31 Jan	
43 43 1/4	43 1/4 43 1/4	43 1/4 43 1/4	43 1/4 43 1/4	44 1/2 45 1/4	43 1/4 44 1/2	12,900	Do pref.....100	29 Jan 10	47 Apr 18	29 1/2 Dec	46 1/2 Jan	
74 74 1/2	74 1/2 74 1/2	74 1/2 74 1/2	74 1/2 74 1/2	74 1/2 74 1/2	74 1/2 74 1/2	5,600	Chicago & North Western.....100	59 Jan 9	78 July 7	60 1/2 Apr	71 Jan	
114 1/2 115	114 1/2 115	115 115	114 115	115 115	115 115	400	Do pref.....100	100 Jan 9	115 1/2 June 27	95 July	110 Jan	
43 1/4 43 1/4	43 1/4 43 1/4	43 1/4 43 1/4	43 1/4 43 1/4	43 1/4 43 1/4	43 1/4 43 1/4	11,100	Chicago Rock Isl & Pac.....100	30 1/4 Jan 11	48 1/4 Apr 20	22 1/2 Mar	35 Sept	
94 1/4 94 1/4	94 1/4 94 1/4	94 1/4 94 1/4	94 1/4 94 1/4	94 1/4 94 1/4	94 1/4 94 1/4	700	7% pref.....100	83 1/4 Jan 10	98 1/2 June 7	68 1/2 Mar	80 1/2 Dec	
81 1/4 81 1/4	81 1/4 81 1/4	81 1/4 81 1/4	81 1/4 81 1/4	82 82	81 1/2 82	1,500	8% pref.....100	70 1/4 Jan 9	84 1/2 June 6	66 1/2 June	77 Dec	
68 68	67 67	67 1/2 67 1/2	67 1/2 67 1/2	66 68	65 68	300	Chic St P Minn & Om.....100	51 Jan 10	68 1/2 May 8	50 June	63 Jan	
75 1/2 76 1/2	76 1/2 76 1/2	76 1/2 76 1/2	76 1/2 76 1/2	76 1/2 76 1/2	76 1/2 76 1/2	1,500	Clev Clin Chic & St Louis.....100	54 Jan 4	70 1/2 July 15	32 June	37 1/2 Dec	
94 94 1/2	96 96	93 97 1/2	93 97 1/2	95 99 1/2	95 97 1/2	1,000	Do pref.....100	72 1/4 Jan 3	96 July 12	60 Feb	75 Dec	
46 1/2 48	48 48	48 48	47 48	47 1/2 48	47 1/2 47	300	Colorado & Southern.....100	38 Jan 10	53 1/2 Apr 24	27 Jan	46 1/2 Nov	
120 121	121 121	121 121	121 121	121 121	121 121	400	Do pref.....100	58 Jan 10	68 Mar 23	49 Jan	65 Nov	
128 1/2 128 1/2	127 1/2 127 1/2	127 1/2 129 1/2	129 129 1/2	127 1/2 129 1/2	127 1/2 129 1/2	1,100	Delaware & Hudson.....100	108 1/4 Jan 4	129 May 22	90 Apr	110 1/2 Nov	
42 1/2 5	4 1/2 5	4 1/2 5	4 1/2 5	4 1/2 5	4 1/2 5	1,100	Delaware Lack & Western.....50	108 Feb 14	130 1/2 July 6	93 Aug	249 May	
8 1/4 8 1/4	8 1/4 8 1/4	8 1/4 8 1/4	8 1/4 8 1/4	8 1/4 8 1/4	8 1/4 8 1/4	9,800	Duluth S & Atlantic.....100	2 1/2 Jan 27	6 Apr 25	1 1/2 Mar	4 1/2 Jan	
16 1/2 16 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	5,700	Do pref.....100	3 1/2 Jan 7	10 1/2 Apr 18	3 1/2 Nov	7 1/2 Jan	
17 1/4 18 1/2	18 18	18 18	18 18	17 1/2 18	17 1/2 18	1,000	Erie.....100	7 Jan 9	18 1/2 May 23	10 Dec	15 1/2 May	
80 81	80 1/4 81	80 1/4 81	80 1/4 81	81 1/4 81 1/4	77 1/4 76 1/4	14,700	Great Northern pref.....100	70 1/4 Jan 10	82 July 27	60 June	79 1/2 Dec	
39 1/4 40	39 1/4 39 1/4	39 1/4 40	39 1/4 40	39 1/4 40	39 1/4 40	3,500	Iron Ore properties.....No par	31 1/2 Jan 6	45 1/2 Apr 13	25 1/2 June	34 1/2 Nov	
16 17 1/2	16 17 1/2	16 17 1/2	17 17 1/2	16 1/2 18	16 1/2 18	200	Guif Mob & Nor tr cts.....100	5 Jan 4	19 May 22	4 1/2 Dec	11 1/2 Mar	
40 1/4 40 1/4	40 1/4 40	40 1/4 40	40 1/4 40	40 1/4 40	38 40	1,500	Do pref.....100	16 Jan 5	41 July 19	15 Dec	26 1/2 Feb	
107 107 1/2	107 107 1/2	106 1/2 107 1/2	107 107 1/2	107 107 1/2	107 107 1/2	1,800	Illinois Central.....100	97 1/4 Jan 3	109 1/2 Apr 18	85 1/2 Mar	100 1/2 Nov	
1 1/2 1 1/2	1 1/2 1 1/2	1 1/2 1 1/2	1 1/2 1 1/2	1 1/2 1 1/2	1 1/2 1 1/2	3,300	Interboro Cons Corp.....No par	1 Jan 10	5 Apr 8	1 1/2 Dec	5 1/2 Jan	
3 1/2 3 1/2	3 1/2 3 1/2	3 1/2 3 1/2	3 1/2 3 1/2	3 1/2 3 1/2	3 1/2 3 1/2	4,300	Do pref.....100	31 1/2 June 20	12 1/2 Apr 8	3 1/2 Dec	16 Jan	
25 1/2 25 1/2	25 1/2 25 1/2	25 1/2 25 1/2	25 1/2 25 1/2	25 1/2 25 1/2	25 1/2 25 1/2	1,600	Kansas City Southern.....100	22 1/2 Jan 11	30 1/4 Apr 25	18 1/2 Feb	25 1/2 May	
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	800	Do pref.....100	52 1/4 Jan 5	59 1/2 Apr 26	45 1/2 Jan	50 1/2 Nov	
8 10	5 10	5 10	5 10	5 10	5 10	500	Keokuk & Des Moines.....100	5 Jan 17	9 1/2 June 6	5 1/2 Nov	6 1/2 May	
30 32	30 32	30 32	30 32	31 32	31 31	300	Lake Erie & Western.....100	10 Feb 2	39 1/2 June 6	10 Mar	14 1/2 Jan	
64 70	64 64	64 67	63 1/2 65	63 1/2 63 1/2	63 1/2 65	200	Do pref.....100	26 1/2 Feb 8	64 July 17	17 1/2 Aug	30 Dec	
64 1/2 65	64 1/2 65 1/2	64 1/2 65 1/2	64 1/2 65 1/2	64 1/2 64 1/2	64 1/2 64 1/2	3,500	Lehigh Valley.....50	56 1/2 Jan 3	67 1/2 May 29	47 1/2 June	60 1/2 Dec	
130 1/4 133 1/4	128 1/4 129 1/4	128 128 1/4	129 129 1/4	128 129 1/4	128 129 1/4	3,100	Louisville & Nashville.....100	108 Jan 9	138 1/2 July 3	97 Apr	118 July	
45 1/2 46 1/2	45 1/2 46 1/2	45 1/2 46 1/2	45 1/2 46 1/2	45 1/2 46 1/2	45 1/2 46 1/2	1,000	Manhattan Ry guar.....100	35 Jan 6	55 1/2 May 6	32 Dec	58 1/2 Jan	
65 7 1/2	6 1/2 7 1/2	6 1/2 6 1/2	6 1/2 6 1/2	6 1/2 6 1/2	6 1/2 6 1/2	400	Market Street Ry.....100	3 1/2 Jan 28	11 Mar 14	2 1/2 Dec	7 May	
30 34	30 36	32 32	32 34	32 34	32 34	1,000	Preferred.....100	17 Jan 9	50 1/4 Apr 11	12 Aug	18 1/2 May	
61 61	61 61	61 60 1/2	61 60 1/2	59 60	60 60	8,900	Prior preferred.....100	35 1/2 Jan 7	67 Mar 14	27 Aug	45 1/2 May	
21 21	21 21	21 21	21 21	21 21	21 21	200	Do pref.....100	5 1/2 Jan 9	32 Apr 10	4 1/2 Aug	8 1/2 May	
11 1/4 11 1/4	11 1/4 11 1/4	11 1/4 11 1/4	11 1/4 11 1/4	11 1/4 11 1/4	11 1/4 11 1/4	5,100	Minnesota & North.....100	5 Jan 8	14 1/2 Apr 29	5 1/2 Dec	14 1/2 May	
63 65	62 65	62 65	62 65	62 65	62 65	500	Minn St P & S S Mar.....100	55 Jan 8	7 1/2 Feb 27	63 Aug	74 1/2 Nov	
11 1/2 12 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	100	Missouri Kansas & Tex.....100	8 Jan 10	14 May 23	1 Dec	9 1/2 Dec	
17 1/2 17 1/2	17 1/2 17 1/2	17 1/2 17 1/2	17 1/2 17 1/2	17 1/2 17 1/2	17 1/2 17 1/2	10,800	Mo Kan & Texas (new).....	7 1/2 Jan 11	19 1/2 May 22	1 Dec	9 1/2 Dec	
40 1/2 41 1/2	41 41 1/2	41 41 1/2	41 41 1/2	41 41 1/2	40 1/4 40 1/4	1,300	Preferred (new).....	24 1/2 Jan 27	43 1/2 Apr 28	22 1/2 Dec	26 1/2 Dec	
21 1/4 22 1/4	21 1/4 22 1/4	21 1/4 22 1/4	21 1/4 22 1/4	22 1/4 22 1/4	22 1/4 22 1/4	5,100	Missouri Pacific trust cts.....100	9 1/2 Jan 10	28 1/4 May 22	10 Mar	23 1/2 May	
55 1/2 55 1/2	55 56	56 56 1/2	56 1/2 56 1/2	56 56 1/2	55 55 1/2	4,200	Do pref trust cts.....100	16 Jan 10	25 1/4 Apr 18	16 Mar	23 1/2 May	
47 1/4 47 1/4	47 1/4 47 1/4	47 1/4 47 1/4	47 1/4 47 1/4	47 1/4 47 1/4	47 1/4 47 1/4	1,100	Nat Ry of Mex 2d pref.....100	3 Jan 25	7 1/4 May 27	2 1/2 Dec	6 1/2 Feb	
66 68	67 1/2 68	67 1/2 67 1/2	67 1/2 67 1/2	67 1/2 67 1/2	66 1/2 66 1/2	1,300	New Ori Tex & Mex v t e.....100	54 1/2 Jan 10	70 June 23	46 June	77 1/2 Dec	
95 96	95 1/2 96 1/2	95 1/2 96 1/2	95 1/2 96 1/2	95 1/2 96 1/2	95 1/2 96 1/2	15,900	New York Central.....100	72 1/2 Jan 4	97 1/2 July 7	64 1/2 June	76 Dec	
75 77	75 1/2 77	75 1/2 77	75 1/2 77	75 1/2 77	75 1/2 76	400	N Y Chicago & St Louis.....100	51 1/2 Jan 5	82 May 25	39 June	61 1/2 Sept	
80 83	80 83	80 83	80 83	82 82 1/2	82 83	100	Second preferred.....100	0 1/2 Jan 5	85 May 25	54 June</		

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see second page preceding.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and price ranges for various stocks.

Sales for the Week.

Main table listing stock names (e.g., Indus. & Miscell., Am Bank Note), share counts, and price ranges (Lowest, Highest) for the week of Jan 1922.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. d Ex-dividend and rights. s Assessment paid. z Ex-rights. # Ex-dividend. \$ Par value \$10 per share.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see third page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PBR SHARE Range since Jan. 1 1922; PBR SHARE Range for previous year 1921. Rows include various stock listings such as Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par, Dome Mines Ltd., Eastman Kodak, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-dividend and rights. § Ex-dividend. ¶ Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fourth page preceding.

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT; Saturday, July 15; Monday, July 17; Tuesday, July 18; Wednesday, July 19; Thursday, July 20; Friday, July 21; Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PBR SHARE Range since Jan. 1 1923; PBR SHARE Range for previous year 1921.

* Bid and asked prices - sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-rights. § Ex-dividend and rights. ¶ Reduced to basis of \$25 par. & Range since merger (July 15) with United Retail Stores Corp.

New York Stock Exchange—Bond Record, Friday, Weekly and Yearly

Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now—"and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds.

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending July 21										BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending July 21									
Interest Period		Price Friday July 21		Week's Range or Last Sale		Range Since Jan. 1		Range Since Jan. 1		Interest Period		Price Friday July 21		Week's Range or Last Sale		Range Since Jan. 1		Range Since Jan. 1	
Bid	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High	No.	Low	High	Bid	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High	No.	Low	High
<p>U. S. Government.</p> <p>First Liberty Loan—</p> <p>3 1/2% of 1935-1947 J D 100.30 Sale 100.25 100.98 2757 94.84 100.93</p> <p>Conv 4% of 1932-1947 J D 100.70 Sale 100.70 101.10 25 95.70 101.10</p> <p>Conv 4 1/4% of 1932-1947 J D 101.20 Sale 100.82 101.30 1049 96.04 101.30</p> <p>2d conv 4 1/4% of 1932-1947 J D 101.00 Sale 101.00 101.00 12 96.82 102.00</p> <p>Second Liberty Loan—</p> <p>4% of 1927-1942 M N 100.76 Sale 100.34 100.70 60 95.76 100.70</p> <p>Conv 4 1/4% of 1927-1942 M N 100.76 Sale 100.44 101.50 4030 95.32 101.50</p> <p>Third Liberty Loan—</p> <p>4 1/4% of 1928 M S 100.82 Sale 100.32 101.98 6555 96.74 101.98</p> <p>Fourth Liberty Loan—</p> <p>4 1/4% of 1933-1958 A O 101.32 Sale 100.82 101.54 7087 95.86 101.54</p> <p>Victory Liberty Loan—</p> <p>4 1/2% Notes of 1922-1923 J D 100.54 Sale 100.50 100.58 2373 100.02 100.30</p> <p>3 1/2% Notes of 1922-1923 J D 99.93 June 22 99.93 100.16 30 99.16 100.30</p> <p>2s consol registered 61930 Q J 102 102 102 102 103 103 103</p> <p>3s consol coupon 61930 Q J 103 103 103 103 104 104 104</p> <p>4s registered 1925 Q F 105 105 105 105 106 106 106</p> <p>4s coupon 1925 Q F 105 105 105 105 106 106 106</p> <p>Panama Canal 10-30-yr 2s 1936 Q Y 100 100 100 100 101 101 101</p> <p>Panama Canal 3s g 1961 Q M 98 98 98 98 99 99 99</p> <p>Registered 1961 Q M 98 98 98 98 99 99 99</p> <p>Foreign Government.</p> <p>Argentine (City) 7s 1927 F A 100 100 100 100 101 101 101</p> <p>Argentine External 5s of 1909 M S 84 Sale 83 84 4 77 87 1/2</p> <p>Belgium 25-yr ext s f 7 1/2% g 1945 J D 106 106 106 106 107 107 107</p> <p>5-yr 6% notes Jan 1925 J J 101 101 101 101 101 101 101</p> <p>20-yr s f 8s 1941 F A 103 103 103 103 104 104 104</p> <p>Berlin (Norway) s f 8s 1945 M N 109 110 108 111 3 105 112</p> <p>Berne (City of) 8s 1945 M N 111 Sale 110 112 53 108 114</p> <p>Bolivia Republic of 8s 1941 M N 100 102 100 101 155 100 101 1/2</p> <p>Bordeaux (City of) 15-yr 6s 1934 M N 102 Sale 101 102 322 103 108</p> <p>Brasil, U B external 8s 1941 J D 99 99 99 99 100 100 100</p> <p>Canada (Dominion of) 8s 1931 A O 98 98 98 98 98 98 98</p> <p>do do do 1931 A O 98 98 98 98 98 98 98</p> <p>10-yr 5 1/2% 1929 F A 101 Sale 100 101 114 95 101 1/2</p> <p>Chile (Republic) ext s f 8s 1941 F A 104 104 103 104 51 100 106</p> <p>External 5-yr s f 8s 1926 A O 102 102 102 102 182 98 103 1/2</p> <p>25-yr s f 8s 1945 M N 104 Sale 103 104 88 100 106 1/2</p> <p>Chinese (Hankow Ry) 5s of 1911 J D 54 55 53 54 4 4 57</p> <p>Christians (City) s f 8s 1945 A O 100 100 108 108 19 106 112 1/2</p> <p>Copenhagen 25-yr s f 5 1/2% 1944 J J 95 95 97 97 12 84 97 1/2</p> <p>Cuba—External debt 5s of 1904 M S 86 86 86 86 77 90 9 1/2</p> <p>Ext debt of 5s 1914 ser A 1940 F A 82 81 81 81 12 76 82</p> <p>External loan 4 1/2% 1940 F A 96 Sale 95 96 96 96 93 94 94 1/2</p> <p>Czechoslovak (Rep of) 8s 1951 A O 108 108 107 108 11 105 114</p> <p>Danish Cons Municipals 8s "A" 1946 F A 108 108 108 108 109 109 109</p> <p>Series B 1946 F A 108 108 108 108 109 109 109</p> <p>Denmark external s f 8s 1945 A O 109 109 109 109 42 107 112 1/2</p> <p>20-yr 6s 1942 J J 98 98 98 98 30 90 99 3/4</p> <p>Dominican Rep Cons Adm s f 5 1/2% 1945 F A 94 94 94 94 32 85 93</p> <p>Dutch East Indies ext 8s 1947 J J 95 95 95 95 230 94 97</p> <p>40-yr 6s 1942 M S 102 Sale 102 102 344 99 103 1/2</p> <p>French Republic 25-yr ext 8s 1945 M S 100 100 100 100 99 94 100</p> <p>20-yr external loan 7 1/2% 1941 J D 100 100 100 100 99 94 100</p> <p>Great Brit & Ireland U K 0% 1937 F A 103 103 103 103 303 96 105 1/2</p> <p>10-yr conv 5 1/2% 1922 F A 110 110 110 110 491 100 110 1/2</p> <p>5-yr conv 5 1/2% 1922 F A 110 110 110 110 491 100 110 1/2</p> <p>Italy (Kingdom of) Ser A 5 1/2% 1925 F A 98 97 96 96 40 32 36 1/2</p> <p>Japanese Govt—E loan 4 1/2% 1925 F A 92 92 92 92 122 86 92 1/2</p> <p>Second series 4 1/2% 1925 J J 92 92 92 92 323 86 92 1/2</p> <p>Sterling loan 4s 1931 J J 77 77 77 77 390 75 75 1/2</p> <p>Lyons (City of) 15-yr 6s 1934 M N 84 84 84 84 79 80 80 1/2</p> <p>Marseilles (City of) 15-yr 6s 1934 M N 84 84 84 84 79 80 80 1/2</p> <p>Mexico—Ext loan 2 s of 1899 Q J 58 60 59 61 180 54 70 1/2</p> <p>Gold debt 4s of 1904 1954 J J 47 47 47 47 225 39 52</p> <p>Netherlands (City of) 8s 1945 M N 96 96 96 96 365 94 98 1/2</p> <p>Norway External s f 8s 1941 A O 110 110 110 110 38 107 115</p> <p>Porto Alegre (City of) 8s 1961 J D 100 100 100 100 100 100 100</p> <p>Queensland (State) ext s f 7s 1941 A O 109 109 108 109 24 105 111 1/2</p> <p>25-yr 6s 1947 F A 101 101 101 101 71 99 103</p> <p>Rio Grande Do Sul 8s 1946 A O 100 100 100 100 33 96 104 1/2</p> <p>Rio de Janeiro 25-yr s f 8s 1946 A O 100 100 100 100 33 96 104 1/2</p> <p>8s 1947 A O 100 100 100 100 33 96 104 1/2</p> <p>San Paulo (City) s f 8s 1952 M S 101 101 101 101 55 100 106 1/2</p> <p>San Paulo (State) ext s f 8s 1936 J J 90 90 90 90 177 90 93</p> <p>Seine (France) ext 7s 1942 J D 103 103 103 103 103 94 103 1/2</p> <p>Sweden 20-yr s f 8s 1939 J J 118 118 118 118 119 112 120 1/2</p> <p>Swiss Confed'n 20-yr s f 8s 1940 M S 71 71 71 71 56 67 70 1/2</p> <p>Tokyo City 5s loan of 1912 M S 105 105 105 105 30 102 108 1/2</p> <p>Uruguay Republic ext 8s 1946 F A 111 111 111 111 29 106 114 1/2</p> <p>Surich (City of) s f 8s 1945 A O 111 111 111 111 29 106 114 1/2</p> <p>(These are prices on the basis of \$5 to \$10)</p> <p>State and City Securities.</p> <p>N Y City—4 1/2% Corp stock 1960 M S 100 101 100 100 5 98 103 1/2</p> <p>4 1/2% Corporate stock 1964 M S 100 101 103 July 22 97 103 1/2</p> <p>4 1/2% Corporate stock 1966 A O 107 108 107 107 103 108 1/2</p> <p>4 1/2% Corporate stock 1971 J J 107 107 107 107 1 103 107 1/2</p> <p>4 1/2% Corporate stock 1965 J D 107 107 107 107 1 103 107 1/2</p> <p>4 1/2% Corporate stock 1963 M S 107 107 107 107 4 103 107 1/2</p> <p>4% Corporate stock 1959 M N 99 99 99 99 1 93 99 1/2</p> <p>4% Corporate stock 1958 M N 99 99 99 99 1 93 99 1/2</p> <p>4% Corporate stock 1957 M N 99 99 99 99 6 93 99 1/2</p> <p>4% Corporate stock reg 1956 M N 99 99 99 99 4 93 99 1/2</p> <p>New 4 1/2% 1957 M N 107 107 107 107 10 103 107 1/2</p> <p>4 1/2% Corporate stock 1957 M N 107 107 107 107 10 103 107 1/2</p> <p>3 1/2% Corporate stock 1954 M N 80 80 80 80 84 80 1/2</p> <p>N Y State—</p> <p>Canal Improvement 4s 1961 J S 102 102 102 102 102 102</p> <p>Highway Improv't 4 1/2% 1953 M S 109 109 109 109 109 109 1/2</p> <p>Highway Improv't 4 1/2% 1955 M S 104 104 104 104 104 104 1/2</p> <p>Railroad.</p> <p>Ann Arbor 1st g 4s 1905 Q J 70 71 68 70 3 68 80</p> <p>Atch Top & S P—Gen g 4s 1905 A O 94 Sale 90 94 332 85 95 1/2</p> <p>Registered 1905 A O 88 June 22 87 88 1/2</p> <p>Adjustment gold 4s 1905 Nov 83 84 84 84 4 77 84 1/2</p> <p>Stamped 1905 Nov 84 84 84 84 4 77 84 1/2</p> <p>Conv gold 4s 1905 J D 101 102 101 101 16 101 101 1/2</p> <p>Conv 4s issue of 1910 1905 J D 94 95 94 94 1 91 94 1/2</p> <p>East Okla Div 1st g 4s 1928 M S 82 83 82 82 78 85</p> <p>Rocky Mtn Div 1st g 4s 1945 J J 87 88 84 84 78 85 1/2</p> <p>Trans-Cons Short L 1st g 4s 1938 J J 87 88 84 84 78 85 1/2</p> <p>Cal-Aris 1st g 4s "A" 1902 M S 93 93 93 93 6 85 93</p> <p>All Coast Line 1st g 4s 1952 M S 91 92 91 92 6 85 93</p> <p>10-yr secured 7 1/2% 1920 M N 107 108 107 107 5 104 108</p> <p>General unified 6 1/2% 1904 J D 59 Sale 58 59 11 82 89</p> <p>Als Mid lat guar gold 5s 1928 M N 100 100 100 100 98 98 1/2</p> <p>Brunn & W 1st g 4s 1938 J J 89 89 89 89 78 84 1/2</p> <p>L & N coll g 4s 1938 J J 83 84 83 84 72 84 1/2</p> <p>Ball & Ohio pref 3 1/2% 1925 J J 94 94 94 94 72 84 1/2</p> <p>Registered 1925 J J 91 92 91 92 81 92</p> <p>1st 50-yr gold 4s 1948 A O 84 84 83 83 101 79 84 1/2</p> <p>Registered 1948 Q J 81 80 80 80 5 75 81</p> <p>10-yr conv 4 1/2% 1933 Q J 84 84 83 83 53 74 85</p> <p>Zerford & gen 5s Series A 1905 J D 89 Sale 87 89 57 77 89</p> <p>Temporary 10-yr 6s 1929 J J 100 100 100 100 151 94 101</p> <p>F June & M Div 1st g 3 1/2% 1926 M N 92 93 92 93 67 82 93 1/2</p> <p>P L E & W Va 5ys ref 4s 1941 M N 81 82 80 82 67 82 93 1/2</p> <p>Howth Div 1st g 3 1/2% 1925 J J 92 92 92 92 51 86 92 1/2</p> <p>Clev Lor & W 1st g 4s 1933 A O 98 98 98 98 98 98 1/2</p> <p>Ohio River Ry 1st g 4s 1937 J D 98 98 98 98 98 98 1/2</p> <p>General gold 5s 1937 A O 96 96 96 96 98 98 1/2</p> <p>Tol & Cin div 1st ref 4s A 1959 J J 69 69 69 69 74 62 70</p> <p>Buffalo R & P gen 5s 1937 M S 101 101 100 100 98 100 1/2</p> <p>Consol 4 1/2% 1957 M N 92 92 92 92 13 82 93</p> <p>All & West let g 4s gu 1998 A O 84 84 82 82 82 82 1/2</p> <p>Clear & Mah 1st g 4s 1943 J J 94 94 92 92 90 93 1/2</p>																			

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BONDS										BONDS										
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE										N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE										
Week ending July 21										Week ending July 21										
Interest	Price	Week's	Range	Range	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Interest	Price	Week's	Range	Range	Low	High	Low	High	
Period	Friday	Range or	Since	Since							Period	Friday	Range or	Since	Since					
	July 21	Last Sale	Jan. 1	Jan. 1								July 21	Last Sale	Jan. 1	Jan. 1					
Winston-Salem S B 1st 4s...	1000 J	81 1/8	84	81 1/2	July 22	77	80	77	80	N Y Dock 60-yr 1st g 4s...	1951 F	78 1/8	81	78	79	13	76	80	76	80
Wm Grant 60-yr 1st gen 4s...	1949 J	81	81	81	81	6	74 1/2	74 1/2	81	Niagara Falls Power 1st 5s...	1932 J	99 1/2	101	99 1/2	100	15	94	101	94	101
Emp & Dul Div & term 1st 4s...	36 M	79 1/4	79 1/4	79	79 1/4	5	74 1/2	74 1/2	81	Ref & Gen 6s	1932 A	103 1/4	104	103	100	22	100	104	100	104
Street Railway										Nist Look & O Pow 1st 5s...	1954 M	95 1/2	96	95 1/2	96	22	95	96	95	96
Brooklyn Rapid Tran g 5s...	1945 A	60	60 1/2	60	60	3	31	31	64 1/2	Nor States Power 25-yr 5s A...	1941 A	91 1/4	96 1/2	91 1/4	91 1/4	61	88 1/2	93	88	93
1st refund conv gold 4s...	2002 J	57 1/2	59	57	July 22	35	64	35	64	Ontario Power N F 1st 5s...	1943 F	91 1/2	93 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	1	79	91 1/2	79	91 1/2
2-yr 7% secured notes...	12021 J	82 1/2	83	82 1/2	83	34	58	58	83	Ontario Transmission 5s...	1945 M	91 1/2	93 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	29	94 1/2	103	94 1/2	103
Certificates of deposit										Pan-Am P & T 1st 10-yr 7s...	1930 M	101	101 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	29	94 1/2	102 1/2	94 1/2	102 1/2
Certs of deposit stamped										Pierce Oil 1st 5s...	1931 J	98 1/2	99 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	1	91	99 1/2	91	99 1/2
Sikyn Un El 1st g 4-5s...	1950 F	83 1/2	85	83 1/2	85 1/2	1	75	75	80 1/2	Prod & Refining 1st 5s...	1931 J	102 1/2	104	102 1/2	102 1/2	6	99	115 1/2	99	115 1/2
Stamped guar 4-5s...	1956 F	84	85	84	84	2	75 1/2	75 1/2	80 1/2	Pub Serv Corp of N J gen 5s...	1959 A	85 1/2	86	85 1/2	85 1/2	58	78	85 1/2	78	85 1/2
Kings County R 1st g 4s...	1949 F	70 1/2	73 1/2	71 1/2	June 22	64	75	64	75	Shenkar Con Oil conv 7 1/2s...	1925 M	104 1/2	106	104 1/2	104 1/2	490	98	105 1/2	98	105 1/2
Stamped guar 4s...	1949 F	70 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	July 22	66	72 1/2	66	72 1/2	15-year 7s...	1937 M	98 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	235	98	100 1/2	98	100 1/2
Nassau Elec guar gold 4s...	1951 J	51 1/4	51 1/4	51 1/4	51 1/4	7	27	27	51 1/4	Shenkar Crude Oil 5 1/2s...	1925 A	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	234	98	99 1/2	98	99 1/2
Chicago Rys 1st 5s...	1927 F	79 1/2	80 1/2	79 1/2	80	01	67	67	85	Standard Oil of Cal 7s...	1913 F	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	43	105 1/2	107 1/2	105 1/2	107 1/2
Conn Ry & L 1st & ref g 4 1/2s...	1951 J	80 1/2	80 1/2	79 1/2	June 22	75	75	75	80 1/2	Tennessee Cop 1st conv 6s...	1925 M	103 1/2	104 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	34	100	104 1/2	100	104 1/2
Stamped guar 4 1/2s...	1951 J	80 1/2	80 1/2	79 1/2	Apr 22	70 1/2	73	70 1/2	73	Tide Water Oil 6 1/2s...	1931 F	103 1/2	104 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	18	101 1/2	105 1/2	101 1/2	105 1/2
Det United 1st cons g 4 1/2s...	1932 J	83 1/2	84	83 1/2	84	31	63 1/2	63 1/2	85	Union Tank Car equip 7s...	1930 F	104 1/2	105 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	15	95	105 1/2	95	105 1/2
Ft Smith L & Tr 1st g 5s...	1936 M	86	86	86	Jan 20	151	75	151	75	West Wat Power s 1 1/2s...	1939 F	92 1/2	93 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	2	89	93 1/2	89	93 1/2
Hud & Manhat 6s ser A...	1957 F	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	191	60 1/2	60 1/2	84 1/2	West Penn Power ser A 6s...	1946 F	92 1/2	93 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	3	103 1/2	104 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2
Adjust Income 5s...	1957 F	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	6	92	92	95 1/2	1st series D 7s...	1939 F	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	120	93	100	93	100
N Y & Jersey 1st 5s...	1932 A	11 1/2	12 1/2	11 1/2	12 1/2	17	9 1/2	9 1/2	21	Wilson conv 2 1/2s...	1941 A	93	93	93	93	152	84	95 1/2	84	95 1/2
Interboro Metrop col 4 1/2s...	1958 A	11 1/2	12 1/2	11 1/2	12 1/2	17	9 1/2	9 1/2	21	2-year conv s 1 1/2s...	1928 J	102	102	102	102	127	94 1/2	107 1/2	94 1/2	107 1/2
Certificates of deposit										Temporary 7 1/2s...	1931 F	103 1/2	104	103 1/2	103 1/2					
Interboro Rap Tran 1st 5s...	1956 J	68 1/2	68 1/2	67 1/2	68	433	54	54	75 1/2											
7s	1932	76	76 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2	2	76 1/2	76 1/2	77											
Manhat Ry (N Y) cons g 4s...	1990 A	61	62	61	62	19	57 1/2	57 1/2	67 1/2											
Stamped tax exempt...	1990 A	78	84	80	June 22	64	80	64	80											
20 4s	2013 J	88	88	87	88	178	81	81	92											
Manila Elec Ry & L 1st 5s...	1953 J	88	88	87	88	178	81	81	92											
Market St Ry 1st cons 6s...	1924 M	92 1/2	93 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2	14	90 1/2	90 1/2	97											
5-year 6% notes	1924 A																			
Metropolitan Street Ry																				
B'way & 7th Av 1st g 5s...	1943 J	60	60 1/2	60	60 1/2	8	50	50	60 1/2											
Col & 9th Av 1st g 5s...	1942 M	19 1/2	20	19 1/2	20	17	17 1/2	17 1/2	20											
L'Av & F 1st g 5s...	1942 M	39	47 1/2	43 1/2	June 22	39	50	39	50											
M'Way Elec Ry & L 1st cons g 5s...	1926 F	97	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	2	79 1/2	79 1/2	97 1/2											
Refunding & exten 4 1/2s...	1931 J	85	86	86	86	2	79 1/2	79 1/2	85 1/2											
Montreal Tram 1st & ref 5s...	1941 J	87	87 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	3	83	83	90											
New Or Ry & L 1st g 4 1/2s...	1935 J	60 1/2	60 1/2	59	Feb 21	55	60 1/2	55	60 1/2											
N Y Munleyp Ry 1st s 1 1/2s...	1966 J	63	63	60	Dec 21	55	63	55	63											
N Y Rys 1st R & E ref 4s...	1942 J	37 1/2	38 1/2	37	39 1/2	56	25 1/2	25 1/2	44 1/2											
Certificates of deposit																				
30-year adj inc 5s...	1942 A	81 1/2	81 1/2	77 1/2	78	8	43 1/2	43 1/2	78											
Certificates of deposit																				
N Y State Rys 1st cons 4 1/2s...	1962 M	65 1/2	70	65 1/2	70	8	43 1/2	43 1/2	78											
Nor Ohio Trac & Light 6s...	1947 M	95	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	2	95	95	97 1/2											
Portland Ry 1st & ref 5s...	1930 M	87	88 1/2	86 1/2	87	10	81	81	88											
Worland Ry L 1st g 5s...	1942 F	86	87	86	86	11	78 1/2	78 1/2	90											
1st & refund 7 1/2s ser A...	1940 M	103 1/2	105 1/2	104	104 1/2	2	102	102	105											
Portland Gen Elec 1st 5s...	1936 J	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	217	44 1/2	44 1/2	62 1/2											
Third Ave 1st ref 4s...	1960 J	63 1/2	64	64	64	1	60 1/2	60 1/2	68											
Adj Income 5s...	1930 J	60 1/2	60 1/2	59 1/2	60 1/2	217	44 1/2	44 1/2	62 1/2											
Third Ave Ry 1st g 5s...	1937 A	94 1/2	94 1/2	93	June 22	88	100 1/2	88	100 1/2											
Tel City Ry & L 1st s 1 1/2s...	1923 A	100	100 1/2	100	100	15	96	96	100 1/2											
Wander of London 4 1/2s...	1935 J	67 1/2	73	Jan 22	73	73	64 1/2	64 1/2	73											
Income 6s...	1948 M	87	88 1/2	86 1/2	87 1/2	80	75	75	88 1/2											
United Rys 1st g 5s...	1934 M	60 1/2	62 1/2	61 1/2	June 22	51 1/2	61 1/2	51 1/2	61 1/2											
St Louis Transp g 5s...	1924 A	56	59	58	May 22	56	58	56	58											
Va Ry Pow 1st & ref 5s...	1934 J	79 1/2	81	80 1/2	80 1/2	5	78	78	80 1/2											
Gas and Electric Light																				
Sikyn Edison Inc gen 5s A...	1949 J	95 1/2	96	94 1/2	96	31	89 1/2	89 1/2	96											
General 6s series B...	1930 J	101 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	15	100	100	103 1/2											

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and corresponding stock prices. Includes a 'Last Sale' column and various price notations.

Table with columns for 'Sales for the Week' and 'Shares'.

Table titled 'STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE' listing various companies and their stock prices. Includes categories like 'Railroads', 'Miscellaneous', and 'Mining'.

Table titled 'Range since Jan. 1.' with columns for 'Lowest' and 'Highest' prices.

Table titled 'Range for previous year 1921' with columns for 'Lowest' and 'Highest' prices.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. # Ex-rights. b Ex-dividend and rights. z Ex-dividend. s Ex-stock dividend.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange July 15 to July 21, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Am Agric Chem 5s, Amer Tel & Tel 5s, etc.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange July 15 to July 21, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Alabama Co., 1st preferred, Arundel Sand & Gravel, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange July 15 to July 21, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Alliance Insurance, American Gas of N.J., American Railways, etc.

Table with columns: Bonds, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Amer Gas & Elec 5s, do small, Bell Tel of Pa 1st 7s, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange July 15 to July 21, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like American Radiator, Preferred, American Shipbuilding, etc.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—This week's record on the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange will be found on page 40S.

New York Curb Market.—Official transactions in the New York Curb Market from July 15 to July 21, inclusive:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Industrial & Miscell., Acme Coal Mining, Acme Packing, etc.

Stocks (Continued)	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range since Jan. 1.		Other Oil Stocks (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range since Jan. 1.				
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.			Low.	High.						
Celluloid Co. com. 100	94 1/2	93 1/2	94 1/2	40	90	June	Livingston Petrol.	1	1 1/2	11,200	1	July	1 1/2	Mar		
Preferred. 100	95	95	95	10	95	July	Lucas Petroleum.	1	7 1/2	78c	11,900	58c	Jan	1 1/2	June	
Cent States Elec. com. 100	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	100	6 1/2	July	Magna Oil & Ref.	74c	74c	78c	11,900	58c	Jan	1 1/2	June	
Cent. Teresa Sugar. com. 100	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	100	2 1/2	Jan	Maracabo Oil Explor.	18 1/2	18 1/2	19	2,700	18	Jan	27 1/2	Mar	
Preferred. 100	3	3	3	200	3	July	Marine Oil.	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	500	1	Jan	2	May	
Chicago Nipple Mfg et al. 10	5 1/2	5 1/2	6	7,200	1 1/2	Apr	Marland Oil.	7	6 1/2	7 1/2	4,800	1	Jan	10	June	
Class B. 100	4 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	8,700	1 1/2	May	Marland Refining.	5	4 1/2	4 1/2	100	2	Jan	4 1/2	June	
Cities Service com. 100	206	204	213	3,363	188	Jan	Meridian Petroleum.	4c	3c	5c	23,000	2c	Jan	20c	Mar	
Preferred. 100	67	67	67 1/2	3,400	51	Jan	Merritt Oil Corp.	10	9 1/2	9 1/2	2,800	8 1/2	Jan	14 1/2	May	
Preferred B. 100	6 1/2	6	6 1/2	200	4 1/2	Jan	Mexican Petroleum Oil.	10	5 1/2	5 1/2	100	50c	July	2 1/2	May	
Cities Serv Bankers' sh.	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	4,300	17	Jan	Mexico Oil Corp.	10	14 1/2	15	27,500	1 1/2	Jan	4 1/2	Mar	
Cleveland Automobile.	29	28 1/2	30 1/2	700	20	Jan	Mountain Producers.	10	14 1/2	14 1/2	3,600	9 1/2	Jan	18 1/2	May	
Colombian Emerald Synd.	65c	65c	73c	4,100	50c	Apr	Mutual Oil.	10	9 1/2	9 1/2	34,600	5 1/2	Jan	12	June	
Colombian Syndicate.	3 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	7,400	1 1/2	June	New England Fuel Oil.	50 1/2	53	60	10,500	40	May	60	July	
Comm'l Solvents Corp et al.	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	1,800	44 1/2	June	New York Oil.	20	20	28	2,100	11 1/2	Jan	38	June	
Class B stock.	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	700	38 1/2	June	Noble Oil & Gas.	1	21c	22c	11,000	15c	Jan	35c	Mar	
Conley Tin Foll.	13	14	14 1/2	400	10	Feb	Preferred.	10	65c	65c	100	35c	Mar	90c	Mar	
Continental Motors.	7 1/2	7 1/2	1,000	5 1/2	Feb	9 1/2	Noce Petroleum com.	100	3 1/2	3 1/2	80c	1 1/2	Apr	5	Mar	
Cuban-Dominican Sug w l.	12	8 1/2	9 1/2	1,000	8	May	North American Oil.	5	2 1/2	2 1/2	4,100	1 1/2	Apr	3 1/2	June	
Daniels Motor common.	12	12	13 1/2	4,800	10 1/2	May	Northwest Oil.	1	26c	26c	5,000	15c	Jan	35c	May	
Denver & Rio Gr. pref. 100	55c	55c	60c	1,300	38c	Jan	Ohio Ranger.	1	4c	5c	3,000	4c	July	12c	Mar	
Dubler Condenser & Radio.	8 1/2	8 1/2	9	5,500	7 1/2	June	Omar Oil & Gas.	10	1 1/2	1 1/2	40,300	67c	Mar	3	June	
Durant Motors. Inc.	10	9 1/2	9 1/2	2,700	22 1/2	Jan	Pennock Oil.	10	6 1/2	6 1/2	2,100	4 1/2	Jan	7 1/2	June	
Durant Motors of Ind.	14 1/2	13 1/2	14 1/2	1,200	8 1/2	Jan	Petroleum States Cons Corp.	13 1/2	12c	12c	28,000	13c	July	35c	Jan	
Federal Tel. & Tel.	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	200	5 1/2	Mar	Red Rock Oil & Gas.	1	25c	25c	2,200	25c	July	1 1/2	Apr	
Frestone Tire & Rub. pf. 100	88	88	88	88	88	July	Ryan Consol.	1	3 1/2	3 1/2	3,800	4 1/2	Feb	5 1/2	June	
Gilbert-Howell Co. com. 10	19	18 1/2	19 1/2	1,600	15 1/2	Jan	Salt Creek Consol Oil.	10	11 1/2	11 1/2	500	10	Apr	15 1/2	May	
Gillette Safety Razor.	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	1,024	169	Jan	Salt Creek Producers.	10	15 1/2	15 1/2	3,000	12 1/2	Jan	20 1/2	Jan	
Glen Alden Coal.	55 1/2	54	56 1/2	1,500	42	Jan	Sapulpa Refining.	5	3 1/2	4	9,500	2 1/2	Feb	5	June	
Goldwyn Pictures.	7 1/2	7	8	13,100	4	Jan	Shell Union Oil, pref w l.	10	96	96	600	95 1/2	May	97 1/2	May	
Goodyear T & R com. 100	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	600	9 1/2	Jan	Stamps Petroleum.	10	8 1/2	8 1/2	10,000	8 1/2	Jan	12 1/2	Jan	
Preferred. 100	32 1/2	32 1/2	33 1/2	350	24	Jan	Standard Central.	10	6	6	100	1 1/2	Mar	12	Apr	
Grant Motor Car.	99c	86 1/2	1	1,200	50c	Feb	Skelly Oil.	10	10	9 1/2	10 1/2	58,000	4 1/2	Mar	17 1/2	June
Griffith (D. & C.) C. I. A.	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	600	3 1/2	Jan	Southern Petrol & Refin.	11c	10c	14c	36,000	10c	July	5	Jan	
Hayes Wheel w l.	31 1/2	30 1/2	31 1/2	6,800	28	June	Southern States Cons Corp.	13 1/2	12 1/2	13 1/2	14,200	12 1/2	June	14 1/2	July	
Heyden Chemical.	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	4,900	80c	Feb	Southern States Oil.	1	3c	3c	1,000	1c	Feb	3c	Apr	
Hudson Cos. pref. 100	18	16 1/2	19	900	7 1/2	Feb	Southern Oil.	1	6	4 1/2	5,900	75c	Feb	7	July	
Hudson & Man RH. com. 100	13	11 1/2	13 1/2	2,500	3 1/2	Feb	Spencer Petrol Corp.	10	25c	20c	30c	4,000	3c	Jan	40c	June
Imp Tob of G B & Ire. £1	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	400	10 1/2	Jan	Stanton Oil.	5	74c	65c	85c	106,400	40c	Jan	1	May
Inland Steel.	51 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	200	40	Mar	Texas Oil & Land.	1	13 1/2	13 1/2	2 1/2	10	Apr	14	May	
Intercontinental Rubb. 100	5 1/2	5 1/2	6 1/2	4,400	5 1/2	July	Tidal Osage Oil.	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	9,000	13c	July	35c	Jan	
Internat Carbon, w l.	11	10 1/2	11 1/2	700	10 1/2	June	Non-voting stock.	1	12	13	1,300	10	Apr	14	May	
Lehigh Power Sec.	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	90c	15 1/2	June	Turman Oil.	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	9,000	1	July	1 1/2	Apr	
Lehigh Valley Coal Sales 50	77 1/2	73	73	60	30	Feb	Wilcox Oil & Gas.	5	5 1/2	5 1/2	67c	42,900	2 1/2	Jan	7	Feb
Libby, McNeill & Libby.	52 1/2	52 1/2	54	4,500	51 1/2	July	Woodburn Oil Corp.	1	60c	68c	2,900	60c	Jan	1	Feb	
Lima Locomotive, new.	52 1/2	52 1/2	54	100	75c	Feb	W. O. Oil & Gas.	1	13c	14c	9,000	13c	July	35c	Jan	
Lincoln Motor Class A.	50c	50c	50c	1,000	40c	Jan										
Locomobile Co.	50c	50c	50c	1,000	40c	Jan										
Merced Motors.	3 1/2	3	3 1/2	1,900	1 1/2	Apr										
Moore Motor Car.	11 1/2	10	12 1/2	5,100	10	June										
Morris (Phillip) Co. Ltd. 10	19 1/2	18	20	3,500	5 1/2	Jan										
National Hotel, new.	8	7 1/2	8 1/2	1,300	7 1/2	July										
New Mex & Arts Land.	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	100	1 1/2	Feb										
N. Y. Tel 6 1/2 w l.	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	July										
Packard Motor Car com. 100	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	July										
Peoples Trk & Mot Corp 50	52 1/2	52 1/2	54	4,500	51 1/2	July										
Pub Serv Corp of N J pf 100	103	103	103 1/2	600	99	Mar										
Pyrene Manufacturing.	9 1/2	8 1/2	9 1/2	1,100	8 1/2	July										
Radio Corp of America.	4 1/2	4 1/2	5	24,000	2 1/2	Jan										
Preferred.	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	11,500	2	Jan										
Reo Motor Car.	26 1/2	26 1/2	27 1/2	1,300	18 1/2	Jan										
Repetit, Inc.	65c	65c	65c	1,300	20c	Feb										
Republic Rubber.	55c	55c	55c	700	20c	Feb										
Saguena Pup & Paper.	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	100	1 1/2	Jan										
Southern Coal & Iron.	42c	30c	44c	35,900	30 1/2	Apr										
Swift International.	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	600	17 1/2	July										
Tenn Elec Pow. com w l.	13	13	13	1,800	10	June										
2d pref. w l.	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	600	30	June										
Tenn Ry. & P com.	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	29c	1	Feb										
Tob Prod Exports Corp.	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	1,100	3	Jan										
Todd Shipyards Corp.	68 1/2	70 1/2	74 1/2	185	68 1/2	July										
United Prof Sharing new. 1	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	2,600	5	Mar										
Un Retail Stores Candy.	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	3,800	4 1/2	Jan										
U S Light & Heat com. 10	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	8,500	75c	Jan										
Preferred.	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	900	96c	Feb										
U S Ship Corp.	7c	5c	6c	9,000	4c	Mar										
U S Steamship.	7c	7c	8c	3,000	4c	June										
Wayne Coal.	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	9,000	8c	Jan										
West End Chemical.	54c	54c	57c	1,300	54c	Mar										
Willys Corp. lat pref.	30	26 1/2	30	1,700	6	Mar										
Youngstown Sheet & Tube.	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2	100	64 1/2	July										
Rights																
Lima Locomotive w l.	3	3 1/2	3 1/2													

Mining (Concluded)	Friday Last Sale Price	Week's Range of Prices		Sales for Week Shares	Range since Jan. 1.			
		Low	High		Low	High	Low	High
Unity Gold Mines	3	3 1/4	4	1,600	2 1/2	May	5 1/2	Feb
Volcano Mining		3 5/8	3 7/8	5,000	3 3/8	July	5 1/2	Mar
West Dome Consol	12 1/2	12 1/2	13 1/2	15,000	11 1/2	June	15 1/2	Apr
White Cap Mining	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 3/4	5,000	7/8	Feb	1 1/2	Mar
Wilbert Mining	100	7 1/2	7 1/2	2,000	3 1/2	Feb	9 1/2	Apr
Yerrington Consol	100	7 1/2	1 1/2	169,000	1 1/2	Jan	15 1/2	July
		3 1/2	3 1/2	2,000	2 1/2	Apr	5 1/2	May

Quotations for Sundry Securities.

All bonds prices are "and interest" except where marked "F."

Standard Oil Stocks	Par	Bid	Ask	Joint Stk. Land Bk. Bonds	99 1/2	100 1/2
Anglo-American Oil new	£1	18 1/2	19	Chic Jt Stk Land Bk 5 1/2 1930	102	103
Atlantic Refining	100	100 1/2	102 1/2	5 1/2 1931 opt 1931	102	103 1/2
Preferred	100	100	111 1/2	5 1/2 1932 opt 1932	102	103 1/2
Borneo Petroleum	100	40	41 1/2	5 1/2 1931 opt 1931	105	106
Buckeye Pipe Line Co.	100	92	93	R.R. Equipment—Per C	5 35	5 10
Chesapeake Mfr new	100	190	200	Ach Topoka & Santa Fe 4 1/2	5	5 1/2
Preferred new	100	103	111	Atlan Coast Line 8 1/2 & 6 1/2	5	5 1/2
Continental Oil	100	130	135	Baltimore & Ohio 4 1/2 & 6 1/2	5	5 1/2
Creacent Pipe Line Co.	50	53 1/2	55	Buff Roch & Pitts 4 1/2 & 4 1/2	5	5 1/2
Cumberland Pipe Line	100	135	140	Equipment 6 1/2	5	5 1/2
Eureka Pipe Line Co.	100	88	90	Canadian Pacific 4 1/2 & 6 1/2	5	5 1/2
Galena Signal Oil com.	100	101	105	Caro Cincinnati & Ohio 6 1/2	5	5 1/2
Preferred old	100	108	112	Central of Georgia 4 1/2	5	5 1/2
Preferred new	100	52	54	Central RR of N J 6 1/2	5	5 1/2
Illinois Pipe Line	100	102	105	Chesapeake & Ohio 6 1/2 & 6 1/2	5	5 1/2
Indiana Pipe Line Co.	50	52	54	Equipment 5 1/2	5	5 1/2
International Petrol (no par)	100	21	21 1/2	Chicago & Alton 6 1/2	5	5 1/2
National Transit Co.	12 1/2	26	27	Chicago Burl & Quinn 6 1/2	5	5 1/2
New York Transit Co.	100	164	168	Chicago & Eastern Ill 5 1/2	5	5 1/2
Northern Pipe Line Co.	100	97	99	Chicago Ind & Louis 4 1/2	5	5 1/2
Ohio Oil Co.	25	278	283	Chicago St Louis & N O 5 1/2	5	5 1/2
Penn Mex Fuel Co.	25	35	39	Chicago & N W 4 1/2	5	5 1/2
Prairie Oil & Gas	100	370	380	Equipment 6 1/2 & 6 1/2	5	5 1/2
Prairie Pipe Line	100	248	252	Chic R I & Pac 4 1/2, 6 1/2, 6 1/2	5	5 1/2
Solar Refining	100	340	350	Colorado & Southern 6 1/2	5	5 1/2
Southern Pipe Line Co.	100	210	220	Delaware & Hudson 6 1/2	5	5 1/2
South Penn Oil	100	60	64	Erie 4 1/2, 5 1/2 & 6 1/2	5	5 1/2
Southwest Pa Pipe Lines	100	103	104	Great Northern 6 1/2	5	5 1/2
Standard Oil (California) 25	103	104	104	Hocking Valley 4 1/2, 5 1/2 & 6 1/2	5	5 1/2
Standard Oil (Indiana)	25	107	107 1/2	Illinois Central 4 1/2, 5 1/2 & 6 1/2	5	5 1/2
Standard Oil (Kansas)	100	535	545	Equipment 7 1/2 & 6 1/2	5	5 1/2
Standard Oil (Kentucky) 25	103 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	Kanawha & Mich 4 1/2, 6 1/2	5	5 1/2
Standard Oil (Nebraska) 100	174	185	185	Louisville & Nashville 100	5	5 1/2
Standard Oil of New Jer.	25	150	182	Equipment 6 1/2 & 6 1/2	5	5 1/2
Preferred	100	110 1/2	117 1/2	Michigan Central 5 1/2, 6 1/2	5	5 1/2
Standard Oil of New York	100	419	422	Minn St P & S M 4 1/2 & 6 1/2	5	5 1/2
Standard Oil (Ohio)	100	450	450	Equipment 6 1/2 & 7 1/2	5	5 1/2
Preferred	100	32	35	Missouri Kansas & Texas 6 1/2	5	5 1/2
Swan & Finch	100	98	100	Missouri Pacific 6 1/2	5	5 1/2
Union Trust & Car Co.	100	98	100	Equipment 6 1/2 & 6 1/2	5	5 1/2
Preferred	100	106 1/2	107	Mobile & Ohio 4 1/2, 5 1/2	5	5 1/2
Vacuum Oil	100	418	422	New York Central 4 1/2, 5 1/2, 6 1/2	5	5 1/2
Washington Oil	10	24	28	Equipment 6 1/2 & 7 1/2	5	5 1/2

* Per share. † Basis. ‡ Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. § New stock. ¶ Flat price. † Last sale. ‡ Nominal. † Ex-rights. ‡ Ex-stock div.

RAILROAD GROSS EARNINGS

The following table shows the gross earnings of various STEAM roads from which regular weekly or monthly returns can be obtained. The first two columns of figures give the gross earnings for the latest week or month, and the last two columns the earnings for the period from Jan. 1 to and including the latest week or month. *The returns of electric railways are brought together separately on a subsequent page.*

ROADS.	Latest Gross Earnings.					ROADS.	Latest Gross Earnings.				
	Week or Month.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Jan. 1 to Latest Date.			Week or Month.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Jan. 1 to Latest Date.	
				Current Year.	Previous Year.					Current Year.	Previous Year.
Alabama & Vicksb.	May	290,679	256,912	1,293,355	1,351,012	Mississippi Central.	May	130,188	80,808	610,530	416,216
Amer Ry Express...	March	13128426	18023397	38,791,889	52,710,529	Mo & North Arkan.	March	87,810	56,734	1,484	291,750
Akr Canton & Young	May	199,826	129,296	872,766	513,747	Missouri Kan & Tex	May	2,760,426	2,616,071	11,951,866	13,324,026
Anr Arbor	1st wk July	93,010	93,506	2,498,624	2,390,109	Mo K & T Ryof Tex	May	1,738,838	2,037,178	8,191,958	1,182,314
Atech Pot & S Fe.	May	1,507,948	1,521,955	67,877,744	74,349,902	Total system	May	4,596,616	4,826,529	20,722,103	25,488,740
Gulf Colo & S Fe.	May	1,653,075	2,453,118	8,101,658	11,573,277	Missouri Pacific	May	8,633,943	8,651,373	39,861,400	43,816,572
Panhandle S Fe.	May	599,999	601,242	2,896,345	3,395,741	Mobile & Ohio	2d wk July	311,159	273,758	9,069,676	9,775,003
Atlanta Birm & Atl.	May	330,541	238,127	1,530,329	1,228,284	Colum & Greens.	May	125,834	112,117	588,745	673,554
Atlanta & West Pt.	May	206,079	217,584	939,869	1,058,711	Monongahela	May	89,141	292,219	1,601,032	1,517,634
Atlantic City	May	363,956	414,921	1,407,375	1,416,444	Monongahela Comm.	May	179,539	61,690	67,556	218,296
Atlantic Coast Line	May	6,380,035	5,375,820	31,524,644	31,776,932	Lake Erie & West	May	20,218	215,924	326,204	659,423
Baltimore & Ohio	May	16,901,625	15,724,930	61,565,197	65,034,059	Nashv Chatt & St L	May	1,880,691	1,649,928	8,391,524	8,483,591
B & O Ch Term.	May	270,654	193,483	1,187,211	1,013,214	Nevada-Cal-Oregon	1st wk July	6,770	9,227	125,050	158,633
Bangor & Aroostook	May	821,001	533,948	3,925,715	3,337,177	Nevada Northern	May	47,676	16,530	140,072	193,297
Bellefonte Central	March	8,283	6,874	21,856	20,949	Newburgh & Sou Sh	May	206,639	82,841	818,608	549,167
Belt Ry of Chicago	May	482,697	415,301	2,388,946	2,046,206	New Or Great Nor.	May	215,607	195,393	1,053,495	1,043,243
Bessemer & L Erie	May	585,270	1,162,699	3,275,607	4,271,276	N O Texas & Mex	May	231,402	182,138	1,121,182	1,175,650
Bingham & Garfield	May	15,071	12,865	58,755	95,070	Beum S L & W	May	165,180	139,544	867,156	974,026
Boston & Maine	May	6,454,487	6,277,762	31,325,380	30,708,909	St L Browns & M	May	406,793	452,222	2,285,819	2,604,225
Bklyn E D Term.	May	129,672	109,881	669,697	564,964	New York Central	May	265,2625	2,602,004	12,900,575	12,971,139
Buff Roch & Pltshb.	2d wk July	199,655	259,326	7,066,578	8,197,478	Ind Harbor Belt	May	810,039	712,299	3,816,433	3,680,431
Buffalo & Susq.	May	60,098	163,980	683,125	905,438	Lake Erie & West	May	827,817	750,577	3,752,016	6,679,842
Canadian Nat Ry.	2d wk July	2,096,455	1,670,984	55,820,433	62,375,296	Michigan Central	May	6,740,064	5,885,226	3,213,621	28,152,700
Canadian Pacific	2d wk July	3,185,000	3,397,000	80,352,000	85,665,000	Clev C C & St L	May	7,102,263	6,647,935	33,215,768	32,650,879
Caro Clinch & Ohio	May	671,786	601,212	3,164,035	2,972,636	Cincinnati North	May	251,441	302,513	1,432,557	1,384,618
Central of Georgia	May	1,859,850	1,789,188	8,754,902	9,191,250	Pitts & Lake Erie	May	1,905,271	2,024,394	9,739,033	10,720,434
Central RR of N J.	May	3,429,173	4,194,258	19,756,575	20,722,098	Tol & Ohio Cent.	May	358,915	907,086	3,283,361	4,071,579
Cent New England	May	523,019	621,086	3,052,572	3,425,293	Kanawha & Mich	May	191,923	456,080	1,356,703	1,822,621
Central Vermont	May	588,448	558,816	2,626,195	2,553,601	N Y Chic & St Louis	May	2,512,529	2,192,423	11,615,691	9,911,060
Charleston & W Car	May	305,538	272,113	1,452,751	1,459,297	N Y Connecting	May	201,380	282,554	1,181,399	1,453,249
Ches & Ohio Lines	May	7,057,318	8,017,998	35,302,745	33,318,434	N Y N H & Hartf.	May	104,238,949	123,486	47,897,890	45,282,315
Chicago & Alton	May	2,136,783	2,455,399	11,826,590	11,886,994	N Y Ont & Western	May	887,320	1,205,911	4,702,903	5,186,229
Chicago & Quincy	May	12,401,625	12,524,930	61,565,197	65,034,059	N Y Susq & West	May	301,612	331,230	1,650,808	1,698,449
Chicago & East Ill.	May	1,848,545	1,983,644	9,892,732	10,748,971	Norfolk Southern	May	719,969	506,554	3,447,267	4,328,244
Chicago Great West	May	1,978,569	1,934,209	9,284,854	9,655,293	Norfolk & Western	May	8,994,145	6,613,062	36,538,260	32,141,062
Chic Ind & Louisv.	May	1,352,925	1,241,420	6,399,265	6,026,550	Northern Pacific	May	7,378,960	7,037,078	33,621,547	33,018,536
Chicago Junction	May	292,669	409,419	2,045,955	2,042,576	Northwestern Pac.	May	692,495	730,617	2,838,227	2,856,220
Chic Milw & St Paul	May	12,249,791	11,059,949	57,643,221	55,416,579	Peoria RR & Co.	May	406,348	407,340	1,990,081	2,053,167
Chic & North West	May	11,758,933	10,365,928	53,995,307	55,742,173	Balt Ches & Atl.	May	144,443	127,075	518,792	562,323
Chic Peoria & St L.	May	199,355	140,218	965,092	796,030	Cinc Leb & Nor.	May	99,996	91,191	419,029	436,361
Chic River & Ind.	May	197,269	101,899	455,199,924	51,206,501	Grand Rap & Ind	May	705,424	682,222	3,413,207	3,468,370
Chic R I & Pac.	May	9,632,950	10,189,563	45,319,924	51,206,501	Long Island	May	2,666,564	2,472,347	11,047,338	9,674,357
Chic R I & Gulf	May	422,592	622,978	2,199,791	2,922,076	Mary Del & Va.	May	95,417	103,031	375,846	426,663
Chic St P M & Om.	May	2,206,981	1,926,903	10,589,018	10,961,450	N Y Phila & Norf	May	699,532	641,052	2,823,543	2,451,257
Cinc Ind & Western	May	358,479	293,298	1,666,847	1,498,942	Tol Peoria & West	May	137,873	127,824	4,635,512	6,096,966
Colo & Southern	2d wk July	461,217	531,025	11,983,350	13,346,854	W Jersey & Sash	May	1,080,886	1,071,097	4,635,478	4,328,045
Ft W & Den City	May	754,789	822,903	3,577,494	4,449,402	Pitts C C & St L.	May	8,642,305	7,598,924	38,610,668	40,328,247
Trin & Brazos Val	May	164,761	218,327	1,440,273	1,068,712	Pennsylvania Syst.	May	5,521,004	5,823,287	26,710,638	26,028,317
Wichita Valley	May	88,317	100,439	481,668	684,537	Peoria & Pekin Un.	May	130,617	121,480	781,207	705,493
Cumb Val & Martin	May	47,739	135,268	393,107	585,061	Pere Marquette	May	3,400,302	3,089,445	14,902,983	13,901,395
Delaware & Hudson	May	2,483,720	3,682,979	16,570,412	18,687,649	Perkiomen	May	101,245	90,261	463,350	541,102
Del Lack & Western	May	5,516,145	7,294,703	30,381,541	34,713,853	Phila & Reading	May	5,335,108	7,009,505	32,586,628	35,106,724
Deny & Rio Grande	May	2,424,266	2,390,573	11,718,984	12,380,259	Pitts & Shawmut	May	38,911	81,552	454,722	535,359
Denver & Salt Lake	May	36,748	200,427	613,860	863,171	Pitts Shaw & North	May	72,625	100,064	451,477	499,528
Detroit & Mackinac	May	154,726	170,364	629,776	739,432	Pitts West Va.	May	292,556	230,149	1,162,800	1,049,336
Detroit Td & Iron	May	589,503	651,663	3,673,291	2,077,291	Port Reading	May	83,350	260,375	906,333	1,048,969
Det & Tol Shore L.	May	258,639	299,194	1,499,104	1,981,403	Quincy Om & K C.	May	102,831	103,894	431,814	519,118
Dul & Iron Range	May	362,132	541,397	859,399	1,426,728	Rich Fred & Potom.	May	1,010,806	859,994	4,271,005	4,905,131
Dul Missab & Nor.	May	600,500	1,618,783	1,165,680	2,603,579	Rutland	May	461,728	481,388	2,231,914	2,552,181
Dul Sou Shore & Atl.	2d wk July	100,594	81,279	2,223,552	2,423,543	St Jos & Grand Isl'd	May	270,306	242,167	1,270,701	1,354,332
Duluth Winn & Pac	May	151,357	140,391	777,555	1,271,412	St Louis-San Fran.	May	7,228,542	6,343,976	31,853,830	33,544,308
East St Louis Conn.	May	179,640	130,713	837,789	682,602	Ft W & Rio Grand	May	96,256	145,782	490,628	787,322
Eastern SS Lines	May	480,800	416,136	1,885,195	1,259,123	St L-S of Texas	May	132,187	131,122	639,337	701,646
Elgin Joliet & East.	May	1,925,601	1,366,269	8,775,390	9,103,222	St Louis Southwest	May	1,404,548	1,406,062	6,901,604	6,943,902
El Paso & Sou West	May	870,370	800,257	4,143,356	4,977,296	St Louis S W of Tex	May	579,131	569,532	2,803,441	3,010,126
Erie Railroad	May	7,035,924	8,471,807	37,523,430	41,484,189	Total system	2d wk July	393,558	464,482	2,426,811	13,092,237
Ch Det Can O T & W	May	974,823	1,011,907	4,589,274	4,576,774	St Louis Trans.	May	62,820	90,108	308,119	478,015
Det G H & Milw.	May	276,556	181,942	9,696,384	9,515,890	St Louis & Aran Pass	May	461,554	490,636	2,067,602	2,288,951
Grand Trk West	May	1,286,828	1,299,998	5,660,110	5,515,890	San Ant Uvalde & G	May	102,831	131,452	445,458	522,544
Great North System	May	7,692,262	7,315,244	33,487,954	33,245,184	Seaboard Air Line	May	3,889,589	3,369,369	18,826,808	19,121,500
Green Bay & West.	May	110,558	101,684	561,655	583,832	Southern Pacific Co	May	21,223,915	21,345,216	97,230,121	107,204,136
Gulf Mobile & Nor.	May	413,753	328,828	1,841,545	1,743,309	Southern Pacific	May	14,939,706	15,933,884	66,464,936	74,835,559
Gulf & Ship Island	May	267,859	235,711	1,178,676	1,166,211	Atlantic SS Lines	May	959,186	707,256	4,752,101	4,387,840
Hocking Valley	May	1,019,599	1,302,739	5,172,392	4,860,010	Arizona Eastern	May	328,158	196,990	1,213,049	1,406,268
Illinois Central	May	12,081,678	11,018,806	57,417,376	57,472,152	Galv Harris & S A	May	1,787,795	1,862,578	8,649,729	10,989,945</

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the fourth week of June. The table covers 16 roads and shows 1.61% decrease in the aggregate from the same week last year.

Fourth week of June.	1922.	1921.	Increase.	Decrease.
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh.	199,655	259,526	—	59,871
Canadian National Rys.	2,096,455	2,106,384	—	10,929
Canadian Pacific.	3,185,000	3,397,000	—	212,000
Colorado & Southern.	461,217	531,025	—	69,808
Duluth South Shore & Atlantic.	100,594	81,279	19,315	—
Grand Trunk of Canada.	—	—	—	—
Grand Trunk Western.	2,167,649	1,998,504	169,145	—
Detroit Grand Hav & Milw.	—	—	—	—
Canada Atlantic.	—	—	—	—
Mineral Range.	6,129	2,199	3,930	—
Minneapolis & St. Louis.	302,776	331,714	—	28,938
Iowa Central.	—	—	—	—
Mobile & Ohio.	311,159	273,758	37,401	—
St. Louis Southwestern.	393,558	464,482	—	70,924
Southern Railway.	3,137,869	3,025,314	112,555	—
Texas & Pacific.	518,044	619,017	—	100,973
Total (16 roads).	12,880,105	13,090,802	342,346	553,043
Net decrease (1.61%).	—	—	—	210,697

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:

	Gross from Railway	Net from Railway	Net after Taxes	
1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.	
Fonda Johnstown & Gloversville.	101,380	109,747	36,873	37,317
June	884,008	667,413	282,218	217,293
From Jan 1	—	—	—	—
Kansas City Southern System.	1,701,563	1,780,800	446,941	435,783
June	9,710,377	11,056,319	2,448,408	2,911,672
From Jan 1	—	—	—	—

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PUBLIC UTILITY CO'S.

