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### CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.

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 511 and 512.

### THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

The fourth week of the railway strike has not brought the end in sight but has brought it nearer, by more clearly defining the lines and strengthening the determination in the Government, the Executives, and the public to put a finish to temporizing. Mr. Gompers avers that most executives are anxious to negotiate but are helpless "before the dominating presence of a small group" of Eastern men who "are what we may call Wall Street trustees." This is the old fling which is always expected to "fire" the union heart, yet the Eastern Executives are not only charged with the affairs of strong roads but really speak for nearly all the others. Mr. Willard tells the public and the men of his road, by advertisement, that there are no matters in dispute between the company and its men that he does not believe could be settled promptly by a conference, which he desires and invites. The new unions suggested by the Labor Board would be, says Mr. Gompers, "company-owned organizations of strike breakers and the enslavement involved would be too apparent to be accepted by the American people"; yet the suggestion has evidently worried the strikers, and if one set of men may unionize so may any other.

That the strike is really against the Government by being against disliked findings by the Labor Board becomes, if possible, more and more clear. After the

familiar manner of unions in accepting what conferences and arbitrations give them and then moving to the next step, the brotherhoods are now ready and preparing, it is reported, to attempt to legislate the Board itself out of existence; a bill is proposed for re-establishing the old method of Governmental mediation and conciliation. The men merely want what they want, and their reasonableness and their regard for personal freedom is illustrated by an almost unnoticed report from Richmond, July 19, that striking shopmen engaged in picketing railway plants were busy photographing non-union men and will send the pictures to labor journals, so that (as one picket declared) "it will then be seen to that the non-union man is never employed by a union concern." The boycott again, it will be observed.

What the men are trying to force is a re-hearing of its wage decision by the Labor Board, with the expectation of reversal and (of course) of having the reversal made retroactive. The seniority rights remain as the last concession to be demanded, but upon this nothing new can be said. The N. Y. Central has explained it by advertisement, and no fair man who thinks of it a moment can fail to understand it. There are thousands, says this advertisement, who must be protected, under rules of fair dealing as well as of seniority, and to desert them "would be ingratitude of the grossest sort"; besides the thousands who remained, other thousands have been employed, in many cases leaving other jobs, upon the understanding that they will be retained if found competent. To set them aside, and replace them with those who left "is to ask the railroads, as well as the Government, which is concerned through the action of the U. S. Labor Board, to be disloyal to these thousands of loyal men." This is correct, in policy as well as in principle. The strikers themselves are shrewd enough to see and remember the weakness (should this stand upon seniority be yielded) and to use it hereafter as a warning to those they now scoff at as "strike-breakers"; further, our national concern is not merely to end this present trouble but to bar out recurrences of trouble, and if it were once established that railway employees could run off at any time and then run back at any time, without being penalized by losing rights acquired by long service, the difficulty of finding new men to take their places temporarily would be almost insurmountable.

While the strikers issue denials and assert that the roads are daily losing, the Executives speak confidently of gains. The shipbuilding companies are said to have facilities equal to and ready for car repairs when needed. The great Kingsland shops of

the Lackawanna have been reopened. The New Haven says it still has locomotives ready in storage and that men are daily qualifying and being welded into a permanent force. The Erie says its loaded cars moved in the first three weeks of the strike equaled those in the like time in June, and President Underwood adds that the road is going to settle this with its own men and is willing to wait until they are ready; "no union counts with us except the Erie 'union' (which is not a union) and the men can join any union that pleases them, or join none." The New York Central says 57% of its 15,000 shop craftsmen now working are old employees. The Pennsylvania says its road is open and operating from end to end without delay; that 65% of its shopmen and 90% of all employees have stood by; that the road will protect every loyal man as to seniority and other rights; and that since the strike began it has been carrying more passengers and freight than usual.

No sign of confusion or of wavering appears in the President. To an insolent letter from J. Cleve Dean, Chairman of the railway men's "publicity association," he has replied that there has been no plan or thought of compelling anybody to work; that the only service of the military forces is to prevent lawlessness and violence; that the striking railway men and miners seek to use their freedom to halt transportation and cut off the supply of an indispensable commodity; and that men who are at work are entitled to protection equally with those who decline work. So he invites this man and his associates to accept the decisions of the Labor Board, "acting under the authority of the law, which must be supreme," and return to work until the Board can give a re-hearing on any question about which a reasonable doubt remains. "These are the ways of peace, these are the requirements of enlightened civilization."

There can be no yielding on the seniority issue, however strenuously it may be demanded and however insidiously it may be urged that one unsettled point might be waived rather than prolong warfare. Vice-President Atterbury of the Pennsylvania, reaffirming the intention of the system to stand by its men in every respect and to the end, says he told the President that such a question properly belongs to its employees and he would willingly leave it with them. The Southern Pacific joins the Eastern roads in declaring that returning strikers will come as new men and the loyalty of those who stand by will be recognized and rewarded. As an indication of public feeling upon this, the head of the National Industrial Traffic League has wired President Harding urging him to support the roads upon the matter of seniority, and the League's Secretary in a public address in Boston urges that no compromise be thought of and avers that any weakness shown now "will result in greater difficulty encountered in the future," just as, he adds, the surrender in 1916 produced conditions so unreasonable that more waste was caused in trying to return the roads to their owners and now the Labor Board has to try to arrange the disputes which have grown fiercer.

No, the day of compromise is past. There is only one sane and wise course: to stand firm.

For several weeks it has been reported that at a comparatively early date Premier Poincare of France and Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain would have a conference to discuss highly important inter-

national problems in which those nations are directly and even vitally interested. Definite word came from Paris Monday morning that the evening before it had been announced there that "M. Poincare will meet Lloyd George in London on August 1 for what promises to be the most important Allied council yet held since the Peace Conference." The New York "Times" correspondent cabled that "when he travels to London on the last day of this month the Premier will be accompanied by his Finance Minister, Count de Lasteyrie, and by the Director of Foreign Affairs at the Quai d'Orsay, Count Peretti de la Rocca, with a number of experts on reparations, the Near East, Tangier problem and on the situation in Austria. On the English side it is understood that Lord Balfour and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Robert Horne, will take part with Lloyd George in the conference." He also asserted that the following might be "regarded as the positive part of M. Poincare's program: (1) That there shall be a general cancellation of debts which will not be conditional on any decision of the United States and of which the consequence will be a reduction to a nominal total of the German debt. (2) That arrangements will be made by which the restoration of the devastated districts will be given priority over all reparations payments. (3) That a German foreign loan for payment of reparations will be issued and subscribed as quickly as possible and to a sufficient amount to give Germany time to reorganize her finances with the help of Allied control." Commenting upon the economic and financial position of France and Great Britain as he understood them, the "Times" correspondent said: "Every one here is fully conscious of the importance of this coming meeting. Further, there is in the whole country the firmest belief in the strength of the French position. French weakness, it is being pointed out, is only financial; it is almost only a matter of figures and manipulation of debts, whereas England's weakness is economic and enormously more vital. With the failure of the Genoa and The Hague conferences, and the pressing unemployment problem, the position of Mr. Lloyd George's Government, as seen here, is most unfavorable. He must do something, it is believed, to better the economic position of his country in the only way in which it can be done, by stabilizing money values of Europe and helping Germany—always under control, to prevent more trickery—to become at the same time financially sound as a purchaser, and without the advantage of the lowness of the mark as a competitor in the world market."

In outlining the status of the reparations question at that time the Paris correspondent of the Associated Press cabled last Monday afternoon that "the whole reparations problem is now in the hands of the Allied Premiers. It is considered quite unlikely that the Reparations Commission will render any decision on Germany's request for a moratorium until after the opening session of the Allied Council in London early next month." He further stated that "although the report of the Committee on Guarantees regarding the control measures agreed upon as a result of its investigation into Germany's finances and economic affairs, is expected to be ready by the middle of the week, it was stated to-day that the Commission itself would not have the report officially before it until the end of this week." Last evening word came from Paris that "at a meeting this morning the

Allied Committee on Guarantees decided not to present its report on the German financial situation until next week. The report is virtually completed, but the Reparations Commission has considered it advisable not to take any action on the report or on the question of a moratorium for Germany until the Allied Premiers have passed upon these matters at their coming meeting in London."

Touching on a matter about which there have been a good many rumors recently, the correspondent said: "There is considerable sentiment in the Reparations Commission in favor of reconvening the international committee of bankers, in view of the latter's decision that it would hold itself in readiness again to advise the Commission on the German loan question if the Commission so desired." He added that "up to the present there has been no effort to communicate with the bankers, but it is believed they will be kept constantly informed of the developments of the situation. Any readjustment of the reparations payments which involved a reduction of the total German indemnity would insure another session of the bankers, it was pointed out in reparation circles." Discussing the probability of a renewal of negotiations for a foreign loan to Germany, the correspondent said that "the effect of reforms and guarantees, added to the results expected from new financial control to be installed in Germany by the Guarantees Commission, the French hold, would insure the floating and placing of a German foreign loan. Such a loan, providing important resources for the restoration of the devastated regions, would then permit of the granting to Germany of a prolonged cash moratorium."

The London correspondent of "The Sun" of this city, in attempting to outline Premier Lloyd George's program for his conference with Premier Poincare said that "Lloyd George stands firmly for a reduction of reparations, but is unwilling to forego the British share of reparations at present, as that would deprive the British of an emphatic voice in the French attitude toward Germany, but if France consents to the withdrawal of the armies of occupation, the cost of which is still unmet by German payments, then Lloyd George will be inclined favorably to consider giving up the British title to reparations. It is with French, Italian and Belgian debts to Great Britain that Lloyd George is going to bargain with Poincare for a reduction of the reparations and abandonment of the policy of military sanctions, but at the discussions reduction of the French army as part of Lloyd George's plan for land disarmament of Europe will be tentatively suggested with all respect for French susceptibilities, and it will be offered as a reason for inducing international bankers, particularly American bankers, to grant loans in Europe, principally to Germany." According to "The Sun" correspondent also, "it will be pointed out that the Allies must make President Harding's task easier to get America to reparticipate in European affairs some time in the future for the benefit of France, Germany and Europe generally. There is no great enthusiasm among Lloyd George's friends who reflect the Premier's mind on the proposition of bringing America in to discuss European questions, but America's attitude toward Europe is considered a powerful argument when the other nations challenge the British proposals."

The Associated Press correspondent in Paris said that "it is expected that the London conference will

assume the proportions of a meeting of the Supreme Council, as Belgium is sure to be represented, and if the Italian Cabinet crisis is solved in time, that Italy also will have delegates present." On the contrary, the Paris representative of the New York "Times" said the next morning that "for the present it is not a part of the French plan to have anything like a Supreme Council meeting. That will come later, after the two Allies principally concerned in the reparations settlement have either found or failed to find a ground of common accord." Continuing to outline the situation, he said: "Between now and August 15, the date by which the Reparations Commission has promised to reply to Germany's demand for a further moratorium, the Premiers will either have come to an understanding or definitely failed to do so. If they succeed, then probably the Commission will grant a temporary moratorium, as it did at the beginning of this year, until such time as a final settlement can be reached and the bankers summoned again into council—probably in September—to discuss on the basis of the Premier's decision the prospects of a foreign loan for Germany."

In the British House of Commons on Monday, Sir Robert Horne, Chancellor of the Exchequer, stated that "his Majesty's Government had not made any offer to the French Government under which France was to be excused from paying her debt to this country, on condition that claims on Germany for reparations were reduced. Any member of the House would be ill-advised to make up his mind on what appeared in the press reports on this subject," he added.

The Paris correspondent of the New York "Tribune" asserted that "Premier Poincare will carry a trump card with him when he goes to London next week to confer with Premier Lloyd George on German reparations in the shape of an announcement that all preparations have been made for the advance of French troops into Germany 20 or 30 miles, reaching into the Ruhr district, if every method for friendly settlement fails. While the French Premier expects to reach an agreement amicably with Lloyd George, he is going to London with the firm determination to settle clearly this question, which is the primary cause of Europe's upset condition. The object of the advance planned by the French will not be to take territory, but to force Germany to meet her obligations."

The Paris correspondent of the same newspaper, in a long dispatch yesterday morning, asserted that "at a council of all the Cabinet ministers at Rambouillet, President Millerand's country residence, after both morning and afternoon sessions," on Thursday, "final and unanimous decision on the French policy on German reparations was reached." He declared also that "on the highest authority," he was in a position to give the following outline of the main points: "As an incentive to Germany to pay and to lighten the burden on the Berlin Government, France is willing, with the consent of the other Allies, to make Germany's immediate obligation 40,000,000,000 gold marks, instead of 132,000,000,000, as originally fixed by the Allied Premiers. The remainder, 92,000,000,000 marks, now funded in bonds, would be extended over a long term, and these bonds, the French propose, should be applied to the discharge of inter-Allied obligations. France feels that the 40,000,000,000 gold marks is a reasonable charge for

the restoration of devastated regions and is within Germany's capacity to pay. France will be satisfied with the 40,000,000,000 provided the reduction in the cash demand serves to make possible an international loan to Germany, and that the other Allies recognize France's special right to priority payment for the work in the devastated regions. In line with the foregoing plan, France stands ready to grant a new moratorium to Germany, even on the payment of 50,000,000 gold marks due on Aug. 15. If Germany is not willing to submit new securities and guaranties, not only for the Reparations Commission plan of financial control of Germany, but others named by France in the shape of temporary Allied control of all German customs and all State properties as a first mortgage, then France has other plans. At the forthcoming conference in London, Premier Poincaré will propose the new French program and offer France's collaboration along its lines. If the question of Allied debts can be discussed at London, France will propose the application to such debts, not only the 'C' bonds, totaling 82,000,000,000 of gold marks, but the 10,000,000,000 of 'B' bonds also, which would leave 40,000,000,000 as Germany's remaining obligation, to be wholly allocated to repair the war's devastated areas. If the Allies, especially England and Belgium, agree to France's plan, France feels that there will be no necessity for the occupation of further German territory as a guaranty of payment. But if there can be no agreement with the Allies on this basis France stands ready to go on her way alone and occupy territory along the lines explained in previous dispatches. All details of this proposed occupation are now settled by the Superior War Council."

It was perfectly natural that various political factions in Germany, and the people generally, so far as they understand the plan, should have opposed the proposed control of German finances. The Berlin correspondent of the New York "Herald" cabled a week ago, however, that "the fight against Allied financial control of Germany, which virtually means the end of Germany's own financial sovereignty, has collapsed. The Reichstag committee to-day, under pressure of the trade unions, virtually withdrew its opposition and the Government is preparing a note to be sent to Paris accepting the Allied memorandum." Definite word came from Paris the same afternoon that "Germany has formally accepted the demands of the Allied Committee on Guarantees, which were presented at Berlin last Tuesday." The Associated Press correspondent added that "in a letter the Reparations Commission received to-day Chancellor Wirth stated that Germany, after profound deliberation, had decided to accept the conditions for the duration of the moratorium which the German Government assumed would soon be granted." The correspondent observed that "the conditions, the letter points out, place a heavy load upon the German Government, and acceptance is only agreed to by the Government on the theory that the forthcoming decision on the reparations question will constitute a definite settlement of the chief financial questions which have been the subject of negotiations between the Committee on Guarantees and the German Government."

A week ago this evening, in Paris, the Reparations Commission "issued a long memorandum on the organization of the supervision of German finances.

The document explains with minute technical detail the manner in which the control will be exercised by the Guarantees Committee under the Reparations Commission, based on discussions and correspondence exchanged between the latter and the German Government." The New York "Times" representative cabled the following outline of the powers and duties of the Commission under the terms of the plan: "The Guarantees Committee will have full access to all matters connected with revenues and expenses of the Reich, two delegates being accredited to the Reich's Finance Ministry. One will occupy himself with all questions of revenue, while the second will deal with expenses. These two officials will act as liaison officers between the Reich and the Reparations Commission, and will submit documents connected with their respective sections to the Guarantees Committee. One of the Allied officials mentioned above, or a subordinate official appointed by them, will deal specially with the question of floating debt, being accredited for this purpose by the Reich to the Finance Ministry. This official, too, will have the fullest access to all necessary documents, Germany undertaking to provide the facilities he may require, and the Finance Minister will give him all explanations he may request. The second half of the memorandum deals with the question of the exportation of capital to foreign countries from Germany. Representatives of the Guarantees Committee will be appointed to watch the execution of the legislative scheme the Germans now agree upon, in order to put a stop to this means of evading payment by Germany to the Allies. The full project for the necessary legislation is appended to the memorandum issued to-day laying down the laws for German banks."

A seemingly serious situation has been developing in Bavaria, one of the German States, for a week or more. The Berlin correspondent of the Philadelphia "Public Ledger" cabled about mid-week that "Germany's Government appears tired of waiting for Bavaria to give up resistance against accepting the law to protect the Republic. It has threatened to call back the Reichstag, which at present is in recess, to tell the Bavarians how to behave." Continuing to outline the situation, he said that "Government circles regard the Bavarian attitude as a sign of a bad conscience, since it is obvious that the great house cleaning which will commence when the law is enforced will uncover the extent of the protection offered by her to the reactionary forces. On the other hand, officials are doing everything to prevent hot-heads in the south from taking foolhardy steps which they might bitterly regret later." In a dispatch from Munich the same day it was stated that "already the Cabinet seems to see the folly of its actions, and is sending two delegates to Berlin to seek a compromise with the Republic's Federal Government. A different view, however, is taken by the people, who are told by newspapers of a new revolt the Communists are threatening. The peasants of Chiemgau, one of the most prominent districts of Bavaria, came together and openly voted for the immediate restoration of the monarchy under ex-Crown Prince Rupprecht as Kaiser."

In a long cablegram to his paper Wednesday morning, the Berlin correspondent of the New York "Times" said: "The Bavarian crisis waxed more acute over night. The conflict between Munich and

Berlin became concrete with the Bavarian Government's formal notification to the Wirth Government of the text of the ordinance 'for safeguarding the Republic,' which Bavaria promulgated in open defiance of the Central Government and the Reichstag." He added that "for the first time in the troubled history of the young Republic a German State has set at naught the authority of the Reich, affording a dangerous precedent to other States which may be dissatisfied with any particular national law." Continuing, the correspondent expressed the opinion that "this Bavarian experiment to enforce States rights will obviously be nipped by the Wirth Government. But how to do it is the question. The Wirth Cabinet was in session all day except for brief intervals, deliberating on how to tackle the Bavarian bull threatening to wreck the Republic's china shop. It will not take the Bavarian bull by the horns immediately, but will deliberate again to-morrow." In his opinion, "the probabilities are that the Bavarian crisis, gravely acute though it is, will drag along for days and weeks. The Wirth Cabinet is unanimous in regarding Bavaria's action as a violation of the Weimar Constitution, particularly of Article XIII, which lays down the principal that 'Reich's law breaks land law,' meaning that a national law nullifies any conflicting law of an individual State of the Republic. A member of the Government went so far as to characterize Bavaria's action as 'gross sabotage of the Constitution.'"

In an Associated Press cablegram from Munich Wednesday evening, announcement was made that "at the conclusion of to-day's debate on Bavaria's position in relation to enforcement of the national law for the defense of the Republic, the Ministry of Premier Lerchenfeld was given a majority vote of confidence by the Deputies of the Bavarian People's Party, the Bavarian Peasants' Party, the Bavarian Peasants' League, and the Bavarian Middle Party." The Premier, in a speech in the Landtag, said that "the Bavarian Government was prepared to grant everything necessary to maintain the present German constitution." He added that "this could not be achieved by mere repressive measures, but by a moderate policy of conciliation and by redress for economic evils." The Premier asserted that "the extensive unrest in Bavaria was due to fear that autonomy was gradually being lost and that Bavaria was sinking to the level of a mere province." He said that "Bavaria would provide loyally and energetically for the defense of the National Constitution, but would not bow to the will of the majority on the subject of judicial autonomy." Count Lerchenfeld warned "against the separate movement, and reaffirmed his determination to remain loyal to the German Reich." The Associated Press correspondent observed that "Bavarian Cabinet officials and political leaders apparently are taking a less tragic view of the conflict with Berlin than are the Berlin newspapers."

"The Bavarian crisis has entered a quiet talkative stage." This statement was cabled Thursday morning by the Berlin correspondent of the New York "Times." He added that "the Munich and Berlin Governments are still deliberating and mutually protesting that they have no desire to force the crisis to a breaking point, and yet the Berlin Boerse betrayed greater nervousness to-day over the Bavarian crisis than at any time since it bobbed up. Perhaps the very fact that the crisis had not developed any

further over night and was stuck in the talking stage gave the Boerse gooseflesh."

Yesterday morning announcement was made in an Associated Press cablegram from Berlin that "Chancellor Wirth and representatives of Bavaria had a conference to-day [Thursday] relative to the attitude of Bavaria in opposing in a measure recent legislation by the Reichstag for the defense of the republic. At the conclusion of the conference it was decided that the Chancellor should address a letter to the Bavarian Premier, Lerchenfeld, emphasizing the seriousness of the situation and the need of settlement. The Cabinet met later and drafted the letter, which will be forwarded early to-morrow [yesterday]. It was at first understood that President Ebert would try the effect of personal mediation, and the news from Munich encouraged the belief that this method might be successful. It was put aside, however, for what is considered a speedier and more definite plan."

Following the resignation of Premier de Facta and the entire Italian Cabinet on July 19, King Victor Emmanuel received five former Premiers "with whom he discussed the situation." The Associated Press correspondent said that "the King informed Signor Orlando that his name had been mentioned to him by large numbers of prominent personages as being the man most fitted to form a new Cabinet." He added that "Signor Orlando asked the King to be allowed to consult with his friends before accepting the difficult task." The former Premier was reported to have observed also that "he realized the urgency of Italy having a responsible Government and that he hoped within a few days either to announce his decision to form a Ministry or his declination to do so." Monday evening it was stated in dispatches from the Italian capital that "former Premier Orlando, after an hour's consultation with King Victor Emmanuel to-day, is reported to have refused to form a Cabinet to succeed that of Premier Facta, which resigned last week." The Associated Press correspondent added that "Signor Orlando, who has been discussing the situation with all the leaders of the various constitutional groups of the Chamber, is said to have declared himself against the formation of a short-lived Cabinet. A Ministry of uncertain tenure, he pointed out, would find it impossible to do anything worth while towards the pacification of the country—Italy's supreme need of the moment." Realizing the great importance of having a new Cabinet as soon as possible, it was stated that "after the consultation with Signor Orlando, the King called Signors De Nicola and Tittoni, Presidents, respectively of the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate, for renewed consultations." Later "Signor Bonomi was called by King Victor Emmanuel to form a new Cabinet. He showed his courage in being the only leader who dared accept the responsible task in the present circumstances after the failure of Signor Orlando and after the refusal of more authoritative statesmen than himself, including Signor de Nicola, President of the Chamber of Deputies, and Signor Meda, leader of the Catholic Party." The New York "Times" correspondent at Rome observed that "although the composition of the Bonomi Cabinet group is not yet known, it is already called in the Chamber 'the Summer Cabinet,' meaning that it will last only through the summer until the Chamber reopens next November, when it will be overthrown."

As it turned out, the Rome correspondents of American newspapers were over-sanguine about the probability of former Premier Bonomi being able to form a new Cabinet. It became known here through cable dispatches from the Italian capital Wednesday morning that Signor Bonomi had "informed King Victor Emmanuel that he would be unable to form a new Cabinet to take the place of that headed by Signor de Facta, which resigned last week." The New York "Times" correspondent added that "the previous failure of former Premier Orlando to organize a Ministry to succeed that of Signor de Facta has caused the exchange of accusations between leading Catholics and Conservatives and between Socialists and Fascisti, each blaming the others for preventing with their veto power the formation of a national Cabinet under Orlando. This difficulty apparently has widened the differences between the political groups in the Italian Chamber, making it more difficult for any other political leader to find a successful solution of the present Governmental crisis"

According to a cablegram yesterday morning from the Rome correspondent of the New York "Times," the deadlock between the various political factions in Italy is becoming graver and the country faces the prospect of a general election to solve the Cabinet tangle. The correspondent explained that "the real trouble is that in the present Chamber, owing to the grouping of the various parties, it is practically impossible for any man to have a sufficient majority to remain in power with the authority to establish order in the country, bring about pacification and meet other problems confronting Italy, chief among them being the financial situation. If a Cabinet is formed favorable to the Fascisti it would have the Catholics, Socialists and Communists against it and would be in a minority. Instead, if a new Ministry were favorable to the Communists and Socialists, the opposition would be formed by the Fascisti, Conservatives and Democrats of various tendencies, leaving the Administration again in the minority, taking into account a certain number of Deputies who shift from one side to another."

In an Associated Press dispatch from Rome last evening it was stated that "former Minister of the Treasury de Nava, who has now assumed the task of co-ordinating various political parties in the formation of a new Cabinet to succeed the de Facta Ministry, has succeeded in obtaining the Catholic Party veto of the admission of Conservatives into the new Government."

The Paris dispatches the latter half of the week indicated that Premier Poincare had not received a reply to his note to Premier Lloyd George that he would meet him in London on Aug. 1 for an important conference. As a result, the French authorities were said to be somewhat apprehensive. Thursday afternoon the French Foreign Office gave the following reply to a question as to the status of the proposed London meeting: "Premier Poincare has notified the British Government he will be at the disposition of Mr. Lloyd George any time after Aug. 1. We are waiting to hear from the British Government." It was added that "Paris is somewhat worried over the reports from London that because of vacations the meeting may be delayed until September, for the French Government is desirous of an arrangement of the situation before the Aug. 15 rep-

aration payment is due, not wishing to agree even to a short time moratorium until the whole system has been reviewed."

From Paris came the report yesterday morning that "the French Government notified the German Government to-day of its refusal to grant Berlin's request of July 16 for a reduction of 75% in German payments for the account of private claims of French nationals against the German Government and nationals. The French Government declines flatly to reduce the monthly payments to £500,000 and demands that the regular payments of £2,000,000 be continued until the unpaid balance of £10,000,000 is liquidated. The Allied offices for compensation, representing the interests of other countries, will send similar notifications to Germany."

Some progress appears to have been made with respect to a plan for extricating Austria from her serious financial difficulties. Announcement was made in Paris about a week ago that the Reparations Commission, which had been investigating conditions in Austria, had "reached a decision which it is hoped may have far-reaching effects." The Commission issued a statement which said that "provided the terms of the law instituting the new bank of issue of Austria are satisfactory, the Reparations Commission is prepared to release for a period of 20 years the revenue from forests, salt mines and State domains as security for the bank." The New York "Times" correspondent added, in further explanation of the plan, that "the Commission is also prepared in principle to liberate the revenues from the customs and tobacco monopoly so that they may be used as security for foreign loans, but reserves definite approval of the release until the Austrian Government submits a concrete loan proposal. The same revenue may be equally applied as security for loans granted, or already being negotiated, by England, France, Czechoslovakia and Italy. The Commission will reserve the right to examine the utilization of these revenues." Commenting on the plan, he said that "whether these measures will be sufficient at this late day to arrest the headlong downward course of Austrian finances and prevent the utter debacle which was prophesied by various sound observers lately returned from Austria, unless very energetic steps are taken, is regarded here as another matter."

Announcement was made in Vienna last Saturday that "the Austrian Government has modified the order, issued on Wednesday, prohibiting trading in foreign moneys. Under the new ruling trading will be permitted between 8 and 10 o'clock in the morning."

In engagements extending over the last two weeks the Free State forces in Ireland have been generally successful in their efforts to put down the so-called rebels. About a week ago the rebel garrison in Limerick surrendered completely and the whole city "fell to the Free State forces." Other important centres have been taken also. Among them was Waterford, which was captured about the same time that the Limerick garrison capitulated, "after hours of fighting by the Free State forces."

It was reported Wednesday morning from Dublin that the Lord Mayor of Cork had arrived there on "a peace mission." According to the report also "his proposal is that the members of the new Irish Par-

liament and of the old Dail Eireann shall meet forthwith to reach terms of settlement." The belief was expressed, however, that "the Provisional Government officials will consent to nothing short of complete surrender and the laying down of arms by the Republicans." It was claimed that "the Provisional Government has decided upon a further postponement of the meeting of the new Parliament."

The Free State troops continued their campaign against the so-called rebels or irregulars, largely in the South of Ireland. While meeting with considerable opposition, particularly toward the close of the week, it was reported that the Free State troops were generally successful.

In an official statement issued in Dublin yesterday it was claimed that "there is good ground for hoping that within the next fortnight the organized resistance of the Republican irregulars will have been so broken that further postponement of the Irish Parliament will be unnecessary. At present five members of the Provisional Government Cabinet and 16 other members of the Dail are actively engaged in the suppression of disorders."

The Bank of Germany yesterday raised its rate of discount from 5% to 6%, being the first change since Dec. 23 1914. Other than that, official discount rates at leading European centres remain unchanged, being quoted at 5% in France and Denmark; 5½% in Norway and Madrid; 4½% in Belgium and Sweden; 4% in Holland; 3½% in Switzerland and 3% in London. In London open market discount rates continue without important alteration, being quoted at 1¾@1 13-16% for short bills, against 1⅞% last week, and 1 13-16@1⅞% for three months, against 1 15-16@2% a week ago. Money on call in London was easier and declined to 1¼%, in comparison with 1½% a week earlier. Open market discounts in Paris and Switzerland remain at 4% and 1¼%, respectively.