Name of Road or Company.	Latest Gross Earnings.		Jan. 1 to Latest Date.	
	Month.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.
Adirondack Pow & Lt.	June	433,733	351,185	2,650,175
Alabama Power & Lt.	June	445,707	351,253	2,338,591
Amer Power & Light.	May	1950,176	1949,116	24,458,298
American Rys Co.	March	1587,888	1598,785	4,717,101
Appalachian Pow Co.	June	246,088	213,190	1,428,249
Arkansas Lt & Power.	May	72,105	66,676	1,099,813
Asheville Pow & Light.	May	74,271	69,890	869,235
Associated Gas & Elec.	May	153,365	136,617	1,932,192
Atlantic Shore Ry.	March	20,259	20,715	58,997
Bangor Ry. & Elec.	May	11,211	108,351	601,859
Barcelona Tr. Lt. & P.	May	3654,917	2862,358	18,897,507
Baton Rouge Electric.	May	46,525	48,328	562,839
Beaver Valley Trac.	May	54,641	57,018	262,461
Binghamton Lt H & P.	May	76,699	67,560	963,238
Blackstone Val G & E.	May	310,460	280,530	3,866,231
Brazilian Tr. Lt. & P.	May	16093000	14462000	76,249,000
Bklyn Rapid Transit.	May	3147,921	2918,105	31,526,837
Bklyn City RR (Reel).	May	1086,412	1022,204	10,802,849
Bklyn Hts (Reel).	April	7,577	6,193	28,248
Bklyn Qu Co & Sub.	April	221,399	207,624	855,141
Coney Isl d & Bklyn.	April	225,481	217,165	830,167
Coney Isl d & Bklyn.	April	6,366	5,996	29,379
Nassau Electric.	April	419,900	350,849	1,586,371
N Y Consolidated.	April	1976,669	1,879,822	7,658,723
South Brooklyn.	April	85,877	68,617	319,171
Cape Breton Elec Co.	May	48,051	52,551	672,629
Carolina Pow & Light.	May	154,683	134,179	1,766,855
Central Illinois Lt.	May	222,766	210,222	1,274,875
Central Miss Val Elec.	May	42,971	42,084	532,934
Chattanooga Rys & Lt.	May	125,931	111,845	1,461,798
City Gas Co. Norfolk.	March	85,251	88,443	265,350
Cities Service Co.	May	1435,322	1,198,110	6,808,155
Citizens Trac & Subs.	May	78,385	76,110	395,520
Cleveland Paines & E.	May	60,148	66,142	271,950
Colorado Power.	May	82,681	80,195	963,839
Columbia Gas & Elec.	June	1299,155	1059,518	9,485,184
Columbus Electric.	May	154,506	139,348	1,883,977
Com'w'th P. Ry. & Lt.	May	2604,292	2558,384	13,321,507
Connecticut Power.	May	140,549	116,789	1,590,942
Consumers Power Co.	May	1176,022	1130,024	6,072,579
Cumb Co Pow & Lt.	May	295,084	246,130	2,559,084
Dayton Pow & Light.	May	328,077	326,643	1,876,293
Detroit Edison Co.	June	1964,358	1728,216	12,876,744
Duluth Superior Trac.	May	1758,129	2084,106	4,990,090
Duquesne Lt Co subs.	May	139,685	146,940	712,088
Light and power cos.	May	1293,773	1301,904	6,914,744
East St Louis & Sub.	May	277,919	308,148	3,665,903
Eastern Shore Gas & El.	May	43,795	40,347	309,092
Eastern Texas Elec.	May	151,202	142,502	1,660,523
Edison El Ill of Brock.	May	104,965	103,151	1,306,705
El Paso Electric.	May	189,919	194,255	2,293,622
Elec L & Pow of Abington & Rockland.	May	27,245	25,638	360,026
Erie Lt Co & sub.	May	81,819	75,311	469,885
Fall River Gas Works.	May	84,838	84,648	1,005,410
Federal Lt & Trac Co.	May	386,685	377,659	2,112,066
Fort Worth Pow & Lt.	May	192,982	207,049	1,013,136
Galv Hous Electric.	May	296,261	318,013	3,487,994
Gen G & El & Sub Cos.	May	941,077	911,699	4,924,948
Georgia Ry & Power.	May	1178,757	1174,921	1,451,349
Great Western Power.	May	636,517	591,093	410,621
Harrisburg Railway.	March	140,450	144,350	422,658
Havana El Ry, Lt & P.	May	1087,916	1100,117	5,459,542
Haverhill Gas Lt Co.	May	82,006	80,334	337,080
Honolulu R T & Land.	May	40,340	37,669	549,172
Honolulu Co El Lt.	May	928,071	881,451	4,618,889
Hudson & Manhattan.	May	106,565	86,452	508,168
Hunting N Dev & Gas.	May	221,915	199,634	909,268
Idaho Power Co.	May	153,759	175,550	979,210
Illinois Traction.	May	1763,198	1761,290	9,353,546
Indiana Service Corp.	April	240,239	240,363	982,065
Interboro R T System.	May	4702,854	4730,491	49,921,837
Keokuk Electric.	May	30,007	30,405	380,569
Kentucky Trac & Ter.	May	139,243	131,166	1,602,672
Key West Elec Co.	May	19,350	21,867	820,138
Lake Shore Elec Ry.	May	204,510	220,821	938,974
Lexington Utl & Ice.	April	91,714	87,098	1,109,127
Long Island Electric.	April	31,194	28,142	109,136
Lowell Elec Lt Corp.	May	49,065	92,258	1,220,546
Manhat Bds 3d Line.	April	25,061	21,557	92,235
Manhattan & Queens.	April	31,717	28,240	111,793
Manila Electric Corp.	March	284,315	298,158	—
Market Street Ry.	May	814,208	—	3,861,246
Metropolitan Edison.	May	207,116	215,019	1,162,947
Milw El Ry & Light.	May	1524,296	1508,014	18,586,641
Miss River Power Co.	May	261,902	293,222	2,798,934

Name of Road or Company.	Month.	Latest Gross Earnings.		Jan. 1 to Latest Date.	
		Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Municipal Serv & sub.	May	213,889	194,809	1,089,643	1,050,053
Nashville Ry & Lt Co.	May	337,146	321,392	1,707,447	1,604,767
Nebraska Power Co.	May	281,740	235,900	1,400,315	1,310,291
Nevada Calif Electric.	May	281,095	232,714	1,229,560	1,222,024
New Eng Pow Sys.	May	432,796	423,504	2,283,755	2,159,655
N J Pr & Lt Sub Cos.	May	51,280	36,175	288,160	185,564
N p't N & Hamp Ry.	April	160,835	213,558	645,456	806,642
New York Dock Co.	May	372,770	459,240	1,671,190	2,442,985
N Y & Harlem.	April	139,787	154,376	535,531	582,810
N Y & Long Island.	April	48,765	46,722	176,509	169,492
N Y & Queens Co.	April	115,213	102,477	430,998	382,333
N Y Railways.	April	739,009	794,644	2,948,918	3,054,654
8 Eighth Avenue RR.	April	105,282	104,119	395,462	381,864
9 Ninth Avenue RR.	April	43,261	47,891	174,850	177,898
Nor Caro Public Serv.	April	98,862	94,094	407,619	372,418
Northern Ohio Elec.	May	768,523	631,147	3,698,030	371,236
Northern Ohio Ry & P.	May	38,345	36,937	167,479	177,098
Northern Texas Elec.	May	246,164	303,362	3,254,246	3,936,682
Ocean Electric.	April	20,566	15,505	64,732	48,993
Pacific Pow & Lt Co.	May	237,784	230,559	1,177,019	1,131,517
Paducah Electric.	May	43,317	41,149	538,767	559,480
Palmetto Pow & Light.	May	47,857	44,194	376,566	362,190
Penn Cent Lt & P&sub.	May	185,215	185,353	1,015,262	976,891
Penn Edis & Sub Cos.	May	186,552	183,518	1,044,834	1,025,308
Philadelphia Co and Philadelp.	May	1133,112	758,376	6,353,871	5,619,177
Philadelphia Oil Co.	May	54,176	94,019	408,553	598,230
Phila & Western.	June	67,995	67,911	390,319	390,181
Phila Rapid Transit.	June	3525,734	3566,337	21,118,783	21,544,034
Pine Bluff Co.	May	53,611	51,672	293,011	290,264
Portland Gas & Coke.	May	270,025	294,360	1,441,908	1,609,304
Portland Ry, Lt & P.	May	851,305	830,907	9,887,392	10,094,477
Puget Sd Power & Lt.	May	535,274	799,785	1,010,783	1,018,901
Read Tr & Lt Co & Sub.	May	253,368	261,880	1,196,946	1,225,154
Republic Ry & Lt Co.	May	632,436	602,005	3,190,368	3,283,590
Richmond El & RR.	April	60,652	67,269	234,281	250,121
Ridgely Tr & P.	May	48,326	43,707	561,218	586,478
Sandusky Gas & El.	May	65,043	55,075	346,049	319,610
Savannah El & Pow.	May	132,491	—	668,843	—
Sayre Electric Co.	May	13,802	13,594	79,318	82,917
Second Avenue.	April	82,003	78,365	304,001	281,159
17th St Incl Plane.	May	3,454	3,979	14,835	16,534
Sierra Pacific Co.	May	72,500	74,537	894,022	862,651

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Electric Railway and Other Public Utility Net Earnings.—The following table gives the returns of ELECTRIC railway and other public utility gross and net earnings with charges and surplus reported this week:

Companies.	Month.	Gross Earnings.		Net Earnings.	
		Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Alabama Power Co.	June	445,707	351,253	240,347	186,034
July 1 '21 to June 30 '22.		4,831,347	4,472,575	2,510,864	2,251,617
		Gross Earnings.	Net after Taxes.	Fixed Charges.	Balance Surplus.
Adirondack Pow & June	'22	433,733	142,792	85,789	57,008
Light Corp	'21	351,185	54,034	73,620	39,586
12 mos ending June	'22	5,185,893	1,502,160	1,000,632	501,528
	'21	4,797,882	1,333,331	877,781	455,550
Appalachian Power June	'22	246,088	212,967	51,463	74,504
Co	'21	213,190	284,687	56,137	28,550
12 mos ending June	'22	2,722,899	1,309,737		

New York Street Railways.

Companies.	Gross Earnings		Net Earnings	
	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
aBklyn Hgts RR (Rec) Apr	7,577	6,193	928	-653
Jan 1 to Apr 30	28,248	24,281	-843	-3,523
Bklyn Qu Co & Sub (Rec) Apr	78,687	38,381	221,339	207,624
Jan 1 to Apr 30	202,941	65,078	835,141	636,086
Coney Isl & Bklyn (Rec) Apr	225,481	217,165	72,451	49,359
Jan 1 to Apr 30	840,167	794,154	231,062	90,712
Coney Isl & Gravesend Apr	6,366	5,996	500	-888
Jan 1 to Apr 30	20,379	19,926	-6,583	-7,527
Nassau Electric (Rec) Apr	419,900	350,849	131,043	58,349
Jan 1 to Apr 30	1,586,371	1,493,968	395,711	126,063
N Y Consolidated (Rec) Apr	1,976,669	1,873,082	567,507	426,366
Jan 1 to Apr 30	7,658,723	7,190,089	2,066,647	1,392,977
South Brooklyn Apr	85,872	68,617	24,182	12,886
Jan 1 to Apr 30	319,171	279,414	110,450	65,994
bN Y Railways (Rec) Apr	759,090	794,644	23,178	-11,891
Jan 1 to Apr 30	2,918,918	3,054,654	21,016	-121,160
bEighth Avenue RR Apr	105,282	104,119	9,694	-5,824
Jan 1 to Apr 30	395,462	381,856	-47,506	-64,783
bNinth Avenue RR Apr	43,261	47,891	-8,480	-1,448
Jan 1 to Apr 30	174,850	177,898	-54,394	-33,752
Interboro Rap Tran System				
Subway Division Apr	3,029,148	3,016,210	1,262,042	1,131,374
Jan 1 to Apr 30	10,984,544	12,275,672	5,063,788	4,634,969
Elevated Division Apr	1,601,194	1,708,705	493,144	359,776
Jan 1 to Apr 30	6,168,070	6,668,981	1,564,489	1,181,405
Manhat Bdge 3c Line Apr	25,064	24,557	3,783	2,783
Jan 1 to Apr 30	92,235	93,690	4,987	5,880
Second Ave Ry (Rec) Apr	82,003	78,365	-2,220	-4,906
Jan 1 to Apr 30	304,001	281,159	-35,392	-52,250
N Y & Queens County Apr	115,213	102,477	-1,083	-34,340
Jan 1 to Apr 30	430,998	382,333	-39,235	-133,280
Long Island Electric Apr	31,194	28,142	4,186	676
Jan 1 to Apr 30	109,136	97,487	2,586	-17,219
N Y & Long Island Apr	48,765	46,722	-6,149	-10,193
Jan 1 to Apr 30	170,500	169,492	-49,157	-46,790
Ocean Electric Apr	20,566	15,505	756	2,194
Jan 1 to Apr 30	64,732	48,993	-5,270	658
Manhat & Queens (Rec) Apr	31,717	28,240	7,265	2,589
Jan 1 to Apr 30	111,793	102,920	13,343	4,385
NY & Harlem (City Line) Apr	139,787	154,376	16,444	20,659
Jan 1 to Apr 30	535,531	582,810	61,494	66,276
Richmond Lt & RR (Rec) Apr	60,052	62,269	-2,005	-12,904
Jan 1 to Apr 30	234,281	250,121	-43,003	-51,993

Note.—All the above net earnings are after deducting taxes.
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FINANCIAL REPORTS.

Colorado & Southern Railway Co.

(23d Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1921.)

This company is controlled by the Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR. by ownership of \$23,657,500 of the \$31,000,000 Common stock, and the corporate income statement for the years 1920 and 1921 taken from the report of that company was given in "Chronicle" of June 3, p. 2468.

President Hale Holden, Chicago, Jan. 2, said in substance:

Final Settlement With U. S. Govt.—On Nov. 30 1921 these companies effected a final settlement with the Director-General of Railroads accepting as final payment for:

Colorado & Southern Ry. and Wichita Valley Ry.	\$1,775,000
Fort Worth & Denver City Ry.	725,000

After applying these sums to the credit of the U. S. RR. Administration on the books of the companies and closing out the open accounts affected, the following credit balances remain unapplied:

Colorado & Southern Ry.	\$1,093,657
Fort Worth & Denver City Ry.	914,509

and were credited to "misc. credits profit and loss" in the current year.
 Guaranty Period.—Final settlements have not yet been made with the I. S. C. Commission under the provisions of Section 209 and Section 212 of the Transportation Act, 1920, commonly called the "Guaranty period."

Valuation.—Valuation of common carrier property on these lines has progressed throughout the year and the field work is now practically completed. Total amount expended by these lines to Dec. 31 1921, \$560,300.

Results.—Operating results for the year compared with those of the previous twelve months show the following:

	Oper. Rev. Decrease.	Oper. Exp. Decrease.	Change in Oper. Rev.
The Colo. & Southern Ry Co.	\$3,000,734	\$2,048,616	+\$952,118
Fort Worth & Denver City Ry. Co.	1,814,290	3,985,067	-2,170,776
Wichita Valley Ry. Co.	115,035	354,049	-239,014

Percentages of Oper. Rev. Required for Oper. Exp.—

Colorado & Southern Ry	79.59%	77.49%
Fort Worth & Denver City Ry	66.27%	87.44%
Wichita Valley Ry	63.72%	78.99%

Funded Debt.—During the year the following changes have been made in the long-term debt of these companies:

(1) Colorado & Southern Ry.—Note No. 1, Equipment Trust agreement No. 19, \$70,000.

(2) Fort Worth & Denver City Ry.—15 1/2% notes, \$16,700 each, were issued under Equipment Trust agreement dated Jan. 15 1920 between the Director-General of RR. and company for 5 light Pacific locomotives with tenders, numbers 551-555. Total notes issued, \$250,500.

Note No. 1, Equipment Trust agreement No. 20, \$17,200; Note No. 16, Equipment Trust agreement No. 20, \$16,700; deferred rentals under Equipment Trust agreement, Series "C," \$112,000.

The First Mortgage, also the 6% bonds thereunder, dated Dec. 29 1881, maturing Dec. 1 1921, were extended to mature Dec. 1 1961, the extended bonds to bear interest at rate of 5 1/2% per annum.

Improvements.—For the physical improvements and developments of the system, the following sums have been expended:

Improvements, &c., in 1920	Colo. & So.	F. W. & D. C.	Wich. Val.	Total
Total	\$428,750	\$339,642	\$51,055	\$819,447
Less equipment retired	303,972	32,409	14,225	350,606

Equipment.—Arrangements were made during the year for the purchase of the following equipment, to be delivered in 1922: 5 Santa Fe type freight locomotives, 3 Pacific type passenger locomotives, 6 all steel passenger coaches, 5 all steel combination baggage and mail cars, 5 all steel baggage cars, 1 all steel dining car, 200 30-ton capacity steel underframe refrigerator cars, 1,000 50-ton capacity all steel drop door gondola cars, 1 Jordan ditcher and spreader. Also the application of steel underframes steel ends and electrical lighting equipment to 17 passenger coaches and 4 dining cars.

Wichita Valley Lines.—Application has been made and the I. S. C. Commission has issued a certificate of convenience and necessity for the extension of the line from Byers, Tex., to Waurika, Okla., approximately 13.3 miles, including a pile trestle bridge across the Red River. Right-of-way has been secured and contracts will be let in 1922. The cost will be financed by Colorado & Southern Ry.

Denver & Interurban RR.—The property was operated by a receiver from June 12 1918 to June 30 1921, when operation was resumed by the company. Arrangements were made during the year for discontinuance of operation over the tracks of the Denver City Tramway through the city streets, and agreements entered into for the joint use of certain tracks of the C. & S. and the C. B. & Q. with overhead electrical equipment, so that cars may be operated into the C. & S. coach yard. Arrangements have also been made for the use of Denver Union Terminal Ry. waiting room, ticket office, concourse and subways for accommodation of passengers and for access to the new interurban station. These arrangements will be completed early in 1922.

Colorado Springs & Cripple Creek District Ry.—This property has remained in the possession of the receiver during the entire year, but has not been operated. No plan of reorganization has been developed and it is expected that the property will be sold under decree of foreclosure during the coming year. Outstanding claims and bonds are in excess of the total value of the property. The entire capital stock, which is owned by the Colo. & Southern Ry., is, therefore, determined to be worthless and has been written off and charged to profit and loss.

Trinity & Brazos Valley Ry.—This property has remained in possession of a receiver during the entire year. Owing to the bringing in of the Mexia oil field and to the good management of the receiver, a distinct improvement has been shown in the gross and net operating results.

OPERATING STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Revenue freight (tons)	4,753,055	6,789,747	5,697,261	7,021,428
Rev. freight (cont. miles) 620,377,330	\$82,016,336	\$05,616,645	\$05,697,059	\$05,697,059
Av. ft. rev. per train mi.	\$4.16	\$8.85	\$1.75	\$4.66
Av. rev. per ton of freight	\$2.082	\$1.77	\$1.70	\$1.44
Passengers carried	807,085	1,146,221	1,103,450	933,864
Pass. carried per mile	63,864,868	95,127,825	86,760,584	68,920,788
Av. pass. rev. per tr. mile	\$2.29	\$2.56	\$2.28	\$1.97
Avg. rev. per passenger	\$2.97	\$2.64	\$2.28	\$2.16

OPERATING STATEMENT OF COLORADO & SOUTHERN RAILWAY (1,099 MILES) FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

[Road operated by U. S. RR. Admin. from Jan. 1 1918 to Feb. 29 1920, with guaranty to Aug. 31 1920.]

	Federal	Combined	Corporate	
	1918.	1919.	1920.	
Operating Revenues				
Freight	\$10,114,942	\$9,701,857	\$11,934,164	
Passenger	2,010,673	2,510,935	3,023,812	
Mail, express, &c.	813,073	763,852	1,265,978	
Total oper. revenues	\$12,942,688	\$12,976,644	\$16,223,954	
Maint. of way & struc.	\$1,483,217	\$2,092,587	\$2,587,479	
Maint. of equipment	2,899,036	3,108,389	3,427,673	
Traffic	99,141	104,019	145,867	
Transportation	4,539,092	4,855,575	5,678,460	
General	441,604	462,155	609,599	
Miscellaneous	60,749	88,792	123,429	
Operating expenses	\$9,522,898	\$10,711,517	\$12,672,507	
Net revenue	\$3,424,789	\$2,265,127	\$3,651,447	
Tax accruals, &c.	609,035	572,220	882,921	
Operating income	\$2,815,754	\$1,692,906	\$2,768,526	
Non-Operating Income				
Rent from equip.	\$284,720	Joint facility rent income, \$30,671; rent income, \$24,560; income from lease of road, \$34,873; dividend income, \$915,893; income from funded securities, \$620,988; from unfunded securities & accounts, \$386,259; miscell. income, Dr. \$1,779; total	\$2,768,526	\$1,932,714
Gross income			\$4,212,266	
Deduct—Hire of freight cars (dr. bal.), \$48,056; rent for equip., \$153,184; joint facility rents, \$93,071; rent for leased roads, \$112,236; miscell., \$6,362; interest on funded and unfunded debt, \$2,139,128; amortization, &c., \$80,074; total			2,662,111	
Net income			\$1,550,156	
Dividends—1st Pref. stock (4%), \$340,000; 2d Pref. stock (4%), \$340,000; total			680,000	
Income balance transferred to profit and loss			\$870,156	
x January and February Federal operations; March-August, guaranty period; September-December corporate operation.				

Operating income—\$2,815,754; \$1,692,906; \$2,768,526; \$1,932,714
 Non-Operating Income—Rent from equip., \$284,720; joint facility rent income, \$30,671; rent income, \$24,560; income from lease of road, \$34,873; dividend income, \$915,893; income from funded securities, \$620,988; from unfunded securities & accounts, \$386,259; miscell. income, Dr. \$1,779; total, 2,279,552

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 x January and February Federal operations; March-August, guaranty period; September-December corporate operation.

OPERATING STATEMENT OF FORT WORTH & DENVER CITY RY. (454 MILES) FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

[Road operated by U. S. RR. Admin. from Jan. 1 1918 to Feb. 29 1920, with guaranty to Aug. 31 1920.]

	Federal	Combined	Corporate
	1918.	1919.	1920.
Freight revenue	\$5,611,412	\$7,112,886	\$8,337,901
Passenger revenue	1,987,611	3,615,777	4,083,553
Mail, express, &c.	351,319	433,639	727,794
Total oper. revenue	\$7,950,342	\$11,162,302	\$13,149,248
Maint. of way & struc.	\$792,875	\$1,100,557	\$2,052,406
Maint. of equipment	1,741,867	2,188,479	2,939,397
Traffic	53,934	54,609	96,794
Transportation	3,114,590	4,068,432	5,891,300
General	278,796	316,932	437,086
Miscellaneous	30,487	38,265	80,289
Operating expenses	\$6,042,549	\$7,767,354	\$11,497,273
Net revenue	\$1,907,793	\$3,394,948	\$1,651,975
Tax accruals, &c.	310,219	259,048	389,769
Operating income	\$1,597,574	\$3,135,900	\$1,262,206
Non-Operating Income—Hire of freight cars—Cr. bal., \$26,709; rent from equip., \$120,715; joint facility rent income, \$13,920; misc. rent income, \$6,537; income from funded securities, \$31,165; income from unfunded securities and accounts, \$133,271; miscellaneous income, \$60,001; total			392,117
Gross income			\$3,827,107
Deduct—Rent for equip., \$125,901; joint facility rents, \$13,319; rent for leased roads, \$18,000; int. on funded debt, \$536,141; int. on unfunded debt, \$21,449; amortization, &c., \$120,751			835,561
Net income			\$2,991,546
Dividend appropriations			916,466
Income balance transferred to profit and loss			\$2,075,079
x January and February Federal operations; March-August, guaranty period; September-December corporate operation.			

Operating income—\$1,597,574; \$3,135,900; \$1,262,206; \$3,434,990
 Non-Operating Income—Hire of freight cars—Cr. bal., \$26,709; rent from equip., \$120,715; joint facility rent income, \$13,920; misc. rent income, \$6,537; income from funded securities, \$31,165; income from unfunded securities and accounts, \$133,271; miscellaneous income, \$60,001; total, 392,117

Gross income—\$3,827,107
 Deduct—Rent for equip., \$125,901; joint facility rents, \$13,319; rent for leased roads, \$18,000; int. on funded debt, \$536,141; int. on unfunded debt, \$21,449; amortization, &c., \$120,751

Net income—\$2,991,546
 Dividend appropriations—916,466
 Income balance transferred to profit and loss—\$2,075,079
 x January and February Federal operations; March-August, guaranty period; September-December corporate operation.

OPERATING STATEMENT OF WICHITA VALLEY RY. CO. (256 MILES) FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

[Road operated by U. S. RR. Admin. from Jan. 1 1918 to Feb. 29 1920, with guaranty to Aug. 31 1920.]

	1918.	Combined	Corporate
	1919.	1920.	x1921.
Total railway oper. rev.	\$840,394	\$1,227,501	\$1,838,145
Total railway oper. exp.	683,663	912,423	1,452,036
Net rev. from ry. op.	\$156,731	\$315,078	\$386,110
Railway tax accruals	\$66,486	\$60,307	\$70,870
Uncoll. railway rev.	280	423	79
Railway oper. income	\$80,965	\$254,348	\$315,160
Non-operating income			\$0,787
Gross income			\$585,437
Deduct—Hire of freight cars—Dr. bal., \$90,003; rent for equip., \$66,771; joint facility rents, \$130; rent for leased roads, \$203,393; int. on funded debt, \$38,450; int. on unfunded debt, \$32; miscellaneous, \$8,536			407,315
Net income transferred to profit and loss			\$178,122

x The above figures exclude Federal lapovers, but the 1920 figures include reserves during the guaranty period.

INCOME ACCOUNT CALENDAR YEARS.

	—Denver & Interur— 1921. 1920.	Trin. & Bras. Vall. Ry. 1921. 1920.	Col. & So. Ry. F. W. & D. C. 1921. 1920.	Wich. V. Ry. 1921. 1920.
Operating revenues	\$285,557	\$296,784	\$3,501,010	\$2,273,445
Operating expenses	257,014	263,735	2,789,266	2,778,644
Net rev. from ry. oper.	\$28,542	def\$36,951	\$711,744	def\$505,199
Railway tax accruals	9,019	5,465	81,472	81,139
Railway oper. income	\$19,524	def\$72,416	\$630,271	def\$586,338
Non-operating income	2,560	4,682		
Gross income	\$22,084	def\$67,734	\$630,271	def\$586,338
Deduc. from gross income	108,257	108,257	342,205	59,174
Net income	def\$86,173	def\$175,991	\$288,066	def\$645,513

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 1921 (Company V. 113, p. 1245).

	Col. & So. Ry.	F. W. & D. C.	Wich. V. Ry.
Assets			
Investment in road and equipment	\$79,273,827	\$27,665,262	\$1,919,340
Deposited in lieu of mtge. property	35,284	346	
Miscellaneous physical property	193,128	4,660	
Investments in affiliated companies	17,354,434	560,176	142,226
Other investments	6,033,723	723,075	
Cash	3,980,815	2,232,107	594,389
Time drafts and deposits	900,000	2,500,000	150,194
Agents and conductors	130,544	58,624	10,644
Materials and supplies	1,943,165	1,230,708	11,177
Other current assets	43,725	11,741	5,808
Special deposits	1,489,143	14,315	
Traffic, &c., balance receivable	160,242	210,776	11,693
Miscellaneous accounts receivable	597,631	394,113	37,400
Interest and dividends receivable		4,403	1,474
Deferred assets	11,118	2,898	6
Unadjusted debits	1,216,085	1,862,368	140,437
Total	\$113,362,864	\$37,535,576	\$3,024,798
Liabilities			
Common stock	\$31,000,000		
Preferred stock	17,000,000		
Government grants	20,043		
Funded debt	49,358,900	9,042,600	769,000
Non-negotiable debt to affiliated cos.		299,018	
Traffic, &c., balances	229,951	166,440	38,550
Audited accounts & wages payable	1,308,010	810,620	104,987
Miscellaneous accounts	63,663	52,672	14,475
Interest matured unpaid	34,308	13,968	
Dividends, &c., matured unpaid	1,440,723	347	
Unmatured interest, &c., accrued	606,098	59,282	48,914
U. S. Government deferred liabilities	9,000	4,365	1,842
Other deferred liabilities	56,186	12,026	130,624
Accrued depreciation, &c.	5,492,542	2,602,514	2,728
Tax liability	766,404	366,059	23,112
Operating reserves	212,341	287,492	120,949
Unadjusted credits	26,255	102,398	156,521
Add to prop. through inc. & surp.	210,890	6,704,505	11,897
Appropriated surplus	500,000		
Profit and loss	5,027,545	7,766,569	581,220
Total	\$113,362,864	\$37,535,576	\$3,024,798

Carolina Clinchfield & Ohio Railway.

(11th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1921.)

Pres. N. S. Meldrum, N. Y., May 1, reports in brief:

Income Debentures.—On Dec. 1 1921 there were issued \$676,000 additional 15-Year 5% Cum. Income Debentures for cash at par.

Notes Extended.—The \$1,000,000 loan from the U. S. Govt., under Section 210 of the Transportation Act, 1920, due Oct. 11 1921, was extended to Dec. 31 1922. This loan is secured by the pledge of \$1,000,000 5% Elkhorn 1st Mtge. gold notes (extended to Jan. 1 1923, with interest at the rate of 6% per annum) and \$500,000 1st Mtge. 5% 30-year gold bonds.

On Dec. 31 1921 an additional loan of \$5,000,000 for 12 months at 6% was obtained from the U. S. Govt., under Section 210 of the Transportation Act, 1920, for the purpose of taking up \$5,000,000 5% Elkhorn 1st Mtge. gold notes, extended at 6% per annum and due Jan. 1 1922. These notes (further extended to Jan. 1 1923, with interest at the rate of 6% per annum) and \$500,000 1st Mtge. 5% 30-year gold bonds were then pledged as security for this loan.

In this manner all of the Elkhorn 1st Mtge. gold notes have been provided for and taken up and deposited as collateral for the Government loans above mentioned as presented.

Equipment Trusts.—Payments were made during the fiscal year on account of principal of Equipment Trust notes aggregating \$700,000, viz.: Series "C," \$100,000; Series "E," \$26,000; Series "F," \$76,000; Series "G," \$84,000; U. S. Govt. Equip. Trust Notes No. 11, \$414,000.

Final Settlement.—On May 6 1921 \$550,000 was accepted in full settlement of all accounts between this company and the U. S. R.R. Administration.

General Remarks.—The year 1921 was one of widespread business depression, which had its effect upon the affairs of this company. Manufacturing and merchandising throughout the country declined greatly, and as a result traffic in manufactured products and in materials used in their manufacture was reduced correspondingly. The decline in the volume of traffic which began in Dec. 1920 continued through the year 1921, with the result that, compared with 1920, the number of revenue tons handled showed a decrease.

The net ton miles of revenue and non-revenue freight handled were 9.70% less than in 1920, as compared with a decrease for all carriers composing the Southern region of 20.6%. Freight cars per train averaged 51.4, compared with 45.8 in 1920. This is the heaviest train loading in the Southern region, and is exceeded by but few carriers in the U. S. The net tons per train mile were 1,261, compared with 1,078 in 1920. The operating revenues of all carriers in Southern region were 10.7% less than in 1920, while those of your company were 1.28% less.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31.

	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Average miles of road operated	291	291	291	291	291
Number of passengers	643,569	729,370	648,485	546,048	
do one mile	14,782,566	17,432,414	15,039,868	16,794,878	
Avg. receipts per pass. per mile	3.34 cts.	3.13 cts.	3.02 cts.	2.93 cts.	
Pass. train rev. per train mile	\$1,792.8	\$1,692.1	\$1,522.3	\$1,606.8	
Tons of coal carried (revenue)	3,329,264	4,261,427	3,877,502	2,966,917	
do one mile	629,794,859	639,740,536	617,424,116	568,991,010	
Average receipts per ton mile	0.65 cts.	0.65 cts.	0.63 cts.	0.53 cts.	
Tons of revenue mds. carried	1,961,726	1,628,709	1,495,177	1,255,153	
do one mile	197,167,511	215,025,243	174,145,264	145,004,505	
Average receipts per ton per mile	1.40 cts.	1.10 cts.	1.04 cts.	1.04 cts.	
Tons of revenue freight carried	4,887,990	5,890,135	5,372,679	4,222,070	
do one mile	817,962,370	904,765,779	991,569,380	701,905,521	
Avg. received per ton per mile	0.33 cts.	0.78 cts.	0.72 cts.	0.64 cts.	
Gross oper. rev. per mile of road	\$35,649	\$35,958	\$21,572	\$17,285	
Net oper. rev. per mile of road	\$7,367	\$5,393	\$5,413	\$4,374	

SUMMARY OF OPERATING REVENUES FOR TEN YEARS 1912 TO 1921, INCL.

Years Ended Dec. 31—	Coal	Merchandise	Passenger	Mail & Express	Miscellaneous	Total Oper. Revenues
1912	\$1,685,709	\$697,729	\$182,114	\$23,447	\$26,651	\$2,515,650
1913	1,695,459	831,591	224,117	25,876	20,279	2,805,322
1914	1,364,330	736,467	203,074	26,185	27,964	2,358,621
1915	1,483,576	784,470	194,157	27,016	25,853	2,517,071
1916	1,783,739	1,147,917	253,985	37,721	53,125	3,276,487
1917	2,217,198	1,639,312	322,119	46,554	60,207	4,285,390
1918	2,972,225	1,598,955	441,727	38,588	63,890	5,022,385
1919	3,909,659	1,815,700	440,684	45,022	69,752	6,277,828
1920	4,478,855	2,371,384	548,480	97,692	66,458	7,560,880
1921	4,024,728	2,765,419	522,693	83,000	68,272	7,464,112

SUMMARY OF OPERATING EXPENSES FOR TEN YEARS 1912 TO 1921, INCL.

Years Ended Dec. 31—	Maint. of Way & Struc.	Maint. of Equip't.	Traffic	Transportation	General	Total Oper. Expenses
1912	\$185,164	\$248,079	\$92,815	\$456,806	\$92,840	\$1,075,506
1913	194,337	301,330	100,792	504,822	122,785	1,224,066
1914	193,738	307,661	102,685	469,694	126,609	1,193,185
1915	286,890	303,990	113,005	467,423	128,669	1,284,731
1916	280,720	447,318	231,017	647,023	147,773	1,742,278
1917	426,170	635,450	227,980	956,370	179,033	2,450,910
1918	684,515	1,171,405	110,363	1,621,288	163,390	3,748,030
1919	966,414	1,524,824	70,045	1,966,366	176,507	4,702,571
1920	1,050,185	1,915,918	221,020	2,546,886	259,762	5,991,271
1921	979,799	1,740,747	269,116	2,084,818	250,255	5,320,171

x After allowing for transportation for investment, a credit item.

RATIO OF EACH CLASS OF OPER. EXPENSES TO TOTAL OPER. REVENUES.

	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.
Maintenance of way and structures	7.36	6.93	8.22	11.41	8.84	9.95	13.63	15.39	13.89	13.13
Maint. of equip.	9.86	10.74	13.04	12.05	13.65	14.82	23.32	24.28	25.34	23.32
Traffic	3.35	4.33	4.49	6.75	5.32	3.20	1.11	3.29	3.63	3.93
Transportation	18.16	18.00	19.92	18.58	19.75	23.01	32.28	31.32	33.68	27.49
General	3.68	4.37	5.36	5.04	4.51	4.18	3.25	2.81	3.44	3.35
Total	42.75	43.63	50.59	51.08	53.18	57.18	74.63	74.91	79.24	71.28

SUMMARY OF INCOME ACCOUNT FOR TEN YEARS, 1912 TO 1921, INCL.

Years Ended Dec. 31—	Net Oper. Revenue	Non-Oper. Revenue	Gross Income	Taxes	Charges	Surplus
1912	\$1,440,141	\$151,483	\$1,591,624	\$88,637	\$974,179	\$528,808
1913	1,581,256	338,360	1,919,617	115,975	926,052	877,586
1914	1,165,436	247,326	1,412,763	161,322	934,083	317,357
1915	1,230,340	222,106	1,452,507	164,267	1,058,003	209,886
1916	1,534,208	398,684	1,932,892	158,280	1,189,893	587,719
1917	1,835,080	567,436	2,402,517	226,877	1,275,846	899,794
1918*	1,374,355	229,648	1,603,696	208,458		
1919*	1,575,255	132,298	1,707,553	228,523		
1920*	1,569,609	1,167,933	2,737,543	370,750	1,618,274	\$748,518
1921	2,143,942	929,603	3,073,545	440,000	1,647,117	986,428

x Compensation due from the Government for January and February (\$347,403) exceeded the net income of the railway for those months by \$136,706, thus increasing the surplus for the year to \$885,224, as shown above.

* Data for 1918, 1919 and January and February 1920 furnished by U. S. Railroad Administration.

Note.—The annual compensation received from the Government during Federal control was at the rate of \$1,804,970 per annum.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Assets	1921.	1920.	Liabilities (Con.)	1921.	1920.
Investment in:			15-year 6% cum. income debens.	5,000,000	4,324,000
(a) Road	43,545,414	43,282,429	U. S. Gov't 10-yr. loan	2,000,000	2,000,000
(b) Elkhorn Ext.	5,491,159	5,491,159	U. S. Gov't 1-year loans	6,000,000	1,000,000
(c) Equipment	15,373,874	15,355,846	Equipment trusts	1,058,000	1,344,000
Int. bonds, C. C. & O. Ry., S. C.	3,000,000	3,000,000	U. S. R.R. equip't trust notes	5,796,000	6,210,000
Miscellaneous	4,383,813	4,396,481	U. S. R.R. Adm'n. general account		1,911,957
Equipment funds on deposit		88,015	Interest accrued	823,619	600,169
Cash	2,534,363	1,216,319	Traffic & acc'y. balances payable	199,545	282,658
Other curr. assets	1,546,778	1,377,688	Audited acc'ts and wages payable	520,328	812,852
xDeferred assets	902,813	847,633	C. C. & O. Ry. of S. C. dep. acct.	390,829	71,500
Int. on bds. owned:			Other curr. liab.	8,429	11,038
C. C. & O. Ry.	1,662,500	1,512,500	Accr. depr. equip.	1,815,601	1,405,765
Black Mtn. Ry.	4,688	5,000	Other unadj. equip.	48,639	716,930
Unadjusted debits	852,941	3,380,872	Add'n to property thro. inc. & surp.	35,663	19,645
Total	79,318,344	79,953,842	Profit & loss, bal.	4,680,680	3,598,328
Liabilities	25,000,000	25,000,000	Total	79,318,344	79,953,842
Common stock	25,000,000	25,000,000			
Preferred stock	11,500,000	11,500,000			
1st M. bonds	38,135,000				

construction work was started during the fall of the year. Work advanced rapidly and on Dec. 19 the first concrete was poured. The location of the dam is most favorable as regards natural conditions. Work is progressing according to schedule, and construction costs are well within the estimate of the engineers. It is now expected that the plant will be ready for operation about Feb. 1 1923 and the load carried by the present steam plants will be transferred to the dam with resulting economies in operation. The new power station will be known as "Mitchell Dam" in memory of James Mitchell.

The installation of the sixth generating unit in the Lock 12 station was completed in September. The power house at Lock 12 is now complete and has been operated to capacity during the seasonal high-water of the present winter.

Upon the completion of Mitchell Dam, 77% of the installed generating capacity of the company's system will be hydro-electric.

Street Railway & Gas Distribution.—The earnings of the street railway and gas distribution systems of the company were disappointing. Both divisions were severely affected by the industrial depression, decreasing the use of gas in manufacturing plants and a reduction in the number of workmen carried to and from places of employment. Every economy was applied in operation, but the reductions in expenses were not sufficient to offset the loss of income.

Alabama Power Co. Financing.—To provide for the payment of the 5-Year 6% Gold notes of Alabama Power Co. which were issued in 1917, and for the construction program of the company, \$8,000,000 30-Year 6% 1st Mtge. Lien & Ref. Gold bonds of Alabama Power Co. were issued and sold at favorable prices. The proceeds were applied to the payment of \$2,900,000 6% Gold notes of Alabama Power Co. in anticipation of maturity, and the balance to the payment of floating debt and to the construction requirements of the Mitchell Dam and the transmission lines therefrom during 1922.

The policy of interesting local investors in Alabama in the securities of the Alabama Power Co. has been continued, and 10,441 shares of the Preferred stock of that company were sold as at Dec. 31 and distributed among 3,105 subscribers, principally customers and employees in Alabama.

Sale of Anniston Steel Co. Plant.—The plant of the Anniston Steel Co. at Anniston in which the company had an interest has been sold as a going concern.

Accumulated Dividends.—Continued demands upon the company for improvement and extension of its properties have made it impracticable to announce any plan whereby the accumulated dividend in arrears on the 6% Pref. stock may be provided for. If and when the financial position of the company permits, the board hopes to announce a plan, and it is regretted that a definite statement can not be made at this time.

DIVERSITY OF INCOME ACCORDING TO INDUSTRIES SERVED.

Industry—	1921.	1920.	1919.	Industry—	1921.	1920.	1919.
%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Coal mines.....	10.49	8.53	11.09	Public utilities & ry.	31.29	22.20	24.00
Ore mines.....	3.62	5.40	4.80	U. S. Government.....	1.48	1.73	5.03
Steel mills.....	6.71	13.22	11.20	Manganese plants.....	2.36	17.13	6.34
Cotton mills.....	14.29	9.31	8.10	Subs. oper.....	21.79	25.91	20.63
Cement mills.....	4.69	3.35	3.50	Miscellaneous.....	2.98	1.96	1.89
Graphite.....	0.30	1.26	3.50				
				Total.....	100%	100%	100%

STATISTICS OF ALABAMA POWER CO. FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Statistics—	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
K. W. hours gen.....	432,991,540	488,135,725	354,861,835	400,839,420
K. W. hrs. sold & used by company.....	377,244,976	430,303,691	306,358,223	346,979,116
Max. station load (k. w.).....	115,500	97,900	83,100	86,850
Retail pr. & light. cust. rs.....	16,477	16,538	9,580	9,557
Wholesale power contr.....	169	148	141	121

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING DEC. 31. (Incl. Ala. Tr., Lt. & P. Co., Ltd., and Sub. Co., with Intero. Balances Elim.)

Operating Revenue—	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Light.....	\$4,174,998	\$3,929,257	\$2,676,998	\$2,833,706
Railway.....	928,152	314,581	150,914	155,410
Gas.....	156,968	110,208	83,696	74,244
Miscellaneous.....	69,300	80,544	1,620	—
Total	\$4,629,478	\$4,434,691	\$2,913,228	\$3,063,366
Deduct—Rebates & disc.....	60,998	53,591	43,173	37,563
Res. for doubt. acct., &c.....	52,560	231,867	26,670	107,293
Operating revenue	\$4,515,919	\$4,149,233	\$2,843,385	\$2,918,540
Operating Expenses—				
Light.....	\$1,700,572	\$1,391,483	\$1,086,372	\$1,220,916
Railway.....	185,040	234,520	143,723	109,791
Gas.....	134,168	110,300	86,452	73,205
Coal production.....	—	275,556	92,846	—
General expense.....	83,288	133,625	28,113	13,786
Government rental.....	101,917	14,259	31,344	—
Ice.....	—	2,404	—	—
Net oper. income	\$2,247,035	\$1,988,985	\$1,374,536	\$1,500,839
Other income	88,692	112,777	219,470	229,318
Gross income	\$2,335,727	\$2,101,762	\$1,594,005	\$1,730,157
Interest paid.....	1,471,654	1,351,121	1,279,404	1,222,293
x Less: Por. of int. charg. to capital account.....	—	—	30,664	26,414
Total int. charges (net)	\$1,471,654	\$1,351,121	\$1,248,740	\$1,195,879
Inc. after interest.....	\$864,073	\$750,641	\$345,265	\$534,278
Amort. of bond disc., &c.....	333,910	234,332	125,746	123,886
Depreciation reserve.....	200,868	262,201	192,572	300,000
Federal tax reserve.....	—	—	3,029	13,621
Miscellaneous.....	72,733	—	7,122	—
Dividends.....	35,136	9,664	—	—
Balance, surplus	\$221,426	\$244,444	\$16,795	\$96,771

x Portion of above interest chargeable to capital account, being interest on amount expended in properties held for future development.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 (INCLUDING SUB. COS.)

Assets—	1921.	1920.	Liabilities—	1921.	1920.
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Preferred stock.....	1,000,000	1,000,000	Common stock.....	16,995,000	16,995,000
Branches, &c.....	44,487,018	42,455,744	Stk. in Ala. Pr. Co.....	906,188	374,300
Inv. in other cos.....	722,913	276,041	1st M. Coll. ss.....	13,668,900	13,646,400
Disc. on bonds, &c.....	4,529,037	3,663,687	1st M. 5s A.P. Coco.....	21,000	10,188,000
U. S. Victory Loan.....	1,000,715	—	6% secured notes.....	8,000,000	2,900,000
Liberty bonds.....	—	2,900	Selma Lighting Co.....	238,000	250,000
Funds in hands of employees.....	18,095	24,985	1st M. 5s Ala. City.....	—	100,000
Cash in banks, &c.....	580,239	295,381	Gas. & Ala. Ry.....	—	—
Cash for bonds, &c.....	454,689	154,505	Armistead Steel Co.....	—	135,100
Stock sub. rec. fr. empl. & cust. rs.....	261,237	77,914	1st M. 7s.....	—	12,604
Notes & accts. rec. less reserve.....	783,760	874,050	Divs. payable.....	108,432	475,172
Miscellaneous.....	35,378	8,864	Notes payable.....	419,785	555,515
Materials & suppl.....	889,650	1,062,361	Customers' dep.....	169,683	181,038
Oper. & lease'd equip.....	66,783	156,705	Wages, &c., pay'le.....	12,310	76,849
Deferred charges.....	628,832	7,975	Int., &c. accrued.....	611,245	482,405
			Accident, &c., res.....	91,421	75,486
			Res. for deprec'n.....	919,881	767,946
			Outstanding coupons.....	—	147,536
			Pref. stock, pay.....	—	45,282
			Surplus.....	826,353	663,091
Total	\$4,438,347	\$4,061,215	Total	\$4,438,347	\$4,061,215

c Auth., \$100,000,000; issued, \$18,459,000; pledged as collateral to 5% 1st M. Lien & Ref. Gold bonds, \$8,000,000, and amount reserved against Selma Lighting Co. 1st M. 5% Gold bonds, \$238,000; bal., as above, \$10,221,000. Stocks of sub. and affil. co's aggregating \$1,659,100 are pledged as additional collateral to this issue.
 d Secured by deposit of \$8,000,000 1st Mtge. 5% gold bonds.
 Note.—Preferred cumulative dividends in arrears aggregated on Dec. 31 1921 \$420,000.—V. 115, p. 307.

Brazilian Traction, Light & Power Co., Ltd.

(9th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1921.)

The report will be published more fully another week.

COMBINED REVENUE STATEMENT OF PARENT CO. (BRAZILIAN TR., LT. & P. CO.) AND OPERATING SUBSIDIARIES.

(1) In Milre's—	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Gross earnings from oper-	170,867,353	134,905,832	113,073,982	101,894,163
Bond int. in Brazil.....	—	—	—	—
Net earnings from oper-	95,105,553	69,990,657	58,423,485	52,131,535
ations in Brazil.....				
Approx. value of milre's.....	12.51 cents	20.41 cents	26.80 cents	25.39 cents
(2) In Dollars—				
Net earnings in dollars.....	\$11,898,523	\$14,286,039	\$15,655,477	\$13,236,223
Miscellaneous revenue.....	270,150	458,576	86,160	74,354
Total rev. of subs'd.....	\$12,168,673	\$14,744,615	\$15,741,637	\$13,310,577
Bond int. & oth. chgs. x.....	\$4,534,038	\$4,831,723	\$4,143,517	\$4,377,310
Reserve for deprec. and sinking funds.....	3,224,578	2,876,068	3,097,886	2,810,854
Total charges of sub-	\$7,758,616	\$7,707,791	\$7,241,403	\$7,188,164
si'daries x.....				
(3) Parent Co. in \$—				
Balance, being gross rev-	\$4,410,057	\$7,036,824	\$8,500,234	\$6,122,413
enue of Brazilian Tr., Lt. & P. Co., Ltd.....	127,658	206,619	376,771	130,050
Int. on investments, &c.....				
Total	\$4,537,715	\$7,243,443	\$8,877,005	\$6,252,463
Deduct—Gen'l and legal exp. & admin. chgs.....	166,465	\$313,781	\$139,732	\$158,245
Int., &c., on notes & Ins.....	833,568	621,538	663,726	674,546
Preferred divs. (6%).....	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000
Gen. amortiz. reserve.....	300,000	260,000	200,000	250,000
Total deductions.....	\$1,900,033	\$1,848,321	\$1,603,038	\$1,682,791
Balance, surplus.....	\$2,637,682	\$5,395,122	\$7,273,967	\$4,569,672
x Inter-company items excluded.				
Note.—The above earnings are given in Canadian currency.—V. 114, p. 2716.				

Pacific Oil Company.

(First Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1921.)

The remarks of President Paul Shoup together with income account and balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1921, will be found under "Reports and Documents" on subsequent pages. In addition there is given as an appendix a short history of the company's organization, location of properties, description of field improvements and a list of companies in which it holds a controlling interest or with which it is affiliated.—V. 115, p. 303.

International Mercantile Marine Co., New York.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1921.)

The advance figures for the year 1921 were given in the issue of June 17, p. 2714. The final report is signed by Pres. P. A. S. Franklin, under date of July 5, who says in substance:

Results.—The net result of operating the International Mercantile Marine Co. and its subsidiary companies (American Line, Red Star Line, White Star Line, Atlantic Transport Line and Leyland Line) for 1921 was \$5,797,347 as compared with \$9,905,959 the year before, a decrease of \$4,108,612. The details are as follows:

	1921.	1920.
Gross voyage earnings, misc. earn., & Ins. fund surplus for the year.....	\$99,632,637	\$128,277,610
Operating & general exp., misc. charges, incl. U. S. income tax, excess profits tax & British income tax, also int. on deb. bds. of sub. cos.....	85,563,644	110,793,595
Net earnings	\$14,069,053	\$17,484,015
Interest on I. M. M. Co. bonds.....	2,153,726	2,231,680
Depreciation on steamers.....	6,117,980	5,346,376
Net result	\$5,797,347	\$9,905,959
* For proper comparison with results of previous years the earnings of the British companies have been converted at \$4 85 per pound sterling.		
The International Mercantile Marine Co. can secure the earnings of the subsidiary companies only through the dividends which they declare from time to time. These, together with the other earnings of the parent company, were as follows:		
Total net earn. of I. M. M. Co. plus divs. from sub. cos., after deducting taxes & general exp.....	\$8,329,209	\$11,307,442
Deduct—I. M. M. Co. bond interest.....	2,153,726	2,231,680
Depreciation on steamers directly owned.....	\$6,175,584	\$9,075,762
	998,835	768,478
	\$5,176,749	\$8,307,284

* Dividends received from foreign subsidiary companies have been converted at the market rate of exchange on date received.
 The decrease in the earnings for 1921, compared with those of 1920, was largely due to the reduction in the movement of third-class passengers, and to the great shrinkage in freight traffic which was world-wide, and which caused a decline in freight rates, in many cases to such low figures as to barely cover the cost of labor and other charges incident to the handling of the cargoes, and the consequent operation of many freight steamers at a loss. Under all the circumstances, however, the earnings for 1921 can be considered as exceedingly satisfactory.

Effect of New Immigration Laws.—The foregoing situation is due almost entirely to the effect of the new immigration law which confines the yearly movement to this country from each foreign nation to 3% of the residents of such nation in this country as shown by the 1910 census. Furthermore, the law permits 20% of such numbers to enter the country monthly, and this resulted in the quotas from most of the countries being exhausted prior to Jan. 1 1922, leaving practically no immigrants to come forward during the first six months of 1922.

Decline in Trans-Atlantic Travel.—There is a total decrease in the movement across the Atlantic, in both directions, of about 230,000 passengers for the first 5 months of 1922, as compared with the corresponding period of 1921, which decrease is almost entirely in the third-class, there being a slight increase in the first-class movement. As your companies carry an important percentage of the trans-Atlantic passengers, and it was impossible to make a corresponding reduction in the number of sailings of your various services, the expenses of operation were practically the same, and a very marked shrinkage of earnings resulted.

Outlook for 1922.—The outlook for 1922 is far from encouraging; the estimated results for the first 5 months show a marked decrease as compared with the corresponding period of 1920.

Beginning with July 1, the immigration quotas for the year July 1 1922 to June 30 1923, established by the Government, again become effective; therefore it is expected that there will be a decided improvement in the earnings of the passenger steamers during the last 6 months of 1922, as compared with the first 6 months; but there is nothing at present to indicate that the total earnings for that period will be larger than for the corresponding period of last year. It is evident, therefore, that a very material decrease in the 1922 earnings as compared with those for the year 1921, must be expected.

Freight Situation.—The freight situation continues very unsatisfactory, although the outlook is favorable for a slight improvement for the last

half of the year, but this can only be brought about by readjustments in the world's economic, financial and exchange situation sufficient to gradually increase the volume of the world's trade, which we hope will be realized to such extent as will enable the freight steamers to be operated for the balance of the year without loss.

Combined Income Account.—The combined income account for the year 1921 (see below) shows a profit of \$10,378,658 after meeting all fixed charges and operating expenses, in which latter are included all charges for repairs, maintenance and overhauls, as compared with a profit of \$12,782,178 for the year 1920.

Sinking Fund for First Mortgage Collateral Trust Bonds.—\$400,000 was paid in 1921 to the trustee and \$493,000 6% bonds have been purchased, and canceled, making total bonds so purchased and canceled \$2,187,000 of the total originally issued of \$4,000,000.

Insurance Fund.—The insurance department for 1921 shows a net profit of \$446,526.

Accumulated Prof. Dividends.—Since Jan. 1 1917, 17 dividends have been paid on the Preferred stock, aggregating 73% including, in Feb. 1922, a 3% semi-annual dividend. This leaves a balance of 42% unpaid back dividend on the Preferred stock.

Under date of June 15, 1922, the directors declared the regular semi-annual 3% Preferred dividend payable Aug. 1 1922 to holders of record July 14 1922.

Reduction of Obligations.—During the years 1915 to 1921 inclusive, the bonded indebtedness and interest charges of International Mercantile Marine Co. and subsidiary companies have been reduced from \$84,146,033 to \$46,652,540, or \$37,493,493, and the annual interest charge from \$3,867,656 to \$2,681,559, or \$1,186,097.

Office Building.—In the early part of 1922 the company moved to its new building at No. 1 Broadway.

New Tonnage.—Since July 15 1921, the following passenger-carrying steamers have been added to the fleet and are working out satisfactorily: *Majestic*, 56,000 gross tons; *Homeric*, 34,692 gross tons; *Arabic*, 16,786 gross tons; *Pittsburgh*, 16,000 gross tons; *Regina*, 16,500 gross tons; total, 130,978 gross tons.

COMBINED EARNINGS OF THE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES.

	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Gross voyage earnings	\$90,068,418	\$113,331,810	\$58,875,494	\$30,151,369
Miscellaneous earnings	\$8,227,610	12,475,634	8,751,474	4,516,985
Total earnings	\$98,096,028	125,807,443	\$67,626,968	\$34,668,354
Oper. general expenses taxes and misc. int.	85,094,108	110,387,584	47,139,691	18,938,054
Net earnings	\$13,001,920	\$15,419,868	\$20,487,277	\$15,730,300
Fixed charges	2,623,262	2,637,690	2,737,345	2,789,763
Profit before deprec'n.	\$10,378,658	\$12,782,178	\$17,749,932	\$12,940,537
Previous surplus	30,556,973	30,278,542	30,561,058	26,611,836
Total	\$40,935,631	\$43,060,720	\$48,310,990	\$39,552,373
Deduct—Depreciation	6,117,981	5,345,376	4,583,818	3,301,511
Miscel. adjustments		1,467,566		
Prof. dividends (text)	3,103,515	5,689,805	13,448,630	5,689,805
do Per cent.	x(6%)	(11%)	(26%)	(11%)
Sur. as of bal. sheet	\$31,714,136	\$30,556,973	\$30,278,542	\$30,561,057

* In 1918, 1919 and 1920, after providing for British excess profits duty, x includes 3% paid Aug. 1 1921 amounting to \$1,551,765; and 3% paid Feb. 1 1922 (\$1,551,750).

The foregoing includes the earnings from operations, viz.: American, Red Star, White Star, Atlantic Transport, Leyland (entire earnings in 1920 and 1921, in 1919 and 1918 only that portion received in dividends) and Dominion Lines in 1920, 1919 and 1918, together with dividends received from partly owned companies.

CONSOL. BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 (Including Constituent Companies):

	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Assets				
Cost of properties	\$188,719,060	\$177,999,602	\$155,118,686	\$142,032,588
Investments in—				
F. Leyland & Co., Ltd.			11,969,684	11,965,177
Other investments	7,234,755	7,217,809	6,176,495	3,550,511
Cash (on hand, &c.)	9,970,557	17,022,953	18,909,587	18,443,556
Accts. &c. receivable	12,285,219	20,772,172	31,143,520	31,511,955
Agency balances	565,376	829,871	674,928	730,573
Market, sties. & bonds	47,717,191	55,522,220	36,563,088	30,856,144
Inventories	2,138,745	3,366,990	1,936,400	1,349,537
Deferred charges	7,298,760	8,517,088	6,140,714	2,818,131
Total	\$275,929,664	\$290,248,705	\$268,637,741	\$243,258,172
Liabilities				
Preferred stock a	51,725,000	51,725,000	51,725,000	51,725,000
Common stock b	49,871,800	49,872,000	49,872,000	49,872,000
Capital stock of sub. cos.	27,645	29,342	243	243
Int. M. & Coll. Tr. 6% bds.	37,313,000	37,808,000	38,250,000	38,655,000
Deb. bds. of constituent cos. held by public	7,839,540	8,443,850	9,049,615	9,662,170
Loans on mortgage	1,500,000	1,500,000	329,800	335,000
Loans, bills pay., &c.	8,890,494	3,940,871	3,557,992	229,034
Accounts payable	29,146,911	45,323,454	51,378,029	36,767,165
Agency balances	1,027,038	1,166,772	543,361	475,706
Interest accrued	677,037	646,718	672,700	825,266
Reserve for liabilities	8,666,892	8,676,434	5,419,975	3,360,759
Miscellaneous reserves	32,648,553	33,531,848	14,858,154	15,469,328
Deferred credits	11,296,375	13,890,209	7,426,717	2,832,713
Insurance fund	2,033,494	1,586,968	1,144,072	880,966
Prof. stock dividend	1,551,750	1,551,763	4,138,040	1,551,765
Surplus	31,714,136	30,556,973	30,278,542	30,561,058
Total	\$275,929,664	\$290,248,705	\$268,637,741	\$243,258,172

* Combined undertakings and their properties at cost to the I. M. M. Co. in bonds, stocks and cash, \$332,861,041; add net additions in 1921 and advances on account of new construction less steamships sold and some out of service, \$12,245,385, and deduct reserve for depreciation, \$56,387,729; balance Dec. 31 1921, \$188,719,060. a After deducting \$8,275,000 in treasury; accumulated dividends unpaid, 42%. b After deducting \$10,128,200 in treasury. c Originally \$40,000,000, less in treasury \$500,000 and retired by sinking fund, \$2,187,000; balance, \$37,313,000.—V. 114, p. 2714, 2020.

American Cigar Company.

(Report for Fiscal Year ended Dec. 31 1921.)

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
a Net earnings	\$1,862,393	\$2,489,869	\$2,175,799	\$2,318,982
Prof. dividends (6%)	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000
Common dividends—(8%)	1,200,000	(8)800,000	(8)800,000	(6)600,000
Balance, surplus	\$2,393	\$1,089,869	\$775,799	\$1,118,982
Profit and loss, surplus	\$9,310,978	\$9,308,584	\$13,218,715	\$12,442,919

a Net earnings of company and those companies whose stock is owned by American Cigar Co. are after deducting all charges for expenses, management and Federal taxes, &c.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

(Consolidated with companies all of whose stock is owned.)

	1921.	1920.	1921.	1920.
Assets				
Real est., mach., &c., less deprec.	2,901,988	2,914,972	10,000,000	10,000,000
Brands, pat., &c.	3,315,685	3,315,685	150,000	150,000
Leaf tobacco, &c.	13,011,843	19,208,609	1,234,913	8,148,635
Stocks and bonds	6,910,139	6,863,938	141,527	478,941
Cash	1,339,231	1,927,183	8,365,275	8,323,354
a Due from cos.	12,827,525	12,505,589	9,310,978	9,308,584
Bills & accts. rec.	3,866,062	4,537,861		
Prepaid ins., &c.	80,176	134,781		
Total	\$4,252,693	\$1,408,614	\$4,252,693	\$1,408,614

a Amounts owing to this company by companies in which it, directly or indirectly, owns part of the stock.—V. 114, p. 1537, 1066.

Endicott-Johnson Corporation.

(Semi-Annual Report—Six Months ended July 1 1922.)

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR SIX MONTHS.

	July 1 1922.	July 2 1921.	July 3 1920.
Jan. 1 to—			
Net sales	\$27,485,209	\$26,831,551	\$38,677,402
Manufacturing costs & other expenses	23,583,473	23,775,793	32,167,419
Net operating income	\$3,901,736	\$3,055,757	\$6,510,982
Other income			16,319
Gross income	\$3,901,736	\$3,055,757	\$6,536,300
Interest charges, &c.			433,916
Adjustment of inventories			2,865,506
Federal taxes, &c.	484,747	480,376	411,507
Profit sharing plan	1,055,750	618,363	749,748
Preferred dividends	487,502	509,241	525,000
Common dividends	842,060	843,165	782,250
Common (stock dividend 10%)			1,490,000
Balance, surplus	\$1,031,677	\$604,613 def.	\$721,627

BALANCE SHEET JULY 1 1922 AND JULY 2 1921.

	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
Assets				
Ld., bldgs., mach., &c. (less deprec.)	20,753,068	20,469,449	30,956,850	31,412,995
Inventories	19,529,716	16,457,438	7,950,000	6,900,000
Accts. & notes, rec.	8,912,304	6,499,777	806,099	740,587
Bal. due on caplt. stock subscr'ns		2,695		
Sundry debtors	72,556	76,231	647,994	482,387
Marketable secur's	16,500	16,500	515,687	321,524
Cash	3,517,277	4,824,205		
Invest. in & adv. to subsidiary co.	376,134	354,062	1,031,677	
Prof. stk. acquired	275,700	41,642	484,746	1,084,988
Bal. rec. on contr.	298,048	309,452		
Deferred charges	202,926	192,853		
Total	\$3,954,232	\$9,235,309	\$3,954,232	\$9,235,309
	V. 114, p. 2722, 1068.			
Liabilities				
Capital stock			30,956,850	31,412,995
Notes payable				
Acceptances pay'ble			740,587	603,878
Accounts payable			806,099	740,587
Sundry cred. incl. accrued wages			647,994	482,387
Federal taxes 1921 not due			515,687	321,524
Workers profit-sharing funds				
Federal & State franchise taxes			484,746	1,084,988
Initial surplus (April 17 1919)			6,024,526	6,024,526
Approp. sur. under cert. of incorp.			909,000	450,000
Current surplus			3,896,070	1,955,009
Total			\$3,954,232	\$9,235,309
			V. 114, p. 2722, 1068.	

Hocking Valley Products Co.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1921.)

President S. L. Chamberlaine, Columbus, O., Jan. 18 1922, said in substance:

General commercial depression limited the company's operations during the fiscal year ended Dec. 31 1921. Low prices restricted oil development on our properties, but of seven new wells, six were producers. Falling off in demand for Hocking Valley coal reduced our mine output to about 25% of normal.

Brick plant operations were suspended during the greater part of the year, owing to stagnation in the building trade. The building business, however, now shows evidence of revival. Our brick have recently been ordered or specified for many prominent buildings in the U. S. and Canada, both public and private, including the stately Hotel Mount Royal now under construction at Montreal.

The brick plant is now operating under improved conditions and all our properties are being well maintained.

During the year, \$65,900 of bonds were retired through the sinking fund. Production, &c., Year 1921.—(1) Number of brick: Production, 8,102,460 (against 8,694,416 in 1920); sales, 6,302,499 (against 6,442,479 in 1920); shipments, 4,896,839 (against 6,171,479); unfilled orders Dec. 31 1921: 965,500; inventory, Dec. 31 1921, 6,687,046. (2) Tons of coal: Production (mines under lease), 117,925 (against 425,322 in 1920); sales (on commission), 56,845 (against 212,598). (3) Barrels of oil: Production (under lease), 141,710 (against 189,659 in 1920).

RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Gross income	\$417,150	\$1,453,610	\$486,910	\$774,619
Cost of products sold, expenses and taxes	331,524	1,177,085	381,541	645,635
Net earnings	\$85,626	\$276,525	\$105,369	\$128,981
Bond interest	43,116	45,352	45,868	24,684
Res. sinking fund, &c.	44,550	116,882	30,040	55,946
Dividend No. 1 (5%)		68,274		
Net oper. income	loss \$2,340	\$46,015	\$29,461	\$48,354
Add previous surplus	165,852	4,818	65,475	22,654
Adjustment		115,019		
Deduct—Taxes prev. yr.	10,513		3,921	5,532
Adj. of int. & sink. fund.			86,197	
Profit & loss surplus	\$152,999	\$165,852	\$4,818	\$65,476

x Gross income includes other income amounting to \$35,630.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

	1921.	1920.	1921.	1920.
Property accounts	\$2,199,453	\$2,230,077	Cap. stk. outst'g.	\$1,378,663
Def. content. assets	16,103	16,471	Funded debt	833,000
Cash & U. S. bonds	32,287	71,047	Current liabilities	75,563
Oth. current assets	103,399	241,402	Surplus	182,909
Total	\$2,443,227	\$2,558,997	Total	\$2,443,227
	V. 114, p. 2585.		\$2,558,997	

Continental Oil Co., Denver, Colo.

(Annual Report for Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31 1921.)

STATEMENT OF EARNINGS & DIVIDENDS FOR YEARS 1911-1921.

Year—	Earns. before Deducting Fed. Taxes.	Fed. Taxes for Current Year.	Earns. after Deducting Fed. Taxes.	Dividends Paid.
1911	\$517,564	\$5,053	\$512,511	\$270,000
1912	889,017	8,790	880,228	

Superior Steel Corporation.

(5th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1921.)

Pres. E. W. Harrison, Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 23, reports in substance:

Results.—This is the first report since our organization that does not show very favorable results for operations during a 12 months period. The year 1921 has been strictly a period of liquidation. Prices have been going lower with great regularity. We feel that we have been very successful in liquidating our stock of raw material to the lowest point and closing the year with such a small loss. Since our operations averaged only 25% of normal, we feel that the results obtained were all that could be expected.

Outlook.—We are starting the new year with no surplus stock of raw material, business is improving nicely, and although prices are unreasonably low, yet the outlook is promising and while it will probably be a few months longer before business conditions get near normal, yet we think the year 1922 will show satisfactory results. We have cut out overhead expense in a very pronounced way and every economy possible will be practiced.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEAR.

	1921.	1920.	1919.
Net sales	\$2,286,561	\$2,604,325	\$7,661,278
Manufacturing cost	2,223,379	8,737,951	5,946,934
Taxes			35,005
Depreciation	128,261	324,858	150,000
Selling expenses	94,840	345,537	127,225
Miscellaneous expenses			25,500
Administration and general expenses	147,753	181,371	101,015
Balance, surplus	def\$307,771	\$3,014,607	\$1,244,899
Other income	76,914	23,130	124,233
Net profit	def\$230,858	\$3,037,737	\$1,369,132
Idle plant expenses	42,538		12,723
Balance, surplus	def\$273,395	\$3,037,737	\$1,356,409
Previous surplus	\$864,499	\$731,252	\$501,034
Discount on pref. stock purchased		9,136	1,896
Adjustments applicable to prior period	529,275		
Total surplus	\$1,120,378	\$3,778,125	\$1,859,340
Federal taxes		1,634,031	374,653
Shinking fund	432,408	239,316	165,000
Inventory adjustments, &c.		380,885	
Red. in value of treasury common stk.		1,121	
Dividends	409,570	652,278	588,404
Profit and loss surplus	\$278,399	\$864,498	\$731,252

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

	1921.	1920.	1921.	1920.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Plant & equipment	2,253,162	2,014,366	Capital represented	
Goodwill	2,500,000	2,500,000	under laws of Va.	
Cash	254,393	1,984,243	b1st pref. conv. 8%	2,178,000
Notes & accts. rec.	284,248	1,132,831	c2d pref. conv. 8%	1,409,500
Inventories (net of reserves)	856,170	1,832,832	d Com. stock, book value at org'n.	1,250,515
Investments			Slk. fund to retire	
W. H. Shinn Coal			1st & 2d pref. stk.	1,912,500
Co. 1st M. Gs.	10,000	10,000	Accounts payable	73,180
U. S. Govt. W.S.S.	918	894	Divs. pay. in Feb.	67,316
U. S. Treas. Certif. of indebtedness	750,000		Res. for Fed. taxes	17,175
Interest accrued	12,539		Surplus	281,026
Treasury stock, &c.	254,421	422,215		
Deferred charges	13,141	15,091		
Total	7,159,191	9,912,443	Total	7,189,191

a Land, buildings, power plant and furnaces, \$907,928; machinery and equipment, \$2,635,915; less reserve for depreciation, \$1,290,681. b First Pref. conv. 8% stock authorized and issued, 35,000 shares, par value, \$100; outstanding, 21,780 shares. c 2d Pref. conv. 8% stock authorized and issued, 20,000 shares, par value \$100; outstanding, 14,095 shares. d Common stock authorized, 115,000 shares, par value, \$100; issued, 60,000 shares, book value at formation of company, \$1,250,515.—V. 114, p. 1072.

American Glue Co., Boston, Mass.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1921.)

Pres. Jesse P. Lyman, Boston, March 31, says in substance:

We have, with nearly all corporations, operated under most trying conditions. We have earned our Preferred and Common dividends, together with a liberal allowance for depreciation, without reducing our surplus. Inventories are carried on a very conservative basis and our plants are in excellent condition.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Net after all expenses	\$920,859	\$1,792,143	\$1,430,928	\$995,907
Dividends received	154,456	12,170	2,880	13,030
Int. on notes rec., &c.	73,694	80,470	60,874	29,340
Total income	\$1,149,009	\$1,884,783	\$1,494,682	\$1,038,277
Prov. for deprec. of plant & equipment	235,141	384,764	245,142	217,198
Add'ns. & replacem nts.		57,214	57,214	57,214
Loss on Lib. bd. sales, &c.		193,346		
Int. & disc. on notes pay. & deb. notes & bad debts	367,758	192,014	85,196	41,133
Reduction of inventories				156,734
Miscell. deductions				17,500
Net income	\$546,110	\$1,057,445	\$1,011,211	\$548,498
Fed. inc. & prof. taxes	50,000	115,000	200,000	62,151
Employees' benefit fund		109,000		
Insurance fund		12,000		12,000
Preferred divs. (8%)	140,644	169,000	160,000	160,000
Com. div., cash (8%)	349,416	(14)322,812	(10)118,390	100,000
do in Lib. bonds			(10)118,390	100,000
Balance, surplus	\$36,050	\$347,633	\$352,432	\$114,317
Previous surplus	943,094	2,871,665	2,455,634	2,332,982
Total surplus	\$979,054	\$3,219,298	\$2,808,066	\$2,447,299
Prem. on sale and purch. of capital stock		deb. 26,294	cr. 63,600	
150% stock dividend		2,250,000		
Profit and loss surplus a Adjusted	\$979,054	\$943,094	\$2,871,665	\$2,447,299

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

	1921.	1920.	1921.	1920.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Real est. & mach.	4,880,679	4,862,222	Preferred stock	1,382,900
Additions	1,198,818	1,198,818	Common stock	4,367,700
Investments	456,685	443,485	10% 5% deb. notes	1,500,000
Good will	1	1	Notes payable	2,626,000
Cash	689,183	681,184	Accounts payable	527,985
Notes & accts. rec.	1,364,309	1,348,262	Provision for Int.	30,000
Inventories	x4,448,436	4,985,081	Purch. contract	139,591
Prepaid taxes, &c.	182,719	141,816	Provision for taxes	72,306
			Ins. &c. reserve	96,645
			Capital surplus	1,623,541
			Profit & loss surp.	x554,054
Total	13,220,722	13,460,872	Total	13,220,722

x Inventories of raw materials, &c., have been valued at approximate cost or market value, whichever was lower, and finished glue and sandpaper at fixed prices below cost, in keeping with co.'s previous custom. z After deducting \$125,000 premium paid on stocks.—V. 114, p. 413.

International Silver Co.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1921.)

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
x Net after interest, &c.	\$470,516	\$1,335,538	\$1,462,808	def\$24,809
Adjust. of plants & inven.	Cr. 13,077	72,596		2,513
Divs. on pref. stock	(7 1/2%) 1452,145	(7)422,002	(7)422,002	(7)422,002
Balance	\$31,448	\$840,940	\$1,040,806	def\$449,324
Total surplus Dec. 31	\$4,952,183	\$4,920,735	\$4,079,795	\$3,027,108

x Earnings, less depreciation, taxes and bond interest.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

	1921.	1920.	1921.	1920.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Real estate	2,197,652	2,044,749	Common stock	x685,363
Mach'y, tools, &c.	3,034,600	3,168,096	Preferred stock	y6,028,588
Trade-marks and patents	1,500,000	1,500,000	First mtge. bonds	2,762,000
Inventories	4,616,731	5,970,121	Debtenture bonds	1,867,000
Other investments	1,913,828	1,934,728	Accts. & notes pay.	2,684,318
Bonds to treasury	47,969	24,969	Reserve for taxes	60,000
Cash	1,395,882	1,315,489	Pref. divs. payable	105,500
Accts. & notes rec.	x4,427,351	4,156,205	Surplus	4,952,183
Total	19,134,952	20,114,356	Total	19,134,952

x After deducting \$9,259,337 and (y) \$578,912 held in treasury. z Less reserve.—V. 112, p. 2418.

American Wholesale Corporation, Baltimore, Md.

(Annual Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1921.)

	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.
Gross sales	\$25,577,846	\$35,345,711	\$25,577,845	\$34,855,330
Total earnings	4,270,566	694,773	411,960	4,218,212
Fed. taxes 7% p.a. (est.)		1,341,954	69,000	41,000
Preferred dividends	(3 1/2) 297,500	(7) 575,235	(7) 575,235	(7) 575,235
Fed. taxes for year 1918.		1,953,079		
Balance, surplus		\$678,033	\$50,538	def\$186,399

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

	1921.	1920.	1921.	1920.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Rt. est., plants, &c.	a2,822,138	2,891,312	Pref. 7% cum. stk.	a7,858,000
Inventories	b6,475,538	4,817,952	Com. stk. (no par)	e4,228,656
Notes & accts. rec.	9,261,698	8,151,351	Notes payable	6,625,000
U. S. obligations	23,900	1,022,140	Accts. payable	820,545
Investments	18,869	282,211	Deposit accounts	491,371
Cash	2,340,251	1,337,884	Accrued interest	35,934
Cash, prov. for div.	137,515	143,377	Emp. prov. shar. fd.	1,681
Sundry loans	398,059	325,960	Fed. taxes 21(ont)	41,000
Oxford Realty Co.	295,545		Pref. div. p. Jan. 1	1922
Empl. sub. stk.	c156,527	124,677		137,515
Deferred charges	175,332	209,218	Pnr. m. mortgages	1,290,500
Total	22,073,372	19,296,082	Surplus	543,169

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a After deducting \$100,500 for depreciation. b Cost or market, whichever is lower. c After deducting payments, \$139,785. d Preferred stock authorized, \$9,000,000, less, unissued, \$500,000 and retired, \$642,000. e Common stock (no par) authorized, 150,000 shares, unissued, 54,096 shares, outstanding, 95,904 shares. —V. 114, p. 951, 413.

The Brunswick-Balke-Collender Co., Chicago, Ill.

(Report for Fiscal Year ended Dec. 31 1921.)

President B. E. Bensinger April 1922 wrote in substance:

The net operating profits for the year amounted to \$610,217, but depreciation liabilities to the prevailing market prices involved a shrinkage of \$1,355,293, which, together with the excise tax and special expenditures paid during the year, resulted in a net deficit for the year of \$2,479,691. During the year 1921 liabilities were reduced to the extent of \$4,164,130 and during the first quarter of 1922 a further reduction of \$1,626,364 has been effected.

The directors deemed it sound policy for them to reduce the merchandise inventory to the lowest point possible, consistent with the requirements of the business. The total of this reduction in our inventories including re-adjustment in prices for the year amounted to \$6,579,746. The substantial reductions effected in operating costs and selling expense should result in a satisfactory showing for 1922, the net earnings for the first quarter of which amount to \$656,068.

	1921.	1920.	1919.
Profits from operations	a\$610,217	\$4,248,485	\$5,048,099
Excise taxes for year	1,236,132	1,516,545	1,022,130
Shrinkage on inventories	b1,355,293	2,174,914	
Sundry expenditures & charges (net)	83,043	83,045	24,575
Provisions for income tax	298,483	48,288	982,479
Deficit for year	\$2,279,691	sur\$425,693	sr\$3,016,915
Previous surplus	309,326	8,015,580	5,756,959
Add—Credit arising from conversion of stock	c10,125,000		
Proportion of credit arising from appreciation of capital assets		6,125,480	
Total	\$8,154,634	\$14,566,733	\$8,773,874
Preferred dividends (7% per ann.)	337,295	337,408	338,313
Class "A" Common divs. (cash) (1 1/4%)	157,500	(7)420,000	(7)420,000
do do (in Class "B" Com. stk.)	(150%) 13,500,000		
Profit and loss surplus Dec. 31	\$7,659,839	\$309,326	\$8,015,580

a Profits from operations after deducting manufacturing, selling, administration and general expenses, incl. interest on borrowed money and adequate provision for depreciation of buildings, plant, machinery and equipment. b Shrinkage on inventories at Dec. 31 1921, to current market values. c Credit arising from converting 135,000 shares old Class "B" Common stock of \$100 each into 33,750 shares new Common stock of \$100 each.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

[As of Dec. 31 1921, after giving effect to reduction in Common stock authorized by stockholders but not consummated at Dec. 31 1921.]

	1921.	1920.	1921.	1920.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Plant, equip- ment, &c.	15,019,662	15,813,265	7% Pref. stock	4,818,500
Sundry investm'ts	127,582	204,236	Common stock	x12,375,000
Inventories	y11,127,279	17,662,332	Com. "A" stock	9,000,000
Bills receiv. (less reserve)	4,423,091	3,651,033	Com. "B" stock	13,500,000
Accts. receivable (less reserve)	5,064,851	5,121,169	6% ser. gold notes	2,800,000
Due from officers and employees	360,620	390,837	Install. of 6% gold notes (due Jan. 1)	400,000
Cash	1,229,758	1,068,342	Bills payable	9,843,750
Deferred charges	647,915	1,028,131	Accounts payable	1,590,470
Total	38,000,759	44,939,375	Interest accrued	56,000
			Pref. div. payable	84,324
			Res. for Fed. taxes	70,000
			Ins. &c. reserves	132,876
			Surplus	7,659,839
Total	38,000,759	44,939,375	Total	38,000,759

x Authorized Dec. 30 1921, \$30,000,000, par \$100; to be immediately issued, 90,000 shares in exchange for a like number of old Class "A" Common shares, 90,000, and 33,750 shares in exchange for 135,000 shares of old Class "B" stock, par \$100, \$3,375,000; total to be issued, \$

Mercantile Stores Co., Inc.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Jan. 31 1922.)

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING JAN. 31.		
	1922.	1921.
Profit from operations	\$2,291,955	\$2,680,577
Less—Unearned profit on installment sales, deferred until collected	176,625	78,953
	\$2,115,330	\$2,601,624
Deduct—Provision for doubtful accounts in excess of amount written off during year	\$116,223	\$140,873
Deprec. of equip., fixtures, bldg., impts., &c.	249,823	244,784
Reserve for merchandise	471,787	612,782
Reserve for Federal taxes and contingencies	321,198	490,737
Net profit of subsidiaries	\$956,498	\$1,103,448
Profit parent company	111,753	29,871
Total	\$1,068,251	\$1,133,319

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JAN. 31 (INCL. SUBSID. CORPS.)			
	1922.	1921.	
Assets—			Liabilities—
Furn. impts., &c.	\$ 1	\$ 1	Capital stock
Real est. & bldg. owned	795,849	384,369	Accounts payable
Delivery equipm't	158,281	170,242	Notes payable
Cash	3,621,567	5,666,186	Sundry creditors
Accts. & notes rec. receivables, &c.	2,211,467	5,589,134	Incl. unpaid salaries, &c.
Merchandise	5,860,513	5,955,144	Unearned profit on instal. salescont.
Govt. securities	2,322,218	216,554	Res. for Fed. taxes
Deferred charges	178,358	163,215	& contingencies
Investments	743,903	662,832	15-yr. 5% D. b. bds.
Store supplies	40,565	69,141	Surplus
			\$5,234,322

Total (each side) 19,932,821 18,965,518
 a The above surplus includes \$501,661 transferred during the fiscal year from accumulated merchandise reserve, x Includes accounts and notes receivable of \$4,592,114, and receivables, installment sales contracts, in \$2,412,196; total, \$7,004,310; less reserve of \$792,843. y Merchandise of stock and in transit, \$8,771,023; less unearned discount of \$398,862 and reserve of \$2,511,648. z Of this amount \$638,360 represents investment in the 5% debentures of Mercantile Stores Co., Inc., of the face value of \$749,055.—V. 113, p. 2410.

Porto Rican American Tobacco Co., New York, N. Y.
 (Report for Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31 1921.)

President L. Toro in special letter of Mar. 3 wrote in subst. The year has been most harrowing and disappointing and the first year of the company showing a loss. The unjust demands of labor culminated in Dec. 1920, and accordingly all your cigar factories were closed in Jan. 1921. During the following nine months a continuous struggle was waged, but finally by the end of Sept. your company succeeded in gaining its point and started manufacturing again on the open shop basis. Very little labor trouble has occurred since. Wages were not reduced until Dec. 1 1921, for in order to win the strike it was necessary to maintain the same standard of wages existing during the war period; hence, the few months' operations during the year 1921 were based on the same labor costs as during the war period. Labor conditions prevented the working of a good deal of the 1920 crop of tobacco, which was the most expensive crop ever harvested in Porto Rico, and this fact made it necessary to make readjustment of and write down all inventories at the end of the year. The policy of retrenchment has been established in every department and your company hopes to be able to affect still further economies.

Digest of Statement by Treasurer A. H. Noble, March 3.

Stock.—The stockholders March 10 1921 authorized the increase of the capital stock from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000, for the purpose of redeeming the dividend scrip Series 1 to 9, inclusive, at par, and this was made effective Mar. 31 1921. Through the redemption of this scrip, and other scrip and fractional certificates previously authorized, the capital stock was increased during the year from \$4,965,350 to \$6,270,150 (V. 112, p. 1037, 752).
Bonds.—Under date of May 15 1921 the company issued \$3,000,000 10-Year 8% Sinking Fund gold bonds for the purpose of funding floating debt; \$300,000 of these bonds are to be retired annually and \$158,500 were purchased and canceled during the year (see offering in V. 112, p. 2090).
Surplus Account.—The consolidated statement, including subsidiaries, all of whose stock is owned, shows: Total (profit and loss) surplus Dec. 31 1920, \$1,959,343; add capital adjustment effected through partial re-appraisal of good-will, brands, &c., \$1,293,400; and deduct (a) dividend of 3% paid in scrip (Series 1 to 9, Mar. 3 1921, \$149,306; (b) loss for year 1921, including writing down of inventories, \$2,392,363; (c) interest on bills payable and scrip, \$171,516; (d) interest on 8% Sinking Fund gold bonds, \$140,515; balance, surplus, Dec. 31 1921, \$399,042.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.			
	1921.	1920.	
Net income	\$2,392,363	\$899,948	\$1,557,619
Income & exc. prof. tax			202,554
Dividends (see below) (3%)	149,306	(12)597,224	(6)298,612
Int. on bonds, scrip, &c.	312,032		(13)593,228

Bal., sur. or def. sur. def. \$2,853,701 sur. \$401,724 def. \$160,678 sur. \$115,151
 Profit and loss surplus, d \$599,042 \$1,959,343 \$1,557,619 \$1,718,297
 a Loss for the year, including writing down of inventories.
 b Net profits after deducting all charges and expenses of operations and providing for income and excess profits taxes.
 c Net income for 1919 very small because of strike in Porto Rico.
 d Profit and loss surplus, \$399,042, on Dec. 31 1921, is shown after capital adjustments effected through partial re-appraisal of good-will, brands, &c.
 The dividends above include scrip payments as follows: 1921, 3% 1920, 12%; 1919, 6%; 1918, 9%.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.			
	1921.	1920.	
Assets—			Liabilities—
Real estate, machinery, &c.	1,501,893	1,896,680	Capital stock
Leaf tobacco, manuf. utac, stk. &c.	5,115,903	7,355,811	Scrip red. in stock
Bills & accts rec.	1,800,351	1,570,723	Scrip (Ser. No. 10)
Cash	660,092	839,893	Scrip (Series 1 to 9, inclusive)
Due & exp. on bds.	169,921	1,046,654	10-yr. 8% a. f. bds.
Inv. in other cos.	261,653	281,652	Bills & accts pay.
Good-will, trademarks, &c.	1,500,000	206,000	Res. for deprec'n.
			Other reserves
Total	\$11,409,814	\$13,151,360	Surplus
			\$399,042
			\$1,959,343

American Bosch Magneto Corporation.
 (Annual Report for Year ended Dec. 31 1921.)

President Arthur T. Murray, March 1, wrote in substance: Results.—The decreased buying power of the farmer retarded his demand for farm engines, trucks and tractors, so that during the year there has been practically no sales for this class of product. In addition the domestic and export automobile business also felt a marked recession in demand, particularly in the export field. This resulted in a marked falling off in the demand for ignition equipment for these particular products. Our shipments in 1921 were but 7% of the volume in the same department in 1920. Our branch house business where we have direct access to the consumer amounted in 1921 to 93% of our 1920 business. Combined total business in 1921 was approximately 25% of our 1920 total. Jan. 1 1921 the unfilled orders on our books amounted to \$6,299,277, whereas at the end of the year the total unfilled orders on our books amounted to \$8,559,180, an increase of \$2,259,902. This increase was

entirely on new contracts taken on starting and lighting and battery ignition equipment. Starting Jan. 1 1922, we began to receive substantial shipping releases against these orders.

Since Jan. 1 1922 a marked improvement has set in, which appears to be permanent. January shipments were the best that we have had in 16 months. February was about the same.

Inventory Write-off.—At Dec. 31 1921 all inventory was written down to market value. The actual write off in the inventory was \$1,486,965.
New Line of Magnetos.—All production problems have been intensively studied and a large part of the plant rearranged to bring about lower production costs. Our research and engineering departments also have perfected a new line of magnetos which will result in a very much broader market and reduced production costs.

1921 Results.—Our general commercial and sales overhead for 1921 showed a reduction of over 40% as compared with 1920, and the reduction in our actual factory overhead was approximately 50%. The result was that the net loss from actual operations during the most trying year that this industry has ever experienced was but \$236,177.
 Our outstanding commitments to vendors at Jan. 1 1921 were \$2,011,394, as against \$681,201 at Dec. 31 1921, or a net reduction of \$1,330,192; 90% of our outstanding commitments are subject to delivery on the order of the company and they are practically all of them at market or below.

Federal Investigation.—About two months ago the U. S. Government, in line with its policy of investigating the sale of all properties made by the Allen Property Custodian, started its investigation into the sale of the Bosch property. We have placed at the disposal of the Government officials all accounts and records of every kind, so that they may at an early date know in complete detail all the facts in connection with the entire transaction. [The investigation was still under way in April.—Ed.]

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1921.	1920.	1919.
Net oper. profit before Fed. taxes	\$236,177	\$1,595,961	Not stated
Net oper. inc. after Fed. taxes		1,469,872	\$921,963
(\$126,089 in 1920)			
Dividends paid (per share)	(\$1 1/2) 120,000	(\$10) 880,000	(\$7) 420,000

Balance, surplus	def \$356,177	\$589,872	\$501,963
Surplus & capital stock Jan. 1	\$8,184,363	\$6,118,663	\$5,755,852
Add—Proceeds from sale of 20,000 shares of stock at \$100 per share		2,000,000	
Less sundry surp. & invent. adjust.	1,813,815	524,172	139,152

Total surplus & capital stock account, Dec. 31	\$6,014,371	\$8,184,363	\$6,118,663
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CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31.

	1921.	1920.	1921.	1920.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Real estate, plant & equipment	\$3,135,412	2,830,409	Cap. stock & surp.	\$6,014,371
Patents & tracings	594,176	594,177	Notes & accts. pay.	1,101,017
Cash	317,374	332,596	Gray & Davis acct.	125,934
Notes & accts. rec.	2,291,425	1,059,381	Accrued accounts	50,404
Invnt. & suppl.	3,322,751	4,344,727	Empl. subs. acct.	67,136
Deferred charges & prepaid exp.	123,845	484,560	8% gold notes	2,500,000
Inv. in other cos.	580,769	250,233	Deferred credit	33,000
			Reserve for taxes	191,870
Total	9,665,792	9,896,083	Total	9,665,792
				9,896,083

x Real estate, plant, equipment, &c., \$3,783,225; less allowance for depreciation, \$647,813; balance, as above, \$3,135,412. y After deducting \$160,324 allowance for depreciation. z Includes \$839,146 notes receivable and \$455,278 accounts receivable (less reserve). a Represented by 96,000 shares of no par value. b Includes notes payable, \$825,000 and accounts payable, \$276,017.—V. 114, p. 1410.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

RAILROADS, INCLUDING ELECTRIC ROADS.

General Railroad and Electric Railway News.—The following table summarizes recent railroad and electric railway news of a more or less general character, full details concerning which are commonly published on preceding pages under the heading "Current Events and Discussions" (if not in the "Editorial Department"), either in the week the matter becomes public or shortly thereafter.

Strike Matters.—For details see "Editorial" and "Current Events" sections in this issue.

Chicago "L" Men Vote to Strike.—4,279 in favor of strike against 14 opposing because of contemplated wage cuts. See "Chronicle" July 15, p. 307.

Canadian Railroads Reduce Wages Ranging from 24 to 4 Cents per Day.—Men refuse new scale and apply for arbitration under Canadian Industrial Disputes Act. "Financial America" July 18, p. 8.

Cleveland Street Ry. Reduces Fares From 6c to 5c. Effective Aug. 1.—"Philadelphia News Bureau" July 20, p. 2.

Cincinnati Traction Co. Employees Accept Wage Cut of 4%, Retroactive July 1.—"Philadelphia News Bureau" July 20, p. 3.

Car Loadings.—Loading of revenue freight totaled 718,319 cars during the week ended July 8, compared with 876,896 cars during the preceding week, or a reduction of 158,577 cars. Comparisons showed a reduction because of the observance of Independence Day in the loading of all commodities under the week before.

Principal changes compared with the week ended July 1 were: Coal, 68,996 cars, decrease 25,752; coke, 9,665 cars, decrease 698; ore, 55,729 cars, decrease 9,047; merchandise and miscellaneous freight (including manufactured products), 482,079 cars, decrease 93,067; grain and grain products, 35,267 cars, decrease 6,630; live stock, 21,847 cars, decrease 6,699; forest products, 44,736 cars, decrease 16,886.

Idle Cars.—Freight cars idle totaled 405,185 cars on July 1, compared with 429,074 on June 23, or a reduction of 23,889 cars.

Of the total 239,225 were serviceable, a reduction since June 23 of 16,460 cars, while the remaining 165,960 were freight cars in bad order.
 Surplus coal cars totaled 147,558, decrease 13,175; box cars, 60,101, decrease 2,476; coke cars, 3,945, increase 187; stock cars, 11,852 cars, decrease 666.

Idle Cars on or about 1st of Month, and on June 30 1922 (in Thousands).

	July 1.	June 1.	June 23.	May 1.	April 1.	Mar. 1.	Feb. 1.	Jan. 1.
Good order	239	305	256	372	207	245	331	471
Bad order	166	175	173	158	161	173	159	148

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" July 15.—(a) "Outlawry"—applied to unions, p. 231. (b) Cost of strikes, p. 233. (c) Railway shopmen strike—applying boycott methods, p. 237. (d) Railroad gross and net earnings for May, p. 238. (e) Electric railway earnings in 1921, p. 241—all editorials. (f) Railroad shopmen strike; stationary firemen and engineers to strike, p. 267. (g) President Harding's proclamation warning rail strikers against interference with transportation and mails, p. 269. (h) B. M. Jewell in response to President Harding's proclamation on interference with transportation, p. 269. (i) Samuel Gompers's criticism of President Harding's proclamation, p. 270. (j) B. M. Jewell's reply to railway executives declares strike will be continued to successful conclusion, p. 270. (k) Reduction in Canadian freight rates, p. 270.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—Equipment Trusts Sold.—Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Speyer & Co. and National City Co., New York, have placed privately \$6,750,000 5% Equip. Trust Certificates. Issued under the Philadelphia plan.

Dated Aug. 1 1922; due \$450,000 on Aug. 1 each year from 1923 to 1937, both inclusive. Dividends payable F. & A. at the agency of the trustee in New York, without deduction for any tax or taxes (other than Federal income taxes) which the company or the trustee may be required to pay or to retain therefrom under any present or future law of the United States or of any State, county, municipality or other taxing authority therein.

Denom. \$1,000 (e*). Girard Trust Co., Philadelphia, trustee.
Security.—There will be vested in the trustee title to new equipment costing not less than \$9,000,000, including the following: 4 steel dining cars, 40 steel passenger coaches, 3 combination, baggage and postal steel cars, 5 steel postal cars, 1,000 O-27a 70-ton 46-ft. drop-end steel gondola cars, 1,000 M-15 40-ton steel under-frame box cars, 1,000 50-ton steel hopper cars, 35 Mikado freight locomotives, 15 Pacific passenger locomotives.
Guaranty.—Principal and dividends unconditionally guaranteed by endorsement by this company.
Earnings.—Total net income for calendar year 1921, after interest, rentals and other fixed charges, other than Federal income tax, amounted to \$6,558,294, and for the five months to May 31 1922 shows an increase compared with the same period of preceding year of \$1,699,095.
Insurance.—Subject to the approval of all public authorities.—V. 115, p. 307, 72.

Beaumont & Great Northern Ry.—Plan.—
 See Missouri Kansas & Texas Ry. below.—V. 114, p. 2115.

Boston Elevated Railway.—Has No Debts.—
 The company July 15 has more than \$3,000,000 cash on deposit, and for the first time in 11½ years does not owe a dollar to the banks. The road earned more than \$1,000,000 in excess of dividends in the first half of this year, and on July 14 made an initial payment of \$517,196 on account of the municipal loan assessment of 1919. ("Boston Transcript.")—V. 114, p. 2822.

Boston & Maine RR.—Equip. Trusts.—Annual Meeting.
 The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to assume obligation and liability in respect of \$1,815,000 Equipment Trust certificates, to be issued by First National Bank, Boston, under an equipment trust agreement dated Aug. 1 1922 and sold at not less than 98.42, in connection with the procurement of the following equipment:

No.	Description and Unit Price.	Approx. Cost.
22	O-8-O switching locomotives at \$32,400	\$712,800
2	O-8-O Mallet switching locomotives at \$60,750	121,500
65	steel baggage coaches at \$20,700	1,345,500
20	steel smoking cars at \$20,700	401,400
8	steel baggage and smoking cars at \$19,000	152,000
5	steel baggage and mail cars at \$17,750	88,750
25	milk cars, passenger equipped, at \$9,110	227,750

Total. \$3,049,700
 Upon the execution of the trust agreement, the trustee will issue and sell trust certificates not exceeding \$1,815,000. The net proceeds from the sale of certificates will be held by the trustee in a special deposit to be known as "certificates fund" from which will be paid 60% of the cost of the equipment acquired. The remainder of the purchase price will be paid in cash, of which \$1,212,500 will be derived from a loan to the company from the United States.

The trust certificates will be tendered for sale to prospective purchasers and sold to the bidder offering the best terms.
 Judge Crosby of the Massachusetts Supreme Court has reserved decision after hearing on bill brought by Edmund D. Codman against New York Central, Boston & Maine, and others, seeking to prevent the carrying out of an alleged plan to place the Boston & Maine under the control of the New York Central. George R. Mayberry, counsel for the Boston & Maine, denied that there was any plan to place the Boston & Maine under the control of the New York Central or any other corporation.

Mr. Codman, who claims proxies representing 35,000 shares of Boston & Maine stock, alleges that the New York Central RR., through a committee consisting of Guy W. Currier, F. H. Prince and Gordon Abbott, the officers and directors of the Boston & Maine, and certain of the stockholders, has been negotiating for purpose of placing A. H. Smith, President of the New York Central, on the Boston & Maine directorate as Chairman, thus turning over control to the New York Central "by this and other means."

The annual meeting for the election of directors, scheduled for July 14, has been postponed to July 27, pending the decision of Judge Crosby.—V. 115, p. 72, 182.

Brockton & Plymouth Street Ry.—Sale.—
 The road has been sold under foreclosure by receiver L. P. Gleason, to John H. Dawson, who represented the State Street Trust Co., Boston, for \$100,000. The road, it is understood, will be reorganized.—V. 112, p. 100.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co.—Additional Trains.
 The New York Transit Commission has directed that an order, effective Aug. 15, be served upon the New York Consolidated RR. Corp., operating the subway and elevated lines of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit System, and upon Lindley M. Garrison, as receiver, requiring the operation of 100 trains per day in addition to those at present operated, 60 of these to be supplied during the rush hours, and 40 during the non-rush hours. In the fall a further addition of 35 trains will be required.

Representative of Lindley M. Garrison, receiver, has informed the Transit Commission that the terms of the service order adopted by the Commission on July 13 1922 are accepted and will be obeyed. The terms of the order are accepted on the understanding that: (a) Retirement of 65 partially wooden elevated line cars and substitution of 50 new all-steel cars is for purpose of eliminating this type of car from operation in Centre Street loop, and is not to be taken as precedent or as indicating the initiation of a general policy of retiring this type of equipment; (b) that new steel cars shall be financed by funds provided through the retirement of elevated line cars in manner provided in contract No. 4.—V. 115, p. 182, 72.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.—Definitive Notes Ready.—
 The Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, is now ready to deliver definitive 6% equip. gold notes, Series 13 & 13-A, in exchange for outstanding trust receipts. See offering in V. 114, p. 408.—V. 114, p. 2575.

Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR.—Listing.—
 The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$30,000,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5% gold bonds, Series A, due Feb. 1 1971. (See offering in V. 114, p. 518.)—V. 114, p. 2716.

Cincinnati Traction Co.—Wages Reduced.—
 The company's union employees have accepted a wage reduction of 4%. The agreement is retroactive to July 1 and runs for one year. Motormen and conductors will receive 43 cents an hour for the first 3 months, 46 cents for the next 9 months, and 48 cents thereafter. The company had demanded a reduction in wages of 10%.—V. 114, p. 2716.

Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis Ry.—Protective Committee Against Offer of New York Central RR.—
 The protective committee for the Preferred stock, which includes Edwin G. Merrill, Pres. New York Life Insurance & Trust Co., George E. Roosevelt, of Roosevelt & Son, and Willis D. Wood, of Ladd & Wood, have issued a call to the Preferred stockholders, inviting them to deposit their stock with New York Life Insurance & Trust Co.

The letter to stockholders which this committee has issued was occasioned by the ruling of the I.-S. C. Commission giving its approval to the offer by the New York Central to exchange its stock share for share for Big Four Preferred stock.

The letter to Pref. stockholders dated July 19 says in brief: On July 12 the I.-S. C. Commission announced its decision authorizing the New York Central to offer an exchange of its stock for Big Four Pref. on a par for par basis (V. 115, p. 307). You will shortly receive formal notice of the offer to exchange from the New York Central, which we understand will remain open until Sept. 23 1922 (see New York Central below). This situation makes it necessary for every stockholder to determine whether he will make the proposed exchange or join with other stockholders in retaining their stock and insisting on better terms.

The effect of the decision of the Commission should be clearly understood by all stockholders. The important point is that, although the decision involves an affirmative finding that the offer is advantageous to the New York Central, there is no corresponding finding that the offer is fair to the Big Four Preferred stockholders. That issue the Commission expressly declines to determine.

The effect of the decision is merely this: (1) That the offer is sufficiently cheap from the point of view of the New York Central, and (2) that if the offer is unjust to the Big Four Preferred stockholders the Commission is not concerned with that fact, and the stockholders must protect themselves by their own efforts.

Our expressed and emphatic opinion is that from an investment standpoint Big Four Preferred is of distinctly higher class than New York Central. An outstanding fact about Big Four Preferred is its small amount—\$10,000,000. Thus only \$500,000 per annum above bond interest is required to cover the dividend. This contrasts with \$12,500,000 annually required to pay even 5% on the \$250,000,000 New York Central stock. Without reflecting in any way on the merits and possibilities of New York Central stock, it is apparent that its dividend is far less secure than Big Four Preferred. This has been true for some years and is emphasized by a comparison of earnings in 1920 and 1921.

In 1920 the balance available for dividends on Big Four Preferred was \$58.89 per share as against \$5.50 per share of New York Central. In 1921 the corresponding figures were about \$20.30 per share for Big Four Preferred and \$8.90 per share for New York Central. During the first 5 months of 1922 the earnings applicable to Big Four Preferred were about \$3,799,000, which is at the annual rate of over \$91 per share of the Preferred stock, or 18 times the annual dividend. The assets securing the principal value of Big Four Preferred amounted on Dec. 31 1920 to \$747.53 per share, since which time they have increased. This is nearly 5 times the book value of New York Central.

An important additional feature of the value of Big Four Preferred is the charter provision whereby the consent of a majority of the Preferred stock is required for the issuance of "any evidences of funded debt" or "This operates to insure the security of the Pref. stock, and, on the other hand, makes it distinctly advantageous for the New York Central to acquire a majority. These several features—security of income, security of principal, and veto power over issues of funded debt, and leases entailing additional fixed charges—show that Big Four Preferred has to all intents and purposes the same investment security as ordinarily attached only to first-class bonds, while the stock is not subject to the normal Federal income tax.—V. 115, p. 307, 176.

Cleveland (Electric) Ry.—Fares Reduced.—
 Following Mayor Kohler's ultimatum demanding an immediate reduction in street-car fares, the company announces that beginning Aug. 1 fares will be reduced from 6 to 5 cents, with 11 tickets for 50 cents.—V. 115, p. 182.

Clinton & Oklahoma Western RR.—Authority to Issue Bonds.—
 The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$500,000 1st Mtge. 6% gold bonds and \$400,000 2d Mtge. 5% gold bonds; said bonds to be exchanged, par for par, for \$900,000 of 1st Mtge. 5% gold bonds now outstanding.

All of the \$900,000 1st Mtge. bonds and more than 90% of the company's \$300,000 capital stock are now owned by Pres. Frank Kell, who has, since its incorporation, been its creditor in large amounts and has otherwise assisted as an individual in financing its properties.

Cumberland County Power & Light Co.—Bonds Sold.—Blodgett & Co., New York, &c., have sold at 89¼ and int., to yield about 5½%, \$900,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. gold 5s, due Sept. 1 1942.

Data from Letter of President H. M. Verrill, Portland, Me., July 10.

Company.—Incorp. in Maine in March 1907 and acquired properties formerly owned by Portland Lighting & Power Co., Portland Electric Co. and Consolidated Electric Light Co. of Maine. Controls through stock ownership York County Power Co. and the Westbrook Electric Co. Company and subsidiaries do entire electric light and power business in Portland and vicinity, Biddeford, Saco, Sanford, Springvale, Kennebunkport, York, Old Orchard and Alfred, Me., and the gas business in Biddeford and Saco. Population served over 150,000. Through lease of the Portland RR., company also operates the street railway systems in Portland and South Portland with lines to Old Orchard, Saco, Westbrook, South Windham, Gorham, Cape Elizabeth and Yarmouth.

New Plant.—A new steam turbine generating plant is now being constructed at Portland. This plant will have a capacity of 13,400 h.p., and is designed to permit of indefinite expansion. Plant is expected to be in operation Oct. 1 1922.

Capitalization Outstanding on Completion of Present Financing.
 Underly. bonds (closed M.) \$2,573,000 Preferred 6% cumulative \$2,530,000 1st & Ref. 5s, 1942 (this iss.) 3,818,000 Common 1,348,400 Junior securities, 1923-26. x634,500

x Secured in part by an additional \$100,000 5s, 1942.
 Company also guarantees the interest on \$1,292,500 bonds of its subsidiaries and also int. on \$3,559,000 bonds and 5% div. on \$1,999,000 stock of its leased properties.

Security.—An absolute 1st mtge. on modern hydro-electric plants, combined generating capacity of 16,560 h.p., a modern steam turbine generating plant of 13,400 h.p. (now under construction), together with transmission lines, &c. Further secured by a direct mortgage (subject to underlying closed mortgages of \$2,573,000) on other hydro-electric plants of 7,640 h.p., and distribution systems largely exceeding in value the total of underlying mortgage debts, and also upon franchises, leases, &c.

Valuation.—An appraisal made in April 1922 of the physical properties of the Cumberland County Power & Light Co. indicates a depreciated present reconstruction value of over \$7,700,000, of which about \$1,000,000 represents the value of water rights. In addition the new power station and other improvements now under construction will add about \$1,100,000 to the value of the property, making a total of over \$9,800,000.

Earnings of Cumberland County Power & Light Co. and Sub. & Leased Co's.
 Years ended May 31—
 1920. 1921. 1922.
 Gross earnings. \$2,926,660 \$3,238,350 \$3,371,521
 Net after oper. exp. and taxes. 998,579 1,111,521 1,089,623
 Rentals and guarantees. 323,972 324,550 335,174
 Int. on 5s, 1942, and underlying bonds. 281,595 279,508 x333,050

Balance. \$393,102 \$507,463 \$422,399
 Interest on junior securities. 45,050 45,050 50,070
 x Represents annual interest charges on the 1st & Ref. 5s, 1942, incl. the \$900,000 new bonds now being issued, and all underlying bonds.—V. 115, p. 313.

Duluth Street Ry.—Fares Cut—Valuation.—
 The Minnesota State Railroad & Warehouse Commission has authorized the company to charge a 6-cent cash fare with 5 tokens for 25 cents, effective Aug. 1 as against the prevailing fare of 5 cents.

The City of Duluth will seek a temporary injunction in St. Louis County District Court to restrain the company from making the higher fare effective Aug. 1.
 The Commission also allowed a 7½% return on capital invested, while the City of Duluth argued for a return not in excess of 6% and the car company for 8%. It also fixed the company's valuation at \$4,599,978, while the city's figure was \$3,800,000 and the car company's approximately \$5,000,000.

The company property, the Commission said, has been appraised upon four different bases, with the following findings:
 (1) Cost of reproduction based upon 1915 prices. \$3,488,161
 (2) Reproduction based upon the average of prices for 10 years ending July 1 1921. \$4,864,437
 (3) Reproduction based upon 1921 cost. \$6,308,966
 (4) Reproduction on investment basis. \$3,487,020
 —V. 114, p. 854.

Eastern Massachusetts Street Ry.—Earnings.—
 Six Months ending June 30—
 1922. 1921. 1920.
 Operating revenue and income. \$5,252,803 \$5,637,858 \$6,679,949
 Operating expenses and taxes. 3,976,144 4,462,613 6,068,555
 Gross income. \$1,276,659 \$1,175,244 \$11,394
 Bond interest and rentals. 770,467 800,626 772,050
 Net income. \$506,191 \$374,618 def\$760,656
 —V. 115, p. 807.

Eastland Wichita Falls & Gulf RR.—Stock & Bonds.—
 The I.-S. C. Commission has granted authority to issue 5,560 shares of Common stock (par \$100) and \$350,000 1st Mtge. bonds; said stock and bonds to be delivered to John Ringling in payment for advances made.
 The company was incorporated in Texas in December 1918, with an authorized capital of \$500,000. A line of railroad was constructed from Mangum, Texas, to a junction with the Wichita Falls Ranger & Fort

Worth RR. near Brockwalker, 26.68 miles, and operations were begun in the spring of 1920. In May 1921 the company increased its authorized capital stock to \$1,000,000, and leased all of its property to the Wichita Falls Ranger & Fort Worth RR. until April 1, 1922.

There are now outstanding 1,173 shares of stock (par \$100), of which Mr. Ringling holds 1,073 shares. In addition, he has advanced from time to time, sums aggregating \$906,038.

The company now proposes to execute a first mortgage of its entire property under date of June 28, 1920, to Chatham & Phenix National Bank, New York, to secure a total issue of \$551,000 30-Year 6% bonds, and to issue the bonds thus secured and \$355,038 of its Common capital stock to Mr. Ringling in repayment of its indebtedness to him.

Erie Railroad Co.—Definitive Notes Ready.—

The Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, is now ready to deliver definitive 6% equip. gold notes, series 29, in exchange for trust receipts now outstanding.—V. 115, p. 182.

Fonda Johnstown & Glov. RR.—Status—Application.—

Pres. J. Leslie Hees, July 1, writes in brief: The company is in excellent financial condition, having treasury securities and current assets, including cash and Liberty bonds, in amount about \$400,000 more than its current liabilities. It has no floating indebtedness.

For the year ended May 31, 1922, it earned after deducting depreciation reserves 1.52 times its interest requirements, and 5.74 times its 4% Pref. stock dividend. The surplus for this period after Preferred dividends was equal to 5.41% dividend on its Common stock. Corporate surplus on June 1 amounted to \$432,927, and its depreciation reserves \$370,512.

The total bonded debt of \$7,000,000 will soon be substantially changed by retirement of \$200,000 underlying steam RR. Co. 6s of 1881 and \$350,000 underlying Chyadutta Electric RR. Co. 6s of 1892 through the issue of a like amount of 4½% 1st Consol. Gen. Ref. Mtdge. bonds dated Nov. 1, 1922, maturing Nov. 1, 1952. (Application for the issuance of which has been made to the Inter-State Commerce Commission.)

This transaction, while not increasing the bonded debt, will reduce the annual bond interest \$8,250, and make the 1st Consol. Gen. Ref. bonds a first lien on the entire electric division, besides being a lien on the steam division and real estate, subject only to \$1,300,000 of prior Steam Railroad Co. bonds of which \$800,000 4s mature in 1947 and \$500,000 4½s in 1950.

The \$5,150,000 4½% 1st Consol. Gen. Ref. Mtdge. bonds, due 1952, are a legal New York State savings bank investment.—V. 114, p. 2818.

Fort Worth & Denver City Ry. Co.—Report.—

See Colorado & Southern Ry. Co. under "Financial Reports" on a preceding page.—V. 114, p. 2115, 1785.

Grand Trunk Railway of Canada.—British Privy Council Reverses Decision Holding Stocks Valueless—Rehearing.—

Advices from London to the Toronto papers state that the British Privy Council, after hearing the appeal of the shareholders of the company against the award of the board of arbitration concerning the value of the preference and common stocks when the railway was acquired by the Canadian Government, has reserved judgment. London cables indicate that the board of arbitration will be reconstituted to rehear the case. Sir Walter Cassel, chairman of the board, and Sir Thomas White, representing the Canadian Government, declared the stocks valueless, while W. H. Taft, representing the Grand Trunk, dissented. The decision of the Privy Council will not affect the actual acquisition of the Grand Trunk System by the Dominion Government.—V. 114, p. 2233.

Grand Trunk Western Ry.—Interest Paid.—

Interest due July 15 on the 6% Equipment Gold Notes, maturing 1923-1935, will be payable at the Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y., upon presentation of Dillon, Read & Co. interim receipts. See offering of notes in V. 114, p. 1765.

Gulf Mobile & Northern RR.—Branch Line.—

The I-S-C Commission has authorized the company to abandon that portion of its McLain or Blodgett branch, which lies north of the station of Plave, having a length of 3.4 miles and being in the counties of Greene and Wayne, Miss.—V. 115, p. 178.

Houston & Brazos Valley Ry.—Plan.—

See Missouri Kansas & Texas Ry. below.—V. 113, p. 2465.

Iowa Transfer Railway.—Stock.—

The I-S-C Commission has authorized the company to issue not exceeding \$40,000 capital stock, proceeds to be used for additions and betterments to road and equipment.

Knoxville & Carolina RR.—Authority to Issue Securities.—

The I-S-C Commission has authorized the company: (1) to issue at par 2,002 shares of common stock (par \$100), and (2) \$132,000 1st mtdge. bonds, property.

The report of the Commission says in part: The property which the applicant proposes to operate was formerly owned by the Knoxville Sevierville & Eastern Ry., and consists of a line of road extending from Vestal to Sevierville, Tenn., 27.8 miles, together with branches and spurs aggregating 1.1 miles. Entrance to Knoxville is secured by trackage rights over the rails of the Southern Railway from Vestal, a distance of 2.2 miles. This property was purchased by L. C. Gunter for \$50,000 on Nov. 1, 1921, under a judgment dated July 22, 1921, made in an action foreclosing this mortgage securing the first mortgage bonds of the Sevierville Co. This purchaser acted for the holders of \$164,000, or approximately 58% of the outstanding first mortgage bonds of the Sevierville Co., and it is now proposed to sell the property to the applicant, which has recently been organized for the purpose of acquiring and operating it, accepting as payment therefor the securities herein sought to be authorized.

The applicant has an authorized capital stock of \$400,000 (par \$100), and it now proposes to issue to L. C. Gunter and his nominees 3,000 shares in part payment of the purchase price of the property.

The proposed bonds are to be issued under a mortgage to be dated Jan. 1, 1922, which will be made by the applicant to the Mechanics Bank & Trust Co., Knoxville, Tenn., and which will authorize the issue of \$300,000 20-year 6% bonds. Of these bonds, \$132,000 are to be issued immediately and delivered to L. C. Gunter to complete the payment for the property.

At the date of foreclosure of the mortgage the Sevierville Co. had outstanding: Common stock, \$500,000; First Mtdge. 6% bonds, \$300,000; 2d Mtdge. 5% bonds, \$200,000.

Our tentative valuation report shows the cost of reproduction of the property, less depreciation, and including land, as of June 30, 1916, \$380,430. There has been a net charge to the capital account through additions and betterments to road and equipment of \$2,774 up to Dec. 31, 1920, and the applicant represents that it has spent approximately \$9,000 for similar purposes, making a total capitalizable value of \$392,214. On this basis we shall authorize the issue of \$260,200 of capital stock and \$132,000 of bonds.—V. 114, p. 627.

Knoxville Sevierville & Eastern Ry.—Successor Co.—

See Knoxville & Carolina RR. above.—V. 113, p. 2135.

Lake Erie & Pittsburgh Ry.—Authority to Issue Bonds.—

The I-S-C Commission has authorized the company to issue \$142,000 1st mtdge. gold bonds, Series B, said bonds to be delivered, at par, to New York Central RR. and the Pennsylvania Co., the applicant's proprietary companies, in reimbursement for advances from them.—V. 104, p. 1801.

Louisiana & Northwest RR.—Initial Div.—Earnings.—

The directors have placed the stock on a \$6 per annum basis by declaring an initial dividend of \$1.50 a share (for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1922), payable Oct. 1.

Gross earnings for the year ended May 30, 1922 were \$1,661,603, expenses \$1,025,912 and net \$635,690. Interest on the \$2,150,000 1st Mtdge. bonds outstanding requires \$107,500, and a voluntary sinking fund instituted by the new owners, fixed at 20% of the net remainder after interest charges, equals \$100,038, leaving \$428,152 applicable to dividends and other corporate purposes. This is equivalent to \$18.61 a share on the \$2,800,000 capital stock.—V. 115, p. 74.

Louisville (Ky.) Railway.—Rehearing Denied City.—

The U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals has denied the City of Louisville a rehearing in the street railway fare case. The company after 18 months still is collecting a 7-cent fare under a temporary injunction. See also V. 115, p. 183; V. 114, p. 2116.

Manhattan Railway.—Notice to Undeposited Stockholders on Readjustment Plan.—Alvin W. Kreeh, Chairman of the stockholders' protective committee, has issued a letter to non-depositing stockholders with the intent of placing before them exactly their responsibility in determining whether or not to deposit their stock under the plan of readjustment. The letter states in part:

The committee knows of no course of action which will bring better results to you and to the majority of stockholders who have approved the plan, than will come to you under the plan, and therefore believes you should deposit your stock. The committee has recommended the plan upon information furnished by independent engineers and after long and protracted negotiations during which, I believe, every advantage obtainable was secured for the Manhattan stockholders.

3,084 shareholders, owning 420,490 shares, or over 70% of the stock, have thus far assented to the Interborough-Manhattan readjustment plan. The remaining shareholders, owning 179,510 shares, have thus far failed to deposit their shares.

The committee deems it its duty to call to your attention the fact that practical unanimity is absolutely essential in order to declare the plan operative. The advantages of the plan are clearly set out in the committee's previous advertisements and circulars. All available information will be furnished by the committee's Chairman or Secretary if desired by any shareholder. Failure to deposit on or before Tuesday, July 25, is tantamount to a vote for the rejection of the plan.

This is the responsibility resting upon you with respect to your own shares and the shares of all other shareholders, notwithstanding the assent of a substantial majority.—V. 115, p. 308, 183.

Market Street Ry., San Francisco.—Negotiations.—

The Board of Supervisors' Committee has submitted recommendation that all further negotiations for purchase of the property by the city be indefinitely postponed.—V. 115, p. 74.

Mauch Chunk (Pa.) & Leighton Transit Co.—

The strike which became effective on June 1 was terminated on June 24, when a wage scale was agreed on amounting to 41 cents an hour for motormen and conductors. The old rate was 43½ cents an hour.

A New York syndicate on June 1, 1922 took over the operation of the company. The new President is Rolland A. Davidson, of N. Y. City, and the Secretary is V. M. Wolff. ("Elec. Ry. Journal" July 15).—V. 108, p. 2629.

Memphis Dallas & Gulf RR.—Abandonment of 3 Lines.—

The I-S-C Commission has authorized Martin Walsh, receiver, to abandon certain portions of the road, as follows, all in the State of Arkansas: Glenwood to Hot Springs, 35.30 miles; Grayson to Leard, 5.49 miles; Daleville to Clark's Mill, 10.64 miles.—V. 114, p. 2823, 948.

Michigan United Railways.—Wages Cut.—

The board of arbitration has fixed the wage scale of motormen and conductors, as follows:

Interurban Men.—47 cents per hour for the first six months and 52 cents thereafter. Last year's wages were 49 and 54 cents, respectively. The company offered 50 cents straight.

One-Man City Car Operators.—47 cents per hour, first year; 50 cents thereafter. Last year's scale was 49 and 51 cents. The company offered 48 cents straight.

Motormen and Conductors of Two-Man City Cars in Jackson, Lansing, Battle Creek and Kalamazoo.—42 cents first year; 45 cents thereafter. Last year's scale was 44 and 46 cents. The company offered a straight 43 cents. The award runs for one year to May 31, 1923.—V. 113, p. 2819.

Milwaukee Northern Ry.—New Control.—

The North American Co. is to acquire control of this road. No changes in the personnel of the road are contemplated, the proposed transfer affecting only the stock of the company.—V. 111, p. 1949.

Missouri Kansas & Texas Ry.—Reorganization Plan.—

J. & W. Seligman & Co. and Hallgarten & Co., reorganization managers, announced that a cash installment of \$5 a share on the Common stock and \$4 a share on the Preferred stock became payable July 18 on stock deposited with the Equitable Trust Co., New York.

The New York Stock Exchange has admitted to list Pref. stock participation warrants, third assessment paid, and Common stock participation warrants, third assessment paid.

Treatment of Bonds Not Included in Reorganization Plan.—

J. & W. Seligman & Co. and Hallgarten & Co., reorganization managers, under the plan dated Nov. 1, 1921, for the reorganization of the company, announced July 15 that they have entered into the following agreements for the adjustment of the indebtedness and liability of Missouri Kansas & Texas Ry. and (or) Missouri Kansas & Texas Ry. Co. of Texas on, or in respect of, the following bonds:

(a) Agreement of adjustment dated March 1, 1922, with the committee under the deposit agreement dated Feb. 14, 1916, of holders of \$2,347,000 First Mtdge. 5% 40-year gold bonds of Texas & Oklahoma RR. (guaranteed by Missouri Kansas & Texas Ry.).

(b) Agreement of adjustment dated May 25, 1922, with the committee under the deposit agreement dated Feb. 15, 1916, of holders of \$1,689,000 50-Year First Mtdge. 5% gold bonds of the Sherman Shreveport & Southern Ry. (guaranteed by Missouri Kansas & Texas Ry.).

(c) Agreement of adjustment dated Jan. 23, 1922, with Robert C. Duff and Edward A. Haid, acting as a committee on behalf of holders of \$883,000 30-Year First Mtdge. 5% gold bonds of the Beaumont & Great Northern RR. (guaranteed by Missouri Kansas & Texas Ry.).

(d) Agreement of adjustment dated May 25, 1922, with holders of all First Mtdge. 5% gold bonds of Houston & Brazos Valley Ry. (guaranteed by Missouri Kansas & Texas Ry.).

Holders of guaranteed First Mtdge. 5% 40-year gold bonds of Texas & Oklahoma RR. may participate in the benefits of the agreement of adjustment dated March 1, 1922 by deposit of their bonds with the coupon of March 1, 1916, and subsequent coupons, on or before Sept. 15, 1922, with Columbia Trust Co., 60 Broadway, New York, as depository under the reorganization plan, or with Bankers Trust Co., 14 Wall St., New York, as depository under the deposit agreement dated Feb. 14, 1916. [Compare also V. 115, p. 309.]

Holders of guaranteed 50-Year First Mtdge. 5% gold bonds of Sherman Shreveport & Southern Ry. may participate in the benefits of the agreement of adjustment dated May 25, 1922 by deposit of their bonds with the coupon of Dec. 1, 1915, and subsequent coupons, on or before Sept. 15, 1922, with Columbia Trust Co., 60 Broadway, New York, as depository under the reorganization plan, or with Columbia Trust Co. as depository under a plan and agreement of readjustment of Sherman Shreveport & Southern Ry. dated July 10, 1922.

Holders of guaranteed 30-Year First Mtdge. 5% gold bonds of Beaumont & Great Northern RR. may participate in the benefits of the agreement of adjustment dated Jan. 23, 1922 by deposit of their bonds with all appurtenant coupons maturing on and after Jan. 1, 1923, on or before Sept. 15, 1922, with Columbia Trust Co., 60 Broadway, New York, as depository under the reorganization plan.

By deposit of their bonds under this offer, depositing bondholders irrevocably approve and accept in all respects the reorganization plan, the appropriate agreement of adjustment and this offer and their bonds become subject to all the provisions thereof.—V. 115, p. 183, 74.

Monongahela Power & Railway.—New Wage Scale.—

A new wage scale and working agreement, giving the men longest in service on the Interurban runs 55 cents an hour and men longest in service on the city lines 54 cents, went into effect on July 1. The scale is graduated from 55 cents down to 42 cents an hour.—V. 114, p. 2823.

New York Central RR.—Authority to Issue Capital Stock.—

The I-S-C Commission has authorized the company to issue not exceeding \$23,478,880 capital stock (par \$100), said stock to be used in payment for common and preferred capital stock of the Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis

Ry. (the acquisition of which has already been authorized by the Commission).

The report of the Commission says in brief:

The only appearance in opposition to the granting of the authority sought was on behalf of a committee representing certain holders of preferred stock of the Big Four. The objections of this committee have been given due consideration.

The Big Four has an authorized capital stock of 500,000 shares of common capital stock and 100,000 shares of preferred capital stock (par \$100). Both classes of stock have voting rights, and the preferred stock has a non-cumulative 5% preference as to dividends. Of the common stock, \$30,207,700 is owned by the applicant, \$18,821,000 is outstanding in the hands of the public, and \$27,500 is held in the treasury of the Big Four, making a total of \$47,056,300 of common capital stock actually or nominally issued. Of the preferred capital stock, \$9,298,500 is outstanding in the hands of the public, and \$1,500 is held in the treasury. The stock held in the treasury of the Big Four is reserved for exchange for scrip of that company, and for stock and scrip of its predecessors, and for other purposes.

The applicant's holdings of both classes of stock amount to approximately 53% of the shares outstanding. For the purpose of acquiring the remainder of the capital stock of the Big Four, including that held in the treasury, which may hereafter be outstanding, the applicant proposes to issue not exceeding \$23,478,880 of its capital stock. Of the proposed issue, not exceeding \$13,478,880 is to be used in the payment for the common capital stock of the Big Four on a basis of 80 shares of the former for 100 shares of the latter, and not exceeding \$10,000,000 is to be used in payment, par for par, for the preferred capital stock of the Big Four. Compare V. 114, p. 308.

Offer of New York Central to Big Four Stockholders.

The New York Central RR. under date of July 19 offers to exchange shares of its capital stock for shares of the Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis Ry. on the following bases: One share of New York Central stock for one share of C. C. & St. L. Ry. Pref. stock, and 80-100 share of New York Central stock for one share of C. C. & St. L. Ry. Com. stock.

Opposition Committee to Central's Offer—Listing—Earnings.

See Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis Ry. above. The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$23,478,880 additional capital stock, par \$100 each, on official notice of issuance, payment in full and distribution to the public, making the total amount applied for \$279,328,240.

Income Account for the Five Months ended May 31 1922.

Table with columns for Operating Revenues, Operating Expenses, and Net Income. Includes sub-sections for Freight, Passenger, Mail, Express, and Miscellaneous revenues, and similar sub-sections for expenses.

City to Appeal Decision on Riverside Drive Track Case.

Mayor Hylan has announced that he will instruct Corporation Counsel O'Brien to fight the decision of the Court of Appeals which allowed the road to retain its 7 miles of track in the Riverside Drive district of Manhattan. He said that he would send instructions to Mr. O'Brien by letter calling for the carrying of the case to the U. S. Supreme Court. See V. 115, p. 308, 183.

Norfolk & Portsmouth Belt Line RR.—Bonds.

The I. S. C. Commission has authorized the company to issue not exceeding \$150,000 1st Mtge. 5% gold bonds, said bonds to be sold at not less than 85 and interest, and the proceeds used: (1) to pay the agreed sum of \$87,000 due the U. S. RR. Administration in satisfaction of all claims; (2) to pay the principal of a note to the order of the Merchants & Farmers Bank of Portsmouth, Va., for \$95,000; and (3) to curtail by \$25,000 a promissory note to the order of the Norfolk National Bank for \$125,000.—V. 115, p. 309.

Northampton Traction Co.—Receivership Ended.

The company has passed from the hands of receivers and has been reorganized as The Northampton Transit Co. Chester Snyder, who served as receiver for the company, has been elected President. ("Electric Railway Journal.")—V. 112, p. 2414.

Northern Pacific Ry.—Bonds Sold.—J. P. Morgan & Co., First National Bank and National City Co., New York, have sold at 96 and int., to yield over 5.20%, \$8,702,300 Ref. & Impt. Mtge. 5% Gold Bonds, Series C.

Dated Jan. 1 1922. Due July 1 2047. Redeemable as a whole only on and after July 1 1952, on any interest date, at 105 and interest. Interest payable J. & J. in New York City. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100, the \$1,000 and \$500 c's & s's; \$1,000 and authorized multiples thereof. Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, trustee.

Data from Letter of Chairman Howard Elliott, New York, July 18.

Refunding and Improvement Mortgage.—Company executed its Ref. & Impt. Mtge. in 1914, when \$20,000,000 4 1/2% Series A, were sold and are now outstanding; \$107,300,600 Series B bonds have been issued in conversion and exchange for an equal amount of Northern Pacific-Great Northern Joint 6 1/2% Bonds; and the proceeds of the present issue for \$8,702,300 of Series C Bonds provide funds for payment and cancellation of the unconverted \$7,693,400 of Joint 6 1/2% Bonds called for redemption [July 27 at 103 1/2 and int. at office of J. P. Morgan & Co., New York. See V. 114, p. 2116.]

Security.—In all, the mileage covered (directly or collaterally) by the Ref. & Impt. Mtge. totals 6,700 miles, on 1,011 of which it is a first mortgage and on the remainder of which it is subject to prior liens. Mortgage covers also company's terminal properties in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, Superior, Butte, Spokane, Portland, Tacoma, Seattle and elsewhere and also practically all of the company's equipment, only a small part of which is subject to special equipment obligations. The mortgage further covers certain railway and terminal company stocks owned.

As a result of the conversion of part of the Northern Pacific-Great Northern Joint 6 1/2% Bonds into Northern Pacific Ref. & Impt. Mtge. Series B Bonds and the retirement of the balance of such Joint 6 1/2% Bonds by the present issue of Ref. & Impt. Mtge. Series C Bonds, stock representing approximately one-half of the ownership of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR. is pledged, free from prior lien, under the Ref. & Impt. Mtge.

Earnings Years Ended Dec. 31.

Table with columns for Gross Oper. Inc. April, Revenue for Charges, Charges, and Surplus. Rows for years 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, and 1921.

U. S. Railroad Administration. y U. S. RR. Administration 2 months; Federal guaranty 6 months; corporate period 4 months.

The income account includes the Northern Pacific Ry. Co.'s cash dividend income from its holdings of Chicago Burlington & Quincy stock, as well as interest payments by it on obligations issued in connection with the acquisition of the Burlington stock. During the period in which the Burlington has been controlled by the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific Railway Companies, its surplus income and miscellaneous profits have amounted to approximately \$408,290,370 after charges, while it has paid out in cash dividends on its stock about \$228,634,867. The Northern Pacific's proportion of the Burlington's undistributed surplus income earned

during the same period is approximately \$58,000,000, excluding a stock dividend of about \$29,000,000 received during 1921.

Dividends.—Regular dividends at the rate of at least 4% per annum have been paid by the company on its capital stock since 1900, and the rate from 1905 to 1922 has been 7% per annum. In 1922 the Feb. 1 dividend was at the rate of 7% per annum, the May 1 dividend was at the rate of 5% per annum, and the Aug. 1 payment will be at the same rate.

Listing.—Bonds listed on the New York Stock Exchange "when issued."—V. 115, p. 309.

Ocean Shore RR.—Liquidating Dividend of \$2.—

A liquidation dividend (No. 8) of \$2 per share is now being paid. This distribution brings the liquidation payments to stockholders up to \$18 a share.—V. 114, p. 855.

Ohio Electric Railway.—Sale Set.—

Aug. 15 has been decided upon as the date for the sale at public auction of the property of the company. Bids of not less than \$2,000,000 will be accepted at the Lafayette St. station at Toledo, O. Included in the property are the Toledo-Lima Interurban line, electric light and power as well as steam-heating plants in Lima, the Lima Street Ry. system and 10 shares of the Ohio Interurban Properties Co.—V. 114, p. 2360, 198.

Ottumwa (Iowa) Railway & Light Co.—New Officer.

C. E. Fahrney, Gen. Mgr., has been elected a Vice-Pres.—V. 113, p. 2505.

Pennsylvania RR.—Lease of Panhandle Authorized Conditionally—Condition That Pennsylvania Shall Not Sell or Pledge the Stock May Not Be Accepted.—

See under "Current Events" on a preceding page.—V. 115, p. 74.

Pere Marquette Ry.—Definitive Notes Ready.—

The Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, is now ready to deliver definitive 6% equip. gold notes, series 63, in exchange for outstanding trust receipts. (See offering in V. 114, p. 410.)—V. 115, p. 183.

Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co.—Wages—Earnings.—

The company announces that the wages of its employees will remain unchanged until after the 1923 wage adjustments become effective in Cleveland, Detroit and Chicago, and that under the Mitten management, Buffalo should no longer be included as a basis for determining wages in Philadelphia.

Table titled 'Results for Month and Six Months Ending June 30.' with columns for Operating revenue, Operation and taxes, Operating income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Fixed charges, Net income for 1922-June, 1921, and 1922-6 Mos. - 1921.

Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis RR.—

Lease of Road to Pennsylvania RR. Authorized Conditionally.—

See under "Current Events" on a preceding page.—V. 114, p. 1527, 1181.

Potomac Public Service Co.—Stock Acquired.—

The "Chronicle" has been officially informed, July 19, that the offer of the American Water Works & Electric Co. of \$30 per share cash for the common stock of the Potomac Public Service Co. has been accepted by over 95% of the stock, which has been deposited under the offer. Arrangements have been made to make payment on Saturday, July 22.—V. 114, p. 2825, 1767.

Public Service Ry. (N. J.).—Line Discontinued.—

The New Jersey P. U. Commission has approved the discontinuance of the Washington-Street line in Hoboken, N. J.—V. 115, p. 74.

St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.—Guaranty Payments.—

The I. S. C. Commission has certified to the Secretary of the Treasury partial payments on account of six months' guaranty, to the company and its subsidiaries, as follows: St. Louis-San Francisco Ry., \$855,449; St. Louis San Francisco & Texas Ry., \$114,967; Fort Worth & Rio Grande Ry., \$41,880; Quannah Acme & Pacific Ry., \$17,226; Paris & Great Northern RR., \$4,389; and Brownwood North & South Ry., \$1,051.—V. 115, p. 309.

Saginaw-Bay City Ry.—To Remove Tracks.—

The Saginaw (Mich.) City Council on July 11 ordered the removal of the company's tracks from the streets. Cars have not been operated since Aug. 10 1921 (V. 113, p. 732). An ouster ordinance was passed on March 25 1922, calling upon the company to remove its tracks and overhead construction from the streets within 90 days.—V. 113, p. 2615.

Schenectady (N. Y.) Ry.—Fares Reduced.—

Fares have been reduced from 8 to 7 cents on all the company's lines which operate over the United Traction Co.'s tracks in Albany.—V. 114, p. 1499.

Sherman Shreveport & Southern Ry.—Plan.—

The protective committee, headed by R. Walter Leigh, has sent a notice to holders of certificates of deposit of the Columbia Trust Co., issued under the deposit agreement of Feb. 15 1916, for the 50-year 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, guaranteed by the Missouri Kansas & Texas Ry., and to holders of the undeposited bonds, announcing that the committee has prepared a plan and agreement of readjustment of the bonds of this issue.

The notice states that holders of the certificates of deposit shall be assumed to have assented to and ratified the plan unless within 20 days after July 19 1922, the date of first publication of the announcement, they shall dissent from the plan and withdraw the bonds represented from the deposit agreement. Holders of undeposited bonds who do not deposit shall have no right to participate in the plan of readjustment.

The committee has also issued a notice amending the deposit agreement so that it shall be deemed to specifically approve and adopt the plan and agreement of readjustment. (See also M. T. & T. Ry. above.)—V. 113, p. 2408.

Stark Electric RR.—Officers.—

Following the purchase of a majority of the stock by a syndicate in Alliance, Ohio, officers have been elected as follows: M. S. Mibourne, Pres.; C. Y. Kay, V. Pres.; William E. Davis, Sec.; and S. L. Sturgeon, Treas. See V. 114, p. 1892, 2117.

Texas & Oklahoma RR.—Plan.—

See Missouri Kansas & Texas Ry. above and compare V. 115, p. 309.

Twin City Rapid Transit Co.—New Director.—

W. O. Washburn, managing director for the American Holst & Derrick Co., St. Paul, Minn., has been elected a director to succeed the late W. A. Read.—V. 114, p. 2719.

United Railways & Electric Co. of Baltimore.—Notes Sold.—

Alex. Brown & Sons, Baltimore, have sold, at 98 and interest, to yield over 6.45%, \$2,500,000 5-Year 6% Gold Notes (see advertising pages). Dated Aug. 1 1922. Due Aug. 1 1927. Int. payable F. & A. at Alex. Brown & Sons, Baltimore, without deduction for Federal income tax up to 2%. Safe Deposit & Trust Co. of Baltimore, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c's). Redeemable at any time on 30 days' notice at 100 and int. plus a premium of 1/4% for each year of fraction thereof from date of redemption to date of maturity.