The Bank of England this week announced a small addition to gold holdings, namely £1,772. Note circulation, however, expanded £501,000, so that total reserve fell £500,000. In the proportion of reserve to liabilities there was an advance to 17.30% from 17.05% last week. A week earlier the reserve ratio stood at 17.68%, but at 15.09% for the week ending July 6. At this time in 1921 the ratio was 15.21% and in 1920 12.20%. Public deposits were heavily reduced, in round numbers, £7,878,000, although other deposits gained £3,100,000. Loans on Government securities declined £235,000, while loans on other securities registered a decrease of £3,972,000. The Bank's stock of gold on hand aggregates £127,403,930, in comparison with £128,307,063 last year and £123,234,383 in 1920. Reserves stand at £21,095,000, against £18,536,693 in 1921 and £16,315,188 the year before that. Note circulation is £124,757,000, which compares with £128,283,370 and £125,369,195 one and two years ago, respectively. As to loans the amount is £72,244,000. Last year it was £78,000,845 and the year prior to that £75,481,209. Clearings through the London banks for the week were £726,910,000, in comparison with £773,062,000 last week and £700,387,000 a year ago. The Bank of England's discount rate remains unchanged at 3%. We append comparisons of the principal items of the Bank of England's returns for a series of years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1922. July 26.	1921. July 27.	1920. July 28.	1919. July 30.	1918. July 31.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	124,757,000	128,283,370	125,369,195	79,387,255	56,870,340
Public deposits.....	14,297,000	15,373,851	15,148,654	17,881,009	37,789,088
Other deposits.....	107,575,000	106,435,907	118,050,249	116,554,700	138,440,986
Government secur.....	46,594,000	43,188,078	59,012,381	43,143,806	58,601,132
Other securities.....	72,244,000	78,000,845	75,481,209	81,745,550	106,787,164
Reserve notes & coin.....	21,095,000	18,536,693	16,315,188	27,477,574	28,839,150
Coin and bullion.....	127,403,930	128,307,063	123,234,383	88,414,829	87,259,490
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	17.30%	15.21%	12.20%	20.44%	16.40%
Bank rate.....	3%	5½%	7%	5%	5%

The Bank of France in its weekly statement reports a further small gain of 369,000 francs in its gold item. This brings the Bank's gold holdings up to 5,530,149,075 francs, comparing with 5,521,075,772 francs last year and with 5,589,174,979 francs the previous year; of these amounts 1,948,367,056 francs were held abroad in both 1922 and 1921 and 1,978,278,416 francs in 1920. In silver there was a gain during the week of 16,000 francs; bills discounted increased 21,305,000 francs and Treasury deposits rose 37,137,000 francs. On the other hand, advances decreased 51,526,000 francs and general deposits fell off 27,733,000 francs. Note circulation registered a contraction of 319,824,000 francs, bringing the total outstanding down to 36,049,939,000 francs. This compares with 36,941,449,710 at this time last year and 37,095,875,750 francs in 1920. In 1914, just prior to the outbreak of war, the amount was only 6,683,184,785 francs. Comparisons of the various items in this week's return with the statement of last week and of this year's totals with those for corresponding dates in both 1921 and 1920 are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Gold Holdings—	Changes for Week.	Status as of		
		July 27 1922.	July 28 1921.	July 29 1920.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
In France.....Inc.	369,000	3,581,782,019	3,672,708,716	3,610,898,563
Abroad.....No change		1,948,367,056	1,948,367,056	1,978,278,416
Total.....Inc.	369,000	5,530,149,075	5,521,075,772	5,589,174,979
Silver.....Inc.	16,000	285,255,495	275,285,474	247,635,579
Silver.....Inc.	16,000	285,255,495	275,285,474	247,635,579
Bills discounted.....Inc.	21,305,000	2,103,237,000	2,769,361,408	2,632,906,922
Advances.....Dec.	51,526,000	2,227,411,000	2,180,116,975	1,933,018,995
Note circulation.....Dec.	319,824,000	36,049,939,000	36,941,449,710	37,095,875,750
Treasury deposits.....Inc.	37,137,000	79,990,000	22,265,462	109,618,237
General deposits.....Dec.	27,733,000	2,352,183,000	3,229,368,753	3,309,667,078

The Federal Reserve Bank statement, which was issued at the close of business on Thursday afternoon, reflected the heavy influx of gold from abroad and was chiefly conspicuous for a substantial addition to gold reserves, a diminution in rediscounting operations and a marked increase in reserve ratios. For the combined system gold reserves increased \$9,000,000, while the New York bank showed a gain amounting to more than \$37,000,000, which was of course offset by losses by the other Reserve banks. Both statements revealed a drawing down of bills discounted, the total of the system's bill holdings having fallen \$56,000,000, and locally \$65,900,000, to only \$68,181,000, as against \$406,034,000 last year. The twelve reporting banks show a decrease in total earning assets of \$58,000,000 and a decline in deposits amounting to \$54,000,000. Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation were reduced \$6,000,000. Very similar conditions were in evidence at the New York bank, where earning assets were reduced \$66,000,000 and deposits \$33,000,000. The amount of Federal Reserve notes, however, remained practically stationary at \$616,778,000. In consequence of the above changes reserve ratios moved up 1.4% to 79.2% for the system, and 4.7% to 85.6% at the local bank.

Saturday's statement of New York Clearing House banks and trust companies was about as expected and suggested heavy calling in of loans as well as a renewal of the movement of funds to interior centres. Loans declined no less than \$84,029,000, while net demand deposits sustained a still heavier contraction, namely, \$95,600,000, which brought the total of deposits to \$3,975,620,000, which is exclusive of \$28,444,000 in Government deposits. Net time deposits also decreased, but only \$4,898,000. Of the other changes the most important recorded was a drop of \$19,304,000 in the reserve credits of member banks at the Federal Reserve Bank. Cash in own vaults of members of the Reserve Bank declined \$1,209,000 to \$57,064,000 (not counted as reserve); reserves of State banks and trust companies, also in own vaults, fell \$81,000, while reserves of these same institutions kept in other depositories were reduced \$296,000. Owing to the sharp decline in deposits, there was an addition to surplus reserve of \$31,564,230; thus carrying the total of excess reserves up to \$43,880,780. The above figures for surplus are based on 13% reserves above legal requirements for member banks of the Federal Reserve System, but do not include cash in vaults amounting to \$57,064,000 held by these banks on Saturday last. Bankers claim the drawing down of bank balances by country institutions is the direct result of the fall in lending rates, which, of course, lessens the profits to be derived by keeping funds at this centre. Preparations for crop-moving purposes are not looked for until some time next month.

With call money renewing at 3½% and loaning at 3%, and with time money abundant at 3¾@4¼%, no further proof need be produced of the continuance of easy money at this centre and throughout the United States. There are no new reasons for this situation that can be brought forward. Speculation in stocks has been on only a moderate scale. The offerings of new securities have not been especially large. Bankers and investment houses generally have been disposed to sell what they have left of former issues before buying others. This policy cannot fail to reduce their temporary loans with the banks and other financial institutions. With the two big strikes still in process of negotiation, it is necessary only to observe in passing that there was little or no demand for money on a larger scale in industrial lines. The close approach of the first of the month was not reflected to any extent in the local money market, as call money renewed yesterday at 3½% and loaned again at 3%. Naturally there was special interest in the announcement of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon of his intention to call in \$1,000,000,000 Victory 4¾% notes by Dec. 15 next, and also in his offering of \$300,000,000 4¼% short term Treasury notes. The natural result was a veritable scramble to buy the former issue. The active demand for all classes of standard investment securities conclusively shows that investors expect money to continue below the rate of return offered by those securities, and for the latter to maintain present price levels very generally. No surprise was expressed over the failure of the New York Federal Reserve Bank to make a further reduction in its discount rate. The advance in the Bank of Germany rate to 6% naturally attracted fresh attention to financial conditions in that country. The trend of discount rates the world over has been downward.

Dealing with specific rates for money, loans on call have covered a range of 3@4%. Last week the range was 3@4½%. On Monday the high was 4%, the low 3½% and renewals at 4%. Call money loaned at 4% all day on Tuesday, this being the high, the low and the renewal figure. Wednesday renewals were again put through at 4%, which was the maximum, but a low rate of 3% was named before the close. Increased ease developed on Thursday, so that call funds renewed at 3½%; the maximum was 3½% and the minimum 3%. There was no change from these figures on Friday and the range was again 3@3½%, with 3½% the renewal basis. The figures here given apply to mixed collateral and all-industrials without differentiation. In time money the situation remains practically unchanged. Fixed-date funds were in large supply at the rates prevailing at the close of last week, namely 3¾@4% for sixty and ninety days, 4% for four and five months and 4¼% for six months. Very little business is passing in any maturities.

Commercial paper rates continue to be quoted at 3¾@4% for sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character, unchanged, while names not so well known still require 4¼%. A fair demand was noted, with offerings still restricted. The bulk of the trading was at the outside figure; that is, at 4%.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances have been in slightly better demand, but trading was quiet throughout and devoid of new feature. Spot bills continue at the levels previously current, but prime names for delivery in thirty days are quoted a shade lower, with the general undertone easy. Local and out-of-town banks are still largely out of the market. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council is now 3%, which compares with 3½% last week. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rates on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks 3¼% bid and 3⅛% 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 follow:

	SPOT DELIVERY.		
	90 Days.	60 Days.	30 Days.
Prime eligible bills.....	3½@3	3½@3	3¼@3
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.			
Eligible member banks.....	3¼ bid		
Eligible non-member banks.....	3½ bid		
Ineligible bank bills.....	3½ 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 28 1922.

Federal Reserve Bank of—	Discounted bills maturing within 90 days (incl. member banks' 15-day collateral notes) secured by—			Bankers' acceptances discounted for 90 member banks	Trade acceptances maturing within 90 days	Agricultural and like stock paper maturing within 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.....	4½	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.....	5	5	5	5	5	5
Minneapolis.....	5	5	5	5	5	5
Kansas City.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
Dallas.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
San Francisco.....	4	4	4	4	4	4

Although sterling exchange price levels have been well maintained, what appeared to be mid-summer



dulness prevailed practically throughout and the volume of transactions was small. This, however, was in large measure due to the unwillingness of traders to take any position in the market in the absence of some sort of settlement of pending economic and financial difficulties. Announcement early in the week that a definite and early date had been set for the conference between the French and British Premiers had a good effect on market sentiment here, and the general belief seems to be that important and highly favorable results will follow this meeting. In spite of this, however, very little buying support was forthcoming, and bankers apparently took the view that there have been too many failures in the past in meetings of this character to warrant undue optimism at this time. Even the speculative element took but little part in the week's dealings. Competent market observers claim that this state of things is likely to continue at least until after the meeting has taken place. Rumors at the extreme close of the possibility of a delay in the date of the London conference were not liked and prices sagged slightly in the final dealings.

Owing to the prevailing strike troubles in the United States, no indication is seen of the expected influx of grain and cotton bills. A few grain bills have made their appearance this week, but hardly any cotton bills. Thus far, the inauguration of a substantial coal import movement from England has had no perceptible effect upon the sterling market. Just how these purchases are to be paid for is not yet known, but it is quite possible that the invisible balances of Great Britain as well as the continuous and heavy demands for remittances by American tourists now on the other side may serve to fully counteract, for the time being at least, whatever commercial offerings are created in this market. Influences making for strength were continued easy money and the receipt of gold in large amounts. Some uneasiness is felt over the labor difficulties here, but the predominating influence is undoubtedly the European political situation, and all attention is centring upon the outcome of the London conference. Bankers are beginning to talk of the possibility of a free gold market being re-established in London in the not distant future, but nothing is likely to be done in this direction until debt and reparation problems are settled.

As regards day to day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was quiet and without definite trend; hence the price of demand bills was not essentially changed and the range was  $4\ 45\frac{1}{8}$ @ $4\ 45\frac{3}{8}$ , with cable transfers  $4\ 45\frac{1}{2}$ @ $4\ 45\frac{3}{4}$  and sixty days  $4\ 43\frac{5}{8}$ @ $4\ 43\frac{7}{8}$ . On Monday better foreign news brought about an advance to  $4\ 45\frac{1}{2}$ @ $4\ 45\frac{7}{8}$  for demand,  $4\ 45\frac{7}{8}$ @ $4\ 46\frac{1}{4}$  for cable transfers and  $4\ 44$ @ $4\ 44\frac{3}{8}$  for sixty days. London sent lower quotations on Tuesday and this was the signal for a recession in the local market, demand bills declining to  $4\ 44\frac{5}{8}$ @ $4\ 45\frac{7}{8}$ , cable transfers to  $4\ 45$ @ $4\ 46$  and sixty days to  $4\ 43\frac{1}{4}$ @ $4\ 44\frac{1}{8}$ . Wednesday's market was inactive and easier, so that rates moved down to  $4\ 43\ 13-16$ @ $4\ 44\frac{7}{8}$  for demand,  $4\ 44\ 5-16$ @ $4\ 45\frac{1}{4}$  for cable transfers, and  $4\ 42\frac{3}{8}$ @ $4\ 43\frac{1}{4}$  for sixty days. Dulness characterized Thursday's operations and rates were nearly stationary; the range was  $4\ 44\frac{1}{4}$ @ $4\ 44\ 11-16$  for demand,  $4\ 44\frac{5}{8}$ @ $4\ 45\ 1-16$  for cable transfers and  $4\ 42\frac{3}{4}$ @ $4\ 44\frac{5}{8}$  for sixty days. On Friday a slightly easier undertone developed, though quotations were but little changed; demand bills ruled

at  $4\ 44\frac{1}{4}$ @ $4\ 44\frac{7}{8}$ , cable transfers at  $4\ 44\frac{5}{8}$ @ $4\ 45\frac{1}{4}$  and sixty days at  $4\ 42\frac{3}{8}$ @ $4\ 43$ . Closing quotations were  $4\ 42\frac{1}{2}$  for sixty days,  $4\ 44\frac{1}{2}$  for demand and  $4\ 44\frac{7}{8}$  for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at  $4\ 44\frac{1}{8}$ , sixty days at  $4\ 41\frac{1}{8}$ , ninety days at  $4\ 40$ , documents for payment (sixty days) at  $4\ 41\frac{1}{2}$  and seven-day grain bills at  $4\ 43\frac{1}{2}$ . Cotton and grain for payment closed at  $4\ 44\frac{1}{8}$ .

Gold continues to arrive in large amounts and the week's shipments included \$4,620,000 on the Majestic, the Caronia with \$2,500,000, the Celtic with \$2,500,000 and the Carmania with 76 boxes of bar gold, all from British ports. Smaller miscellaneous amounts from South American and other points were \$28,000 in gold and silver coins on the Ulua from Port Limon; 19 bars and 5 cases of gold on the Baracoa from Colombia; 7 cases of gold and platinum on the General O. H. Ernst from Tumaco, and gold bars to the value of \$27,000, as well as several small consignments of gold and platinum on the Carillo from Colombia. The SS. Mount Clinton brought 5 cases of gold dollars, valued at \$5,465, from Hamburg. Gold is said to be on its way on the Baltic and the Aquitania.

In the Continental exchanges dulness and irregularity replaced the strength and activity of the preceding week and trading was limited in volume and for the most part featureless. Briefly, the market has for the moment adopted a waiting attitude and dealers have again suspended operations pending the outcome of the Lloyd-George-Poincare meeting. Intermittent attempts to sell met with indifferent success, as in view of existing uncertainties in the international situation few if any of the large financial institutions are willing to undertake extensive commitments and the market was generally unresponsive and much of the time bare of buyers. As a result quotations tended downward and losses were sustained by nearly all of the leading European currencies. Reichsmarks led in point of activity and weakness, and under the pressure of continued selling the quoted rate was forced down nearly three points to  $0.16\frac{3}{4}$  for checks, which is another low record. The further sharp decline was said to have been the result largely of a report that Germany possibly would not be able to secure release from the Aug. 15 payment. The Austrian krone displayed a somewhat better tone and recovered slightly from the extreme low level of a week ago. According to a recent cable from London, the Austrian Premier has announced that foreign credits are to be used solely for the purpose of regulating foreign exchange trading. French and Belgian currency ruled easier and the former, after opening at  $8.39\frac{1}{2}$  for checks, advanced to 8.49, but declined later on to 8.23, or 38 points under the high point of last week, while the latter covered a range of 7.80 and 7.97, all on narrow trading. Italian lire did better, mainly on a demand incidental to tourist remittances, and scored a gain of several points to 4.69, though subsequently receding to 4.55. Greek exchange has been maintained at the rate fixed the week previous. It is understood, however, that the commercial crisis in Greece is far from being at an end. Recent exchange restrictions are said to have made it difficult to buy the necessary foreign currencies to pay for imports and the volume of business is being reduced to an extent likely to cause serious losses to those involved. As pointed out in these

columns last week the selling of German marks is largely on the part of holders in Germany anxious to dispose of all available funds anticipatory of the proposed regulations to prohibit exports of capital abroad.

The official London check rate in Paris closed at 53.83, as compared with 52.73 a week ago. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 8.24½, against 8.40; cable transfers at 8.25½, against 8.41; commercial sight bills at 8.22, against 8.38, and commercial sixty days at 8.18½, against 8.34 the preceding week. Closing rates on Antwerp francs were 7.80½ for checks and 7.81½ for cable transfers, which compares with 7.93 and 7.94 a week earlier. Reichsmarks finished at 0.17 for checks and 0.17½ for cable remittances, as against 0.19⅝ and 0.20⅛ last week. Austrian krone closed at 0.0025 for checks and 0.0030 for cable transfers, in comparison with 0.0029 and 0.0033 on Friday of a week ago. For lire the close was 4.57 for bankers' sight bills and 4.58 for cable transfers. This compares with 4.64 and 4.65 the week before. Exchange on the central European countries ruled steady, and slightly higher in some instances, but lower in others, with Czechoslovakia at 2.30, against 2.18; Bucharest at 0.64½, against 0.66; Poland at 0.00168, against 0.00175, and Finland at 2.11, against 2.11 the week previous. Greek drachma finished at 3.20 for checks and 3.25 for cable transfers, the same as a week ago.

There is nothing new to report regarding the former neutral exchanges, and here also trading was dull with rate variations not particularly significant. In keeping with movements at other Continental centres, the trend was slightly lower. Scandinavian rates held about steady and the same is true of Spanish pesetas.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam closed the week at 38.67, against 38.83; cable transfers at 38.72, against 38.88; commercial sight bills at 38.62, against 38.78, and commercial sixty days 38.26, against 38.42 last week. Swiss francs finished at 18.99 for bankers' sight bills and 19.02 for cable remittances. A week ago the close was 19.14 and 19.16. Copenhagen checks closed at 21.50 and cable transfers at 21.55, against 21.57 and 21.62. Checks on Sweden finished at 25.97 and cable transfers at 26.02, against 25.95 and 26.00, while checks on Norway closed at 17.07 and cable transfers at 17.12, against 16.75 and 16.80 a week earlier. For Spanish pesetas the final range was 15.51 for checks and 15.56 for cable transfers, which contrasts with 15.54 and 15.59 last week.

As to South American exchange the trend is still sharply upward and pronounced gains were noted in the Argentine rate, checks closing at 36.87 and cable transfers at 37.00, against 36.40 and 36.45 last week. Brazilian currency was not changed from 13.65 for checks and 13.70 for cable transfers, the same as a week ago. Chilean exchange continues to rule strong, finishing at 13½, against 12.85, although Peru remains at 4 08, unchanged.

Far Eastern exchange was quoted as follows: Hong Kong, 58½@58¾, against 58½@59; Shanghai, 77¾@78¼, against 78@78½; Yokohama, 48@48¼ (unchanged); Manila, 49¾@49⅝ (unchanged); Singapore, 51¾@52, against 51¼@51½; Bombay, 29@29¼ (unchanged), and Calcutta, 29¼@29½, against 29½@29¾ last week.

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 22 1922 TO JULY 28 1922, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York, Value in United States Money.						
	July 22.	July 24.	July 25.	July 26.	July 27.	July 28.	
<b>EUROPE—</b>							
Austria, krone.....	.000030	.000029	.000031	.000032	.000030	.000029	
Belgium, franc.....	.0794	.0800	.0793	.0784	.0787	.0783	
Bulgaria, lev.....	.007371	.007313	.007383	.007483	.007308	.007325	
Czechoslovakia, krone.....	.021739	.021800	.022794	.022872	.022792	.022850	
Denmark, krone.....	2153	2152	2153	2152	2151	2153	
England, pound.....	4.5683	4.4605	4.4542	4.4448	4.4475	4.4472	
Finland, marka.....	.021291	.021300	.021063	.021163	.020950	.021025	
France, franc.....	.0839	.0848	.0839	.0825	.0829	.0826	
Germany, reichsmark.....	.001934	.002014	.001973	.001924	.001897	.001798	
Greece, drachma.....	.0316	.0316	.0318	.0314	.0317	.0317	
Holland, guilder.....	.3889	.3889	.3888	.3880	.3878	.3872	
Hungary, krone.....	.000644	.000640	.000650	.000675	.000667	.000656	
Italy, lire.....	.0466	.0468	.0461	.0456	.0460	.0455	
Jugoslavia, krone.....	.002967	.002985	.003088	.003210	.003243	.003222	
Norway, krone.....	.1689	.1682	.1681	.1686	.1686	.1700	
Poland, Polish mark.....	.000174	.000173	.000170	.000170	.000167	.000165	
Portugal, escuda.....	.0712	.0713	.0706	.0709	.0704	.0707	
Rumania, leu.....	.006475	.006444	.006444	.006439	.006403	.006425	
Serbia, dinar.....	.011964	.011921	.012357	.012929	.013029	.012871	
Spain, peseta.....	.1558	.1558	.1558	.1555	.1553	.1554	
Sweden, krona.....	.2593	.2598	.2601	.2598	.2599	.2604	
Switzerland, franc.....	.1911	.1904	.1901	.1899	.1899	.1900	
<b>ASIA—</b>							
China, Chefoo tael.....	.8133	.8108	.8100	.8117	.8121	.8113	
" Hankow tael.....	.8042	.8017	.8008	.8025	.8042	.8033	
" Shanghai tael.....	.7740	.7720	.7728	.7729	.7735	.7732	
" Tientsin tael.....	.8175	.8142	.8138	.8146	.8175	.8158	
" Hong Kong dollar.....	.5788	.5778	.5767	.5776	.5785	.5794	
" Mexican dollar.....	.5650	.5655	.5668	.5692	.5682	.5688	
" Tientsin or Peking dollar.....	.8758	.8767	.8725	.8785	.8783	.8683	
" Yuan dollar.....	.5725	.5717	.5721	.5738	.5746	.5738	
India, rupee.....	.2893	.2889	.2891	.2887	.2893	.2888	
Japan, yen.....	.4779	.4778	.4768	.4768	.4769	.4777	
Singapore, dollar.....	.5075	.5083	.5088	.5079	.5088	.5083	
<b>NORTH AMERICA—</b>							
Canada, dollar.....	.990586	.990806	.991278	.990208	.990958	.992344	
Cuba, peso.....	.997875	.997875	.997775	.997875	.997875	.998000	
Mexico, peso.....	.4860	.486875	.48725	.487250	.488125	.488500	
Newfoundland, dollar.....	.987813	.988828	.988906	.9875	.988438	.990000	
<b>SOUTH AMERICA—</b>							
Argentina, peso (gold).....	.8246	.8264	.8301	.8284	.8273	.8308	
Brazil, milreals.....	.1356	.1350	.1353	.1354	.1356	.1360	
Uruguay, peso.....	.8190	.8172	.8173	.8162	.8170	.8172	
Chile, peso (paper).....				.1275	.1276	.1302	

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$3,341,838 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending July 27. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$4,270,038, while the shipments have reached \$928,200, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week ending July 27.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$4,270,038	\$928,200	Gain \$3,341,838

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 Federal Reserve Bank of New York was creditor at the Clearing House each day as follows:

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

Saturday, July 22.	Monday, July 24.	Tuesday, July 25.	Wednesday, July 26.	Thursday, July 27.	Friday, July 28.	Aggregate for Week.
\$50,400,000	\$59,700,000	\$41,300,000	\$51,400,000	\$45,600,000	\$40,500,000	Cr. 288,900,000

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 27 1922.			July 28 1921.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England.....	£ 127,403,930	£.....	£ 127,403,930	£ 138,370,063	£.....	£ 138,370,063
France, a.....	143,271,781	11,400,000	154,671,781	142,908,348	11,000,000	153,908,348
Germany.....	50,111,380	946,150	51,057,530	54,577,800	585,900	55,163,700
Aug.-Hun.....	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000
Spain.....	100,932,000	25,822,000	126,754,000	99,610,000	24,823,000	124,433,000
Italy.....	34,518,000	3,049,000	37,567,000	33,141,000	3,001,000	36,142,000
Netherl'ds.....	50,496,000	643,000	51,139,000	50,497,000	930,000	51,427,000
Nat. Belg.....	10,664,000	1,726,300	12,390,300	10,662,000	1,559,000	12,221,000
Switz'land.....	20,978,000	4,675,000	25,653,000	21,768,000	4,429,000	26,197,000
Sweden.....	15,219,000		15,219,000	15,630,000		15,630,000
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.....	585,465,091	50,848,150	636,253,241	588,865,211	48,903,900	637,769,111
Prev. week.....	585,462,559	50,695,450	636,158,009	588,708,509	48,813,250	637,521,759

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

### A RETROSPECTIVE VIEW OF FEDERAL EXPENDITURES.

The entire financial history of the Federal Government covers such a short period that it is comparatively a simple matter to pass in review its main features. Many of the parents of our present day citizens were contemporaries of the founders of the republic. There are even a few men still living—according to current reports—who were born before all of the signers of the Declaration of Independence had passed away. During this brief period our material progress has been almost meteoric. This rapid rise is reflected in the growth of Federal expenditures.

The ordinary disbursements of the Government did not exceed \$15,500,000 per annum from 1789 to 1812. During the War of 1812-1814 the total jumped to \$40,000,000—the peak of the war expenditures for one year. From this date there was a gradual reduction in expenses until the year 1823, when the pre-war level was practically reached with an expenditure of \$15,865,000. It may be remarked here that this is the only time in our history when there occurred even an approximate return to pre-war expenditures.

From 1823 there was a gradual rise in expenditures until at the outbreak of the Mexican War the figure stood at \$27,250,000. The peak of war expenditures was reached in 1847 with the total of \$58,900,000. Three years later, for the fiscal year 1850, the total was reduced to \$46,000,000, but from this date there was a gradual rise until the outbreak of the Civil War, the total for 1860 being \$72,000,000.

The highest total for the Civil War period during any one year was \$1,310,000,000 for the fiscal year 1865. In the post war period the lowest point in Federal expenditures was reached in the fiscal year 1877, when the total stood at \$266,240,000—almost four times the highest figure before the Civil War.

From 1877 there was a steady and comparatively rapid rise in expenditures until the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, the figures standing at \$316,700,000 for 1887 and \$448,439,000 for 1897, the year before the war. The highest war-time expenditure was \$700,093,000 for the year 1899, and the lowest post-war expenditure was in the year 1902, when the figure stood at \$593,038,000. Again a rapid rise took the expenditures up to \$735,290,000 in 1907, and seven years later, the fiscal year preceding the outbreak of the World War, to \$1,045,600,000. The peak of the war expenditures was reached in 1919, when the total for the year was \$19,302,379,000. Expenditures were reduced during the fiscal year 1922 just closed to \$3,372,607,000.

Looking back over this entire period it can readily be seen that the regular increase in Government expenditures may be traced to four principal causes, namely the cost of wars, the gradual rise in the cost of normal operations, the gradual expansion of Federal Governmental policies, and the lack of any centralized control or definite plan of procedure in the business administration of the Government.

The mile posts along the course of national finance are the wars of the United States. Each war caused a sudden tremendous increase in expenditures, followed by a lingering public debt and soldiers' pensions. Only once was there a return to pre-war ex-

penditures. For the fiscal year 1922 we paid \$258,000,000 in military pensions due to the Civil War, whereas the total expenditures of the Federal Government in 1877 were only \$266,240,000.

Next to military causes of expenditure the chief factor in the steady increase since the Civil War has been the gradual expansion of Governmental policies for the benefit of the public welfare. There is theoretically no limit to the expenditures in this direction. It is a matter of political pressure by organized groups—partisan, bi-partisan and non-partisan. Before the Civil War there was a very strong attachment to the principle of local self-government in all parts of the country, and theoretically we adhere to this doctrine at the present time, but after the Civil War, due to pressure from various interests, the Federal Government with increasing frequency entered into new fields of activity, and having once entered the activity continued and grew.

We therefore witness to-day a Federal Government exercising a wide variety of functions for the public welfare and the people as a whole are learning to look to Washington for assistance in every emergency and need. The development of methods of propaganda during the Great War has resulted in the employment of them by various groups as a means of securing Federal aid.

It would be interesting to make a detailed comparison of all of the expenditures of the Federal Government by five-year periods, and also to trace the origin and growth of particular bureaus and services, but such a study would be a serious undertaking. Just by way, however, of casual reference to the high spots, let us go back 20 years and place some of the expenditures for 1902 and 1922 side by side. In 1902 the total expenditure was \$593,000,000 and that of 1922 \$3,372,600,000. In 1902 the War and Navy expenditures were \$142,000,000 and \$83,000,000, respectively, and in 1922 \$454,730,000 and \$476,775,000. Pensions in 1902 were \$145,000,000, whereas pensions and allowances for war veterans, including the last war, paid out in 1922, were \$658,000,000. Interest on the public debt in 1902 was \$29,000,000 and in 1922 \$999,142,000.

Glancing at a few of the departments through which expenditures for the public welfare are made, we note that the Interior Department, exclusive of Indians and Pensions, administered the expenditure of \$13,342,000 in 1902 and in 1922 \$35,000,000, an increase of nearly 200% within two decades. The Department of Agriculture \$4,582,000 in 1902 and in 1922 \$142,000,000, an increase of about 3,000%. Since 1902 the Department of Commerce was created and it spent in 1922 \$20,000,000. The Interstate Commerce Commission spent in 1902 \$275,000, but in 1922 \$5,130,000. The Forestry Service spent only \$146,000 in 1902, but in 1922 \$7,500,000. And so on throughout the Government many Bureaus and Services have been greatly enlarged during the past 20 years due to the expansion of Governmental policy. On the other hand, there are many other services which show only the normal increase due to the increased cost of personnel, equipment, supplies and transportation.

After having exerted every effort toward securing a proper business administration of the public funds we need as a nation to go further and examine anew the policies which underlie these expenditures in order that we may proceed with a conscious purpose to a definite goal.

### OUR FARM POPULATION.

According to census returns lately sent out from Washington, the farm population of the United States on Jan. 1 1920 numbered 31,614,269, which is estimated to be 29.9% of the total population of that date. There were of this number 255,629 on farms within cities and other incorporated communities, leaving 31,350,640 in "rural territory."

This bare statement of fact suggests some very important considerations, political, economic and social. First, however, it indicates a balanced condition of citizenship which makes for the stability of life and effort in the Republic. Dividing the remaining population among the industries and professions, and taking into account our vast domain and the fertility of our valleys, together with the configuration of the country and its location in the North Temperate Zone, as a nation we become self-sustaining and powerful beyond all danger of aggression from any quarter of the globe. It induces a very comfortable feeling of security. It energizes the people to continued activity. It should make us all thankful that our "lines have fallen in pleasant places." It ought to induce in us a reverence for the divine favors vouchsafed to us; and awaken in us a solemn dedication to the high cause of a nation united, free; and devoted to the example we may set to the peoples and nations of earth in good government and brotherly love. Second, this nearly 30% devoted to agriculture gives a distinctive character to our people and our business endeavor that makes for the equality of opportunity in life, the equality of life's enjoyment, and the equality of temperament which goes far to guaranty justice and tolerance in all our affairs.

We may say of an agricultural people that they are steady-going, industrious, temperate, for the work compels this character. We may find satisfaction that so large a part of our population lives outside and away from the turmoil and tenseness of large cities. We may expect to find, as more and more public education does its work, a gravity of thought, a seriousness of outlook, a disposition toward contentment, that lend perpetuity to our institutions, for the constant contemplation of needful physical production gives to man courage and confidence that work will inevitably win its way to competence. And we may well believe that revolutions born of man's too eager desire for place, power and wealth, will always meet a rock when the much-heralded "overthrow" shall be attempted, in this portion of our population. The fact is that as the years go on we should see a reversal of the trend from country to city, for as the cities continue to crowd they bring into relief the freedom, independence and real comfort of the rural life. And if the true spirit of culture is to possess us, it will find a well-spring in the intellectuality required of the farmer and in the spiritual inspiration arising from his nearness to nature.

We may, then, well pass by the political interlude of a farm bloc in our legislative affairs in view of the larger political significance of a population buttressed and founded on the fundamentals of so great a proportional of farm life. As the decades glide by, this element, grounded in the primitive certainties, will become less and less amenable to political theories and crises, more and more the sedate onlookers upon passion and praisanship, conscious of their

strength and calm in the exercise of true political power. There was a certain strength in the ancient feudal and patriarchal systems, that despite all the faults, is liberated under republican representative government to larger usefulness and wider beneficence. Ownership of the farm, the home that offers its own opportunity for achievement and acquisition, anchors the population to law and order that perpetuates government and elevates the citizen. There is a conscious courage, a feeling of repose, when one stands upon a portion of the soil from which he cannot be alienated save by his own failure in effort, that makes him immune to wild speculation, misbegotten prejudice, and malevolent intent. The farmers will never strike. More and more as experimentation in Government ownership and operation goes on to failure, their sound judgment and contemplative reason will relieve them from the fallacies of law and government that now too much possess us all. They, we may believe, first will sense the true reciprocity in the relations of all our industries. Not that they have not been preyed upon by political and economic demagogues, and led astray, but that when fanaticism explodes, they, at least, will come back home, with all that this implies of life and liberty, and not so easily become the tools of new theorists and fantastic reforms. And, if our conjectures are not at fault, as the rural population stabilizes in political power, and becomes more strong and self-satisfied in economic power, there will come with contentment, with education, and the increasing pleasures of cultural-abounding inventions, a social prestige that will tend to temporize the dissatisfaction and unrest of our intermingling life. To be a citizen-farmer will be to fill full the measure of a successful, helpful life!