Data from Letter of C. D. Emmons, President, July 15 1922.

Security.—Direct obligation of the company. Company will agree that no new mortgage secured by lien on its present property shall be created by it while this issue of notes is outstanding without giving the notes equal security with the bonds issued under such new mortgage.

U. S. Railroad Administration.—Final Settlements.—

The U. S. Railroad Administration has announced final settlements of claims growing out of 26 months of Federal control with the following roads: San Antonio & Aransas Pass, \$1,000,000; Gulf & Ship Island, \$575,000; Vicksburg Shreveport & Pacific, \$250,000; Chicago Peoria & St. Louis, \$1,000,000.

Valdosta (Ga.) Street Ry.—To Issue Bonds.—

The company has applied to the Georgia Railroad Commission for authority to issue \$100,000 of 6% bonds, proceeds to be used to extend its lines and to establish recreation parks.—V. 113, p. 1055.

Washington Water Power Co.—Water Power Project.—

The company has been granted a preliminary 3-year permit by the Federal Power Commission for development of a water power project at Kettle Falls in the Columbia River. Ultimate development calls for installation of 153,400 h. p.—V. 114, p. 2361.

Wheeling & Lake Erie RR. Co.—New Officers.—

President W. M. Duncan has been elected Chairman. Stanton Ennes, formerly Vice-President and Gen. Mgr., has been elected President and Gen. Mgr. Mr. Ennes succeeds W. M. Duncan as President.—V. 114, p. 1654.

Wisconsin Securities Co.—Acquisition.—

Formal announcement of the purchase of the Oshkosh Gas Light Co. (V. 79, p. 1464) by the company was made July 14 by President Clement C. Smith. The Oshkosh Gas Light Co. serves a population of about 35,000 with gas, electric light and power services and is valued at more than \$2,500,000.

Yazoo & Mississippi Valley RR.—Application.—

The company has applied to the U. S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$5,038,000 5% gold bonds, proceeds to be used to reimburse its treasury for expenditures made between Jan. 1 1918 and Dec. 31 1921.—V. 114, p. 51.

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.

The "Iron Age" July 20 says in brief: Strike Effects.—The effect of the coal and railroad strikes in cutting down pig iron and steel production is most pronounced. A Youngstown, O., 3 large blast furnaces have banked and the Bessemer steel department of the Republic Iron & Steel Co. has closed down.

Deliveries.—

"Consumers are more concerned about the delivery of steel they have bought, and in many cases their representatives are going to Pittsburgh mills to hasten shipments. New business is falling off, because of increasing uncertainty as to costs and fuel supplies, and on some products higher prices are being asked, particularly bars and plates.

RR. Orders.—

"Farming out of car and locomotive repairs features the railroad equipment market, but orders for 2,300 new cars and 75 new engines were placed. Repair orders of the week cover 7,600 cars and 220 locomotives, not counting heavy material purchases by the Pennsylvania RR. for use in its own shops, or the numerous small repair jobs negotiated with difficulty.

Prices.—

"The inability of Western steel bar mills to take early delivery business has caused a demand for iron bars, and the latter are up \$2 per ton. Workers in Central Western sheet mills governed by the sliding-scale agreement will receive for July and August a 3% advance over the base rate, shipments in May and June having averaged \$2 per ton higher than in the previous 60 days.

Coal Production, Prices, &c.

The U. S. Geological Survey on July 15 reported in brief as follows: "Because of the uncertainties of the traffic situation, it is difficult to forecast production for the present week (July 10-15), but the record of the first 4 days suggest that the output of bituminous coal can hardly exceed 4,300,000 tons. Production of anthracite remains practically zero.

Commodity Prices.—

Wholesale cash prices in New York showed the following high points for the week: Wheat July 14, \$1.30; coffee July 20, 10 1/4c.; sugar July 20, 66c.; copper steady at 135 1/2c.; tin July 20, 317 1/2c.

Estimated United States Production in Net Tons.

Table with 4 columns: Commodity, Week, Cal. yr. to date, Week, Cal. yr. to date. Rows include Bituminous, Anthracite, and Beehive Coke.

"Coal Trade Journal" reports market conditions for the week as follows: "With the rail strike taking its toll of the mine fields, market conditions became more sanely than at any time during the strike. In every trade centre except Detroit, Toronto and Montreal, demand was insistent and feverish.

"While the railroads continued to be heavy purchasers of fuel, buying was limited to no one class. Public utilities, general manufacturing plants, lake carriers and retail dealers were all clamoring for coal and, in many cases, apparently gave wholesalers carte blanche to grab cars at any price.

"Interest in the anthracite situation is growing as the appreciation of the improbability of catching up upon lost tonnage widens. The coal being produced currently is of such small volume that it has no effect upon demand. Moreover, little, if any, of this coal reaches the domestic trade.

"The interference with beehive production in the Connellsville field has been a boon to the by-product ovens. The output for June reached 2,580,000 tons, which is in excess of the monthly average for the past 5 years."

Appeal Allowed.—Pennsylvania Supreme Court allows appeal to U. S. Supreme Court asked by attorneys-general of New York and other States in the case of anthracite coal tax. "Wall Street Journal" July 14, p. 3.

Oil Production, Prices, &c.

Table with 5 columns: State, July 15 1922, July 8 '22, July 1 '22, July 2 '21. Rows include Oklahoma, Kansas, North Texas, etc.

Crude Oil Prices Reduced.—Reductions of from 15 to 25 cents a barrel were made by the following companies: Gulf Refining Co., Imperial Oil Co., Joseph Seep, Purchasing Agency, Louisiana Oil Refining Co., Magnolia Petroleum Co., Midwest Oil Co., Midwest Refining Co., Ohio Oil Co., Prairie Oil & Gas Co., Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing Co., Standard Oil Co. (Calif.), Standard Oil Co. (La.), Texas Co. (Followed in each case by a second reduction of 25 cents a barrel.)

Table showing the price of the principal grades of crude oil. Columns: July 21 Maximum, 1922, 22 to Date, 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918, 1917.

Table showing Wholesale Tank Wagon Prices for Gasoline at Points Named. Columns: City, July 21 '22, Jan 1 '22, Jan 1 '21, Jan 1 '20, Jan 1 '15.

Gasoline Price Reduced.—The Standard Oil Co. (Ind.) made a cut of 2 cents a gallon on "gas" price now being 21 cents.

Refined Oil Prices Reduced.—The Standard Oil Co. (Ind.) has reduced price of refined oil 1 cent a gallon. Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp. and the Texas Co. met the cut.

Kerosene Price Reduced.—Cuts of 1 cent a gallon were made by the Standard Oil Co. (Ind.) and Sinclair Consolidated Oil Co.

Pipe Line Companies Reduce Rates.—A 12 1/2% cut in transportation rates has been made by the Prairie Pipe Line Co., effective July 26.

Industrial Fuel Oil Price Advanced.—Mexican Petroleum Co. raises price 25 cents a barrel, in line with bunker oil advance last week. "Wall St. Journal" July 20, p. 11.

Prices, Wages and Other Trade Matters.

Sugar Prices Advanced.—Arbuckle Bros., American and National sugar refining companies advance price 10 pts. to 6.60c.

Clothing Workers Strike.—In Baltimore 4,000 strike for 20% wage increase and unionization of contract shops. "Wall St. Jour." July 19, p. 3.

Shoemakers, Inside Iron & Bronze Workers and Suit Case Bag & Portfolio Unions All Strike to Maintain Present Wage Scales.—"Times" July 17, p. 3.

Shoe Plants at Boston.—Sears, Roebuck & Co. at Springdale, Me., reopens 2 plants after settlement of labor trouble. The plants were closed last Thursday. Boston "Financial News" July 18, p. 3.

Commodity Prices.—Wholesale cash prices in New York showed the following high points for the week: Wheat July 14, \$1.30; coffee July 20, 10 1/4c.; sugar July 20, 66c.; copper steady at 135 1/2c.; tin July 20, 317 1/2c.

New Tire Price Reported.—A average reduction said to be about 10% below present prices on all B. F. Goodrich tires. Boston "Fin. News" July 20, p. 5.

American Woolen Co. Advances Prices.—Spring 1923 lines of woolsens show 3% advance over those of 1922, while 5% decline under prices quoted for the fall of 1922. "Financial America" July 18, p. 1.

Textile Strike Developments.—(a) The 25th week of the strike in Rhode Island saw the Pontiac Mill of the B. B. & B. Knight Co. in Pawtucket Valley open with about 350 operatives. Gains were also reported at Centerville, Arlie Valley Queen & Arkwright and Crompton velvet and corduroy mills. (b) Jencks Spinning and U. S. Finishing are reported to be turning

away help. (c) In Connecticut the Union Cotton Mills (Aldrich Mfg. Co.) may open. (d) New Hampshire militia ordered to protect railroad property near Concord. (e) Labor Commissioner Davis announces that N. H. textile manufacturers have refused to submit to State Board of Arbitration. (f) Nashua Mfg. Co. runs one-third capacity; also Amoskeag (at Manchester) and Great Falls Mfg. (at Somersworth) have made good gains. (g) At Lowell, Mass., 750 operatives of Mass. cotton mills strike against 20% wage cut. Lawrence Mfg. Co. cut wages 20% without strike. Hamilton Mfg. and Bay State Cotton cut wages causing strike, but are now operating comfortably. (h) At Lawrence all mills except Everett and Arlington are running. Some disorder at Pacific Print Works, but no arrests made. **Mexican Textile Disagreement Settled.**—Grievances settled and about 30,000 return to work in Puebla section after threatening State-wide strike. "Financial America" July 15, p. 8.

Legal Matters, Legislation, Taxation, &c.
Government Air Mail Service Completes Year Without a Single Fatal Accident.—"Times" July 17, p. 1.
Taxi Cab Bond Law Upheld by Court of Special Sessions.—"Post" July 20, p. 2.
Appellate Division of Supreme Court Sustains Tax on Bank Capital Stock.—"Sun" July 15, p. 1.
Plasterers' Union Indicted for Plot to Compel Only Union Labor.—"Times" July 15, p. 3.
U. S. Supreme Court Decision Against Constitutionality of Section 4, Lever Law, May Cause Fines Collected from Food Profiters to be Refunded.—"Times" July 18, p. 1.
Opinion Affirms Palmer Sold German Patents Illegally.—"Times" July 20, p. 25.
New Board Organized by Attorney-General Daugherty to Deal with War Fraud Cases.—"Times" July 21, p. 6.
Ford's Muscle Shoals Offer Rejected, 9 to 7—Other Plans also Voted Down.—"Times" July 16, p. 1.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" July 15.—(a) Minister de la Huerta returns to Mexico; developments in debt and oil conference, p. 249. (b) Offerings of foreign bonds: (1) 300,000,000 guilders 50-year 6% sinking fund Kingdom of the Netherlands (offered simultaneously in U. S. and Holland), p. 259; (2) State of San Paulo (Brazil, S. A.), 25-year non-callable 7% milreis loan in form of Guaranty Trust Co. certificates, p. 251. (c) Organization of First-Trust Joint Stock Land Bank of Dallas, Tex., p. 257. (d) Offering of \$500,000 5% bonds of First Joint Stock Land Bank of Minneapolis, p. 251. (e) Loans aggregating \$363,538,728 advanced by War Finance Corp. since Jan. 1921; repayments, p. 251. (f) Advances by W. F. C. for agricultural and live-stock purposes since July 1, p. 252. (g) Approval by W. F. C. of advances to assist in marketing cotton, p. 252. (h) Approval by W. F. C. of advance to Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association, p. 252. (i) Failures: (1) Nast & Co., 135 So. La Salle St., Chicago, p. 252; (2) W. H. Kemp, Inc., 20 Broad St., New York, p. 252; (3) Carulin & Freed, 14 East 44th St., New York, p. 253. (j) Price of milk advanced 1 cent on July 1, p. 261. (k) New York Port Authority bill signed by President Harding, p. 262. (l) President Harding presents Government's plan for settling coal strike, p. 262. (m) Anthracite operators accept President's plan for settling strike, p. 263. (n) Union officials opposed to President's plan for settling strike, p. 264. (o) Non-union soft coal operators protest Government's strike settlement plan, p. 264. (p) Federal Trade Commission reports to Congress on investment and profit in soft coal mining; suspension of monthly cost bulletins, p. 264. (q) Illinois Coal Operators' Association on miners' riot, p. 265. (r) Secretary of Commerce Hoover's response to Senate resolution calling for report on coal strike, p. 265.

Acadia Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.—Reorganization.—Special meetings have been called July 26 to consider a scheme of reorganization whereby a new company, domiciled in Scotland, will be incorporated for the purpose of taking over the undertaking. In consideration of dividend arrears on "A" preference shares accrued to the end of 1910 the new company will credit the holders of these shares with an addition of 25% of their holdings. The new company will issue to present shareholders of all classes of shares corresponding shares to the extent of 80% of their holdings, provided that holders subscribe for general mortgage debentures to the extent of 20% of their holdings. In the case of the "A" preference shares the 80% will be based on increased holdings. General mortgage debentures to be offered will be secured by deed of trust, and a mortgage on real estate, subject to prior charges not exceeding \$2,000,000, and further by a floating charge on the remaining assets of the company. Under the proposed scheme the company will transfer to the old company preference shares to an amount of £10,000 par value, and also ordinary shares to £10,000 par value. The report for the last fiscal year, after providing for interest on floating debt, shows a loss on trading of \$112,522. The trading statement now shows a debit balance of \$107,064. ("Toronto Globe")—V. 112, p. 2539.

Air Reduction Co., Inc.—To Build New Plant.—The Air Reduction Sales Co., a subsidiary, has purchased 3½ acres of ground near the plant of the United States Pipe Co. in North Birmingham, Ala., and will immediately build a plant for the manufacture of gases and equipment for the oxyacetylene welding and cutting industry. The investment, it is stated, will cost approximately \$250,000.—V. 114, p. 2472.

Alabama Power Co.—Statistics, &c.—See Alabama Traction, Light & Power Co., Ltd., under "Financial Reports" on a preceding page.—V. 114, p. 2472, 2362.

Allegheny Steel Co., Pittsburgh.—Capital Increase.—Officials of the company have filed at Harrisburg a notice of an increase in the capital stock from the present total of \$3,200,000 to \$6,315,200.—V. 114, p. 200.

Aluminum Goods Manufacturing Co.—Tenders.—The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, trustee, will, until July 3, receive bids for the sale to it of 10-year 7½% gold notes, dated March 1 1921, sufficient to exhaust \$90,000.—V. 113, p. 1056.

American Can Co.—Sells Building.—The 8-story factory of the company at 447-453 West 14th St., N. Y. City, extending through to 444-448 West 15th St., has been purchased by the National Biscuit Co. The property is assessed for taxation purposes at \$490,000.—V. 114, p. 2118.

American Felt Co.—Sue Over Note Transaction.—The Mass. Supreme Court has ruled that the firm of Willett, Sears & Co. may maintain an action for \$15,000 against Robert F. Herriek and others. The Court sustained the defendant's demurrer on two issues, one pertaining to alleged fiduciary relations in purchase of notes by First National Bank and National Shawmut Bank, Boston, and the second that Willett, as assignee of Willett, Sears & Co., cannot maintain the suit, but the suit must be brought in name of the firm. The Supreme Court by the decision allows Willett to amend the action.

Willett, in the suit, alleged that the defendants conspired to deprive the plaintiffs of their shares in the American Felt Co. and the Daniel Green Felt Co., and that they succeeded in acquiring practically all of the plaintiff's stock in these companies, valued at \$10,000,000. It is charged that Herriek, employed to organize a syndicate to obtain a special loan for the firm in July 1918, did not act in good faith and joined the alleged conspiracy. In order to obtain the needed financial assistance, Willett, Sears & Co. transferred controlling interests of the American and the Daniel Green Felt companies to the defendants.—V. 109, p. 1893.

American La France Fire Engine Co., Inc.—Earnings.—The following published statement is understood by the "Chronicle" to be substantially correct: "Earnings after all charges in the first half of this year were at the rate of 16% on the \$2,900,000 Common stock, par \$10. There has been heavy demand from municipalities for motor fire apparatus and orders on hand will keep the plant at capacity to Nov. 1. Gross business is at the rate of \$6,000,000 to \$7,000,000 annually. "All but about \$20,000 of the \$1,500,000 bonds have been converted into Common stock at par. "The company has a \$1,250,000 plant completed at Bloomfield, N. J., for the manufacture of commercial vehicles. This plant was built from earnings of the fire apparatus business and there are no charges against it."—V. 114, p. 1893.

American Malt & Grain Co.—Liquidating Dividend.—The trustees have declared a liquidating dividend of \$1.50 per share on the outstanding capital stock, payable Aug. 1 to stockholders on presentation of their certificates of stock and scrip at the Guaranty Trust Co. The books will not be closed.

This is the fourth dividend in liquidation. The first payment was \$7 per share, made May 1921; the second, \$4.50 per share, Jan. 1922; and the third, \$12.50 per share, May 1922, making total payments, including the dividend payable Aug. 1, of \$25.—V. 114, p. 2016.

American Pneumatic Service Co.—Sub. Co. Reincorp.—The Lamson Co., makers of pneumatic machinery, pneumatic tubes, &c., has been reincorporated in Massachusetts with an authorized capital of \$3,000,000 (par \$25).

Incorporators: A. Francis Hayden, Wellesley, President; Howard Norton, Newton, Treas.; A. Edward Garland, Somerville; David Pullam and Joseph A. Butler, Boston. The company was formerly incorporated in New Jersey and is a subsidiary of the American Pneumatic Service Co. The capitalization and the personnel of the organization is not changed.—V. 114, p. 2827.

American Ry. Express Co.—Proposed New Contract.—

A majority of the member roads of the Association of Railway Executives has approved the new uniform express contract with the American Railway Express Co., which was presented to the railways recently by W. B. Storey, Pres. of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, and Chairman of a committee of executives appointed last year to outline a new contract.

A minority disapproved Chairman Storey's report on the ground that they were entitled to a larger percentage of the express revenues than the new stipulations call for.

The principal changes in the contract, which is to go into effect March 1 1923, are embodied in the following points:

(1) The new contract would give to all railways which move express matter in carload lots 85% of the revenues accruing from that traffic. There is no comparison of this percentage with the old contract as the construction of the old contract is on entirely different lines.

(2) The railways would get a large voice in determining what expenses the express company should incur, and (3) when the return to the express company exceeds 6% on property investment, there shall be a division of the excess revenues on an equal basis between the roads and the express company. If the express company's earnings are more than 8% on property investment, then the excess will be divided 75% to the carriers and 25% to the express company.

Those roads which do not subscribe to the new contract have the alternative of forming independent express companies or inaugurating fast freight service. The American Railway Express is the only express company now in operation handling the business over all lines throughout the country with the exception of the Southeastern Express Co., which functions for the Southern Railway and Mobile & Ohio RR. [The text of the new uniform express contract is on file at our office.—Ed.]

The I.-S. C. Commission has ordered a general investigation of inter-State rates and charges of express companies throughout the country to determine whether such charges are in violation of the I.-S. C. Commission Act. All roads and express companies will be made parties to the proceedings. No time has been set for the hearings.—V. 114, p. 2362.

American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.—Prof. Stock Offered.—Dominick & Dominick and W. A. Harriman & Co. are offering at \$7, to yield about 8.05%, \$1,200,000 7% Cumul. 1st Pref. (a. & d.) stock (voting trust certificates), par \$100.

Present dividend dates, Q.-F. Preferred as to assets and 7% cumulative dividends over the Paric. Pref. and Common stocks. Red. all or part, after 3 years from date of issuance, at 110 and dividends. Data from Letter of Pres. H. Herbert Porter, New York, July 14.

Company.—A holding company controlling through stock ownership 25 water companies situated in 13 of the Middle West and Southern States; West Penn Co. (formerly West Penn Traction & Water Power Co.), the parent company of the West Penn System, which controls the electric power, light and traction utilities in a large part of western Pennsylvania and northern West Virginia; and orchard and land companies owning 26,000 acres of land in the Sacramento Valley, California.

The company owns \$4,698,500, or 57.96% of the \$8,054,700 outstanding 6% Preferred and \$16,344,000, or 72.64% of the \$22,500,000 outstanding Common stock of West Penn Co. Latter company controls West Penn Railways, which in turn owns entire Common stock of the West Penn Power Co.

The control of Monongahela Power & Railway Co. has recently been acquired by the West Penn System. The Monongahela company and its subsidiaries furnish electric light and power, and operate nearly 200 miles of electric railway, principally in the State of West Virginia, immediately adjacent to the West Penn territory. The joint operation of these properties will result in improved efficiency and reliability of operation.

Coincidence Dec. 31 1921—Authorized, Outstanding.
 7% Cumulative 1st Preferred stock.....\$10,000,000 x\$5,450,000
 Participating Preferred 6%.....10,000,000 10,000,000
 Common stock.....10,000,000 9,200,000
 Collateral Trust 5% bonds due April 1934.....15,999,800

x After giving effect to the additional stock (v. t. c.) now being offered, there will be outstanding \$6,650,000.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used in the acquisition of control of Potomac Public Service Co. through the purchase of Common stock of that company, and for other corporate purposes.

Consolidated Income Account—Years ended May 31.
 American Water Works & Electric Co. and Sub. Cos., incl. West Penn Co.
 1922 1921 Inc. or Dec.
 Gross operating earnings.....\$19,874,248 \$19,849,860 inc. \$24,388
 Net earnings after oper. exp., taxes & depreciation.....6,628,357 5,621,447 inc. \$1,006,909
 Miscellaneous income.....776,030 809,915 dec. 33,885

Gross income.....\$7,404,386 \$6,431,362 inc. \$973,024
 Deduct—Int. & amortiz. of discount—Sub. cos.....3,967,016 3,486,880 inc. 480,136
 Int. A. W. W. & E. Co.....800,041 800,137 dec. 96
 Collateral trust bonds.....1,226,388 1,023,331 inc. 203,057

Net income.....\$1,410,940 \$1,121,013 inc. \$289,927
 The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of additional extended voting trust certificates for \$1,200,000 7% Cumul. 1st Pref. stock, par \$100, making the total applied for \$6,650,000.

Over 95% of Stock of Potomac Public Service Co. Accepts Offer.—See Potomac Public Service Co. under "Railroads" above.—V. 115, p. 156.

American Woolen Co.—Prices Advance.—The company's opening prices for the spring 1923 season show approximately a 3% increase over spring 1922 and approximately 5% decrease under advance prices for fall of 1922.—V. 114, p. 2245.

Anaconda Copper Mining Co.—Acquisitions, &c.—The company is reported to have increased its holdings in the Butte mining district by taking over the Anselmo Mining Co., which lies just west of the properties originally acquired. The mine is principally a zinc and silver producer, but is said to have copper possibilities.

President John D. Ryan states that June deliveries of copper were greater than for any month except during the war period, and that scrap copper is practically used up throughout the world.—V. 114, p. 2721.

Arkansas Natural Gas Co.—Listing.—The Pittsburgh Stock Exchange July 13 listed 10,000 additional shares of stock, making the total amount of stock listed and authorized to be outstanding \$16,336,900 (1,633,690 shares).

This stock will be issued to acquire additional interests in the properties of which the company is part owner (see V. 114, p. 1182, 1893).—V. 114, p. 2362.

Art Metal Construction Co.—Business—Status.—An authorized statement says: "Business of the company is running a little over 66 2-3% of capacity. Contract work is moderately small. Stock sales are satisfactory, but at low prices. The company is continually developing new products, many of which are showing popularity. The financial condition is excellent. There are \$2,800,000 current assets, of which \$630,000 is invested in Treasury certificates. Company has no debt except ordinary monthly current accounts payable."—V. 114, p. 1411.

Associated Motors Industries.—New Financing.—According to Chicago dispatches, an offering of \$3,500,000 of the \$9,500,000 8% pref. stock to be issued by this newly incorporated corporation is expected to be made shortly by Chicago banking houses. The company, recently incorporated in Delaware, with nine constituent parts, is negotiating with four other companies. Additional companies will ultimately be purchased from a total of nearly 60 applicants for the merger. The new organization plans production from July 1 1922 to July 1 1923 of 30,000 automobiles and 13,000 trucks, this being on the basis of 50% of normal output. The passenger cars to be sold under "The National" name will embrace four cylinder, light six and De Luxe six models. A complete line of "traffic" trucks will be made, ranging from a "speedboy" to a 3½-ton unit. Associated Motor Industries at present has assets of about \$25,000,000, against which will be issued \$6,000,000 10-year 7½% bonds which have been underwritten, and will shortly be offered to the public, \$9,500,000 8% pref. and 187,000 shares of common stock. Owners of constituent companies receive only stock in payment, and no company enters the combination unless net assets are three times liabilities. The total authorized capital is stated to consist of \$40,000,000 8% pref. and 400,000 shares of par value common. See also V. 115, p. 186.

Atlantic Fruit Co.—Time for Deposits Extended.—The protective committees for stockholders and for debenture bondholders have announced that the plan of readjustment of debt and capitalization of the company has been assented to by holders of over 70% of the debentures and by substantially all of the other creditors of the company. Out of a total indebtedness of over \$27,300,000, exclusive of interest, assents have been received from creditors representing the entire amount with the exception of about \$2,700,000. A substantial majority of the stockholders has also assented to the plan. The committees regard this response as very gratifying—especially in view of the shortness of the time previously allowed for deposits, which has made it difficult for the committees to reach some of the debenture holders. Because of this response, the committees have decided to extend the time and to permit the Columbia Trust Co., the depository, to accept deposits of securities until the close of business July 31 1922, and urge immediate deposit of the debentures. The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of Columbia Trust Co. certificates of deposit representing \$7,336,000 7% 15-Year Sinking Fund Conv. Gold Debenture bonds, due Dec. 1 1934, with coupons due Dec. 1 1921, and subsequent coupons attached, deposited under the terms of the plan and agreement of readjustment of debt and capitalization dated June 1 1922. The Exchange has also authorized the listing of Columbia Trust Co. certificates of deposit representing 204,736 shares of Common stock, no par value, deposited under the terms of the plan.—V. 115, p. 186.

Atlantic Refining Co.—Suit.—Judge Morris of the U. S. District Court for the District of Delaware has overruled the motion to dismiss the bill of complaint in the case brought by the minority stockholders of the Superior Oil Co. against this company. The bill of complaint alleges that the Atlantic Refining Co., being in control of Superior Oil Corp., caused the latter to sell to it 325,000 shares of stock at \$3 a share; at the same time the sale was made to the Refining Co., Superior Oil sold to a banking syndicate some 260,000 shares at \$16 a share. The Superior minority stockholders are seeking to recover from the Atlantic the difference, \$2,700,000, and interest, for the benefit of the Superior Co. By the Court's overruling the motion to dismiss the case, made by Atlantic Refining, the defendants must file their answer and the case must stand for trial.—V. 114, p. 2828, 2721.

Austin Brothers Association.—Bonds Offered.—E. H. Rollins & Sons, San Francisco, in February last offered at 98 and int. \$250,000 1st (closed) Mtge. 7% S. F. gold bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1922. Due Feb. 1 1932. Callable as a whole or in part by lot upon 60 days' prior notice on Aug. 1 1922 at 105 and int., and thereafter at a premium of ½ of 1% for each year or fraction thereof of the unexpired term of the bonds. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (e*). Int. payable A. & O. at Mercantile Trust Co., San Francisco, trustee, without deduction of normal Federal tax up to 2%. **Security.**—A first (closed) mortgage on over 31,500 acres of land in Utah County, Utah; Caribou and Bannock Counties, Idaho; Uinta County, Wyo., and Elko County, Nev., appraised at approximately \$570,000. **Company.**—Business is essentially the growing and feeding of sheep and cattle and was started about 34 years ago by individuals who are still associated in the management. Capital stock, \$500,000. **Earnings.**—Average annual net earnings applicable to bond interest for the 10-year period ended Sept. 30 1921 (and incl. heavy losses in 1920 and 1921, due to shrinkage in values of livestock and wool inventories) were \$40,824, or 2 1-3 times annual interest charges on these bonds.

Autocar Co., Ardmore, Pa.—Notes and Bonds Called.—All of the outstanding 5% gold notes, dated Sept. 1 1921, have been called for payment Aug. 21 at 101½ and interest at the Girard Trust Co., trustee, Philadelphia, Pa. All of the outstanding 1st Mtge. 6% gold bonds, dated April 1 1919, have also been called for payment Aug. 21 at 102½ and int. at the Pennsylvania Co. for Insur. on Lives, &c., trustee, 517 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.—V. 114, p. 2583.

Baldwin Locomotive Works.—\$2,000,000 Order.—The company has received an order from the Baltimore & Ohio RR. for 35 Mikado engines, valued at approximately \$2,000,000. Unfilled orders, it is stated, exceed \$10,000,000.—V. 115, p. 311.

Baragua Sugar Co.—Listing.—The Boston Stock Exchange has placed on the list temporary bonds for \$4,500,000 1st Mtge. 15-Year Sinking Fund gold bonds. See offering in V. 115, p. 311.

Barnet Leather Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

Six Months ended June 30—	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Net earn. from oper. after deducting charges for maint. and repairs of plants, deprec. and est. amount of Federal and State taxes, &c.	\$94,803	\$236,560	\$488,043	\$426,273
Less—Dividends on Pref. stock and provision for sinking fund (6 mos.)	93,000	95,800	98,827	60,000
Balance, surplus	\$1,803	\$140,760	\$389,216	\$366,273

The result is subject to adjustment at the end of the year when accounts are finally audited, and to change incident to income tax rulings.—V. 114, p. 1769.

Barney & Smith Car Co., Dayton, O.—No Bidders.—There were no bidders July 12 when the company's plant was offered for sale by Sheriff J. F. Cusick. The sale originally was set for June 27, but was postponed upon order of Judge E. T. Snediker, of the Common Pleas Court, who will be asked to authorize a reappraisal of the plant, now set at \$200,000, and bids again will be advertised for.—V. 114, p. 2721.

Buckeye Pipe Line Co.—June Business.—See under "Pipe Line Statistics" below.—V. 114, p. 2363.

Buffalo Oil & Refining Co.—Sale.—The refining plant of the company at Sherman, Tex., has been sold at receiver's sale.

Buffalo & Susquehanna Iron Co.—Bonds Called.—All of the outstanding \$1,500,000 20-year 5% debenture gold bonds dated Jan. 1 1906 have been called for payment Sept. 1 at 105 and int. at the Columbia Trust Co., 60 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 112, p. 1870.

California Telephone & Light Co.—Additional Bonds.—The California RR. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$100,000 1st Mtge. 6% gold bonds, proceeds to reimburse the treasury and to finance cost of additions, &c.—V. 114, p. 1184.

California Wine Association.—Extra Dividends.—The directors have declared a dividend of \$10 per share on the Common stock, par \$100, payable in two installments of \$5 each (1) July 19, to holders of record July 13, and (2) Aug. 21, to holders of record Aug. 15.

This dividend brings the total 1922 disbursements to date on the Common stock to \$25 per share. On Feb. 15 and April 24 1922 \$10 and \$5 per share, respectively, were paid.—V. 114, p. 630.

Calumet & Chicago Canal & Dock Co.—New Control.—Control of the company will pass to a new group Sept. 1 as the result of approval of a majority of shareholders. Acceptance of an offer of \$75 a share made through Paine, Webber & Co. was virtually assured by consent of holders of over 15,000 shares, although only 10,000 were necessary to close the deal. The direct purchasers have not yet been revealed. As part of the purchase money and as an evidence of good faith, the purchasers have deposited \$250,000 with the Merchants' Loan & Trust Co., it is understood. The latest annual report, as of Jan. 31 1922, showed a profit and loss surplus of \$126,324, as compared with \$287,680 at the end of 1921. Real estate holdings were valued at \$2,775,122 against \$2,792,924. Except for capital stock of \$3,375,600, there were no liabilities. ("Chicago Journal of Commerce.")—V. 88, p. 377.

Calumet & Hecla Mining Co.—Dividend Declared.—A dividend of \$5 per share has been declared on the stock, payable Aug. 3 to holders of record July 22. In June 1920 a distribution of \$5 per share was made; none since.—V. 114, p. 2017.

Canadian General Electric Co.—Acquisition.—Announcement is made that the company will absorb the Canadian Edison Appliance Co., Ltd., as of Aug. 1. The controlling interest in the latter company has been held by the General Electric since its incorporation.—V. 115, p. 78.

Canadian Salt Co., Ltd.—Bonds Offered.—Royal Securities Corp., Ltd., Montreal, are offering at 100 and int. \$140,000 7% Gen. Mtge. bonds. Dated May 1 1921 and due May 1 1941. (See original offering in V. 112, p. 2309.) A circular shows:

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Common shares (paying 8%)	\$1,500,000	\$1,200,000
6% 1st Mtge. Sinking Fund gold bonds, 1924	(Closed)	343,000
7% Gen. Mtge. bonds, due 1941 (incl. this issue)	1,000,000	540,000

The company is the largest producer of salt, and the only producer for sale of bleaching powder and caustic soda, in Canada. Its business, and that of its predecessor, has been in successful operation for over 25 years. Company owns and operates at Windsor, Ont., and Sandwich, Ont., plants for production of salt, in its various forms and for the production of bleaching powder and of caustic soda. Company's capacity for the production of salt is more than equal to the combined capacity of all other salt plants in Canada and during the past 4 years it has produced over 55% of the bleaching powder and caustic soda consumed in Canada. Net earnings for the 8 years ended Dec. 31 1921, after providing for taxes, depreciation and prior interest charges, and available for interest on 7% General Mortgage bonds, averaged \$108,833, or over 2½ times the amount required. Net earnings for 1921, after providing for taxes, depreciation and prior interest charges, and available for interest on 7% Gen. Mtge. bonds, amounted to \$125,101, or over 3¼ times the amount required for interest on bonds now outstanding. Compare also V. 112, p. 2087, 2309.

Carroll County (Mo.) Electric Co.—Consolidation.—See Kansas City Power & Light Co. below.

Central Indiana Power Co.—Bonds Offered.—Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., and Paine, Webber & Co., N. Y., are offering at 95½ and int., to yield about 6.35%, \$7,500,000 1st Mtge. Coll. & Ref. 6% gold bonds, Series "A." (See advertising pages.) Dated July 1 1922. Due July 1 1947. Int. payable J. & J. at office of Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Chicago or N. Y. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (e*). Int. payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax, not in excess of 2%. Red. all or part at any time after June 30 1932 on 30 days' notice, at the following prices and int.: On and from July 1 1932 to July 1 1937, at 107½; on and from July 1 1937 to July 1 1942, at 105; on and from July 1 1942 to Jan. 1 1947, at 102½; and on and from Jan. 1 1947 to 100. Penn. 4 mill tax. Connecticut personal property tax, not exceeding 4 mills, and Mass. income tax on the int. not exceeding 6% of such interest, refunded.

Data from Letter of Pres. Jos. H. Brewer, Indianapolis, Ind., July 17. **Company.**—Formerly Merchants' Public Utilities Co. Was incorp. Sept. 17 1912 in Indiana. Company will acquire and will own all the outstanding bonds and the present outstanding capital stocks, except directors' qualifying shares, of Merchants' Heat & Light Co. (V. 114, p. 635), Wabash Valley Electric Co. (V. 114, p. 638), Putnam Electric Co. and Cayuga Electric Co., or will deposit cash with the trustee under the mortgage to the par value of bonds and stocks not acquired. The constituent companies serve 38 cities and towns, located in 9 counties of Indiana, with electric light and power and one with steam and hot water heating. Company, through its subsidiaries, operates one of the two distributing electric light and power companies in Indianapolis. The industries served by the companies are of a widely diversified character. A comprehensive plan for the unification of the operation of company's subsidiaries provides for the interconnection of all local distributing systems and for the construction of a dual high tension transmission line from Indianapolis to a site on the Wabash River where a new central station generating plant will eventually be constructed of sufficient capacity to supply the normal demand of the entire system.

Capitalization After This Financing—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Preferred 7% Cumulative stock	\$2,000,000	\$1,700,000
Common stock	2,000,000	2,000,000
First Mtge. Coll. & Ref. 6% gold bonds, Series "A" (this issue)	a	7,500,000
Three-Year 7% Collateral gold notes	(Closed)	2,000,000

a Restricted by the provisions of the mortgage.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the bonds and notes will be used in the acquisition of the bonds and stocks of the subsidiary companies heretofore not owned, for refunding purposes and for other corporate uses. **Security.**—Secured by a first lien on all the outstanding bonds, or cash deposited in lieu of such bonds not acquired, and on not less than 75% of the issued voting stock of the present subsidiary companies, which will be deposited and pledged with the trustee under the mortgage. The aggregate par value of First Mtge. bonds of subsidiary companies (or cash in lieu thereof) to be immediately pledged as security is \$7,782,300. No additional mortgage bonds may be issued by the subsidiary companies unless deposited under the mortgage.

Consolidated Earnings and Expenses of Subsidiary Companies.

Twelve Months ended—	May 31 '22.	Dec. 31 '21.
Gross revenue (including other income)	\$3,210,519	\$3,157,459
Oper. exp., maint. & taxes, other than Federal	2,191,248	2,183,923
Net earnings	\$1,019,271	\$973,536

Ann. int. charge on 1st Mtge. Coll. & Ref. gold bids. 450,000
Franchise.—Companies operate under indeterminate permits pursuant to the laws of the State of Indiana.

Chattanooga Coke & Gas Co.—To Pay \$117,000.—Settlement of the suit between this company and the Chattanooga Gas Co. has been agreed upon. Under the terms of the agreement, the coke company is to pay the gas company \$117,000 in settlement of damages which the gas company had suffered through the shutdown and other alleged injuries of the coke company. The \$117,000 is to be paid in cash (with a reduction of 15%) or in 8% bonds, on or before the 10th day after the coke company resumes operations. An agreed decree is to be entered in the famous gas-coke suit, dismissing all other litigation.—V. 113, p. 1891.

Chattanooga (Tenn.) Gas Co.—Suit Settled.—See Chattanooga Coke & Gas Co. above.—V. 113, p. 1775.

Chicago Title & Trust Co.—40% Stock Dividend.—The stockholders have authorized (a) the proposed increase in the capital stock from \$7,000,000 to \$10,000,000, and (b) the payment of a 40% dividend Aug. 1 to holders of record July 24.—V. 106, p. 209.

Chicago Yellow Cab Co.—Dividends.—

Three regular monthly dividends of 33 1/3 cents per share each have been declared, payable Aug. 1, Sept. 1, and Oct. 2 to holders of record July 20, Aug. 21, and Sept. 20 respectively.—V. 114, p. 414.

Cities Service Co.—Resumes Cash Dividends on Preferred.

The directors have declared a cash dividend of 1/4 of 1% on the Preferred stock, payable Sept. 1 to holders of record Aug. 15 (as per plan in V. 114, p. 2828).

The directors have also declared the regular dividends of 1/4 of 1% on the Common and Preference "B" shares, payable in scrip, and 1 1/4% on the Common stock payable in Common stock scrip, all payable Sept. 1 to holders of record Aug. 15.

The plan announced June 21 also calls for the payment on Oct. 1 of cash dividends on the Preference "B" stock (see V. 114, p. 2828).

Results for Month and 12 Months Ending June 30.

Table with 4 columns: 1922-June, 1921, 1922-12 Mos., 1921. Rows include Gross earnings, Expenses, Net earnings, Debt interest, Preferred dividends, and Net available for Common stock & reserve.

Net available for Common stock & reserve \$747,628 \$207,213 \$5,979,002 \$12,493,208.—V. 115, p. 187.

Citizens Gas Co., Indianapolis.—Tenders.—

The Bankers Trust Co., trustee, 10 Wall St., N. Y. City, will until Aug. 15 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & Ref. Mtge. S. F. gold bonds sufficient to exhaust \$23,659, and at a price not exceeding 108 and int.—V. 114, p. 2474.

Cleveland Metal Products Co.—Balance Sheet.—

The balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1921 shows: Total current assets, \$6,663,000, of which \$2,492,000 represented U. S. Govt. securities; current liabilities, \$329,000; surplus, \$2,254,000.—V. 110, p. 1232.

Coast Valleys Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds.—

The company has obtained from the California RR. Commission an extension to June 30 1923 of the time at which it may sell at not less than 90 and int. \$105,000 of an issue of \$375,000 of 1st Mtge. 6% bonds previously authorized.—V. 114, p. 2304.

Colorado Fuel & Iron Co.—Quarterly Report.—

Results for Quarter and Six Months ending June 30.

Table with 4 columns: 1922-3 Mos., 1921, 1922-6 Mos., 1921. Rows include Gross receipts, Operating expenses, Net earnings, Other income, Gross income, Bond int., taxes, &c., Depreciation, and Balance.

Balance def\$18,430 def\$273,752 def\$449,699 sur\$231,776.—V. 114, p. 2356, 2364, 1895.

Community Power & Light Co.—Capital Increase.—

The company has filed a certificate increasing its capital from \$1,300,000 to \$1,500,000.—V. 114, p. 2829.

Consolidated Copper Mines Co.—Time Extended.—

The reorganization committee, Edwin O. Holter, Chairman, has announced that under the plan of reorganization the time within which deposits of securities and payments may be made is extended up to and including Aug. 14. Compare plan in V. 114, p. 2829.

Consolidated Machine Tool Corp. of America.—Bonds Offered.—B. J. Baker & Co., Inc., Boston, are offering at 99 and int., yielding over 7 1/2%, \$3,600,000 1st (closed) Mtge. 20-Year 7% Sinking Fund gold bonds (see adv. pages).

Dated June 1 1922. Due June 1 1942. Int. payable J. & J. at First National Bank, Boston, or at office or agency of company in New York, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c). Callable on any int. date on 30 days' notice, up to and incl. June 1 1932 at 110 and int., and thereafter at a premium decreasing 1% each year until maturity. Penna. 4-mill tax refunded. First Nat. Bank, Boston, and Charles B. Breed, Newton, Mass., trustees.

Capitalization After This Financing—Authorized. Outstanding. 1st Mtge. 20-Year 7% Sinking Fund gold bonds \$3,600,000 \$3,600,000 Preferred stock, 7% 10,000,000 6,137,000 Common stock (no par value) 200,000 sh. 128,000 sh.

Data from Letter of C. K. Lassiter, President of the Corporation.—Company.—Incorp. in Del. June 9 1922. A consolidation of the Betts Machine Co., Rochester, N. Y., founded 1861; Ingle Machine Co., Rochester, N. Y., founded 1904; Hilles & Jones Co., Wilmington, Del., founded 1854; Modern Tool Co., Erie, Pa., founded 1889; Newton Machine Tool Works, Inc., Phila., founded 1881, and Colburn Machine Tool Co., Cleveland, O., founded 1901.

Companies are successful manufacturers of heavy machine tools in America. The products are well and favorably known and distributed through representatives or selling agencies in practically every country in the world. This consolidation places the company in a position to compete for contracts for an entire line of machine tools for shipyards, railway shops or industrial plants.

Security.—Secured by an absolute closed first mortgage on all of the land, buildings and equipment to be acquired from the above companies (upon retirement of \$600,000 of bonds now on the Colburn plant, definite provision having been made to call and cancel these bonds Oct. 1 1922). The plants have an appraised value of \$7,455,000.

Assets.—Total net assets after deducting all liabilities other than funded debt are \$10,269,589, equal to \$2,852 for each \$1,000 bond. Current assets are more than 6 times current liabilities.

Earnings.—Average net annual earnings available for bond interest for 6 1/3 years from Jan. 1 1916 to Apr. 30 1922 (after deducting loss of \$768,394 in 1921, due largely to inventory adjustments), were \$1,023,014, or more than 4 times interest requirements on this issue of \$3,600,000 bonds.

Sinking Fund.—A sinking fund of 15% of net earnings, after payment of operating expenses, taxes and bond interest, with a minimum of \$120,000 a year, beginning June 1 1924, provides for redemption of more than 50% of the issue before maturity.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to complete the acquisition of the above-mentioned companies and to provide additional working capital.

Consolidated Balance Sheet April 30 1922 (After This Financing).

Table with 2 columns: Assets and Liabilities. Rows include Cash, Notes receivable, Accounts receivable, Inventories, Marketable securities, Miscellaneous assets, U. S. Treasury claim, Land, buildings, &c., Deferred charges, Notes payable, Accounts payable, Accrued accounts, First Mtge. 7% bonds, 7% Preferred stock, and Surplus.

Directors.—W. H. Marshall (Chairman), C. K. Lassiter (Pres.), H. J. Bailey (V.-Pres.), B. J. Baker (B. J. Baker & Co., bankers), H. W. Breckenridge (V.-Pres.), Lawrence Chamberlain, H. W. Champion (V.-Pres.), J. J. Dale (V.-Pres.), T. Allen Hilles, A. H. Ingle (V.-Pres.), F. D. Payne. Treasurer is G. D. Miller, and R. R. Lassiter is Secretary.—V. 115, p. 78.

See under "Pipe Line Statistics" below.—V. 114, p. 2018.

Crown Cork & Seal Co. of Balto. City.—Bonds Sold.—National City Co. has sold at 96 and int., to yield over 6.35%, \$4,000,000 1st Mtge. 6% 20-Year Sinking Fund Gold bonds.

Dated Aug. 1 1922. Due Aug. 1 1942. Int. payable F. & A. without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Pennsylvania 4 mill tax refunded. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000 (c). Callable as a whole or in part on Aug. 1 1927, or any interest date thereafter up to and including Feb. 1 1933, at 105 and interest, and thereafter at face value plus a premium of 1/4% for each year or portion of a year between the date of redemption and maturity. National City Bank of New York, trustee.

Listing.—Application will be made to list bonds on N. Y. Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of Pres. J. M. Hood Jr., Baltimore, July 14.

Company.—Incorp. in 1892 in Maryland to manufacture under basic patents owned by it, the Crown cork, one of the most economical bottle stopping devices produced. In addition manufactures a full line of well-designed and very efficient bottle filling and crowning machines fully protected by patents owned by it. Company also conducts a cork specialty business and manufactures lithographed metal signs.

Security.—A direct closed first mortgage on all the real estate and fixed assets (as defined) of the company, and further secured by the pledge of all the capital stock and other securities of subsidiaries owned.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage will provide for a minimum sinking fund sufficient to retire \$2,000,000 of bonds by maturity. Mortgage will provide as an additional sinking fund that the company will deliver to the trustee for cancellation in each year bonds (or cash) sufficient to acquire bonds at not exceeding 105 and interest, equal in face value to any cash dividends up to, but not in excess of \$100,000 paid by company during that year. This provision shall be cumulative provided the amount of bonds to be delivered to the trustee for cancellation in any one year shall not exceed the cash dividends paid during that year.

Earnings—Calendar Years

Table with 4 columns: Year, Net Sales, xNet Income, Cash Div. Paid. Rows for years 1912 through 1921.

x Before interest and Federal taxes (after all inventory adjustments). Net profits after deducting interest, taxes and all other charges for the past 30 years have averaged \$788,377 per annum.

Sales for the current year in grossage have increased 55% for the first 6 months. In comparison with the same 6 months last year, while for the month of June they were 73% ahead of June 1921.

Balance Sheet as of May 31 1922, After Giving Effect to This Financing.

Table with 2 columns: Assets and Liabilities. Rows include Cash, Notes receivable, Accts. rec., Prepaid items, Materials & supplies, Net amt. due from sub. & affiliated cos., Land, bldgs., equip., &c., less depreciation, Stocks & bonds of sub. & affiliated cos., Patents & patent rights, Def. chgs., Incl. bd. disc., Notes payable, Accts. payable & accr., Res. for Federal taxes, 1st Mtge. bonds, Capital stock, Res. for contingencies, Apprec. of inv. in English company, Excess of appr. value of fixed assets over previous book figures, Earned surplus, and Total (ea. side).

Cuba Sugar Finance & Export Corp.—Liquidating Div.—The corporation has declared a 50% cash dividend in liquidation on its \$2,000,000 Capital stock. This corporation was formed early in 1921 to help finance the Cuban sugar crop by loans at 2 1/2 cents per pound.

Cumberland Pipe Line Co.—June Business.—See under "Pipe Line Statistics" below.—V. 114, p. 526.

Cuyamaca Building Co.—Bonds Offered.—

Hunter, Dulin & Co., Los Angeles, are offering at 101 and int., \$700,000 1st Mtge. 7% Sinking Fund Gold bonds. Dated July 1 1922. Due July 1 1937. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c). Callable at 104 and interest up to and including July 1 1932, and at 102 1/2 thereafter on any interest date on 30 days' notice. Interest payable J. & J. at Los Angeles Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, trustee, or Southern Trust & Commerce Bank, San Diego, or Mercantile Trust Co., San Francisco, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%.

The bonds will be a closed first mortgage on business corner located at Fifth and "B" Sts., San Diego, Calif., together with the 6-story, fire-proof Class "A" steel and concrete office, store and theatre building now in process of construction thereon, the combined value of which will be approximately \$1,250,000.

A lease on the theatre portion of the building has been executed by Alexander Pantages, of Pantages Theatre Co., for a period of 50 years at annual rental of \$36,000. This lease will be deposited with the trustee as additional security for these bonds.

A sinking fund of \$3,000 per month will be paid into the trustee for the retirement of bonds starting Dec. 1 1923, to purchase same in the open market or call by lot.

Daniels Motor Co. (Del.)—Production—Orders.—

President George E. Daniels announces that plans have been perfected to double the output of the corporation's plants beginning Sept. 1. Many orders for Daniels cars have been booked for fall delivery.—V. 115, p. 187.

Detroit City Gas Co.—City May Acquire Property.—

Mayor Couzens, it is stated, plans to obtain control of the company for the city of Detroit when the present franchises expire in October 1923. The company's property in Detroit, it is said, is worth \$30,000,000.—V. 115, p. 187.

Detroit Edison Co.—Results for Half-Year.—

Table with 3 columns: Six Months ended June 30, 1922, 1921. Rows include Gross revenue, Operating expenses and taxes, Renewal, replacement & conting't (deprec.) reserve, Net income, Interest charges, and Net.

Net \$1,923,741 \$1,420,019.—V. 115, p. 187.

Demion Iron & Steel Co.—Tenders.—

The National Trust Co., Ltd., Montreal, trustee, will until Aug. 3 receive bids for the sale to it of 5% 1st Mtge. gold bonds to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$153,000.—V. 114, p. 2584.

Durant Motor Co. of New Jersey.—Guaranteed Bonds Offered.—

S. W. Straus & Co., New York, &c., are offering at par and int. \$3,500,000 1st Mtge. 6 1/2% Serial Coupon bonds. Guaranteed by Durant Motors, Inc. Safeguarded under the Straus plan.

Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 in all maturities and \$100 in last maturity only. Dated July 15 1922; due annually as follows: July 15 1923 to July 15 1933, both incl., \$291,500; July 15 1924, \$293,500. 4% Federal income tax paid.

Mortgaged Property.—The bonds are a closed first mortgage on the land and the new plant, machinery and equipment of the Durant Motor Co. of New Jersey, at Elizabeth, N. J., constructed by the Willys Corp. at a cost of \$13,106,204 but never used. Replacement value was estimated on behalf of the receiver, in fall of 1920, at \$10,636,900.

The new Durant interests at the receiver's sale paid a cash price of \$5,525,000 for the property, the second bid being \$5,500,000. It is one of the largest and best arranged plants for automobile manufacture in the United States, being divided into six sections which could be operated as independent units, and which could be converted to other manufacturing purposes at a minimum of expense. The plant is located directly on the Pennsylvania RR. and has a total floor area of approximately 2,100,000 sq. ft. (49 acres).

Company.—Incorp. July 15 1922 in New Jersey with a capital stock of 80,000 shares, no par value. Company is under the direct management and control of Durant Motors, Inc.

Guaranty Corporation.—Payment of principal and interest of the bonds is guaranteed by Durant Motors, Inc., the holding company, which was organized in Delaware in April 1921 by W. C. Durant and associates. On Mar. 31 1922 Durant Motors, Inc., stated its total assets as \$33,493,402, including \$3,028,748 cash. Company has no liabilities except capital stock, the number of stockholders being 46,300 on June 15 1922. The sales of Durant cars have been entirely successful, the company being unable to supply the demand for 1922. The company will market on a large scale the new Star automobile, which will sell for \$348, carrying features which are unique in a car of this price, such as Continental Red Seal motor, Timken Real Axle and bearings, three speeds forward and reverse, half elliptic springs, underslung Spicer universal joints and Stewart vacuum gasoline feed.

Durant Motors, Inc.—Guaranty—New Subsidiary.—See Durant Motor Co. of N. J. above.—V. 115, p. 187, 79.

Eddystone Oil Corporation.—Sale.—See South Penn Oil Co. below.—V. 111, p. 993.

Electric Auto-Lite Co.—Trustee.—The Columbia Trust Co. has been designated trustee under a mortgage dated July 1 1922, securing an issue of \$3,000,000 1st Mtge. 10-year 7½% sinking fund gold bonds dated July 1 1922. See offering in V. 115, p. 79, 188.

Emerson-Brantingham Co.—Sales.—May and June sales, it is reported, show an increase of 53% compared with the corresponding months of 1921. June sales this year are said to be 50% in excess of any month for the last 14 months.—V. 114, p. 632.

Empire Gas & Fuel Co.—Capital Increased.—The company recently increased its authorized common stock from \$62,500,000 to \$75,000,000, par \$100; the additional \$12,500,000 was issued in connection with the acquisition of the stock of the Kansas Natural Gas Co.—V. 114, p. 1895, 1887.

Eureka Pipe Line Co.—June Business.—See under "Pipe Line Statistics" below.—V. 114, p. 527.

Fall River Gas Works Co.—Rights, &c.—Each stockholder of record on June 21 1922 is given the right to subscribe on or before Aug. 1 at \$170 per share for 3,756 shares of stock (par \$100) in the ratio of one-third of a share of new stock for each share of stock held. Subscriptions must be received by Stone & Webster Inc., transfer agent, 147 Milk St., Boston, on or before Aug. 1 1922. Payment for stock subscribed for must be made in full at \$170 per share on or before Aug. 1 1922 or, at the option of the subscriber, in two installments as follows: \$85 per share on Aug. 1 1922, \$85 per share on Nov. 1 1922. The stockholders on June 21 increased the capital stock from \$1,127,000 to \$1,502,600.—V. 114, p. 2722.

Fisher Body Corp.—New Plant, &c.—The following published statement has been confirmed for the "Chronicle": "The corporation, continuing its expansion program, is erecting a new plant at Detroit for its subsidiary, the Shepard Art Metal Co., which produces exterior and interior hardware fittings entering into automobile body construction. Work on the project is under way, and the first unit, with more than 100,000 sq. ft. of floor space, is to be ready Aug. 1. Ultimately other units will be added, providing not less than 250,000 sq. ft. of space."

[The Fisher Body St. Louis Co. was incorporated in Delaware July 13 1922 with an authorized capitalization of \$1,000,000. Presumably this company is a subsidiary of the Fisher Body Corp.]—V. 115, p. 313.

Ford Motor Co. of Detroit.—Production.—June production of trucks and tractors at all plants totaled 148,439, a new high monthly record. Domestic production was 132,950 vehicles. Production of American and foreign plants for the first six months of this year was 652,261 cars, trucks, and tractors. It is announced that the company intends to establish a large assembling plant in Mexico.—V. 114, p. 2829.

Frick-Reid Supply Co.—Pref. Stock Redemption.—All of the outstanding \$1,500,000 Pref. stock will be redeemed Sept. 15 at 107 and dividends.

General American Tank Car Co.—Sub. Co. Order.—The General American Car Co., a subsidiary, has received an order from the Baltimore & Ohio RR. for 500 50-ton all-steel gondola cars.—V. 114, p. 2246.

General Motors Corp.—Preliminary Statement for Six Months ending June 30 1922.—President Pierre S. du Pont July 18 says:

During the six months' period ending June 30 1922, approximately \$6,200,000 net has been added to reserves for depreciation of real estate, plants and equipment, the balance in the said reserves now standing at slightly over \$43,700,000.

All loans at banks were paid off by June 30 1922, and except for approximately \$5,400,000 of purchase money obligations, General Motors Corp. has no indebtedness underlying its Preferred and Debenture stocks, except ordinary current accounts payable for merchandise, payrolls, taxes, &c. Cash in banks at June 30 1922 was approximately \$35,000,000.

Net working capital as of June 30 1922 was approximately \$123,000,000, an increase of \$26,000,000 from the condition at Dec. 31 1921.

Inventories, which at Dec. 31 1921 were written down to cost or market (whichever was lower), are well balanced and during the six months have been reduced to below \$98,000,000. The reduction of some \$10,000,000 has been effected partly because of efficient control of stocks and partly because of exceptionally favorable transportation conditions.

In connection with a readjustment of assets at Dec. 31 1921, a reserve in the amount of \$14,000,000 was set up to cover anticipated losses and unforeseen contingencies pertaining to prior period, but not definitely ascertainable. During the first six months of this year losses of this character have been realized and charged off against the reserve to the extent of approximately \$6,350,000, leaving a balance in the reserve as of June 30 1922 of approximately \$7,750,000.

The corporation's books have not been closed as of June 30 1922, and it will be some little time before definite figures are in hand reflecting the operating conditions during the second quarter of the year. The situation can be closely approximated, however, and the following estimated statement may be accepted as substantially correct:

Income Account for Six Months Ended June 30 1922 (Partly Estimated):

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Total Six Months
Net sales	\$80,590,887	\$137,800,000	\$218,490,887
Net earnings before Federal taxes and interest charges	9,146,481	25,970,000	35,116,481
Interest on notes payable—6 months			1,414,090
Provision for Federal taxes and contingencies			3,705,000
Net earnings after all charges			\$29,997,391
Divs. on Pref. and Debenture stocks (6 months)			3,158,000
Net amount earned on the Common stock (6 months)			\$26,839,391

—V. 115, p. 313, 188.

General Oil Co.—Deception in Stock Promotion.—Charges of deception in the sale of oil stock were made July 19 by the Federal Trade Commission against S. E. J. Cox, his wife, N. E. Cox, the Prudential Oil & Refining Co., the Prudential Security Oil Co. and the General Oil Co. Orders to "cease and desist" from the practices complained of were issued against all the defendants. The stocks and securities of the companies were floated through an advertising campaign that, it was alleged, was for the greater part entirely misleading.—V. 114, p. 1412.

Goodrich Transit Co.—Bond Redemption.—Twenty-eight (\$28,000) First Mtge. Sinking Fund 8% Coupon Gold bonds dated Jan. 15 1921, 19 bonds of \$500 each and 35 of \$100 each (total \$41,000) were called for redemption July 15 at 109 and int. at the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.—V. 114, p. 1539.

Granby Consol. Mining, Smelt. & Pow. Co.—Output.—

Period ending May 31 1922	Month	5 Months
Copper produced (in pounds)	2,522,000	10,760,000

—V. 115, p. 79.

Great Western Power Co. (Calif.).—Annual Report.—

	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Operating revenues	\$6,382,162	\$5,888,162	\$5,175,873	\$4,644,407
Operating expenses	2,217,290	2,556,209	2,062,898	1,705,582
Profits from operations	\$4,164,872	\$3,331,954	\$3,106,985	\$2,938,826
Other income credits	989,912	739,814	240,116	56,375
Gross income	\$5,154,784	\$4,071,768	\$3,347,101	\$2,995,200
Income charges	1,072,073	965,863	652,922	180,847
Net inc. before deduct. int. on funded debt.	\$4,082,710	\$3,105,905	\$2,694,179	\$2,814,353
Interest on funded debt.	2,355,129	1,901,197	1,667,840	1,553,629
Net income	\$1,727,581	\$1,204,708	\$1,026,339	\$1,260,723

—V. 115, p. 188.

Great Western Sugar Co.—Balance Sheet May 31 1922.—

Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Plants, &c.	26,807,051	Preferred stock	13,630,000
Invest. in subsidiary cos.	1,442,321	Common stock	15,000,000
Cash	5,570,555	Accts. payable & pay-roll	577,513
Accounts receivable	1,794,856	Profit and loss surplus	19,520,439
Notes receivable	423,206	Earnings, less expenses, applicable to current year	914,358
Ref. sugar and by-prod.	8,590,034		
Beet seed and supplies	4,617,381		
Loans to and from sub. cos.	26,020		
Adv. & other susp. items	30,802		
Stocks and bonds	340,080	Total (each side)	49,642,311

The American Sugar Refining Co. owns \$3,646,000 Common and \$5,175,000 of the Preferred stock.—V. 114, p. 2723, 2475.

Gulf States Steel Co.—Earnings.—

Period	Second Quarter 1922	1921	First Quarter 1922	1921
Net operating income	\$313,740	\$34,396	\$166,966	\$35,255
Taxes, depreciation, &c.	88,076	87,749	86,650	138,172
Balance	sur\$225,664	def\$53,353	sur\$80,316	def\$102,917

—V. 114, p. 1896, 1292.

Haltown (W. Va.) Paper Board Co.—Receivers.—W. R. Shaffer, President of the New Haven (Conn.) Pulp & Board Co.; Henry W. Brooks, Jr., and P. P. Nelson, Haltown, W. Va., have been appointed receivers.

Hawks Electric Co.—Merger.—See Middle West Utilities Co. below.—V. 111, p. 1187.

Hayes Wheel Co.—Earnings.—

	1922.	1921.
Six Months ending June 30—		
Total sales	\$6,155,431	\$5,556,361
Gross profits	519,653	521,924
Net profits	544,421	269,682
Net profits after fixed charges but before Fed. taxes	510,331	184,153

—V. 115, p. 314.

Illinois Bell Telephone Co.—Lease.—A. Irving Jordan will erect for the company a modern 13-story and basement, steel constructed, fireproof office building, at the southwest corner of Washington and Franklin Sts., Chicago. The company has taken a lease for a period of 25 years at an aggregate rental of \$2,187,500 or \$87,500 a year, in addition to which they pay taxes and insurance.—V. 114, p. 2830, 2475.

Illinois Pipe Line Co.—June Business.—See under "Pipe Line Statistics" below.—V. 114, p. 2365.

Imperial Tobacco Co., Ltd., of Great Britain and Ireland.—Interim Dividend.—An interim dividend of 7½% has been declared on the ordinary shares, free of British income tax. An interim dividend of 5% was paid in Sept. 1921.—V. 114, p. 528.

Indiana Pipe Line Co.—June Business.—See under "Pipe Line Statistics" below.—V. 115, p. 80.

Industrial Salvage Co.—Special Dividend.—The directors have declared a special dividend of 10% (10 cents per share) on the Capital stock, payable Aug. 10 to holders of record July 31. This company was organized in April last to take over the remaining assets and liabilities of the du Pont Chemical Co., which was liquidated 3 months ago. See V. 114, p. 1897, 1771.

International Mercantile Marine Co.—Stockholder List Private.—The list of stockholders of a corporation is the property of the corporation and cannot be sold to outsiders for the purpose of circularization, according to a ruling by Supreme Court Justice Lehman July 19. Justice Lehman granted an injunction to the company restraining William Jones, Auditors, Inc., from offering the list of company's stockholders for sale. See annual report in a preceding page.—V. 114, p. 2714.

Iron Cap Copper Co.—Earnings—Production.—

Earnings—	May '22	Apr. '22	Production—	May '22	Apr. '22
Receipts	\$63,822	\$48,865	Copper (lbs.)	578,996	485,521
Expenses	51,772	45,518	Silver (ozs.)	7,144	5,407
Profit	12,051	3,347	Gold (ozs.)	96	53

—V. 114, p. 2123.

Island Creek Coal Co.—Earnings.—The company reports for the quarter ended June 30 1922 net earnings of \$1,217,982, as against \$760,495 in the quarter ended March 31.—V. 115, p. 314.

Island Oil & Transport Corp.—To Form Independent Committee.—

It is reported that dissatisfaction has arisen on the part of some of the stockholders over the way in which their interests have been handled by the receivers and the stockholders' protective committee. It is also reported that an independent committee of stockholders, of which John Tutules, 101 W. 42d St., New York, is Chairman, has been formed. This committee has issued a circular to stockholders calling a meeting at the offices of McDonnell & Lebett, 233 Broadway, July 24.

In addition to Mr. Tutules, other members of the committee are Carl J. Weinberger, Peter Gortz, S. Junjulas and Walter S. Timmie.—V. 114, p. 2585, 2365.

Jackson Motors Corp.—Bonds Defaulted.—The \$1,000,000 1st Mtge. 7% bonds due July 1 have been defaulted and a protective committee has been formed. The Boston "News Bureau" July 14 says:

"Announcement of the formation of the Associated Motor Industries [see above and V. 115, p. 186] is of interest to the holders of the \$1,000,000 7s, due July 1 1922, as through the completion of negotiations by Plimpton & Plimpton, Boston [who placed the bonds, V. 109, p. 1796] and the bondholders' protective committee, they will receive securities junior to the bonds of the new merger in the ratio of 125% of the par value of their Jackson bonds. Through underwriting these securities can be transferred equally into priority stock of Roland A. Crandall & Co., a Chicago finance corporation associated with the merger. Latter securities will be marketable.—V. 115, p. 189.

Johnson-Cowdin-Emmerich, Inc.—Bonds Offered.—Merrill, Lynch & Co., New York, and Pearsons-Taft Co., Chicago, are offering at 99 and int., to yield about 7.10%, \$1,750,000 1st Mtge. 20-Year 7% Sinking Fund gold bonds.

Dated May 15 1922, due May 15 1942. Denom. \$1,000. \$500 and \$100 (^{or}). Interest payable M. & N. without deduction for normal Federal income tax, not exceeding 2%. Penna. 4-mill tax refundable. Callable all or part on not less than 30 days' notice as follows: On or before May 15 1927 at 110% int. thereafter at 107½% and int. up to and incl. May 15 1932; thereafter at 105% and int. up to and incl. May 15 1937, and thereafter at 102½% and interest. New York Trust Co., trustee.

Sinking Fund.—An annual sinking fund is to be provided, commencing May 15 1923, sufficient to retire 66⅓% of this issue before maturity, by the purchase or redemption annually of 3¼% of the largest amount of 1st Mtge. bonds of the present issue at any time outstanding, at not to exceed the current redemption price.

Data from Letter of Vice-President Samuel Keller Jacobs July 7.

Company.—Is to be organized in New York to acquire the business, plants and other assets of Johnson, Cowdin & Co., Inc., originally established in 1899, 1884, and Walter Emmerich & Co., organized as a co-partnership in 1899. Business consists principally in the manufacture and sale of silk ribbons. The Johnson-Cowdin line includes a wide range of the best grades under the well-known and nationally advertised trade names of "Lady Fair," "Satin de Luxe," "Sankara," "Tu Tone," "Trousseau," "Violet," "Democracy," "Lykadreine," "Riverside Gros Grain" and others. Walter Emmerich & Co. have specialized in quantity production of narrow ribbons commonly known as "baby" ribbon, used extensively by manufacturers of ladies wear, stationery and confectionery. In addition to the lines directly manufactured, the new company will act as a distributor of imported French velvet ribbons of the finest quality.

The manufacturing plants are located at Paterson, N. J., Norwalk, Conn., Glendale, L. I., and N. Y. City. The plant buildings at Norwalk, Conn., and Glendale, L. I., are leased on satisfactory terms. These plants have approximately 700 looms with an annual capacity of approximately 200,000,000 yards of ribbon. Total number of employees normally averages 1,600.

Capitalization after this financing.

1st Mtge. 20-Yr. 7% S. F. Gold bonds (this issue)	Authorized, \$2,500,000	Issued, \$1,750,000
Pref. stock, 7% Cumulative (par \$100)	2,500,000	450,000
Common stock (with no par value)	400,000 shs.	135,785 shs.

Consolidated Net Profits Available for Int. & Fed. Taxes After Depreciation. (Johnson, Cowdin & Co., Inc., and Walter Emmerich & Co. (co-partnership) and Tremont Mills and Bay View Ribbon Co. affiliated companies.)