### A MERCHANDISE FAIR IN THIS CITY.

As the stranger seated himself in the car he said, with some show of exasperation, "This is sure a one man's town!" "What do you mean?" was asked. "I mean," he replied, as if resigning himself to fate, "that here it's every man for himself!" He had the appearance and air of an out-of-town merchant somewhat wearied with the troubles of the day. And the fact that he left the car in a few blocks and disappeared into a downtown Broadway wholesale establishment seemed to confirm this appraisal. He was evidently, at least, tired of the rush and jostle of "getting about" in New York City. We may smile at this—after we have been pushed, elbowed and trampled for a few years—but it is a very real thing, and does not conduce to the selling of goods to out-of-town buyers. The recent placarding of the Fifth Avenue Bus, by the company, of the selling power of comfort and *courtesy* is sufficient general comment.

It is proposed to hold in New York, from August 7 to 25 next, a Merchandise Fair. The displays will be housed in the Grand Central Palace and the Seventy-first Regiment Armory on East 34th Street. It is to be open only to buyers, by season tickets, to be issued to firms applying for them. The object is stated to be to "facilitate relations between manufacturers, distributors and buyers." And Mr. Lewis E. Pierson, of the Merchants' Association, is quoted as endorsing the enterprise in this way: "It means that the extravagant and wasteful system of drummers is to be superseded, and that buyers who come to New York will not have to rush around to dozens of different salesrooms—a costly and troublesome

procedure." It is later explained that "drummers" are to be aided not done away with as the language might seem to imply. This Fair is frankly an imitation of a feature of European business which has long prevailed.

Encouragement of "The Fair" or "Exposition" in France is a fixed Governmental policy, so highly is its value to all concerned regarded. Speaking broadly of the intent and worth of these public exhibitions, they are to be commended for their educational power and their tendency to cement a unity of interest between all the departments of common trade. The fact that this beginning springs spontaneously into being out of trade itself, unaffected by, and unallied with, any Governmental aid or control, is a high mark in its favor.

New York by its very location and destiny is a great merchant city. As a port of entry it is one of the world's greatest. If in the settling process of time manufacture shall seek the raw materials, and wealth or purchasing power distribute itself more and more equably over the vast areas of production situate within our national boundaries, still New York City as a centre of exchange for goods and the representatives thereof will grow and prosper. It will ever be the meeting place of a huge domestic and foreign trade, and nothing but its own carelessness and indifference to the minor amenities in this volume of commercial intercourse can diminish its natural and inevitable growth and supremacy. But a city that is not loved by a population that ought to be its friend and patron may in time discover that arrogance and a certain species of false pride are not persuasive of good-will. One has but to note the comparatively recent upspringing of great enterprises in the West and South, with their magnificent appointments, to prove the contention that it pays to look after not only the interests of the workmen, but the comfort and convenience of the prospective patrons.

If we broaden our review to include "Fairs" to be placed in other locations, and those which are open to the public, we enter upon a survey of a policy of economic import and commercial value well worthy of study and endorsement in the headlong efforts we too much put forth as a people to get rich quickly. Competition, if it be really the life of trade, must afford comparison. He who gets into the field first usually wins, if entitled to win. But the bringing together of new and old products or articles and methods tends to prevent monopoly, equalize opportunity, and to give the smaller factors a better chance to win on merits and the demonstration of service.

The merchant or manufacturer who sets himself down at the cross-roads of trade and depends for his location for his trade will find that there are other cross-roads, and that these will go into the by-ways to solicit custom. "Take it or leave it" because you cannot without greater trouble and expense get the same thing anywhere else, will do for a little while, but the trade that is permanent depends upon the principle that the buyer with his free patronage confers a favor as well as does the seller. Expensive and useless forms of selling may disappear, ought to disappear, with the general evolving order and system in business, but the seller will never be able to flout the buyer with his superior knowledge and wealth, and, as it were, repel his inferiority with a sort of supercilious condescension. Whether it is retail or wholesale, the buyer, in the long run, is master of ceremonies.

There is to be held in 1926 in Philadelphia an Exposition of international scope. This will have world benefits we can hardly measure and ought to eventuate in a peace jubilee that will fill the earth with songs of good-will. But looking at the present population and power and prestige of New York City—a permanent "Merchandise Fair" in permanent and appropriate buildings, bringing the trade world together at frequent intervals, is a contemplation we might all indulge in with pleasure and profit.

#### PRIORITY ORDERS AND THE COAL STRIKE.

The Governmental "control" of coal mining has taken one—and presumably the last—step by a "priority" order from the Interstate Commerce Commission, which order in substance directs until further notice the routing of all freight by the most direct and convenient lines for reaching its destination, regardless of previous instructions by shippers; next that, in view of an existing emergency, each carrier, to the extent that normal movement is impossible, shall give priority to certain perishable products, such as food for man and beast, and lastly, to fuel and fuel oils. The President has appointed one member of the Commission and three from his Cabinet as a central committee to carry out this plan, and Secretary Hoover, as its Chairman, has asked State Executives to appoint State committees to attend to distribution and repress profiteering. Supplying coal consists of two parts, mining and carrying, and this action (which is not even a "gesture" towards Governmental operation) aims to help the former by facilitating the latter.

There is no apparent weakening of determination to maintain firmness and patience, thereby to make this latest coal imbroglio the last. Efforts to bring operators and miners together in conference continue, and a State convention of the latter at an early date is expected in Illinois. Governor McCray of Indiana suggests that the President call the Executives of the most disturbed States to a conference for mapping out united action. He also says his State is arranging to take over and operate mines sufficient to meet its needs.

The question immediately before the people is the coal supply for the fall and winter. The crux of that question is another question: are there men able and ready to mine coal at wages now offered? If the answer is No, then the public must pay such wages as will set and keep miners at work; but whether the answer be No or Yes, one thing remains: the right of men to work, in safety and peace, is equal to the right not to work, and protection for workers must be furnished, unless we are ready to give up the social state and let everybody protect himself by his own brawn, and the weak go to destruction.

President Harding is a vertebrate, and Executives in the States most directly involved in mining range themselves in that class. The feeling that there shall be no more Herrin massacres but that strikers who venture force shall be met and crushed by force is daily growing firmer and more general. The lines are drawing tighter, and while operators are willing to work the mines the strikers are as determined as ever to prevent it. Naturally, orders for foreign coal have gone over, but—as if increased prices and the problem of return cargoes were not obstacle enough—a union appeal was sent to labor in Great Britain to refuse to handle coal intended for shipment hither. A colliery company in West Virginia has applied to

a court for aid to dispossess 23 striking miners who since April 1 have been occupying the company's houses, rent free, and thus remain on the premises ready for any action for hindering operations. An A. F. L. manifesto appeals to "working people everywhere and to all Americans who love justice" to sustain the railway strikers, declaring that "no workman, whether 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." Sympathy is thus called for, to be expressed in conduct, but sympathy must in human nature be conditioned upon sympathy. How much of that blessed emotion do strikers show towards other persons; how much even towards other organized labor? Here we all are now—everybody, high or low, rich or poor, working or pleasuring—under notice that, so far as that is attainable, we shall be starved out and frozen out, unless we sympathetically force a surrender by which the costs of living will again be shoved up. What sympathetic concern have union men, still at work in a thousand industries with no direct relation to either mining or carrying, with aiding the desires of striking miners and railway employees who show no sign of so much as thinking (much less of caring) about anybody on earth except themselves? It is a serious matter, yet these men who have held the penny of blind selfishness close to their eyes so long that they cannot see the sun overhead are unconscious humorists withal.

Mr. Lewis and the rest do not abate their defiant talk. According to them, mobilization of State troops is a national farce, but containing elements of tragedy, "because the presence of State troops in large numbers in communities where no transgression of the law has occurred itself constitutes a menace to domestic tranquillity." The public is being heavily taxed to maintain these forces in the field to aid corporations that deny industrial justice, he avers. Not a single union miner has returned to work, and it must be plain that none will be driven back to work at starvation wages. And so he proceeds at length. The fact is, nevertheless, that there is no attempt or talk of "driving" anybody back to or into mining, and if the wage is insufficient, nobody will offer to work or stay at work.

He declares that "the Federal policy" has broken and the people do not care for further experiments; time is an important factor and we can ill afford "the loss of an additional ten days to further develop fantastic schemes of industrial experimentation." He adds one remark which deserves appreciation and remembrance by everybody: "*the public is primarily concerned with the future coal supply.*" This has been true, and it has been the seed of the recurring troubles. The public has been so "primarily" concerned with its immediate want of coal and transportation that it has not thought of its future and recurring concern. Keep the coal bins from emptying and keep the trains moving on schedule, and all else was the affair of "somebody"; it was for the Government, or for the railway executives, to arrange terms—no affair of ours, all we want is coal and trains. We got both, and the emergency seed we planted grew rankly.

This foolish attitude is not entirely gone, yet strikes and threats have set the jaws and worn out the patience of the American people—a change which organized labor is slow to realize. One sign of it is the movement in Indiana for a special session to wipe

off the statute, dictated by the unions, limiting employment in mining. Another sign is the action taken on Tuesday by the Associated Employers of Indianapolis, in some straightforward and ringing resolutions which not only call for that special session for the purpose named, but declare that "the one main issue involved in the strikes of unionized labor is that of the right of independent labor to work." They call upon organizations and mediums of every nature throughout the country to adopt clear-cut resolutions that there shall be no settlement of either mining or railway strike which shall require discharge of any loyal non-union employee "or shall fail to forever establish in plain and unequivocal terms the right of any citizen to employ or be employed, with full protection of the law, in any legitimate pursuit or occupation." They also urge mass meetings to take decisive stand to this effect.

We are full of trouble, but the signs are that the people have had enough and are at last resolved to make a permanent end of it, a lasting peace after a series of brief truces.

#### SECRETARY HUGHES ON EDUCATION.

In his address on "Aims in American Education," delivered before the National Education Association at its recent annual meeting in Boston, Secretary of State Hughes points out certain defects in our processes of education that have attracted the attention of many thoughtful observers of the components of our national life. "What is needed," he says in a comprehensive sentence, "is to have life more abundantly." He feels that there will be no lack of opportunities in our peculiar practical life for technical, industrial and business training. We infer that he does not deem this vexed question an important consideration of our secondary schools. He says: "From the standpoint of the individual, the exclusively materialistic view is inadmissible, for the individual life should be enriched with the ampler resources of a wider culture," for, as he has previously said, "it is not enough that one shall be able to make a living, or a good living. This is the foundation, but not the structure."

He continues as follows: "When we consider the true object of education, to give the training which will enable one to make the most—that is the best—of one's self, we must realize that the foundation should be laid in a few studies of the highest value, in self-discipline, and that there should be supplied every incentive to attain that mental and spiritual culture which connotes, not merely knowledge and skill, but character." He would therefore emphasize accuracy in the elementary school and limit it to "that modicum of information which everyone should possess." Of the secondary school, the academy and college, he declares: "There is at present a bewildering and unsuccessful attempt at comprehensiveness. It fails of its purpose in giving neither adequate information nor discipline. It asks too much of the student, and too little. I believe that we need to have a few fundamental, substantial studies which are thoroughly mastered. I am one of those who believe in the classical and mathematical training, and I do not think we have found any satisfactory substitute for it."

It will be noted that Secretary Hughes is confining his remarks almost wholly to what is termed "matter" in contradistinction to "method," seemingly leaving the latter to the professional teacher. And

in this he is no doubt in accord with the attitude of the citizen. Yet the two are inseparable, and must be so in the acquirement of what he terms "self-discipline." And it is for this reason that in his personal choice of the "classics" and "mathematics" he stands upon controverted ground. If the requisite mental training to think and to reason clearly can be obtained by studies that give a content to "have life more abundantly" in greater degree than others, then obviously these should form the fundamentals around which to build a curriculum of the secondary education. And here is where the introduction of "the sciences" to supplant the old languages, literature and mathematics finds its warrant. A simple illustration is often used to explain in part the difference in the value of the two in mental training. It is that mathematics induces a mental training which proceeds with infallibility from cause to effect, while in the deductions of the sciences the reasoning is in abeyance to the unknown quantity, the undiscovered secret of influence, which lies out beyond the known facts. It is the difference between certainty and caution—a most important factor in mental equipment, whatever be the intent or activity in actual, serviceable and effectual life.

Is it not true of all the activities and processes of life—that it is the larger vision of the larger laws which make it successful, whether we speak of the material or the spiritual? Naturally, in view of what we have quoted, Secretary Hughes pleads for concentration, in a word for knowing a few studies well, and finds a certain "intellectual vagrancy" in the current custom of selective studies pursued in many of our colleges. He says: "We have given too scant attention to the demands of training for citizenship." This is perhaps true, yet we are constrained to believe that "Civics" has come to have a very distinct place in our general scheme of education. "System" we cannot apply to our national education. And in his conclusion the Secretary finds "the most pressing need of our day is attention to the organization of American education." Space allows us to comment upon "organization" only so far as to say that this cannot properly proceed until the defects mentioned, if they are defects, are cured; and until the ever-present conflicts between matter and method in the theories upon which our unorganized system proceeds are settled. And it must be manifest that until the general uplift of a national education, which, though without system, is abundant in quantity, and in the quality of the free and independent mental power of the citizen, can be co-ordinated into an acceptable whole, there is danger in an "organization" that, proceeding, say, from the Federal Government at Washington through the Cabinet, will "standardize" citizenship at the expense of "character" in the man. Duty and service may be trite modern watchwords, but they compel a vision of spiritual culture proceeding through the material plane to a fellowship of common good-will, of common helpfulness in the ordinary walks of life, that are the key to a character in the citizen which by tolerance and simplicity of desire will sustain the fabric of a government that is submissive to a sovereign people.

PROF. DIXON'S BOOK PUBLISHED BY SCRIBNER'S.—In our article last week on "Transportation and the Government," wherein we reviewed the recently issued book written by Prof. Frank Haigh Dixon on "Railroads and Government," we gave Macmillan as the publishers of the book. This was a mistake. The book comes from the press of Scribner's.

#### THE NEW CAPITAL FLOTATIONS FOR JUNE AND THE HALF YEAR.

Continuing the practice begun in our issue of March 26 1921, and kept up regularly since then, of presenting monthly compilations showing the new capital flotations in the United States, we give to-day, in extended tables further below, the figures for the month of June and for the half year ending with June. As previously explained, these compilations are intended to furnish a summary of corporate, municipal and foreign Government financing as represented by the new stock and bond issues brought out each month.

The aggregate of new issues brought out during June was again of very large proportions, reaching \$550,824,856. This compares with \$617,235,070 in May, \$655,817,946 in April (the record), and \$557,257,979 in March. The amounts, however, representing emissions of securities to take up security issues already outstanding have been falling off, and allowing for this, the strictly new capital appeals to the investment market during June are found to have been close to the heaviest on record. In other words, out of the total for June only \$68,084,014 was for refunding purposes, against \$104,632,088 in May, and no less than \$176,206,336 in April. In March the amount was \$83,403,919. Accordingly, the strictly new capital appeals in June were \$482,740,842, against \$512,602,982 in May, \$479,611,610 in April and \$473,854,060 in March. Thus the new capital demands have been running pretty even in recent months and the total for June is the heaviest ever reached, excepting only that for the month preceding.

As in other recent months, corporate offerings of bonds and stocks—and apparently they all found a ready market—constituted the bulk of the whole. Out of the total of \$550,824,856 of new offerings in June \$330,501,225 came from corporations, \$10,860,000 of this being for a foreign corporation and \$61,776,000 representing refunding operations. Allowing for the latter, the new capital demands by corporations were \$268,725,225 out of new capital demands altogether for the month of \$482,740,842.

In addition, a distinctive feature of the financing consummated during June was the large amount of foreign Government loans floated here. Ten such issues, totaling \$96,325,000, were brought out. This compares with the single offering of £2,000,000 United States of Brazil Coffee Security 7% loan in May. Substantially all of the foreign loans sold in June constituted new capital appeals in our market as only \$5,000,000 of the total of \$96,325,000 was for the refunding of existing issues originally sold here. The larger offerings were \$25,000,000 United States of Brazil 30-year 7% gold bonds due 1952, offered at 96½, to yield about 7.30%; \$25,000,000 Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes (Yugoslavia) 40-year 8% secured gold loan due 1962, offered at 95½, yielding about 8.40%; and \$24,000,000 Republic of Bolivia 25-year secured 8% gold bonds due 1947, which were placed at 101, to yield about 7.90%. Details of the other foreign loans are shown in the tables at the end of this article.

New municipal bonds continue to appear with great freedom, the total running well above 100 million dollars a month, and in June having been \$114,348,631 in addition to \$4,700,000 for our foreign possessions. Offerings of farm loan bonds were exceptionally light during June. There were but four such issues offered, aggregating only \$4,500,000. The offering prices remained practically unchanged from the previous month, averaging very close to 4.60%.

The railroads provided the largest single corporate issue of the month when \$27,645,000 New York Central Lines 5% Equipment trust certificates due 1923-1937 were sold to yield from 5% to 5.30%. The most interesting flotation, however, in the corporate line during June was the \$25,000,000 New York Telephone Co. 6½% cumulative preferred stock at par (\$100). This issue, the largest on behalf of public utilities, was offered to the public by the company itself, and was greatly oversubscribed. Financing on the part of industrial companies was featured by the sale of \$15,000,000 Atlantic Refining Co. 5% debentures due 1937 at par, yielding 5% and 30,000,000 guilders of Anton Jurgens' United (Margarine) Works convertible 6% bonds due 1947, this being the foreign corporate offering alluded to further above. These bonds were offered at \$905 per 2,500 guilder bond, yielding to maturity, with exchange at 39c. per guilder, 6.60%.

For the six months to June 30 the grand total of the new bond and stock issues reaches the imposing figure of \$3,178,573,297. This is far in excess of the new flotations in any







Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$	<b>Motors and Accessories—</b>			
3,000,000	Acquisitions	100	7.50	Electric Auto-Lite Co. 1st (Closed) Mtge. 7½s, 1932. Offered by Dillon, Read & Co. and Hemphill, Noyes & Co.
150,000	Retire bank loans; wkg. capital	98½	8.15	Transport Service, Inc., Convertible Debenture 8s, 1937. Offered by Klumpp Bros., N. Y.
3,150,000	<b>Other Industrial &amp; Mfg.—</b>			
1,100,000	Imp'ts. & additions; wkg. cap'l, &c.	98½	7.15	American Lime & Stone Co. 1st Mtge. 7s, 1942. Offered by Parsley Bros & Co., West & Co., and Graham, Parsons & Co.
3,000,000	Working capital, &c.	100	7.50	Beaver Products Co., Inc., 20-Year 7½s, 1942. Offered by Central Trust Co., of Illinois, Federal Securities Corp. of Chicago, and Hambleton & Co., Baltimore.
1,500,000	Refunding	95½	6.50	Benjamin Electric Mfg. Co. (Chicago) 1st Mtge. 6s, 1937. Offered by Curtis & Sanger, N. Y., and National City Bank, Chicago.
1,200,000	Acquisitions	99	7.10	Graniteville Manufacturing Co. 1st (Closed) Mtge. 7s, 1942. Offered by Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co., Baltimore, and Baker, Watts & Co., Baltimore.
1,000,000	Additions	100	7.50	Lincoln Mills, Ltd., 1st Mtge. 7½s, 1942. Offered by Fenton, Davis & Boyle, Detroit, and A. C. Allyn & Co., Chicago.
1,500,000	Pay bank loans; working capital	99	7.10	Miner-Edgar Co. (N. Y.) 1st (Closed) Mtge. Convertible 7s, 1941. Offered by E. Howard George & Co., Inc., Boston, and Ralph W. Voorhees & Co., Inc., N. Y.
2,000,000	Refunding; working capital	100	6.50	Missouri Portland Cement Co. (St. Louis) 1st (Closed) Mtge. Serial 6½s, 1923-37. Offered by Smith, Moore & Co., Francis Bros. & Co. and Mississippi Valley Trust Co., St. Louis.
5,500,000	Refunding	98½	6.10	Sperry Flour Co. 1st Mtge. 6s, 1942. Offered by Blyth, Witter & Co.
400,000	Refunding	97½	7.30	Tropico Potteries, Inc., 1st Mtge. 7s, 1937. Offered by Stephens & Co., San Francisco.
600,000	Pay bank loans; working capital	100	7.00	Williamsport Wire Rope Co. 1st (Closed) Mtge. 7s, 1937. Offered by McLaughlin, MacAfee & Co., Pittsburg.
800,000	Retire current debt; wkg. capital	100	7.00	The Wisconsin Chair Co. 1st Mtge. 7s, 1924-32. Offered by Bolger, Mosser & Willaman.
18,400,000	<b>Oil—</b>			
15,000,000	Refunding	100	5.00	The Atlantic Refining Co. Debenture 6s, 1937. Offered by Equitable Trust Co., N. Y., Cassatt & Co. and Blair & Co., Inc.
	<b>Land, Buildings, &amp;c.—</b>			
1,250,000	Finance construction of building	100	6.50	Argonne Apts. 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1925-37. Offered by S. W. Straus & Co., Inc.
950,000	Finance construction of building	To yield	6-6.20	Blum Building 1st Mtge. Leasehold 6s, 1923-34. Offered by the Northern Trust Co. and Stevenson Bros. & Perry, Inc., Chicago.
200,000	Consolidation & Imp't. of properties	101	6.90	J. B. Bradford Properties, Inc., 1st Mtge. 7s, "B," 1937. Offered by Hunter, Dulin & Co.
450,000	Finance constr. of hotel building	100	8.00	El Verano Hotel (West Palm Beach, Fla.) 1st Mtge. 8s, 1924-37. Offered by G. L. Miller & Co., Atlanta, Ga.
4,000,000	Finance construction of building	100	5.50	Famous Players-Lasky Corp. 1st Mtge. 5½s, 1924-37. Offered by the Prudence Company, N. Y.
400,000	Refunding; additional building	Price on applicat'n		Hotel McAllister (Miami, Fla.) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1923-32. Offered by Mississippi Valley Tr. Co., St. Louis.
850,000	Finance construction of building	100	7.00	Hotel Rienzli Properties 1st Mtge. 7s, 1925-37. Offered by Geo. M. Forman & Co., Chicago.
750,000	General corporate purposes	100	7.00	The Knowles Corp. 1st (closed) Mtge. 7s, 1924-38. Offered by Wm. R. Staats Co., San Francisco.
237,000	Improvements	100	7.50	Marysville Land Co. 1st Mtge. 7½s, 1925-32. Offered by M. H. Lewis & Co., San Francisco.
590,000	Finance construction of building	101	7.90	Medical Arts Bldg. (Montreal, Canada) 1st Mtge. 8s, 1937. Offered by Battles & Co., Phila.
75,000	Finance constr. of apartment hotel	100	8.00	Merriam Apt. Hotel 1st Mtge. 8s, 1924-32. Offered by G. L. Miller Bond & Mtge. Co., Miami, Fla.
6,000,000	Finance construction of building	100	6.50	Pershing Square Bldg. (N. Y.) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1925-40. Offered by S. W. Straus & Co.
1,100,000	Finance construction of building	100	6.50	M. Rich & Bros. Co. (Atlanta, Ga.) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1925-40. Offered by S. W. Straus & Co.
2,300,000	Finance construction of hotel bldg.	100	6.50	St. Gerard Apt. Hotel (N. Y.) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1925-37. Offered by S. W. Straus & Co.
3,500,000	Finance construction of building	100	6.50	Schenley Apts. (Pittsburgh) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1925-37. Offered by S. W. Straus & Co.
4,000,000	Finance construction of building	100	6.50	Shelton Apt. Hotel 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1925-37. Offered by S. W. Straus & Co.
3,250,000	Improvements	100	6.50	State Randolph Bldg. Corp. (Chicago) 1st (closed) Mtge. 6½s, 1937. Offered by Hogland, Allum & Co., Inc., P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.
8,000,000	Refunding	97	6.30	Sutter Basin Co. Land Mtge. 6s, 1937. Offered by Continental & Commercial Tr. & Savs. Bank of Chicago, Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and Blyth, Witter & Co.
40,000	Additions	Price on applicat'n		Toledo & Indiana Bldg. Co. (Toledo, O.) 1st Mtge. 7s, 1931. Offered by Tucker, Robinson & Co.
1,000,000	Finance construction of building	100	7.00	Transportation Bldg. Co., Ltd. (Montreal, Canada), Guaranteed Mtge. 7s, 1947.
3,150,000	Fund bank loans; working capital	100-99	7-7.15	The Van Sweringen Co. 1st Mtge. & Coll. Tr. 7s, 1924-30. Offered by Union Tr. Co., Cleve.
3,700,000	Finance construction of building	100	6.50	The Herrick Co., Hayden, Miller & Co., The Guardian Savs. & Tr. Co. and Paine, Webber & Co.
45,752,000	<b>Rubber—</b>			
1,000,000	Refunding; working capital	100	7.50	Converse Rubber Shoe Co. Cons. 7½s, 1937. Offered by Pearsons-Taft Co., Chicago.
1,500,000	New capital	99	7.10	Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. of Canada, Ltd., 1st Mtge. 7s, 1937. Offered by Richards, Parish & Lamson and Otis & Co., Cleveland.
300,000	Additional working capital	97	7.50	Racine Hoeshoe Tire Co. 1st Mtge. 7s, "C," 1937. Offered by Jelke, Hood & Co., New York, and Francis Johnson & Co., Chicago.
2,800,000	<b>Shipping—</b>			
1,500,000	Refunding	99	7.55-7.10	Jahnecke Dry Docks, Inc., 1st Mtge. 7s, 1924-28. Offered by Canal-Commercial Tr. & Savs. Bank, and Hibernia Securities Co., Inc.
	<b>Miscellaneous—</b>			
1,250,000	Real estate loan	100	6.50	A&P Packing & Provision Co. 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1923-37. Offered by S. W. Straus & Co.
1,200,000	Improvements, additions, &c.	100	6.50	M. E. Blatt Co. (Atlantic City, N. J.) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1924-37. Offered by S. W. Straus & Co.
500,000	Capital expenditures	97	6.30	Farmers Reservoir & Irrigation Co. 1st Mtge. 6s, 1937. Offered by Ryne & Co., San Francisco.
1,100,000	Additional capital	100	7.00	Foster Creek Lumber & Mfg. Co. 1st Mtge. 7s, "B," 1926-37. Offered by Baker, Fentress & Co., Chicago.
350,000	Additional capital	98	7.80	Grimes Canning Co. 1st (closed) Mtge. 7½s, 1932. Offered by P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., Chicago, and Central State Bank, Iowa Nat'l Bank and Iowa Loan & Tr. Co., Des Moines.
10,880,000	(30,000,000 guilders @ \$905 per 2,500 guilder bond)	\$905 per 2,500 guilders	6.60	Anton Jurgens United (Margarine) Works Conv. 6s, 1947. Offered by White, Weld & Co. and The Union Trust Co., Cleveland.
5,820,700	Retire fig. debt; working capital	100	7.00	Punta Alegre Sugar Co. Debenture 7s, 1937. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten by Hayden, Stone & Co.
1,750,000	General corporate purposes	96½	5.75	John P. Squire & Co. 1st (closed) Mtge. 5½s, 1947. Offered by Tucker, Bartholomew & Co., Hornblower & Weeks, Jackson & Curtis and Old Colony Tr. Co., all of Boston.
2,500,000	Corporate requirements	97	7.30	Stetson, Cutler & Co., Ltd., 1st Mtge. 7s, "A," 1942. Offered by Royal Securities Corp., Halsey, Stuart & Co. and Edward B. Smith & Co.
300,000	Retire current debt	Price on applicat'n		Texas Bituminous Co. 1st Mtge. Coll. Tr. 8s, 1923-32. Offered by Realty Tr. Co., Dallas, Tex.
650,000	Additional capital	100	7.50	Union Trust Co. 1st Lien 7½s, 1935. Offered by District Bond Co. and California Company, Los Angeles, Cal.
26,280,700				

SHORT-TERM BONDS AND NOTES.

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$	<b>Railroads—</b>			
3,000,000	Refunding	100	5.50	Minn. St. Paul & S. S. M. Ry. 2-yr. 5½s, June 28 1924. Offered by Dillon, Read & Co.
450,000	<b>Public Utilities—</b>			
	Corporate purposes	To yield	7.00	Caruthersville & Kennett (Mo.) Elec. Lt. & Pr. Co. Receiver's 8% Cts. of Indebtedness, May 1 1923-25. Offered by Mark C. Steinberg & Co., St. Louis.
200,000	Additions	100	8.00	Great Bend (Kan.) Water & Elec. Co. 5-yr. 8s, 1926. Offered by Cammack & Co., Chicago.
2,000,000	Refunding	100½	7.50	St. Louis & Suburban Ry. 1st Consol. Extended 8s, 1923. Offered by Mississippi Valley Tr. Co., St. Louis-Nicolans Investment Co., Lafayette South Side Bank, United States Bank and Mark C. Steinberg & Co., St. Louis.
2,500,000	Acquisitions	98	6.75	West Penn Co. Debenture 6s, 1925. Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Union Tr. Co. of Pittsburgh and W. A. Harriman & Co., New York.
5,150,000	<b>Oil—</b>			
400,000	Retire current debt	99½	7.12	Swiss Oil Corp. 1st Mtge. 7s, 1927. Offered by Bartlett & Gordon and Dangler, Lapham & Co., Chicago.
400,000	<b>Land, Buildings, &amp;c.—</b>			
	Finance constr. of theatre bldg.	100	7.00	McVicker Theatre Co. 1st Mtge. Leasehold 7s, 1923-27. Offered by Powell, Garard & Co. and Standard Trust & Savings Bank.
90,000	<b>Shipping—</b>			
	Loan on steamship	100	8.00	The Western Reserve Navigation Co. 1st Mtge. 8s, 1927. Offered by The Prudential Finance Co., Cleveland.

STOCKS.

Par or No. of Shares	Purpose of Issue.	Amount Involved.	Price Per Share.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
450,000	<b>Public Utilities—</b>	\$			
6,000,000	Additions; capital requirements	450,000	101	6.93	Bangor Ry. & Electric Co. 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by Beyer & Small, Portland, Me.
	Acquisitions, &c.	5,000,000	105	6.19	Boston Consolidated Gas Co. 6½% Cum. Pref. Offered by Kidder, Peabody & Co., E. S. Mosely & Co., Jackson & Curtis, Hayden, Stone & Co., R. L. Day & Co., Blodgett & Co., Tucker, Anthony & Co., Curtis & Sanger, Moors & Cabot and Stone & Webster.
500,000	Acquisitions, extensions, &c.	500,000	102½	7.80	Georgia Ry. & Pr. Co. 1st Cum. 8% Pref., Series of 1922. Offered by Harrison & Co., Philadelphia.
1,525,000	Refunding; working capital	762,500	50	---	Newport News & Hampton Ry. Gas & Electric Co. Common. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
25,000,000	Additional facilities	25,000,000	100	6.50	New York Telephone Co. 6½% Cum. Pref. Offered by Co. to customers and employees.
4,000,000	Acquisitions	4,000,000	106	7.50	Public Service Corp. of N. J. 8% Cum. Pref. Offered by Benbright & Co.
800,000	Additions; retire current debt	300,000	92	7.61	Sandusky Gas & Electric Co. 7% Cum. Partic. Pref. Offered by Union Trust Co. of Cleveland and United Security Co., Canton, Ohio.
3,000,000	Additions	3,000,000	100	---	Southern New England Tel. Co. Com. Offered by company to stockholders.
		40,012,500			

Par or No. of Shares	Purpose of Issue.	Amount Invoiced.	Price Per Share.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$ 5,000,000	Iron, Steel, Coal, Copper, &c. Liquidate eur. debt; wkg. capital.	5,000,000	100	7.00	The American Metal Co., Ltd. (N. Y.) 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by Goldman, Sachs & Co., Lehman Bros. & Co., Chas. D. Barney & Co. and Hallgarten & Co.
*30,000 sh.	Motors and Accessories—Additional capital.	825,000	27½	---	Hayes Wheel Co. Common. Offered by McClure, Jones & Reed, N. Y., John Burnham & Co., Chicago, and Otis & Co., Cleveland.
400,000	Other Industrial & Mfg.—General corporate purposes.	400,000	100	8.00	Appalachian Mills Co. 8% Cum. Pref. Offered by Berry, Collins & Co., Atlanta, Ga.
250,000	Additional facilities.	250,000	100	---	Automatic Refrigerating Co., Inc. Capital stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
*40,000 sh.	Additional facilities.	1,800,000	45	9.00	Commercial Solvents Corp. Cum. (\$4 per share) Conv. Class A stock. Offered by Huntington, Jackson & Co. and Farnum, Winter & Co., N. Y.
*425,250 sh.	Working capital.	5,315,625	12½	---	Consolidated Textile Corp. capital stock. Offered by company to stockholders, underwritten.
5,000,000	Refunding; other corp. purposes.	5,000,000	106	6.50	Crane Co. 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by Lee, Higginson & Co. and The Merchants Loan & Trust Co., Chicago.
25,000	Additions.	25,000	100	8.00	Diamond Ink Co. 8% Cum. Redemption Fund Pref. Offered by company.
*110,000 sh.	Acquisitions; working capital.	1,210,000	11	---	International Carbon Corp. Common. Offered by McClure, Jones & Reed, Hirsch, Lilienthal & Co. and Schatzkin, Bernstein & Co.
550,000	Enable inst. to acquire control.	550,000	99	8.05	The Stafford Co. Parle. 8% Cum. Pref. Offered by C. F. Williams & Co., Boston.
1,500,000	Refinancing of company.	1,500,000	100d	7.00	Wagner Electric Mfg. Co. 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by company to stockholders, underwritten.
		16,050,625			
1,000,000	Oil—Recapitalization of company.	1,000,000	100e	7.00	Lockwood, Greene & Co., Inc. 7% Cum. Preferred. Offered by Jackson & Curtis.

FOREIGN GOVERNMENT LOANS.

Amount.	Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Offered by.
\$ 24,000,000	Republic of Bolivia External 25-year Secured 8% bonds, 1947.	101	7.90	Spencer, Trask & Co., The Equitable Trust Co., N. Y., Stifel-Nicolaus Investment Co., Hallgarten & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Cassatt & Co., Kissel, Klinefelter & Co. and J. & W. Seligman & Co.
25,000,000	United States of Brazil 30-year 7% gold bonds, 1952.	96½	7.30	Dillon, Read & Co., Lee, Higginson & Co., Blair & Co., Inc., White, Weld & Co., Continental and Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Bonbright & Co., Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, and the Union Trust Co. of Cleveland.
1,350,000	Republic of Chile Internal 8% Sinking Fund Bonds, 1950.	\$135 per 1,000 peso bond	---	Kelley, Drayton & Co., N. Y.
P. 10,000,000	City of Greater Prague (Czechoslovakia) 7½% Mortgage Loan Bonds, 1952.	92½	8.17	Kuhn, Loeb & Co., N. Y.
7,500,000	City of Montevideo (Uruguay) 7% Sinking Fund Bonds, 1952.	97	7.25	Dillon, Read & Co.
6,000,000	Kingdom of Norway 6% Internal Loan 1921-31.	\$198 per 1,000 kroner bond	---	Paine, Webber & Co. and F. J. Lisman & Co.
2,475,000 (Kroner)	State of Santa Catharina (Brazil) 25-year 8% External Sinking Fund Gold bonds, 1947.	101	7.90	Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Cassatt & Co., Philadelphia, and Second Ward Securities Co., Milwaukee.
12,500,000	Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats & Slovenes (Yugoslavia) 40-year 8% Secured External Gold Loan, 1932.	95½	8.40	Blair & Co., Inc., Chase Securities Corp., Redmond & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Kissel, Klinefelter & Co., J. & W. Seligman & Co., Bonbright & Co., Cassatt & Co., West & Co. and Union Trust Co. of Cleveland.
96,325,000				

FARM LOAN ISSUES.

Amount.	Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Offered by.
\$ 1,000,000	Central Iowa Joint Stock Land Bank of Des Moines (Iowa) 5% Farm Loan Bonds, 1942.	102	4.55	Stevenson Bros. & Perry, Inc., Chicago, First Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago and Stacy & Braun, N. Y.
1,000,000	Kentucky Joint Stock Land Bank (Lexington, Ky.) 5% Farm Loan Bonds, 1952.	103	4.60	Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Harris, Forbes & Co. and Wm. R. Compton Co.
2,000,000	St. Louis Joint Stock Land Bank 5% Farm Loan Bonds, 1952.	103	4.62	Wm. R. Compton Co. and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.
500,000	Virginia-Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank of Norfolk 5% Farm Loan Bonds, 1942.	103	4.62	B. J. Van Ingen & Co. and J. G. White & Co., Inc.
4,500,000				

\* Shares of no par value.  
 a Preferred stocks are taken at par, while in the case of Common stocks, the amount is based on the offering price.  
 b With 20 shares of no par value capital stock accompanying each \$1,000 bond.  
 c Based on exchange of 39 cents per guilder at maturity.  
 d With a bonus of 2-3 of a share of no par value Common stock.  
 e With a bonus of 15% in Common stock.

Current Events and Discussions

WEEKLY RETURN OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS.

Aggregate reductions of \$63,500,000 in discounted bills and of \$1,100,000 in United States securities, as against an increase of \$7,200,000 in acceptances purchased in open market, accompanied by a corresponding decline of \$54,400,000 in deposit liabilities, are shown in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly bank statement issued as at close of business on July 26 1922, and which deals with the results for the twelve Federal Reserve banks combined. Gold reserves show a further gain of \$9,200,000 and total cash reserves gain of \$12,200,000, while Federal reserve note circulation declined by \$6,000,000. The reserve ratio shows a rise for the week from 77.8 to 79.2%. After noting these facts the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Liquidation of member bank borrowings for the week was heaviest in the Second District, the New York Reserve Bank reporting a reduction of \$63,000,000 in its holdings of discounted bills, besides a reduction of \$2,800,000 in its holdings of bills purchased in the open market. Cleveland reports a reduction of \$11,000,000 of discounted paper, as against an increase of \$6,400,000 in purchased bills, while substantial increases in discounted paper are shown for the Boston, Philadelphia and San Francisco banks.

Considerable shifting of gold through the Gold Settlement Fund, besides accessions from without, accounts for the increase of \$37,900,000 in the gold reserves of the New York bank. Smaller increases in gold reserves, aggregating over \$7,000,000, are shown for the Cleveland, Richmond and St. Louis banks. The largest decrease in gold reserves, viz., by \$13,900,000, is reported by the Philadelphia bank, San Francisco with a decrease of \$6,500,000 and Chicago with a decrease of \$5,200,000 being next in order.

Holdings of paper secured by Government obligations show a decline from \$176,300,000 to \$115,200,000. Of the total held \$93,200,000, or 80.9%, were secured by Liberty and other U. S. bonds, \$5,400,000, or 4.7%, by Victory notes, \$12,400,000, or 10.7%, by Treasury notes, and \$4,300,000, or 3.7%, by Treasury certificates, compared with \$118,100,000, \$7,000,000, \$40,700,000 and \$10,500,000 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 520 and 521. 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 19 1922.	July 27 1921.
Total reserves	+12,200,000	+496,200,000	
Gold reserves	+9,200,000	+523,300,000	
Total earning assets	-57,400,000	-842,500,000	
Discounted bills, total	-63,500,000	-1,270,500,000	
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	-61,000,000	-476,000,000	
Other bills discounted	-2,500,000	-794,500,000	
Purchased bills	+7,200,000	+136,700,000	
United States securities, total	-1,100,000	+291,300,000	
Bonds and notes	-300,000	+167,400,000	
Pitman certificates	-2,000,000	-142,300,000	
Other Treasury certificates	+1,200,000	+266,200,000	
Total deposits	-54,400,000	+192,800,000	
Members' reserve deposits	-48,900,000	+176,600,000	
Government deposits	-2,900,000	+14,700,000	
Other deposits	-2,600,000	+1,500,000	
Federal Reserve notes in circulation	-6,000,000	-110,800,000	
F. R. notes in circulation, net liability	-2,400,000	-61,500,000	

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

Moderate reductions in all classes of loans aggregating \$32,000,000 and of \$9,000,000 in corporate securities, as against an increase of \$27,000,000 in Government securities, are shown in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly statement of condition on July 19 of 795 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 obligations fell off about \$8,000,000, loans secured by corporate and other obligations, \$18,000,000, and other loans and discounts, largely of a commercial character, about \$6,000,000. Changes in investments include increases of \$14,000,000 in U. S. bonds

and Victory notes, and of \$16,000,000 in Treasury notes, as against net liquidation of \$3,000,000 in Treasury certificates and of \$9,000,000 in corporate and other securities. Principal changes during the week for the member banks in New York City include net liquidation of \$31,000,000 of loans and of \$9,000,000 of corporate securities, as against increases of \$11,000,000 each in Treasury certificates and in other Government securities. Total loans and investments show reductions of \$14,000,000 for all reporting institutions and of \$18,000,000 for the New York City banks.

Government deposits show a reduction for the week of \$10,000,000 and other demand deposits, a reduction of \$98,000,000, while time deposits increased by \$4,000,000. Corresponding changes at member banks in New York City include reductions of \$4,000,000 in Government deposits and of \$70,000,000 in demand deposits, as against an increase of \$5,000,000 in time deposits. Borrowings of the reporting institutions from the Federal reserve banks show an increase for the week from \$142,000,000 to \$158,000,000, or from 0.9 to 1% of their total loans and investments. For the New York City banks an increase from \$47,000,000 to \$71,000,000 in borrowings from the local Reserve bank and from 0.9 to 1.4% in the ratio of these borrowings to aggregate loans and investments is noted. Withdrawals in some volume of bank balances by country correspondents account in part for the reduction in demand deposits of the New York City banks as well as for the increase in their borrowings from the reserve bank.

Reserve balances of the reporting institutions show a decline for the week of \$6,000,000, while cash in value fell off \$15,000,000. Member banks in New York City report decreases of \$10,000,000 in reserve balances and of \$9,000,000 in cash on hand. On a subsequent page—that is, on page 521—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 12 1922.	July 20 1921.
Loans and discounts—total	—\$32,000,000	—\$869,000,000
Secured by U. S. Government obligations	—8,000,000	—372,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds	—18,000,000	+515,000,000
All other	—6,000,000	—1,012,000,000
Investments, total	+18,000,000	+1,117,000,000
U. S. bonds	+10,000,000	+421,000,000
Victory notes	+4,000,000	—125,000,000
U. S. Treasury notes	+10,000,000	+462,000,000
Treasury certificates	—3,000,000	+124,000,000
Other stocks and bonds	—9,000,000	+235,000,000
Reserve balances with F. R. banks	—6,000,000	+205,000,000
Cash in vault	—15,000,000	—36,000,000
Government deposits	—10,000,000	—24,000,000
Net demand deposits	—98,000,000	+1,072,000,000
Time deposits	+4,000,000	+582,000,000
Total accommodations at F. R. banks	+16,000,000	—993,000,000

#### CONDITIONS INCIDENT TO CONVERSION OF UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND 5½% GOLD NOTES.

In a notice issued this week, J. P. Morgan & Co. stated that in accordance with the regulations of the British Treasury, no conversions of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland 3-year 5½% Convertible Gold Notes, due Nov. 1 1922, will be made after Aug. 31 1922, unless the Notes to be converted shall have been surrendered to the firm on or before that date. Conversions will be made on the date (not later than Nov. 1 1922) designated in writing by the holder at the time of surrender of the Notes.

#### ARGENTINA SEEKS \$225,000,000 LOAN.

The following is from the "Journal of Commerce" of yesterday (July 28):

The Argentine Government has cabled investment bankers here calling for the submission of bids on \$500,000,000 in Argentine currency, which, at the current exchange rate, is estimated at approximately \$225,000,000 in United States coin. Bidders are asked to submit their set-up for the business when cabling their terms. The cable came as a surprise in view of the recent assurances given to bankers here that no further borrowing was imminent.

Lacking definite and official information regarding the prospective loan, it is believed that the financing will be used partly to refund the \$50,000,000 7% notes brought out here and maturing next year, and for the \$27,500,000 7% notes due in 1927. Two groups, one headed by the Guaranty Company of New York, and the other a combination of Blair & Co. and the Chase Securities Corporation, are expected to submit bids for the business, and it is reported that overtures have been made to British investment banking houses. The bids will be opened in Buenos Aires to-morrow noon.

#### J. P. MORGAN & CO. PREPARED TO RECEIVE TENDERS FOR 5% ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT LOAN OF 1909.

J. P. Morgan & Co. announced on July 25 that they are prepared to receive tenders for the amortization on or before

Sept. 30 next of \$463,500 Argentine gold pesos of the Argentine Government 5% internal gold loan of 1909. Tenders will be received also in London by Baring Brothers & Co., Ltd., and in Buenos Aires by the Credito Publico Nacional. Each £200 bond has a par value of \$973 in United States gold dollars, and tenders must be made at a flat price under par expressed in dollars per pound, not later than 3 p. m. Aug. 11. Tenders will be opened in London Aug. 16.

#### MINISTER DE LA HUERTA CRITICIZES NEWSPAPER REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON REGARDING INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

Senor Adolfo de la Huerta, Finance Minister of Mexico, with his arrival in Mexico City on July 24 addressed a lengthy telegram to the financial agency of the Government of Mexico in New York, taking exception to statements which appeared in the daily papers last week bearing on the attitude of the Washington Administration toward international relations of Mexico and the United States. Minister de la Huerta, whose return to Mexico had been reported in our issue of July 15 (page 249) in accordance with an announcement made by him on the 11th inst., visited Washington before leaving the United States, having, it was stated in Mexico City dispatches July 16, been directed by President Obregon to confer with State Department officials at Washington. On the 18th inst. it was stated that he had on that day had conferences with both President Harding and Secretary of State Hughes. Reporting that all the discussion were "unofficial," the Associated Press advices from Washington July 18 also said in part:

Mr. de la Huerta, it was said, gave the President information on present Mexican policies and threw light on diplomatic difficulties which have contributed to the deadlock in the program for recognition of the Obregon Government by the United States. The President, it was added, was interested in his statements concerning the political and economic situation in Mexico.

The question of recognition, it was declared, did not enter directly into the conversations at the White House, although it was indicated that the discussion of Mexican conditions had an indirect bearing because of their informative character on the recognition question.

In conversations to-day with others than officials, Mr. de la Huerta was understood to have received suggestions as to means for clearing up the deadlock in the recognition situation which he probably will transmit to Mexican officials upon his return to Mexico City.

The informal reception of the Mexican Minister at the White House was said to have been arranged by Senator Bursum, who has urged recognition of the Obregon Government with proper safeguards to protect American interests. After his visits to the White House and the State Department, Mr. de la Huerta, accompanied by General Ryan, went to Senator Bursum's office at the Capitol and met several Senators and citizens from border States who are in Washington.

Mr. de la Huerta said his calls were very largely visits of courtesy and that he had been gratified and honored in having had the opportunity to exchange felicitations with the American officials. He then authorized the statement that while the relationship between the two countries and the question of recognition of Mexico by the United States had not been talked over, as his function was purely that of finance and not of foreign relations of his Government, many matters of interest to both Governments had been brought up in his talk with Secretary Hughes.

On July 20 Associated Press dispatches from Washington stated that Administration officials were authoritatively represented as being desirous that the Mexican Government take whatever steps it deems necessary to make effective the expressed policies of President Obregon on questions which have impeded and still are impeding recognition of that Government. It was added:

It was declared emphatically that the situation was entirely clear as to the relations between the two countries and fully understood by Adolfo de la Huerta, Mexican Minister of Finance, as a result of his recent conversations with President Harding and Secretary Hughes.

It is understood to be recognized by the Washington Government that continuance of the present situation is fraught with possibilities of incidents which might develop into less friendly relations between the two Governments, particularly in view of the application of the Mexican agrarian policy to the land held by Americans under valid titles in Mexico.

Under the same date the New York "Times" in a special Washington dispatch said in part:

A high spokesman of the Administration to-day furnished an informal summary of the situation involving the issues between this country and Mexico, from which it is apparent that recognition of Mexico by the American Government is as far off as ever unless the Obregon Government translates formal assurances into action and gives those definite and precise guarantees of security which are insisted upon rigidly by the American Government.

The statement of the case to-day was the more significant, because it came on the heels of the recent visit to the White House and State Department of Adolfo de la Huerta, Mexican Minister of Finance, to whom the attitude of the Washington Government was again clearly explained during his conference of nearly two hours with Secretary of State Hughes. The hope is expressed here that upon his return to Mexico City Senor de la Huerta will make a report to President Obregon that would be followed by affirmative action by the Mexican Government of such character as to warrant recognition.

The American Government's position is that recognition depends on the Mexicans. If they wish prompt recognition they can give prompt guarantees. The longer they delay the action for which Secretary Hughes as spokesman for President Harding is waiting the longer recognition will be delayed.

Not less than five distinct opportunities have been afforded the Oregon Government to demonstrate in a practical way its desire to resume diplomatic relations with the United States. It was stated. The first of these was the proposal made by Secretary of State Hughes that the two nations conclude a treaty of amity and commerce. Though this suggestion was made more than a year and a half ago it has not been accepted by the Mexican Government the official pointed out. Throughout the time which has elapsed since the proposal was made this Government has maintained a discreet silence, it was stated, in order that Oregon might be free to work out his affairs in his own way without embarrassment from this end. Nevertheless, the problem apparently is no nearer solution than when the negotiations were undertaken.

*Debt Agreement Not Complete.*

The second big opportunity afforded the Oregon Government the official said was in connection with the recent international banking agreement concluded at New York between Finance Minister de la Huerta and representatives of the international creditors of Mexico. This agreement which was heralded as a step in the direction of recognition has not been approved by Oregon, who apparently is unable or unwilling to act in the face of a reluctant Congress.

The third case mentioned had to do with the agreement entered into by American oil men at Mexico City with the Mexican authorities.

The fourth case was the decision by the Mexican Supreme Court bearing upon the question of the retroactivity of Article 27 of the Mexican Constitution. Numerous statements have been made it was pointed out to the effect that these decisions afforded the guarantees against confiscation which the American Government has been seeking. Nevertheless the official continued it has proved impossible despite weeks of delay for this Government to obtain copies of the text of these decisions or to find out in a specific and definite way exactly how comprehensive they are in scope.

Action on agrarian lands was the fifth point discussed by the official. Expropriation which is regarded here as not being in accordance with American principles apparently is sanctioned by the laws and constitutions of some of the Mexican States, it was stated, and the Oregon Government either is unable or unwilling to prevent the carrying out of these laws.

President Oregon in speeches and in interviews has many times asserted that Article 27 will not be applied retroactively. Such assertions were welcome to this Government but inasmuch as they were personal and informal were not regarded as sufficient.

The United States proposed, therefore, a treaty of amity and commerce which would definitely safeguard American rights. This treaty, President Oregon stated, he had no authority to sign. The fact that he said he had no authority to do this greatly detracted, in the opinion of the American Government, from the previous statements of the Mexican President that no retroactive effect would be given to the Constitutional provisions.

Since negotiations began with the Mexican Government, there have been numerous instances of confiscation of American agrarian holdings in Mexico, it was officially admitted to-day. The term used by the Mexican Government, it was explained, is expropriation, but expropriation implies payment, and no just payment has been made in numerous cases, and the proceeding, therefore, becomes confiscation. In many instances valuation was based on taxes which resulted in only a nominal value being placed on the land, and payment at the merely nominal figure was then offered in practically worthless bonds.

This Government has no objection to expropriation in the interests of some worthy public policy, as for example, providing the peons with lands but it is going to insist that proper remuneration be made when the validly acquired lands of American citizens are expropriated. The policy of the Harding Administration, it was asserted, is not formed with an eye to any particular group or set of interests; it is not dictated by Wall Street or by the oil interests, but is determined by American rights of whatever nature they may be.

Among other things, Minister de la Huerta declares "there is no foundation whatever to affirm that President Oregon is unwilling to ratify the agreements entered into in New York with the creditors of Mexico." As to the newspaper reports in general regarding international relations, Minister de la Huerta says: "I do not believe that the United States Government has authorized any public official to give out appreciations so unjust to the President of Mexico." His telegram in full follows:

I have read the statement published in the New York Press upon the state of our international relations, which were made, as it is said, by an authorized person in Washington on the 20th. If the form in which they have been transmitted to me is correct, I do not believe that the United States Government has authorized any public official to give out appreciations so unjust to the President of Mexico. In view of the fact that these are in complete disagreement with the cordial spirit shown by the Honorable President Harding and Secretary Hughes in the interview which I had the honor to have with them sending through me cordial messages to President Oregon. There is no foundation, whatever, to affirm that President Oregon is unwilling to ratify the agreements entered into in New York with the creditors of Mexico, it being the truth that from telegrams that I have received from him and from the statements that he has made public he considers said arrangements equitable, and to give his official ratification he is awaiting further information on some points which I personally will clear up upon my arrival in Mexico City. Statements mentioned in this regard are embarrassing to the bondholders when an asseveration of such nature is made public. Furthermore it has been stipulated with the creditors of my country, and it is so established in the Mexican laws, that the aforesaid agreements must be ratified by Congress. For no reason whatever, then is the attitude of President Oregon censurable. Neither has he failed in any oil arrangement, it being the case that the agreement of the third of September, was ratified by General Oregon. And with regards to the proposals that the oil executives have made through me for future explorations I am taking these with me and they have not been presented as yet to the Department of Industry and Commerce, through which the President of the United States of Mexico will issue his final word. There is neither a reason to preclude upon the bonds of the agrarian debt, when these have not yet been issued nor the steps that the Mexican Government is taking to give these bonds a real market value are known. An unfavorable statement upon securities that a Government is trying hard to strengthen obstructs with those statements the same intention of the Mexican Administration which is making great sacrifices to obtain the funds that will serve for the payment of lands "Ejidotes" which must be assigned to the townships in need of them. These bonds have not yet been placed in circulation but had they been already in the hands of some landholders these would be fully entitled to claim serious responsibilities from those who publicly attempted to demerit these bonds in assuming so carelessly that they were worthless.

I want to take advantage of this opportunity to clear up that in an interview published by some newspaper in New York there appears a mistaken statement according to information I have received. I did not affirm that all the lands had been paid. I said that the Government would pay all those that would be needed for the solving of the agrarian problem and I never could have assured that the value of all the expropriated lands had been covered when I cannot forget that there is a group of landholders that have refused to come to an agreement with the Government for the payment of their properties. And I want to explain that the Government has already invested many millions of Pesos in compensating owners who, obedient to the laws of the country, have arrived at Equitable adjustments with the present administration. I again repeat that it is my belief that the person that made such unjust statements to the press in so rough a manner cannot have been by any means authorized by the American Government, if the phrases that have been transmitted to me are exact. If some member of the Senate in his parliamentary speech caused a bad impression the Mexican Government is not to blame and it should not be attacked in a form which greatly differs from the gentility judgment and intelligent discretion which I found in President Harding and Secretary Hughes with whom I had the honor to talk upon my visit to Washington. I have not wished to pass inadvertently the statements to which I referred to because they affect directly the credit of Mexico, which, with such eagerness we have endeavored to strengthen in the conferences with the International Committee of Bankers, and I, as Secretary of Finance, have the obligation to object to all those intents that belittle the finances of my country. I believe that the International Committee of Bankers will second this attitude of mine in a manner which they will consider most convenient in accordance to the obligation expressed in the agreement of the 16th of June to co-operate in a useful way to the sustainment of the credit of the Mexican Republic.

ADOLFO DE LA HUERTA.

Dated City of Mexico, July 24th 1922.

Released by Financial Agency of the Government of Mexico, New York City, N. Y.

Following the publication of the above statement on July 26, the New York "Times" printed the following from Washington July 27 anent Minister de la Huerta's criticism:

Considerable interest was displayed in Administration circles to-day in the statement issued through the Mexican Government's financial agency in New York by Senor Adolfo de la Huerta, Mexican Minister of Finance, in which the latter took exception to what he regarded as the harsh tone of the informal statement of the Mexican policy of the American Government which was made recently by a high Administration official.

Referring to Senor de la Huerta's assertion that he cannot believe "that the United States Government has authorized any official to give out appreciations so unjust to the President of Mexico in view of the fact that these are in complete disagreement with the cordial spirit shown by the Honorable President Harding and Secretary Hughes in the interview which I had the honor to have with them, sending through me cordial messages to President Oregon," officials to-day declared that while there is no intention on the part of this Government to disavow the statement of which de la Huerta complains, it was evident that it must have been garbled in transmission or in translation.

In a review of the statement in question, the same American high official who gave it out declared to-day that nowhere in it can be found any reflection on the good faith of President Oregon.

While it was pointed out that certain things were as yet undone by Mexico, he explained, there was no charge made that they would not be done or no belief expressed that they would not be done. Attention was merely called to the fact that as yet they had not been done, and, therefore, declarations from eminent men that this thing and that thing had been done by the Mexican Government in an effort to harmonize its relations with the United States were not only premature but actually harmful and obstructive.

The American high official had in mind the speech delivered by Senator Ladd on the floor of the Senate, in which severe criticism of the policy of this Government with regard to Mexico was made.

There was no censure of President Oregon in the statement, the official said to-day. There is no disposition to doubt his good faith in the matter of the de la Huerta agreement or in any other matter. On the contrary, the Administration here is not only willing but anxious to believe that Oregon is expediting matters as much as is possible under Mexican procedure.

Neither is there any desire to prejudice the value of the agrarian bonds the Mexican Government purposes to issue in payment for expropriated lands, nor to depreciate their possible value when issued.

There is merely a desire to make sure that American holders of lands expropriated by the Government shall receive a valuable consideration in exchange for them; hence it is reasonable to suppose that the State Department is one with the Mexican Government in the desire that agrarian bonds to be issued by that Government shall have real, negotiable value.

The statement which de la Huerta questions was not made by the high official with any desire to embarrass Mexico, the official said to-day. It was made through the necessity which arose from the situation created by the thoughtless misinformation supplied to the American public from "eminent sources." In fact, the official gave the impression of regretting the necessity of having had to make any statement, informal or otherwise, on so delicate a situation, concerning which misunderstandings are so easy. The belief was expressed that when an authoritative translation was furnished to Secretary de la Huerta he would see nothing in it to which he possibly could object.

Following his visit to Washington Minister de la Huerta returned to New York, leaving here for Mexico City on the 19th inst.

**J. P. MORGAN & CO. DENY REPORTS OF INTEREST IN MEXICAN BANK.**

In denying on July 27 reports from Mexico City that they were interested in the proposed Banco Unico de Mexico, J. P. Morgan & Co. said:

J. P. Morgan & Co. were seen this morning and said that they had not made any arrangements to take any interest in the Banco Unico de Mexico, and that they would not be represented on its board in any way.

The reports were contained in the following press advices from Mexico City:

The New York correspondent of the "Excelsior" says in a dispatch to his newspaper to-day that he learns that the Banco Unico de Mexico, to be established next January, will have nominal capital stock of \$200,000,000, half of which is to be subscribed and the other half represented by free shares held by the Mexican Government.

Of the 100,000,000 subscription shares 60%, according to this account, is to be taken by the Banco de Paris and the Banco de los Países Bajos (Dutch) and the remainder by the houses of Morgan and Speyer and the British interests represented by Sir William Wiseman. Each of these interests will be represented on a governing board of five members.

#### EXPECTED CALL FOR DEPOSIT OF MEXICAN BONDS ACCOUNT OF PLAN FOR DEBT ADJUSTMENT.

In reporting the likelihood of an early call by the internal bankers for the deposit of Mexican Government and railroad bonds incident to the plan proposed for the adjustment of the Government's external debt, the "Journal of Commerce" on July 27 said:

The debt settlement plan under which Mexico has agreed to a resumption of interest payments and also the payment of back dues may be submitted to bondholders for their approval within the next few days. Although nothing of an official nature has been revealed concerning the matter there is a well-defined feeling in the financial district that formal approval by President Obregon of the debt agreement reached between the international bankers and Adolfo de la Huerta, Finance Minister of Mexico, on June 16 last is all that is necessary before proceeding to call for deposits of the various classes of bonds under the plan.

At one time it was suggested that the bankers would not proceed with the call for deposits until the Mexican Congress had formally approved the debt agreement. Senor de la Huerta stated just prior to his departure for Mexico City that the Congress would not convene until Sept. 1. At that time, however, the Minister said emphatically that while he had not yet been informed as to the exact personnel of the new Congress it was his certain belief that no opposition would arise on the part of the Legislature.

According to the general impression here, the announcement by President Obregon of his approval of the debt agreement is sufficient to warrant procedure on the part of bankers in the call for deposits. That President Obregon will approve the steps which resulted in the signing of the debt agreement is viewed as a foregone conclusion, since Senor de la Huerta acted on day-by-day cabled instructions from his chief at Mexico City. When the debt settlement was effected and signed the Minister pointed out that the plan would undoubtedly coincide with President Obregon's wishes and that formal approval would be forthcoming immediately.

Senor de la Huerta arrived in Mexico City on Monday last to confer with President Obregon. The day before he left the Minister said that his chief executive's formal announcement of approval of the debt plan might be expected within a day or two after the former's arrival in the Capital. For this reason it is expected in the financial district that the announcement may be forthcoming within the next day or two. In his statement sent up from Mexico City and made public here yesterday Senor de la Huerta intimated to officials at the Mexican Financial Agency in the Equitable Building that he probably would have an important statement to make shortly.

The general impression here is that the plan may be sent out to bondholders by the first of the month, although nothing official has as yet been given out in that respect. It is felt that the bankers will lose no time after they are advised of President Obregon's approval before sending out calls for deposits of the various classes of bonds in connection with making the plan operative.

Discussions as to the situation developed at the conference, which concluded with the signing of the debt agreement, indicate the impression on the part of the local banking interests that the final settlement was fair to both sides. It cannot be learned whether the international banking committee which conferred with Senor de la Huerta was forced to make more concessions than had been originally planned. The only way Wall Street has of gauging the situation is from straws, and because of the fact that rumors were current at one time indicating the possibility that the international bankers would withdraw from the conference it is believed that at this point all reasonable concessions had been made by the bankers. The fact that the conference continued to a final conclusion is viewed as proof that the international committee maintained a strong front and that toward the end it was the Mexican front which gave way.

#### FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE IN LONDON OF PREMIERS LLOYD GEORGE AND POINCAIRE TO CONSIDER GERMAN MORATORIUM.

Announcement that a conference between David Lloyd George, the British Prime Minister, and Raymond Poincaré, the French Premier, had been arranged for early in August to discuss the question of a moratorium for Germany came in Associated Press cablegrams from Paris July 23. These advices likewise stated:

It is expected that the conference will assume the proportions of a meeting of the Supreme Council, as it is generally understood here that Belgium is sure to be represented, and if the Italian crisis is solved in time that Italy also will have delegates present.