	Net Profits.	Times Int. Charges.
11 years 1911-21 (yearly average)	\$488,846 20	3.98
4 years 1918-21 (yearly average)	740,508 74	6.04
Calendar year 1921	809,561 57	6.60

Balance Sheet as of May 1 1922, After This Financing.

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash	\$604,782	Notes & accept. payable	\$353,429
Accts. & bills rec., less res.	563,009	Accounts payable	29,033
Merchandise inventories	1,321,589	Accrued accounts	8,259
Investments	18,401	Reserve for Federal taxes	20,771
Sundry claims & accounts	6,085	1st Mtge. 20-Year 7s	1,750,000
Property, plants & equip.	2,539,320	Pref. stock, 7% Cumul.	450,000
Prepd. ins., int., taxes, &c.	162,180	Common stock (no par)	135,785
Total (each side)	\$5,215,374	Surplus, paid in	1,924,955

Declared value at \$5 per share in accordance with New York State law.—V. 115, p. 314.

Jones Bros. Tea Co., Inc.—June Sales.

1922	June—1921	Increase	1922—6 Mos.—1921	Increase
\$1,432,068	\$1,392,942	\$39,126	\$8,605,856	\$8,557,185

The above figures do not include wholesale or jobbing departments. Retail prices average 35% lower than 1920 and 15% lower than 1921, so that the nominal increase in money value represents a substantial increase in units.—V. 114, p. 2724, 2247.

Kansas City Power & Light Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.—Spencer Trask & Co., Blyth, Witter & Co. and E. H. Rollins & Sons are offering at 93½ and div., to yield about 7½%, 60,600 shares (no par value) 1st Pref. (a. & d.) stock, Series "A" (see advertising pages).

Cumulative dividends \$7 per share per annum. Preferred as to assets to extent of \$100 per share and also as to dividends. Divs. accrue from July 1 1922 and will be payable Q-J. Red. all or part at \$115 per share and div. upon 60 days' notice.

Listing.—Application will be made to list the 1st Pref. stock, Series "A," on the New York and Chicago Stock Exchanges.

Data from Letter of Pres. Joseph F. Porter, Kansas City, Mo., July 14.

Company.—Will be formed in Missouri as a consolidation of the Kansas City Power & Light Co. and Carroll County Electric Co. The Kansas City Power & Light Co. controls the electric light and power business in Kansas City, Mo., and also wholesales current to companies serving about 44 towns in adjacent territory. The steam heating plant at Kansas City is also owned and operated by the company.

The Carroll County Electric Co. operates an electric light and power business in Carroll, Charlton and Howard counties, Mo., serving 14 towns, and has coal rights in about 7,494 acres of valuable coal lands. Eventually the consolidated company should supply practically all the current used within a radius of 100 miles of Kansas City. Population served, approximately 575,000.

The physical property includes 3 electric generating stations, aggregate installed normal capacity 84,150 k.w.; 36 sub-stations with transformer capacity of over 95,000 k.w.; 207 miles of high tension transmission lines; 316 miles of underground cable; 1,252 miles of low tension distributing lines, and coal rights in about 7,494 acres of valuable coal lands. Of the installed capacity, 60,000 k.w. (now being increased to 90,000 k.w.) is located at the new Northeast power plant, so designed that present installed capacity may be further increased to an ultimate capacity of 240,000 k.w.

Capitalization after this financing.

	Authorized	Outstanding
1st Preferred stock (no par value)	350,000 shs.	275,000 shs.
Participating Pref. stock (no par value)	100,000 shs.	None
Common stock (no par value)	350,000 shs.	200,000 shs.
Kansas City P. & L. Co. 1st & Ref. M. bonds	a	\$812,464.60
Kansas City L. & P. Co. 1st M. 5s	b	2,720,300
do 2d Mtge. 6s	c	\$1,917,300
Carrollton W. L. & Transit Co. bonds, 1923 & '24	300,000	300,000
Brunswick L. & Water Co. bonds, 1925 & 1929	25,000	25,000
Purchase money obligations		\$18,968

* Excluding sinking fund and pledged bonds, mentioned in b and c. y Series "A," including shares reserved for exchange.

a Assiance of additional bonds restricted by provisions of Trust Deed, b In addition, \$5,664,000 1st Mtge. 6s and \$339,700 1st Mtge. 5s are deposited as collateral for the Kansas City Power & Light Co. 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds, and any additional bonds that may be issued (the aggregate amount of which is not limited) must be so deposited. c Entire authorized amount issued and \$302,600 purchased through sinking fund, which calls for payments of \$19,173 semi-annually. \$124,900 additional bonds have been deposited as part collateral for 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds of the Kansas City Power & Light Co. and \$10,500 held in the treasury. d Consists of \$10,000,000 8% Series A, due 1940; \$484,600 6% Series B, due 1945; \$2,000,000 7% Series C, due 1948.

Purpose.—Of the 75,000 shares of 1st Pref. stock, Series "A," 48,000 shares are reserved to be issued in exchange for outstanding shares of 8%

1st Pref. stock of Kansas City Power & Light Co. and the balance to reduce debt contracted for extensions and improvements or for other corporate purposes.

Consolidated Statement of the Earnings 12 Months Ended May 31.

	1921.	1920.
Gross earnings	\$6,567,629	\$7,281,052
Net, after oper. expenses, incl. maint. & taxes	2,375,828	3,393,004
Bond interest, &c., charges	1,080,527	1,291,283

Balance available for depreciation & dividends, \$1,295,301 \$2,101,721

Annual divs. of \$7 per share on 75,000 shs. of 1st Pref. stock, Series "A" \$525,000

Valuation.—Total value of the properties of the consolidating companies, as recognized by the Missouri P. S. Commission for rate making purposes, is in excess of \$28,000,000, in addition to which approximately \$4,000,000 has been expended on work in progress, making a total value of over \$32,000,000.

Franchises.—Electric light and power franchises both in Missouri and Kansas are, with minor exceptions, perpetual. The steam heating franchise runs until 1935.—V. 115, p. 314.

Keystone Tire & Rubber Co.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1921.	1920.	Calendar Years—	1921.	1920.
Gross loss	\$60,899	prof 391,068	Dividends	\$673,456	\$275,456
Oper. exp., &c.	514,765	506,960	Balance, deficit	\$678,039	\$591,161
			Previous deficit	384,624	214,640
Operating loss	\$575,664	\$115,892	Total deficit	\$1,062,663	\$806,237
Other income	87,364	28,542	Res. for inv., depr., &c.	405,465	1,008,103
Loss	\$518,300	\$87,350			
Interest, taxes, &c.	159,739	230,355	P. & L. def. Dec. 31	3181,468,128	\$384,624

—V. 114, p. 528.

Kings County Lighting Co.—Return of Securities.

The company, by a decision of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, will receive about \$600,000 of its securities which were pledged to guarantee the return of charges made for gas in excess of the statutory rate. This rate was 80c, and when the company increased the charge the excess cash was deposited for which securities were substituted.—V. 114, p. 2830.

Lawrence (Mass.) Gas Co.—Stock Application.

The company has applied to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities for authority to issue \$700,000 additional Capital stock, par \$100. Proceeds are to be used in paying for additions to plant, &c.—V. 111, p. 798.

Lima Locomotive Works.—Recapitalization Plan—Rights to Common Stockholders.

The stockholders voted July 14 to create an authorized issue of 300,000 no par value share of Common stock. The new stock will be used for the purpose of exchanging two shares for each share of Pref. stock now outstanding and two shares of new Common stock for one share of the present outstanding Common stock.

The Common stockholders of record July 20 are given the right to subscribe at \$50 per share to 1-3 shares of new Common stock for each share of the existing Common stock. Subscriptions to the new stock will be received until Aug. 16, and payment of one-half (\$25 per share) will be required at time of subscription, and the remaining \$25 per share must be paid on or before Sept. 15.

Pref. stockholders are not entitled to subscribe for the new Common stock unless they first convert their stock into Common stock before July 20. The offering has been underwritten. Compare V. 114, p. 2724; V. 115, p. 80.

Lincoln Body Co., Rahway, N. J.—Receiver.

Vice-Chancellor Backus at Newark, N. J., has appointed Russell Fleming of Newark, N. J., receiver. This company is successor to the Superior Body Co. (V. 114, p. 1072) which went into receivership in November 1920, and which was subsequently sold to the Lincoln company by Robert J. McAdams, the receiver. The Lincoln company has an authorized capital of \$125,000, of which \$75,000 issued. Officers are John A. Nethot, Pres. & Gen. Mgr.; Rev. N. Pedhorecki, V.-Pres., and Garret Jones, Sec. and Treas.

Lindsay Light Co.—Earnings.

The company reports a net loss for the six months ending June 30 1922 of \$1,963, as compared with a net profit of \$6,083 for the first quarter.—V. 114, p. 1771, 312.

Lisk Mfg. Co., Ltd.—Capital Increase, &c.

The stockholders recently voted to increase the authorized capital stock from \$1,650,000 (consisting of \$400,000 7% Pref. stock and \$1,250,000 Common) to \$2,400,000, the increase being in Common stock.

The directors propose to declare and pay to the holders of Common stock a stock dividend of 25%, after which the company will have an authorized capital stock issued and outstanding of \$399,300 Preferred and approximately \$1,547,000 of Common.

Company was taken out of the hands of receivers 13 years ago. During this period the full 7% dividend has been paid upon the Pref. stock. The Common stock, however, received no dividends whatever for 8 years. In 1917 it was paid 4%, in 1918 7% and in 1919, 1920, 1921 and thus far in the present year dividends at the rate of 8% per annum have been declared and paid. From the reorganization to date the Common stock has received dividends aggregating 37%.

Mason Tire & Rubber Co., Kent, Ohio.—Prices Cut.

A reduction of 28% in prices on all sizes of tires has been made. The company has announced a new Ford size cord tire to sell for \$11.80. According to D. M. Mason, Vice-Pres. & Mgr., the cut is necessary to reduce special discounts in preparation for fall business.—V. 115, p. 189.

Massachusetts Lighting Cos.—Dividends Resumed.

The trustees have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the Common stock, payable Aug. 21 to holders of record Aug. 1. This is the first dividend on this issue since April 1918, when a like amount was paid.—V. 114, p. 2727.

Massachusetts Oil Refining Co.—Time Extended.

The protective committee for the holders of the 1st Mtge. 7% bonds, Oct. 1929, and the Coll. Trust 7% notes, Aug. 1924, announces that the time for depositing the above first mortgage bonds and collateral trust notes has been extended to Aug. 3 1922. Although more than a majority of these bonds and notes have already been received, it is desirable that all such bonds and notes be deposited with First National Bank, 70 Federal St., Boston, depository. Bonds deposited should bear the July 1 1922 and all subsequent coupons; notes deposited should bear the Aug. 1 1922 and all subsequent coupons.

The Secretary of the Committee is James O. Caton, 60 State St., Boston, with Herrick, Smith, Donald & Farley, 84 State St., Boston, counsel for members of committee. See V. 115, p. 81.

Merchants' Heat & Light Co.—Merger.

See Central Indiana Power Co. above.—V. 114, p. 635.

Miami Copper Co.—Production in June.

In June the company produced approximately 6,000,000 lbs. of copper.—V. 114, p. 2247.

Mid-West Engine Co.—Sale Confirmed.

Judge Solon J. Carter of the Indiana Superior Court, has approved the sale of the assets of the company to Benjamin F. Castle, New York Sec. to the reorganization committee for a price said to be in excess of \$2,000,000. Under the terms of the sale the committee will pay \$312,000 for the real and personal property of the concern as existing July 10, subject to corporate mortgage responsibilities said to approximate \$1,750,000. (Compare reorganization plan in V. 114, p. 954.)—V. 115, p. 81.

Miller Lock Co., Philadelphia.—Bonds Sold.

Lage Brothers & Co., New York, recently sold at 97½ and int. to yield about 7¼%, \$500,000 1st Mtge. 7% Conv. 20-Year Sinking Fund gold bonds, Series "A."

Dated April 1 1922. Due April 1 1942. Int. payable A. & O. at Equitable Trust Co., New York, trustee, without deduction for Federal income taxes not exceeding 2%. Penna. tax of 4 mills refunded. Callable at 105 and int. Convertible, par for par, into 8% Cum. Pref. stock on any int. date upon 30 days' notice. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (e).

Data from Letter of Edward S. Jackson, President of the Company.

Company.—Started in 1871. Plant, located at Philadelphia. Manufactures padlocks, cabinet locks, keyless locks, rim night latches, house furnishing and shoe finding specialties in metal; also has an automotive department for making parts for automobile manufacturers.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to pay off a small real estate mortgage and for other corporate purposes.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Funded debt, 1st Mortgage bonds	\$1,000,000	\$500,000
Capital stock, 8% non-voting Cum. Preferred	1,000,000	
Common	1,600,000	1,000,000

Net Earnings Before Federal Taxes for Period from Nov. 1 1910 to Dec. 31 1920.					
x1911	\$80,350	x1914	\$50,298	y1917	\$275,150
x1912	118,726	x1915	66,631	a1918	125,716
x1913	110,065	x1916	139,918	a1919	222,984
x1914				a1920	

Middle West Utilities Co.—Acquisition.

The company has taken over the Hawks Electric Co. (V. 111, p. 1187), Middlebury Electric Co., and the Electric Transmission Co. of Goshen, Ind., and the Winona Electric Light & Water Co. of Warsaw, all operating in northern Indiana. These utilities serve 60 communities with electric light and power besides serving Warsaw and Winona Lake with water. The combined properties have 6,004 electric and 1,850 water customers. The properties will be operated by the Inter-State Public Service Co.—V. 115, p. 178.

Midvale Steel & Ordnance Co.—Proposed Merger.

Thomas L. Chadbourne, attorney, who negotiated the proposed unification of the Midvale, Republic, and Inland Steel companies, in discussing the proposed merger, said in part:

"The unification of the Midvale-Republic-Inland companies will produce a unit having plants in Coatesville and Johnstown, Pa.; Youngstown and Niles, Ohio; Chicago (Indiana Harbor), Ill.; and Birmingham, Ala. In short, it will have plants in the principal consuming districts. Its product will be very much more diversified than the product of any of the companies, and it will be in a position to stock steel products in the principal markets of the country so as to supply the demand at different points promptly and efficiently.

"The combination of these three companies will not disturb competition in the steel industry. The output of the three companies is only 7 1/2% of the country's production.

"Some products of all three companies, or of some two of them, meet at common points or are sold within the same State. This is true, for instance, of structural shapes, plates, bars and sheets. The plants of the three companies are situated in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana. That is to say, in the eastern, middle and western districts. If circumstances are such that products of Midvale, Republic, and Inland can meet at a common point, it must follow that products of all other plants, located in any of the three districts can also be shipped to this same common point.

"If we take the actual shipments of the three companies which might have been considered competitive, say, in the year 1920, and compare them with the potential competition from all other companies for that same year, we find that unification of the three companies might have eliminated competition in structural shapes to the extent of 65-100ths of 1% (0.65); plates to the extent of 1-700ths per cent (1.07%); bars to the extent of 8-10ths of 1% (0.80); sheets to the extent of 31-100ths of 1% (0.31).

"In other words, the unification of these three companies would leave the following percentage of the total production of the United States in the field of competition: Structural shapes, 99.35; plates, 98.93; bars, 99.20; sheets, 99.69.

"The men who are responsible for this unification realize that they can only hope by the resulting economies to cut off part of the cost differential of from \$3 to \$15 now enjoyed by the Steel Corporation, so we have planned a most conservative corporate structure in order that our interest charges shall be lower than the Steel Corporation's.

"The basis of the capitalization of the North American Steel Co. involves its assumption of the present outstanding bonds of the three companies.—Compare proposed plan in V. 114, p. 258B.

Mother Lode Coalitions Mines Co.—Contract.

Knauth, Nachod & Kuhne have issued a circular descriptive of the affairs of the company, in which the statement is made that that company has a contract with the Kennecott Copper Corp. under which the latter is now taking 6,000 tons of Mother Lode ore per month for treatment in its mill at cost.

A supplemental agreement was made Feb. 9 1922, under which the Kennecott company contracted to take 12,000 tons of Mother Lode ore per month on the same terms until Dec. 31 1928. The Kennecott is constructing a new addition to its mill to treat this increased tonnage, which will be completed about October of this year.—V. 114, p. 2831.

National Biscuit Co.—Purchases Building.

See American Can Co. above.—V. 114, p. 635.

National Transit Co.—June Business.

See under "Pipe Line Statistics" below.

Number of stockholders	June 30 1922	Dec. 1 1921	Dec. 1 1920
	5,198	5,104	4,949

New England Confectionery Co.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31

Assets—	1921.	1920.	Trade marks and	
Real est., mach., &c.	\$ 473,521	\$41,277	good will	229,328
Merchandise	741,922	1,021,440	Liabilities	1921.
Notes	109,254		Capital stock	\$1,645,400
Accts. receivable	254,676	881,610	Accounts payable	420,478
Cash	435,371		Surplus	1,290,730
Securities	1,182,566	119,398		974,526

Total (each side) \$3,256,608 \$2,690,644
Officers are: Frank E. Clark, Pres.; Fred R. Hayward, V.-Pres. & Clerk; Horace S. Ridley, V.-Pres.; Charles A. Mayo, Treas.—V. 105, p. 1807.

New England Oil Corp.—Receivers.

Judge Mack in the U. S. District Court at Boston, July 20 appointed Irvin Garfield and Casper G. Bacon as receivers.—V. 115, p. 315.

New England Oil Refining Co.—Receiver for New England Oil Corp. Does Not Affect Company.

President Cochrane has issued the following statement: "Recently it was announced in the newspapers that a verdict of over \$1,000,000 had been recovered against the New England Oil Corp. in Virginia. The corporation will prosecute an appeal from this decision and expects to be relieved substantially or perhaps entirely therefrom.

"Meanwhile the corporation has consented to the appointment of a receiver upon the application of a small creditor in order that the interests of all its noteholders and stockholders may be properly protected according to law and may not be jeopardized by any action under the unexpected verdict (V. 115, p. 315). The First National Bank, Boston, as a trustee for the noteholders, has joined as a petitioner, although there is no default on the notes.

"The New England Oil Refining Co. is an entirely separate corporation and its business and affairs are in no way involved in the litigation."—V. 114, p. 1772.

New Niquero Sugar Co.—Dividend Resumed.

A dividend of 7% has been declared on the Common stock, payable July 31 to holders of record July 24. In June 1921 a dividend of 3 1/2% was paid; none since.—V. 114, p. 1070, 1060.

New York Telephone Co.—Allotments.

The company announced July 19 that more than 101,000 persons have applied for shares of the \$25,000,000 6 1/2% Cumulative Preferred stock which was offered on June 26. The total applications represented about \$80,000,000. There was no underwriting of any kind in floating the issue the stock being entirely sold by employees on a 1% commission basis. Individual subscriptions were limited to 20 shares.

J. S. McCulloh, Commercial Vice-President of the company, who issued a statement outlining the basis of allotments, explained that of the total number of applications, 101,766 were filed on June 29 and at 5 p. m. on that date the company was compelled to decline further applications. The applications received on June 29 represented \$79,671,500.

In his statement, Mr. McCulloh said:

More than 70% of the applications were for 10 shares or less and more than 60%, or 63,148 applications, were for 5 shares or less. There were 24,609 applications for the maximum allotment of 20 shares, representing \$49,218,000.

It has been necessary to scale down the allotments and notices will be sent to applicants within the next 5 days. The basis of allotment is as follows: Applications for one and two shares, allotment, 1 share; 3 to 8 shares, 2 shares; 9 to 15 shares, 3 shares; 16 to 18 shares, inclusive, 4 shares; 19 and 20 shares, inclusive, 5 shares.

The main purpose of our offer was to secure a wide distribution of the stock among our subscribers, particularly among persons who ordinarily are unable to invest their savings in high-grade securities. We made it possible for subscribers to secure the stock on one payment or on small monthly payments, and the response shows that the opportunity was very generally recognized.

We have reached people, who, in the aggregate, have an enormous buying power and who, when fairly dealt with, will support their public utilities both in the ordinary conduct of the business and by investing in their securities. [See offering in V. 115, p. 81, 190.]

New York & Richmond Gas Co.—Bonds Called.

All of the outstanding \$1,500,000 1st Mtge. 5% gold bonds have been called for payment Nov. 1 at 102 and int. at the Central Union Trust Co., 80 Broadway, N. Y. City. See offering of \$2,000,000 First Ref. (now First) Mtge. 6% gold bonds, Series "A," in V. 115, p. 315.

New York Transit Co.—June Business.

See under "Pipe Line Statistics" below.—V. 114, p. 860.

North American Co.—Additional Holdings.

See Milwaukee Northern Ry. under "Railroads" above.—V. 115, p. 81.

Northern Mexico Power & Development Co., Ltd.

The company has applied to the London Stock Exchange for authority to list 100,000 shares of Common stock, par \$100, and 30,000 7% Cumulative Preference shares, par \$100.—V. 115, p. 81.

Northern Ontario Lt. & Pow. Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1921.	1920.	Calendar Years—	1921.	1920.
Gross earnings	\$778,119	\$909,428	Surp. Jan. 1 (adjusted)	\$564,768	\$654,576
Oper. exp., taxes, &c.	282,977	303,487	Total surplus	\$747,537	\$952,862
			Transf. to reserves	175,000	200,000
Net profits	\$495,442	\$605,941	Preferred dividend		142,968
Bond interest	\$271,113	\$275,190			
Exchange charges, &c.	41,561	32,465			

Profit for year \$182,769 \$298,286 Surplus end of year \$572,537 \$559,894
—V. 112, p. 1866.

Northern Pipe Line Co.—June Business.

See under "Pipe Line Statistics" below.—V. 114, p. 744.

Northern States Power Co. (Minn.).—Power Sites.

The Federal Power Commission has issued a preliminary 3-year permit to the company for development of two power sites in the Mississippi, at Ossego and Monticello, Minn.—V. 115, p. 315, 190.

Oshkosh (Wis.) Gas Light Co.—New Control.

See Wisconsin Securities Co. under "Railroads" above.—V. 79, p. 1464.

Otis Elevator Co., N. Y.—Earnings.

Six Months ending June 30—	1922.	1921.	1920.
Earns, after deduct. all charges for			
pat., exps., rens. & repairs for			
maint. of plant & equip., gen. &			
special depreciation	\$1,375,522	\$2,412,109	\$2,037,195
Interest charges	140,000	825,000	375,000
Reserve for Federal taxes	50,000	50,000	50,000
Reserve for pension			
Net income	\$1,185,522	\$1,537,109	\$1,550,522

—V. 114, p. 1898, 1772, 1530.

Park City Mining & Smelting Co.—Listing.

The Boston Stock Exchange has added to the list \$576,000 additional shares capital stock (par \$5) issued in exchange for capital stock of Judge Mining & Smelting Co. on the basis of 1 1/5 shares Park City Co. for one share of Judge company.—V. 115, p. 82.

(J. C.) Penney Co.—June Sales.

1922—June—1921.	Increase.	1922—6 Mos.—1921.	Decrease.
\$3,988,463	\$3,834,830	\$153,633	\$19,710,836
			\$20,590,850
			\$880,015

—V. 114, p. 2725.

Penn Seaboard Steel Corp.—Meetings Postponed.

The three special meetings of stockholders which have been adjourned from time to time and which were scheduled to be held July 18 have been postponed to July 25. The meetings were for the purpose of increasing the capital from 700,000 to 1,200,000 shares; to classify 500,000 shares as class "A" stock and 700,000 shares as Common stock, the class "A" being entitled to dividends up to \$3 per share per annum before the Common stock could be given a dividend; to create an issue of \$5,000,000 7% bonds and approve the purchase of the Carpenter Steel Co. and to change the name of the company to the Carpenter Steel Corp. See V. 115, p. 82, 316.

Philadelphia Insulated Wire Co.—Larger Dividend.

A semi-annual dividend of \$1.50 per share has been declared on the outstanding Capital stock, no par value, payable Aug. 3 to holders of record July 31. In February last a dividend of \$1 per share was paid, as compared with \$2 per share in Aug. 1921, \$1.50 per share in Jan. 1921 and \$3 per share in Nov. 1920.—V. 114, p. 2725.

Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co.—Bankers Plan Readjustment.

It is reported that bankers associated with the company are contemplating a financial readjustment of its affairs. It is stated that probably some new securities would be offered. It is stated that the company has rearranged its producing departments in order to speed up production and sales. All high-priced inventory is said to have been liquidated and the company is in a position to take advantage of current conditions. Bank loans have been reduced to \$7,900,000. The company has made a reduction of \$1,250 in the price of both its large and small models. The new price on the closed car is \$7,000, compared with \$8,250, and on the open car, \$5,250, compared with \$6,500 f. o. b. Buffalo.—V. 114, p. 2125.

Pipe Line Statistics.—June Business (in Barrels).

	Total Deliveries—		Gross Stocks—	
	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
Buckeye Pipe Line	2,506,308	2,731,513	6,278,924	3,385,544
Crescent Pipe Line	134,073	119,581	98,594	116,099
Cumberland Pipe Line	380,307	123,712	546,727	565,630
Eureka Pipe Line	1,439,353	779,291	2,054,878	2,087,645
Illinois Pipe Line	937,041	564,341	2,472,692	2,097,078
Indiana Pipe Line	2,264,168	2,216,923	807,884	741,006
National Transit	1,367,125	861,796	1,149,051	946,602
New York Transit	457,878	734,367	2,420,319	1,416,886
Northern Pipe Line	694,867	1,117,262	1,100,177	880,559
Southern Pipe Line	744,315	547,327	919,360	976,145
Southwest Penn Pipe Lines	1,064,863	647,459	722,699	796,356

—V. 113, p. 425.

Pond Creek Coal Co.—Earnings.

The company reports net profits for the six months ended June 30 1922 of \$157,133.—V. 114, p. 1898.

Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois.—Rights.

The Common and Preferred stockholders of record July 25 are given the right to subscribe to new Common stock to the extent of 20% of their hold-

ings at \$93 a share, payable in four installments of 25% each, on Aug. 15, Nov. 1 1922, Feb. 1 and May 1 1923; or in 10 monthly installments of 10% each, final installment payable May 31 1923. Subscription rights expire on Aug. 15.

The Illinois Commerce Commission has authorized the company to issue 44,150 shares of Common stock, no par value.—V. 115, p. 190.

Punta Alegre Sugar Co.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after July 20 of \$4,262,500 additional capital stock, par \$50, on official notice of issuance in payment for stock of Compania Azucarera Baragua (Baragua Sugar Co., V. 115, p. 311), making the total amount applied for \$15,903,650.—V. 115, p. 190.

Pure Oil Co.—Earnings.

The company reports for the 3 months ended June 30 1922 gross earnings of \$19,168,800; operating expenses, taxes and depreciation, \$16,879,871; net income, \$2,288,929; dividends paid, \$1,649,384; surplus, \$639,545.—V. 115, p. 190.

Republic Iron & Steel Co.—Quarterly Report.

Results for Three and Six Months ending June 30.

	1922—3 Mos.—1921.	1922—6 Mos.—1921.	1921—6 Mos.—1921.
Net, after Federal taxes.	\$563,053 def	\$508,447	\$285,989 def
Other income	54,873		\$38,205
Total income	\$563,053 def	\$543,574	\$285,989
Depreciation and renewals	249,572	175,675	403,431
Exhaustion of minerals	22,322	39,155	81,725
Interest on bonds	204,774	224,269	426,533
Preferred dividend		437,500	
Common dividend			(34) \$75,000
			(14) \$450,000

Balance, surplus, \$86,382 def; \$1,321,173. \$625,704 def; \$2,104,062. Net earnings from operations, after deducting charges for maint. and repair of plants, amounting in 1921 to \$810,135 for 3 months and \$1,065,526 for the 6 mos., and also after providing for excess profits, &c., taxes in 1920. Unfilled orders on hand of finished and semi-finished products totaled 196,886 tons, as compared with 130,551 tons of March 31 1922.—V. 114, p. 2587, 2478.

Rockland & Rockport Lime Co.—Listing.

The Boston Stock Exchange July 15 placed on the list temporary certificates for 11,144 shares 1st Pref. stock, 5,875 shares 2d Pref. stock and 8,500 shares Common stock (par value all classes \$100). See V. 114, p. 1416.

Rosenbaum Co. (Department Stores)—Special Div.

A special dividend of 1% has been declared on the Common stock, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 25.—V. 99, p. 473.

St. Lawrence Paper Mills, Ltd.—Acquisition.

See Three Rivers Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd., below.

Scotten-Dillon Co., Detroit, Mich.—Extra Dividend.

An extra dividend of 3% was payable July 19 to holders of record July 17, in addition to the regular quarterly of 3%.—V. 112, p. 568.

Sears, Roebuck & Co., Chicago.—Note Retirement.

Vice-President Albert H. Leeb says: "We have already bought up about \$3,500,000 notes due next October and, of course, the outstanding balance due at that time will be paid. It is also very probable that arrangements will be made to retire simultaneously the \$17,000,000 notes due the following October. This plan is still under discussion and has not yet been definitely decided upon, but will in all probability be put into effect. If company decides upon this course, note retirement will be carried out without any additional financing."—V. 115, p. 83.

Shelton Looms (Sidney Blumenthal & Co., Inc.).

Shipments for the first six months of 1922 amounted to \$3,300,000, and net profits, before depreciation, but after taxes, \$303,523, which is more than three times the interest and sinking fund requirements on the 1st Mtge. bonds. Unfilled orders are 3 1/2 times what they were a year ago, and, it is stated, will take care of the full output of the company until Oct. 1. Net sales for the year 1922 are estimated at \$9,000,000 or about double 1921, and in spite of lower prices, almost equal to sales in 1919 and 1920.—V. 113, p. 2720.

South Feather Land & Water Co.—Sale of Properties.

The company has applied to the California RR. Commission for authority to dispose of its properties to the Wyandotte Irrigation District for \$200,000, contingent on the purchase price being raised by a bond election.

South Penn Oil Co.—Acquisitions.

A published statement understood by the "Chronicle" to be substantially correct, says: The company has purchased the producing properties and leaseholds of the Eddystone Oil Corp. and its subsidiary, the Commonwealth Petroleum Corp., for a consideration said to be approximately \$1,000,000. The properties acquired have a daily production ranging between 225 and 250 bbls. and there are 20,000 acres of leases in Roane, Harrison, Lincoln and other producing counties in West Virginia. Considerable drilling material and oil field equipment also was included. Earlier in the year the company acquired the Nathan Goff producing properties in Harrison County, W. Va., at a price said to be \$87,000.

The South Penn Oil Co. is also reported to have contracted for the construction of twenty 75,000-bbl. oil storage tanks at a cost of about \$1,500,000.—V. 114, p. 1543.

Southwestern Bell Tel. Co., St. Louis.—New Financing.

The company has applied to the Missouri P. S. Commission for authority to issue (a) \$15,000,000 Common stock at par and apply the proceeds as payment to a like amount of indebtedness to the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., and (b) \$10,000,000 7% Preferred stock at par to acquire additional property and make improvements on its holdings in Missouri, Illinois, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas.—V. 114, p. 1661.

South West Penn Pipe Lines.—June Business.

See under "Pipe Line Statistics" above.—V. 115, p. 191.

Southern Pipe Line Co.—June Business.

See under "Pipe Line Statistics" above.—V. 114, p. 417.

Standard Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings—Stock Sales.

Combined net earnings of the operated public utility properties of Standard Gas & Electric Co. for the 12 month period ended May 31 1922 showed an increase of 11.5% over the corresponding period a year ago. The report reflects the improved operating conditions in the electric and gas industries. In the fact that the gain of \$1,339,263 in net earnings exceeded the gain of \$1,224,110 in gross earnings. Combined earnings for the 12 months' period amounted to \$35,632,268, compared with \$34,408,158 for the corresponding period a year previous, and net earnings were \$12,951,086, against \$11,611,823 in 1921.

H. M. Byllesby & Co. announce that customer ownership sales of Preferred shares at the operated public utility properties of Standard Gas & Electric Co. for the first 6 months of 1922 resulted in 8,400 transactions, having a total par value of \$4,813,250. This is an increase of 23.2% over the corresponding period of 1921, when there were 7,500 sales with a par value of \$3,900,200.

Sales for the calendar year 1921 amounted to \$8,001,000 and the present rate of increase applied to that figure will bring the total for 1922 close to \$10,000,000.—V. 114, p. 1857.

Standard Shipbuilding Corp., Shooters Island, N. Y.

The sale of the property, scheduled for July 7, has been postponed to July 24.—V. 114, p. 2726.

Stewart Manufacturing Corp.—Dividend Increased.

A quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share has been declared on the Common stock, no par value, payable Aug. 15 to holders of record July 31. Quarterly dividends of 50 cents per share were paid from May 1921 to May 1922 inclusive. The regular quarterly dividend of 2% on the Preferred stock will be paid Aug. 1 to holders of record July 25.—V. 112, p. 1984.

Stewart-Warner Speedometer Corp.—Business, &c.

Business of the second quarter of this year was reported to be larger than that transacted in any other quarter in the history of the corporation. Sales were 10% above those of the corresponding quarter of 1920, when the previous high mark was established. Sales this month, it is stated, are running 50% ahead of those of July 1921.—V. 115, p. 83.

Sullivan Smythfield Co.—Acquisition, &c.

Sullivan Smythfield Co. is being formed to acquire the domestic business of Young, Smyth, Field Co. (see below), which, with its predecessors, has been in existence since 1842, carrying complete lines of hosiery, underwear, gloves, cotton piece goods, linens, handkerchiefs, ribbons, notions and men's and women's furnishings. The company's products are sold to dealers only, principally in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, the entire Atlantic seaboard and some of the Western States.

Proposed Consolidation.—It is proposed to consolidate the old company with Florence W. MacCarthy Co., of Baltimore, an old-established house doing a large business in Baltimore, Washington and the South. This consolidation should add at least \$1,000,000 a year to sales.

Offering of Preferred Stock.—In connection with the reorganization and consolidation the company is offering for sale \$250,000 7% Cumul. Pref. (a. & d.) stock for the purpose of providing the company with additional working capital.

Capitalization.—Will be as follows: 6% Prior Preference Stock, \$900,000; 7% Preferred Stock, \$750,000, of which \$500,000 is already underwritten and common stock, no par value, 10,000 shares.

One-half share of Common stock will be given as a bonus with each share of Preferred stock at \$100 per share. First payment on subscriptions for this stock will be called for by the Directors about Aug. 16, balance as required.

Net Domestic Sales of the Two Corporations Are as Below.

1913	\$4,554,877	1915	\$3,580,670	1917	\$5,278,357	1919	\$5,770,713
1914	4,375,371	1916	4,060,731	1918	6,211,946	1920	8,107,226

Organization.—Active management and control of the business will be in the hands of Albert J. Sullivan (of Sullivan & Co., Phila.), Chairman and Treas.; William B. Lator (Pres. Florence W. MacCarthy Co., Baltimore), Pres., and Charles B. Bowden (of Young, Smyth, Field Co.), Vice-Pres.

Superior Oil Corp.—Said by Minority Stockholders.

See Atlantic Refining Co. above.

Results for the Quarter Ending March 31 1922 and March 31 1921.

	3 Mos. '22.	3 Mos. '21.
Gross income	\$448,203	\$628,657
Expenses (oper., general and administrative)	224,352	329,202
Depreciation of plant and equipment	154,534	151,229
Depletion of producing wells	294,970	202,087
Gross operating profit	loss \$225,553	loss \$53,861
Other income		3,771
Net profit before Federal taxes	loss \$225,553 def.	\$50,900

—V. 115, p. 71.

Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Co.—Acquisition.

The company, it is reported, has purchased the C. J. Wrightman properties in the Robertson pool, in Garvin County, Okla. Consideration is reported to have approximated \$800,000 cash.—V. 114, p. 1774.

Three Rivers Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd.—Reorganization.

The directors have recommended the sale and transfer of all the assets of this company to a new company known as *St. Lawrence Paper Mills, Limited*, for which a charter has already been obtained, and the organization of which is now in course of completion. A circular letter states in brief:

Capitalization.—\$1,000,000 8% Cumul. Participating, Pref. stock, and 40,000 Common shares of no nominal or par value.

Bond Issue.—It is intended subsequently to make an issue of \$3,000,000 1st Mtge. Gold bonds, secured upon the properties of the company, the proceeds of which will be utilized to defray the cost of the construction of the newsprint paper mill and for other corporate purposes. No public offering of the bonds will be made at the present time.

Press Shareholders to Receive Stock Par for Par.—All holders of the 5% Pref. shares of the Three Rivers Pulp & Paper Co. who may have subscribed for such shares on the public offering which was made in the fall of 1920 (V. 111, p. 1668), or who may have subsequently purchased such shares from the original subscribers, are to have the right to turn in for exchange their holdings of Pref. and Common shares, and receive therefor an exact equivalent in the Pref. and Common shares of the new company. The Pref. shares in the new company will carry the same rights as the Pref. shares in the old one, i.e., the same dividends, the same voting rights, and the same rights of participation with the Com. shares in any distribution of earnings after \$8 per share has been paid upon the latter. The dividends on the Pref. shares of the new company will be cumulative as and from Jan. 1 1923 and will be payable quarterly.

The Common shares of the new company have been reduced to 40,000 shares instead of 80,000. Notwithstanding this change in capitalization, there is to be no reduction in the bonus of Common shares, but share for share will be given as in the first instance.

New Mill.—The new company has made its financial arrangements and intends to have one unit of its mill in operation by Jan. 1 1923, and the second unit by April 1 1923. It is designed to produce 150 tons of high grade newsprint paper per day and it is intended to make it in every respect the most modern paper mill in Canada. The equipment will include grinding capacity sufficient to supply all the groundwood necessary for its own requirements.

Depository.—Royal Trust Co. is acting as depository for the shareholders to turn in their shares for exchange for the new stock. The exchange of all securities was expected to be completed before June 15 last. **Directors of New Company.**—N. A. Timmins, Pres.; Denaston Breakey, V.-Pres.; Ernest Rossiter, V.-Pres.; Gen. Mgr.: J. I. Rankin, Sec.-Treas.; L. H. Timmins, Colin Breakey, D. A. Dunlap, R. J. Whyte.—V. 111, p. 1668.

Toledo Edison Co.—Tenders.

The Bankers Trust Co., trustee, will until Aug. 11 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 7% gold bonds due 1941, sufficient to exhaust \$69,525 and at a price not exceeding 103 and int.—V. 115, p. 191.

Turman Oil Co.—Earnings.

In the second quarter of 1922, Turman Oil, under management of Middle States, reports gross income of \$547,194, expenses of \$88,724, and net of \$458,470, of which \$207,692 was paid in dividends, leaving a surplus for the quarter of \$250,778. In the first quarter of this year gross was \$319,543, net \$267,516, and dividends \$67,623.—V. 115, p. 191.

United States Steamship Co.—Receivership.

Burleigh Martin and W. T. Gardner have been appointed receivers by the Maine Supreme Court on the application of Rupert M. Much of Augusta, Me. The company, which is a Morse enterprise, controls the Hudson Navigation Co., the Groton (Conn.) Iron Works and the Virginia Shipbuilding Corp., which are all in bankruptcy.—V. 112, p. 2199.

Vanadium Corporation of America, Inc.—Earnings.

	1922.	1921.
Six Months Ending June 30—		
Profit after expenses	\$75,648	\$62,058
Other income	4,180	20,642
Total income	\$79,828	\$82,700
Depreciation and depletion	61,262	146,904
Net income	\$18,566	def \$64,204
Profit and loss	def \$74,233	sur \$156,388

—V. 114, p. 1296.

Waring Hat Mfg. Corp.—Sales.

Sales for the 6 months ended June 30 are reported as \$1,628,370, compared with \$1,084,899 for the same period last year. Pres. Wm. V. Campbell states that the factory is now running near capacity.—V. 114, p. 1662.

Western Canada Pulp & Paper Co.—Sale.

It was recently reported that the purchasers of the assets of the company which was sold at receiver's sale, is the Manufacturers' Holding & Investment Corp., Ltd., of Toronto. The latter's bid, it is said, works out to nearly 70 cents on the dollar on the outstanding \$1,000,000 First Mortgage bonds.—V. 114, p. 2368, 2127.

For other Investment News, see pages 447 and 448.

Reports and Documents.

PACIFIC OIL COMPANY

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT—YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1921

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

(Issued at New York, N. Y., July 7 1922.)

To the Stockholders of the Pacific Oil Company:

Your directors submit herewith the annual report of the Pacific Oil Company and its affiliated companies, for the year ended Dec. 31 1921.

Inasmuch as this is the first annual report, a brief review of the Company's organization and properties, including a description of the Associated Oil Company and its affiliated companies and the Associated Pipe Line Company, is submitted for your information in Appendix A to this report (see pages 6 to 12 inclusive [pamphlet report]).

Your Company's operations commenced as of Jan. 1 1921.

A statement of the income account follows:

INCOME ACCOUNT—PACIFIC OIL COMPANY.

Gross Earnings from Operations.....	\$30,853,257 46
Less:—	
Operating Expenses.....	\$11,204,604 42
Taxes (Excluding Federal Income Taxes).....	822,507 03
Total Operating Expenses and Taxes.....	\$12,027,111 45
Net Profit from Operations.....	\$18,826,146 01
Other income (See note (a) below).....	1,388,257 23
Gross Income.....	\$20,214,403 24
Less:	
Reserved for Depreciation and Depletion.....	\$3,153,110 56
Reserved for 1921 Federal Income Taxes.....	800,000 00
	3,953,110 56
Surplus Income for year ended December 31, 1921.....	\$16,261,292 68
(a) Represents principally quarterly dividends of 1½% each paid April 25, 1921, July 25, 1921, and October 25, 1921, respectively, on the stock of the Associated Oil Company.	
Dividends on the capital stock of your Company were declared during the year, payable as follows:	
(No. 1) \$1 50 per share, paid July 20, 1921.....	\$5,250,000 00
(No. 2) \$1 50 per share, payable January 20, 1922.....	5,250,000 00
	\$10,500,000 00

Statements showing the General Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Account follow:

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1921.

ASSETS.

<i>Investments—</i>	
Oil lands, and stock of Associated Oil Co. (200,690 shares)—	
Cost inseparable.....	\$32,287,638 39
Associated Oil Co.—Capital stock (29,630 shares).....	2,883,731 65
Associated Pipe Line Co.—Capital stock (35,000 shares).....	3,500,000 00
Associated Oil Co.—Advances.....	1,793,750 00
Field improvements and equipment.....	21,274,115 15
Total Investments.....	\$61,739,235 19
<i>Current Assets—</i>	
Cash.....	\$796,818 36
Special deposits.....	3,793,241 62
Demand deposits.....	2,000,000 00
Marketable securities.....	6,308,697 83
Miscellaneous accounts receivable.....	3,388,723 63
Material and supplies.....	2,071,733 77
Merchandise:	
Crude oil on hand (620,472.29 bbls.).....	\$108,263 34
Exchange oil receivable (674,468.25 bbls.).....	91,476 05
	199,739 39
Interest accrued on loans and bills receivable.....	90,245 17
Total Current Assets.....	\$19,143,199 87
<i>Deferred Assets—</i>	
Working fund advances.....	\$154,554 03
<i>Unadjusted Debts—</i>	
Rents and insurance premiums paid in advance.....	\$16,159 59
Other unadjusted debts.....	103,902 71
Total Unadjusted Debts.....	\$120,062 30
Total Assets.....	\$81,157,051 39

LIABILITIES.

<i>Stock—</i>	
Capital stock (3,500,000 shares—no par value).....	\$52,500,000 00
<i>Current Liabilities—</i>	
Audited accounts and wages payable.....	\$394,337 85
Miscellaneous accounts payable.....	3,501,715 17
Dividends matured unpaid.....	10,597 50
Unmatured dividends declared.....	5,250,000 00
Other current liabilities.....	231,710 03
Total Current Liabilities.....	\$9,388,360 55
<i>Deferred Liabilities—</i>	
Percentages retained on contracts.....	\$4,831 30
<i>Unadjusted Credits—</i>	
Tax liability.....	\$855,477 67
Insurance and casualty reserves.....	33,893 12
Other unadjusted credits.....	26,205 64
Total Unadjusted Credits.....	\$915,576 43
Depreciation and depletion reserve*.....	\$12,963,748 65
Profit and loss—Balance.....	5,384,534 16
Total Liabilities.....	\$81,157,051 39

PROFIT AND LOSS, YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1921.

Dividend appropriations of surplus.....	\$10,500,000 00
Loss on returned physical property.....	430,094 51
Credit balance carried to general balance sheet.....	5,384,534 16
	\$16,314,628 67
Credit balance December 31, 1920.....	\$49,217 20
Credit balance transferred from income.....	16,261,292 68
Profit on physical property sold.....	4,118 79
	\$16,314,628 67

* Includes depreciation and depletion accrued prior to January 1, 1921.

OIL WELLS AND FIELD IMPROVEMENTS.

There were 817 wells in operation at the time the Company began its operations, while as of Dec. 31 1921 this number had been increased to 858. Twenty-two were in process of being drilled and 20 were being redrilled at the end of the year 1921.

During the year 1921 the Company expended in construction of field improvements, principally new wells, \$3,487,192 22. Of this amount, \$2,382,781 63 were charged to income and \$1,104,410 59 to investment accounts.

PRODUCTION.

The gravity of the oil now produced ranges from 10 degrees to almost 50 degrees Baume; however, the bulk of the production ranges from 14 degrees to 30 degrees Baume. Total production during 1921 amounted to 14,047,293 barrels.

But for the strike of the oil field workers extending over a period of almost two months in the fall of the year, the year's production would have been considerably in excess of foregoing figure.

Above production by fields is as follows:

Coalinga field.....	2,072,050 bbls.
Kern River field.....	376,995 "
McKittrick field.....	315,864 "
Sunset-Midway field.....	11,282,384 "
	14,047,293 bbls.

EXCHANGES AND SALES OF OIL.

The entire light oil production of this Company is delivered to other oil companies for refining purposes, in exchange for which this Company receives oil suitable for fuel purposes. In these exchanges, Pacific Oil Company earns a substantial premium, also received in fuel oil.

Substantially the entire fuel oil production, also the major part of the fuel oil received from other companies in exchange for light oil, during 1921, was sold to the Southern Pacific Company under contract providing for payment substantially on the basis of market prices at the different points of delivery. These sales amounted to about 12,775,000 barrels in 1921. In addition, about 2,570,666 barrels of fuel oil were sold to the Associated Oil Company and others. Nevertheless, Pacific Oil Company built up a reserve during 1921 of 1,294,941 barrels of oil, representing oil actually on hand in Company storage facilities and oil due from other companies.

GENERAL.

Approximately 1,420 employees were engaged in your Company's operations of its oil properties at the close of the year 1921.

During the year additional purchases were made of the stock of the Associated Oil Company, totaling 29,630 shares, at an aggregate investment cost of \$2,883,731 65, thereby increasing the investment in the latter company to the aggregate of 230,320 shares, representing 57.93% of the stock outstanding.

On Dec. 31 1921 your Company also acquired a one-third interest (\$5,000 shares of stock) in the Associated Pipe Line Company, at a cost of \$3,500,000, the other owners being the Associated Oil Company and the Southern Pacific Company, each of whom also has a one-third interest therein.

The properties of the Associated Oil Company and its affiliated companies, and of the Associated Pipe Line Company, are described in Appendix A to this report. (See pages 6 to 12 inclusive [pamphlet report]).

The annual report of the Associated Oil Company and proprietary and affiliated companies is reproduced as Appendix B to this [pamphlet] report, for your further information.

By order of the Board of Directors,
PAUL SHOUP, President.

APPENDIX A

To Annual Report of Pacific Oil Company for the Year Ended December 31 1921.

PACIFIC OIL COMPANY. ORGANIZATION.

The Pacific Oil Company was organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, Dec. 3 1920 in perpetuity. The total number of shares authorized of the Company's Capital Stock is 3,500,000 without nominal or par value. No preferred stock has been authorized, and the Company has no funded debt.

By the terms of its charter, the Company is authorized to engage in all branches of the oil business, including production, refining, transportation, sale and distribution of petroleum, oil, gas and of any and all refinements and by-products thereof, and the purchase and sale of lands and leases and the exploitation thereof; and also to engage in any other business which may be advantageously carried out in connection with the foregoing.

The 3,500,000 shares of stock were originally subscribed for by the Southern Pacific Company at \$15 per share, giv-

ing this Company a cash balance of \$52,500,000, out of which it set aside \$8,750,000 as working capital, and with the remainder purchased from the Southern Pacific Land Company (a subsidiary of the Southern Pacific Company), for a cash consideration of \$43,750,000, the following mentioned properties:

- (a) About 259,000 acres of land, situate in the State of California, of which about 25,000 acres are proven oil lands, the remainder being classified as possible oil lands, together with field improvements existing as of December 31 1920, and material and supplies; and
- (b) 200,690 shares, representing 50.48% of the outstanding Capital Stock of the Associated Oil Company, par value being \$20,069,000 00.

The purchase of the above mentioned properties was made effective for accounting purposes as of Jan. 1 1921, except that, with respect to the shares of stock of Associated Oil Company included in the purchase, the quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share declared in Dec. 1920 but not payable until Jan. 25 1921, was retained by the seller (Southern Pacific Land Company).

The ultimate distribution of the Capital Stock of this Company was effected by a plan under which the holders of the Capital Stock of the Southern Pacific Company registered as such on the books of the Company at the close of business on Jan. 14 1921, were given the right to purchase at \$15 per share, one share of stock of Pacific Oil Company for each share of Southern Pacific Company stock so held.

LOCATION OF PROPERTIES.

The oil properties of the Pacific Oil Company are located in following counties of the State of California:

San Benito County	1,592.00 acres
Santa Barbara County	286.70 "
Fresno County	99,582.14 "
Kings County	51,138.61 "
Kern County	106,452.24 "
Total	259,051.69 acres

A very small percentage of the lands mentioned before has been leased to other operating companies on a royalty basis

ranging from 1-6 to 1-10 of the production, these leases having been entered into by this Company's predecessors. Pacific Oil Company secures all the oil produced by its lessees except a small production from the Associated Oil Co., its subsidiary, from which it receives only royalty oil.

The average depth of this Company's wells is as follows:

Coalinga west side	2,500 feet
Coalinga east side	2,800 "
Sunset-Midway west side	2,500 "
Buena Vista	2,900 "
Elk Hills	2,900 "
McKittrick	1,000 "
Kern River	750 "

DESCRIPTION OF FIELD IMPROVEMENTS.

The existing field improvements consist of buildings used as offices, bunkhouses and cottages for employees, storehouses and boarding houses; oil, gas, water and steam lines constituting the collecting lines and the general field gathering systems; tanks and reservoirs; water and power plants; wells, with all their immediate appurtenances; and automotive equipment used for transportation of employees and material.

The storage facilities consist of:

- 200,000 bbls. in steel tankage in the Coalinga field.
- 500,000 bbls. in concrete reservoir in the Coalinga field.
- 292,000 bbls in steel tankage in the Sunset-Midway field.
- 220,000 bbls in steel tankage in the Kern River field.
- 2,500,000 bbls in concrete reservoirs in the Kern River field.
- 330,000 bbls. in steel tankage in the McKittrick field.

Total 4,042,000 bbls. storage capacity.

AFFILIATED COMPANIES.

As stated before, the Pacific Oil Company has acquired a one-third interest in the Associated Pipe Line Company, and a controlling interest in the Associated Oil Company. Incident to the latter interest, it gained an indirect ownership in extensive interests in companies affiliated with the Associated Oil Company. The affiliated companies are either oil companies, or companies engaged in affiliated lines of business. A list follows:

ASSOCIATED OIL COMPANY—AFFILIATED COMPANIES.

Company.	Where Incorporated	Date of Charter.	Duration of Charter.	Par Val. per Share.	*Capitalization.		Owned by Associated Oil Co.	Owned by Amalgam'd Oil Co.	Per Cent of Ownership.	
					Authorized.	Issued.				
<i>Entirely Owned:</i>										
Associated Oil Co. of Nevada	Nevada	Apr. 3 1916	50 yrs.	\$100	\$25,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	-----	100%	
Associated Oil Co. of Wyoming	Wyoming	Aug. 26 1919	50 yrs.	10	50,000	50,000	50,000	-----	100%	
Associated Supply Co.	California	Apr. 20 1908	50 yrs.	100	500,000	500,000	500,000	-----	100%	
Associated Water Co.	California	Mar. 8 1913	50 yrs.	100	25,000	25,000	25,000	-----	100%	
Bakersfield Iron Works	California	Mar. 3 1902	50 yrs.	10	25,000	21,570	21,570	-----	100%	
Casmalia Syndicate	California	Mar. 30 1916	50 yrs.	100	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	-----	100%	
<i>Controlled:</i>										
Amalgamated Oil Co.	California	Oct. 27 1904	50 yrs.	100	5,000,000	5,000,000	2,500,500	-----	50.01%	
The Coalinga Unity Oil Co.	California	Sept. 24 1909	50 yrs.	1	200,000	130,437	114,201	-----	87.55%	
Miley-Keck Oil Co.	California	Dec. 16 1920	50 yrs.	1	2,000,000	1,000,000	-----	\$510,000	51.00%	
New Hope Oil Co.	California	Oct. 3 1899	50 yrs.	1	78,500	78,925	39,900	-----	51.14%	
Pantheon Oil Co.	California	Feb. 28 1910	50 yrs.	1	750,000	608,749	370,755	-----	60.90%	
Pioneer Midway Oil Co. Cons.	California	June 13 1910	50 yrs.	100	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,500,000	-----	75.00%	
Reclut Oil Co.	California	May 4 1903	50 yrs.	1	1,000,000	1,000,000	900,000	-----	90.00%	
Reward Oil Co.	California	Mar. 9 1901	50 yrs.	1	100,000	100,000	55,555	-----	55.55% x	
Sterling Oil & Development Co.	California	Oct. 30 1899	50 yrs.	1	250,000	250,000	175,169	-----	70.07%	
West Coast Oil Co.	California	June 23 1908	50 yrs.	100	2,500,000	1,040,800	628,600	-----	60.40%	
					*Preferred	*Preferred				
					2,500,000	No common	outstanding			
					Common					
Western Minerals Co.	California	Dec. 14 1899	50 yrs.	1,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	612,500	-----	61.25%	
<i>Substantial Ownership:</i>										
Associated Pipe Line Co.	California	Aug. 22 1907	50 yrs.	100	10,500,000	10,500,000	3,500,000	-----	33.1-3% x	
California Coast Oil Co.	California	Sept. 10 1903	50 yrs.	100	200,000	200,000	100,000	-----	50.00% c	
Commercial Petroleum Co.	California	July 27 1896	50 yrs.	100	250,000	250,000	94,650	-----	37.86%	

* Only common stock authorized and issued, except for West Coast Oil Co. x Balance owned by S. P. Co. z Balance owned by S. P. Co. and Pacific Oil Co. c Balance owned by Union Oil Co. of California.

Vermont & Quebec Power Corp.—Bonds Offered.—Julke, Hood & Co., New York, are offering, at 100 and int., \$300,000 (closed) Mtge. 20-Year Sinking Fund Gold Ss.

Dated Jan. 1 1922. Due Jan. 1 1942. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c*). Interest payable J. & J. at Chase National Bank, N. Y., or Beacon Trust Co., Boston, trustee. Redeemable, all or part, at 110 and interest on any interest date upon 60 days' notice. Semi-annual sinking fund payments, beginning July 1 1924, will retire all the bonds at or before maturity by purchase or by call at 110. Corporation agrees to pay the normal Federal income tax up to 2%.

Guaranty.—Guaranteed, principal, interest and sinking fund, by the Asbestos Corporation of America.

Data from Letter of Vice-President C. H. Thompson, June 6.

Company.—Organized in Vermont in March 1918. Operates under charter in that State and under a license in the Province of Quebec, both of which are unlimited as to time. Properties consist of a complete hydro-electric development on the Missisquoi River near Richford, Vt., together with an auxiliary steam unit of ample capacity synchronized with the water-wheels. Owns 40 miles of high-tension transmission line built on a 100-foot cleared private right of way. Present generating capacity exceeds 1,000 k. w. Complete equipment for an additional unit of 600 k. w. has been purchased, delivered and paid for, the installation of which will be finished prior to Oct. 1922.

Corporation serves towns of Abercorn and Sutton, and in addition to the many small consumers adjacent to the 40 miles of transmission line it serves Asbestos Corp. of America, Quaker Oats Co., various grain elevators, factories and dairies.

Asbestos Corp. of America has executed a 20-year contract for the purchase of power at 3 cents per k. w. h., with a fixed minimum payment of \$25,000 per annum, effective from Dec. 1 1921.

Earnings.—Estimated earnings for the year ending Dec. 31 1922 shows a balance of \$30,218, available for interest, after operating expenses, maintenance and depreciation.

Capitalization.—First Mortgage Ss, \$300,000; capital stock, \$250,000.

Wabash Valley Electric Co.—Merger.—See Central Indiana Power Co. above.—V. 114, p. 638.

Watab Paper Co., Sarbell, Minn.—Bonds Offered.—Marshall Field, Gloré, Ward & Co., New York and Chicago, are offering, at 94½ and int., to yield about 7%, \$1,250,000 First Mtge. 20-Year Sinking Fund 6½s. (See adv. pages.)

Dated July 1 1922. Due July 1 1942. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c*). Int. payable J. & J. without deduction for normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%. Red. on any int. date after 30 days' notice for the purpose of the sinking fund, and at the option of the company, all or part, on and after, but not before, July 1 1932, except with the consent of the bankers in the event of consolidation. Red. at 105 up to and incl. July 1 1932, and thereafter at a premium equal to ½% for each year or portion of year to maturity. Penn. 4 mills tax refunded. National City Bank, N. Y., trustee.

Data from Letter of President David E. Town, Sartell, Minn., July 7.

Company.—Incorp. in Delaware in April 1920; successor to Watab Pulp & Paper Co. Is a large producer of book and miscellaneous print papers, capacity over 25,000 tons per annum. Owns in fee at Sartell, Minn., a complete pulp and paper-making plant equipped with 17 pulp grinders and 2 paper-making machines. Controls valuable timber lands in Koochiching, Itasca and Beltrami counties, Minn., of which 6,300 acres are owned in fee and timber deeds are held on 4,960 acres. Properties estimated to contain about 180,000 cords of wood.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage provides for a semi-annual sinking fund amounting annually to 2¼% of total bonds issued, to be used for purchase of bonds at not exceeding call price.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire present outstanding First Mtge. bonds and for other corporate purposes.

Earnings Years Ending December 31.

	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.
Net sales	\$1,934,225	\$2,096,231	\$2,258,194	\$3,833,778	\$2,219,178
x Net income	343,769	300,795	354,326	y1,259,747	186,590

x Net income available for bond interest after deducting depreciation, but before income and excess profits taxes. y Subject to adjustment of \$301,630 covering additional depreciation chargeable against years 1907 to 1919, inclusive, and other miscellaneous deductions.

Balance Sheet June 1 1922, After Present Financing.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Land, bldgs., mach'y, &c. \$2,415,484	Preferred stock
Timber lands	\$1,178,100
Water power rights	Surplus (30,000 sh. no par)
Securities	2,204,084
Cash	507,000
Notes receivable	First mortgage 6½s
Accounts receivable	1,000
Inventory	Notes payable
Prepaid items	62,214
Goodwill, org'n exp., &c.	Accounts payable
794,289	8,472
	Accrued interest & taxes
	79,883
	Reserves for depreciation
	469,643
	26,795
	794,289
	Total (each side)
	\$5,272,846

White Eagle Oil & Refining Co.—Earnings.—

Net income for the quarter ended June 30 1922, before deducting reserves for depreciation, depletion and Federal income tax, were \$965,885, compared with \$560,940 for the corresponding quarter of 1921, an increase of 167%. Net income for the first six months of 1922 is reported at \$1,434,603, compared with \$395,279 in 1921.

The company has no bonds or Preferred stock outstanding.—V. 115, p. 84.

Willys Corp.—Sale of New Process Gear Property.—

The plant and all other assets of the New Process Gear Corp., with a value estimated at \$3,000,000, will be sold at Syracuse, N. Y., by Mayor George E. Lunn, Schenectady, and Francis G. Gaffney, New York City, as special masters, Aug. 22. This sale will complete the liquidation of the Willys Corp., of which the New Process Gear Corp. was a subsidiary.—V. 115, p. 193, 84.

Willys-Overland Co.—Shipments—Production.

The company in June last shipped 13,402 Willys-Overland and Willys-Knight cars, an increase of about 50% over May. Sales during the 5 months ending May 31 1922 increased 348% over the corresponding period of 1921. During the second quarter of this year the company turned out 33,000 cars, as compared with 17,000 for the first quarter.—V. 115, p. 193.

Wisconsin Chair Co.—Bonds Offered.—Bolger, Mosser & Willaman, New York, are offering at par and int. \$600,000 7% 1st Mtge. serial gold bonds.

Dated June 1 1922; due serially June 1 1924 to 1932. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 (c). Int. payable without deduction for Federal income tax, not to exceed 4%, at Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee. Callable on any int. date at 105 and int. to and incl. June 1 1924, less 1/4% for each year thereafter, upon 30 days' notice.

Data from Letter of J. M. Bostwick, President, May 1 1922.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire present outstanding note issue, to meet other current obligations, and furnish additional working capital.

Company.—Incorp. Oct. 10 1888, to engage in the manufacture and sale of chairs, household furniture and veneer. Owns all the assets of United Phonographs Corp., with plant at Sheboygan, Wis., and New York Recording Laboratories, with plant at Grafton, Wis. The latter also maintains laboratories in New York City.

Capitalization.—Common stock, \$610,000; Pref. stock, \$500,000; First Mortgage bonds, \$600,000.

Earnings.—Average net earnings for 20 years, with the exception of 1921, have averaged nearly twice the interest charges on these bonds. Earnings of the company and its subsidiaries for the year 1922, based upon the volume of business and income for the first four months beginning Jan. 1, are estimated at \$150,000, or over 3 1/2 times interest requirements on entire issue.—V. 111, p. 506.

(Rudolph) Wurlitzer Co.—Dividends.

Dividends of 75c. per share have been declared on the Common stock, payable July 25, Aug. 25 and Sept. 25; quarterly dividends of 2% each on the 8% Preferred stock have also been declared, payable Sept. 1 and Dec. 1 1922 and March 1 and June 1 1923.—V. 112, p. 1310.

Yellow Cab Mfg. Co.—Dividends.

Three monthly dividends of 50c. per share each have been declared payable Aug. 1, Sept. 1, and Oct. 2 to holders of record July 20, Aug. 21, and Sept. 20, respectively. This is a decrease of 10c. per share, compared with monthly dividends of 60c. per share paid previously.—V. 114, p. 2836.

Young, Smyth, Field Co., Phila.—Successor Company.

The Sullivan-Smythfield Co. has acquired (per reorganization plan in V. 114, p. 2492) the business of Young, Smyth, Field Co., having purchased the real estate, fixtures, machinery and all the stock of the domestic merchandise contained in their building at 1216-20 Arch St., Phila. The Sullivan-Smythfield Co. have not purchased any merchandise for export and have not taken over any indebtedness of Young, Smyth, Field Co. Compare Sullivan-Smythfield Co. above and V. 114, p. 2492.

Zenith Furnace Co., Duluth, Minn.—Bonds Sold.

The Union Trust Co., Cleveland, announces that the \$1,000,000 First Mtge. 20-Year Sinking Fund 6% Gold Bonds, dated June 1 1922 and due June 1 1942, have all been sold.

Balance Sheet April 30 1922 (after Giving Effect to Present Financing).

Assets	Liabilities
Cash.....	\$459,518 1st Mtge. 6% 20-Year
Accounts receivable, trade.....	105,925 bonds, due 1942 (this
Notes receivable, trade.....	4,914 issue).....
Notes & acct's rec., others.....	5,527 Workmen's comp. res'v.....
Inventories.....	216,584 Retaining & renewal res.
Investments in other cos.....	16,447 Stockholders net equity.....
Plant and equipment.....	2,207,407
Deferred charges.....	60,261
Total.....	\$3,076,282
Compare offering in V. 115, p. 84.	Total.....\$3,076,282

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Commercial Survey Co., Inc., 25 Broadway, New York, have issued a pamphlet describing their service, which is of especial interest to exporters, merchants and bankers. They state that their certificates of survey, which verify shipper's performance of contract, greatly facilitate foreign trade and minimize the merchandise risk to the bank and shipper as well as to the overseas buyer.

—The New York Mortgage Co. has opened offices at 120 Broadway, New York. This company was recently organized to conduct a real estate bond and mortgage business. The President is James F. Pershing, a brother of General John J. Pershing and one of the Vice-Presidents is Charles H. Focht, President of the Jefferson Trust Co., Hoboken, N. J.

—Hyney, Emerson & Co., investment bankers of Chicago, have opened offices in the First National Bank Building, Milwaukee, for the transaction of a general bond and investment securities business. This office will be in charge of Urban J. Shaw and Earl G. Lake.

—Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed transfer agent and registrar of stock of the Seydel Chemical Co., consisting of 15,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$100, and 60,000 shares of common stock without nominal or par value.

—Noyes & Jackson, 42 Broadway, New York, members of the New York Stock Exchange, have issued a very comprehensive circular entitled "Opportunities in Railroads." Copies of this circular may be secured from them upon request.

—A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc., of Chicago announces the opening of offices at 1 Wall Street, New York City, in charge of Theodore Luce, Vice-President, and George T. Ordway, Vice-President. The telephone numbers are Whitehall 2438-2439.

—The banking house of Parsly Bros. & Co., 1421 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, has prepared a circular containing 18 railroad, industrial and public utility investment suggestions. Copies may be had on request.

—James P. Lewis, formerly with Raymond & Co., is now associated with J. P. Cahill & Co., 52 Broadway, New York, members of the New York Stock Exchange, specializing in United States Government bonds.

—Hudson Trust Co. of New York City has been made trustee of \$3,000,000 issue of United Brokerage Co. collateral 5% serial gold bonds maturing 1923-1937.

—William W. Cohen & Co., 87 Exchange Place, New York, have ready a circular describing the First Lien 8% Participating Gold Bonds of the United Oil Producers' Corporation, which may be had upon request.

—Charles H. Sabin and Averell W. Harriman were elected members of the finance committee of the National Surety Co. at the meeting of the board of directors held to-day.

—D. Harry Lake, formerly Vice-President of A. B. Leach & Co. in charge of sales, has become associated with Kelley, Drayton & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, in charge of sales.

—A. B. Kendrick, a member of the New York Stock Exchange firm of Fell & White, has been elected to membership in the New York Cotton Exchange.

—L. D. Stanton & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce that they have opened a special department to deal in baby bonds under the management of Albert V. Fisher.

—Van Ripper, Day & Co., Denver, have issued a review of local statistics giving, among other data, a condensed statement of Denver banks.

The Commercial Times.**COMMERCIAL EPITOME.**

Friday Night, July 21 1922.

There is a fair business doing for this time of the year, and taking the country as a whole the feeling is still hopeful. But there can be no disguising the fact that the railroad and coal strikes begin to menace American trade and the welfare of society at large to a degree that profoundly impresses the country. The United States Government is beginning to take up the question of coal production and will direct the distribution of coal, with the aid of the National Guard, if need be, of the several producing States. The scarcity of coal is beginning to affect the iron and steel industry to a greater extent than at any time heretofore. Many iron foundries have shut down. It also threatens to affect ocean and inland lake commerce, as well as the utilities in the cities. The situation indeed is becoming well nigh intolerable. Under the circumstances it is noteworthy that American interests are beginning to buy coal in British markets in increasing quantities. It is being rushed from Wales to the United States. Industries and railroads are beginning to buy in England. In other words, things are coming to a queer pass mainly because mine workers refuse to get into line with workers in other industries and accept lower wages. Their refusal to do so hits other workers; it taxes other workers as well as society at large, and also it taxes the miners themselves, for dearer fuel means, of course, higher cost of production and higher prices for the necessities of life, to the coal miners as well as to everybody else. It tends to keep down production. That of itself tends to put up prices of commodities. It has a tendency to disorganize trade. Many trains on the railroads have been cancelled. Boats are being taken off the Lakes; that means a reduction of employment there as a matter of course. Coal and railway strikes hamper Western industry, hitting labor as well as everybody else. Buying for fall delivery is restricted, owing to the uncertainty as to the time of delivery. Premiums have to be paid for coal and coke for prompt delivery. The high price of coal has a tendency to increase the use of oil as fuel. It is being tried to some extent in the steel industry.