Realization that the reparations question has reached a decisive crisis is held responsible in French circles for Premier Poincaré overcoming his oft-expressed aversion for supreme councils and his decision to have the matter of a German moratorium discussed before the first supreme council he has agreed to attend since he was called to the Premiership.

The fact that M. Poincaré will be accompanied to London by Minister of Finance De Lasteyrie, and Count Peretti de la Rocca, Director of Political Affairs at the Foreign Office, as well as several technical experts from both the Foreign Affairs and Finance Ministries, and the Premier's acceptance of the invitation to meet Mr. Lloyd George without awaiting the decision of the Reparations Commission on the moratorium question are regarded here as significant that the fate of the German moratorium is more likely to be decided at London than Paris.

That M. Poincaré reserves full freedom of action for himself at London is explained in a semi-official note issued at the Foreign Office to-day, saying that the Premier's letter to M. Dubois, head of the Reparations Commission, on July 19 has been erroneously interpreted in some quarters as containing the "instructions of the French Premier on the moratorium question to the French representative on the Reparations Commission."

The note says in part:

"It is true that M. Poincaré addressed a letter to M. Dubois on that date, but the document only expressed partially the idea of the President of the Cabinet, who at the time he wrote it was not even in possession of the report of the Committee on Guarantees. Under those conditions the note could not represent the final opinion of the chief of the French Government, which will only be made up after the Government has taken

cognizance of all written and verbal reports submitted by the committee."

The report of the Guarantee Commission is not yet ready, but M. Mauciere, of the committee, showed M. Poincaré a draft of the report last night. It was after reading it that he wired Premier Lloyd George he would be ready to meet him August 1. The report will be handed to the Reparations Commission the middle or end of this week and the decision of the Commission is not expected before August 3 or 4, when, according to the present plan, M. Poincaré will be in London.

To-day's semi-official note does not mention what further suggestion the French intend making at London, but it is learned the French viewpoint now is that before a long term moratorium is granted to Germany supplementary reforms and additional guarantees should be demanded. Such reforms might be adopted and guarantees given with but a very short delay, necessitating the suspension of one or two monthly cash payments only.

The effect of reforms and guarantees, added to the results expected from new financial control to be installed in Germany by the Guarantees Commission, the French hold, would insure the floating and placing of a German foreign loan. Such a loan, providing important resources for the restoration of the devastated regions, would then permit of the granting to Germany of a prolonged cash moratorium.

Other angles of the reparations question are to be discussed in London. The French are reported to favor, first, cancellation of the Inter-Allied war debts without subordinating cancellation to a similar decision by the United States; second, an agreement by which reparations payments should be assigned specially to restoring the devastated regions, and third, assurance that German foreign loans, the proceeds of which are destined for reparations, shall be issued with the briefest possible delay.

Reporting that a slight delay might occur in the holding of the proposed conference, Paris Associated Press advices July 26 stated:

A slight delay in the holding of the meeting at London of the heads of the Allied Governments for discussion of the reparations question is foreseen in official quarters here following the receipt of a note from Great Britain that Prime Minister Lloyd George would be very glad to meet Premier Poincaré on Aug. 1 if the Governmental crisis in Italy were settled by that time.

It has been definitely decided that Italy and Belgium shall attend the conference, and the failure of Italy to form a Government before Aug. 1 would necessitate a brief postponement of the meeting.

Pending a settlement of the Italian situation, no date will be fixed for the assembling of the conference.

#### FINANCIAL CONTROL AGREED TO BY GERMANY— REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GUARANTEES DELAYED.

In another item we refer to the forthcoming conference to be held in London between Prime Minister Lloyd George of Great Britain and Premier Poincaré of France to discuss the question of a moratorium for Germany. On July 22 the Allied Reparations Commission at Paris received from Chancellor Wirth of Germany a letter accepting the conditions incident to financial control during the continuance of the expected moratorium. As to the advices of Chancellor Wirth, we quote the following Paris Associated Press cablegram July 22:

Accepting the demands of the Allied Committee on Guarantees which were presented at Berlin last Tuesday, Chancellor Wirth, in a letter to the Reparations Commission, received to-day, stated that Germany, after profound deliberation, had decided to accept the conditions for the duration of the moratorium which the German Government assumed would soon be granted.

The conditions, the letter points out, place a heavy load upon the German Government, and their acceptance is only agreed to by the Government and the Parliament on the theory that the forthcoming decision on the reparations question will constitute a definite settlement of the chief financial questions which have been the subject of negotiations between the Committee of Guarantees and the German Government.

The plan for the Allied control of Germany's finances, worked out by the Committee on Guarantees, provides for the accrediting of the committee's representatives to practically all the departments of the German Ministry of Finance, over which they will exercise personal supervision.

The bureaus dealing with receipts and expenditures, the movement of capital abroad and questions relating to the publication of financial and economic statistics will be especially controlled.

Germany agrees to furnish the committee with monthly statements showing the progress in the collection of taxes, including the income tax. The percentages assessed on private business, daily statements of the amount of the floating debt and statements every ten days, fortsetting the exact situation of the Government's finances are documents which the German Government has promised faithfully to make. Monthly reports of the receipts from customs, taxes, the post offices, the telegraphs and the railroads, supplemented monthly by a report on the situation of the floating debt, are further requirements which Germany has agreed to.

The German Ministry of Finance also must submit to the committee quarterly statements of the receipts and expenditures under the current budget. Finally, yearly, the recapitulation of the receipts and expenditures of the national budget after the annual settlement and balancing of the German Government accounts must be furnished.

The German Government undertakes to acquaint the delegates, at the same time as the measures are presented to the Reichsrat, with, first, the budget estimates for the coming fiscal year; second, all bills pertaining to financial measures; third, all requests for additional or supplementary credits to those provided for in the budget with the exception of credits for less than 500,000 marks; fourth, the monthly statements of expenses to be applied against credits granted in the budget, and, fifth, statements at fixed regular dates regarding the measures adopted for economy and enforced by the recently appointed Under Secretary of State for Economy.

The memorandum demands the right for the committee's delegates to investigate whether the expenditures of any department of the Ministry of Finance exceed the credits authorized for it. The delegates will appoint a representative to accompany the traveling auditors from the Ministry of Finance throughout Germany.

The control, as outlined, is to be effective Nov. 1 1922.

Concerning the floating debt, the German Government, it is stipulated, must submit to the delegates, at all times requested, statements showing the exact standing of the floating debt and the measures for payment adopted by the Ministry of Finance to cover expenses.

Copies of all the Finance Ministry's statements of expenses and receipts must be furnished to the delegates, as well as the rate of interest on outstanding bonds and the amount of paper money in circulation.

Concerning the export of capital, representatives of the committee will be accredited to the Finance Ministry and kept fully informed of the movement of capital, but without access to information concerning the private fortunes or businesses of individuals.

Regarding economic statistics, the German Government must supplement its monthly statements of exports and imports by a quarterly publication indicating Germany's trade with the 12 States which in 1921 had the greatest commercial dealings with Germany, specifying the exports invoiced in foreign exchanges and those billed in marks. Railroad, river, canal and ocean transportation reports are to be published and submitted to the committee as regularly and under the same form as previous to the war. The German Government must also make public quarterly a full report of steel production.

Statistics relating to the collection of taxes, including the income tax, must be submitted to the committee within the shortest possible time. Reports on the custom showing the total amount in gold marks collected at the ports of entry must also be speeded up.

Penalties, the maximum of which is two years in prison and a fine of 1,000,000 marks, are provided for against persons and firms guilty of violating the measures adopted by the German Government against unlawful export of capital. These measures were satisfactory to the Committee on Guarantees.

A special department in the Ministry of Finance is to be created. In it the committee will be represented and must investigate all requests for transfer of capital abroad before approval is made by it. Only persons in possession of special authorization from this department may engage in export trade.

All export trade necessitating the transfer of capital will go through the Chambers of Commerce, the members of which will deal directly with the special department supervising the export of capital.

The majority of the opinion in French financial circles expresses satisfaction with the plan adopted. A few extremists desire a more stringent control, but generally it is thought that that would be more difficult to exercise without prejudicing the sovereignty of the State.

On July 23 Associated Press advices from Paris stated that the report of the Committee on Guarantees was expected to be handed to the Reparations Commission this week. Yesterday (July 28) Associated Press cablegrams from Paris had the following to say:

At a meeting this morning the Allied Committee on Guarantees decided not to present its report on the German financial situation until next week. The report is virtually completed, but the Reparations Commission has considered it advisable not to take any action on the report or on the question of a moratorium for Germany until the Allied Premiers have passed upon these matters at their coming meeting in London.

The suggestion for postponing the London conference until after Aug. 15 is opposed in reparations circles on the ground that the question should be cleared up before the next monthly payment from Germany falls due, the middle of August.

If it is decided to delay the London meeting beyond that date it is considered probable that the commission will grant a moratorium for the August payment as a means of bridging over the situation until the Premiers have conferred on the subject.

Previous reference to the proposed financial control of Germany and the demand for a moratorium appeared in our issues of July 15, page 246, and July 22, page 362.

#### ALLIED REPRESENTATIVES REFUSE GERMANY MORATORIUM ON PRIVATE CLAIMS.

The New York "Times" on July 25 announced the following copyright advices from Paris:

At the same time that the German Government sent its demand to the Reparation Commission for a two-year moratorium in addition to that already extended, the German Ambassador in Paris, on instruction from his Government, put in a request to M. Poincaré for a reduction in the amount of the monthly payments fixed last year to be paid by Germany to the Central Office of Compensation in liquidation of claims of private citizens against Germans which were in abeyance during the war years. The amount fixed and agreed to by the German Government was £2,000,000 a month for all the Allies. For this payment the German Government accepted responsibility, though the claims were against private citizens.

On July 18 the German Ambassador, advancing the fall of the mark as the reason, wrote to M. Poincaré asking that the monthly payments be reduced to £500,000. The complaint is also made that many claims made are excessive and that, arbitration being slow, a period of respite should be granted during which reduced payment should be demanded and proceeds from liquidation of German properties held abroad should be sufficient to meet all compensation.

To-day representatives of the Allied Compensation Office met to consider the request, and it is understood that it has been refused. The argument which was accepted was that these payments were voluntarily accepted by the German Government, though actually owing by private firms and that lowness of the mark cannot be considered sufficient ground for failure to pay. The monthly installment of £2,000,000 will therefore be continued.

#### REDUCTION IN GERMANY'S COAL DELIVERIES TO ALLIES.

Under date of July 21 press advices from Paris stated:

The Reparation Commission announced in an official communication this evening that with a view to granting further relief to Germany it had decided that Germany should deliver to the Allies only 1,725,000 tons of coal and coke during the period from August to October, inclusive. The former schedule of deliveries called for 5,750,000 tons per quarter. The decision provides that should the total production of coal and coke in Germany during that period be greater than 8,350,000 tons, 20% of the surplus should go to the Allies.

#### CONCLUSION OF THE HAGUE CONFERENCE—AGREEMENT ON RUSSIAN PROPERTY.

The Hague Conference on Russian Affairs was brought to a conclusion on July 20 without apparently being any more successful in reaching agreement as to the solution of Russian problems than was its predecessor—the Genoa Confer-

ence. The sessions of the latter were held from April 10 to May 19, and details were given in these columns May 20, page 2196, and May 27, page 2302. The accomplishments of The Hague Conference, which was brought under way on June 14, seem to consist mainly in the adoption of a resolution under which the representatives at the Conference agree to recommend to their Governments the desirability of refraining from assisting their nationals in attempting to acquire property in Russia belonging to other nationals, and confiscated since Nov. 11 1917, without the consent of the former owners. Associated Press cablegrams from The Hague on July 20 reported the text of the resolution as follows:

The conference recommends for consideration of the Governments represented thereon the desirability of all Governments not assisting their nationals in attempting to acquire property in Russia which belonged to other foreign nationals and was confiscated since Nov. 11 1917 without the consent of such former owners or concessionaries, provided some recommendation subsequently is made by the Governments represented at The Hague Conference to all the Governments not represented, and that no decision shall be reached except jointly with these Governments.

M. Cattier, Belgium representative at the Conference, according to the Associated Press, made the statement at the final session of The Hague Conference that the United States, he added, had no intention of departing from its line of conduct with regard to property expropriated in Russia. The following is also from the Associated Press accounts from The Hague July 20:

The resolution gave rise to some debate. France, through M. Alphonse, moved to amend the resolution so that the word "belonged" would become "belongs." France's idea was that although the property had been seized by the Bolsheviks it was legally left in the possession of foreigners, and that in the resolution the use of the present tense of the verb should clearly record this fact. The amendment was rejected.

The end of the Conference means that when one month has passed the Powers are free to make separate agreements with Russia, and that Premier Lloyd George's non-aggression pact lapses. This was the arrangement made at Genoa. It permitted The Hague Conference to be held without the menace of war arising between Soviet Russia and the other European nations during the period of negotiation.

The Baltic States did not succeed in their efforts to have set up some machinery for possible continuance of the work at The Hague. Believing the Russian project for recognition of debts and the right of compensation for confiscated property was a logical basis for an eventual accord with Russia, the Baltic States wanted to create some organization for receiving the Moscow Government's reply as to whether the newest proposal of its Hague delegates was officially ratified.

Through this organization, the Netherlands Government, for instance, it was pointed out, could then transmit the reply to all the other Governments, and, if favorable, it could serve as a foundation for renewed negotiations and perhaps another conference. The Baltic delegates were firmly convinced of the necessity of losing no opportunity to provide for the regeneration of Russia. They were induced, however, not to push their point and the matter did not arise at the closing session of the conference, which adjourned after the property resolution and a series of reports were adopted.

Three separate documents explaining why the sub-commissions on private property, credits and debts failed to reach any conclusions which would serve as a basis for a general agreement with Russia were among the reports.

The fourth document, a general survey, declared the new Russian proposal could not form the foundation for an agreement because it did not embody any working rules or machinery or any guarantees which could insure the effective discharge of the obligations the Russians proposed to undertake.

Hilton Young, commenting on the report, expressed belief that if Russia put her words into practice immense possibilities would be created for settlement of the Russian question.

Speaking officially as a British delegate, he found hope in the fact that the Russians were ready to recognize their contracts and liabilities without counter-bargaining for credits.

"There are signs," he said, "of regenerate realization by the Russian Government that it is useless to expect credits until the basis of credits has been restored—that is, creation of confidence throughout Europe that Russia is prepared to recognize its obligations."

The report containing an outline of the work of the conference mentions the resolution adopted yesterday that if the Russians would loyally carry out their declaration it would contribute to re-establishment of the confidence necessary for the collaboration of Europe in the reconstruction of Russia.

The labors of the non-Russian commission, adds the report, have been inspired throughout by the earnest desire to discover some measure for a practical, immediate agreement which could remove the obstacles now preventing application of the common resources of the civilized world for the reconstruction of Russian industry.

"Although it has been impossible on the present occasion to discover such a measure," it says, "the non-Russian commission believes it still is possible to turn from regretful contemplation of the past to hopeful contemplation of the future, in confident assurance that there will be no qualification in the desire of all nations to remove obstacles on the path of Russian reconstruction or in their good will to bridge the gulf now separating the other peoples from the people of Russia."

In conclusion the report registers satisfaction that throughout the deliberations of the non-Russian commission there has been complete unanimity among the delegates of all the nations represented, saying:

"Twenty-six nations represented at The Hague have spoken not with many voices, but with one, and this cannot but be of signal benefit for the future."

The trend of comment, as expressed by one of the Dutch newspapers, is that "the conference did not die a natural death but was strangled."

In the opinion of an observer two considerations stand out clear in any attempt to understand the sudden collapse of the conference: First, that M. Litvinoff, in private conversations with the British delegates, informed them that his program for recognition of claims would necessarily be conditional upon general de jure recognition of the Soviet Government by the Powers, and that this statement immediately influenced the attitude of the British delegates and the others as well, chilling their reception of the Bolshevik proposal. Second, that the Russian project placed all negotiations concerning property and debts in the hands of the Russian Government on one side and the people of foreign countries on the other and ignored govern-

mental prerogatives, yet, at the same time involved, as M. Litvinoff is supposed to have privately explained recognition by the government's of the Soviet State.

In our issue of July 1 (page 18) we indicated that Russian credits had been made the primary discussion at The Hague. On June 30 the demand for total credits for Soviet Russia of 3,224,000,000 gold rubles was made by Maxim Litvinoff, head of the Soviet delegation, as a condition, it was said in a copyright cablegram to the New York "Times" from The Hague, for Moscow's recognizing Russia's obligations with a moratorium. The following is from the same copyright cablegram June 30:

This demand has nothing to do with the plan for trading credits worked out at Genoa. That was a plan for governmental assistance to nationals who seek to do business in Russia. When Litvinoff announced on Tuesday that the Russians would do nothing about debts or private property until they got credits he was asked to state how much he wanted and for what. To-day he gave the Credits Commission his reply. He announced he wanted credits in foreign currencies and loans up to 3,224,000,000 gold rubles, or, calculating the rubl at 50 cents, \$1,612,000,000.

His plan is divided into four categories: First, transport, 1,050,000,000 gold rubles; second, agriculture, 924,000,000 gold rubles; third, industries, 750,000,000 gold rubles, and, fourth, miscellaneous, divided into commercial credits, 300,000,000 gold rubles and bank credits 200,000,000.

Litvinoff then advanced the argument Rakovsky used once a day at Genoa, namely, that Allied intervention had cost Russia 50,000,000,000 gold rubles, ostensibly for the purpose of showing the Russians were letting the Allies off easy. To show further whose fault it all, was Litvinoff said Russia's wealth before the war was 150,000,000,000 gold rubles with an income of 12,000,000,000 to 15,000,000,000. The European war and intervention had reduced her wealth by five-twelfths.

Then he explained Russian reconstruction could not be undertaken piecemeal, but on the basis he had outlined. He quoted Lloyd George on the interdependence of nations and said Europe ought to hurry to restore Russia, which could only be done by giving the Soviets the credits asked for.

In indicating that no credits to Russia would be forthcoming without satisfactory guarantees being given regarding confiscated property in Russia, Sir Philip Lloyd-Graeme, the British delegate, was reported in Hague cablegrams July 7 as saying:

No credits, public or private, in any country of the world, will be forthcoming unless satisfactory conditions are obtained regarding property. It is absolutely necessary we should know what property will be restored; what you intend to do when property is not restored, and what will be the conditions of restitution. Until this is known it is perfectly futile and absurd to continue.

It does not rest with Governments to settle conditions of credit. They are settled by the people having money to invest. If the non-Russian experts are unable to say how much money will be available, it is because the whole position on credits depends entirely on the reasonableness of the Russian attitude on restitution.

It was added in the cablegrams:

Partly with the idea of saving the conference from collapse, and partly to contribute light on the property issue, Krassin acting in the role of peacemaker, suggested that each side omit controversial points from the discussion as far as possible. Thus the Europeans would cease talking about absolute restitution and the Russians would cease demanding credits.

This was agreed to with the understanding that classified industries would be taken up and an effort made to establish conditions for restoration to former owners which would be mutually satisfactory. Some 600 concessions, divided into twenty branches, were mentioned, including about thirty oil concessions, some for production and others for refining.

After it became evident that the Conference was near disruption on the question of confiscated property, it was announced on the 10th inst. that the European delegates, under instructions from their Governments, had decided to adopt a united front on all questions before the Russian conference, more particularly on the treatment of confiscated property. The Associated Press accounts stated:

A definite line of action has been agreed upon. This includes the putting of specific questions to the Russian delegates relative to the restitution of property, on which their attitude is declared to be unsatisfactory. Upon the answers depends whether the Conference can continue.

The French delegates say there is no question about their withdrawing for the present. Sir Philip Lloyd-Graeme, head of the British delegation, said to-night:

"We must bring about a settlement, or, failing that, must obtain a complete exposition of the facts as to why a settlement is impossible. Obviously we cannot continue indefinitely and there are issues on which we cannot procrastinate."

M. Krassin, in a statement replying to a series of questions put by the European experts concerning credits for transport and agriculture, explained that Russia wanted credits to repair such railroads as would take care of about half of the transport carried on before the war. In general, he said, Russia was not prepared to accord concessions for existing railways. It was ready to grant concessions for the construction of new lines, but trunk lines must remain in the hands of the Government.

For agricultural purposes, the Government was ready, he said, to grant concessions aggregating 4,000,000 hectares. It was already in negotiation with foreign companies and some four agreements were practically completed, one for 100,000 hectares. The duration of the concession, he said, would be twenty-five years and the land which it was proposed to concede was fertile and near the coast, so as to make transport by sea easy.

With regard to foreign trade, M. Krassin declared that for the present he could not admit the resumption of absolute free trade with foreign countries, as he was bound to protect his country which is suffering from depreciated exchange.

This did not mean that the State must control absolutely all foreign credit, he continued. They had centralized the system of purchases in foreign countries, thereby gaining in prices and quality, and they had adopted the method of centralization for the sales of exports. He could not change this system until the relations with foreign countries became normal, but meantime there was nothing to prevent foreign capital from participating in mixed societies representing Russia abroad.

#### New Customs Tariff.

The new customs tariff, continued M. Krassin, was based on the same principle which existed before the war and before the revolution and figures were about the same. Asked if concessions for maritime transport were possible, M. Krassin replied that the Government was anxious to attract foreign capital for this purpose and he believed that concessions were possible both for maritime river transport, on the system of mixed societies with the Russian Government as a partner, or with the concessionaire paying a percentage on the goods transported.

In stating on July 11 that the Russians were being left aside and that the heads of the delegations of the other countries were spending the day trying to work out a plan for continuing The Hague Conference with some prospect of accomplishment, the New York "Times" in a copyright cablegram from The Hague, added in part:

The attitude of the Russians in refusing to meet the private property conditions has brought the negotiations to a standstill, but the British are anxious to keep going, on the theory that the Soviets are only bargaining and will finally come to terms.

This is against Genoa experience. Nevertheless it was decided to-day to send to the Russians four definite questions designed to bring a clear statement of their position regarding the claims of foreigners dispossessed by the Bolshevik nationalization program.

The following day (July 12) the Associated Press accounts of the proceedings said:

The chasm between the Russians and the other Powers apparently is far wider than at Genoa, and the non-Russian group is not divided, as it was at Genoa. The British and French are acting now in agreement on the demands concerning nationalized property, which the Russians say practically amount to insistence on absolute restitution.

This position was developed at the meeting this morning of the sub-commission on property, after which Maxim Litvinoff, head of the Soviets, stated emphatically he believed that the conference had exhausted its usefulness and would end without results. This afternoon the sub-commission on debts had equally unfavorable results. The Russians insisted on having the present conference fix the total amount of pre-war debts Russia would be expected to pay, but the non-Russians stood out for fixing this sum through mixed commissions at a later date.

At the conclusion of this meeting M. Litvinoff granted an interview in which he declared that the non-Russian delegates had clearly agreed to make the conference a failure and were trying to pin the Russians down to answer questions in order to justify breaking up the meeting.

"We have had no reply to our repeated requests for definite statements regarding what credits we are to get for reconstruction," he said. "Instead of definite answers we get lectures on confidence and how to restore confidence. Unfortunately confidence is not marketable in Europe under present conditions. If we cannot get credits through the Governments, we shall get private credits. Perhaps we shall get less money, but we can retain our self-respect. The Danish delegate even suggested that Russia ought to be willing to accept financial control, such as Turkey has."

M. Litvinoff criticized the organization of the conference bitterly. Its division into sub-commissions, which was arranged before the Russians arrived, he declared was destined to complicate the negotiations and prevent their success.

"I want to prophesy," he added, "that to-morrow's meeting will be a kind of religious ceremony, as to-day's meetings were, and that after the conference is broken up, the non-Russians will meet and adopt resolutions denouncing and blaming us for the failure, and will pledge themselves not to undertake further separate negotiations with Russia."

#### Russia in Defiant Mood.

"But that pledge will be broken shortly; it won't amount to anything. Russia is prepared to fight another decade; Europe cannot ignore 150,000,000 Russians."

In reporting the issuance at midnight on the 13th inst. of a statement by the Russian delegation announcing that the Conference was definitely over, the Associated Press in its Hague advices had the following to say:

Following upon the action of the non-Russian sub-commission on private property in formally deciding that no useful purpose could be served in continuing the meetings with the Russians, the members of the credits commission agreed this afternoon to inform the Russians to-morrow that as the property negotiations had failed there was no reason for continuing the discussions on credits.

Thus another step toward a definite rupture has been taken. A joint meeting on credits has been fixed for to-morrow morning.

The present plan of the European experts is to call a meeting of the full non-Russian commission Monday and have the meeting adjourn until next Wednesday for approval of the reports of the three sub-commissions, which are now being prepared.

At what was termed the final joint meeting of the Russians and non-Russians on the 14th inst. it was stated that there seemed to be only a slight chance that further meeting would be arranged. The cablegrams (Associated Press) said:

From beginning to end the differences have all centred about confiscated property in Russia. All the formulas of the experts have failed because the Bolsheviks stood fast on nationalization of property of foreigners and Russians alike, and declined to make any proposals for compensation of foreigners until they were told how much money Europe had ready to advance them for reconstruction.

Sir Philip Lloyd-Graeme and Hilton Young of the British delegation, Felicien Cattier, Belgium, and Baron Avezzano insist that the door of the Conference is still open, but that the Russians are showing no disposition to-night to re-enter the peace palace.

During the early stage of the meeting to-day Mr. Young gave an exhaustive review of the credit situation, emphasizing that the Governments could not control the capital which Russia required, but that this was in the hands of private capitalists. The Governments could assist Russia in its search for credits; they could help open the door, but were unable to compel anybody to pass through. Confidence in Russia must be recreated.

"Russia," he continued, "must reset the keystone in the arch which supports all credits at all times and everywhere—recognition of the binding force of obligations solemnly contracted."

He characterized as a complete illusion any idea that there existed a financial blockade of Russia in the sense of abstention from granting



credits. It was the policy of the Russian Government itself which imposed the blockade. Russia's insistence on the concentration of all credits in the hands of the Government had placed an insurmountable barrier in the path of those able and willing to find capital for Russian reconstruction.

On the 15th inst. M. Patyn, President of the Central Commission, according to an official communique, it was learned through the Associated Press, sent a note to Maxim Litvinoff, enclosing a copy of a letter dated July 14 from the President of the Debts Sub-Commission, containing notification that the Debts Commission had come to the conclusion that discussions with the Russians were no longer expedient. The further Associated Press advices stated:

M. Patyn points out that a similar conclusion reached by the Third Sub-Commission was explained to the Russians on Friday, and adds:

"I am authorized to communicate to you that the President of the Third Sub-Commission was giving voice to the unanimous opinion of the Presidents and members of the three sub-commissions when he stated at the above-mentioned meeting on July 14 that if M. Litvinoff wished to make a statement modifying his previous declarations the other sub-commissions no doubt would take his statement into account, and the door was not closed to further negotiations."

M. Litvinoff conferred with Edward F. Wise of the British delegation to-day, after which rumors were circulated that the negotiations were to be resumed.

The acceptance by Soviet Russia of the invitation to re-state its case was made known by the Associated Press on July 16, which said:

Maxim Litvinoff, head of the Soviets, has communicated with Moscow and Russia's answer to the communication sent to the Russian delegation yesterday, which was virtually a bid for new declarations from the Russians, may be delayed until Moscow has its say.

In the mean time the non-Russian delegations continued preparing reports of the three sub-commissions, which will show why they failed to reach an accord with the Russian delegates on the vital questions of property, debts and credits. Whether these reports will be presented and adopted at a final plenary session on Wednesday depends on the nature of the Soviet answer. On this M. M. Litvinoff, Krassin and Sokolnikoff labored throughout Sunday.

Stating on July 17 that Soviet Russia would be given an opportunity the following day to outline any new proposals before the Conference, Associated Press accounts added:

In other words, The Hague Conference has been resuscitated, though not in whole-hearted, swinging fashion indicative of general optimism.

Everything depends upon whether the Russian delegation has concrete propositions concerning confiscated property showing a distinct change from the previous attitude of the delegation on this problem, which the European delegates deemed utterly unacceptable.

Maxim Litvinoff's letter to the non-Russian experts to-day asking for a renewal of the negotiations was discussed by the European representatives. It was agreed that the Russians should be invited to meet the Sub-Commission on Property to-morrow and submit any new suggestions they may have.

The French opposed any renewal of the pourparlers, insisting vigorously that Litvinoff's communication was merely a reiteration of the old Bolshevik position and consisted of old goods wrapped in new paper. The Russians would not restore property, the French declared, and they would discuss forms of compensation only when they knew how much they owed foreign countries and the extent to which foreign countries were ready to help Russia financially. Other delegates voiced the same view.

M. Cattier, the Belgian expert, acted in the role of mediator in the divergent positions occupied by France and England, and brought about an agreement to hear the Russian case to-morrow. In the meantime the Sub-Commissions on Debts and Credits will suspend their work on the ground that the future of the Conference depends entirely on the result of the property negotiations, which the non-Russians consider as the pivot of the entire Conference.

Announcement that the Russian delegates had forced compliance with their demand for a joint plenary session to find, if possible, a way of saving the Conference and continuing the work, the aim of which is the reconstruction of Russia and her re-entry into the comity of nations, was contained in Associated Press cablegrams on the 18th inst., from which we quote the following:

The Bolshevik victory was complete, except possibly on one point. The non-Russian delegates insist that when the Soviet delegation meets them, probably to-morrow, the Russians will restrict their statement to absolutely new proposals and clear-cut propositions justifying resumption of the negotiations. The Bolsheviks took their victory calmly and were not inclined to murmur against the conditions imposed on them.

One of the Soviet delegates informed the Associated Press to-night that the Russians would meet the non-Russian delegates and endeavor to submit something new and tangible relative to compensation for confiscated property which Russia was unable to restore to the former owners, but added laughingly:

"Moratorium is a popular word nowadays; we may ask for a moratorium, in other words, for a delay of some fifteen or twenty years for the payment of compensation. How can Russia do otherwise in her present economic condition?"

The Soviet representatives refused to attend the morning session of the sub-commission on property. Instead of the delegates a motor car arrived with a messenger bearing Maxim Litvinoff's letters coming the European delegates for the manner of their invitation and demanding a meeting with the entire non-Russian delegation, so as to afford an opportunity to elaborate a basis of accord on all the problems of the agenda—property, debts and credits.

To-night finds the conference in this position: Europe wants the restoration of confiscated property, or desires to know something definite about the plans for compensation. It also seeks information about the payment of interest on debts and the recognition of pre-war debts. After that it will be ready to discuss the credits it will recommend for Russia.

The Soviet say they cannot agree to a blanket restoration of expropriated property, though they may restore it through private arrangements with the former owners. They are ready to discuss forms of compensations, but deem it imperative to know first the total amount of claims against Russia and how much financial assistance the world is ready to grant their Government.

Reciting the developments with the opening of the joint conference on the 19th inst., the Associated Press said:

Russia's delegation gave the joint plenary session of the conference on Russian affairs a dramatic surprise to-day by suggesting the reference to all the governments concerned of new proposals in connection with Russian recognition of debts and compensation for confiscated foreign property. Proposals were that all the terms of settlement be left to direct negotiations between the Russians and the foreign bondholders and property claimants.

These proposals made by Maxim Litvinoff were so unexpected that the majority of the non-Russian delegates craned their necks in the endeavor not to lose a word of the Russian leader's speech and in the attempt also to understand what would be the exact effect of the Bolshevik proposition on the interest of foreigners in Russia.

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.

Direct negotiations with foreign claimants has been sought all along by the Soviet Government. The idea behind the new project appears to be that the Russians would like the foreign Governments officially to favor direct negotiations as the best means of the settlement of debt and property claims.