Meanwhile export trade in wheat and corn has increased at some decline in prices. Cotton is lower, with a better crop outlook. The tendency is to increase the estimates as to the size of the yield. Sugar has advanced to the highest point seen this year. The consumption of it is so large that the big Cuban surplus has been greatly reduced. The California fruit industry is in flourishing shape, but is hit by the railroad strike. Oil fuel is used there on railways and boats to an important extent. It is said that 5,000,000 cases of Hawaiian pineapples have been sold, comprising the pack for the season, at higher prices than in 1921. The automobile industry is still active. Building materials are still in sharp demand, especially lumber and cement. But in the country at large there is a feeling of great disappointment at the refusal of the coal miners to accept arbitration. It is also regretted that the railway shopmen's strike has been managed in such a way as to delay loaded and empty cars in transit, thereby badly handicapping industries in the matter of fuel. The feeling, however, is that as soon as the coal and railway strikes are settled trade will move forward with greater impetus.

Troops have been called out in Ohio and Pennsylvania to guard coal miners who will work. Illinois is to use troops if they are needed. President Harding announced his intention of forming a coal adjustment commission. More miners are out in Oklahoma. The New York "Times" to-day in a leading editorial entitled "Overdoing It," voices the opinion of many business men when it says: "The Governor of Michigan desires to have his State Government undertake the mining of coal. But Mr. Lewis of the United Mine Workers telegraphed him that the thing cannot be done without the consent of the union, which is refused. What is a mere Governor compared with a labor leader? In similar fashion, Mr. Lewis declares that the plan of the President of the United States to open the mines cannot be carried out. The threat is added that, if the attempt is made, the men running the pumps will be called on strike and the mines flooded and wrecked, as the Germans ruined the coal mines of France. If a 'Wall Street tool' or a corporation manager had displayed such arrogance, such callous indifference to the needs of the people, labor unions would have rent the

sky with their cries of indignation. In their own selfish interest they seem to think that they can do it with impunity. But if they keep on they will find out their huge mistake. There is a limit to public patience. There are challenges which no Government can suffer. The Washington Administration has been cautiously feeling its way, but there is something ominous in yesterday's statement by the Attorney-General of the United States: "There is only one "Federal Government," and the Federal laws are superior to any set of men in the country."

Boston wired July 18 that the Manchester, N. H., textile strike situation had come more or less to a pause pending the hearing on the petition of the strikers that the injunction secured a few weeks ago against them be modified to allow "peaceful picketing." The Amoskeag Co. reports an increase in the number of operatives at work at its mills. So long as the mills are able to operate without picketing it is clear that the operatives in considerable numbers will work. They would not do so, it appears, if picketing were allowed, because of their fear of attacks. At Lawrence, Mass., there has latterly been heavy picketing and the operatives are afraid to go into the mills. It amounts to intimidation, whether the picketing is peaceful or otherwise. Strikers complain that before the recent 20% cut the average wage of main textile workers was less than \$22 a week at Lawrence, Mass., and of general workers about \$18 and at Fall River and New Bedford operatives on similar work have suffered no wage reduction since the general cut of 22½% a year ago and that in some instances in those cities bonuses are paid. Lawrence, Mass., reports that although officials of textile unions maintain that there is no noticeable decrease in the ranks of strikers, it is known that many strikers have returned to various mills recently and that the number at work in the different mills is being increased daily. Dire necessity is said to be forcing workmen back to work.

Wage reductions became effective on July 17 in two textile plants in Lowell, Mass., employing normally about 7,000 persons. The Massachusetts mills with a complement of approximately 2,800 hands, announced a 20% cut and the Lawrence Manufacturing Co., with a normal personnel of 4,000 posted notices of a "wage revision," but the amount of reduction was not stated. At three of the four mills of the American Thread Co. at Holyoke, Mass., work has been resumed at full time after long idleness. At the Tifton, Ga., fine yarn mills night and day shifts are at work for the first time in two years. At Springvale, Me., on July 17 work was resumed in the two Sears-Roebuck shoe factories closed last Thursday by labor troubles which have been adjusted.

Senator Dial of South Carolina failed in an attempt on Tuesday to force action on his bill amending the cotton futures act. Trading on the exchanges was defended by Senator Ramsdell of Louisiana on the ground that it constituted price insurance to the grower, the dealer and spinner.

The British steamer "Eskbridge" arrived at Boston July 13 with the second cargo of British coal to reach this country since 1902. The cargo comprised 4,787 tons of bituminous coal. London cabled July 17 that five cargoes aggregating 30,000 tons of gas coal have been booked for New York for July shipment.

California fruit shippers have appealed to President Harding to take steps to obtain movement of freight held up by the strike of railroad workers. It is declared that nearly \$200,000,000 worth of fruit is endangered because of crippled transportation facilities.

LARD quiet; prime western, 12.10@12.20c.; refined to Continent, 12.90c.; South American, 13.15c.; Brazil in kegs, 14.15c. Futures have been quiet and rather irregular; higher at times on buying by packers and covering, higher hogs and the smallness of the increase in stocks in two weeks. Then lower with a decline in Liverpool and profit-taking. Chicago lard stocks increased 2,472,000 lbs. the first half of July, and are now 90,368,000 lbs., or about 25,000,000 less than on July 1 last year. New York exported 5,663,000 lbs. of bacon and 8,965,000 lbs. lard last week. To-day prices advanced 13 points, ending, however, 50 points lower for the week. Liverpool to-day was 1s. to 1s. 6d. higher. Hogs advanced 10 to 15c. Deliveries of lard, 50,000 lbs. to-day at Chicago. Loose lard recently 87½c. under September, is now 50c. under bid, with offerings small.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery	cts. 10.67	10.80	10.97	11.05	11.32	11.45
September delivery	10.82	10.90	11.07	11.17	11.37	11.50
October delivery	10.95	11.00	11.20	11.27	9.97	9.95

PORK dull; mess, \$29.50@30; family, \$28@29; short clear, \$24@27. Beef inactive; mess, \$10.50@14.50; packet, \$13@14; family, \$16@17; extra India mess, \$24@26. No. 1 canned roast beef, \$2.25; No. 2, \$3.20; 6 lbs., \$15. Cut meats dull; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 23½@25½c.; pickled bellies, 10 to 12 lbs., 18@18½c. Butter, creamery extras, 32@37c. Cheese, flats, 17@22c. Eggs, fresh gathered extras, 22½@31c.

COFFEE on the spot quiet; No. 7 Rio, 10¼c.; No. 4 Santos, 14¼@14¾c.; fair to good Ccuta, 14¼@14¾c. Futures declined on small trading despite an advance in Brazilian markets early in the week, though, to be sure, the rise there was moderate. The crop movement is smaller than a year ago. Some think it is likely to continue relatively small. It is thought here that control by the Brazilian Government will keep the speculative markets to a narrow groove. The Brazilian Congress has passed a permanent valorization Act. Government stocks, it is urged, will henceforth loom in the background with more or less of menace. The speculative coffee market will be hampered or restricted, it is feared, by the bankers' committee who hold the valorization stock and the Brazilian Government. The bankers' committee is supposed to have over 50% of the world's visible supply of coffee, of which it is obliged to sell this crop year 435,000 bags, and under certain conditions may sell more. It cannot purchase any coffee with sinking funds except by unanimous consent, but the Brazilian Government can purchase coffee and issue paper money to pay for it. Prices, it is argued, are at least as likely to advance as to decline and many think a rise is more probable. To-day prices declined slightly, ending 17 to 26 points lower for the week.

Spot (unofficial) 10½c. | September 9.26@9.28 | March 9.36@9.37
 July 9.38@9.40 | December 9.34@9.35 | May 9.38@9.40

SUGAR.—Spot raws advanced. They were firm early in the week at 3½c. for Cuba cost and freight for second half July-August shipment. Some 9,000 tons of Cuba for August loading sold at 3.30c. to 3.32c. f.o.b. Cuba, mostly to a Canadian refiner. To some it looks as though the United States alone will take the balance of the Cuban crop and all duty free sugar up to Dec. 31. Later sales included 46,000 bags of Cuba, August loading at 3.50c. c. & f., 25,000 bags at 3.9-16c. c. & f., 3,000 tons Cuba loading to Canadian interests at 3.50c. f.o.b. Cuba. On Thursday trading was active and prices firm. And on that day sales of from 50,000 to 60,000 bags August-September shipment were reported at 3¼c. c. & f. Refined, 6.60@6.90c. Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 62,218 tons, against 74,263 last week, 20,068 last year, and 35,953 two years ago; exports, 118,758, against 146,092 last week, 10,251 last year and 69,343 two years ago; stock, 716,253, against 772,793 last week, 1,440,690 last year and 445,240 two years ago. Centrals grinding numbered 14, against the same number last week, 8 last year and 6 in the same week two years ago. Receipts at United States Atlantic ports for the week were 73,427 tons, against 98,284 last week, 39,930 last year, 91,817 two years ago; meltings, 85,000, against 86,000 last week, 54,000 last year and 83,000 two years ago; total stock, 193,726 tons, against 205,299 last week, 159,861 last year and 96,189 two years ago. Willett & Gray puts the world's cane sugar crops for 1921-22 at 12,306,993 tons, against 12,006,098 tons in 1920-21 and 11,914,458 in 1919-20. European beet sugar, 4,087,729 tons, against 3,671,575 in 1920-21 and 2,585,488 in 1919-20; United States beet, 911,190 tons, against 969,419 in 1920-21 and 652,957 in 1919-20. Total beet sugar crops, including Canada, 5,017,850 tons in 1921-22, against 4,675,594 in 1920-21, and 3,254,945 in 1919-20. This makes a total of cane and beet sugar of 17,324,843 tons, against 16,681,692 in 1920-21 and 15,169,403 two years ago. Estimated increase in world's production in 1921-22, 643,151 tons. To-day futures closed practically unchanged, but 18 to 27 points higher than a week ago.

Spot (unofficial) 3.75c. | September 3.63@3.64 | March 3.49@3.50
 July 3.50@ | December 3.76@3.77 | May 3.60@

OILS.—Linseed quiet at about unchanged prices. Tanks, 85@86c.; July carloads, 89@90c.; less than carloads, 92@93c.; less than 5 bbls., 95@96c. As is usual at this period of the year demand is light, and the disturbed industrial condition of this country has tended to discourage buying. Linoleum manufacturers are reported to be taking fair quantities. But, on the other hand, varnish and paint manufacturers are buying little, having replenished their stocks for the immediate future. Double boiled oil in rather better inquiry. English oil quoted at 84c. Imported oils are receiving more attention. Coconut, Ceylon, bbls., 8¾@9c.; Cochin, 9¼@9½c. Corn, crude, bbls., 11c. Olive, \$1.15@1.20. Lard, strained, winter, N. Y., 11½c.; extra, 11c. Cod, domestic, 55 nom., Newfoundland, 57c. Spirits of turpentine, \$1.22. Rosin, \$5.60@5.80. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 14,600 bbls. Prices closed as follows:

Spot 10.60@10.90 | September 10.53@ 0.55 | December 8.43@8.45
 July 10.63@10.75 | October 9.91@ 9.92 | January 8.43@8.45
 August 10.51@10.53 | November 8.62@ 8.63 | February 8.43@8.45

PETROLEUM lower. Reductions in the prices of crude oil have been made during the week. Gasoline on the 19th inst. was cut 2c. per gallon by the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana at service stations and in tank wagons. A similar reduction was made by the Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp.,

which also reduced the price 1c. at New York and Ohio. The Kansas City Refining Co. cut its price in that city 2c. per gallon. The Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana reduced gasoline 1c. per gallon. And it is expected that prices for tank wagon will be reduced shortly in New York and New Jersey. New York prices: Gasoline, cargo lots, 33.25c.; U. S. Navy specifications, 20c.; export naphtha, cargo lots, 22c.; 63-66-deg., 25c.; 66-68-deg., 26c.; cases, New York, 15½c. Refined petroleum, tank wagon to store, 13c.; motor gasoline to garages, steel bbls., 27c. Crude oil output continues to gain. The daily average gross production in the United States for the week, according to the estimate of the American Petroleum Institute, was 1,474,450 bbls., against 1,450,550 bbls. in the preceding week, an increase of 23,900 bbls. Production by States follows: Oklahoma, 408,000, against 395,300 last week and 307,100 last year; Kansas, 84,600, against 85,000 last week and 97,880 last year; North Texas, 49,300, against 50,500 last week and 69,050 last year; Central Texas, 129,950, against 129,700 last week and 113,810 last year; North Louisiana and Arkansas, 127,200, against 129,600 last week and 119,470 last year; Gulf Coast, 102,150, against 102,600 last week and 93,900 last year; Eastern, 116,500, against 116,000 last week and 124,000 last year; Wyoming and Montana, 86,750, against 81,950 last week and 46,500 last year; California, 370,000, against 360,000 last week and 337,000 last year. Imports of petroleum (crude and refined oils) at the principal United States ports for the week ended July 15 totaled 2,631,000 bbls., a daily average of 375,857, as compared with 2,747,028 bbls., a daily average of 392,432 bbls., the week previous. Receipts at Atlantic Coast ports were 1,445,000 bbls., a daily average of 206,429 bbls., against 1,409,362 bbls., a daily average of 201,337 bbls., in the previous week.

Closing prices were as follows:

Pennsylvania.....	\$3 00	Illma.....	\$1 98	Corsicana, heavy.....	\$0 65
Corning.....	1 90	Indiana.....	1 78	Electra.....	1 75
Cabell.....	1 86	Princeton.....	1 77	Strawn.....	1 75
Somerset.....	1 65	Illinois.....	1 77	Ranger.....	1 75
Somerset, light.....	1 90	Kansas and Okla- homa.....	1 50	Moran.....	1 75
Ragland.....	1 25	Corsicana, light.....	1 10	Healdton.....	0 75
Wooster.....	2 10			Mexia.....	1 25

RUBBER quiet but steady. Ribbed smoked sheets and first latex crepe spot, 14½c.; July, 14½c.; August, 14¾c.; September, 15c.; October-December, 15¾c.; January-March, 15¾c. Para quiet; up river fine, 19@20c.; coarse, 13½c.; Central Corinto, 10c. The recent decline in London was attributed to an idea among the trade there that it will be some time before joint Government action is taken in the matter of restricting output. The London stocks on July 14 were 72,051 tons, against 70,452 last year and 23,685 tons in 1920. London mail advices say that the stock in the United Kingdom is approximately 81,000 tons and is still rising. Consumptive demand here is within very narrow limits, while speculative deals are now conducted with caution.

HIDES.—Frigorifico have been in better demand. Packer hides have been firm. In Chicago the market has been firm but quiet. Here sales were reported of 4,000 La Blancas; 5,000 Campanas and an additional block of 5,000 La Blancas at \$44. Common dry hides are steady but slow. Of City packer hides a car of June-July native steers sold at 18c., it is said. Calfskins firm and sales are reported at \$1 45, \$2 20 and \$3 00. Chicago packers advanced July hides 1c. Later on trade was less active. Supplies of packer hides, however, are reported smaller, a fact which naturally tends to restrict business. An excellent demand for calf skins was a feature. Later frigorifico hides at the River Plate, it was stated, sold at 17 15-16c. c. & f., including 4,000 Artiga frigorifico. Wet salted hides reported in better demand. Bogota 18 to 19c.; Orinoco 15@16c.; packer 12@25½c. Country 7 to 11c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS have been dull and depressed with tonnage freely offered. The state of things in Europe with low exchange tends to check business. The coal and rail strikes are having a direct effect on ocean shipping, as is shown in the report that 22 ships, mostly from New York to South America and ports in the Pacific, are held at Hampton Roads for lack of bunker coal. It is stated that rail and steamship interests are beginning to take a serious view of the freight traffic situation brought about several weeks ago by an open declaration of war on the intercoastal trade. Seagoing steel tonnage building and contracted for in the United States as of July 1 aggregated 141,505 gross tons.

Charters have been made in London recently ranging from \$1 50 to \$1 60 per ton, which will enable purchasers to lay down coal at the American port at a profit as long as the scarcity due to the strikes continues. Charters included 35,000 qrs. grain from Montreal to Rotterdam at 14½c., second half July; manganese ore from Rio de Janeiro to Baltimore, \$2 75 net form. July; 1,335-ton steamer time charter, one round trip to the West Indies, \$1 25, spot delivery at New York; ore from Huelva to Charleston, 10s. 6d., prompt; grain from Baltimore to Petrograd, 22c., spot; from Atlantic range to Antwerp-Hamburg range, 13½c., Sept.; option of Gulf loading at 17c.; to Antwerp-Hamburg range, 18c., second half August; grain from Montreal to Antwerp-Hamburg range, 14½c., second half August; to United Kingdom, 3s., July option of Antwerp-Hamburg range at 14c.; wheat from North Pacific to United Kingdom or Continent, 37s. 6d., option of barley at 38s. and discharging items, Aug. 1-20; lumber from Restigouche to Buenos Aires and Bahia Blanca, \$15, August; coal from United Kingdom to Boston or New York, \$1 10 and \$1 15, prompt; grain from Atlantic range to Antwerp-Hamburg range, 13c., second half August; option of loading at Montreal for 14c., but the above is not confirmed; 200,000 cases petroleum from New York or Philadelphia to Japan or Korea, 28c., September; 1,857-ton steamer time charter renewal, one round trip in West Indies trade, \$1 10.

TOBACCO has been in the main quiet here awaiting developments at the big distributing centres. At times there

has been a moderate business. Prices have, it is stated, been steady. In the growing sections a very fair business is reported and it is said that contracts have been made on a very satisfactory basis. On the whole the tobacco business appears to be in no bad shape with indications apparently pointing to a better business in the not very distant future. But in New York, for instance, the trading at the present time is chiefly on a hand-to-mouth basis, awaiting, as already intimated, further news from the big centres of the American tobacco trade and production.

COPPER, though quiet, is steady at 14c. for electrolytic. A noteworthy feature is the strength of the statistics; i. e., production and consumption. Labor shortage keeps production down. Western mines are losing their workers because of the more lucrative wages offered by Montana oil companies. Some of the Western mines have gone so far as to pay for the transportation of families back to copper regions and have given the assurance that skilled workers would be retained for repair and improvement work when business slackened. The unprecedentedly large deliveries of copper during June, amounting to 170,000,000 lbs., was due to a desire on the part of consumers to get their copper under cover in fear that the railroad shopmen's strike might interfere with deliveries.

TIN more active and higher on the strength of London. And it is estimated that canners will require 15% more tin than was at first thought. Spot tin was quoted at 31½c. Lead quiet and lower; spot New York 5.65@5.70c.; spot East St. Louis 5.40@5.45c. Zinc higher; spot New York 6.05@6.10c.; East St. Louis 5.75@5.80c.

PIG IRON recently sold heavily, especially of Southern iron. Cast iron pipe makers, it is said, took 75,000 tons or more. Birmingham reports a steady demand for prompt iron. The quotation is \$18 Birmingham and \$24 Chicago. St. Louis district reports steady sales at \$18 50. But there is said to be little demand for the last quarter of the year. A moderate amount of iron is wanted for prompt shipment. Foundries in some parts of the country are said to be pretty well sold up for the third quarter. Meanwhile it is said here that the way is being paved for larger importations of pig iron. French iron is said to be regarded more favorably. Recently, it seems, it sold at \$22 50 New York, but \$23 50 is now asked. English and Scotch iron is receiving less attention. Also it appears that 10 blast furnaces in this country have banked because of the difficulty in obtaining coke, now that the railroad strike is on.

STEEL production is being reduced because of the coal and railroad strikes. Fuel is becoming scarcer. Consumers are becoming anxious about deliveries. New business has suffered because of the uncertainty on this point. Warehouse steel advanced 12c. per 100 lbs. in the New York district. Three large blast furnaces have banked at Youngstown, Ohio; also the Bessemer steel department of a large concern. Blast furnaces have also stopped in other parts of Ohio, including Cleveland; also two in eastern Pennsylvania. Steel works and rolling mills have been inconvenienced by delays in receiving coal. Some mills are therefore behind on their orders. Labor shortage has been another drawback, in some cases near Pittsburgh. West Virginia and Kentucky coal roads are hurt by the strike. Some independent sheet mills decline to quote for the moment. Higher prices for sheets are expected. Mills cannot see their way clearly as regards costs and coal supplies. They want higher prices for bars and plates especially. In a word, production is hampered by a scarcity of fuel and labor. It is hard to get spot coke. Sales are reported of Connellsville foundry at \$12 50 to \$13 00 "ovens." The steel situation is more or less abnormal for the time being. It is significant, however, that doubts are expressed whether deliveries could be kept up to the mark even if fuel were plentiful enough, for the reason that the labor shortage is beginning to tell.

WOOL has been quiet and steady. Melbourne, Australia, cabled that wool exports from Australia for the six months ended June 30 were 1,365,000 bales, against 628,000 bales in the same time in 1921. Exports from New Zealand for the same period were 677,000 bales, against 244,000 bales in the same time last year. Sydney, New South Wales, cabled that at the final wool sales of the season last week, good merino wools equaling the June inferior faulty merinos were 5% lower. Fine crossbreds were unchanged. Burry carbonizing was slow and irregular. The next sales will be held late in September. At Perth, West Australia, the end of the season sale drew a fair number of buyers. Demand good, particularly for average to good topmaking sorts. Some 1,500 bales were offered and most of it sold. Prices were firm compared with those of June. Bradford cabled July 16, tops dull owing to the German situation. Prices irregular. Sixty-fours were down to 50d. while crossbreds were easier and neglected. In piece goods the tone was steady. The improvement in heavy woolen trade was maintained. Home demand was good and Canada and Japan trade satisfactory.

In London on July 18 the fifth series of Colonial wool sales in London this year opened with 46,000 bales offered by the British Australian Wool Realization Association and 105,000 free wools. This series will consist of 13 sessions. Large attendance; active demand most British, Belgian and French. Excessive limits caused frequent withdrawals, mostly crossbreds. Compared with last month, the best

greasy merinos were 5% higher and other merinos, including scoured, unchanged. Fine greasy crossbreds up, also scoureds, fine slipe and crossbred 5%, medium to coarse qualities of the latter and greasy same as in June. Best merinos greasy were 27½d., scoured 42½d. and greasy crossbred 18d. In London on July 19 12,273 bales offered. Withdrawals were few. Prices were firm. Details: Sydney, 1,162 bales; greasy merino, 17½d. to 29½d.; scoured, 29d. to 41½d. Queensland, 1,192 bales, mostly greasy merino pieces and broken, the best, 23½d. and 24d., respectively; Victoria, 1,943 bales; greasy crossbred, 6d. to 18½d. Adelaide, 1,008 bales; greasy merino, 17½d. to 23½d. New Zealand, 5,845 bales; crossbreds, brisk sale to home and Continent; greasy, 6½d. to 19d.; slipe, 10½d. to 19d.; fine scoureds, 22½d. to 30½d. Lower grades were neglected. In London on July 20 at the wool auction, offerings were 11,000 bales. Good demand from England and the Continent. Prices sometimes up a little or stronger. Details: Sydney, 1,513 bales; scoured merino, 30d. to 42½d. Queensland, 655 bales; scoured merino, 39d. to 43d. Victoria, 452 bales; greasy crossbred, 9d. to 16d. West Australia, 2,190 bales; greasy merino, 12½d. to 25½d. New Zealand, 6,071 bales; crossbreds (strong demand by home and Continent); greasy, 6½d. to 18½d.; scoured, 14½d. to 31½d.

LIVERPOOL TO WAIT FOR COTTON REPORT.—The following is taken from "Financial America" of July 21: Liverpool, July 21.—The Cotton Exchange will not end its session until 7:45 p. m. on Aug. 1 to permit members to trade on the report that will be issued on that day by the Federal Department of Agriculture on the condition of the crop.

COTTON.

Friday Night, July 21 1922.

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 31,697 bales, against 41,564 bales last week and 56,184 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1921 6,050,078 bales, against 6,614,699 bales for the same period of 1920-21, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1921 of 564,621 bales.

Receipts at	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	3,445	2,545	3,412	2,076	2,070	1,200	14,748
Texas City	---	---	---	---	---	1,211	1,211
New Orleans	1,287	2,209	2,726	1,251	927	1,878	10,278
Mobile	---	265	30	---	---	203	26
Jacksonville	---	---	---	---	---	---	3
Savannah	437	535	643	307	192	329	2,443
Brunswick	---	---	---	---	---	449	446
Charleston	76	119	---	24	127	6	351
Wilmington	26	19	41	31	66	31	217
Norfolk	157	546	141	65	58	100	1,067
Boston	---	170	---	187	52	---	409
Totals this week	5,428	6,408	6,993	3,944	3,695	5,220	31,697

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1921 and stocks to-night, compared with the last year:

Receipts to July 21.	1921-22.		1920-21.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1921.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1920.	1922.	1921.
Galveston	14,748	2,523,745	34,860	3,081,520	75,821	274,039
Texas City	1,211	32,952	878	41,504	1,337	14,817
Houston	---	474,272	16,938	452,340	---	---
Port Arthur, &c.	---	10,305	1,926	73,058	---	---
New Orleans	10,278	1,266,378	12,240	1,480,436	110,053	439,366
Gulfport	---	8,123	---	9,993	---	---
Mobile	524	161,008	2,424	108,880	1,208	15,319
Pensacola	---	3,350	---	6	---	---
Jacksonville	3	4,038	100	5,022	1,437	1,634
Savannah	2,443	754,430	19,466	715,843	56,266	150,121
Brunswick	446	30,108	---	13,140	1,229	2,474
Charleston	351	156,640	801	90,593	53,685	246,039
Georgetown	---	---	---	---	---	---
Wilmington	217	107,780	2,760	100,299	16,134	27,725
Norfolk	1,067	350,196	4,064	296,278	38,000	99,485
N'port News, &c.	---	583	9	2,144	---	---
New York	---	32,129	763	36,437	160,990	155,500
Boston	409	44,854	454	39,287	6,232	10,295
Baltimore	---	59,595	632	51,722	994	1,323
Philadelphia	---	29,612	119	16,192	3,736	9,117
Totals	31,697	6,050,078	98,434	6,614,699	527,131	1,447,254

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Galveston	14,748	34,860	8,913	29,599	4,630	3,703
Texas City &c.	1,211	19,742	98	3,819	264	6,209
New Orleans	10,278	12,240	10,762	23,806	6,709	530
Mobile	524	2,424	512	2,843	329	530
Savannah	2,443	19,466	3,510	28,317	15,220	8,583
Brunswick	446	---	---	8,000	1,000	1,200
Charleston	351	801	87	1,753	402	218
Wilmington	217	2,760	3	2,026	86	2
Norfolk	1,067	4,064	2,294	6,326	1,016	4,905
N'port N., &c.	---	9	---	---	---	---
All others	412	2,068	1,048	1,232	1,185	15,124
Tot. this week	31,697	98,434	27,207	105,721	30,841	40,474
Since Aug. 1.	6,050,078	6,614,699	6,792,009	5,959,457	5,780,342	6,884,501

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 96,434 bales, of which 36,321 were to Great Britain, 9,095 to France and 51,018 to other destinations. Exports for the week and since Aug. 1 1921 are as follows:

Exports from—	Week ending July 21 1922. Exported to—				From Aug. 1 1921 to July 21 1922. Exported to—			
	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	18,787	6,342	19,810	44,939	653,508	413,494	1,391,156	2,458,158
Houston	---	---	---	---	118,899	87,840	267,260	473,999
Texas City	---	---	---	---	---	---	5,142	5,142
Gulfport	---	---	---	---	5,534	---	2,589	8,123
New Orleans	11,342	1,349	2,043	15,734	398,142	137,960	746,404	1,282,506
Mobile	1,825	---	---	1,825	63,080	6,987	52,552	122,619
Jacksonville	---	---	---	---	400	---	600	1,000
Pensacola	---	---	---	---	1,480	---	770	2,250
Savannah	---	---	15,200	15,200	238,565	76,673	401,792	687,030
Brunswick	832	---	---	832	24,845	---	4,276	29,120
Charleston	---	---	---	---	64,277	5,620	109,375	176,275
Wilmington	---	---	---	---	9,000	8,500	86,675	103,175
Norfolk	---	2,350	2,350	4,700	124,952	5,450	110,233	240,635
New York	2,468	1,404	10,997	14,869	37,401	13,517	121,279	172,197
Boston	197	---	62	259	4,688	371	8,101	13,160
Baltimore	---	---	556	556	2,059	450	3,550	6,059
Philadelphia	20	---	---	20	728	350	1,971	3,049
Los Angeles	---	---	---	---	27,725	1,882	20,508	50,115
San Fran.	---	---	---	---	---	---	58,040	58,040
Seattle	---	---	---	---	---	---	68,714	68,714
Tacoma	---	---	---	---	---	---	22,005	22,005
Portland, Ore.	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,150	1,150
Total	36,321	9,095	51,018	96,434	1,745,283	759,094	3,450,144	5,954,621
Tot. 1920-21	20,333	14,182	101,796	136,311	1,714,080	567,222	3,144,675	4,225,986
Tot. 1919-20	6,459	3,006	24,741	44,206	3,023,133	554,019	2,741,602	6,318,754

In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named. We add similar figures for New York.

July 21 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.	
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Cont'nt.	Coastwise.		
Galveston	2,000	1,000	8,000	7,645	2,000	20,645	55,176
New Orleans	1,996	2,180	2,510	28,289	206	35,181	74,872
Savannah	---	---	---	---	---	200	2,100
Charleston	300	200	650	1,200	300	2,650	51,035
Mobile	24	200	---	886	---	1,110	98
Norfolk	300	---	---	---	---	300	37,700
Other ports*	3,500	500	750	550	200	5,500	186,568
Total 1922	8,120	4,980	12,910	38,570	2,906	67,486	459,645
Total 1921	8,798	8,799	53,351	58,051	4,365	133,364	1,313,890
Total 1920	27,692	4,129	14,706	20,019	3,200	89,746	740,413

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been less active and prices declined, especially early in the week, owing to better crop advices, the railroad strike and disturbed European politics. Also efforts to end the coal strike have seemed futile. Liquidation was quite general. Stocks and foreign exchange were more or less irregular. Cotton goods early in the week were quiet in Fall River, Worth Street and Manchester. Liverpool's tone was uncertain if not actually weak. Its spot sales fell off noticeably. Everywhere there seemed to be hesitation. Certainly there was an absence of aggressiveness on the bull side. For a time indeed the market acted rather "long." Liverpool spot sales were only 5,000 to 8,000 bales. And after three or four weeks of generally favorable weather, some look for a relatively more favorable Government monthly report on August 1. They think that it may show a gain during July of a few points, at least. Yet, usually July shows deterioration. The average falling of in condition during July for 10 years is something like 4%. Last year it was 4.5%, two years ago 2.9%, and in 1918 it even reached 12.2, but in 1920 July condition gained 3.4%. Now and then conditions do improve in July, although, as already intimated, it is the exception. And the weekly Government report of Wednesday was in the main favorable over most of the belt. This at the time caused a reaction in prices of about 20 points in a small market. Private crop reports to large spot interests have also generally been favorable. They do not deny that the weevil is present, but add that the pest thus far has done no serious damage. They also contend that there has been little or no shedding; in short, that the crop has improved. As for the weevil, it would appear that it is being successfully fought in some parts of the Atlantic States and that for the time being at least it is doing no particular harm where remedies are used. The first new bale was reported in Georgia. In North Carolina the plant is blooming freely. In South Carolina progress, condition and fruiting are generally very good. That is also the case in Tennessee. Very good growth is reported in Arkansas. In Georgia the conditions are improving and the plant is open in the southern part of the State. Louisiana reports good progress. In Texas cotton is said to be doing well except the late planted, which needs rain. The South seems to be bearish on the outlook. This is taken to mean that speculators there are looking for lower prices on the score of better crop reports, and that spot houses want lower prices anyhow because stocks are down to a minimum, and they naturally want to stock up as cheaply as possible, whatever they may think as to the ultimate direction of prices. Of course, all eyes are on the weevil. It is conceded that hot dry weather, especially east of the Mississippi, has tended to keep the pest down. Meanwhile prices are by many considered high enough for the time being. They are \$35 to \$40 a bale higher than a year ago. Also, it is pointed out that 22 cents discounted the last crop of 8,000,000 bales. Crop advices from India and Egypt are somewhat more favorable. Some insist that there is a chance of a yield in Texas of 4,000,000 bales, and for the belt of something well over 12,000,000 bales. Latterly there has been a tendency to raise the estimates of the American crop. Finally, trade and

speculative interests have been disposed of late to go slow and watch developments rather than buy on an aggressive scale.

On the other hand, however, cotton trade is on the eve of a usually critical period for the crop. The next three or four weeks may possibly see very grave injury by the weevil pest. A new crop of weevil is being hatched out. It usually is around July 20. The crop is also late. Of late big rains in the eastern belt, reports of increasing boll weevil, dry weather in Texas, a rather more favorable outlook for European politics, higher Liverpool cables, covering of shorts and more or less trade and general buying have combined to steady prices. Some look for a weevil scare within the next few weeks. Liverpool and Japanese trade interests are understood to have bought here.

To-day prices declined on strike news, indifferent cables from Liverpool, dullness in Manchester and week-end liquidation. Also, it is believed that private reports to be issued next week are likely to be more favorable. And there is a growing belief that the Government report on August 1 will also be more promising than the last. Georgia had heavy rains and also South Carolina, but elsewhere in the eastern belt the indications pointed to clearing weather. There is no doubt, however, that at some 19 stations in Texas it was very hot, i. e. 100 to 108 degrees, with practically no rain at all. This may help to keep down the weevil, but it does not promote growth in the part of the State where rain is needed. Yet, in the main, it is believed that the crop has improved recently and final prices show a decline for the week of 28 to 54 points, 1923 deliveries showing the most strength. Some large interests have sold October and December and bought March, causing a noticeable narrowing of the differences. Spot cotton closed at 22.10c. for middling uplands, a decline for the week of 55 points.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the July 20 quotations of the ten markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, are the differences from middling established for deliveries in the New York market on July 27.

Middling fair	1.81 on	*Middling "yellow" tinged	1.55 off
Strict good middling	1.35 on	*Strict low mid. "yellow" tinged	2.28 off
Good middling	.94 on	*Low middling "yellow" tinged	3.10 off
Strict middling	.54 on	Good middling "yellow" tinged	1.33 off
Strict low middling	.59 off	*Strict mid. "yellow" stained	2.10 off
Low middling	1.25 off	*Middling "yellow" stained	2.95 off
*Strict good ordinary	2.13 off	*Good middling "blue" stained	1.40 off
*Good ordinary	3.03 off	*Strict middling "blue" stained	2.30 off
Strict good mid. "yellow" tinged	.53 on	*Middling "blue" stained	3.03 off
Good middling "yellow" tinged	.03 on	*These ten grades are not deliverable upon future contracts.	
Strict middling "yellow" tinged	.54 off		

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

July 15 to July 21—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling uplands	22.65	22.20	22.20	22.50	22.50	22.10

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on July 21 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1922	22.10c.	1914	13.25c.	1906	11.00c.	1898	6.06c.
1921	12.85c.	1913	12.40c.	1905	11.00c.	1897	7.94c.
1920	43.00c.	1912	12.80c.	1904	11.00c.	1896	7.12c.
1919	35.65c.	1911	13.45c.	1903	12.75c.	1895	7.00c.
1918	33.50c.	1910	16.00c.	1902	9.38c.	1894	7.06c.
1917	26.40c.	1909	12.30c.	1901	8.44c.	1893	8.12c.
1916	12.95c.	1908	11.00c.	1900	10.00c.	1892	7.25c.
1915	9.25c.	1907	12.95c.	1899	6.19c.	1891	8.38c.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Cont'l.	Total.
Saturday	Quiet, unchanged	Very steady			
Monday	Quiet, 45 pts. dec.	Steady		600	600
Tuesday	Quiet, unchanged	Steady			
Wednesday	Quiet, 30 pts. adv.	Steady		500	500
Thursday	Quiet, unchanged	Barely steady		2,000	2,000
Friday	Quiet, 40 pts. dec.	Barely steady			
Total				3,100	3,100

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, July 15.	Monday, July 17.	Tuesday, July 18.	Wednesday, July 19.	Thursday, July 20.	Friday, July 21.	Week.
July—							
Range	21.91-22.2	21.75-20.4	22.12-27	22.18-42	21.98-23	21.78-42	
Closing	22.38	21.94	21.96	22.26	22.28	21.82	
August—							
Range	22.41	22.00	22.10	22.30	22.34	22.25	22.25
Closing	22.49	22.00	22.10	22.30	22.34	21.90	
September—							
Range	22.55	22.00	22.15	22.32	22.35	21.91	22.20-22
Closing	22.55	22.00	22.15	22.32	22.35	21.91	
October—							
Range	22.32-60	21.87-37	21.95-23	22.21-49	22.30-54	21.92-36	21.87-60
Closing	22.40-49	21.95-39	22.15-17	22.38-38	22.38-40	21.92-34	
November—							
Range	22.38	21.91	21.98	22.26	22.26	22.17	21.98
Closing	22.38	21.91	22.10	22.29	22.36	21.92	
December—							
Range	22.23-45	21.78-25	21.82-10	22.06-38	22.20-44	21.89-30	21.78-45
Closing	22.30-34	21.85-37	22.03-04	22.22-23	22.33-34	21.89-32	
January—							
Range	21.92-15	21.55-22	21.57-85	21.84-10	22.00-22	21.74-11	21.55-22
Closing	22.00	21.60	21.81	22.00	22.14	21.75-77	
February—							
Range	21.95	21.56	21.76	21.95	22.12	21.73	
Closing	21.95	21.56	21.76	21.95	22.12	21.73	
March—							
Range	21.84-22	21.50-83	21.55-80	21.76-22	21.88-20	21.71-11	21.60-20
Closing	21.90	21.50-55	21.72-75	21.90-93	22.10	21.71	
April—							
Range	21.77	21.45	21.64	21.81	22.00	21.64	
Closing	21.77	21.45	21.64	21.81	22.00	21.64	
May—							
Range	21.61-73	21.34-57	21.45-70	21.65-50	21.74-23	21.60-93	21.34-63
Closing	21.65	21.40-43	21.57	21.73	21.95	21.60	

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THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks, as well as the afloat, are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday), we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

July 21—	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Stock at Liverpool	854,000	1,099,000	988,000	987,000
Stock at London	—	2,000	12,000	13,000
Stock at Manchester	66,000	89,000	127,000	86,000
Total Great Britain	920,000	1,190,000	1,127,000	686,000
Stock at Hamburg	33,000	26,000	—	—
Stock at Bremen	182,000	216,600	88,000	—
Stock at Havre	154,000	139,000	223,000	162,000
Stock at Rotterdam	9,000	11,000	—	—
Stock at Barcelona	67,000	94,000	99,000	34,000
Stock at Genoa	164,000	33,000	65,000	22,000
Stock at Ghent	8,000	39,000	20,000	9,000
Stock at Antwerp	1,000	—	—	—
Total Continental stocks	470,000	558,000	493,000	227,000
Total European stocks	1,390,000	1,748,000	1,620,000	913,000
India cotton afloat for Europe	83,000	37,000	102,000	42,000
American cotton afloat for Europe	262,000	351,263	150,148	424,873
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat for Europe	70,000	40,000	39,000	48,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	227,000	268,000	84,000	237,000
Stock in Bombay, India	842,000	1,189,000	1,354,000	1,040,000
Stock in U. S. ports	527,131	1,447,254	810,150	1,255,863
Stock in U. S. interior towns	433,178	1,157,547	894,410	878,387
U. S. exports to-day	19,814	10,263	10,762	11,090
Total visible supply	3,854,123	6,248,327	5,064,479	4,850,213

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

American—					
Liverpool stock	bales.	494,000	697,000	672,000	422,000
Manchester stock		45,000	72,000	111,000	59,000
Continental stock		386,000	472,000	407,000	217,000
American afloat for Europe		262,000	351,263	150,148	424,873
U. S. port stocks		527,131	1,447,254	810,150	1,255,863
U. S. interior stocks		433,178	1,157,547	894,410	878,387
U. S. exports to-day		19,814	10,263	10,762	11,090
Total American		2,167,123	4,207,327	3,055,479	3,268,213

East India, Brazil, &c.—					
Liverpool stock		360,000	402,000	316,000	165,000
London stock		—	2,000	12,000	13,000
Manchester stock		21,000	17,000	16,000	27,000
Continental stock		81,000	86,000	86,000	10,000
India afloat for Europe		83,000	37,000	102,000	42,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat		70,000	40,000	39,000	48,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt		227,000	268,000	84,000	237,000
Stock in Bombay, India		802,000	1,189,000	1,354,000	1,040,000
Total East India, &c.		1,687,000	2,011,000	2,009,000	1,582,000
Total American		2,167,123	4,207,327	3,055,479	3,268,213

Total visible supply					
Middling uplands, Liverpool		13,600	8,280	26,770	21,450
Middling uplands, New York		22,100	12,750	43,750	35,500
Egypt, good sakes, Liverpool		22,000	18,000	68,600	30,580
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool		14,500	10,500	47,000	29,500
Brach fine, Liverpool		11,800	8,150	20,350	18,850
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool		12,700	8,650	21,600	19,100

Continental imports for past week have been 77,000 bales. The above figures for 1922 show a decrease from last week of 260,561 bales, a loss of 4,334,204 bales from 1921, a decline of 1,210,356 bales from 1920 and a falling off of 996,590 bales from 1919.

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Towns.	Movement to July 21 1922.			Movement to July 22 1921.		
	Receipts.		Shipments.	Receipts.		Shipments.
	Week.	Season.		Week.	Season.	
Ala., Birmingham	232	32,616	497	1,648	492	23,355
Eufaula	437	7,172	600	3,125	—	9,865
Montgomery	31	48,858	132	12,978	251	50,787
Selma	38	41,846	186	2,531	198	33,619
Ark., Helena	34	31,854	299	6,336	—	1,667
Little Rock	752	185,273	1,529	19,117	2,370	223,036
Pine Bluff	846	129,267	1,301	26,052	—	131,150
Ga., Albany	—	6,964	—	1,287	6	10,762
Athens	223	98,692	1,340	16,883	2,201	146,126
Atlanta	1,086	237,377	2,547	13,929	2,358	182,580
Augusta	2,954	396,302	6,894	66,542	3,807	364,716
Columbus	308	64,718	954	7,472	—	37,828
Macon	215	38,395	698	6,770	676	61,395
Rome	247	31,284	950	7,026	209	39,178
La., Shreveport	200	62,613	1,400	5,000	—	99,506
Miss., Columbus	—	20,774	—	587	8	9,861
Clarksville	111	134,432	1,009	12,815	899	114,134
Greenwood	78	91,837	1,393	10,765	—	91,940
Meridian	56	34,149	439	1,634	459	26,312
Natchez	7	32,346	430	1,732	—	17,700
Vicksburg	47	27,153	157	3,029	—	12,716
Yakoo City	77	30,753	463	4,770	—	28,859
Mo., St. Louis	5,486	836,715	6,006	14,781	11,789	842,173
N. C., Gr. Astoria	2,478	65,880	3,155	9,145	337	29,939
Raleigh	263	14,958	300	140	241	7,695
Okla., Tulsa	42	83,666	83	1,161	436	109,085
Chickasha	35	62,001	475	788	489	83,337
Oklahoma	980	65,363	4,583	4,105	—	57,681
S. C., Greenville	2,977	187,223	4,810	22,002	1,281	92,365
Greenwood						

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:

	1921-22		1920-21	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
July 21—Shipped—				
Via St. Louis	6,906	830,688	13,215	821,405
Via Mounds, &c.	3,520	372,931	2,082	250,269
Via Rock Island		7,986	89	36,219
Via Louisville	687	84,048	1,043	74,300
Via Virginia points	3,680	259,570	6,218	160,590
Via other routes, &c.	7,980	451,485	28,619	584,300
Total gross overland	22,773	2,006,708	51,266	1,927,083
Deduct Shipments—				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.	409	171,050	1,968	143,638
Between interior towns	495	29,264	1,017	49,651
Inland, &c., from South	10,206	397,098	4,297	316,653
Total to be deducted	11,210	597,412	7,282	509,942
Leaving total net overland *	11,563	1,409,296	43,984	1,417,141

* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 11,563 bales, against 43,984 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits a decrease from a year ago of 7,845 bales.

	1921-22		1920-21	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to July 21	31,697	6,050,078	98,434	6,614,699
Net overland to July 21	11,563	1,409,196	43,984	1,417,141
Southern consumption to July 21, a	91,000	3,635,000	73,000	3,063,000
Total marketed	134,260	11,094,274	215,418	11,094,840
Interior stocks in excess	25,661	683,591	49,189	297,606
Came into sight during week	108,599		166,229	
Total in sight July 21	10,410,683		11,392,446	
Nor. spinners' takings to July 21	23,229	2,217,337	17,285	2,031,531

* Decrease during week and season. a These figures are consumption; takings not available.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Week	Bales.	Since Aug. 1—	Bales.
1920—July 23	81,424	1919-20—July 23	12,140,345
1919—July 25	124,837	1918-19—July 25	11,468,935
1918—July 26	92,787	1917-18—July 26	12,103,715

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph from the South this evening denote that temperatures have averaged near normal in all districts, with showers light everywhere east and west of the Mississippi except that in central and eastern Oklahoma there have been moderate to heavy rains. Prospective damage from weevil is diminishing with the prevalence of dry, and in some sections, hot weather.

Texas.—Cotton has made fairly good to very good progress except that where the planting was late rather slow headway is being made. Damage by weevil has been checked, due to dry weather.

Mobile.—There have been scattered showers daily and one day of heavy rain in the interior. As a result, the crop is doing nicely. Few bolls are reported as having opened as yet. There has been little complaint about weevil.

	Rain.		Rainfall.		Thermometer.	
	Days	In.	High	Low	Mean	Mean
Galveston, Texas	3 days	0.72 in.	high 90	low 70	mean 80	mean 85
Aberdeen	dry		high 100	low 70	mean 85	mean 84
Brenham	2 days	0.49 in.	high 98	low 70	mean 84	mean 84
Brownsville	1 day	0.42 in.	high 94	low 74	mean 84	mean 85
Corpus Christi	dry		high 94	low 76	mean 85	mean 84
Dallas	3 days	0.17 in.	high 99	low 68	mean 84	mean 84
Henrietta	1 day	0.55 in.	high 101	low 66	mean 84	mean 83
Kerrville	dry		high 95	low 60	mean 78	mean 83
Lampasas	1 day	0.05 in.	high 105	low 61	mean 83	mean 82
Longview	1 day	1.02 in.	high 95	low 60	mean 82	mean 87
Luling	1 day	0.18 in.	high 102	low 71	mean 87	mean 82
Nacatoches	5 days	2.11 in.	high 98	low 66	mean 82	mean 81
Palatine	2 days	0.22 in.	high 94	low 68	mean 81	mean 84
Paris	2 days	0.74 in.	high 100	low 67	mean 84	mean 79
San Antonio	1 day	0.10 in.	high 98	low 60	mean 80	mean 80
Taylor	1 day	0.01 in.	high	low 72	mean	mean 80
Weatherford	dry		high 103	low 68	mean 80	mean 82
Ardmore, Okla.	2 days	2.26 in.	high 96	low 67	mean 82	mean 84
Altus	dry		high 105	low 63	mean 84	mean 84
Muskogee	1 day	0.25 in.	high 98	low 69	mean 84	mean 82
Oklahoma City	dry		high 96	low 67	mean 82	mean 81
Brinkley, Ark.	2 days	0.35 in.	high 94	low 67	mean 81	mean 80
Eldorado	1 day	0.45 in.	high 93	low 60	mean 80	mean 81
Little Rock	3 days	1.24 in.	high 91	low 69	mean 80	mean 81
Pine Bluff	3 days	0.66 in.	high 94	low 67	mean 81	mean 79
Alexandria, La.	5 days	5.61 in.	high 93	low 70	mean 82	mean 79
Amite	4 days	1.02 in.	high 90	low 68	mean 79	mean 80
Shreveport	5 days	0.76 in.	high 92	low 68	mean 80	mean 81
Okolona, Miss.	4 days	1.50 in.	high 97	low 65	mean 81	mean 80
Columbus	2 days	0.35 in.	high 95	low 65	mean 80	mean 83
Greenwood	3 days	1.93 in.	high 97	low 69	mean 83	mean 79
Vicksburg	3 days	1.10 in.	high 88	low 70	mean 79	mean 80
Mobile, Ala.	6 days	6.62 in.	high 90	low 71	mean 80	mean 77
Decatur	3 days	1.39 in.	high 91	low 67	mean 79	mean 81
Montgomery	6 days	3.29 in.	high 90	low 63	mean 77	mean 81
Selma	5 days	1.25 in.	high 91	low 70	mean 81	mean 78
Gainesville, Fla.	6 days	1.85 in.	high 88	low 67	mean 78	mean 82
Madison	5 days	1.39 in.	high 94	low 70	mean 82	mean 82
Savannah, Ga.	4 days	1.96 in.	high 93	low 72	mean 82	mean 81
Athens	4 days	1.41 in.	high 94	low 67	mean 81	mean 82
Columbus	3 days	1.61 in.	high 93	low 70	mean 82	mean 77
Charleston, S. C.	5 days	2.15 in.	high 92	low 71	mean 82	mean 80
Greenwood	2 days	1.98 in.	high 86	low 67	mean 77	mean 81
Columbia	4 days	0.74 in.	high 90	low 70	mean 80	mean 81
Conway	4 days	2.74 in.	high 92	low 69	mean 81	mean 77
Charlotte, N. C.	4 days	1.52 in.	high 92	low 69	mean 81	mean 83
Newbern	3 days	2.79 in.	high 90	low 69	mean 77	mean 83
Weldon	4 days	2.87 in.	high 95	low 70	mean 83	mean 87
Dyersburg, Tenn.	1 day	0.20 in.	high 89	low 67	mean 87	mean 80
Memphis	1 day	0.05 in.	high 90	low 70	mean 80	mean 80

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:

	July 21 1922.	July 22 1921.
	Feet.	Feet.
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge.	7.4
Memphis	Above zero of gauge.	17.
Nashville	Above zero of gauge.	10.9
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge.	7.0
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge.	23.3

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.

Week ending July 21.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—				
	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wed. day.	Thursday.
Galveston	22.50	22.55	22.65	22.90	22.90
New Orleans	22.50	22.25	22.25	22.25	22.25
Mobile	21.75	21.75	21.75	21.75	21.75
Savannah	22.50	22.00	22.16	22.36	22.38
Norfolk	22.63	22.13	22.25	22.63	22.63
Baltimore		23.00	22.50	22.50	22.50
Augusta	22.81	22.43	22.50	22.88	23.00
Memphis	23.00	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50
Houston	22.90	22.40	22.60	22.75	22.75
Little Rock	22.50	22.25	22.25	22.25	22.25
Dallas	22.50	22.00	22.15	22.35	22.35
Fort Worth		22.00	22.15	22.35	22.35

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.

	Saturday, July 15.	Monday, July 17.	Tuesday, July 18.	Wednesday, July 19.	Thursday, July 20.	Friday, July 21.
July	22.27	bid 21.88-21.93	22.09-22.14	22.28-22.31	22.35-22.35	21.97-22.05
August	22.07	bid 21.53	bid 21.74	bid 21.91	bid 21.91	bid 21.45
October	21.92-21.95	21.48-21.51	21.69-21.71	21.87-21.89	21.86-21.88	21.45-21.48
December	21.74-21.76	21.31-21.34	21.54-21.57	21.71-21.73	21.78-21.81	21.40-21.43
January	21.54	21.21-21.24	21.36	21.58	21.68	21.30
March	21.34	21.30-21.04	21.24-21.26	21.45-21.48	21.54-21.58	21.20
May	21.10	bid 20.84	bid 21.02	bid 21.32	bid 21.32-21.35	20.98
June						
Spot	Quiet	Steady	Steady	Steady	Quiet	Quiet
Options	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Week ending	Receipts at Ports.			Stocks at Interior Towns.			Receipts from Plantations		
	1921-22	1920-21	1919-20	1921-22	1920-21	1919-20	1921-22	1920-21	1919-20
May									
5	94,458	133,247	60,541	965,883	1,545,200	1,130,441	51,484	109,731	38,846
12	124,013	138,041	54,213	898,218	1,543,401	1,100,590	50,348	136,247	24,662
19	109,558	181,551	51,276	838,360	1,519,729	1,076,708	47,588	107,874	27,094
26	109,273	119,852	46,422	782,196	1,496,657	1,066,410	53,109	96,780	36,124
June									
2	113,448	116,803	37,888	715,192	1,456,790	1,044,433	45,444	76,936	15,911
9	94,570	109,659	39,277	66,798	1,423,858	1,025,745	45,767	76,727	20,589
16	70,575	113,556	30,151	627,463	1,374,665	1,011,260	31,240	64,363	15,666
23	73,711	100,160	23,204	588,332	1,339,017	988,400	36,580	64,512	350
30	72,514	103,323	27,337	540,737	1,292,856	970,557	24,919	57,162	9,488
July									
7	56,184	100,186	24,959	498,935	1,240,354	957,497	14,382	47,684	11,899
14	41,564	83,953	23,481	458,830	1,206,736	934,790	1,468	50,337	---
21	31,697	98,434	27,207	433,178	1,157,547	894,410	6,036	49,245	---

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1921 are 5,269,363 bales; in 1920-21 were 6,912,305 bales, and in 1919-20 were 6,884,372 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 31,697 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 6,036 bales, the difference being taken from stocks at interior towns. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 50,357 bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.

Cotton Takings, Week and Season.	1921-22.		1920-21.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply July 14	4,214,684		6,336,422	
Visible supply Aug. 1		6,111,250		4,956,257
American in sight to July 21	108,599	10,410,683	166,229	11,392,446
Bombay receipts to July 20	9,000	3,376,000	85,000	2,781,000
Other India shipments to July 20	1,000	248,000	2,000	241,000
Alexandria receipts to July 19	12,000	733,000	10,000	634,000
Other supply to July 19	94,000	6368,000	10,000	389,000
Total supply	4,349,283	21,236,933	6,609,651	20,393,703
Deduct				
Visible supply July 21	3,854,123	3,854,123	6,248,327	6,248,327
Total takings to July 21, a	495,160	17,382,810	361,324	14,145,376
Of which American	245,160	12,317,790	239,324	10,170,376
Of which other	250,000	5,065,02		

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 17,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a gain of 82,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show an increase of 660,000 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—We now receive a weekly cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years.

Alexandria, Egypt, July 19.	1921-22.	1920-21.	1919-20.
Receipts (cantars)—			
This week	35,000	52,399	1,346
Since Aug. 1	5,460,665	4,725,709	5,646,134

Exports (bales)—	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool		175,041		115,445	1,512	249,632
To Manchester, &c	7,000	158,040		87,748		145,546
To Continent and India	5,000	231,317	2,503	149,462	2,504	140,004
To America		176,276		48,139	790	288,625
Total exports	12,000	740,674	2,503	400,792	4,866	823,807

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week were 35,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 12,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market for both yarns and cloths is quiet. Stocks of goods are accumulating. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

	1921-22.				1920-21.				Cot's Mid. Up's
	32s Cop Twtst.	8 1/2 lbs. Strains, Common to Finest.	Cot's Mid. Up's	32s Cop Twtst.	8 1/2 lbs. Strains, Common to Finest.	Cot's Mid. Up's	32s Cop Twtst.		
May 19	19 1/4 @ 20 1/4	16 1/4 @ 16 9	11.98 16 1/4	19 1/4 @ 19 1/4	16 0 @ 17 0	7.42			
25	19 1/4 @ 20 1/4	16 1/4 @ 16 9	11.69 16 1/4	19 1/4 @ 19 1/4	16 0 @ 17 0	7.62			
June 2	19 @ 20 1/4	16 1 1/2 @ 16 9	12.03 16 1/4	19 1/4 @ 19 1/4	16 0 @ 17 0	7.47			
9	19 @ 20 1/4	16 1 1/2 @ 16 9	12.30 16 1/4	19 1/4 @ 19 1/4	16 0 @ 17 0	7.75			
16	19 1/4 @ 21 0	16 1 1/2 @ 16 9	12.78 16 1/4	19 1/4 @ 19 1/4	16 0 @ 17 0	7.47			
23	20 1/4 @ 21 1/2	16 3 @ 16 10 1/2	13.39 16 1/4	19 1/4 @ 19 1/4	16 0 @ 17 0	7.00			
30	20 1/4 @ 21 1/2	16 1 1/2 @ 16 10 1/2	13.08 17	19 1/4 @ 19 1/4	16 0 @ 17 0	7.25			
July 7	21 @ 22 1/4	16 3 @ 16 10 1/2	13.50 17 1/4	19 1/4 @ 19 1/4	15 9 @ 17 3	7.84			
14	20 1/4 @ 21 1/2	16 0 @ 16 7 1/2	13.65 17 1/4	19 1/4 @ 19 1/4	15 9 @ 17 0	8.19			
21	19 1/4 @ 21 1/2	16 0 @ 16 5	13.60 17	19 1/4 @ 19 1/4	15 9 @ 17 0	8.25			

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 96,434 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

		Bales.
NEW YORK	To Liverpool—July 14—Cedric, 2,008	2,468
	To Bremen—July 14—George Washington, 199	199
	Morristown, 1,686	1,686
	July 20—Susquehanna, 1,776	1,776
	To Barcelona—July 14—Carreno, 1,152	1,152
	July 15—Cabo Ortegai, 521	521
	To Kobe—July 17—Knight Templar, 5,000	5,000
	To Havre—July 14—Eglantier, 1,404	1,404
	To Rotterdam—July 19—Eastern Dawn, 200	200
	To Japan—July 18—Satsuma, 463	463
GALVESTON	To Liverpool—July 15—West Totant, 3,977	3,977
	July 19—Architect, 13,337	13,337
	To Manchester—July 15—West Totant, 1,473	1,473
	To Havre—July 15—Elkhorn, 6,342	6,342
	To Antwerp—July 15—Elkhorn, 300	300
	To Ghent—July 15—Elkhorn, 577	577
	To Bremen—July 15—Brave Coeur, 6,850; Glucksburg, 3,932	10,782
	To Hamburg—July 15—Glucksburg, 1,250	1,250
	To Barcelona—July 18—Conde Wilfredo, 2,450	2,450
	To Genoa—July 18—Dora Baltes, 4,451	4,451
NEW ORLEANS	To Hamburg—July 14—Deurschfeld, 500	500
	To Liverpool—July 15—Duquesne, 2,130	2,130
	July 17—Asian, 6,880	6,880
	July 21—Severmede, 431	431
	To Manchester—July 15—Duquesne, 1,901	1,901
	To Rotterdam—July 17—Saguache, 381	381
	To Havre—July 18—La Perouse, 1,349	1,349
	To Genoa—July 20—Erdely, 276	276
	To Bremen—July 20—Cliffwood, 96	96
	To Barcelona—July 21—Conde Wilfredo, 790	790
NORFOLK	To Japan—July 15—Savoic Prince, 2,350	2,350
SAVANNAH	To Japan—July 14—Chickasaw City, 7,200	7,200
	July 18—Yone Maru, 8,000	8,000
BALTIMORE	To Bremen—June 30—Chappaqua, 106	106
	To Genoa—June 30—Sinsawa, 450	450
BOSTON	To Liverpool—July 8—Assyria, 197	197
	To Antwerp—July 12—Michigan, 62	62
BRUNSWICK	To Liverpool—July 18—Bolivian, 682	682
MOBILE	To Liverpool—July 15—Wildwood, 1,468	1,468
	To Manchester—July 15—Wildwood, 357	357
PHILADELPHIA	To Liverpool—July 1—Medlan, 20	20
		96,434

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Barrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

	High Stand. Density. ard.	High Stand. Density. ard.	High Stand. Density. ard.		
Liverpool	25c. 40c.	Stockholm, 50c. 65c.	Bombay	55c. 65c.	
Manch'r.	25c. 40c.	Trieste	35c. 42 1/2c.	Vladivostok	---
Antwerp	22 1/2c. 37 1/2c.	Flume	35c. 42 1/2c.	Gothen'g.	50c. 65c.
Ghent	---	Ilson	50c. 65c.	Bremen	22 1/2c. 35c.
Havre	27 1/2c. 42 1/2c.	Oporto	75c. 90c.	Hamburg	22 1/2c. 35c.
Rotterdam	22 1/2c. 37 1/2c.	Barcelona	40c. 55c.	Piraeus	60c. 75c.
Genoa	32 1/2c. 37 1/2c.	Japan	50c. 65c.	Salonia	60c. 75c.
Christiana	37 1/2c. 60c.	Shanghai	50c. 65c.		

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	June 30.	July 7.	July 14.	July 21.
Sales of the week	48,000	45,000	37,000	32,000
Of which American	31,000	28,000	21,000	17,000
Actual export	2,000	1,000	3,000	3,000
Forwarded	62,000	65,000	63,000	59,000
Total stock	868,000	875,000	855,000	854,000
Of which American	513,000	519,000	502,000	494,000
Total imports	40,000	68,000	43,000	67,000
Of which American	18,000	55,000	30,000	42,000
Amount afloat	178,000	168,000	163,000	131,000
Of which American	109,000	94,000	69,000	67,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12-15 P. M.		A fair business doing.	Quiet.	A hardening tendency.	A fair business doing.	Quiet.
Mid. Up's		13.53	13.29	13.50	13.55	13.60
Sales	HOLIDAY	8,000	6,000	7,000	8,000	5,000
Futures. Market opened		Quiet, 8 @ 10 pts. decline.	Steady, 15 @ 22 pts. decline.	Quiet but steady, 4 @ 5 pts. adv.	Quiet, 4 points advance.	Quiet, 1 @ 6 pts. advance.
Market, 4 P. M.		Quiet, 10 @ 12 pts. decline.	Steady, 1 @ 7 pts. decline.	Quiet, 3 @ 5 pts. advance.	Steady, 6 @ 9 pts. advance.	Quiet, 1 @ 10 pts. advance.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

July 15 to July 21.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	12 1/4 p. m.	12 1/4 p. m.	12 1/4 p. m.	12 1/4 p. m.	12 1/4 p. m.	12 1/4 p. m.
July	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
August	13.13	13.10	12.89	13.06	13.10	13.11
September	12.95	12.92	12.71	12.89	12.93	12.98
October	12.80	12.78	12.56	12.71	12.76	12.81
November	12.67	12.64	12.42	12.58	12.62	12.67
December	12.55	12.52	12.31	12.49	12.53	12.56
January	12.44	12.42	12.21	12.37	12.41	12.46
February	12.33	12.31	12.11	12.27	12.31	12.36
March	12.27	12.25	12.06	12.22	12.27	12.31
April	12.21	12.18	12.01	12.17	12.22	12.26
May	12.14	12.12	11.95	12.10	12.14	12.19
June	12.08	12.06	11.89	12.03	12.07	12.12
	12.02	12.01	11.83	11.97	12.01	12.07

BREADSTUFFS.

Friday Night, July 21 1922.

Flour trade has kept within narrow limits, owing largely to the sharp declines at times in wheat. Last Monday cash wheat fell nearly 4 cents at Minneapolis. That cooled the ardor of any who may have been disposed to buy for forward delivery. Yet it is true that the railroad strike has at times made buyers uneasy. Stocks are by no means heavy. What if supplies were seriously interrupted? That was a contingency that might well make buyers nervous. Still, as a rule, they have stuck to their policy of buying in small lots, even if as a precaution in somewhat larger volume than previously and much of the business was for prompt shipment. Evidently not a few buyers need to replenish supplies. Buying of spring wheat flour is restricted by what are regarded as the high prices demanded, especially as spring crop reports are more favorable.

Later in the week the West reported some increase in the trade in flour.

Wheat advanced slightly early in the week, but later on declined with some intimations that there might be an early ending of the railroad strike. But on Thursday there was a rally when the strike news seemed less favorable. A prolonged railroad strike would cause a scarcity in centres of distribution and would therefore tend to put up prices to home and foreign buyers. But on the whole the feeling has been rather optimistic as regards the railroad strike. Besides, the weather has been favorable in the spring wheat belt. That of itself naturally tended to cause lower prices. There is less said about rust. In fact, it has almost been dismissed from consideration. Hedging sales have increased somewhat, although it is true that cash wheat has been on the whole rather scarce and noticeably firm at times. The best grades of milling wheat at the Northwest advanced on Wednesday, although futures at Chicago then dropped 1 to 2c. and Minneapolis and Winnipeg futures fell about 1 1/2c. At the same time exporters have done a fair business. On the 19th inst. half a million bushels were reported sold, mostly to England and Italy. On the 18th inst. 400,000 bushels were sold, and on the 17th about 1,000,000 bushels, including Manitoba or new crop Durum, as well as cash wheat for prompt shipment from the Gulf. On the 17th inst., indeed, Liverpool advanced 1d. to 2 1/2d., the latter on July. It is worthy of remark, too, that the American visible supply last week decreased 1,336,000 bushels, whereas in the same week last year there was an increase of 3,954,000 bushels. Here is a difference of some 5,290,000 bushels. The total visible is now 15,543,000 bushels, against 12,849,000 bushels a year ago. It is believed that Europe will be a good buyer of American grain during the present season.

On the 20th inst. there was a sharp export demand and the sales were estimated at 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 bushels, mostly new crop Durum for forward delivery. Yet there was considerable hard wheat also taken for foreign markets as well as not a little red wheat and more or less Manitoba. A wet harvest and the railroad strike have held up the winter wheat crop movement. That may mean a rush of supplies of both winter and spring wheat later on, with lower prices, when it comes. That remains to be seen. Meanwhile the weather has latterly been favorable for thrashing. The

weather at the Northwest has also been good. Spring wheat crop accounts are cheerful. England and Italy have been the largest buyers.

The exportable surplus of the United States and Canada this season is estimated at 485,000,000 bushels. With Argentina, Australia and India, the world's exportable surplus will be 670,000,000 bushels. The import requirements of Europe last season were about 640,000,000 bushels.

Advices to the Department of Commerce say it is anticipated that the wheat crop of Europe will be smaller than it was last year and that the imports of wheat will consequently be increased.

The Legislatures of the Provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta will be called shortly to deal jointly with establishing a wheat board for the two Provinces for this season's crops.

In India the monsoon continues satisfactory and is extending towards the Northwest. In Prussia an official report for July put the condition of wheat at slightly below average. Unfavorable weather has prevailed in the United Kingdom of late and the low temperatures are delaying ripening. In France, also, cool weather is retarding wheat harvest.

To-day it was said that 1,000,000 bushels more were taken for export. Receipts were light at primary points, that is only about half as large as a year ago. This with a steady demand for cash wheat for both home and European account tended to brace up prices. But on the advance offerings increased, and prices reacted 1½ to 2c. from the early top. Final prices were 2¼ to 3c. lower than a week ago. Chicago to-day reported charters of 2,000,000 bushels of grain for Buffalo and Montreal.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red	Sat. 131¼	Mon. 130	Tues. 130	Wed. 130	Thurs. 129	Fri. 129
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July delivery in elevator	Sat. 115¼	Mon. 114¼	Tues. 114¼	Wed. 112¾	Thurs. 112¾	Fri. 113
September delivery in elevator	114¼	111¾	112½	111	112½	110½
December delivery in elevator	116¼	114¼	114¼	113¼	113¼	112

Indian corn, like other grain, declined, especially as the weather has been favorable for the growing crop. Yet cash corn has been in the main pretty steady, with a small crop movement. The visible supply in the United States decreased last week 2,645,000 bushels, against 1,796,000 in the same week last year and the total is now down to 26,074,000 bushels, against 20,371,000 a year ago. Exporters, too, on Monday took 300,000 bushels. But when wheat fell those who were "long" of corn sold freely and early in the week prices gave way about 1c.