Detailing the day's deliberations, the Associated Press cablegrams July 19 stated:

Mystery marked The Hague proceedings to-day and the Conference ended in an uncertain manner. After Maxim Litvinoff, head of the Soviet delegation, had proposed to submit to Moscow a recommendation to acknowledge pre-war debts and admit the general principle of compensation for foreign property, there was a temporary effort on the part of the non-Russian delegates to create the impression that the Russians had yielded materially.

When the non-Russian delegates met in the afternoon, however, to examine Litvinoff's proposals further, there was a decided objection to submitting these proposals to the various Governments and an unwillingness to wait for seven days, as M. Litvinoff had suggested, for Moscow's action on the recommendation.

One of the results of this meeting was the adoption of a cryptic resolution, introduced by Baron Avezzano, Italy, which was so puzzling that nobody but the delegates, and probably not all of them, could understand it. Then the non-Russian delegates decided to hold a final plenary meeting at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon to receive the reports of the three sub-commissions and bring the Conference to a final close.

The resolution reads:

"The non-Russian Commission, concluding its work at a point arrived at in the discussion at The Hague with the Russian Commission and which is recorded in the reports compiled and approved by the three sub-commissions, notes with satisfaction the proposal of the Russian delegation to make submission to its Government in the sense contained in the declaration read by M. Litvinoff at the plenary session of July 19.

The non-Russian Commission does not find in the terms of the declaration itself the basis for an agreement, but notes that the line of conduct indicated in the declaration can, if accepted by the Russian Government, and loyally carried out, contribute to the restoration of confidence, which is necessary for the collaboration of Europe in the reconstruction of Russia.

"The non-Russian Commission also notes that this declaration can help to create a favorable atmosphere for any further negotiations which may be considered expedient by the various Governments."

At the morning session M. Litvinoff, in submitting his proposal, explained that the Russians had reached the conclusion from the speeches of the other side that credits and general financial assistance were not possible, at least for the present, and therefore an entirely new situation had been created.

Because every concession made by the Russian delegation had been on the assumption that credits would be forthcoming, the Russian delegation must ask Moscow for new instructions.

"I presume," he continued, "as there is no question of financial help to Russia, and in consequence no means of gauging the speed of the economic recovery of Russia, the non-Russian Commission would not insist on further discussion at The Hague of the details of the various claims the Russian delegation is asked to consider, or details of the forms of compensation, where property is not returned in some form or another.

"If the other delegations will agree to refer our proposal to their respective Governments, the Russian delegation will ask its Government whether Russia is prepared, assuming credits in the sense intended by the Russian delegation cannot be given, first, to acknowledge the debts due by the Russian Government or its predecessors to foreigners, and, second, to agree to give effective compensation to foreigners for property which has been nationalized—provided, that the terms of payment of the debts and the terms of compensation, whether in the form of concession of properties, or otherwise, be left to be agreed upon between the Russian Government and the persons concerned in the course of two years."

When M. Litvinoff and his associates learned of the action of the Europeans, 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. Collective bargaining never appealed strongly to the Moscow Government, according to Litvinoff, and now the coast was clear for dealing with individual nations.

In explaining the significance of the Russian proposal, a Soviet delegate informed The Associated Press correspondent that if the Powers, including Russia, ratified to-day's proposition the Russian delegation was ready to sign, at The Hague, an agreement which, in principle, would recognize Russia's debts and the right of foreigners to compensation for confiscated property.

"The Powers have been emphasizing the necessity of creating confidence in the Russian Government, if we expect financial help from abroad," he said. "Well, we are ready to build a basis of confidence by recognizing the claims against us. Surely we cannot do more. Of course, we cannot pay the bondholders now and must ask for a moratorium of, say, thirty years.

"We are ready to arrange for compensation in those cases where expropriated property is not returned in one form or another. In the meantime, during the two years of our direct negotiations with the claimants, we would hope to get financial assistance from abroad, because the world would have more faith in us, would have confidence. We would expect to inaugurate negotiations for de jure recognition of our Government.

"Our object in getting foreign Governments to support our plan is that the foreign Governments would assist their nations in their negotiations with us, and not place obstacles in their way."

Asked if American bond or property holders would be treated on the same footing as Europeans, the spokesman said he thought so, but it was too early to go into that matter. He remarked, however, that American claimants were few, and there would probably be no objection to equality treatment, even if the American Government did not participate in the suggested agreement between the Powers and Russia.

The impression is general to-night that the experts got beyond their depth, and the various Governments decided it was best to bring the conference to a close before further political complications arose. While the delegates constantly stated that the conference was an economic and financial affair, it was clear from its inception that it was little less political than Genoa. The French and Belgian delegates had favored concluding it for the last fortnight.

Many of the delegates, especially the French and Belgians, were opposed to turning their citizens over to direct dealings with the Soviet Government. They preferred that Governments and not citizens should deal with the Soviet, and M. Litvinoff's project tended to place all negotiations with the Soviet in the hands of the people.

"Russia will attend no more conferences. Genoa and The Hague have been enough for us," said Maxim Litvinoff to the Associated Press correspondent to-night between the acts of a gala performance of "Shylock," which Louis Bouwmeester, Holland's foremost actor, gave for the conference delegates and the visiting newspaper representatives.

"We are seeing a tragedy to-night," M. Litvinoff continued. "Its an interesting contrast to the comedy which the conference afforded to-day."

The Russians, however, are not making any preparations to-night for their departure, and the conference has been reported ended so often that there seemingly is an unwillingness to believe that the temporary revival brought about by Litvinoff to-day may not be repeated.

None of the other delegates liked to talk about this matter to the correspondents because they believed it too delicate a matter to air in the public prints. Apparently they do not wish to appear as opposing any legitimate project for the small European investors to get their money back. At the same time they are opposed to the Bolshevik working over the heads of their Governments and establishing organized relations with their citizens, which they consider would be too much like aiding and abetting the Bolshevik cause.

Some of the European representatives, however, speaking unofficially, pointed out what they termed the grave danger to the social government systems of Europe, which they deemed an inevitable accompaniment of the Russian project, if put into operation. They contended that it offered untold opportunities for the dissemination of Bolshevik propaganda because it meant that every small bondholder in Europe henceforth would have a direct interest in the welfare of the Soviet Government and would be put into direct communication with it. Their hope of eventual payment would lie in the perpetuation of the Soviet regime. These people would be interested in having their Governments help the Russian Government into permanent power.

"Thus it opened," said one of the delegates, "a very subtle means of Bolshevik propaganda, through the direct establishment of a community of material interest between the Moscow Government and millions of people of Europe whose small savings are invested in Russia. This is particularly true of France."

As indicated above, the final session of the Conference on July 20 brought the adoption of the resolution regarding expropriated property. In addition to the account of that day's developments, we quote the following from the Associated Press:

The report containing an outline of the work of the conference mentions the resolution adopted yesterday that if the Russians would loyally carry out their declaration it would contribute to re-establishment of the confidence necessary for the collaboration of Europe in the reconstruction of Russia.

The labors of the Non-Russian Commission, add the report, have been inspired throughout by the earnest desire to discover some measure for a practical, immediate agreement which could remove the obstacles now preventing application of the common resources of the civilized world for the reconstruction of Russian industry.

"Although it has been impossible on the present occasion to discover such a measure," it says, "the Non-Russian Commission believes it still is possible to turn from regretful contemplation of the past to hopeful contemplation of the future, in confident assurance that there will be no qualification in the desire of all nations to remove obstacles from the path of Russian reconstruction or in their good-will to bridge the gulf now separating the other peoples from the people of Russia."

From a copyright cablegram from The Hague July 20 to the New York "Times" we quote the following:

Opinion among the delegates as to whether the conference achieved anything appears to differ greatly, and more especially as to whether the final proposals made yesterday by the Russians improved the situation for the Allies or the contrary. Commander Hilton Young when questioned said: "Litvinoff's proposals certainly allowed us to end the conference on a much more optimistic note than we should otherwise have had, and gives us a new line."

He thought the proposals would be useful in formulating a basis for any future conference. He insisted that unity of front really meant community of common sense.

"One thing the conference achieved," said the British expert, "is to make the Russians understand exactly how facilities given to nationals for trade with Russia would work out and educate them as to the practicable possibilities of the Western European market. It showed them also that they must take necessary measures to establish confidence first and that it is useless to expect any Government to wave a sort of magic wand in the question of credits. They have come to see that their mere word means nothing but that they must start the ball rolling before they can hope to get credits on any scale."

Sir Philip Lloyd-Graeme maintained that the conference broke up because the Russians refused to agree to any working machinery, or rules to be carried by the Governments, but insisted on individual negotiation and independent action by claimants direct with the Soviet Government, which method offered no sort of guarantee. The same thing applied in direct negotiation with all bondholders.

#### BAKU OIL CONCESSIONS OBTAINED BY GERMAN INTERESTS.

The completion of arrangements whereby German oil interests will obtain Russian oil was made known in Associated Press cablegrams from London July 22, which had the following to say in the matter:

The Deutsche Petroleum Gesellschaft, which recently passed under the control of the Deutsche Bank, has, in co-operation with the bank, obtained a petroleum concession near Baku. The concession includes only property which never has been in foreign hands, there being indications that the Germans are using care not to raise international complications by trying to get leases of any properties which were in foreign hands before being nationalized.

Although the Germans were not asked to subscribe to the resolution of The Hague conference pledging the nations to prevent their nationals from accepting concessions involving the property of foreigners, Germany evidently is following the same policy as the United States, which will use its influence to prevent Americans from acquiring confiscated property in Russia.

The Soviet has also granted to the Deutsche Bank permission to establish a branch at Moscow.

All the business men who have been trying to deal with Maxim Litvinoff, chief of Soviet legations abroad, and his associates, apparently have avoided concessions involving foreigners' property. Thus, it is commented, The Hague conference resolution already is in effect. Financial interests also are unwilling to open their new Russian ventures with lawsuits arising out of doubtful titles.

Workmen in the Caucasian oil fields recently demanded that their wages be paid in gold. The Bolshevik Government was compelled to comply because of the great scarcity of oil and the need for fuel to keep the railways and steamships going. The situation in the Baku and other oil fields is so critical that the Government apparently is extremely anxious to effect some arrangement which would insure systematic developments of proved fields on scientific lines so as to avoid waste and insure oil for exportation as well as local consumption.

Informal conferences frequently are held with the old owners of oil wells, and it is considered not unlikely that direct negotiations may effect a settlement of claims whereby large areas of proved oil fields may soon be operated by foreign companies in co-operation with the Soviet without raising international complications.

Development of fields whose oil capacity is not thoroughly determined, like the new German concession, is slow and uncertain. It does not promise an immediate fuel supply for Russia and an income to Soviet Russia. Therefore, M. Krassin and his associates are declared to be anxious to have the oil fields operated by foreigners under conditions insuring a steady income.

#### H. C. HOLMES ELECTED SECRETARY AND TREASURER FIRST JOINT STOCK LAND BANK OF NEW YORK.

At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the First Joint Stock Land Bank of New York, H. C. Holmes of Washington, D. C., was elected Secretary and Treasurer, to take service Aug. 1. Mr. Holmes succeeds George H. Howard and H. J. Lowndes, who acted as temporary secretary and temporary treasurer, respectively. Mr. Holmes was for three years in charge of the department of loans in the Federal Farm Loan Bureau. The organization of the First Joint Stock Land Bank of New York was referred to in our issues of May 13, page 2075, and July 8, page 133.

#### OFFERING OF FREMONT (NEB.) JOINT STOCK LAND BANK BONDS.

Brooke, Stokes & Co., and Harris, Forbes & Co., offered on July 25 \$2,000,000 Fremont (Neb.) Joint Stock Land Bank 5% farm loan bonds at 103 and interest, to yield about 4.62% to the redeemable date (1932) and 5% thereafter to redemption or maturity. The bonds, issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act, are dated May 1 1922 and mature May 1 1952. They are callable at par and accrued interest on May 1 1932 or any interest date thereafter. Interest is payable May 1 and Nov. 1 and principal and interest are payable at the Fremont Joint Stock Land Bank, Fremont, Neb. Coupons are payable at Brooke, Stokes & Co., Philadelphia, Pa., or may be presented for collection through Harris, Forbes & Co., New York City. In coupon form the bonds are fully registerable and interchangeable in denomination of \$1,000. The bonds are exempt from Federal, State, municipal and local taxation, and are legal investment for all fiduciary and trust funds under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government and acceptable as security for Postal Savings and other deposits of Government funds. As we stated in our issue of Feb. 25, page 793, in referring to a \$1,000,000 offering of bonds of the Fremont Joint Stock Land Bank, the farms on which the mortgages of the bank are placed are located in the States of Iowa and Nebraska, the heart of the corn belt. From the official circular we take the following:

The policy of this Bank in purchasing mortgages has been conservative, as the loans average but 39.6% of the appraised value of the land.

In 1920 'n the counties 'n which the bank loaned 'n Iowa, the average value per acre of farm lands and bu'ld'ngs was \$244.54, while that of the remainder of the State was \$217.20. For the same year 'n Nebraska the average value per acre in the counties in which the bank loaned was \$137.81, while that of the balance of the State was \$53.39. Thus, not only does the bank operate in two of the best farming States, but in addition, the loans have been made in the highest valued farming territory. In comparison with these values the loans made by the bank averaged only \$49.35.

The average earnings of the bank since date of organization have been among the best in this banking system. For the calendar year 1921 the bank earned 15% on its capital stock while for the current year earnings are exceeding this figure. The present dividend rate is 8%. Out of the annual earnings 25% must be carried to reserve account until the latter equals 20% of the capital stock. Thereafter 5% of the earnings must be added.

The officers and directors of this bank are all substantial business men with a wide experience in the farm loan business, covering a period of many years. The board of directors is composed almost entirely of bankers in Nebraska and Iowa, who are, therefore, familiar with or can readily post themselves as to the loans which they are called upon to consider.

Dan V. Stephens, Fremont Neb.; President of the Fremont State Bank; President of the Hammond & Stephens Co., wholesale educational publishers.

D. D. Rowe, Fremont, Neb.; Vice-President of the Nebraska State Building & Loan Association; Vice-President of the Fremont State Bank.  
 T. J. Kastle, North Bend, Neb.; Vice-President of the First State Bank of North Bend.  
 William Meyer, Hooper, Neb.; President of the Dodge County Bank of Hooper.  
 D. W. Killeen, President of the First National Bank of Schuyler, Neb.  
 J. H. Moeller, Leigh, Neb.; President of the First National Bank of Leigh.  
 J. W. Davis, Des Moines, Iowa; retired.  
 R. C. Peters, W. S. Weston, M. D. Cameron, Wallace Spear and J. O. Wentworth are all officers of the Peters Trust Co. of Omaha, Neb.  
 J. R. Cain Jr., Omaha, Neb.; Vice-President of the Peters Bank of Omaha.

**FIRST JOINT STOCK LAND BANK OF CHICAGO,  
 CHANGES NAME TO CHICAGO JOINT STOCK  
 LAND BANK.**

Announcement is made that effective August 1 1922, the name of the First Joint Stock Land Bank of Chicago, will be changed to *Chicago Joint Stock Land Bank*. In announcing this a notice issued by the bank says:

This change is made to avoid confusion with other institutions of similar name and for the reason that the securities of the First Joint Stock Land Bank of Chicago have come to be known in all financial centers as "Chicago Joint Stock Bonds" so that it had really become the trade name of the Bank long before the change in the corporate name was contemplated.

The Chicago Joint Stock Land Bank is by far the largest of all Joint Stock Land Banks in existence and was one of the first of these banks organized under the Federal Farm Loan Act receiving its charter July 17 1917. Since that time the original paid in capital of \$250,000 has grown to \$2,500,000 and it now has its full required legal reserve of 20% or \$500,000 and more than \$100,000 undivided profits, making total capital reserves and undivided profits in excess of \$3,100,000 and the Bank now has total assets in excess of \$34,000,000.

During the five years of its existence the Bank has loaned in excess of \$31,000,000 to the farmers of Illinois and Iowa, and is now making loans in excess of \$2,000,000 per month. The Bank operates under Federal supervision limiting its loans to the corn belt of Illinois and Iowa and to 50% or less of the value of the land as determined by Federal Appraisers.

The change in the name has been effected by an amendment to the Charter and no change in the personnel is contemplated.

The following officers and directors have been identified with the bank since its organization:

Guy Huston, President, has been for more than 20 years engaged in the farm loan and country banking business, is still principal owner and President of the Huston Banking Co. of Blandinsville, Ill., and Vice-President of the State Bank of Sciota, and is closely connected with various other down-State banks.

Oran F. Schee, Vice-President and Director, Des Moines, Iowa, is the son of Nathan Schee and a member of the Schee family of Iowa, that for 50 years has been prominent in banking and farm loan business of Iowa, operating banks at Indianola, Milo, Bussey and other points.

Ray E. Pickrel, Vice-President, President of the Pickrel Walnut Co. of St. Louis, the largest exclusive walnut hauliers in the world, and the Pickrel Veneer Co., New Albany, Indiana.

J. E. Huston, Secretary and Director, is executive officer of the Huston Banking Co. of Blandinsville, Ill., and State Bank of Sciota, and has wide experience in lending to farmers and in the farm loan business, as well as in the management and ownership of farm lands.

In addition to the corps of officers who have been with the bank since organization, there has been added a number of experienced country bankers and farm mortgage men who will act as superintendents of loans and field men. The list includes the following men, widely known by the banking fraternity of Illinois and Iowa:

Frank L. Lyman, Springfield, Ill., formerly Supervisor of loans in Central Illinois for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Milwaukee, Wis. Mr. Lyman will maintain an office for this bank in the Ferguson Building, Springfield, Ill., and be Superintendent of Loans for twenty-seven counties in Illinois lying south and east of the Illinois River.

Harold A. Smith, formerly executive officer of L. M. Yocum & Co., bankers, Galva, Ill. Mr. Smith will be in the Chicago office and will be Superintendent of Loans in Northern and Western Illinois.

B. E. Hakes, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, formerly executive officer in charge of loans in banks at Williamsburg and Conroy, Iowa. Mr. Hakes will maintain an office in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and will be Superintendent of Loans in that territory.

A. Upton, Sioux City, Iowa, formerly President of the Tobias National Bank, Tobias, Neb., and engaged in the farm loan business at Tobias and Fairbury, Neb.; later being credit man for the J. I. Case Thrashing Machine Co. of Racine, Wis. Mr. Upton will maintain an office in Sioux City, Iowa, and will be Superintendent of Loans in that territory.

Harry W. Butzloff, formerly Cashier of Iowa State Bank, Atlantic, Iowa, and of the Charlotte Trust & Savings Bank, Charlotte, Iowa. Mr. Butzloff will be located in our Des Moines office.

J. L. Boyles, in charge of the Legal Department, came to this bank from the Federal Land Bank of St. Louis, where he had charge of the title examinations for that bank. Prior to his connection with the Federal Land Bank, he was County Judge of Clay County, Ill., and later, as a practicing attorney, a member of the firm of Farthing, Boyles & Farthing, of East St. Louis, Ill.

All of the active officers of the Chicago Joint Stock Land Bank, as well as every field man and loan superintendent, has for a number of years been actively engaged in loaning money to farmers, and each of them has successfully loaned or superintended the loaning of millions of dollars of farm loans in this territory.

The personnel of this bank now comprises a group of men, each an expert farm mortgage man, most of them having had experience in country banking, and they know the needs of the farmers and country bankers in this territory. This assures maximum service to the country bankers and the farmers of the corn belt district of Illinois and Iowa which is the territory of this well managed and fast growing institution.

**FIRST YEAR'S OPERATIONS OF STOCK GROWERS' FINANCE CORPORATION.**

In advices from Chicago under date of July 21, regarding the Stock Growers' Finance Corporation, organized last year to aid the live stock industry, the "Journal of Commerce" of July 22 states that the corporation ceased to make

loans on Dec. 1 1921 and since that date has been engaged only in making renewals of notes and taking up paper. Under the original organization plans of the corporation, it had been proposed to form a \$50,000,000 pool, but, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon was reported a year ago as stating that it had been brought into operation with a total subscription of \$35,000,000. From the "Journal of Commerce" we take the following:

M. L. McClure of Kansas City was designated by New York bankers to head the committee and administer the pool. The first loans were made on July 16 1922. Numerous advisory committees were appointed all over the Western and Southwestern country to pass on applications for loans and to report on collateral offered. Banks, trust companies and cattle and other live stock loan companies gave every aid possible to have the pool start functioning at once, realizing that a crisis was on in the live stock industry.

Sixty days after the pool had begun to make loans, the price of cows and calves on the range had advanced \$15 per head and breeding ewes \$2 per head. The necessity for money being relieved, the movement of female cattle and sheep to market from the range was stopped and the live stock industry took a turn toward better times. As the pool progressed and prices of live stock advanced under financial relief that stopped forced liquidation, the value of collateral offered grew, and the margin of loans was reduced.

The Live Stock Growers' Finance Corporation ceased to make loans on Dec. 1 1921, when the War Finance Corporation was revived and authorized to make live stock and other agricultural loans. By then the industry was on a safe footing and the crisis had passed.

President McClure's financial statement of the activities of the so-called "Morgan Pool" as it is popularly known in the West and Southwest, follows:

*Profit and Loss Totals for Year Ending June 30 1922.*

Total interest collected.....	\$911,426 39
Charged to interest account:	
Refund on bills receivable paid before due.....	\$83,206 92
Interest paid on subscribing banks, 6% in full to July 1 1922.....	584,713 36
Interest paid on collateral agreements (bills payable).....	50,725 44
Expenses conducting business:	
Executive committee and directors' fees and expenses.....	\$6,817 92
Inspection expenses.....	4,671 37
Office rent.....	2,959 75
Internal revenue.....	436 71
Miscellaneous expenses, including traveling expenses.....	9,490 89
Postage.....	623 28
Salaries of officers and employees.....	31,769 38
	56,769 30
	\$775,415 02
Remainder.....	\$136,011 37
Interest collected but not earned.....	\$70,556 92
Estimated profits to date held in reserve to cover losses on loans and expense of liquidating.....	65,454 45
	\$136,011 37

**Items of Interest in Regard to the Operations of the Stock Growers' Finance Corporation.**

Office opened and first loan discounted July 20 1921.	
Discontinued making new loans Dec. 1 1921.	
Total number of business days of loaning operations.....	114
Average amount loans per business day.....	\$177,368 00
Number of executive committee meetings held.....	109
Total amount subscribed by Banks—	
New York.....	\$25,000,000 00
Other cities.....	24,001,000 00
	\$49,001,000 00
Total subscriptions called for and paid in.....	\$14,692,350 00
Number of banks which subscribed to the pool.....	207
Subscriptions repaid to banks.....	\$8,571,737 50
Subscriptions remaining unpaid to date.....	\$6,120,612 50
Total original loans made.....	\$20,220,000 00
Largest amount of bills receivable on hand at one time.....	\$16,552,000 00
Bills receivable on hand July 1 1922.....	\$6,786,611 00
Total interest and discount collected.....	\$911,426 39
Amount of interest refunded borrowers on payment before due.....	\$83,206 92
Interest paid banks for temporary accommodations pending collection of assessments and to repay subscriptions.....	\$50,725 44
Total interest paid subscribing banks to July 1 1922.....	\$584,713 36
Interest on hand collected but not earned.....	\$70,556 92
Total expenses of operations.....	\$56,769 30
Estimated reserve to cover losses and expenses of liquidation.....	\$65,454 45

References to the pool in the "Chronicle" last year appeared in our issues of June 18, page 2593; June 25, page 2698; July 9, page 136; July 16, page 244; July 30, page 472; Aug. 13, page 682, and Sept. 24, page 1305.

**ADVANCES BY WAR FINANCE CORPORATION TO TOBACCO AND WHEAT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.**

The War Finance Corporation announced on July 27, that it had tentatively approved the application of the Kansas Wheat Growers' Association for an advance of not to exceed \$2,500,000 to assist in financing the orderly marketing of wheat during the coming season. It announced also that representatives of the Washington, Idaho, Montana and North Dakota Wheat Growers' Associations will appear before the Board on August 9 in connection with pending applications from these Associations, as follows:

Washington Wheat Growers' Association.....	\$2,000,000
Idaho Wheat Growers' Association.....	1,000,000
Montana Wheat Growers' Association.....	3,000,000
North Dakota Wheat Growers' Association.....	\$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000

The advances to co-operative marketing associations, tentatively or finally approved by the War Finance Cor-

poration to date, for the purpose of assisting in financing orderly marketing of agricultural products during the coming season, total \$87,000,000. They are as follows:

Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association of Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina.....	\$30,000,000
Oklahoma Wheat Growers' Association.....	2,500,000
Texas Wheat Growers' Association.....	500,000
Kansas Wheat Growers' Association.....	2,500,000
Oklahoma Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association.....	5,000,000
Arkansas Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association.....	7,500,000
Georgia Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association.....	5,000,000
Arkansas Farmers' Union Cotton Growers' Association.....	1,000,000
Alabama Farm Bureau Cotton Association.....	3,000,000
South Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association.....	10,000,000
North Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association.....	10,000,000
Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association.....	9,000,000

The announcement of the Corporation also states: As pointed out in connection with the announcements regarding these advances, it is expected that only a portion of the amounts approved will be actually advanced by the Corporation and that, as was the case during the past season, the banks in the interested district will do the major part of the financing for the associations. Furthermore, the large Eastern financial centres are showing a decided interest this year in the financing of the co-operative marketing associations and it is probable that considerable amounts will be made available from these centres in addition to the advances provided by the local banks.

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

The War Finance Corporation announced on July 24 that from July 17 to July 22, inclusive, it approved 31 advances aggregating \$842,000, for agricultural and live stock purposes, as follows:

\$40,000 in Arizona	\$132,000 in New Mexico
110,000 in California	20,000 in North Dakota
13,000 in Colorado	107,000 in Oklahoma
15,000 in Georgia	45,000 in South Carolina
3,000 in Idaho	58,000 in South Dakota
57,000 in Iowa	78,000 in Tennessee
13,000 in Minnesota	20,000 in Washington
3,000 in Montana	8,000 in Wisconsin
72,000 in Nebraska	48,000 in Wyoming

#### COURT DISMISSES SUIT TO RESTRAIN SALE OF COMPO BONDS.

The United States Government's theory and practice of promoting thrift and habits of saving may now be used legally by private enterprise. That, says the Compo Bond Corporation, is the effect of a decision handed down recently in the Federal Court for the Southern District of New York by Judge A. N. Hand, involving the issuance of Compo bonds by a national bank. With regard to the proceedings the corporation says:

Action was brought by J. R. Adams of Elizabeth, N. J., a stockholder in the Maybrook (N. Y.) National Bank, seeking to enjoin the bank and the Compo Bond Corporation of 512 Fifth Avenue, New York City, jointly from selling Compo bonds. He alleged that it was illegal for national banks to issue a financial instrument which evidenced a borrowing of money and constituted a direct obligation on the bank itself, Compo Thrift bonds, which are similar to the Government's War Savings Stamps and Certificates, are issued by banks and trust companies for cash deposits and they constitute the promise of the issuing institution to pay to the holder a certain sum of money after a specified period of time, this sum to equal the amount originally paid for the bond, plus interest compounded semi-annually during the life of the instrument.

In reply, the bank and the Compo Corporation contended that Compo bonds were a form of time certificate of deposit and further maintained that they had been so classified by Comptroller of the Currency Crissinger. They held that, as certificates of deposit, the bonds were a legal form of issue for national banks. The decision sustains their contention.

The settlement of the suit removes the only legal obstacle to the development of the Compo Bond Corporation's plans and paves the way for the wide use of this new savings method by national banks and trust companies, many of which have been awaiting the decision with great interest. Among the directors of the Compo Bond Corporation are Franklin D. Roosevelt and Guy Emerson, who was a director of the Liberty Loan Committee in the Second Federal Reserve District.

#### CHANGE IN COMMISSION RATES OF MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

Under a change approved by members of the Montreal Stock Exchange on July 20, the rate of commission on transactions has been fixed at 30 cents per share, instead of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1% on the par value. The members also endorsed a proposal to require advertising by stock exchange houses to conform to certain conditions. The "Montreal Gazette" of July 21 announced the changes as follows:

At a special general meeting of the Montreal Stock Exchange members yesterday afternoon, the long-mooted advertising by-law was adopted, and several changes were made in commission rates.

The new ruling having to do with advertising by stock exchange houses is in the form of an amendment to by-law 19 by the addition of the following:

"That no member of the exchange and no firm represented thereon shall publish any advertisement unless either it is in a general form as outlined in Section No. 13, or it has been submitted to the governing committee and approved by them."

With regard to the interpretation of Section 13, the committee offers the following explanatory note:

"It is the opinion of the committee that at this time such advertisements be syndicate offerings of securities and circulars or a simple and direct offering of a particular security by a firm or individual, or ordinary business

cards come within this general description. In order to expedite the work of the committee, all other proposed advertisements must be submitted in duplicate, one copy to be retained by the committee for its files and the other to be returned with their decision."

Chief among the changes in commission rates is the decision to charge 30 cents per share instead of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1% on the par value of stocks as hitherto has been the case. The new commission rates, it is understood, go into effect on August 1.

#### COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY CRISSINGER AUTHORIZES ADDITIONAL OFFICES OF NATIONAL BANKS WHERE STATE BANK BRANCHES ARE PERMITTED.

The stand taken by Comptroller of the Currency Crissinger with respect to the question of the establishment of branches of National banks became definitely known on July 21, when a letter addressed by the Comptroller to Senator McCormick of Illinois in the matter was made public. In our issue of July 15 (page 253) we referred to the fact that it was understood that the Comptroller had virtually decided on a policy, the statement being made that he had taken the view that "additional offices" might be established by National banks under proper circumstances, but that branches might not be maintained. In his letter to Senator McCormick, Comptroller Crissinger states that "I am not authorizing the establishment of branch banks, but I have been permitting National banks in States where State banks and trust companies have offices, agencies or branch banks, to establish additional offices in some of the large cities where it is necessary to meet the competition of State banks." The Comptroller states that he has "not granted permission to any bank to have an agency, branch or office in any State that prohibits State banks and trust companies from having such offices or places, although I am convinced that at common law these banks have a right to establish agencies even in those States." In our earlier item (July 15) we referred to some of the opposition which has been voiced against the Comptroller's stand, and in the current issue of our paper we note the opposition registered by the Chicago and Cook County Bankers' Association. The following is Comptroller Crissinger's letter to Senator McCormick as given in part in the New York "Commercial" of July 22:

Since 1865 the National Bank Act has provided that national banks may obtain branch banks by nationalizing a State institution with branches, and, thereafter, consolidating the two national banks, and in that way bring into the system branches of the two national banks. There are twenty-two States in the Union that authorize or permit State banks to have branches, offices or agencies in addition to their main office or banking house. It has never occurred to State bankers to become interested about this condition of affairs until just recently.

I am not authorizing the establishment of branch banks, but I have been permitting national banks in States where State banks and trust companies have offices, agencies or branch banks to establish additional offices in some of the large cities where it is necessary to meet the competition of State banks that have literally taken possession of cities with branch banks or offices, and these facts are notorious and are well known to all the State bankers of the country.

Continued acquiescence in this condition is bound to lead to the disintegration of the national banking system.

#### National Banks Crowded Out.

To illustrate: The city of Detroit, with a population of about 900,000, has 15 banks and branch banks, of which only three are national banks, and they will be compelled to get out of the system unless they can be accorded the same privileges as State banks have in having these additional offices or banking houses. In the city of Cleveland, one State bank and trust company has 46 of these branch banks under the laws of the State of Ohio, and we have, I think, three national banks left. In the city of Los Angeles, the Bank of California State institution has 26 of these branches. A trust company has just recently established 29 of these places, and the national banks have been put to such a disadvantage in California that unless help can be brought to them by granting the additional places, they will have to surrender their charters and go out of the national banking system. I might say to you that in the city of Los Angeles, by reason of this competition authorized by the State, the national banks, out of a total deposit account of \$500,000,000, now have been reduced to \$165,000,000. The State of Kentucky just day before yesterday authorized, through its Bank Commissioner and its Attorney-General, the establishment of offices and branches, and, as I said above, it is now the prevailing practice in 22 States of the Union.

The same condition prevails in the city of New York, where the Corn Exchange Bank and several other State institutions are literally plastering that city with branches. To meet this condition, I am without hesitation granting, where proper showing can be made, such additional offices as will permit national banks to meet the requirements of these progressive times and the competition above mentioned. In this I think I am fully within the law and I am more than sure that I am fully within right and justice to national banks.

#### Backbone of Federal Reserve.

Your State bank constituents should remember that the national banking system has been the backbone of, and has furnished the life blood in the main for, the financial system of the United States for the past sixty years, and it is now the backbone of the Federal Reserve system, because out of 22,000 State institutions, there are only 1,050 of them in the Federal Reserve system. By reason of this attitude of aloofness, the State banking resources have been held outside that great co-ordination of the country's financial power which, under the Federal Reserve system, has contributed so greatly to sustaining the industry, business, commerce and agriculture and to meeting the war.

#### Criticizes Unaffiliated Banks.

Our aim should be to give every possible proper encouragement to the banks that are affiliated with this system. It is no derogation to say that

unaffiliated banks, no matter how splendidly conducted, no matter how well they serve the needs of their immediate constituencies, are unable to make full contribution to nation-wide financial stabilization that is possible through the Federal Reserve organization. I insist that the welfare of the country, and its financial system, and especially the Federal Reserve system, requires the protection and encouragement of the national banking system, because you know the State institutions refuse to affiliate themselves with the Federal Reserve system, except the 1,650 State banks above mentioned.

Now, I have not granted permission to any bank to have an agency, branch or office in any State that prohibits State banks and trust companies from having such offices or places, although I am convinced that at common law these banks have a right to establish agencies even in those States, but I am not giving any sanction to it. Up to this time I have limited these additional offices to the States where the State authorities or the State law permits like facilities, and in this I am quite sure that I am more than fair to your constituents and State banking institutions, and I know that I am within right and justice, as above stated, and such action is neither revolutionary nor does it favor a few at the expense of the many, and it is not un-American, but it is the American square deal for national banks that have to meet the competition permitted by the legislation and executive orders of 22 States of the Union.

#### CHICAGO AND COOK COUNTY BANKERS' ASSOCIATION IN OPPOSITION TO NATIONAL BANK BRANCHES.

Steps to forestall the establishing of branch banking by National institutions in Chicago were taken by the Chicago and Cook County Bankers' Association on June 29, when, at a special meeting the President of the Association was authorized to appoint a committee "to take whatever steps were deemed necessary in order to safeguard our present banking system." On June 30 the Association, through its President, Murray MacLeod, and Secretary E. N. Baty, sent the following telegram to Senator McKinley at Washington:

The Chicago and Cook County Bankers' Association, composed of 108 national and State banks, representing more than one million banking customers, at a special meeting held last night strongly condemned Comptroller Crissinger's action in sanctioning branch banking. The association views with alarm the attempt on the part of the Comptroller to deal a fatal blow at America's system of independent banks. For the past 60 years, Mr. Crissinger's very able predecessors have ruled that branch banking was not permitted by our National Bank Act, and we firmly believe that the present is a most inopportune time in which to introduce revolutionary changes. The disregarding of this precedent by Mr. Crissinger is an attempt to favor a few at the expense of the many, an un-American procedure. As your constituents, we respectfully urge that you do your utmost in rescinding the action of the Comptroller. May we have your early reply.

The Association, in resolutions adopted, "condemns the recent ruling of the Comptroller as contrary to the precedent established by his very able predecessors" and "believes the Comptroller did wrong to sanction a change so radical without notice to the public that such an innovation was contemplated." We give the resolutions herewith:

*Whereas*, It has come to the attention of the Chicago and Cook County Bankers' Association, an organization of one hundred and eight national and State banks, that the Comptroller of the Currency, without public notice and contrary to a custom followed for sixty years, has given his tacit approval to the opening of branch banks by national banks in various States; and

*Whereas*, All attempted legislation heretofore to permit national banks to establish branches has failed of passage by Congress each time a bill has been offered; and

*Whereas*, The American Bankers' Association and various other banking associations throughout the country have placed themselves on record, innumerable times, as being strongly opposed to branch banking; stating in their resolutions that branch banking is detrimental to the best interests of the people and contrary to the American system of banking; and

*Whereas*, The attempt of the Comptroller to designate "Place" of business as different and distinct from "Branch" appears as an effort upon his part to promulgate an administrative action in terms and meaning entirely inappropriate to a matter of such grave importance and thereby availing himself of a distinction without a difference in order to find a basis for his ruling.

*Now, therefore, be it resolved*, That this association of national and State banks of Chicago condemns the recent ruling of the Comptroller as contrary to the precedent established by his very able predecessors for the past sixty years, and furthermore, believes the Comptroller did wrong to sanction a change so radical and without notice to the public that such an innovation was contemplated.

*And be it further resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Comptroller of the Currency with the request that he rescind his official action permitting branch banks and that additional copies be sent to the President of the United States and members of Congress, with the hope that they will appreciate how grave the situation may become and for such intervention with the Comptroller as this important matter shall justify—to the end that one class of bankers shall not be advantaged over competitors, and that the few large metropolitan banks shall not be favored.

The committee named by President MacLeod of the Association to act on the Comptroller's ruling consists of:

Isaac N. Powell, Chairman South Side Trust & Savings Bank.  
John A. Carroll, Hyde Park State Bank.  
Thomas F. Chamberlain, Depositors State Bank.  
John A. Nyllin, Fidelity Trust & Savings Bank.  
R. J. Neal, Drexel State Bank.  
Fred H. Esdohr, Jefferson Park National Bank.

At the Association meeting on June 29, Andrew J. Frame, Chairman of the board of the Waukesha National Bank, of Waukesha, Wis., was the principal speaker, and his remarks are indicated as follows in the Bulletin issued by the Association on July 10:

Mr. Frame is truly a pioneer in the fight against branch banking, for at an early age he foresaw the evils that would result should our system of

independent banks be discarded. To-day, 78 years of age, he is more vigorous than ever in his efforts to save this country from the fate of Canada. He painted a very vivid picture of conditions that are inevitable when branch managers take the place of presidents; bank earnings are sent out of the localities where made; loanable funds are not used for local needs; and when the financial strength of the country is centralized in the hands of the few. At the close of Mr. Frame's speech several members voiced their opinions on the subject and the calling of a spade by its correct name was much in evidence. To put it mildly, supporters of branch banking were conspicuous by their absence.

Secretary Baty of the Chicago and Cook County Bankers' Association, in advices to us, states:

Our association is, of course, greatly opposed to the introduction of branch banking. The Illinois Banking Act, which expressly prohibits branch banks should protect us, but in so far as Mr. Crissinger was not influenced by the Missouri Act, it is only natural to suppose that he will disregard the Banking Act of any State.

The decision of Comptroller of the Currency Crissinger to permit the establishment of "additional offices" by National banks in the States where State banks are authorized to operate branches, is referred to by us in the preceding article.

#### DEVELOPMENTS IN THE RYAN FAILURE.

It developed on July 24 that the liabilities of Allan A. Ryan amount to approximately \$18,000,000, instead of being in excess of \$32,000,000, as at first shown. This disparity between the original amounts of the liabilities and the revised figures, according to David Hunter Miller of Parker, Marshall, Miller & Auchincloss, attorneys for the receiver, was due to duplications in the bankruptcy schedules filed by Mr. Ryan which had resulted in some of the debts being listed twice. Mr. Miller further stated that \$14,000,000 of the liabilities were secured by pledges of unknown value and but \$4,000,000 unsecured. Of the unsecured debts approximately \$2,000,000 is owed to Mrs. Allan A. Ryan, who, in turn, is listed in "accounts receivable" as debtor for \$336,197.69. This explanation of the schedules was made by Mr. Miller to Judge Hand in the Federal District Court on the afternoon of July 25 at a hearing upon the application of the Guaranty Trust Co. to sell at auction on July 26 all the collateral it is holding in Mr. Ryan's loans. The outcome of the hearing was the Guaranty Trust Co.'s agreeing to postpone the sale until 12:30 p. m. Aug. 2. Judge Hand ruled that counsel for the trust company, after the receiver had had time to examine all the papers, might renew the application for an order to dispose of the collateral next Monday (July 31) at 4 o'clock. Judge Hand also gave the receiver until 4 o'clock July 31 to suggest a plan for liquidating the collateral so as to realize more on it than seems likely from the auction sale and to examine the papers to find out whether there are grounds for a further stay. The following statement was issued by the Guaranty Trust Co. on Saturday July 22 regarding Mr. Ryan's petition in bankruptcy:

This action of Mr. Allan A. Ryan has been anticipated and provided against by the Guaranty Trust Co. Our interest in the situation results from loans made upon collateral to Allan A. Ryan & Co. on our own account and in our capacity as trustees for others. The collateral has been in process of liquidation for some time and will be in no way affected by the bankruptcy proceedings.

The above was followed by a statement on Sunday July 23 issued by W. C. Potter, the President of the Guaranty Trust Co. It read:

Attention is called to certain newspaper statements of the indebtedness of Allan A. Ryan to the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, variously placed at \$8,500,000 and upwards.

The facts are that Allan A. Ryan and Allan A. Ryan & Co. owe the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York for its own account, a principal amount of approximately \$4,000,000, against which pledged collateral applies. Cognizance has been taken of this situation for more than a year and in anticipation thereof, reserves have been set up against this account aggregating \$3,000,000.

While there are loans standing in the name of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York in excess of the figures given above, all such loans are held by the Guaranty Trust Co. in its capacity as trustee and for the account of others.

On July 25 Judge Hand appointed Peter B. Olney Jr. of 68 William Street, the referee in bankruptcy. Mr. Olney will call a meeting of the creditors and conduct hearings. According to New York papers of July 27, suits are now pending against Mr. Ryan for more than \$2,000,000 for the alleged fraudulent seizure of Stutz Motor Car Co. of America stock by relatives and others, which, if successful, would be collected from the assets. According to the "Evening Post" of yesterday (July 28), the attorneys for the receiver will ask Judge A. N. Hand to stay the sale of the collateral in order that time may be given to put the business of the Stutz Motor Car of America on a basis that will make the stock valuable enough, not only to pay the secured claims, but leave something over for the unsecured claims. 130,000 shares of the 200,000 shares of authorized shares of Stutz stock was pledged with the banks by Mr. Ryan and carries with it the control of the company.

**COURT CONSENTS TO WAGNER & CO. SETTLEMENT.**

On July 25 Judge Hand in the Federal District Court confirmed the composition settlement offered by John F. Sheppard, the receiver for the bankrupt brokerage firm of E. W. Wagner & Co. of this city, under which the creditors are to receive 50% of their claims in cash and the remainder in long-term notes. The firm is to be reorganized into the E. W. Wagner Realization Corporation, which will take over the assets of the failed firm, pay the creditors the 50% cash and issue the notes for the remainder. In confirming the settlement, Judge Hand complimented the receiver and his attorneys on the constructive work that had been accomplished, saying that endless litigation might otherwise have resulted. We last referred to the affairs of the failed firm in our issue of June 17, page 2670.

On Thursday, July 27, announcement was made from the rostrum of the New York Stock Exchange of the expulsion of E. W. Wagner, former head of the firm of E. W. Wagner & Co. Mr. Wagner was admitted to the Exchange on April 13 1916.

**DEPARTMENT STORE SALES IN NEW YORK FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT INCREASING.**

In June, for the third successive month, sales by department and apparel stores in this district, exceeded those of the same month last year, according to an item on department store trade, which will appear in the Aug. 1 issue of the "Monthly Review of Credit and Business Conditions" by the Federal Reserve Agent at New York. The "Review" will say:

The increase was 1% but this is considered by merchants to indicate better trade conditions, as the weather during the month was not conducive to large sales. In New York City there were 19 days of rain during June. Sales were better in New York City than elsewhere in the district and most of the larger stores in up-State cities reported minor declines in the value of sales.

Department store sales have improved steadily since the first of the year and total sales during the first six months of 1922 were, in spite of price changes, only 2% below those of the first six months of 1921. Sales by the 64 stores that report to this bank were as follows:

	1921.	1922.
May .....	\$31,694,000	\$32,832,000
June .....	31,631,000	31,946,000
January-June (inclusive) .....	183,377,000	179,553,000

The average amount of each transaction, as reported by stores that maintain such records was \$1 91 in June 1921 and \$1 86 in June of this year, a decline of 2.6%. The number of transactions, as reported by these stores, increased 4% this year.

Sales by mail order houses were 10% larger than last June, a somewhat less favorable report than that made during May when the increase was 18%. Detailed figures are shown in the following table:

	Monthly Sales—				Sales Jan. 1 to June 30—			
	(In Percentages.)				(In Percentages.)			
	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.
All department stores	84	107	100	101	79	105	100	98
New York	86	110	100	102	81	109	100	99
Buffalo	82	103	100	99	77	97	100	91
Newark	78	105	100	96	76	103	100	98
Rochester	70	98	100	95	70	93	100	94
Syracuse	83	110	100	98	78	103	100	93
Bridgeport	91	116	100	93	84	112	100	90
Elsewhere	82	104	100	101	80	101	100	99
Apparel stores	83	102	100	105	77	92	100	99
Mail order houses	118	137	100	110	113	152	100	99

The value of the stock held by the reporting stores on July 1 at the retail price was \$100,000,000, an increase of 1% over that held on the same date last year. A small increase in the value of stock during the first six months of this year, coupled with slightly smaller sales, has resulted in a somewhat slower turnover of stock. The annual rate during the first six months of the present year has been 3.5 times, as compared with 3.7 times last year. Stores that sell apparel exclusively have a much more rapid rate of stock turnover and during the first half of the year turned over their stock at the rate of 5 times a year.

Merchants are beginning to place fall orders freely, although the bulk of fall buying normally occurs in August and September. Outstanding orders on July 1 amounted to 5.2% of the total purchases during the previous year as compared with a figure of 6.2% on July 1 1921.

Detailed figures of the stock on hand and the rate of stock turnover during the first half of the year are shown in the following table:

	Stock on Hand (retail price)				Ann. Rate of Stock Turnover			
	July 1	July 1	July 1	July 1	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.
All department stores	79	120	100	101	3.7	3.2	3.7	3.5
New York	79	120	100	102	3.8	3.3	3.7	3.5
Buffalo	85	114	100	96	2.9	2.6	3.0	2.9
Newark	84	135	100	100	3.5	2.8	3.6	3.5
Rochester	84	145	100	98	3.0	2.3	3.1	3.3
Syracuse	82	127	100	85	2.8	2.5	2.9	3.1
Bridgeport	83	119	100	101	3.0	2.9	3.1	2.7
Elsewhere	76	101	100	98	2.2	2.1	2.3	2.1
Apparel stores	66	111	100	111	6.5	4.6	5.7	5.0

**INCREASE IN CHAIN STORE SALES IN NEW YORK FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT.**

Sales by all chain store systems that report to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York increased 12% in June, as compared with last June. The "Monthly Review of Credit

and Business Conditions" of the Bank, after making this statement, continues as follows:

The chief increase, amounting to 21%, was shown by grocery firms, due to the opening of new stores. Sales per store show a decline of 7%.

Shoe stores reported sales 7% less than in June 1921, due to lower prices now prevailing. The total number of pairs of shoes sold by these firms increased about 1%. The average price per pair declined 7.2% from \$3 87 in June 1921 to \$3 59 in June 1922.

Detailed figures are shown in the table that follows:

Type of Store	—No. of Stores—		—Dollar Value of Sales—				Change in Sales per Store, June 1921 to June 1922.
	June 1921.	June 1922.	June 1919.	June 1920.	June 1921.	June 1922.	
Grocery	5,797	7,551	79%	131%	100%	121%	-6.9%
Ten Cent	1,601	1,664	79%	99%	100%	116%	+11.4%
Apparel	369	373	59%	92%	100%	103%	+2.1%
Drug	255	254	82%	99%	100%	98%	-1.5%
Cigar	2,237	2,493	72%	101%	100%	97%	-13.4%
Shoe	187	205	69%	100%	100%	93%	-14.9%
Total	10,446	12,540	76%	110%	100%	112%	-6.4%

**TREND OF WHOLESALE TRADE IN NEW YORK FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT.**

The dollar value of June sales of 122 wholesale dealers in this district was about the same as in June of last year, according to an item on wholesale trade which is to appear in the Aug. 1 issue of the "Monthly Review of Credit and Business Conditions" by the Federal Reserve Agent at New York. The "Review" will say:

This is the third month this year that sales have been nearly equal to those of the corresponding month of 1921. The volume of sales during the first half of the present year was 2% below sales for January to June 1921. The figures are given by commodities in the table below in which 1921 figures are taken as 100% and sales in other years shown as percentages of 1921 figures.

Both for the month of June and for the half year period sales of diamonds show the largest gain but these were influenced by a very large increase in business by one of the reporting firms. In both periods jewelry sales show a decrease.

In June for the first time since the fall of 1920 sales of machine tools were larger than in the corresponding month of the preceding year reflecting increased activity in industrial plants. The larger volume of building is apparent in the sales of hardware dealers which increased 12% over those of June 1921.

Sales of drugs have been consistently above those of last year. Grocery dealers report an increase of 7% in June sales, the largest gain recorded this year, and probably due, in a measure, to somewhat higher prices.

June sales of clothing, both men's and women's, were somewhat behind those of last June, but manufacturers inform us that orders are beginning to be placed in larger volume as the period of active buying approaches.

Shoe sales, which show a loss of 18%, were adversely affected by a strike in several Rochester factories, the sales of which were greatly reduced.

Commodity	Firms Reporting	—Monthly Sales—					Sales Jan. 1 to June 30.			
		1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1922.	1919.	1920.	1921.	
Diamonds	7	475	106	100	345	167	405	315	100	139
Machine tools	4	390	393	100	119	94	260	305	100	58
Hardware	11	129	165	100	112	114	118	147	100	96
Drugs	6	99	115	100	110	108	103	118	100	111
Groceries	42	131	182	100	107	99	123	157	100	98
Clothing	22	103	126	100	93	111	106	144	100	107
(a) Women's	14	139	103	100	98	109	102	118	100	91
(b) Men's	8	90	135	100	91	117	109	165	100	121
Stationery	6	113	165	100	93	106	96	129	100	88
Dry Goods	8	116	145	100	88	88	87	142	100	94
Jewelry	6	205	193	100	85	91	192	239	100	89
Shoes	10	137	95	100	82	91	132	175	100	89
Total (weighted)	122	125	153	100	99	100	108	148	100	98

\* Expressed in percentages of sales in May 1921.

**STATE INSTITUTIONS ADMITTED TO FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.**

The following institutions were admitted to the Federal Reserve System in the week ending July 21 1922:

District	Institution	Capital.	Surplus.	Resources.
District No. 3—	Highstown Trust Co., Highstown, N. J.	\$100,000	\$16,000	\$319,853
District No. 6—	Planters Bank, Carlton, Ga.	25,000	3,000	92,732

**INSTITUTIONS AUTHORIZED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD TO EXERCISE TRUST POWERS.**

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

- The Cinnaminson National Bank of Riverton, N. J.
- The First National Bank of Corning, Ark.
- The First National Bank of Columbia, Ky.

**RESIGNATION OF ELMER DOVER AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES TREASURY**

Announcement was made at the White House on July 25 that President Harding had accepted the resignation of Elmer Dover as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury in charge of Internal Revenue and Customs. It was reported on July 10 that Mr. Dover's resignation was in the hands of President Harding. His withdrawal, it is observed, ends a controversy between the former Assistant Secretary and Secretary Mellon and Commissioner Blair of the Internal

Revenue Bureau over the control of the administrative policies of the Bureau. On the 11th inst. the New York "Times" stated in part in special Washington advices:

It has been clearly understood that since Secretary Mellon stood by D. H. Blair, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, in resisting Mr. Dover's efforts to clear out Democratic office-holders in the Internal Revenue service, Mr. Dover's position under Mr. Mellon has been extremely embarrassing.

The support of Commissioner Blair given by Secretary Mellon, and particularly the removal from office of men appointed by Mr. Dover in the Internal Revenue Bureau, produced such strained relations between Mr. Dover and Mr. Blair that there was danger of a reduction of the efficiency of the Treasury administration. In these circumstances, plus pressure brought to bear on Secretary Mellon in behalf of officials removed by him at the instance of Commissioner Blair, it is not difficult to believe the reports in circulation at the Capitol that Secretary Mellon found it necessary to intimate to President Harding that both he and Mr. Dover could not remain in the Treasury Department at the same time. It is equally reasonable that President Harding, as friendly as he has been with Mr. Dover, would not consider for an instant losing his Secretary of the Treasury.

The story goes further in indicating that President Harding sent for Mr. Dover and found him quite willing to relieve both the President and the Secretary of the Treasury of embarrassment, and that his first step was to offer his resignation. The belief in political circles to-night is that the President has the matter under consideration, and that he will seek a means of finding a position for Mr. Dover which will tend to soften the effect of his retirement from the Treasury Department.

#### APPROXIMATELY ONE BILLION 4¾ VICTORY NOTES CALLED FOR REDEMPTION.

A call for the redemption on Dec. 15 1922 of approximately \$1,000,000,000 of 4¾% Victory notes (about half the amount outstanding) was issued by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon on July 25, who at the same time announced a new issue of 4¾% Treasury notes in exchange for 4¾% Victory notes, details of which we give elsewhere in this issue. The 4¾% Victory notes called for redemption are those with the letters A, B, C, D, E or F prefixed to their serial numbers. In detailing the progress in the Treasury's program for dealing with the Government's short dated debt, Secretary Mellon states that a reduction of about \$1,032,000,000 was effected in the gross public debt during the period of 14 months from April 30 1921 to June 30 1922, when it was brought down from \$23,995,000,000 to \$22,963,000,000—the reduction for the most part having taken place in the short dated debt. As a result of the Treasury's operations, Secretary Mellon states, the amount of outstanding Victory notes has been reduced from over \$4,050,000,000 on April 30 1921 to about \$1,990,000,000 on June 30 1922 and the amount of outstanding Treasury certificates from over \$2,800,000,000 to about \$1,825,000,000. In addition, Secretary Mellon points out, "there are about \$625,000,000 of War Savings certificates of the series of 1918, which become payable on Jan. 1 1923, so that on June 30 1922 there still remained outstanding about \$4,440,000,000 of short dated debt, all of which matures in the current fiscal year." Questioned concerning the way in which the Treasury proposed to raise the money to redeem the Victories called in on December 15, Secretary Mellon, according to the "Journal of Commerce" of July 26, said that this would depend largely upon the condition of the money market. Asked if a long term note issue might not be expected, he indicated, the same paper said, that this had not been decided, as the plans of the Department for the refunding were still in a nebulous form. As to the method pursued in the drawing of the Victory notes to be redeemed, a press dispatch from Washington in the New York "Times" July 26 said:

Selection of the notes to be called for redemption was made at a little ceremony in the Secretary's office, attended by Under Secretary Gilbert; W. G. Platt, Chief Clerk of the department; Governor Strong of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and a group of newspaper men. Two unsigned orders calling for the redemption of \$1,000,000,000 of Victory notes were placed in a waste paper basket. Mr. Platt drew out the order retiring the A. to F. notes, which was signed by Mr. Mellon.

The Treasury Secretary explained that when it was determined to call for redemption half of the outstanding Victory notes under the refunding plan he thought it would be only fair that the notes to be retired should be chosen by lot, as interest upon them would cease on Dec. 15.

The following is Secretary Mellon's letter to the banking institutions regarding the redemption of the Victory notes and the offering of new Treasury notes follows:

Washington, D. C., July 26 1922.

Dear Sir:—The Treasury is announcing to-day a call for the redemption on December 15 1922, of about half of the 4¾% Victory notes which remain outstanding, and at the same time is offering on the usual terms a new issue of \$300,000,000, or thereabouts, of short term Treasury notes bearing interest at 4¾% with provision for additional allotments up to a limited amount in exchange for 4¾% Victory notes.

These two operations mark an important further step in the development of the Treasury's refunding program, and I am sending this letter to the president of every banking institution in the country in order to draw attention to the significance of the announcement and ask the co-operation of the banks in affording to their customers ample facilities for investing in the new notes. The call for the partial redemption of 4¾% Victory notes affects about \$1,000,000,000 face amount of notes, and makes the notes thus called for redemption payable on December 15 1922, leaving the balance of the Victory Liberty Loan to mature on May 20 1923, according to its terms. The notes called for redemption bear the distinguishing let-

ters "A, B, C, D, E" or "F" prefixed to their serial numbers and can thus be readily distinguished from the notes not affected by the call. Copies of the official circulars will come to you from the Federal Reserve Bank of your district and additional copies may be obtained upon application.

The notes now offered for subscription are designated Treasury notes of Series B-1926, are dated August 1 1922, will mature September 15 1926, and will not be subject to call for redemption before maturity. The amount of the offering is \$300,000,000 or thereabouts, but the Secretary of the Treasury reserves the right to allot additional notes up to a limited amount to the extent that 4¾% Victory notes are tendered in payment. Subscriptions may be closed at any time without notice, and the right is reserved to reject any subscription and to allot less than the amount applied for. Holders of outstanding 4¾% Victory notes, whether or not called for redemption, thus have an opportunity now, within the limitations of the offering, to exchange their notes for new securities of the Government bearing interest at 4¾% and running for a period of over three years after Victory notes would mature or be redeemed. Applications for the Treasury notes now offered will be received in regular course through the several Federal Reserve Banks, as fiscal agents of the United States, from which further particulars concerning the offering may be obtained. This is the fourth exchange offering which the Treasury has made in order to facilitate the refunding of the Victory Liberty Loan, and on this offering, as on previous offerings, I hope that banks and trust companies throughout the country will extend to their customers every possible assistance in effecting exchanges.

The Treasury's program for dealing with the short dated debt of the Government has now progressed to such a point that I believe it is worth while to recite what has already been accomplished and call attention to what remains to be done within the current fiscal year. On April 30 1921, when the situation was first outlined in my letter of that date to the Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, the gross public debt, on the basis of daily Treasury statements, amounted to about \$23,995,000,000, of which over \$7,500,000,000 was short dated debt maturing within about two years, made up of over \$4,050,000,000 in Victory notes, over \$2,800,000,000 in Treasury certificates of indebtedness, and about \$650,000,000 in War Savings certificates.

By June 30 1922, the gross public debt had been reduced to about \$22,963,000,000, a reduction of about \$1,032,000,000 during the period of 14 months. This reduction has taken place, for the most part, in the short dated debt, and has been accomplished through the operation of the sinking fund and other public debt expenditures chargeable against ordinary receipts, the application of surplus revenues to the retirement of debt, and the reduction of the balance in the general fund. At the same time the Treasury has been engaged, through its refunding operations, in distributing substantial amounts of the remaining short dated debt into more convenient maturities, and in this manner has refunded about \$2,250,000,000 of early maturing debt into Treasury notes of various series maturing in 1924, 1925 and 1926. As a result of these operations the amount of outstanding Victory notes has been reduced from over \$4,050,000,000 on April 30 1921, to about \$1,990,000,000 on June 30 1922, and the amount of outstanding Treasury certificates from over \$2,800,000,000 to about \$1,825,000,000. In addition there are about \$625,000,000 of War Savings certificates of the Series of 1918 which become payable on January 1 1923, so that on June 30 1922, there still remained outstanding about \$4,440,000,000 of short dated debt, all of which matures in the current fiscal year.

The refunding of this debt, most of which will have to be accomplished within the next ten months, presents a problem of first importance. The \$300,000,000, or thereabouts, of Treasury notes offered for subscription on the usual terms will provide for the Treasury certificates maturing August 1st and for the Treasury's remaining cash requirements between now and September 15 1922, while the offering to allot additional notes in exchange for 4¾% Victory notes should accomplish the refunding of some more of the Victory Liberty Loan and correspondingly reduce the amount of Victory notes to be provided for upon redemption or maturity. At the same time the call for the redemption of about half of the outstanding Victory notes before maturity will make that much of the Victory Loan payable on December 15 of this year, and enable the Treasury to deal with it before maturity by appropriate refunding loans. This will mean that by January 1 1923, the outstanding Victory notes will have been reduced to about \$1,000,000,000, or, in other words, a manageable maturity which can be dealt with as opportunity offers without speculators refunding operations that would upset the security markets and disturb the course of business and industry.

The current offering of notes is thus an essential part of the refunding program on which the Treasury is engaged, and the banking institutions of the country by extending their facilities for the exchange of outstanding 4¾% Victory notes for the new notes will be performing an important service for the country as well as for their customers.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) A. W. MELLON, Secretary.

#### OFFERING OF U. S. TREASURY NOTES IN EXCHANGE FOR 4¾% VICTORY NOTES.

Along with the call for the redemption on Dec. 15 1922 of about \$1,000,000,000 4¾% Victory notes, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon announced on July 25 an offering of \$300,000,000 or thereabouts of U. S. Treasury notes at 4¾%, with provision for additional allotments up to a limited amount in exchange for 4¾% Victory notes. This, Secretary Mellon points out in a letter bearing on the redemption of the Victory notes (which we give elsewhere to-day), is the fourth exchange offering which the Treasury has made in order to facilitate the refunding of the Victory Liberty loan. The new Treasury notes offered this week are designated Series B-1926; they will be dated and bear interest from Aug. 1 1922 and will mature Sept. 15 1926. They will not be subject to call before maturity. Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series B-1922, maturing Aug. 1 1922, will, with the 4¾% Victory notes, be acceptable in exchange for the new Treasury notes which will be accepted at par, in payment of income and profit taxes. The official circular announcing the new offering follows:

The Secretary of the Treasury offers for subscription, at par and accrued interest, through the Federal Reserve Banks, Treasury notes of Series B-1926, of an issue of gold notes of the United States authorized by the Act of Congress approved September 24 1917, as amended. The notes will be

dated and bear interest from August 1 1922, will be payable September 15 1926 and will bear interest at the rate of four and one-quarter per cent. per annum payable March 15 1923, and thereafter semiannually on September 15 and March 15 in each year.

Applications will be received at the Federal Reserve Banks. Bearer notes with interest coupons attached will be issued in denominations of \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. The notes are not subject to all for redemption before maturity, and will not be issued in registered form. The principal and interest of the notes will be payable in United States gold coin of the present standard of value.

The notes of said series shall be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation now or hereafter imposed by the United States, any State, or any possessions of the United States, or by any local taxing authority, except (a) estate or inheritance taxes, and (b) graduated additional income taxes, commonly known as surtaxes, and excess-profits and war-profits taxes, now or hereafter imposed by the United States, upon the income or profits of individuals, partnerships, associations, or corporations.

Notes of this series will be accepted at par, with an adjustment of accrued interest, during such time and under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed or approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, in payment of income and profit taxes payable at or within six months before the maturity of the notes. Any of the notes which have been owned by any person continuously for at least six months prior to the date of his death, and which upon such date constitute part of his estate, shall, under rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, be receivable by the United States at par and accrued interest in payment of any estate or inheritance taxes imposed by the United States, under or by virtue of any present or future law upon such estate or the inheritance thereof. The notes of this series will be acceptable to secure deposits of public moneys, but do not bear the circulation privilege.