To-day prices advanced at first, but reacted with wheat later on. The crop movement is larger than that of a year ago. Export demand of late has been quiet here, although the West reported liberal sales. Owing to the favorable weather for the crop people are inclined to look for lower prices. There is, therefore, no aggressive general buying. The ending to-day, however, was ½c. higher on July than a week ago and only ¼c. lower than on September. Export sales to-day were said to have been 1,000,000 bushels, and liberal on the 20th inst.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 yellow	Sat. 82	Mon. 81	Tues. 80½	Wed. 81	Thurs. 83¼	Fri. 81½
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July delivery in elevator	Sat. 62¾	Mon. 62	Tues. 62	Wed. 63	Thurs. 63	Fri. 62½
September delivery in elevator	64¾	63¾	63¾	64¾	64¾	64¾
December delivery in elevator	63¾	61¾	61¾	61¾	61¾	61¾

Oats declined with other grain. They showed no particular feature. Trade was quiet and speculation sluggish. True, July at one time was quite firm because of a fear of a delay in the crop movement due to the railroad strike. Yet the supply here is large enough to meet the ordinary demand, which is all that has prevailed. Shorts have been the chief buyers. On the other hand, the American visible supply decreased last week 1,210,000 bushels, against 350,000 last year. The total is now 41,190,000 bushels, against 35,372 a year ago.

Chicago reported the first arrival of new oats on the 20th inst. Stocks of old oats on hand are liberal, considering the demand. And before long offerings will increase of the new crop. Under the circumstances there is not much business being done, and the market lacks features of striking interest. To-day prices declined, with trade dull and other grain reacting after an early advance. Closing prices are 1¼ to 2c. lower than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 white	Sat. 47¼	Mon. 47¼	Tues. 47¼	Wed. 47¼	Thurs. 47	Fri. 47
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July delivery in elevator	Sat. 34¾	Mon. 34¼	Tues. 34¼	Wed. 34¼	Thurs. 33½	Fri. 32¾
September delivery in elevator	37¼	36¼	36¼	35¾	35¾	34¾
December delivery in elevator	40¼	39¼	39¼	39	39	37¾

Rye declined with wheat and also because of favorable crop news. It looks now as though the crop will be large. The visible supply in the United States decreased last week 228,000 bushels, as against an increase in the same week last year of 117,000 bushels. The total is now 967,000 bushels, against 478,000 a year ago.

To-day prices advanced at first, but reacted with other grain later. Of late there has been a fair business in rye for home account, and, it was said, a moderate trade for export, though this was not fully confirmed. Closing prices

show some decline for the week. There have been no striking developments during the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July delivery in elevator	Sat. 84	Mon. 83½	Tues. 83½	Wed. 82	Thurs. 81¼	Fri. 81¼
September delivery in elevator	82¼	81¾	81¾	81¾	84½	83¾

The following are closing quotations:

GRAIN.		FLOUR.	
Wheat—		Oats—	
No. 2 red	\$1.29	No. 2 white	47
No. 2 hard winter	1.32½	No. 3 white	46
Corn—		Barley—	
No. 2 yellow	81¼	Feeding	Nominal
Rye—No. 2	95½	Malting	75@78
Spring patents	\$7.60@8.00	Barley goods—Portage barley:	
Winter straights, soft	5.50@5.75	No. 1	\$5.25
Hard winter straights	6.25@6.75	Nos. 2, 3 and 4 pearl	5.25
First spring clears	6.25@6.75	Nos. 2-0 and 3-0	5.25@5.50
Rye flour	5.25@6.00	Nos. 4-0 and 5-0	6.00
Corn goods, 100 lbs.		Oats goods—Carload	
Yellow meal	1.82½@1.87½	spot delivery	5.70@5.90
Corn flour	1.85@1.87½		

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 18.

Weather conditions in their relation to the crops are summarized as follows by the Department of Agriculture in its weekly weather bulletin issued on July 19:

COTTON—Cotton crop was favorably affected by weather in nearly all sections of the belt. Temperature averaged nearly normal in all districts, with general light to moderate showers east of the Mississippi River and mostly light rainfall to the westward, except for moderate to heavy rains in central and eastern Oklahoma. Very good progress of the crop was reported from Carolinas, Tennessee, Arkansas and Louisiana and also in Texas, except late planted which was mostly poor.

The crop made excellent growth in Oklahoma where it was blooming and fruiting nicely in most sections. Progress was poor to fair in Mississippi and generally fair in Alabama and Georgia. Some shedding was reported from southern Texas, but in general the crop was fruiting fairly well in that State.

Cotton was in very good condition in North Carolina except in the eastern portion, where it was still showing effect of previous wet weather. Improvement in the condition of the crop was noted in South Carolina and Georgia, with bolls forming nicely in the latter State. Condition was generally fair in Alabama except that it was poor in some southeastern sections; the plant was generally small but fruiting well. The crop was well cultivated in Arkansas and was in fair to very good condition in the north and central portion but poor in the south.

Its condition was generally fair in Oklahoma and rains from fair to excellent in southern and western Texas and generally fair elsewhere in that State.

While temperatures were moderate to Oklahoma and Arkansas, sunshine was somewhat deficient and there was considerable cloudy weather, which favored increase of weevil activities, but insect damage was somewhat checked in Texas by dry weather. Weevils were appearing in increasing numbers in the more northeastern portion of the belt and continued numerous in the central and southeastern portion with much damage in some localities.

CORN—Corn improved during the week in most of the important corn-growing States, although late crop needed rain in much of Texas and it deteriorated in parts of western Oklahoma due to lack of moisture. Its progress and condition were generally fair to excellent in central and eastern Oklahoma, and rapid growth continued in Kansas, where the crop was tasseling. It continues satisfactory progress and condition in Nebraska and South Dakota, where much was in tassel. The progress and condition of the crop were fairly good in Iowa. The condition of the early crop was excellent in Missouri, where it was in silk and tassel. The late crop made a variable growth in that State, but it was generally very good. Heavy damage occurred in the lowlands of the northwestern portion of Missouri during the flood of the previous week.

Corn was benefited by showers in Illinois, but some fields in the South needed more rain. Growth and condition were very good to excellent in Indiana and Ohio. The early crop made satisfactory progress in Kentucky and Tennessee, while the late crop was very good in Kentucky except in the northeast, where rain was needed. There was a marked improvement in New York State, where light rainfall allowed for much needed cultivation. It was in excellent condition but weedy in Pennsylvania. The late crop was rather spotted in the Southern States and rain was needed in some districts. The nights were rather cool for best growth in north central districts and the week was rather too cool for sweet corn in eastern New England.

WHEAT—The weather in general was favorable in the spring wheat belt, except in the more western portions. Showers were very beneficial in north central and southeastern Montana, but spring wheat was further injured in the northwestern portion by lack of moisture, drying winds and an excess of sunshine.

The cool weather was favorable in North Dakota, but considerable damage by a severe hail storm near the middle of the week occurred and much lodging resulted from high winds. There were also some reports of black rust, but the crop was generally in excellent condition.

The weather was generally favorable for the development of spring wheat in South Dakota, but the condition of the crop continued very uneven in Minnesota, though it was generally fair except in the central and central western counties where poor on account of dry weather. In the more western portions of the belt, however, including Oregon and Idaho, and also in the central Rocky Mountain districts, the crop was further injured by lack of moisture, seriously so in many localities. The cutting of spring wheat was begun in Illinois and some fields were ripe as far north as South Dakota.

OATS—The quality of early oats was reported as generally good in Iowa, but with only fair yield, and the late crop was improved by the recent rains, although the high winds beat down many fields badly. The weather was generally favorable for this crop in the Lake region also and excellent progress was reported in the northeast. Threshing showed mostly disappointing results, however, in the Ohio Valley. Rice made satisfactory progress in west Gulf districts and was favored by warmer weather the latter part of the week in California. Flax was generally doing well in the northern Great Plains area with the early sown blooming in North Dakota. Kafir was reported in satisfactory condition in the lower Great Plains.

The statements of the movements 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.
	bushels, 150 lbs.	bush, 60 lbs.	bush, 56 lbs.	bush, 32 lbs.	bush, 48 lbs.	bush, 50 lbs.
Chicago	162,000	868,000	2,912,000	1,536,000	102,000	42,000
Minneapolis	1,171,000	1,148,000	353,000	142,000	21,000	21,000
Duluth	612,000	314,000	21,000	73,000	101,000	—
Milwaukee	49,000	6,000	266,000	228,000	151,000	6,000
Toledo	—	76,000	32,000	48,000	—	2,000
Detroit	—	30,000	12,000	28,000	—	—
Indianapolis	—	270,000	—	—	—	—
St. Louis	87,000	695,000	410,000	331,000	8,000	1,000
Peoria	—	103,000	306,000	305,000	7,000	—
Kansas City	—	1,457,000	220,000	70,000	—	—
Omaha	—	204,000	557,000	204,000	—	—
St. Joseph	—	235,000	153,000	10,000	—	—
Total wk. '22	340,000	5,827,000	5,329,000	3,114,000	483,000	163,000
Same wk. '21	333,000	12,715,000	3,700,000	3,030,000	593,000	264,000
Same wk. '20	261,000	5,318,000	4,272,000	3,608,000	363,000	670,000
Since Aug. 1—						
1921-22	20,449,000	145,792,000	381,489,000	208,307,000	30,905,000	23,946,000
1920-21	25,087,000	357,550,000	150,931,000	182,000	10,624,000	19,211,000
1919-20	19,397,000	429,598,000	114,604,000	207,743,000	6,547,000	6,173,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday July 15 1922, follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.		Wheat.		Corn.		Oats.		Barley.		Rye.	
	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Barrels.
New York...	175,000	891,000	737,000	483,000	170,000	357,000						
Philadelphia...	47,000	835,000	381,000	16,000								
Baltimore...	18,000	502,000	663,000	77,000	24,000	117,000						
New Orleans...	78,000	546,000	175,000	32,000								
Galveston...		221,000										
Montreal...	21,000	3,274,000	637,000	829,000	136,000	90,000						
Boston...	25,000	42,000		73,000	3,000	1,000						
Total wk. '22	364,000	6,314,000	2,593,000	1,510,000	333,000	465,000						
Since Jan. 1 '22	12,795,000	101,766,000	93,999,000	39,184,000	5,999,000	17,499,000						
Same wk. '21	469,000	4,562,000	2,731,000	1,084,000	384,000	120,000						
Since Jan. 1 '21	13,252,000	111,333,000	47,593,000	27,741,000	9,202,000	12,860,000						

* 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 Saturday, July 15 1922, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.		Corn.		Flour.		Oats.		Rye.		Barley.		Peas.	
	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Barrels.
New York...	864,443	385,000	406,001	143,228	837,521	310,997	311,345							
Boston...														
Philadelphia...	1,176,000	197,000	6,000											
Baltimore...	297,900	351,000	6,000			51,000	102,000							
Mobile...			2,000											
New Orleans...	374,000	122,000	35,000	5,000										
Montreal...	2,519,000	401,000	45,000	801,000	474,000	234,000								
Total week 1922	5,230,443	1,863,001	227,228	1,643,521	835,997	647,345								
Same week 1921	3,596,852	2,099,658	266,901	1,020,451	2,099,658	408,516								

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1922 is as below:

Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—	Flour.		Wheat.		Corn.	
	Week July 15	Since July 1	Week July 15	Since July 1	Week July 15	Since July 1
	Barrels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.
United Kingdom...	68,570	137,868	1,551,288	27,850,067	652,236	1,078,738
Continental...	110,670	166,280	3,672,155	75,352,215	1,199,765	2,425,720
So. & Cent. Amer...	6,000	8,000			13,000	13,000
West Indies...	17,000	34,000			1,000	38,000
Other countries...	24,988	28,088	7,000	7,000		
Total 1922	227,228	374,234	5,230,443	10,298,282	1,863,001	3,597,456
Total 1921	266,901	670,160	3,596,852	10,250,451	2,099,658	4,039,942

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange for the week ending Friday, July 14, and since July 1 1922 and 1921, are shown in the following:

Exports.	Wheat.		Corn.	
	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
	Week July 14.	Since July 1.	Week July 14.	Since July 1.
North Amer.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
Russ. & Dan.	6,244,000	12,678,000	14,318,000	2,000,000
Argentina...	376,000	410,000	360,000	442,000
Australia...	3,037,000	6,610,000	3,719,000	1,312,000
India...	1,208,000	1,512,000	1,912,000	
Oth. countr's			512,000	
Total...	10,865,000	21,216,000	21,321,000	3,779,000

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, July 15, was as follows:

United States—	Wheat.		Corn.		Oats.		Rye.		Barley.	
	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
New York	783,000	464,000	1,634,000	80,000	230,000					
Boston	9,000	141,000	919,000	2,000	1,000					
Philadelphia	629,000	483,000	118,000	11,000						
Baltimore	490,000	810,000	224,000	242,000	7,000					
Newport News			8,000							
New Orleans	1,057,000	64,000	69,000	27,000						
Galveston	1,275,000			14,000	7,000					
Buffalo	1,291,000	1,975,000	3,991,000	2,800	246,000					
St. Joseph, Mo.	89,000	286,000	346,000	1,000	1,000					
St. Louis	168,000	138,000	215,000	4,000	1,000					
Detroit	17,000	23,000	57,000	12,000						
Chicago	1,682,000	10,863,000	11,942,000	214,000	37,000					
" afloat	234,000	422,000								
Milwaukee	35,000	634,000	889,000	20,000	143,000					
Duluth	1,006,000	1,232,000	791,000	269,000	161,000					
St. Joseph, Mo.	247,000	432,000	37,000	2,000	2,000					
St. Louis	2,895,000	1,325,000	15,825,000	10,000	270,000					
St. Paul	587,000	305,000	183,000	3,000	1,000					
Kansas City	1,682,000	3,918,000	1,166,000	22,000						
Pearla	42,000	88,000	360,000							
Indianapolis	106,000	202,000	114,000	2,000						
Omaha	277,000	839,000	1,900,000	11,000	3,000					
On Lakes	742,000	1,221,000	372,000		75,000					
On Canal and River	200,000	180,000	30,000	19,000						
Total July 15 1922	15,543,000	26,074,000	14,190,000	967,000	1,185,000					
Total July 8 1922	16,879,000	28,719,000	42,400,000	1,175,000	1,375,000					
Total July 16 1921	12,849,000	20,371,000	35,372,000	478,000	1,987,000					

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 18,000 bushels; Buffalo, 165,000; Boston, 330,000; total, 513,000 bushels, against 331,000 in 1921; barley, New York, 45,000 bushels; Duluth, 4,000; Buffalo, 3,000; Boston, 16,000; total, 68,000 bushels, against 69,000 bushels in 1921; and wheat, New York, 103,000; Baltimore, 87,000; Buffalo, 568,000; Philadelphia, 906,000; Boston, 28,000; total, 1,452,000 bushels in 1922.

Canadian		American	
Montreal	960,000	1,469,000	2,474,000
Fr. William & Pt. Arthur	14,598,000		2,310,000
Other Canadian	1,137,000		1,747,000
Total July 15 1922	16,695,000	1,469,000	5,431,000
Total July 8 1922	18,165,000	1,421,000	5,100,000
Total July 16 1921	16,715,000	1,163,000	10,193,000

Summary		American	
American	15,543,000	26,074,000	14,190,000
Canadian	16,699,000	1,469,000	5,431,000
Total July 15 1922	32,242,000	27,543,000	19,621,000
Total July 8 1922	33,044,000	30,140,000	47,500,000
Total July 16 1921	19,364,000	21,534,000	45,565,000

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

New York, Friday Night, July 21 1922.

Demand for dry goods appears to be steadily increasing. The hesitancy on the part of buyers to make purchases at asked prices, which has been a prominent factor in the situation for some time past, is slowly giving way to a belief that the higher prices are here to stay and that sellers are justified in asking them. Buyers in practically all divisions of the trade are well occupied in looking over merchandise, and although they are fully convinced as to the justification of advances, they continue to display resistance until the last moment before placing orders. An advancing market has no doubt arrived and is slowly making headway, and while there are some who continue to debate the feasibility of higher price levels, they are reluctantly coming to the conclusion that conditions must be accepted as they exist. Sellers claim that they are not desirous of marking up values, as they are just as keen as buyers to avoid the pitfalls of inflation, but are forced to do so by the increased costs of production and raw materials. Markets for raw materials have ruled firm in face of a universal demand for lower prices, and producers of finished goods are as much against raw material markets working higher as buyers and consumers, and are credited with having made every effort possible to keep the markets within bounds. Sellers, however, have firm confidence in the future based on the belief that prevailing difficulties, including strikes, foreign situation and uncertainty over the cotton crop will all be ultimately settled, and that the underlying strength of the market will withstand all onslaughts.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS: An improved demand has been noted in markets for domestic cotton goods, although the volume of buying is still said to be below what might be considered normal. Buyers are reaching the market in increasing number, and while they are spending most of their time in looking over merchandise, they are placing orders on a more liberal scale. Gingham and dress goods are being purchased in better volume, and jobbers report that demand from retailers is steadily improving. A good demand is reported for broadcloth shirtings, and this fabric is expected to be featured in many new lines. According to reports, ratines are meeting with widespread favor. Buyers who have been abroad and who are now returning, state that the vogue of this class of goods on the other side is becoming universal. A fairly active demand is noted for gray goods, although no great volume of these fabrics has been disposed of. Print cloths apparently have done better than sheetings, as sales of the latter have been confined for the most part to small lots. Rough crepes are holding up well and are being included in many new lines now being opened, while seed voiles and slack twist voiles are being purchased at market prices for spot delivery. Inquiry for various other cloths is also freer, and orders are more plentiful, although there are no sales of exceptional quantities reported. Print cloths, 28-inch, 64 x 64's construction, are listed at 7½c., and the 2-inch, 64 x 60's, at 6½c. Gray goods in the 29-inch, 68 x 72's, are quoted at 9¼c., and the 38-inch, 80 x 80's, at 12½c.

WOOLEN GOODS: The opening of spring 1923 lines by the American Woolen Co. during the early part of the week was favorably received. It showed approximately 3% increase over spring of 1922 and approximately 5% decrease under advance prices for fall 1922. There was no rush of buying. In view of the fact that the opening was one of the largest ever held by the company, approximately 71 fabrics being shown, it stands to reason that buyers must have time to look over things and to make up their mind. The next important opening by the American Woolen Co. will be that of the women's wear department, and it is generally believed that prices will be well maintained on this line of goods.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS: Fair activity has been reported in the market for linens, with demand largely for dress goods. Although there has been some falling off in call for colored goods, this has been offset by increased inquiry for white dress goods. Demand for damasks is more or less irregular, some sellers reporting good business, while others say things are quiet. Conditions abroad, according to latest advices, are about unchanged. Production is still curtailed and there are no indications of legal production limits being lifted for some time to come. Importers are buying conservatively to anticipate the tariff, while retailers and jobbers are not, as they believe that producers on the other side will have to cut prices to allow for the tariff changes. Burlaps have ruled generally quiet during the week with a steady undertone. Large buyers appear to have satisfied their requirements for the time being and therefore have been confining purchases to small lots. Spot light weights are quoted at 6.20c. and heavies at 9.35c.

State and City Department

NEWS ITEMS.

Regina, Sask.—Saskatchewan Court of Appeals, Reversing Decision of Lower Court, Rules That Sterling Bonds May Be Met at Current Rate of Exchange.—Reference to this decision may be found on a preceding page in our department of "Current Events and Discussions."

Maryland (State of).—Court of Appeals Reverses Decision of Lower Court and Holds Soldiers' Bonus Act Unconstitutional.—The reader is referred to an article appearing in our department of "Current Events and Discussions," for particulars regarding this decision.

Peru (Republic of).—Bonds Issued.—The Republic of Peru has issued \$2,500,000 8% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal) 10-year external secured gold bonds through Blyth, Witter & Co., and White, Weld & Co., of New York, who quickly disposed of the issue at the offering price of par and interest. The bonds are in the denominations of \$1,000 and \$500 each, are dated June 1 1922, and, according to the advertisement of offering, are payable as to principal and semi-annual interest (J. & D.) in U. S. gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness at the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, without deduction of any taxes, present or future, of the Republic of Peru. Due June 1 1932; callable in whole or part, at the option of the Government, on sixty days' notice, at par and interest. Further details may be found in an item appearing in our department of "Current Events and Discussions" and in an advertisement on a preceding page.

San Francisco, Calif.—City Must Refund Back Taxes.—The appellate Court on July 11 rendered a decision ruling that the city must return to taxpayers special emergency taxes levied in the reconstruction of the city following the fire of 1906, according to the San Francisco "Chronicle." It is noted that if this decision is complied with, the present tax rate of \$3 45 may need to be increased. The "Chronicle" says:

The San Francisco tax rate, fixed on budget figures at \$3 45, will need to be increased to enable the city to pay back taxes, totaling between \$700,000 and \$1,000,000, according to a decision yesterday of the Appellate Court.

City Attorney George Lull said yesterday that he will present a petition asking the Supreme Court to grant a rehearing in the case, which is a legal tangle of technicalities, lawyers have been endeavoring to unwind for years.

It began following the fire of 1906, when an emergency tax was levied in the reconstruction of the city. In 1908 the taxpayers claimed the emergency was past, and the tax was paid under protest for several years. It is this portion of the tax that has been protested and declared illegal in the Superior Court.

According to Lull, the taxpayers who have since put in a claim for the return of the money, swearing they paid under protest, should have refused to pay the emergency tax at the time and permitted the courts to settle the question then. Lull said yesterday it would not be legal levy a tax on present taxpayers to return money paid by past taxpayers.

A petition for writ of mandate ordering the Board of Supervisors to include certain judgment against the city in the 1922-23 budget was granted yesterday by the Appellate Court to Oscar Heyman & Bro., a real estate Corporation; the Southern Pacific Co., Alexander D. Keys and Herbert A. Erikson, attorneys; Mary A. Chilton and Albert G. Luchsinger.

The budget was approved by the Supervisors May 9, and contained no appropriation to settle the judgments obtained by the taxpayers in the Superior Court.

Should the matter be granted a rehearing in the Supreme Court and the city again lose the case, Lull said a tax amounting to one-tenth of the amount may be levied on the taxpayers for the next ten years to pay the amount claimed. Lull said there is no way of estimating the exact amount of all the claims, as since the decision of the Supreme Court in favor of the protested tax, new claims are being filed against the city every week by persons who hitherto remained silent in the matter.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS this week have been as follows:

ABERDEEN, Brown County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The Swain-Peters Co. of Aberdeen has purchased \$150,000 paving bonds at par.

ADAMS, Gage County, Neb.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held on July 11—V. 115, p. 207—the \$115,000 water extension bonds were defeated by a vote of 115 to 96.

ADAMS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 27 (P. O. Brighton), Colo.—BONDS DEFEATED.—On July 10 the \$3,000 school bonds were defeated by a vote of 19 "for" to 156 "against" at the election held on that date—V. 115, p. 207.

ALBUQUERQUE, Bernalillo County, N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Aug. 22 by Ida V. Malone, City Clerk, for the following coupon bonds, aggregating \$340,000:

- \$115,000 sewerage disposal plant bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$31,000 1932; \$4,000 1933 to 1948 incl., and \$5,000 1949 to 1952 incl., optional after Sept. 1 1942.
- 100,000 storm sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$15,000 1932; \$4,000 1933 to 1948 incl., and \$5,000 1949 to 1952 incl.; optional after Sept. 1 1942.
- 50,000 reservoir bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$10,000 1932; \$1,000 1933 to 1942 incl., and \$2,000 1943 to 1967 incl.; optional after Sept. 1 1942.
- 50,000 sanitary sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$4,000 1932; \$2,000 1933 to 1946 incl., and \$3,000 1947 to 1952 incl.; optional after Sept. 1 1942.
- 25,000 water main bonds. Denom. \$2,000 and \$1,000. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$10,000 1932; \$1,000 1933 to 1937 incl., and \$2,000 1938 to 1942 incl.

Date Sept. 1 1922. All of the above bonds bear 5 1/2% interest with the exception of the \$25,000 water main bonds which bear 6% interest. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable in gold at the City Treasurer's office, or at Harris, Forbes & Co., N. Y. City. Legality approved by John C. Thomson, N. Y. City. A cert. check upon an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of bid, payable to the City of Albuquerque, required. Bids for less than par and accrued interest will not be considered.

ALEXANDRIA, Rapides Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—J. F. Poley, Mayor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 28 for \$360,000 5% public improvement bonds. Date Aug. 1 1922. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. payable at the City Treasurer's office or at the U. S. Mfgs. & Trust Co., N. Y. City. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$5,000 1923; \$6,000 1924 to 1926 incl.; \$7,000 1927 to 1930 incl.; \$8,000 1931; \$9,000 1932 to 1934 incl.; \$10,000 1935 and 1936; \$11,000 1937 and 1938; \$12,000 1939 and 1940; \$13,000 1941; \$14,000 1942 and 1943; \$15,000 1944; \$16,000 1945; \$17,000 1946 and 1947; \$19,000 1948 and 1949; \$20,000 1950; \$21,000 1951 and \$23,000 1952. A cert. check for \$3,600 required. Legality approved

by Caldwell & Raymond, N. Y. City. City will furnish blank bonds. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mfgs. & Trust Co., N. Y. City.

ALMA, Harden County, Neb.—BOND ELECTION CONSIDERED.—An election to vote on issuing \$25,000 auditorium bonds is being considered.

AMHERST, Buffalo County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—During the month of June the State of Nebraska purchased \$13,000 6% electric light and electric transmission bonds at par. Date April 1 1922. Due April 1 1942.

ARLINGTON, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On July 17 the temporary loan of \$50,000, dated July 20 1922 and maturing May 16 1923—V. 115, p. 332—was awarded to Grafton & Co. of Boston on a 3.72% discount basis.

ARLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (Arlington), Hancock County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Aug. 3 by N. D. Stein, Clerk of Board of Education, for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$120,000 5 1/2% school building bonds, issued under authority of Sec. 7630-1 Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 15 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.), payable at the District Depository or at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer of the district. Due \$5,000 yearly on Sept. 15 from 1923 to 1946, incl. Cert. check for \$1,000, payable to the Board of Education required.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY (P. O. Kittanning), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—The Board of County Commissioners (W. H. Bowser, President) will receive bids until 11 a. m. July 29 for the purchase at not less than par of \$300,000 4 1/2% coupon road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. M. & N. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$30,000 1925 to 1929, incl.; \$40,000 1930 to 1934, incl.; \$50,000 1935 to 1937, incl.; and \$60,000 1938 to 1942, incl. It is said in the official circular that the bonds and coupons are free of all Pennsylvania taxes, present or future. Certified check for \$1,000 required.

ASHTON, Sherman County, Neb.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held on July 20 to vote on the question of issuing a sum of bonds not to exceed \$14,300 for the purpose of constructing a waterworks system. G. L. Polske, Village Clerk.

ATTALIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Attalia), Walla Walla County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$6,000 8% new pipe line construction bonds, voted on June 17 by 23 to 3, has been sold.

AUBURN, Cayuga County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On July 14 the \$85,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered water refunding bonds, offered on that date—V. 115, p. 208—were awarded to the Marine Trust Co. of Buffalo, at 100.15, a basis of about 4.23%. Due \$2,000 1923, \$3,000 1924 and \$4,000 yearly from 1925 to 1944, inclusive.

BAD AXE, Huron County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—On July 24 the taxpayers will vote on the question of issuing \$30,000 bonds for city purposes.

BANNER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased \$15,000 building bonds at par during the month of May. Date Aug. 1 1920. Due Aug. 1 1940. Bonds are not subject to call, but may be redeemed 2 years after date.

BANNOCK COUNTY RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Downy), Idaho.—BOND SALE.—The Palmer Bond & Mortgage Co. of Salt Lake City has purchased \$63,000 6% 10-15-year (opt.) school-building bonds.

BARRY COUNTY (P. O. Hastings), Mich.—BIDS REJECTED.—BONDS RE-OFFERED.—All bids received on July 8 for an issue of \$35,000 6% Assessment Road District No. 19 bonds were declined. These bonds are being re-offered for sale to-day (July 22).

BEAVER DAM, Dodge County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The \$185,000 5% coupon high school building bonds offered on July 12—V. 115, p. 101—have been awarded to the Old National Bank of Beaver Dam, at a premium of \$4,884, equal to 102.64, a basis of about 4.64%. Date May 1 1922. Due yearly on Jan. 15 as follows: \$5,000 1924 and 1925; \$6,000 1926 to 1928, incl.; \$8,000 1929 and 1930; \$10,000 1931 to 1934, incl.; \$12,000 1935, \$15,000 1936, \$20,000 1937 to 1939, incl., and \$14,000 1940.

BENTON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Ligonier), Elkhart County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 5% 1 to 15 year serial school bonds offered on July 15—V. 115, p. 208—were sold to the Fletcher American Co. of Indianapolis at a premium of \$995 (102.763) a basis of about 4.56%. Date July 15 1922. Due \$2,400 each year on July 15 from 1923 to 1937 incl. The following bids were received:

First & Hamilton Nat. Bank	.....\$972	Salem Bank & Trust Co.	.....\$570
J. F. Wild & Co. State Bank	..... 630		

BERRIEN COUNTY (P. O. St. Joseph), Mich.—BOND SALE.—According to a recent issue of the Michigan "Investor," the Detroit Trust Co. was awarded \$20,000 5% road bonds at a premium of \$104 (100.52). Due from 1 to 15 years.

BIENVILLE PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Arcadia), La.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of school bonds offered on July 6—V. 115, p. 102—were awarded as follows: \$100,000 School District No. 1 bonds, awarded to R. M. Grant & Co. at 104.28, a basis of about 5.50%. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1923 to 1926 incl.; \$4,000, 1927 to 1931 incl.; \$5,000, 1932 to 1934 incl.; \$6,000, 1935 to 1940 incl.; \$8,000, 1941, and \$9,000, 1942.

20,000 School District No. 16 bonds, awarded to the Whitney Central Trust & Savings Bank of New Orleans at 100.60, a basis of about 5.87%. Denom. \$500. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$1,500, 1923 to 1925 incl.; \$2,000, 1926 to 1929 incl., and \$2,500, 1930 to 1932 incl. Date Aug. 1 1922.

BLACK LOAM SCHOOL DISTRICT, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased \$10,000 4% building bonds at par during the month of May. Date July 1 1920. Due July 1 1940. Bonds are not subject to call; may be redeemable 2 years after date.

BLOOMFIELD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bloomfield), Davis County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—R. C. Bristow, Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 1.30 p. m. Aug. 1 for \$135,000 5% coupon school building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. (M.-N.), payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due on May 1 from 1924 to 1942. These bonds were recently voted—V. 114, p. 274.

BONNER COUNTY (P. O. Sandpoint), Idaho.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 27 to 1, \$10,000 road bonds were voted recently.

BOULDER, Boulder County, Colo.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Aug. 22 to vote on the question of issuing \$100,000 bonds to build a new reservoir.

BRACKENRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Brackenridge), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$120,000 4 1/2% coupon school building bonds offered on July 17—V. 115, p. 208—were awarded to E. H. Rollins & Sons of Philadelphia for \$123,015 (102.5125) and interest, a basis of about 4.99%. Date July 1 1922. Due \$20,000 on July 1 in each of the years 1927, 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947 and 1952. Other bidders were:

Name	Premium	Name	Premium
Geo. McGregor, Pittsb.	.....\$1,956 00	J. H. Holmes & Co., Pittsb.	\$1,015 00
Mellon Nat. Bank, Pittsb.	1,511 65	Redmond & Co., Phila.	727 00

BRADDOCK TOWNSHIP, Allegheny County, Pa.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 95 to 12 the proposition to issue \$4,000 funding and \$14,000 water supply bonds carried at the election July 17.—V. 115, p. 208.

BRADLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bradley), Clark County, So. Dak.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held on Aug. 5 for the purpose of submitting to the voters the proposition of issuing \$45,000 bonds for the election of a new public school bldg.

BRECKSVILLE, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—H. A. Ellsworth, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 12 for \$50,000 5 1/2% electric light and power bonds issued under authority of the laws of Ohio and Sec. 3030 Gen. Code, and in accordance with an ordinance passed July 12 1922. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1923 to 1932, inclusive, and \$4,000 from 1933 to 1937, inclusive. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for is required. The bonds will be sold at not less than par and accrued interest. An issue of \$50,000 6% electric light and power bonds is scheduled to be sold on July 24—V. 115, p. 208.

BROCKTON, Plymouth County, Mass.—PRICE BID—BASIS—The bid submitted by White, Weld & Co. in securing the \$630,000 bonds as reported in V. 115, p. 333, was 100.035, the \$35,000 city hall square extension and \$40,000 fire alarm signal building bonds to bear 4% and the remaining \$555,000 to bear 4 1/4%. This figure is on a basis of about 4.21%.

TEMPORARY LOAN—On July 19, it is stated, a temporary loan of \$100,000, dated July 20 1922 and maturing July 20 1923, was awarded to the Home National Bank of Brockton on a 3.51% discount basis, plus \$1.25 premium.

BROWN COUNTY (P. O. Nashville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING—L. J. Sluder, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 1 p. m. Aug. 7 for the following 4 1/2% highway improvement bonds:
 \$22,000 H. P. Poling et al. Jackson Township bonds. Denom. \$1,100. Date July 15 1923.
 5,600 Brown, Deckard et al. Johnson Township bonds. Denom. \$280. Date Aug. 15 1922.
 Int. semi-ann. (M. & N. 15). Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932 incl.

BUCHANAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Faucet), Mo.—BOND OFFERING—Until 2 p. m. July 29 bids will be received for \$35,000 5% high school bldg. bonds. Jas. W. Roach, Secretary, Board of Education.

BUTTONWILLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT, Kern County, Calif.—BOND SALE—Reports say that Freeman, Smith & Camp Co. of San Francisco have purchased \$22,000 6% school bonds for \$22,831, equal to 103.77.

BYRON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Byron), Shiawassee County, Mich.—PRICE—The price at which the Michigan Trust Co. of Grand Rapids, acquired the \$25,000 5% school bldg. bonds—V. 115, p. 333—was \$25,404.50, equal to 101.61. They were acquired on July 1 and are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1922. Int. J. & D. Due serially.

BYRON SCHOOL DISTRICT, No. Dak.—BOND SALE—The State of North Dakota purchased \$10,000 4% building bonds during the month of May at par. Date May 1 1920. Due May 1 1940. Bonds are not subject to call, but may be redeemed 2 years after date.

CAMBRIA COUNTY (P. O. Ebensburg), Pa.—BOND SALE—The \$500,000 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration) road and bridge bonds offered on July 12, V. 115, p. 102—were awarded to the Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh, which is now offering them to investors at prices to yield 4 1/2%. Date Aug. 1 1922. Semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows:
 1923—\$10,000 1929—\$17,000 1935—\$22,000 1941—\$29,000
 1924—16,000 1930—17,000 1936—23,000 1942—30,000
 1925—15,000 1931—18,000 1937—25,000 1943—31,000
 1926—15,000 1932—19,000 1938—25,000 1944—33,000
 1927—15,000 1933—20,000 1939—26,000 1945—29,000
 1928—16,000 1934—21,000 1940—28,000

CAMPBELL COUNTY (P. O. Alexandria), Ky.—BOND ELECTION—An election will be held on Aug. 5 to vote on the question of issuing \$1,000,000 road and bridge bonds.

CANANDAIGUA, Ontario County, N. Y.—BOND SALE—On July 8 Clark, Williams & Co. of New York were awarded \$96,000 4 1/2% sewer disposal plant bonds for \$96,110.40, equal to 100.11, a basis of about 4.48%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due \$6,000 yearly on July 1 from 1923 to 1938 inclusive.

CANDO, Townser County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING—Bids will be received until 4 p. m. July 24 by H. G. Skinner, City Clerk, for \$40,000 funding bonds not to exceed 8%. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at some bank in Minneapolis or St. Paul. Due July 1 1942. Bids for less than par and accrued interest will not be considered. A certified check for \$5,000, payable to the City Treasurer, required. The approving opinion of Lancaster, Simpson, Junell & Dorsey of Minneapolis, will be furnished the purchaser free of charge.

CANTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Canton), Van Zandt County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$9,000 6% serial bonds on July 10.

CARIBOU COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Soda Springs), Ida.—BONDS DEFEATED—At the election held on June 10—V. 114, p. 2623—the \$7,000 6% school bond issue was defeated.

CARPIO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 156 (P. O. Carpio), Ward County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE—During the month of May the State of North Dakota purchased \$10,000 4% building bonds at par. Date July 1 1920. Due July 1 1940. Bonds are not subject to call, but may be redeemed 2 years after date.

CARTHAGE GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Carthage), Moore County, No. Caro.—BONDS VOTED—On July 13 \$65,000 school bonds were voted by a count of 285 "for" to 57 "against."

CARLTON COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Cloquet), Minn.—BOND SALE—The Merchants' Trust & Savings Bank and Gates, White & Co., both of St. Paul, jointly purchased \$100,000 5 1/4% coupon gold school bldg. bonds on July 10 at par plus a premium of \$800, equal to 100.80. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at the Merchants' Trust & Savings Bank, St. Paul. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1925; \$4,000, 1926, and \$8,000, 1927 to 1937, incl.

CASSIA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Oakley), Ida.—BOND OFFERING—Until 2 p. m. July 29 bids will be received for \$40,000 5 1/2% 10-20-year (opt.) school building bonds. R. M. Harper, Clerk.

CHARLEVOIX, Charlevoix County, Mich.—BONDS AUTHORIZED—The Michigan "Investor" recently stated that the City Council has authorized \$1,490 6% special assessment bonds. Due from 1 to 4 years.

CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28, So. Caro.—BOND SALE—The Merchants' & Farmers' National Bank has purchased \$15,000 school bonds.

CHIPPEWA FALLS, Chippewa County, Wisc.—BOND SALE—McNear, Heeter & Co. of Minneapolis, have purchased \$20,000 paving bonds at a premium of \$402, equal to 102.01.

CHOWCHILLA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Madera County, Calif.—BOND SALE—An issue of \$15,000 6% school bonds has been awarded, according to reports, to Freeman, Smith & Camp Co. of San Francisco for \$15,911, equal to 106.07.

CLAIRTON, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE—The \$145,000 4 1/2% funding and street-improvement bonds, part of an issue of \$190,000, offered on July 8 (V. 112, p. 103), have been sold, it is reported, to the Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh.

CLARK COUNTY (P. O. Jeffersonville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING—O. B. Fifer, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. July 31 for \$17,200 5% Sherman Harmon et al. Oregon Township highway impt. bonds. Denom. \$860. Date July 12 1922. Int. semi-ann. (M. & N. 15). Due \$860 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932 incl.

CLAY COUNTY (P. O. Brazil), Ind.—BOND OFFERING—Bids for \$13,200 5% Jesse Liechty et al road bonds will be received until 11 a. m. July 25 by West Stegler, County Treasurer. Denom. \$330. Date June 15 1922. Int. May 15 and Nov. 15. Due \$600 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, inclusive. Certified check for \$500, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Bonds will not be sold for less than par and interest.

COBLESKILL, Schoharie County, N. Y.—BOND SALE—On July 10 the First National Bank of Cobleskill was awarded \$9,000 water-extension bonds on its bid of par for 4 1/8%. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due \$3,000 yearly on July 1 from 1923 to 1925, inclusive. A bid of 100.56 for 6s was submitted by the Union National Corporation of New York.

COEYMANS TOWN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Ravena), Albany County, N. Y.—BOND SALE—On July 20 \$125,000 5% school bonds were awarded to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. of New York, at 100.95, a basis of about 4.96%. Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1923 to 1972, incl. and \$2,500 1973 to 1982, inclusive.

COLERIDGE, Cedar County, Neb.—BOND SALE—Recently an issue of \$10,000 funding bonds was disposed of.

COLFAX COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25 (P. O. Raton), N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING—Until 10 a. m. Aug. 3 bids will be received for \$15,000 6% 10-30-year (opt.) bonds. Bids for less than 90 will not be considered. Ralph Callery, Treasurer.

COLFAX COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Cimarron), N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING—Bids will be received until 3 p. m. Aug. 4 for the \$75,000 6% 10-30-year (opt.) school-building bonds recently voted (V. 115, p. 334). Will H. Lambert, Clerk.

COLLINSVILLE, Madison County, Ill.—BOND SALE—The Edwardsville National Bank, the Alton National Bank, the Collinsville National Bank and the Belleville Savings Institution have purchased \$52,000 water service improvement bonds.

COLUMBIA JUNCTION, Louisa County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED—Recently \$10,000 water works plant extension bonds were voted.

COLUMBUS, Platte County, Neb.—BONDS VOTED—On July 11 the \$30,000 water-works and the \$5,000 main sewer bonds were voted at the election held on that day (V. 114, p. 2850).

CONNOR SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 50, No. Dak.—BOND SALE—During the month of May the State of North Dakota purchased \$18,000 4% funding bonds at par. Date July 1 1920. Due July 1 1940. Although the bonds are not subject to call, they may be redeemed 2 years after date.

CONWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64 (P. O. Walsh), Walsh County, No. Da.—BOND SALE—The State of North Dakota purchased \$10,000 4% building bonds at par during the month of May. Date May 1 1920. Due May 1 1940. Bonds are not subject to call but may be redeemed after two years from date.

COOPER COUNTY (P. O. Boonville), Mo.—BOND OFFERING—Chas. A. Walz, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 31 for \$125,000 5% registered road building bonds. Denom. to suit purchaser. Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. F. & A., payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due from 1924 to 1942. A certified check for \$5,000, payable to the county required.

CORSICANA, Navarro County, Texas.—DESCRIPTION—The \$50,000 5% water bonds awarded as stated in V. 114, p. 2745, are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the Seaboard National Bank, New York City. Due serially \$2,000 and \$3,000 alternately on July 1 from 1943 to 1962, inclusive.

COTTONWOOD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 74 (P. O. Jeffers), Minn.—BOND SALE—The Minneapolis Trust Co., of Minneapolis, has purchased \$40,000 4 1/4% school bonds at par and accrued interest. Denom. \$1,000. Int. J. & J. Date June 1 1922. Due \$1,000 yearly from 1932 to 1941, inclusive, and \$30,000, 1942.

COTTON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12 (P. O. Minden), Webster Parish, La.—BOND SALE—Sutherland, Barry & Co., Inc., of New Orleans, have purchased the \$60,000 6% school bonds offered on July 10 (V. 115, p. 103) at a premium of \$4,357, equal to 107.26, a basis of about 5.05%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1922. Interest annually (August). Due Aug. 1 1932.

COXSACKIE, Greene County, N. Y.—BOND SALE—The \$20,000 5% sewer bonds offered on July 18—V. 115, p. 334—were awarded to the Manufacturers National Bank of Troy, for \$20,250 (101.25) and interest, a basis of about 4.74%. Date July 1 1922. Due \$2,000 yearly on July 1 from 1923 to 1932, inclusive. Other bidders were:
 Name Bid Name Bid
 Union National Corp., N. Y., 100.18 P. A. Goodman, Cossackie, 100.10
 Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., N. Y., 100.15

CRAWFORD COUNTY (P. O. Meadville), Pa.—BOND OFFERING—Floyd G. Altenberg, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners, will receive bids until 3 p. m. Aug. 3 for \$500,000 4 1/4% coupon highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. F. & A. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1927, \$14,000 1928, \$16,000 1929 to 1931, incl.; \$18,000 1932 and 1933, \$50,000 1934 and 1935, \$21,000 1936, \$22,000 1937, \$23,000 1938, \$24,000 1939, \$26,000 1940 and 1941, \$28,000 1942, \$30,000 1943 and 1944, \$32,000 1945, \$34,000 1946, \$15,000 1947. Certified check on a Pennsylvania bank for \$10,000 required. Legality to be approved by Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia.

CROOK COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sundance), Wyo.—BOND SALE—The State of Wyoming has purchased \$35,000 6% school building bonds at 103.125.

CROOK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Sundance), Wyo.—BOND SALE—The State of Wyoming has purchased \$15,000 6% school building bonds at 103.50.

CURRY COUNTY (P. O. Gold Beach), Ore.—BOND OFFERING—Arthur G. Walker, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 5 p. m. Aug. 2 for \$92,000 road bonds at not exceeding 6% interest. Date July 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due June 1 1936. Cert. check for 10% required.

CUTLER SCHOOL DISTRICT, Tulare County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING—Geo. R. Prestidge, County Clerk (P. O. Visalia), offered \$15,000 6% school bonds on July 21. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1927 to 1941 incl.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—BOND SALE—On July 8 the following 5% coupon Pleasant Valley Road No. 1 improvement bonds, offered on that date (V. 115, p. 105) were sold to Hayden, Miller & Co., of Cleveland, for \$72,212.64 (100.58) and interest, a basis of about 4.88%:
 \$19,273.44 5 1/2-year (average) special assessment bonds. Denom. 1 for \$273.44 and 19 for \$1,000 each. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,273.44 in 1923, \$2,000 from 1924 to 1929, inclusive, and \$3,000 in 1930 and 1931.
 52,516.20 5 1/2-year (average) (county's portion) bonds. Denom. 1 for \$516.20 and 52 for \$1,000 each. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,516.20 in 1923 and \$6,000 from 1924 to 1931, inclusive.
 Date June 1 1922. Int. A. & O. Stacy & Braun, of Toledo, submitted a bid of \$72,046.64.

BOND OFFERING—A. J. Hieber, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. July 29 for the following 5% coupon street improvement bonds:
 \$250.62 and 191 for \$1,000 each. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$20,250.62 in 1923, \$21,000 from 1924 to 1928, incl., and \$22,000 from 1929 to 1931, inclusive.
 191,250.62 county's share Lorain Ave. Impt. bonds. Denom. 1 for \$250.62 and 191 for \$1,000 each. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$20,250.62 in 1923, \$21,000 from 1924 to 1928, incl., and \$22,000 from 1929 to 1931, inclusive.
 46,911.53 special assessment Lorain Ave. Impt. bonds. Denom. 1 for \$911.53 and 46 for \$1,000 each. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,911.53 in 1923, \$5,000 from 1924 to 1929, incl., and \$6,000 in 1930 and 1931.
 46,911.53 county's share Lorain Ave. Impt. bonds. Denom. 1 for \$911.53 and 46 for \$1,000 each. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,911.53 in 1923, \$5,000 from 1924 to 1929, incl., and \$6,000 in 1930 and 1931.

Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A.-O.), payable at County Treasurer's office. The bonds shall be sold at not less than par and accrued interest. Certified check on a bank other than the one making the bid for 1% of the amount bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

BOND OFFERING—The above official will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Aug. 5 for \$128,000 5% coupon special assessment Sewer District No. 1, Water Supply Improvement No. 14 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A.-O.), payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$8,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1929, incl. Cert. check on a solvent bank other than the one making the bid for 1% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer is required. The bonds will be sold for not less than par and accrued int.

DALLAM COUNTY (P. O. Dalhart), Tex.—BOND SALE—The \$150,000 6% court house and jail bonds recently voted—V. 115, p. 103—have been sold to the Sutherland Securities Co. of Kansas City at a premium of \$8,417.71, equal to 105.67.

DALLAS COUNTY (P. O. Dallas), Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas recently registered \$16,000 fresh water supply bonds.

DAVISS COUNTY (P. O. Washington), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On July 13 the \$15,600 5% 7-12-year (average) Francis M. Hunter et al road, Barr Township, bonds, offered on that date (V. 115, p. 209), were sold to the Fletcher-American Co., of Indianapolis, for \$15,838 (101.52) and interest, a basis of about 4.685%. Date July 15 1922. Int. May 15 and Nov. 15. Due \$780 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932. A bid of \$15,804.36 was submitted by Thomas D. Sheerin & Co., of Indianapolis.

DAYTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Dayton), Montgomery County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—C. J. Schmidt, Clerk-Treasurer of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 3 at his office, Suite 216, Ludlow Bldg., corner of Fifth and Ludlow Sts., Dayton, for \$900,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable in New York City. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$40,000 in 1924, 1931 and 1938, and \$39,000 in each of the years from 1925 to 1930, incl., from 1932 to 1937, incl., and from 1939 to 1946, incl. Issued by virtue of Sections 7625, 7626 and 7627 of the General Code and pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Education passed June 22 1922. Certified check on a solvent bank or trust company for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Education, is required with each bid. Payment for bonds must be made not later than Aug. 11 1922, when the bonds are to be delivered at the Clerk-Treasurer's office. Proceedings leading up to the issue of the bonds have been supervised by Seymour Sanders & Dempsey, bond attorneys of Cleveland, and their favorable certificate as to the validity of the bonds will be furnished to the purchaser.

Financial Statement. Tax valuation, Dayton School District (1921) \$239,886,420 00 Bonds outstanding July 1 1922 2,995,000 00 Par value of Board of Education Sinking Fund Investments, July 1 1922 \$72,000 00 Cash balance, Sinking Fund, July 1 1922 46,023 98 Total Sinking Fund assets 118,023 98 School tax rate (per \$1,000), 1921 \$7.312 Population Dayton School District (1920 Census) 152,550.

DEARBORN, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The Dearborn State Bank was recently awarded the following three issues of special assessment paving bonds at par and interest for 6%: \$13,000 Park Ave. bonds. Due \$1,000 Oct. 1 1922 and \$3,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1926, inclusive. 40,000 Garrison Ave. bonds. Due \$8,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1922 to 1926, inclusive. 30,000 Monroe Ave. bonds. Due \$6,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1922 to 1926, inclusive. Date Aug. 1 1922.

DEARBORN COUNTY (P. O. Lawrenceburg), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Aug. 5 by Gilbert S. Nowlin, County Treasurer, for the following 5% road bonds: \$25,200 Perry Bailey et al, Clay Twp., bonds. Denom. \$420. 13,320 Wm. Trabel et al, Jackson Twp., bonds. Denom. \$220. Date July 3 1922. Int. May 15 and Nov. 15. Due 2 bonds of each issue each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, inclusive.

DE FOREST SCHOOL DISTRICT, Dane County, Wis.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election \$75,000 high school bldg. bonds were voted.

DODGE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The Peters Trust Co. of Omaha has purchased \$6,000 5 1/2% school building bonds at a premium of \$11.50, equal to 100.19. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due July 1 1942, optional after 5 years.

DOUGLAS, Allegan County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held on July 31 to vote on the question of issuing \$16,000 bonds for the installation of a water works plant.

DOVER AND FOXCROFT WATER DISTRICT (P. O. Dover), Piscataquis County, Me.—BOND SALE.—On July 18 \$35,000 4 1/2% coupon water supply bonds were awarded to Hornblower & Weeks of Boston at 99.24, a basis of about 4.30%. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston. Due June 1 1942.

DUBOIS COUNTY (P. O. Jasper), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$28,000 4 1/2% John W. Harrison et al road, Madison Twp., bonds, offered on July 15 (V. 115, p. 210), were awarded to the Dubois County State Bank, of Jasper, for \$28,014, equal to 100.05, a basis of about 4.49%. Date July 15 1922. Due \$1,400 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, incl.

BOND OFFERING.—J. A. Sonderman, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 5 for the following 4 1/2% road bonds: \$20,000 Mathias Welland et al, Marion, Harbison and Bainbridge Twp., bonds. Denom. \$500. 18,530 John Thleman et al, Marion Twp., bonds. Denom. \$462 50. Date July 15 1922. Int. May 15 and Nov. 15. Due two bonds of each issue each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, inclusive.

DULUTH, Minn.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by the City Council until 3 p. m. Aug. 21 for \$150,000 5% certificates of indebtedness. Denom. \$1,000. Int. J. & J. A certified check on a national bank for 2% of bid, payable to the city, required.

EAST PITTSBURGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On July 10 Graham, Parsons & Co. of Philadelphia were awarded \$70,000 4 1/2% school bonds at 100.01, a basis of about 4.24%. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1942 to 1945, incl.; \$6,000, 1946; \$4,000, 1947; \$5,000, 1948; \$7,000, 1949; \$8,000, 1950 and 1951, and \$16,000, 1952.

EAST SPENCER, Rowan County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 12 m. Aug. 1 by F. A. Loflin, Town Clerk, for the following 6% coupon (with privilege of registration) school bonds: \$45,000 Series "A" bonds. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1925 to 1935, inclusive, and \$2,000, 1936 to 1952, inclusive. 15,000 Series "B" bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1925 to 1939, inclusive. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable in gold at the Hanover National Bank, New York City. A certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company (or cash) for 2% of bid, payable to the Town of East Spencer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest to date of delivery. Bids for less than par will not be considered. Successful bidders will be furnished with the opinion of Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt, of New York City. 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 town officials and the seal impressed on the bonds.

EAU CLAIRE, Eau Claire County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The \$80,000 bridge bonds recently voted—V. 115, p. 210—have been awarded to the State Bank of Eau Claire at a premium of \$2,680, equal to 103.35.

EDEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Eden), Concho County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—On June 26, by a vote of 171 "for" to 42 "against," \$18,000 school building bonds were authorized.

ELDORADO, Preble County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,000 5 1/2% fire eastern construction bonds offered on July 17 (V. 115, p. 210) were sold to the Farmers' State Bank of Eldorado at par and accrued int. Date June 15 1922. Due \$500 yrlly on Dec. 15 from 1923 to 1928 incl.

EMMONS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Denton), Davidson County, N. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 6% school bonds offered on July 18 (V. 115, p. 334) have been awarded to Prudden & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$517.50, equal to 102.587, a basis of about 5.75%. Date July 1 1922. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$500 1925 to 1934 incl. and \$1,000 1935 to 1949 incl.

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Newark), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Phillip Linderman, Chairman of Board of Chosen Freeholders, will receive bids until 11 a. m. July 28 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of two issues of 4 1/2% bonds not to exceed the amounts mentioned below: \$2,421,250 refunding and improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000, for \$250,000. Date Aug. 1 1922. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$115,000 1923 to 1930 incl.; \$125,000 1931; \$172,000 1932 to 1938 incl. and \$172,250 1939. 400,000 park bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1922. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$7,000 1923 to 1955 incl.; \$9,000 1956, and \$10,000 1957 to 1972 incl.

Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in gold coin at the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., New York, where bonds may be registered as to principal or as to principal and interest. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 1% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to R. W. Booth, County Treasurer, required. Delivery to successful bidders to be made at the County Treasurer's office on Aug. 15. Bonds will be engraved under supervision of U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co.; legality approved by John C. Thomson of N. Y.

ESTANCIA, Torrance County, N. Mex.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—C. D. Grubbs, Town Clerk, will receive bids until July 31 for \$10,000 6% sewer certificates.

EVANSVILLE SCHOOL CITY (P. O. Evansville), Vanderburg County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—The Board of School Trustees (Daniel Wertz, Secretary), will receive proposals until 10 a. m. Aug. 15 for \$300,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 15 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (Jan. 15 & July 15), payable at the National City Bank of Evansville. Due \$20,000 yearly on July 15 from 1925 to 1942, incl. Cert. check on a responsible bank or trust company for 3% of total bid, payable to the Board of School Trustees required. Bonds will not be sold for less than par and interest.

EXETER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Tulare County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Geo. R. Prestidge, County Clerk, (P. O. Visalia), offered \$150,000 5% school bonds on July 21. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on July 5 as follows: \$1,000 1925 to 1928 incl., \$2,000 1929 to 1934 incl., \$4,000 1935 to 1948 incl., \$6,000 1949 and \$8,000 1950 to 1958 incl.

FALL RIVER, Bristol County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—On July 19 the following two issues of bonds were awarded to Estabrook & Co. of Boston at 100.03 for \$90,000 4 1/2% and \$100,000 4s, a basis of about 4.35%: \$90,000 equipment bonds maturing \$18,000 yearly from 1923 to 1927 incl. 100,000 building bonds maturing \$5,000 yearly from 1923 to 1942 incl. Date July 19 1922. The following is a complete list of the bids received:

Table with columns: Name, Issue, Int. Rate, Bid. Estabrook & Co. \$90,000 4 1/2% 100.03. Estabrook & Co. 100,000 4% 100.11. B. J. Van Ingen & Co. 100,000 4 1/2% 100.86. Eldredge & Co. 190,000 4 1/2% 100.022. Old Colony Trust Co. 100,000 4 1/2% 100.00. Harris, Forbes & Co. 90,000 5% 100.19. Blodget & Co. 190,000 4 1/2% 100.14.

FAULKTON INDEPENDENT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Faulkton), Faulk County, So. Dak.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$90,000 school bonds offered on July 10—V. 115, p. 210—were not sold. B. M. Johnston, Clerk Board of Education advises us: "Court issued order stopping sale of bonds pending litigation to determine validity. Board met and received bids."

FAYETTE, Jefferson County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 6% street and sidewalk bonds offered on July 14—V. 115, p. 210—have been awarded to Mrs. B. Krauss at par and accrued int. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1922. Int. J-J. Due \$500 yrlly on July 1 from 1923 to 1942 inclusive.

FIFTH LOUISIANA LEVEE DISTRICT (P. O. Tallulah), Concordia, East Carroll, Madison and Tensas Parishes, La.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 5% bonds offered on July 12—V. 115, p. 104—have been awarded to the First National Bank of Vicksburg at par. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Int. J-J. Due July 1 1972; optional July 1 1962.

FLOYD COUNTY (P. O. New Albany), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Chas. A. McCulloch, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 5 for \$24,760 5% Louis Journey, Joseph Martin, Louis Didot et al Lafayette Township macadam road impt. bonds. Denom. \$619. Date Aug. 5 1922. Int. semi-ann. (M-N, 15).

FORD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ford City), Armstrong County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On July 18 an issue of \$85,000 4 1/2% school building bonds was awarded to the Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh for \$86,785.48, equal to 102.10, a basis of about 4.37%. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due July 1 1952.

FOREST CITY, Rutherford County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by A. C. Keeter, Town Clerk, until 2 p. m. Aug. 1 for the following 6% bonds:

\$50,000 water supply extension bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1925 to 1930; incl. and \$2,000, 1931 to 1952, incl. 15,000 sewer supply extension bonds. Denom. \$500. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$500, 1925 to 1950, incl., and \$1,000, 1951 and 1952. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the National Bank of Commerce, N. Y. City. A cert. check upon an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of bid required. The town will furnish the bond forms. The approving opinion of Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston, and Quinn, Hamrick & Harris of Rutherfordton, will be furnished the purchaser.

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation for 1921 \$2,435,000 Total Bonded Debt, including these issues 240,000 Sinking Fund 5,000 Water and sewer bonds 90,000 Net debt \$145,000 Population, census 1920, 2,312; estimated now, 3,000.

FOXHOLM SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 155 (P. O. Foxholm), Ward County, N. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased \$16,000 5% building bonds at par during the month of May. Date July 1 1922. Due July 1 1940. Bonds are not subject to call, but may be redeemed 2 years after date.

FRANKFORT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Frankfort), Spink County, So. Dak.—BOND ELECTION.—On Aug. 4 a special election will be held to vote on issuing \$10,000 school house addition bonds. J. L. Peterson, Clerk Board of Education.

FRANKLIN, Venango County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 4 1/2% coupon improvement bonds offered on July 17—V. 115, p. 210—were awarded to the Franklin Trust Co. of Franklin at 100.144 and interest, a basis of about 4.24%. Date June 1 1922. Due \$20,000 on June 1 in the years 1927, 1932, 1937, 1942 and 1947.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Brookville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Thos. H. Felts, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 1 p. m. Aug. 7 for \$16,320 4 1/2% Ben Fledderman et al Butler Township highway bonds. Denom. \$408. Date Aug. 7 1922. Int. semi-ann. (M-N, 15). Due \$816 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932 inclusive.

FREDERICK COUNTY (P. O. Frederick), Md.—BOND OFFERING.—Until July 27 the Clerk of Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed bids for \$120,000 4 1/2% school bonds. It is stated.

FURNAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 18 (P. O. Arapahoe), Neb.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Aug. 8 to vote on the question of issuing \$60,000 school bonds. Int. rate not to exceed 5%. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasurer's office. Date Sept 1 1922.

GALLUP, McKinley County, N. Mex.—BOND SALE.—Sidlo, Simons Fels & Co. of Denver have purchased the \$16,000 6% 20-30 year (opt.) sewer bonds, offered on July 11—V. 114, p. 2851—at par plus a premium of \$715, equal to 104.45.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS, Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$205,886.93 6% paving sewer and water bonds has been sold. Date June 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the Central National Bank Savings & Trust Co. of Cleveland. Due yearly on June 1 from 1924 to 1933 incl. These bonds are being sold to investors by the Milliken & York Co. and the Brotherhood Holding Co., both of Cleveland.

GATES SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Gates), Custer County, Neb.—BONDS VOTED.—Recently \$1,200 school building bonds were voted.

GAUGA COUNTY (P. O. Chardon), Ohio.—BONDS OFFERED.—On July 21 H. E. Leach, County Auditor, offered for sale \$43,000 6% Chardon-Clordon Macadam Road bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.), payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$4,500 1923 to 1926, inclusive, and \$5,000 1927 to 1931, inclusive.

GEM COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17 (P. O. Emmett), Ida.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 23 "for" to 7 "against" the \$1,500 school building bonds—V. 114, p. 2851—were voted.

GERING IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Gering), Scottsbluff County, Neb.—PRICE.—The price paid by the State of Nebraska for the \$60,000 6% bonds on May 2—V. 115, p. 210—was par. Date Oct. 1 1920. Due on Oct. 1 from 1931 to 1935, incl.

GIBBS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Adair County, Mo.—BOND ELECTION.—On July 27 \$15,000 school building bonds will be voted upon.

GIBSON COUNTY (P. O. Princeton), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Stanford Witherspoon, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. July 25 for the following 4 1/2% road bonds:
\$4,500 Union Maxey et al., Colfax Twp. bonds. Denom. \$225.
17,000 James Woolston et al., Union Twp. bonds. Denom. \$850.
Date July 15 1922. Int. May 15 and Nov. 15. Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, inclusive.

GLENDIVE, Dawson County, Mont.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—In connection with the offering of the \$60,000 water works bonds to be offered on Aug. 16—V. 115, p. 335—the following financial statement has come to hand:

Cash value of sinking fund on hand, including investments.....	\$23,211 55
True value of real estate and personal property (approximate).....	5,178,972 00
Assess. value of real estate & personal prop., equalized 1921—	1,559,876 00
Total bonded debt (June 30 1922).....	182,813 00
Population 1920.....	3,824

The official advertisement of the offering of these bonds will be found among the municipal advertisements of this week's issue.

GLOUCESTER, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On July 19, it is reported, a temporary loan of \$50,000, dated July 24 1922 and maturing Apr. 3 1923, was awarded to the Gloucester Safe Deposit & Trust Co. on a 3.35% discount basis, plus \$5 premium.

GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS (P. O. Columbus), Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Walter H. Whissen, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 12 m. Aug. 10 (date changed from Aug. 5—V. 115, p. 335) for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$65,000 5% electric light bonds, issued under authority of Sec. 3939 Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. A. & O. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000 1923 and \$4,000 1924 to 1936, incl.

The Village Clerk will also receive proposals at that time for the purchase at not less than par and interest of the following 6% coupon special assessment street impt. bonds, aggregating \$134,700, issued under authority of Secs. 3812 et seq., 3814 et seq., 3835 et seq., 3836 et seq., Gen. Code: \$5,250 Eastview Ave., \$8,000 Oakland Ave., \$11,100 Merrick Road, \$4,750 Virginia Ave., \$38,700 Oxley Road, \$8,100 Oakland Ave., \$11,850 Elmwood Ave., \$10,650 Second Ave., \$12,750 Ashland Ave., \$12,850 Broadview Ave., \$11,200 Elmer Ave. bonds. Bonds are in various denominations, ranging from \$50 to \$500. Date June 1 1922. Int. A. & O. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$14,750 1923, \$14,700 1924, \$15,050 1925, \$14,900 1926, \$14,850 1927, \$14,800 1928, \$14,850 1929, \$14,900 1930 and \$15,900 1931.

Certified check for 10% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within ten days from date of award.

GRANTS PASS, Josephine County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—On July 11 the \$4,234 30 6% street improvement bonds offered on that date—V. 114, p. 2851—were sold to Clark, Kendall & Co. of Portland for \$4,256 30 equal to 100.51. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due July 1 1932, subject to call at option of city.

GREEN BAY, Brown County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—On July 15 the \$525,000 4 1/2% 14 1/2-year (aver.) coupon bridge bonds offered on that date—V. 115, p. 210—were sold to Henry C. Quarles & Co., the Northern Trust Co., A. G. Becker & Co., Marshall & Halsey Bank and Morris F. Fox & Co., on their joint bid of \$537,127 50, equal to 102.31, a basis of about 4.52%. Date Aug 1922. Due yearly on Aug 1 as follows: \$2,000 1923; \$4,000, 1924 to 1926, incl.; \$5,000, 1927, and 1928; \$15,000, 1929; \$25,000, 1930 to 1933, incl.; \$30,000, 1934 to 1936, incl.; \$45,000, 1937 and 1938, and \$50,000, 1939 to 1942, incl.

The following bids were received:
Henry C. Quarles & Co., Northern Trust Co., Marshall & Halsey Bank, A. G. Becker & Co., and Morris F. Fox & Co. \$12,127
Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.; A. B. Leach & Co., Inc.; E. H. Rollins & Sons, and The National City Co. 11,970
Second Ward Securities Co. and Wm. R. Compton & Co. 4,150
First Wisconsin Co., Wells-Dickey Co. and Hill, Joiner & Co. 7,025
Stacy & Braun, Blodgett & Co. and Taylor, Ewart & Co. 6,142
Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank and Curtis & Sanger 8,100

GREENBUSH, Roseau County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 8 p. m. July 24 for \$9,000 refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1922. A cert. check for 5% of bid required. O. K. Christianson, Village Clerk.

GRESHAM, York County, Neb.—BONDS VOTED.—The First Trust Co. of Omaha has been awarded \$15,000 electric transmission bonds and \$10,000 electric light bonds at 93.50.

HADDON HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Haddon Heights), Camden County, N. J.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received on July 12 for the \$50,000 5% registered or coupon school bonds (V. 115, p. 104) were rejected. The bonds will be readvertised.

HAGERMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hagerman), Gooding County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 91 to 83 an issue of \$25,000 school building bonds was recently voted.

HAGERSTOWN, Washington County, Md.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids submitted for the purchase of the \$300,000 5% coupon sewerage system and disposal plant bonds offered on July 18—V. 115, p. 104—were rejected. It is reported.

HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Greenfield), Ind.—BOND SALE.—According to newspaper reports, Breed, Elliott & Harrison of Indianapolis, were recently awarded \$21,640 Blue River Township road bonds at a premium of \$367 (101.23) and interest.

HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Findlay), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. R. Hanrahan, County Auditor, is receiving bids until 1 p. m. to-day (July 22) for the purchase at not less than par and int. of the following 2 issues of 5 1/2% road impt. bonds issued under authority of Sec. 6920, Gen. Code:
\$10,000 O. N. Copley Joint County Road bonds. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1924 to 1927, incl., and \$2,000 1928 to 1930, incl.
13,000 Beuler Road bonds. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1924 to 1926, incl., and \$2,000 1927 to 1931, incl.
Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasurer's office. Cert. check on a solvent bank for \$500 is required with bid for each issue. These bonds were previously offered on July 15 (V. 115, p. 211).

HARALSON COUNTY (P. O. Buchanan), Ga.—BOND SALE.—Blanchett, Thornburgh & Vandersall of Toledo, have purchased the \$200,000 6% coupon tax free road bonds offered on July 18—V. 115, p. 211—at a premium of \$16,265, equal to 108.13, a basis of about 5.23%. Date July 1 1922. Due \$8,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1927 to 1951, inclusive.

HARMONY, Fillmore County, Minn.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At a recent election \$15,000 5% sewer bonds were defeated.

HARWINTON, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Town Selectmen and Joseph M. Baldwin, Town Treasurer, until 9 a. m. (Standard Time) Aug. 2 at the office of the Hartford-Connecticut Trust Co., Hartford, for the purchase of all of \$64,000 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal) town bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the Hartford-Connecticut Trust Co., Hartford. Due \$2,000 yearly on June 1 from

1923 to 1954 incl. Cert. check for 2% of the par value of the bonds, payable to the Town of Harwinton, required. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the Hartford-Connecticut Trust Co., Hartford, whose certificate as to the issue of the same will be endorsed thereon. The legality of the bonds will be examined by Robinson, Robinson & Cole of Hartford, and a copy of their opinion will be furnished with the bonds. No bids for less than par or for less than the entire issue will be considered.

Attention is called to the official advertisement of this offering in the subsequent pages of this section.

HEBRON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13 (P. O. Hebron), Morton County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—During the month of May the State of North Dakota purchased \$10,000 4% funding bonds at par. Date Oct. 1 1920. Due Oct. 1 1940. Bonds are not subject to call, but may be redeemed 2 years after date.

HEIDELBERG, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$55,000 4 1/2% coupon bonds offered on July 10—V. 115, p. 104—have been sold, it is stated, to the Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh. Date June 1 1922. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1924 to 1928, incl., and \$5,000, 1938 to 1943, incl. (Average life about 11 4/5 years.)

HEMPSTEAD (TOWN) UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$368,000 4 1/2% registered school bonds has been awarded to Curtis & Sanger of New York, for \$374,815 36, equal to 101.852, a basis of about 4.34%. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at the Bank of Lawrence. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$15,000 1927 to 1950, and \$8,000 1951.

HENRY COUNTY (P. O. Napoleon), Ohio.—BIDS REJECTED.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 5 1/2% coupon road impt. bonds, bids for which were received until 10 a. m. July 14, were not sold at that time, all bids being rejected, but were later sold at a private sale to the Napoleon State Bank of Napoleon for \$103,165 (101.54) and interest, a basis of about 5.16%.

\$49,000 Road Improvement No. 196 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1923 to 1927, incl., and \$6,000, 1928 to 1931, incl. (average life about 5 1/2 years).
\$2,600 Road Improvement No. 197 bonds. Denom. \$2 for \$1,000 and 1 for \$600. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1923; \$5,600, 1924, and \$6,000, 1925 to 1931, incl. (average life about 5 1/2 years).
Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. payable at the County Treasurer's office. These bonds are issued under authority of Section 6029 of the General Code of Ohio (109 Ohio Laws, page 166), and by virtue of a certain resolution passed by the Board of Commissioners on June 7 1922. The following are the bids received and rejected when offered on July 14:

Premium Offered		Premium Offered	
Spitzer, Rorick & Co.....	\$1,303 00	Sidney Spitzer & Co.....	\$1,094 00
A. T. Bell & Co.....	1,077 00	Napoleon State Bank.....	850 50
Well, Roth & Co.....	1,320 80	C. D. Briggs & Co. and	
Ryan, Bowman & Co.....	551 69	Stacy & Braun.....	1,054 60
W. L. Stlayton & Co.....	1,564 64		

* And blank bonds. † And exchange charges.
All the above bidders offered accrued interest.

HICKSVILLE, Defiance County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago, was awarded the following 5 1/2% street impt. bonds, aggregating \$50,528 40, which were offered on July 14—V. 115, p. 211—at a premium of \$647 (101.28) and interest, a basis of about 5.23%:

24,748 32 Smith, Columbus and Rock Streets special assessment improvement bonds.
11,324 30 Edgerton Street special assessment improvement bonds.
6,955 78 Arthur and Bryan streets special assessment impt. bonds.
7,500 00 (village portion) street improvement bonds.
Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date Sept. 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. (M.-S.). Due yearly on Sept. 1 from 1923 to 1932, inclusive.

HOWARD COUNTY (P. O. Ellicott City), Md.—BOND SALE.—On July 15 the \$300,000 4 1/2% coupon road bonds offered on that date—V. 115, p. 105—were awarded to Nelson, Cook & Co. of Baltimore, at 102.78, a basis of about 4.32%. Date July 1 1922. Due July 1 1952.

HUGHES COUNTY (P. O. Holdenville), Okla.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The "Oklahoman" of July 13 says: "By a narrow margin Hughes County's \$600,000 road bond issue failed to carry at the election Tuesday [July 11]. Good road boosters conceded late Tuesday. While 11 of the 38 boxes have not been heard from, all the important precincts have reported. The vote in the 27 precincts was 1,856 'for' the bonds and 1,333 'against,' which does not make the required 60% majority."

HURLEY JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Hurley), Iron County, Wis.—BONDS VOTED.—A recent election resulted in favor of issuing \$42,500 building bonds.

HURON COUNTY (P. O. Bad Axe), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Clarke Munford, Clerk, Board of County Road Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 27, for \$18,000 5 1/2% Covert Act road bonds. Int. semi-ann. Due serially for 10 years.

INDIANA (State of)—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Indianapolis "News" of July 18 had the following to say about a recent short term loan of \$500,000 borrowed from the Indiana National Bank at 4 1/2% interest and other short term financing done by the State:

"The State Board of Finance has paid \$700,000 of the \$1,200,000 State general fund debt it incurred since Feb. 23. The Board negotiated a new loan of \$500,000 to cover the unpaid remainder. The \$500,000 was borrowed from the Indiana National Bank for four months at 4.5% interest, it was said. The note will be due in November, which is a month before the December semi-annual settlement of county auditors with the State Auditor. The State, however, sometimes calls on the auditors to begin advancing money as soon as the taxes begin to come in.

"The Board borrowed the \$1,200,000 in February, March and April. The notes bore 5 and 6% interest and were due and paid between June 8 and July 12, it was said. Then the new \$500,000 loan was negotiated because the June settlement of counties with the State was insufficient to meet expenses and pay off the entire debt.

"The first borrowings were from banks as follows: Indiana National Bank, \$650,000; Fletcher Savings & Trust Co., \$325,000; Union Trust Co., Security Trust Co. and Meyer-Kiser Bank, \$50,000 each, and Bankers Trust Co., \$75,000, according to statements obtained from State officials. "The Board borrowed and paid back in December \$150,000 for the fund. The money was obtained from the Union Trust Co."

INDIANAPOLIS SANITARY DISTRICT (P. O. Indianapolis), Marion County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The State Savings & Trust Co. and the Union Trust Co., both of Indianapolis, were awarded on a joint bid of \$508,018, \$500,000 sewage disposal plant bonds (101.036). Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. (J. & J.).

ISABEL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased \$9,000 4% building bonds at par during the month of May. Date July 1 1920. Due July 1 1940. Bonds are not subject to call, but may be redeemed two years after date.

JACKSON, Madison County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—I. B. Tigrett & Co. of Jackson have purchased \$125,000 street impt. bonds at par plus a premium of \$6,500, equal to 105.20.

JACKSON COUNTY RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Tuckerman), Ark.—BOND OFFERING.—R. F. Tyler, Secretary, Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until July 31 for \$7,000 6% school bonds. It is reported.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Louisville), Ky.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 9 a. m. July 25 bids will be received for \$74,000 4 1/2% highway bonds. Date July 15 1922. Denom. \$740. Int. M. & N. 15.

JENNINGS COUNTY (P. O. Vernon), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. July 25 by Harry Y. Whitcomb, County Treasurer, for the following 5% road bonds:
\$16,900 L. M. Kibler, Campbell Twp. bonds. Denom. \$845.
10,600 J. E. Richardson, Vernon Twp. bonds. Denom. \$530.
Date Aug. 15 1922. Int. M. & N. 15. Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, incl.

JUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Judson), Morton County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—During the month of May the State of North Dakota purchased \$3,000 building bonds at par. Date July 1 1920. Due July 1 1940. Bonds are not subject to call, but may be redeemed 2 years after date.

KAMIAH HIGHWAY DISTRICT (P. O. Kamiah), Lewis County, Ida.—BOND OFFERING.—Until July 31 bids will be received for the \$50,000 highway bonds recently voted.

KAUFMAN COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 14 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$8,000 5 1/2% 5-40 year school bonds.

KEARNEY, Buffalo County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The Omaha Trust Co. of Omaha recently purchased \$50,000 paving bonds at a premium of \$1,075, equal to 102.15.

KENYON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 75, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased \$10,000 4% building bonds at par during the month of May. Date Dec 31 1920. Due Dec 31 1940. Bonds are not subject to call, but may be redeemed after 2 years.

KEYSTONE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—During the month of May the State of North Dakota purchased \$15,000 4% building bonds at par. Date July 1 1902. Due July 1 1940. Although these bonds are not subject to call, they may be redeemed after 2 years from date of issue.

LACONIA, Belknap County, N. H.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—It is reported that a temporary loan of \$50,000, issued in anticipation of taxes, dated July 15 and maturing Dec. 1 1922, has been awarded to the National Shawmut Bank of Boston on a 3.65% basis, plus \$1.26 premium.

LA CROSSE, La Crosse County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—On July 14 \$150,000 5% coupon street impt. bonds, offered on that date, were sold to Stacy & Braum of Chicago on their bid of \$154,249.50, equal to 102.833, a basis of about 4.56%. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1926 to 1929, incl.; \$25,000, 1930 and 1931, and \$60,000, 1932. (Average life about 7.4-5 years.)

Financial Statement. True value of all taxable property (estimated) \$45,000,000. Assessed val. of real and personal property equalized for 1921 41,766,067. Total bonded debt, including this issue 1,547,000. Water bonds included in above 531,000. Sinking fund 518,650. Population, U. S. Census 1920, 30,500.

LADD, Bureau County, Ill.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election recently held, a bond issue of \$5,000 for the completion of the city well, was passed by a vote of 176 to 15.

LAKEWOOD, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following 7 issues of 5 1/2% 5-year (aver) special assessment bonds, aggregating \$150,277, which were offered on July 17—V. 115, p. 336—were sold to the Guardian Savings & Trust Co. of Cleveland, at a premium of \$3,502 (102.33) and interest, a basis of about 5.19%: \$14,270 Archdale Avenue paving bonds. Denom. \$1,427. Date July 1 1922. Maturing serially \$1,427 on Oct. 1 1923 to 1931, incl., and \$1,427 on July 1 1932.

16,160 Baxterly Avenue paving bonds. Denom. \$1,616. Date July 1 1922. Maturing serially \$1,616 on Oct. 1 1923 to 1931, incl., and \$1,616 on July 1 1932.

17,470 Elbur Avenue paving bonds. Denom. \$1,747. Date July 1 1922. Maturing serially \$1,747 on Oct. 1 1923 to 1931, incl., and \$1,747 on July 1 1932.

12,350 Overbrook Avenue paving bonds. Denom. \$1,235. Date July 1 1922. Maturing serially, \$1,235 on Oct. 1 1923 to 1931, incl., and \$1,235 on July 1 1932.

38,295 Brown Road paving bonds. Denom. \$4,255. Date, day of sale. Maturing serially \$4,255 each year beginning Oct. 1 1923.

15,246 Onondaga Avenue paving bonds. Denom. \$1,694. Date day of sale. Maturing serially \$1,694 each year beginning Oct. 1 1923.

36,486 St. Charles Avenue paving bonds. Denom. \$4,054. Date day of sale. Maturing serially \$4,054 each year beginning Oct. 1 1923. The following bids were also received:

Seasongood & Mayer \$1,722 W. S. Hill & Co. \$1,035

LA PLATA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 21 (P. O. Durango), Colo.—BOND SALE.—Benwell, Phillips & Co. of Denver have purchased \$4,000 5 1/2% funding bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1922. Prin. payable at the County Treasurer's office. Semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at Kountze Bros., N. Y. City. Due July 1 1922; optional July 1 1932.

LAPORTE COUNTY (P. O. Laporte), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—John Line, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Aug. 5 for the following 5% coupon highway impt. bonds: \$54,200 Otto Plets et al gravel road bonds. Denom. \$1,355.

34,400 John L. Schoof et al gravel road bonds. Denom. \$860. Date July 29 1922. Int semi-ann (M. & N. 15). Due two bonds of each issue each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, incl.

LAS VEGAS, San Miguel County, N. Mex.—BOND SALE.—Boettcher, Porter & Co. of Denver have purchased the \$50,000 6% 20-30 year (opt.) sewer bonds to be offered on Aug. 11—V. 115, p. 336. Although these bonds are already sold, they must be offered to investors to comply with the law.

LAUREL, Prince George's County, Md.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,000 electric light, \$3,000 street improvement, and \$5,000 water and sewage disposal, 5% coupon 30-year bonds offered on July 5—V. 115, p. 105—were awarded to the Merchants Trust & Deposit Co. of Baltimore at 102.17.

LEOMINSTER, Worcester County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—On July 20 the following 4 1/2% coupon bond issues were sold to R. M. Grant & Co. of Boston, at 100.795, a basis of about 4.12%: \$36,000 "Bennett School Addition" bonds. Date July 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due \$2,000 yearly on July 1 from 1923 to 1940, incl. (average life about 8.5-12 years).

25,000 "Pavement and Sewer" bonds. Date June 1 1922. Int. J. & D. Due \$5,000 yearly on June 1 from 1923 to 1927, incl. (average life about 2.5-8 years).

LIBERTY, Sullivan County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On July 17, \$6,000 5% street-improvement bonds were sold to the Sullivan County National Bank of Liberty, at 100.40, a basis of about 4.93%. Date Aug. 1 1922. Due \$500 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1923 to 1935, inclusive.

LIGHTENTING SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20, Adams County (P. O. Hettinger), No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Neis J. Smith, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. to-day (July 22) for \$25,000 school bonds. Date July 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Denom. \$50. Due July 1 1942.

LONGVIEW INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Longview), Gregg County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 13 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$25,000 5% serial bonds. Adelaide E. Schmitt, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 10.30 a. m. July 26 for the following 5% highway bonds: \$120,617.08 Washington Township Stone Road Improvement No. 137 bonds. Denom. 1 for \$517.08 and 120 for \$1,000 each. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$12,517.08 in 1923, \$13,000 from 1924 to 1927, incl., and \$14,000 from 1928 to 1931, incl. Authorized by Section 6929 of the General Code, as amended. Certified check for \$500 required.

23,703.06 Washington Township Stone Road Improvement No. 171 bonds. Denom. 1 for \$793.06 and 23 for \$1,000 each. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,793.06 in 1923, and \$3,000 from 1924 to 1930, incl. Authorized by Section 6929 of the General Code, as amended. Certified check for \$500 required. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasurer's office. All checks must be drawn on a bank doing a regular banking business in Toledo. The bonds will be delivered at the Court House in Toledo on Aug. 9. Conditional bids will not be considered. A complete certified transcript of all proceedings evidencing the regularity and validity of the issuance of the above bonds will be furnished the successful bidder, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2295-3 of the General Code. A complete transcript of all proceedings relative to the issuance of the above bonds, up to the date of the sale thereof, is now on file, it is stated, in the office of the County Commissioners for inspection.

LUDINGTON, Mason County, Mich.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—According to a recent issue of the Michigan "Investor," the City Commission has authorized special assessment 5% bond issues amounting to \$24,497.12.

LYNDBROOK, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—The Village Board (F. H. Johnson, Village Clerk), will receive bids until 8 p. m. Aug. 7 for \$150,000 coupon paving bonds, to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 5%. Denom. \$500. Date Aug. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the Lyndbrook National Bank. Due yearly on Aug. 1 from 1923 to 1942 inclusive. Certified check for \$3,000, payable to the Village of Lyndbrook, required.

MADERA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Madera County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—Freeman, Smith & Camp Co. of San Francisco have been awarded. It is stated, \$30,000 6% school bonds for \$31,906, equal to 106.35.

MAGNOLIA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Magnolia), Pike County, Miss.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 79 to 8 \$10,000 school-building bonds carried on July 8.

MAHONING COUNTY (P. O. Youngstown), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Griff Jones, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 26 for \$77,000 5 1/2% Youngstown-East Liverpool Road I. C. H. No. 508 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due serially on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1932, incl. Certified check for \$1,000, payable to the County Treasurer, is required.

MANSFIELD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mansfield), Richland County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Keane, Higbie & Co., of Detroit, by submitting a bid of \$91,800 (102) and interest, a basis of about 5.09%, acquired the \$90,000 5 1/2% 5-2-3 year (average) refunding bonds, offered on July 14 (V. 115, p. 212). Date July 14 1922. Due \$9,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1923 to 1932, inclusive. The following bids were received: Keane, Higbie & Co., Detroit \$91,800 W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo, \$91,074 Seasongood & Mayer, Cinc.—91,800 Ryan, Bowman & Co., Tol.—90,963 Prov. S. B. & Tr. Co., Cinc.—91,602 (Mansfield S. Bk., Mansfield, 90,000

MANSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Wright County, Mo.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on May 27—V. 114, p. 2393—the \$11,000 school building bonds were voted by a count of 139 "for" to 9 "against."

MARENISCO TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Mich.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$100,000 5% school-building bonds has been sold to Shapker & Co., of Chicago, at par. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 15 1922. Int. J. & J. Due serially up until 1947.

MAURY COUNTY (P. O. Columbia), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—J. W. Jakes & Co. of Nashville have been awarded, it is stated, \$29,000 school bonds as 58.

MEADOW DRAINAGE DISTRICT, Klamath County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by E. L. Davis, Secretary Board of Supervisors, at Room No. 3, Swanson Building, Klamath Falls, for the purchase of \$525,000 bonds at not exceeding 6% interest. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasurer's office, or at the fiscal agency of the State of Oregon in N. Y. City, at option of holder. Due yearly, from date of bonds, as follows: \$20,000 in 5 years, \$21,000 in 6 years, \$22,000 in 7 years, \$24,000 in 8 years, \$26,000 in 9 years, \$27,000 in 10 years, \$29,000 in 11 years, \$31,000 in 12 years, \$33,000 in 13 years, \$35,000 in 14 years, \$37,000 in 15 years, \$39,000 in 16 years, \$41,000 in 17 years, \$44,000 in 18 years, \$47,000 in 19 years, and \$49,000 in 20 years. Certified check for 5% of the par value of the bonds bid for, required. The approving legal opinion of Teal, Minor & Winfree will be furnished the successful bidder.

The aforesaid sale, it is said, is subject to prior confirmation of the organization proceedings and the authorization of the bonds by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Klamath County, and the procurement of certification thereof by the Oregon Irrigation Securities Commission. Separate bids will also be received until the above time and date for only \$350,000 of the above amount, to mature from date as follows: \$13,000 in 5 years, \$14,000 in 6 years, \$15,000 in 7 years, \$16,000 in 8 years, \$17,000 in 9 years, \$18,000 in 10 years, \$19,000 in 11 years, \$20,000 in 12 years, \$21,000 in 13 years, \$23,000 in 14 years, \$24,000 in 15 years, \$26,000 in 16 years, \$28,000 in 17 years, \$30,000 in 18 years, \$32,000 in 19 years, and \$34,000 in 20 years. Neither the \$525,000 nor the \$350,000 can be sold for less than 90% of their face value.

MEMONINEE, Menominee County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The Farmers' Savings & Trust Co. of Marinette, Wis., was recently awarded \$65,000 5% paving and \$25,000 5% storm sewer bonds at a premium of \$1,665 (101.737). Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. (F. & A.)

MERCER COUNTY (P. O. Mercer), Pa.—BOND SALE.—On July 14 the \$1,000,000 17 1/2-year (average) coupon (registerable) tax to principal bonds, for the construction, improvement and repair of public roads in Cambria County, offered on that date (V. 115, p. 106), were sold to the Colonial Trust Co., of Farrell, and the First National Bank of Sharon, jointly, at 101.141 and interest for 4 1/2%, a basis of about 4.16%. Date July 15 1922. Due yearly on July 15 as follows: \$54,000, 1923; \$20,000, 1926; \$21,000, 1927; \$22,000, 1928; \$23,000, 1929; \$24,000, 1930; \$25,000, 1931; \$27,000, 1932 and 1933; \$29,000, 1934; \$30,000, 1935; \$32,000, 1936; \$33,000, 1937; \$34,000, 1938; \$36,000, 1939; \$38,000, 1940; \$40,000, 1941; \$41,000, 1942; \$43,000, 1943; \$46,000, 1944; \$47,000, 1945; \$50,000, 1946; \$52,000, 1947; \$54,000, 1948; \$57,000, 1949; \$60,000, 1950; and \$35,000, 1951. Bids were received for the purchase of the bonds at three different interest-bearing rates, to wit: 4%, 4 1/2% and 4 3/4%. Other bidders were: Lewis & Snyder 100.8987 J. H. Holmes & Co. 100.31 Guaranty Co. of New York 100.1918 Biddle & Henry 100.541 Hornblower & Weeks

MIAMI, Dade County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—R. M. Grant & Co. of New York have purchased the \$695,000 5 1/2% gold street improvement bonds offered on July 18—V. 115, p. 213—at 100.43. Date July 1 1922. Due as follows: \$90,000, 1924; \$50,000, 1925; \$90,000, 1926; \$70,000, 1927; \$10,000, 1928; \$80,000, 1929; \$90,000, 1930; \$100,000, 1931, and \$115,000, 1932.

MILDOUNS GRADED AND HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Raeford), Hoke County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by W. P. Hawfield, County Superintendent of Schools until 1 p. m. Aug. 1 for \$15,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 15 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in gold coin at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. Due \$500 yearly on July 15 from 1925 to 1950, incl., and \$1,000, 1951 and 1952. Certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company (or cash) for 2% of bid, payable to the above district, required. Bids for less than par will not be considered.

MILLCREEK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Newmans-town), Lebanon County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On July 17 the \$75,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on that date—V. 115, p. 213—were awarded to E. H. Rollins & Sons of New York at 102.582 and interest, a basis of about 4.29%. Date July 1 1922. Due on July 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1927; \$10,000, 1932; \$15,000, 1937; \$20,000, 1942; and \$25,000, 1947.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—George M. Link, Secretary of Board of Estimate and Taxation, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Aug. 9 for \$1,129,000 4 1/2% city bonds. Date Sept. 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$37,000, 1923 to 1942, incl., and \$38,000, 1943 to 1952, incl. The bonds, it is said, will be sold at the best price offered by a responsible bidder, either above or below par.

BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Committee on Ways and Means of the City Council at the office of Dan C. Brown, City Comptroller, until 2.45 p. m. Aug. 9 for \$108,863.19 not exceeding 5% special street improvement bonds, all dated Sept. 1 1922 and to be payable one-tenth and one-twentieth each year thereafter, as the case may be, the last one being payable Sept. 1 1942. Certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to C. A. Bloomquist, City Treasurer, required. All bids must include accrued interest from date of bonds to date of delivery.

The official advertisement of this bond offering will appear in a subsequent issue of the "Chronicle."

MINNEHAHA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 87 (P. O. Sioux Falls), So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 2 p. m. July 26 bids will be received at the office of Schumacher & Finkelnor, 315 Paulton Building, Sioux Falls, for \$5,000 school bonds. A certified check for 1% of bid required. Purchaser to furnish bonds. John Herbert, Clerk.

The following is a complete list of the bids submitted for the \$2,750,000 4 1/2% coupon collateral bonds on July 11:
 Chase Securities Corporation, Hallgarten & Co., Blair & Co. and Hornblower & Weeks, Inc. ----- 96.79
 Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Dillon, Read & Co. and Lee, Higginson & Co. ----- 96.537
 Speyer & Co. and the Equitable Trust Co. ----- 96.52
 Riggs National Bank ----- 96.179
 Wm. R. Compton Co., Guaranty Co. of N. Y., West & Co., Phila., Harrison, Smith & Co., Phila., and First National Co., Detroit. ----- 95.095
 * Successful bid; for previous reference to same see V. 115, p. 337.

PLAZA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Plaza), Mountrail County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased \$30,000 4% building bonds at par during the month of May. Date May 1 1920. Due May 1 1940. Although these bonds are not subject to call, they may be redeemed 2 years after date.

PLYMOUTH SCHOOL CITY (P. O. Plymouth), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 5% coupon high school building and equipment bonds offered for sale on June 26 (V. 114, p. 2749) were sold to the City Trust Co. of Indianapolis at a premium of \$4,444 (104.04) and accrued int. Date Sept. 1 1922. Due from 1 to 20 years.

PLUM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—\$35,000 4 1/2% school building bonds offered on May 13—V. 114, p. 2050—were awarded to J. H. Holmes & Co. of Pittsburgh. Date June 1 1922. Due \$5,000 on June 1 in 1927, 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947, and \$10,000 June 1 1952.

PONTIAC, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—Bumpus, Hull & Co. of Detroit have purchased at par \$20,647 11.6% drainage bonds. Denom. \$2,064.70. Date June 15 1922. Int. semi-ann. (June 15 and Dec. 15). Due serially from 1924 to 1932 inclusive.

PORTAGE COUNTY (P. O. Ravenna), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. M. Parham, County Auditor, will receive bids until 9 a. m. July 24 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$44,400 5 1/2% coupon Inter-County Highway No. 474, Sec. D, improvement bonds, issued under authority of Sec. 1223, Gen. Code. Denoms. 1 for \$400 and 44 for \$1,000. Date May 1 1922. Int. A. & O. Due each six months as follows: \$2,400, Oct. 1 1923; \$2,000, April 1 1924 to April 1 1925, inclusive; \$3,000, Oct. 1 1925; \$2,000, April 1 1926; \$3,000, Oct. 1 1926; \$2,000, April 1 and Oct. 1 1927; \$3,000, April 1 and Oct. 1 1928; \$2,000, April 1 1929; \$3,000, Oct. 1 1929; \$2,000, April 1 1930; \$3,000, Oct. 1 1930; \$2,000, April 1 1931; \$3,000, Oct. 1 1931; and \$2,000, April 1 1932. Certified check for \$400, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

PORTLAND, Cumberland County, Me.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The temporary loan of \$200,000, offered on July 17 (V. 115, p. 339), was awarded to the Casco Mercantile Trust Co., of Portland, on a 3.37% discount basis, plus \$7.50 premium. Date July 20 1922. Due Oct. 4 1922.

PORTLAND, Ore.—BOND SALE INVALIDATED.—The "Oregonian" on July 16 reported that the sale on April 18 of the \$500,000 4% gold water bonds to the Security Savings & Trust Co. of Portland (which was bidding at that time, we are informed, for the account of Kissel, Kinnicut & Co. of New York and the Anglo-London-Paris Co. of San Francisco) (V. 114, p. 1821), has been declared invalid, because the City of Portland was not in a position to issue a certificate to the trust company stating there was enough money in the sinking fund to pay off \$2,200,000 of water bonds which fall due next year, when demanded by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston, its attorneys. The "Oregonian" also says: "Inasmuch as the sinking fund at present time has only \$1,229,436.52, the city was unable to issue the certificate. The certified check for \$25,000 deposited by the company was returned. City officials maintain that the State law allows the issuance of refunding bonds to pay off a part of the municipal indebtedness. An increase in water rates is likely to result, it is said."

PORTLAND, Ore.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$38,175 11 improvement bonds has been sold to Clark, Kendall & Co. of Portland for \$40,285 11 (105.52) and interest.

QUINCY, Gadsden County, Fla.—BONDS AWARDED IN PART.—Of the 4 issues of 5% coupon bonds aggregating \$98,000 offered on July 18—V. 114, p. 2749—the following 3 were awarded to W. P. Kennedy: \$14,000 water main bonds, 4,000 sewer main bonds, 40,000 paving bonds.

RADFORD, Montgomery County, Va.—BOND SALE.—The \$115,000 electric plant, \$95,000 water works and the \$15,000 street railway bonds, offered on July 18—V. 115, p. 339—have been awarded to C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago as 5 1/2% at a premium of \$2,361, equal to 101.04, a basis of about 5.44%. Date July 1 1922. Due July 1 1952.

RAHWAY, Union County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Fred M. Williams, City Clerk, will receive bids until 2 p. m. July 27 for the purchase of an issue of 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only or both principal and interest) school bonds, not to exceed \$250,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in U. S. gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness at the Rahway National Bank of Rahway. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1923 to 1942, incl., and \$9,000, 1943 to 1952, incl. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Clerk, required. Bids are desired on blanks furnished by the city. Delivery to be made at the Rahway National Bank, Rahway, on Aug. 1, unless a later date is agreed upon. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon of New York.

RAY TOWNSHIP (P. O. Paragon), Morgan County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—J. A. Blankenship, Township Trustee, will receive bids until 2 p. m. July 29 for \$3,000 5% refunding bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. P. & A. Due \$500 each six months from Aug. 1 1923 to Feb. 1 1926, inclusive.

REEDER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Reeder), Adams County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—During the month of May the State of North Dakota purchased \$20,000 4% building bonds at par. Date May 1 1920. Due May 1 1940. Bonds are not subject to call, but may be redeemed after 2 years from date.

RICHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Mansfield), Ohio.—BONDS OFFERED.—On July 18 the County Commissioners offered for sale \$5,760 5 1/2% Linden Road Improvement bonds. Denom. 1 for \$1,760 and 4 for \$1,000 each. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,760 in 1923, \$2,000 in 1924, and \$1,000 in 1925 and 1926. Issued in accordance with Section 6929 of the General Code and pursuant to a resolution adopted by the County Commissioners on June 20 1922. The bonds will be delivered at the County Treasurer's office.

RICHLAND PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Rayville), La.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 6% road bonds offered on July 11 (V. 114, p. 2855) have been purchased by L. E. French & Co., at par plus a premium of \$155, equal to 102.22. Due on Feb. 1 from 1923 to 1947, incl.

RIDGEFIELD PARK, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 5% coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds offered on July 18—V. 115, p. 215—were awarded to Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York as follows: \$180,000 (\$188,000 offered) general impt. bonds for \$188,695 80 (104.831) and interest, a basis of about 4.56%. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$4,000 from 1923 to 1929, incl.; \$5,000 from 1930 to 1959, incl. and \$2,000, 1960.
 66,000 assessment bonds for \$66,815 76 (101.236) and interest, a basis of about 4.74%. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$6,000 from 1923 to 1926, and \$7,000 from 1927 to 1932, incl.
 Date July 1 1922.

RIPLEY COUNTY (P. O. Versailles), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Wm. B. Goyert, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 11 a. m. Aug. 7 for the following 4 1/2% highway improvement bonds: \$14,800 J. H. Sprickson et al. Adams Township bonds. Denom. \$370. 14,600 William Rencamp et al. Adams Township bonds. Denom. \$635. 6,300 Elysses S. Shilling et al. Adams Twp. bonds. Denom. \$315. 6,000 Mathias Johannmann et al. Jackson Twp. bonds. Denom. \$300. Date Aug. 7 1922. Int. semi-ann. (M. & N. 15). Due one-twentieth of each issue each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, incl.

ROBERT LEE COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20, Coke County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—The Sutherland Securities Co. of New Orleans has purchased \$18,000 5 1/2% school building bonds at par. Denom. \$450. Date April 1 1922. Due April 1 1923.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—NOTE OFFERING.—J. C. Wilson, City Comptroller, will receive bids until 2.30 p. m. July 24 for \$250,000 local improvement notes, maturing 8 months from July 27 1922 at the Central Union Trust Co., New York, where delivery to purchaser is to be made on July 27. Bidders to state rate of interest, designate denominations desired and to whom (not bearer) notes shall be made payable. No bids will be accepted at less than par.

ROCKFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—During the month of May the State of North Dakota purchased \$10,000 4% building bonds at par. Date July 1 1920. Due July 1 1940. Bonds are not subject to call, but may be redeemed 2 years from date of issue.

ROLLA, Rolette County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—During the month of May the State of North Dakota purchased \$10,000 4% building bonds at par. Date July 1 1920. Due July 1 1940. Although these bonds are not subject to call, they may be redeemed 2 years after date.

ROSE CREEK, Mower County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,500 electric light bonds recently voted—V. 114, p. 2395—have been awarded to Warren Dean as 6s at a premium of \$304, equal to 106.75. Denom. \$500. Date May 1 1922. Int. M. & N. Due on May 1 from 1929 to 1937 inclusive.

RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased \$10,000 4% building bonds at par during the month of May. Date May 1 1920. Due May 1 1940. Bonds are not subject to call, but may be redeemed 2 years after date.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY (P. O. Duluth), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 1.30 p. m. July 28 W. H. Borgen, County Auditor, will receive sealed proposals for \$2,000,000 gold coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1921. Due Jan. 1 1931.

ST. PETERSBURG, Pinellas County, Fla.—PRICE.—The price paid for the \$365,000 5 1/2% municipal bonds awarded to R. M. Grant & Co. of N. Y. City, as stated in V. 115, p. 339, was par plus a premium of \$14,100, equal to 103.88, a basis of about 5.25%.

SAGINAW, Saginaw County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—A recent issue of the Michigan "Investor" states that \$400,000 street improvement bonds were sold to local investors over the counter.

SAGINAW COUNTY (P. O. Saginaw), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—The Board of County Road Commissioners will receive bids until 12.30 p. m., to-day, (July 22) for the following 5% highway impt. bonds, aggregating \$4,500, issued under authority of Act No. 59, Public Acts of 1915: \$4,200 7-year serial assessment District Road No. 48 bonds, 35,550 5-year serial assessment District Road No. 84 bonds, 24,750 4-year serial assessment District Road No. 85 bonds. Denom. to suit purchaser. Date July 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. (M. & N.). Due beginning May 1 1923. The official notice states that the above officials will pledge the faith and credit for the payment of these bonds of the County of Saginaw, the township or townships and the Assessment District in which the road is located. The official notice also states that the County Road Commissioners will furnish the purchaser a guaranteed transcript of the proceedings for each road by the R. W. Roberts Co., engineers, 209 Schirmer Bldg., Saginaw, Mich.

SALEM, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary loan of \$100,000, dated July 19 and maturing Dec. 14 1922, was awarded on July 19 to the Merchants National Bank of Salem, on a 3.34% discount basis, plus \$1.25 premium.

SALINA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. East Syracuse R. D. No. 1), Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Miss Kathie Malloy, Trustee, received sealed proposals until July 20 at the office of William A. Maloney, 619 Wolf St., Syracuse, for the purchase of \$40,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. payable at the Third National Bank, Syracuse, to the holder thereof in New York exchange. Due \$4,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1928 to 1937, incl.

SAN BERNARDINO, San Bernardino County, Calif.—CORRECTION.—The amount of 5% tax-free coupon public convention hall bonds sold was \$200,000, not \$195,000, as stated in V. 114, p. 2630. The bonds were purchased on June 5 by the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, and the American National Bank, San Bernardino, jointly for \$210,042 50 (105.02) and interest. They are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due on June 1 yearly up until 1961.

SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Antonio), Bexar County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The Brown Grummer Co. of Wichita, has purchased the \$1,000,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on July 18—V. 115, p. 215—at par, plus a premium of \$16,150, equal to 101.615. Due in 40 years.

SANTA ROSA HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sonoma County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$375,000 5% 24-year (aver.) school bonds has been sold to Blyth, Witter & Co. of San Francisco for \$398,288, equal to 106.21, a basis of about 4.57%. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$10,000 1928 to 1957, incl., and \$15,000 1958 to 1962, incl.

SCOTT COUNTY (P. O. Scottsburg), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On July 15 the Fletcher-American Co. of Indianapolis, was awarded the \$33,480 5 1/2% 7 1/2-year (aver.) M. V. Weir et al. highway impt. bonds, offered on that date—V. 115, p. 215—for \$33,955 (101.41) and int., a basis of about 4.715%. Date July 15 1922. Due \$1,674 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, incl. A bid of \$33,836 was received from Breed, Elliott & Harrison of Indianapolis.

SCOTTSBLUFF COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 52 (P. O. Scottsbluff), Neb.—BOND ELECTION.—BOND SALE.—Subject to being voted at an election to be held soon, Esté & Co. of Denver, have purchased \$3,000 building and \$2,000 funding school bonds.

SEATTLE, Wash.—BOND SALE.—During June the city issued the following 6% bonds:

Dist. No.	Amount	Purpose	Date	Due
3403	\$35,010 90	Paving	June 6 1922	June 6 1934
3403	2,452 45	Grading	June 16 1923	June 16 1934
3404	21,107 73	Water mains	June 19 1922	June 19 1934
3451	4,131 05	Sewers	June 17 1922	June 17 1934
3464	5,843 34	Grading	June 19 1922	June 19 1934
3411	9,975 04	Sewer	June 20 1922	June 20 1934
3390	38,534 18	Paving	June 29 1922	June 29 1934

All the above bonds are subject to call yearly.

SENECA FALLS, Seneca County, N. Y.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—RE-OFFERED.—The two issues of bonds, aggregating \$53,000, offered on July 17—V. 115, p. 215—were not sold, all bids being rejected. The bonds are being re-offered at 7.30 p. m. Aug. 1.

SEYMOUR, Baylor County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—On Aug. 8 \$40,000 city hall, \$8,000 park and \$25,000 water bonds will be voted upon.

SOUTH AMHERST VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Amherst), Lorain County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Carl E. Gibson, Clerk, Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Aug. 2 for \$45,000 5 1/2% coupon building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 2 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at Lorain Savings & Trust Co., Elyria, Ohio. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1924 and \$2,000 from 1925 to 1946, incl. Cert. check on an Ohio bank other than the bidder, for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the above official, is required.

SOUTH STILLWATER, Washington County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The Lincoln Trust & Savings Bank has purchased \$12,000 5% water bonds at 100.33, a basis of about 4.97%. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Int. J.-J. Due July 1 1942.

SPENCER, McCook County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 5 p. m. July 31 for \$30,000 6% electric plant bonds. Date June 1 1922. Due June 1 1937. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Northwestern Trust Co. of St. Paul. A certified check for 1% of bid, payable to the City Treasurer, required. W. J. Loucke, City Auditor.

SPRINGFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary loan of \$300,000, maturing Nov. 17 1922, has been awarded to the First National Bank of Boston on a 3.33% discount basis.

SPRINGFIELD, Clark County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$54,417 56 5/8 year (aver.) coupon bonds which were offered for sale on July 17—V. 115, p. 340—have been sold to Grau, Todd & Co. of Cincinnati, at a premium of \$675 (101.24) and interest, a basis of about 4.50%. Date March 1 1922. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$6,417 53 in 1923 and \$6,000 from 1924 to 1931 incl. The following bids were also received:

Seasongood & Mayer	.....\$499 00	Well, Roth & Co.	.....\$65 75
Breed, Elliott & Harrison	.....203 00	N. S. Hill & Co.	.....15 00
Title Guarantee & Trust Co.	.....160 25		

All the above bids include accrued interest.

STANTON, Montcalm County, Mich.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The taxpayers of the city recently defeated a proposed bond issue of \$15,000 for repairs to waterworks and electric light plant.

STANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22 (P. O. Stanton), Mercer County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased at par during the month of May \$6,000 4% building bonds. Date July 1 1920. Due July 1 1940. Although these bonds are not subject to call, they may be redeemed 2 years after date.

STUBEN COUNTY (P. O. Angola), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On July 14 the People's State Bank of Indianapolis purchased the \$19,271 6% Edna Dole et al. Otsego and Scott Twp., drain-construction bonds, offered on that date—V. 115, p. 216—for \$19,650 60 (101.96) and int., a basis of about 5.250%. Date June 12 1922. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$3,853 80 from 1923 to 1926, incl., and \$3,855 80 1927 (average life about 2 1/2 years).

STUEBENVILLE, Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Wm. T. Kindsvatter, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 14 for \$30,000 5% sewer bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. (M.-S.). Due \$2,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1938 incl. Issued in pursuance of Ordinance No. 4019 and under authority of the laws of Ohio. Cert. check for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, is required.

STRAWN, Palo Pinto County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The First Municipal Bond & Mortgage Co. of Dallas, has purchased, it is stated, \$29,000 6% city hall bonds. Int. semi-ann.

STRUTHERS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Struthers), Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Aug. 7 by M. B. Stewart, Clerk of Board of Education, for the purchase at not less than par and int. of \$160,000 5 1/4% school-building bonds, issued under authority of Secs. 7726-7727, Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due yearly on Dec. 21 as follows: \$7,000, 1923 to 1938, incl., and \$6,000, 1939 to 1946, incl. Certified check, payable to the District Treasurer, is required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 30 days from date of award.

SUGAR CREEK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Waynesville R. F. D. No. 1), Greene County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—F. A. Wright, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive bids until 2 p. m. July 29 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$110,000 5% coupon school-building bonds, issued under authority of Sec. 7630, Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the Commercial & Savings Bank of Xenia. Due \$2,000 each six months from Sept. 1 1923 to Sept. 1 1935, incl., and \$2,000 on March 1 and \$3,000 on Sept. 1 in each of the years from 1936 to 1947, incl. Certified check on a solvent bank located in Greene County for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Clerk of the Board of Education, required.

SUPERIOR, Douglas County, Wisc.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. July 28 by M. G. Beckley, City Clerk, for \$150,000 4 1/4% school bonds. Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. F.-A. Due \$15,000 yearly 1933 to 1942, incl. Bids to be accompanied by a cert. check for 2% of the amount of bonds, conditioned, that if awarded the sale, the bidder will pay for and complete such purchase upon 20 days after date of furnishing to the bidder a certified copy of the proceedings.

SWISSVALE, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that \$60,000 4 1/4% bonds have been sold to the Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh.

TEXAS (State of).—BONDS REGISTERED.—The following bonds have been registered with the State Comptroller:

Amount	Place	Int. Rate	Due	Date Rep.
\$2,000	Limestone Co. Com. S. D. No. 16	5%	20 years	July 10
1,500	Lubb Co. Com. S. D. No. 27	6%	1-20 years	July 11
1,000	Lee Co. Com. S. D. No. 88	6%	1-20 years	July 11
2,250	Hamilton Co. Com. S. D. No. 44	5%	20 years	July 11
3,500	Garza Co. Com. S. D. No. 1	6%	1-32 years	July 11
3,500	Garza Co. Road District No. 3	5 1/2%	10-30 years	July 11
1,500	Madison Co. Com. S. D. No. 9	6%	5-20 years	July 11
1,500	Madison Co. Com. S. D. No. 13	6%	5-20 years	July 11
3,000	San Saba Co. Com. S. D. No. 4	6%	5-20 years	July 14
3,500	Grayson Co. Com. S. D. No. 15	5%	5-40 years	July 14
1,500	Atascosa Co. Com. S. D. No. 40	5%	10-20 years	July 11

TODD COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 78 (P. O. Staples), Minn.—BOND SALE.—Gates, White & Co. of St. Paul have purchased \$25,000 refunding bonds.

TORRANCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Willard), N. Mex.—BOND SALE.—The International Trust Co. of Denver recently purchased \$35,000 5 1/4% 10-30 year (opt.) school building bonds.

TRENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Trent), Moody County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 school bonds recently voted—V. 114, p. 2856—have been awarded to Gates, White & Co. of St. Paul.

TRENTON, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Leonard Frebes, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until July 24 for \$70,000 sewer bonds. Date July 1 1922. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1923 to 1932, incl.; \$2,000 from 1933 to 1942, incl., and \$4,000 from 1943 to 1952, incl. Place of payment and int. rate to be fixed at the time of sale. Bids are requested at 4 1/2%, 4 3/4% and 5%. Cert. check for \$15,000 must accompany each bid.

TROY, Rensselaer County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—We are unofficially informed that the Manufacturers' National Bank of Troy was the successful bidder for the following three issues of 4 1/2% coupon or registered bonds offered at 10 a. m. yesterday morning:

\$35,000 Public Schools Nos. 14 and 16 equipment bonds. Denoms. 20 for \$1,000 and 20 for \$750. Due \$1,750 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1923 to 1942 inclusive.

28,000 Public School Improvement bonds, 1922. Denoms. 20 for \$1,000 and 20 for \$400. Due \$1,400 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1923 to 1942 inclusive.

19,000 fire alarm telegraph and police signaling bonds, 1922. Denom. \$950. Due \$950 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1923 to 1942 inclusive. Date Aug. 1 1922.

TRUMBULL COUNTY (P. O. Warren), Ohio.—BONDS OFFERED.—Frank F. Musser, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners, on July 21 offered \$10,000 5 1/2% street-impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1930, incl., and \$2,000 Oct. 1 1931.

TURLOCK SCHOOL DISTRICT, Stanislaus County, Calif.—ADDITIONAL DATA.—We have just come in receipt of the following additional data relative to sale of the \$36,000 5 1/2% school building bonds, awarded on April 11 to the Stanislaus County Bank of Modesto for \$38,510, equal to 105.07—V. 114, p. 1814. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 11 1922. Int. A. & O. Due yearly as follows: \$2,000, 1924 to 1929 inclusive, and \$3,000, 1930 to 1937 inclusive.

TUXEDO UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, Orange County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On July 18 the Empire Trust Co. of New York, by submitting a bid of 101, a basis of about 4.40%, acquired the \$50,000 4 1/4% registered gold bonds offered on that date—V. 115, p. 216. Due July 1 1922. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1926 to 1941, incl., and \$3,000. Other bidders, both of New York, were: Bonbright & Co., Inc. 100.37; Farson, Son & Co. 100.07.

TWIN BUTTES SCHOOL DISTRICT, Bowman County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—During the month of June the State of North Dakota purchased \$10,000 4% funding bonds at par. Date Dec. 1 1920. Due Dec. 1 1940. Although the bonds are not subject to call, they may be redeemed 2 years after date of issue.

UTICA, Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On July 17 several issues of 4 1/4% coupon and registered bonds, amounting to \$932,972 65, were awarded to Remick, Hodges & Co., Estabrook & Co., Roosevelt & Sons and Hannahs, Ballin & Lee of New York, for \$936,956 44, equal to 100.427, a basis of about 4.44%. The bonds are described as follows: \$28,200 1-20 year serial dumping ground; \$58,000 1-20 year serial school bonds; \$22,000 1-4 year serial grading and draining; \$25,000 1-20 year serial property assessment system establishment; \$55,000 1-20 year serial canal, bridge and structure; \$15,000 1-20 year serial sanitary sewer; \$40,000 1-20 year serial subway; \$10,000 1-20 year serial bridge; \$7,500 1-20 year serial playground; \$50,000 1-20 year serial storm sewer; \$15,000 1-15 year serial monumenting lines of city property, streets, &c.; \$15,000 1-15 year serial improvement; \$49,741 06 1-6 year serial paving; and \$47,531 59 paving bonds. Bonds are dated July 1 1922, except that the \$49,741 06 and \$47,531 59 issues are dated March 7 1922 and June 6 1922, respectively. Interest payable annually on paving bonds; J. & J. on others.

VAN HOOK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Van Hook), Mount-rail County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased \$23,000 4% funding bonds at par during the month of May. Date April 1 1922. Due April 1 1942. Bonds are not subject to call, but may be redeemed 2 years after date.

VIGO COUNTY (P. O. Terre Haute), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 5% 5-7-12 year (aver.) highway improvement bonds aggregating \$15,600, which were offered for sale on July 8—V. 115, p. 216 were awarded to Breed, Elliott & Harrison of Indianapolis as follows: \$10,100 James T. Riggs et al. Nevins Township bonds, at a premium of \$182 (101.80), a basis of about 4 3/4%. Denom. \$505. 5,500 Stephen G. Bates et al. Honey Creek and Linton Townships, bonds, at a premium of \$93 50 (101.70), a basis of about 4.65%. Denom. \$275. Due one bond of each issue each 6 months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932 inclusive.

VIRGINIA (State of).—BOND SALE.—The \$447,700 3 3/4% (opt.) coupon West Virginia bonds offered on July 14—V. 115, p. 216—have been sold to Scott & Stringfellow of Richmond, at 92.632. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1919. Due Jan. 1 1939.

WABASH COUNTY (P. O. Wabash), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On July 14 the \$32,000 5% 5-7-12 year (aver.) county infirmity repair bond offered on that date—V. 115, p. 216—were sold to J. P. Wild & Co., State Bank of Indianapolis. (Price not given). Date May 15 1922. Due \$1,600 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, incl.

WALSENBERG, Huerfano County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—Benwell, Phillips & Co. of Denver, have purchased \$30,000 5% 15-year water extension bonds at 100.18, a basis of about 4.98%. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J.-J.), payable at the City Treasurer's office or at the First National Bank, N. Y. City, at option of holder. Due July 1 1937.

WAMDUSKA SCHOOL DISTRICT, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased \$7,000 4% building bonds at par during the month of May. Date July 1 1920. Due July 1 1940. Bonds are not subject to call, but may be redeemed 2 years after date.

WARRICK COUNTY (P. O. Boonville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Carl A. Gardner, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 2 p. m. July 26 for the purchase of the following 4 1/2% Boon Twp. bonds: \$25,000 Wm. J. Mitchell et al. bonds. Denom. \$250. 14,000 Chas. J. Houchland et al. bonds. Denom. \$350. 3,600 Sam. Roth bonds. Denom. \$180. Date July 15 1922. Int. May 15 & Nov. 15. Due 1-20th of each issue each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, incl.

Notice of the offering of the \$14,000 block was given in V. 115, p. 349.

WASHINGTON, Washington County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On July 17 the \$375,000 4 1/4% bonds offered on that date—V. 115, p. 216—were awarded to the Washington Trust Co. of Washington for \$375,000 (100.053) and interest, a basis of about 4.49%. Date June 1 1922. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$10,000 in 1932, \$15,000, 1933 to 1935 incl.; \$20,000, 1936; \$40,000, 1937 to 1939 incl., and \$45,000, 1940 to 1943 incl.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Ft. Wayne), Allen County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Henry J. Koelmerten, Township Trustee, will receive bids until 4 p. m. Aug. 3 for the purchase at not less than par of \$69,000 4 1/4% coupon school-building bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due \$2,000 each six months from July 1 1923 to July 1 1937, and \$2,000 Aug. 1 1937. Certified check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Township Trustee, required.

WATER-TOWN, Codington County, So. Dak.—BOND ELECTION.—On July 25 an election will be held to vote on issuing \$225,000 5% 20-year electric light bonds.

WATERVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Waterville), Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On June 6 the Waterville State Savings Bank of Waterville purchased \$17,000 5 1/4% building bonds for \$17,312 80, equal to 101.84. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1922. Int. M. & S. Due serially from 1923 to 1939, incl.

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49 (P. O. Sligo), Colo.—DESCRIPTION.—The \$6,000 5 1/4% school building bonds recently voted and awarded to the International Trust Co. of Denver, as stated in V. 115, p. 341, are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date June 15 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D. 15) payable at the County Treasurer's office or at Kountze Bros., N. Y. City. Due June 15 1922, optional June 15 1937.

WEST CONCORD, Dodge County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 7:30 p. m. July 28 sealed bids will be received by W. E. Glarner, Village Recorder, for the purchase of \$12,000 coupon waterworks bonds not to exceed 5%. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Int. (J. & J.) payable at the First National Bank of St. Paul. Due \$1,000 yearly from 1933 to 1940, incl., and \$2,000, 1941 and 1942. A certified check for 10% of bid, payable to R. C. Jones, Village Treasurer, required. Bonded debt, \$10,000. Floating debt (additional), \$2,000. Assessed value, \$271,592.

WEYMOUTH, Norfolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—Reports say that the Town Treasurer has sold to F. S. Moseley & Co. of Boston on a 3.49% discount basis, a temporary loan of \$50,000, dated July 24 and maturing Dec. 20 1922.

WHATCOM COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 309, Wash.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$15,000 school bonds has been sold as 5 1/4%.

WHATCOM COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 318, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—The County Treasurer (P. O. Bellingham) asked for bids until July 21 for an issue of \$6,000 school bonds at not exceeding 6% interest. Denom. \$400.

WICHITA FALLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wichita Falls), Wichita County, Texas.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 10 a. m. July 24 by W. W. Brown, Secretary, for \$850,000 5% coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at Wichita Falls, or at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. Due \$21,000 yearly on July 1 from 1923 to 1952 incl., and \$22,000, 1953 to 1962 incl. A certified draft for \$12,500 payable to the above official, required. Bonds are sold subject to the approval of the Attorney-General of Texas. Bids are desired on the condition of cash payment on approval of bonds by the Attorney-General of Texas, or \$150,000 cash on approval and the balance in 12 equal installments, first installment to be payable and the balance in 12 equal installments of each month following until payment has been fully made, the depository or security for balance of \$700,000 to be approved by the Board of Trustees of this district. These bonds were offered on July 10—V. 115, p. 341—but owing to a misunderstanding, we are informed by the above official, they did not sell; therefore they are now being re-offered.

Assessed valuation, real estate	.....\$25,400,520
Assessed valuation, personal	.....10,609,900
Total assessed value, 1921	.....36,010,420
Total bonded debt	.....561,000
Sinking fund (about)	.....20,000
Property owned by district (estimated)	.....800,000

WILD ROSE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 90, Williams County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—During the month of June the State of North Dakota purchased \$15,000 4% bldg. and funding bonds at par. Date May 1 1920. Due May 1 1940. Bonds are not subject to call, but may be redeemed 2 years after date of issue.

WILLARD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Willard), Huron County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$21,464 72 5/8% refunding bonds, issued under authority of Secs. 5666 and 5668, Gen. Code, will be received until 12 m. Aug. 4 by Bert Wolff, Clerk of Board of Education. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,500, 1923 to 1929, incl.; \$2,000, 1930, and \$1,064 72. 1931. Certified check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from date of award.

WILLIAMSBURG TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Williamsburg), Clermont County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—O. Chatterton, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 5 for \$120,000 5% school bldg. bonds issued under Section 7630-1 and Act of General Assembly passed April 29 1921 and approved May 14 1921 and under a resolution of the Board of Education adopted May 27 1922. Denom. \$1,000. Int. payable semi-ann. (J-D) at the office of the above official. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$6,000 from 1924 to 1943 incl. and \$2,500 from 1944 to 1947 incl. Cert. check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for payable to the above official, is required. The bonds will be sold for not less than par and accrued interest.

WILLMAR, Kandiyohi County, Minn.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 871 to 251, \$85,000 light plant bonds were recently sanctioned by the voters.

WILLOUGHBY, Lake County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On July 10 the following two issues of 5 1/4% bonds, offered on that date (V. 114, p. 2857), were sold to Sidney Spitzer & Co. of Toledo for \$48,013 21, equal to 101.84 and int., a basis of about 5.215%: \$25,181 21 4 3/4% year (aver.) Clark Court, Eldo, Arthur and Wright St. Impf. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$181 21. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1923, \$3,000 from 1924 to 1930 incl., and \$3,181 21 in 1931.

20,000 00 10 3/4% year (aver.) 3 1/2 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1942 inclusive.

Date April 1 1922. The following is a complete list of the bids received:

Name of Bidder—	Bonds.	Premium.
The Guardian Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland	\$25,181 21	\$10 00
W. L. Shayton & Co., Toledo	20,000 00	107 00
	25,181 21	17 62
Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati	20,000 00	424 00
Hanchett Bond Co., Inc., Chicago	20,000 00	78 00
Ryan, Bowman & Co., Toledo	45,181 21	527 00
	25,181 21	85 87
Lewis S. Rosentel Co., Cincinnati	20,000 00	421 80
Sidney Spitzer & Co., Toledo	20,000 00	533 33
	45,181 21	832 00

All bidders offered accrued interest.

WINTON, Hertford County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by P. S. Jordan, Town Clerk, for \$12,000 6% electric-light and power system bonds until 12 m. July 25. Denom. \$500. Date March 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. Due on March 1 as follows: \$500, 1924 to 1935, and \$1,000, 1936 to 1941. A certified check for \$240, payable to the Town Treasurer, required.

WOBURN, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On July 14 a temporary loan of \$100,000, issued in anticipation of revenue for the current year, was awarded to the National Shawmut Bank of Boston on a 3.50% discount basis plus a premium of \$1 75. Denoms. 3 for \$25,000, 2 for \$10,000 and 1 for \$5,000. Date July 14 1922. Due June 14 1923.

WOOD COUNTY (P. O. Bowling Green), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Commercial Bank of Bowling Green, was awarded on July 13 \$20,000 5 1/4% road improvement bonds for \$20,127 60 (100.638). Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. (M. & S.). Due \$4,000 yearly from 1923 to 1927 inclusive.

WORTHAM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wortham), Freestone County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—On July 12 \$50,000 school building bonds were voted.

WYANDOTTE IRRIGATION DISTRICT, Calif.—NEW IRRIGATION DEAL.—The San Francisco "Chronicle" in its issue of July 9 said: "The South Feather Land & Water Co. filed application with the Railroad Commission yesterday for permission to dispose of its properties to the Wyandotte Irrigation District for \$200,000, contingent on the purchase price being raised by a bond election. This is the second privately owned water and irrigation company filing application to sell out to an irrigation district within the week. The other was the Palermo Land & Water Co., which serves 2,700 acres in Butte County. The South Feather company serves an acreage in Butte, Yuba and Plumas counties."

YONKERS, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On July 18 the following four issues of 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds—V. 115, p. 218—were awarded to Lampport, Barker & Jennings Inc. of New York at 101.6921, a basis of about 4.35%:

\$1,000,000 school bonds. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$25,000, 1924 to 1948 inclusive, and \$25,000, 1949 to 1962 inclusive.

320,000 refunding bonds. Due \$16,000 yearly on July 1 from 1923 to 1942 inclusive.

265,000 local improvement bonds. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$18,000, 1925 to 1932 incl., and \$17,000, 1933 to 1937 incl.

216,000 assessment bonds. Due \$36,000, yearly on July 1 from 1923 to 1928 inclusive.

Date July 1 1922. The following is a complete list of the bids received:

Name—	Rate Bid.
Lampport, Barker & Jennings Inc., N. Y.	101.6921
Redmond & Co. and The First National Bank of New York	101.649
Guaranty Co. of N. Y., Equitable Trust Co. and Barr Bros. & Co., New York	101.637
The National City Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., and Eldredge & Co., New York	101.419
Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., New York	101.331
Estabrook & Co. Bankers Trust Co., Remick, Hodges & Co., and Hannab, Ballin & Law, New York	101.131
Sherrwood & Merrifield, New York	101.29
White, Weld & Co.; Brown Bros. & Co., and Wm. R. Compton Co., New York	101.08

An advertisement in which Lampport, Barker & Jennings, the National City Co. and Redmond & Co. are offering these bonds to investors at prices to yield 4.20% and 4.15% appears on a preceding page of this issue. The statement is made, however, that all of the bonds have been sold.

YUMA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Yuma), Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Aug. 21 by Sara B. Glessner, Clerk Board of Supervisors, for \$12,000 6% school bonds. Date day of issuance. Due in 10 years. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (June 30-Dec. 31) payable in gold at County Treasurer's office or at the Seaboard National Bank, N. Y. City. Denom. \$500. A cert. check upon some national bank for 5% of bid, payable to the Chairman Board of Supervisors, required. These bonds were voted by a count of 40 to 2 at the election held on June 24—V. 114, p. 2858.

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Notice is hereby given that the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer of the Town of Harwinton, Connecticut, will receive sealed bids at the office of The Hartford-Connecticut Trust Company, Hartford, Connecticut, until 9 O'CLOCK A. M., STANDARD TIME, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1922, for the purchase of all of \$64,000 Town of Harwinton, Connecticut, bonds. Said bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders then present.

Said bonds will be dated June 1, 1922, and payable \$2,000 on June 1, 1923, and \$2,000 each year thereafter, the last two of said bonds being payable June 1, 1951. All of said bonds are in denominations of \$1,000 each, coupon form, and may be registered as to principal and bear interest at the rate of 4 1/2 per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on the first days of June and December. Principal and interest is payable at The Hartford-Connecticut Trust Company, Hartford, Connecticut.

No bids will be considered unless accompanied by certified check for two per centum of the par value of said bonds, payable to the order of the Town of Harwinton. No interest will be paid on said check, nor will the Town of Harwinton be responsible for delivery of check in transit to or from the office of The Hartford-Connecticut Trust Company. Said check will be returned to the bidder if unsuccessful; otherwise applied to the sum bid, or forfeited to the Town of Harwinton as liquidated damages in case the bidder fails to comply with the terms of his bid. The balance of purchase price shall be payable in cash upon delivery of bonds.

No bids for less than par or for less than the entire issue will be considered. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of The Hartford-Connecticut Trust Company, Hartford, Connecticut, whose certificate as to the issue of the same will be endorsed thereon. The legality of the bonds will be examined by Robinson, Robinson & Cole, of Hartford, Connecticut, and copy of their opinion will be furnished with the bonds.

HENRY O. DELAY,
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The City of Glendive, Montana, will sell at public auction on the 16TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1922, AT TWO O'CLOCK P. M., at the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Glendive, Sixty Thousand Dollars Water-Works Bonds of said city, dated July 1, 1922. Due \$6,000 on January 1st in each of the years 1933 to 1942, both inclusive. Each bond to be redeemable at the option of the city one year prior to its maturity. Principal and interest payable at the office of the City Treasurer, Glendive, or at the Chase National Bank, City of New York.

The bonds will be sold to the bidder offering to purchase said bonds at the lowest rate of interest not exceeding 6%, payable semi-annually.

All bids must be unconditional and must be accompanied by unconditional certified or cashier's check on a reliable bank in the sum of \$6,000, payable to the order of undersigned Clerk. The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

By order of the City Council.

[SEAL] AUGUST COLIN, City Clerk.

REDEMPTION NOTICE

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**Escambia County, Florida,
ROAD BONDS.**

Notice is hereby given that Bond Trustees of Escambia County, Florida, have called in for redemption on August 15th, 1922, Road Paving Bonds of Escambia County, Florida, numbered from 1 to 65, both inclusive. Said bonds must be presented to Guaranty Trust Company, New York City, on the above date for payment, as interest will cease after that time.

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BRIDGEBURG, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—H. G. Patriarchs, Town Clerk, will receive tenders until 6 p. m. July 24 for \$30,000 6% 20-year installment school debentures.

BRITISH COLUMBIA (Province of).—DEBENTURE SALE.—On July 13 a block of \$2,000,000 5% 2-year debentures was awarded to Miller & Co. of New York at 99.14, a basis of about 5.44%. The funds are being used for irrigation and Land Settlement Board enterprise.

COCHRANE, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—W. R. Warrell, Town Clerk, will receive tenders until July 31 for \$75,000 6% 20-year housing debentures.

CORNWALL, Ont.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—The issuance of \$75,000 5½% school debentures has been authorized, it is reported.

DEVON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sask.—DEBENTURE SALE.—On June 24 \$4,000 7½% 15-year school building bonds were awarded to C. C. Cross & Co., Regina, for \$4,030, equal to 100.75. Date July 15 1922. Int. payable annually Jan. 15. Due July 15 1937.

MIDLAND, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—It is reported that \$30,000 5½% debentures have been sold to the Municipal Bankers' Corp., Ltd., of Toronto, at 97.47.

MONTREAL SOUTH, Que.—BOND ISSUE AUTHORIZED.—It is reported that the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs has authorized the flotation of a \$2,000 bond issue for sewer purposes.

MOOSE JAW, Sask.—DEBENTURE SALE.—On July 15 four issues of 6% bonds, aggregating \$182,470 07, were awarded, it is stated, to Wood, Gundy & Co. as follows:

- \$150,000 00 5-year tax arrears debentures at 97.80.
 - 12,985 00 30-year water main debentures at 97.34.
 - 17,015 00 30-year sewer main debentures at 97.34.
 - 2,470 07 10-year sewer and water house connections debentures at 96.08.
- Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. F. & A.

NORTH BAY, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Wm. N. Snyder, Town Clerk, will receive bids until 12 m. Aug. 1 for \$47,000 5½% 20-year installment public school debentures. Date Aug. 1 1922. Prin. and int. payable at the Royal Bank of Canada.

NOVA SCOTIA (Province of).—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—G. H. Murray, Provincial Treasurer, will receive tenders until 1 p. m. July 26 for \$2,000,000 5% 25-year coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal) debentures. Date Aug. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in Halifax, Montreal and Toronto, or in Halifax, Montreal, Toronto and New York, as stipulated in successful bid. Debentures to be delivered and paid for at the office of the Provincial Treasurer. Interim debentures will be ready for delivery Aug. 1 1922.

PAIPOONGE, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—During June \$2,000 6% 10-year installment debentures were sold to C. H. Burgess & Co. of Toronto, at 95.25.

PRESCOTT AND RUSSELL COUNTIES, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—On July 12 Gairdner, Clarke & Co. of Toronto were awarded the \$200,000 6% permanent road and bridge debentures offered on that date (V. 115, p. 219) at 101.528, a basis of about 5.79%. Denom. to suit purchaser. Date July 15 1922. Int. payable on July 15. Due \$10,000 yearly on July 15 from 1923 to 1942 incl. The following are the bids received:

- Gairdner, Clarke & Co. 161.528 | C. R. Matthews & Co. 101.00
 - Wood, Gundy & Co. 101.391 | Dominion Securities Corp. 100.64
 - The National City Co., Ltd. 101.14 | Macneil, Graham & Co. 100.07
 - C. H. Burgess & Co. 101.13 | Hauser, Wood & Co. 99.47
- All the above are located in Toronto.

ADDITIONAL BONDS SOLD.—When taking the above \$200,000 bonds, Gairdner, Clarke & Co. took an option on \$100,000 additional bonds at the same price. It is now reported that this option has been exercised.

RENFREW, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—During June C. H. Burgess & Co. of Toronto, purchased at 91.11, \$1,000 20-year installment and \$5,979 30-year installment 5% debentures.

ST. LAURENT, Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.—On July 14 the \$35,000 6% 20-year debentures offered on that date—V. 115, p. 219—were awarded to the Provincial Bank of Canada at 101.01 and interest. Denom. \$500. Date May 1 1922. Int. M. & N. Due May 1 1942.

SAINTE-FLORE-EAST, Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.—The \$25,000 6% water and sewer systems construction debentures offered on July 3 (V. 114, p. 2583) were awarded to the Credit Industriel of Quebec at 98.23. Denom. \$100. Date May 1 1922. Int. M. & N. Due May 1 1952.

SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Sask.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—The following, according to the "Financial Post," is a list of authorizations granted by the local Government Board from June 24 to June 30:

- Emerson, \$3,000; Bear Island, \$4,000; Salvador, \$4,000; Golburn Valley, \$1,300.

DEBENTURE SALES.—The following, we learn from the same source, is a list of debentures reported sold from June 24 to June 30:

- Codette, \$500, 5 years, 8%; G. Tait, Nipawin; Sydenham, \$1,500, 10 years, 7%; A. I. Hill, Guernsey; Hebden, \$4,500, 15 years, 7½%; C. C. Cross & Co., Regina; Murray Lake, \$2,000, 10 years, 8%; H. J. Birkett, Toronto; Regina P. S., \$13,000, 30 years, 6½%; C. C. Cross & Co., Regina; Superior, \$1,000, 10 years, 7½%; C. C. Cross & Co., Regina.

SASKATOON, Sask.—RESULT OF A RECENT ELECTION.—In answer to our request for the result of a recent election, M. C. Tomlinson, City Clerk, says:

"I beg to state that there were four By-Laws included in the expenditures aggregating \$81,000. These By-Laws were defeated at the polls by a small majority, but owing to the vote being so very small, the Council has decided to re-submit these By-Laws to the burgesses on Aug. 1 next.

"When I tell you that the total vote polled was only 163, you will fully realize that this could not be taken as an expression of the people's wishes."

STAYNER, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—John Hood, Town Clerk, will receive bids until 12 m. July 25 for \$67,000 5½% 30-year installment school erection debentures.

SUMMERLAND, B. C.—DEBENTURE SALE.—A block of \$55,000 6½% debentures has been sold to the Royal Financial Corp. of Vancouver. Denom. \$1,000 and \$200. Int. J. & D. Due yearly on June 1 from 1923 to 1937 inclusive.

TORONTO TOWNSHIP (P. O. Dixie), Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—J. R. Kennedy, Township Clerk, will receive bids until Aug. 4 for \$40,000 5½% 30-year debentures.

VICTORIA, B. C.—DEBENTURE SALE.—The "Monetary Times" reports that the Cemetery Board has sold \$40,000 5½% 30-year debentures to Pemberton & Son and British American Bond Corp. at a price of 97.25, the money costing the Board about 5.72%.

WINNIPEG, Man.—ADDITIONAL BONDS SOLD.—Gairdner, Clarke & Co. and Dominion Loan & Securities Co. have purchased \$200,000 5½% 20-year bonds, in addition to the \$800,000 reported in V. 115, p. 219. The price paid was the same as in the first sale, 99.27.

YORK TOWNSHIP, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—On July 17, it is stated, Aemilius Jarvis & Co. of Toronto, bidding 100.96, a basis of about 5.99%, were awarded \$230,080 10-year installment, \$21,000 25-year installment, \$13,000 20-year installment, and \$42,000 30-year installment 6% debentures.

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