The right is reserved to reject any subscription and to allot less than the amount of notes applied for and to close the subscriptions at any time without notice. Payment at par and accrued interest for notes allotted must be made on or before August 1 1922, or on later allotment. After allotment and upon payment Federal Reserve Banks may issue interim receipts pending delivery of the definitive notes. Any qualified depository will be permitted to make payment by credit for notes allotted to it for itself and its customers up to any amount for which it shall be qualified in excess of existing deposits, when so notified by the Federal Reserve Bank of its district. Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series B-1922, maturing August 1 1922, and Victory notes of the 4 1/4% series will be accepted at the Federal Reserve Banks at par, with an adjustment of accrued interest, in payment for any Treasury notes of the Series B-1926 now offered which shall be subscribed for and allotted. Victory notes in coupon form must have all unmatured coupons attached, and if in registered form must be duly assigned to the Secretary of the Treasury for redemption, in accordance with the general regulations of the Treasury Department governing assignments.

The amount of the offering will be \$300,000,000, or thereabouts, with the right reserved to the Secretary of the Treasury to allot additional notes to the extent that payment is tendered in Victory notes pursuant to this circular. As fiscal agent of the United States, Federal Reserve Banks are authorized and requested to receive subscriptions and to make allotments thereon on the basis and up to the amounts indicated by the Secretary of the Treasury to the Federal Reserve Banks of the respective districts.

#### CONGRESS URGED TO CONSIDER SUBJECT OF INTERNATIONAL STABILIZATION OF SILVER.

A resolution urging for the consideration by Congress at an early date of the subject of international stabilization of silver was adopted at a recent meeting of mining interests in the West. The attention of the U. S. Senate to the resolution was called by Senator King on July 21, who, in submitting it, said:

Mr. President, if I may be pardoned for injecting an irrelevant matter, recently a meeting was held by the mining interests of the West. A great congress convened at Denver, Colo., on June 22 and remained in session until June 28. At that congress the following resolution was adopted, and it is of such national, if not international, importance that I feel that it should be brought to the attention of the Congress and referred to the appropriate committee, and in that manner brought to the attention of the country. The resolution reads:

Whereas this conference believes the rehabilitation of business and finance in Europe, with consequent benefit to the entire world, will be expedited by the increased use of silver for monetary purposes; and

Whereas, under existing conditions international transactions in silver are subject to private manipulation, thus frequently setting aside the law of supply and demand, and thereby adversely affecting alike the producers of silver and those who otherwise could and would use it in greatly increased quantity, to their own advantage and to the advantage of all business and industry here and abroad. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That Congress be, and hereby is, respectively urged to consider the subject of international stabilization of silver at an early date.

I have no desire to precipitate any discussion at this time in regard to bimetalism, although the chaotic condition of the world's currency has led many economists and writers upon fiscal policies to re-examine the question of bimetalism or at least the question as to the function of silver in the monetary system of the world. The awakening of the Orient, the certain increase of trade and commerce between India, and China, and Japan, and the nations of Europe and America, emphasize the importance of what may be denominated the silver question. Silver has been and will continue to be employed in the Orient for monetary uses; indeed, it is practically the only money in circulation in most regions of the Orient.

The prosperity of the Orient and the development of trade and commerce among the peoples of Asia largely depend upon silver. If the use of silver should be restricted or its value measured by domestic products greatly changed, undoubtedly the reaction would be very great and the results could not be fully anticipated. The United States as a producer of silver is interested in the price which it will bring. It is interested in the place which silver shall occupy in the monetary system, not only of the United States but of the world. It seems manifest that with the expiration of the Pittman Act the price of silver produced in the United States will fall much below the dollar mark, which now is the price of an ounce of silver. A great depreciation in the price of silver would be injurious to the West. Indeed, it is difficult to determine the effects that would flow therefrom, not only to the West but to the entire country.

The resolution which has been read is temperate in language admirably phrased and contains a sound recommendation. I sincerely hope that the Committee on Banking and Currency will fully investigate this important matter and make some recommendation tending to secure the result suggested in the concluding paragraph of the resolution.

The request that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency was made by Senator King, and this reference was ordered by the President of the Senate.

#### YAP TREATY PROCLAIMED IN EFFECT BY PRESIDENT HARDING.

Final ratifications of the Yap Treaty, fixing the status of the Island of Yap, were exchanged on July 13 between Secretary of State Hughes for the United States, and Sadao Saburi of the Japanese Embassy, and on the 17th inst. the text of the treaty was made public by President Harding in a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to fulfill its obligations in good faith. As we announced in our issue of July 15 (page 250) the treaty was signed at the State Department at Washington on February 11 and was ratified by the U. S. Senate on March 4. The Privy Council of Japan and the Prince Regent ratified the treaty on June 21. In reporting the issuance of the proclamation, the New York "Times" of July 18, in a special Washington dispatch, said:

At the same time there was made public a series of four notes exchanged between Secretary of State Hughes and Ambassador Shidehara dealing with the rights of American vessels to "the usual comity," when visiting harbors and waters of the islands and also pertaining to future treaties which the United States may make with Australia and New Zealand concerning the mandates held by those dominions in the Pacific south of the Equator.

The State Department had previously made public an official summary of the Yap treaty, but this is the first time that the full text of the treaty has been given out and it is also the first time that the text of the notes exchanged between Hughes and Shidehara has been made public.

The treaty begins with a recitation of the fact that Germany by the Treaty of Versailles renounced in favor of the principal allied and associated powers the rights and title to her overseas possessions and that the right of the United States as one of the principal allied and associated powers was confirmed by the treaty concluded between the United States and Germany. The terms of the mandate conferred upon the Emperor of Japan over the islands in the Pacific north of the Equator are set forth.

The text of the treaty proper provides: "Subject to the provisions of the present convention, the United States consents to the administration by Japan, pursuant to the aforesaid mandate, of all the former German islands in the Pacific Ocean lying north of the Equator."

Article II. provides that the United States and its nationals shall receive all the benefits of the engagements of Japan defined in Articles 3, 4 and 5 of the mandate notwithstanding the fact that the United States is not a member of the League of Nations. These articles of the mandate prohibit slave trade or forced labor, prohibit military training of natives otherwise than for internal police purposes and local defense of territory, and prohibit the establishment of military or naval bases or fortifications.

It is further agreed between the high contracting parties, the treaty sets forth, as follows:

1. Japan shall insure in the islands complete freedom of conscience and the free exercise of all forms of worship which are consonant with public order and morality; American missionaries of all such religions shall be free to enter the islands and to travel and reside therein, to acquire and possess property, to erect religious buildings and to open schools throughout the islands; it being understood, however, that Japan shall have the right to exercise such control as may be necessary for the maintenance of public order and good government and to take all measures required for such control.

2. Vested American property rights in the mandated islands shall be respected and in no way impaired;

3. Existing treaties between the United States and Japan shall be applicable to the mandated islands;

4. Japan will address to the United States a duplicate of the annual report on the administration of the mandate to be made by Japan to the Council of the League of Nations;

5. Nothing contained in the present convention shall be affected by any modification which may be made in the terms of the mandate as recited in the convention unless such modification shall have been expressly assented to by the United States.

Article III. provides:

The United States and its nationals shall have free access to the Island of Yap on a footing of entire equality with Japan or any other nation and their respective nationals in all that relates to the landing and operation of the existing Yap-Guam cable, or of any cable which may hereafter be laid or operated by the United States or by its nationals connecting with the Island of Yap.

The rights and privileges embraced by the preceding paragraph shall also be accorded to the Government of the United States and its nationals with respect to radio-telegraphic communication; provided, however, that so long as the Government of Japan shall maintain on the Island of Yap an adequate radio-telegraphic station co-operating effectively with the cables and with other radio stations on ships or on shore, without discriminatory exactions or preferences, the exercise of the right to establish radio-telegraphic stations on the island by the United States or its nationals shall be suspended.

Article IV. declares that in connection with the rights embraced by Article III. specific rights, privileges and exemptions, in so far as they relate to electrical communications, shall be enjoyed in the Island of Yap by the United States and its nationals.

No censorship or supervision is to be exercised over cable or radio messages or operations.

Nationals of the United States are to have complete freedom of entry and exit in the island for their persons and property.

#### PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF NEUTRALIZATION OF BALTIC SEA.

An Associated Press cablegram from Riga July 9 stated:

The Premiers of the Baltic States are planning a preliminary meeting to discuss the agenda of a disarmament conference proposed by Maxim Litvinoff, the Bolshevik Assistant Commissar of Foreign Affairs, at which the Premiers hope to introduce the question of the neutralization of the Baltic Sea, regardless of the reported offer of the United States to make a gift of six warships to Poland.

The Moscow Government is averse to the Baltic Premiers conferring prior to the proposed conference, taking the view that the Soviet also should be



represented in the deliberations. Nevertheless the Premiers are pursuing their plans and a meeting between them probably will be held at Reval.

While the note of Litvinoff's suggesting the disarmament conference did not include Lithuania, it is understood Lithuania will be invited to take part later on, as it is likely the neutralization of the River Niemen will be discussed. This will be of particular interest to the Warsaw Government, as the river would give Poland additional means for reaching the Baltic Sea.

**SENATOR UNDERWOOD'S BILL TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF AMERICAN CLAIMS AGAINST GERMANY.**

A bill to provide for the payment of American claims against Germany was introduced in the U. S. Senate on July 20 by Senator Underwood. In presenting the bill he stated that "we hear a great deal about the just rights of the German claimants to the funds in the hands of the Alien Property Custodian, and various bills have been introduced to return the property to them; and I think it about time that something was done to reimburse the American citizens for their just and proper claims against the German Government. At the rate at which the claims have been allowed against the funds in the hands of the Alien Property Custodian, it is doubtful if there will be enough property left to secure American claims unless prompt action is taken." Senator Underwood also stated:

The bill proposes to authorize the President to appoint a commission, and gives them the usual authority vested in such commissions, following to a large extent the powers which were given to the Spanish Claims Commission. The bill also provides that the commission shall have two years in which to hear these claims and determine the amounts and values thereof, and that the time of two years may be extended for six months at a time if the President finds it desirable to extend the time. A distinct limitation is placed upon the powers of the commission; but it is given the right to make a final adjudication of all these claims unless the commission certifies the question as being a matter of so much importance that it should be decided by the Supreme Court, and then it may be decided by the Supreme Court.

The following further statements by Senator Underwood regarding the bill are taken from the "Congressional Record":

The Treaty of Versailles, as well as the separate treaty of peace, contemplated that the German property in our hands should be used as a pledge to secure the settlement of American claims against Germany. It has been nearly three years since President Wilson brought the Versailles Treaty back to the United States and more than a year has elapsed since the separate treaty of peace with Germany was declared. So far as I know, no step has been taken by this Government to protect American claimants and to provide for the liquidation of their claims.

It was contemplated and expressly stated in the Treaty of Versailles that the property in the hands of the Alien Property Custodian should be held in trust by the United States Government to secure the payment of those claims. The provisions of the Treaty of Versailles in reference to these claims and this property were made a part of the separate treaty of peace with Germany.

As I stated a moment ago, more than a year has passed since that time and no effort, so far as I know, has been made to give the American claimants an opportunity to state their cases and prove their claims. I did not act in the matter before, because I felt that it was a subject which primarily rested in the hands of the party in power, but as no one has taken any action, I feel that I should not wait longer. Therefore I have presented the bill which I have asked unanimous consent to be allowed to introduce at this time and to have it referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in order that some action may be taken in the matter.

The question has really passed beyond the domain of international consideration, because Germany has made a treaty recognizing the disposition of this property. If Senators will examine the testimony of Mr. Bradley Palmer before the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, when the Versailles Treaty was before that Committee, they will see that his testimony bears out my statement. Mr. Palmer, by the way, is one of the ablest lawyers in Boston. He represented the Alien Property Custodian at Paris when the Versailles Treaty was written. He is largely responsible for the clauses in the Versailles Treaty which relate to this question.

Mr. Palmer stated, without contradiction, when that Treaty was before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, that the Germans had surrendered their right to disposition and determination of these matters to the Congress of the United States, and that it was the duty of the Congress to determine what disposition should be made in reference to them. It is no longer a question, in other words, for diplomatic negotiation. If the State Department seek to invade this question by further diplomatic correspondence, they will be going in the teeth of their own Treaty, which has already, under a contract with Germany, relegated this matter to the absolute control of the Congress of the United States. The Congress of the United States, if it allows the matter to proceed in that way, will be availing its plain duty to American citizens and passing the right to determine this question to somebody else when it has now, as a matter of treaty right, been put finally in the hands of Congress.

I have prepared, because of the importance of the bill, a statement for the press analyzing the bill.

The statement referred to is as follows:

*Statement for the Press.*

Senator Underwood of Alabama to-day introduced the first bill to provide for the payment of American claims against Germany. It is a comprehensive measure which makes disposition of all the German property in this country taken over by the Alien Property Custodian and the proceeds of the sales of such property. American claims are to be adjudicated by a commission and, unless they are otherwise satisfied, paid out of the German property in accordance with the provisions of the Versailles Treaty and the separate treaty of peace between the United States and Germany. Senator Underwood's bill provides for a commission to be known as the Enemy Property Claims Commission, to be composed of six commissioners to be appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. It will sit in Washington, have practically all the powers of a United States court to settle and determine all claims made by the Government of the United States and by American citizens against Germany, growing out of the destruction of life or property or otherwise before and after we entered the war, which were secured by the treaties mentioned, and all claims of German subjects for the return of property taken over by the Alien Property Custodian. The German property in the hands of the United States is to be classified and American claims paid out of the several classes of property in their order, each class to be exhausted before the funds of another class are touched. Under this plan

the property of the German Government itself will be first used to pay American claims and only when that is exhausted will the property of German subjects be used to satisfy American claims. Claims of American citizens against Germany have been filed with the State Department to the amount of nearly \$1,000,000,000. Some of these claims may be exaggerated, but it is believed that just and proper claims amount to at least \$400,000,000.

The bill provides for the filing of claims as follows:

"Sec. 29. (a) The following shall be deemed claimants of the first class hereunder:

(1) Any citizen of the United States who has suffered damage growing out of acts committed by the German Government or by any German authorities since July 31 1914, and prior to April 6 1917, or by the Austro-Hungarian Government or by any Austrian or Hungarian authorities since July 28 1914 and prior to Dec. 7 1917;

(2) Any civilian citizen of the United States who suffered damages by injury or who, as surviving dependent, suffered damages by personal injury to or death of civilians, caused by acts of war, including bombardments or other attacks on land, on sea, or from the air, and all direct consequences thereof, and of all operations of war by the two groups of belligerents wherever arising;

(3) Any civilian citizen of the United States who suffered damage caused by Germany or her allies as a victim of acts of cruelty, violence, or maltreatment (including injuries to life or health as a consequence of imprisonment, deportation, internment, or evacuation, of exposure at sea, or being forced to labor), wherever arising, or who, as surviving dependent of any such civilian victim, suffered damage;

(4) Any civilian citizen of the United States who suffered damage caused by Germany or her Allies in their own territory, or in occupied or invaded territory, as a victim of all acts injurious to health or capacity to work, or to honor, or who, as a surviving dependent of any such civilian victim, suffered damage;

(5) Any citizen of the United States or any person serving in the military, naval, or air forces thereof who suffered damage caused by any kind of maltreatment by Germany or her allies as prisoners of war; and

(6) Any civilian citizen of the United States who suffered damage caused by being forced by Germany or her Allies to labor without just remuneration.

The following shall be deemed claimants of the second class:

(1) Any citizen of the United States who suffered damage or injury inflicted on his property, rights or interests, including any company or association in which he may be interested, in German territory as it existed Aug. 1 1914, or in the territory of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire by the application by such nations of either of the exceptional war measures or measures of transfer mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 3 of the annexes to Section 4, entitled 'Property rights and interests,' of the treaties of Versailles, Trianon, and St. Germain-en-Laye, respectively;

(2) Any citizen of the United States who has suffered damage in respect of all property, wherever situated, belonging to him, with the exception of naval and military works or materials, which has been carried off, seized, injured, or destroyed by the acts of Germany or her Allies, on land, on sea, or from the air, or damage directly in consequence of hostilities or of any operations of war; and

(3) Any citizen of the United States who has suffered through the acts of the Imperial German Government or its agents since July 31 1914, and Royal Austro-Hungarian Government or its agents since July 31 1914, loss, damage, or injury to his person or property, directly or indirectly, whether through the ownership of shares of stock in German, Austro-Hungarian, American, or other corporations, or in consequence of hostilities, or of any operations of war, or otherwise, not hereinbefore enumerated.

The following shall be deemed claimants of the third class:

(1) The Government of the United States, representing the people thereof, for damage caused to the people thereof, for all its pensions or compensation in the nature of pensions to its naval or military victims of war—including members of its air force—whether mutilated, wounded, sick, or invalided for service, and to the dependents of such victims, the amount due being calculated for each of them as being the capitalized cost of such pensions and compensation on the basis of the scales in force in France as to Germany at the date of Nov. 11 1921, and as to Austria and Hungary at the date of May 1 1919;

(2) The Government of the United States for the cost of assistance by such Government to prisoners of war and to their families and dependents;

(3) The Government of the United States for allowances by such Government to the families and dependents of mobilized persons or persons serving with its forces, the amount due to them for each calendar year in which hostilities occurred being calculated for the Government on the basis of the average scale for such payments in force in France during that year;

(4) The Government of the United States for damage in respect of property wherever situated belonging to it, with the exception of naval and military works or materials which has been carried off, seized, injured, or destroyed, by the acts of Germany or her Allies on land, on sea, or from the air, or damage directly in consequence of hostilities or of any operations of war; and

(5) The representatives of any civilian population of the United States which suffered damage in the form of levies, fines, and other similar exactions imposed upon them by Germany or her Allies.

A question by Senator Borah as to whether the bill contemplates, in case the German Government does not pay the claims, "that we may confiscate the individual property of German nationals which have been seized by us and devote its proceeds to their payment," brought the following discussion:

Mr. Underwood.—We confiscated that property in March 1918, when we adopted the amendment which I proposed to the Trading With the Enemy Act by the vote of every Senator who was then present, except one, and by a unanimous vote of the House of Representatives; but the question of confiscation no longer exists, because, under the treaties which have already been made, the German Government, speaking for itself and its nationals, has conceded that this property may be used to pay these claims if the German Government does not pay them.

Mr. Borah.—But what the German Government concedes and what we are in honor bound to do, and as a matter of wise policy should do, are two entirely different propositions.

Mr. Underwood.—Of course, I agree with the Senator in his main statement, but not in his inference, because I think that if Congress is in honor bound to do anything, it is in honor bound to protect the rights of American citizens who had their property and their lives ruthlessly destroyed by an enemy Government. For us to say that we owe anything to the people who at that time, in March 1918, were dropping bombs on London from airplanes, destroying private property, murdering innocent citizens, and who from a distance of 75 miles were firing cannon upon Paris, not for military purposes but for the purpose of terrorizing innocent citizens in the heart of Paris—to say that the Congress of the United States is in honor bound to protect the rights of the citizens of that Government rather than the rights of American citizens is not at all in accord with my viewpoint on the subject.

Mr. Borah.—Mr. President, I do not disagree with the Senator from Alabama at all that Congress is in honor bound to protect the rights of American citizens; but it is in honor bound to protect them in an honorable way, and in my judgment, it would not be an honorable way to protect them by confiscating, because of the depredations of the Government of their country, the individual property of those Germans who invested in this country.

Mr. Underwood.—I want to state to the Senator that there is no man on the floor of the Senate for whose opinions and independence of judgment on the great questions that come before the Senate I have more respect than I have for those of the Senator from Idaho, but I differ absolutely with him on this question. The old principle of international law that an invading army should respect the property of the citizens

of the country in which the army advanced was right in its day and time, but to-day peoples make war against other peoples. Germany could not have sustained herself for a year if the people of Germany had not been behind the German Government. They depredated the property and destroyed the lives of innocent people, including our own nationals and those of our Allies, miles behind the lines, where there was no military operation proceeding. They even went to the extent when Hindenberg made his retreat of destroying the forests of the French peasants. To say, since we took this property, as we did, as an act of war, that we are under any obligation to return it to those people who destroyed our people and our Allies' property, it seems to me goes a long way beyond the ethics of the case.

Mr. Borah.—Mr. President, the doctrine for which I contend is one which we have been advocating ever since we have been a Government. We have been pioneers in presenting and insisting upon that doctrine. We have written it in treaties, we have written it in the decisions of our courts, and we have succeeded in writing it into international law. I do not think that we are in a position to controvert the proposition at this time. We can protect our citizens in their rights without destroying the doctrine for which we have been contending for a hundred years, a doctrine sound in justice and wise as a matter of expediency.

Mr. Underwood.—The Senator is right, of course, that in the early days we did contend for it, and that doctrine was embodied in international law, but when the great World War broke out, when war was made under sea and in the air against citizens and not against armies, that principle of international law was relegated to the rear, and the Congress itself abandoned it when it voted for the amendment which I offered on this floor in March 1918 to confiscate this enemy property.

In answer to Senator Robinson, as to whether any arrangement has so far been made for the adjustment of claims of American citizens growing out of the sinking of the Lusitania Senator Underwood stated that "nothing has been done up to this time"; he added, however, that "this bill will give an opportunity to the families and representatives of those who were murdered in the sinking of the Lusitania to present their claims."

#### CENSUS REPORT ON COTTON CONSUMED AND ON HAND, ACTIVE SPINDLES AND EXPORTS AND IMPORTS.

Under date of July 14 1922 the Census Bureau issued its regular preliminary report showing cotton consumed, cotton on hand, active cotton spindles and imports and exports of cotton for the month of June 1921 and 1922, with statistics of cotton consumed, imported and exported for the eleven months ending June 30. The statistics of cotton in this report are given in running bales, counting round as half bales, except foreign cotton, which is in equivalent 500-pound bales.

#### COTTON CONSUMED AND ON HAND IN SPINNING MILLS AND IN OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS AND ACTIVE COTTON SPINDLES.

(Linters Not Included.)

Locality.	Year	Cotton Consumed During (Bales)—		Cotton on Hand June 30 (Bales)—		Cotton Spindles Active During June (Number)
		June.	Eleven Months ending June 30.	In Consuming Establishments x	In Public Storage and at Compresses x	
United States.....	1922	*507,869	*5,453,366	*1,332,383	*1,936,025	31,877,015
	1921	461,917	4,482,530	1,203,364	4,300,386	32,750,904
Cotton-growing States.	1922	336,387	3,428,211	614,754	1,487,526	15,533,332
	1921	272,784	2,752,628	512,961	3,811,003	14,935,753
All other States.....	1922	171,482	2,025,155	717,629	448,499	16,343,683
	1921	189,133	1,729,902	690,403	489,383	17,825,151

x Stated in bales.

\* Includes 22,764 foreign, 7,936 Am.-Eg. and 578 sea-land consumed; 94,983 foreign, 18,166 Am.-Eg. and 4,468 sea-land in consuming establishments, and 78,818 foreign, 47,328 Am.-Eg. and 3,198 sea-land in public storage. Eleven months' consumption 276,170 foreign, and 43,629 Am.-Eg., and 8,663 sea-land.

Linters not included above were 53,385 bales consumed during June 1922 and 49,296 bales in 1921; 152,065 bales on hand in consuming establishments on June 30 1922 and 208,507 bales in 1921, and 76,386 bales in public storages and at compresses in 1922 and 255,911 bales in 1921. Linters consumed during the eleven months ending June 30 amounted to 538,969 bales in 1922 and 465,363 bales in 1921.

#### IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF COTTON AND LINTERS.

Country of Production.	Imports of Foreign Cotton During— (500-lb. Bales).			
	June.		11 Months end. June 30.	
	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
Egypt.....	7,005	8,202	228,433	84,716
Peru.....	1,617	473	36,350	21,961
China.....	1,507	657	14,967	14,441
Mexico.....	—	25	53,636	88,155
All other countries.....	2,533	748	21,492	13,616
Total.....	12,662	10,105	354,878	222,880

  

Country to Which Exported.	Exports of Domestic Cotton and Linters During— (Running Bales)—			
	June.		11 Months end. June 30.	
	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
United Kingdom.....	156,030	142,729	1,675,082	1,657,776
France.....	55,818	31,902	727,030	546,479
Italy.....	60,671	42,635	435,827	491,026
Germany.....	103,077	108,128	1,376,160	1,094,088
Other Europe.....	62,473	40,013	665,764	613,789
Japan.....	31,411	94,381	765,072	523,812
All other countries.....	21,599	35,686	297,044	270,175
Total.....	*491,079	*495,474	*5,942,879	*5,197,145

\* Figures include 12,678 bales of linters exported during June in 1922 and 6,274 bales in 1921, and 123,195 bales for the eleven months ended June 30 in 1922 and 47,709 bales in 1921. The distribution for June 1922 follows: United Kingdom, 300 bales; France, 1,855 bales; Germany, 8,241 bales; Belgium, 100 bales; Netherlands, 751 bales; Canada, 1,431 bales.

World Statistics.—The world's production of commercial cotton, exclusive of linters, grown in 1921, as compiled from published reports, documents and correspon-

dence, was approximately 15,197,000 bales of 478 pounds lint, while the consumption of cotton (exclusive of linters in the United States) for the year ending July 31 1921 was approximately 16,914,000 bales of 478 pounds lint. The total number of spinning cotton spindles, both active and idle, is about 153,000,000.

#### GARMENT WORKERS STRIKE IN NEW YORK.

The strike of garment workers in the women's wear trades of New York took place as scheduled on July 25, involving it was said, approximately 50,000. The strike was directed against the so-called independent shops, which had not signed wage and working agreements with the union, for the purpose of eliminating "sweat shop" conditions. The walkout, it was said, was ordered with the approval of the employers' associations, members of which had signed agreements with the union to maintain present wages and continue the 44-hour week, the employers feeling that they were subjected to unfair conditions of competition from shops where wages were under the union scale and hours were longer. The employers, it is stated, are also anxious to have the independent shops join their association. Soon after the strike began settlements with a number of shops were reported and it appeared that by next week the whole situation would be cleared up and operations generally resumed.

#### GOVERNMENT PROGRAM FOR DISTRIBUTION OF COAL AND CONTROL OF PRICES—ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S LETTER APPROVING PLAN.

Announcement was made on July 24 of a tentative plan adopted by the Federal Government for distribution of the current coal production and avoidance of unfair prices. The plan worked out at a series of meetings of representatives of the Departments of Commerce, Justice and Interior and the Interstate Commerce Commission with the American Railway Association and operators of principal non-union coal fields. The supervision of measures proposed in the plan will be in the hands of a commission appointed by the President and composed of members of the departments aforementioned, to be known as the Presidential Committee. This committee, of which Secretary of Commerce Hoover is Chairman, under the plan announced on July 24, will have a representative in each coal producing district. The plan as outlined by Secretary Hoover is as follows:

1. A commission in Washington, to be appointed by the President, of representatives of the Department of Commerce, the Inter-State Commerce Commission, the Department of Justice and the Department of the Interior, to be designated the Presidential Committee. This committee to have general supervision of the measures to be taken hereunder and to authorize the execution of such of these measures as may be necessary from time to time.
2. The Administrative Commission, comprising representatives of the Presidential Committee, together with representatives of operators, representatives of the railways, and, where necessary, representatives of the larger consuming groups.
3. The Presidential Committee will establish a representative in each coal-producing district.
4. The Presidential Committee will appoint a committee of operators in each district to be nominated by the district operators' association or independent operators (in case of failure of the operators to take such action the Presidential Committee may appoint such operators as they see fit on such committees). The members of these district committees may be changed as determined by the Presidential Committee.
5. The Presidential Committee will co-operate with the Inter-State Commerce Commission in carrying out preferential orders issued by the Commission.
6. The Governmental representatives in the districts, with the co-operation of the district committees, shall advise the agencies of the Inter-State Commerce Commission as to local car movement to effect the purposes of this plan.
7. The operators will proceed with their usual business until they are affected by preference orders.
8. It is understood that the district committees under authority of the Presidential Committee will recommend the allotment of cars on the basis of those who conform to the fair prices to be agreed upon with the Presidential Committee.
9. When the operators demand then suitable guarantees shall be given for payment by persons buying under priority orders.
10. The railroads will be requested to appoint a representative to deal with purchases of railway fuel.
11. The basis of prices agreed upon between the operators and the Secretary of Commerce on June 1 are to be maintained, except where varied by the Presidential Committee, and this same basis of price determination shall be applied to all districts which are so far not co-operating.

The whole of the above is tentative pending further consideration by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, the Department of Justice, Department of the Interior and the Department of Commerce.

The measures proposed in the above program were approved by Attorney-General Daugherty as in accordance with Federal laws. In connection with the announcement of the tentative plan for regulation of coal supplies and prices, Secretary Hoover made public a letter apropos of the plan from the Attorney-General which read as follows:

Hon. Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce.

Sir:—I have before me your letter of the 21st instant in which you inquire whether certain steps, which you propose to take to safeguard the public interest in the face of impending coal famine, run counter to the laws of Congress.

You set forth that the supply of coal now on hand is diminishing at a rapid rate; that its production is being measurably reduced because of

inability to get a proper supply of cars to transport what is being mined; that in consequence of the increasing shortage numerous industries whose operations are dependent upon a steady supply are threatened with paralysis; that lighting plants will possibly be forced to suspend and cities left in darkness; and above all, that the people themselves will be without fuel as winter approaches, bringing in its train misery, suffering, distress, and even famine and death.

In consequence of these alarming conditions, whose growing menace is such as to awaken all to an affrighted realization of the perils ahead, the price of coal now being mined is steadily mounting in certain quarters, consumers indulging in a frenzied race to secure it at almost any cost. Under these circumstances some operators, placing their country's interests above their own, have steadfastly refused to enhance prices; while, on the other hand, the cupidity and avarice of other operators have led them to take an unmerited and even cruel advantage of the present abnormal conditions, by ruthlessly exacting whatever can be obtained.

As I understand it, your plan is to form associations acting under your directions whose sole purpose will be to meet the emergency in distribution and stop profiteering; and at the proper time you intend to apply to the Inter-State Commerce Commission to promulgate rules governing car distribution during the existing shortage to the end that the available equipment can be placed at mines affording the greatest opportunity of service and willing to charge for its coal no more than is fair and just.

As between two mines whose output is the same, your plan contemplates during the existing shortage favoring the mine in the supply of cars which charges the public fair prices as against the mine which allows its greed to exact whatever can be obtained, however unwarranted and extortionate the price may be. You have no purpose other than to promote the welfare of the public by inaugurating a plan of distribution designed to maintain national life itself and to restrain extortion by the stern hand of repression.

Your idea is to have both operators and miners furnish you with statistics along the lines just mentioned, thus enabling you to place before the Commission from time to time whatever information is necessary to enable it to give proper and intelligent directions. In thus acting you intend to represent the Commission as one of its designated agencies, or to go before it in any other capacity, whichever method meets with its approval. In view of all these conditions causing the present emergency, the inevitable result of which is to disrupt and demoralize Inter-State commerce, you inquire whether the plan you have outlined would be illegal and whether authority exists for its adoption and enforcement.

In my opinion, the plan is entirely legal. I fail to see wherein any law of Congress will be violated. The interests of the public are deserving of paramount consideration and I have no misgivings in giving it my unqualified approval. Moreover, I feel convinced that ample authority exists for its adoption and effective enforcement. If the Inter-State Commerce Commission finds the existence of an emergency such as you describe, that body has ample and unquestioned authority to provide such rules and regulations as will enable the plan you suggest to be carried into operation.

In concluding I want to say that I have no hesitancy in advising you that in my opinion where and when an emergency exists on account of the shortage of coal for use in Inter-State commerce and in the transportation of the mails and when the price of coal for such purposes and for the general necessities of the people has been unjustifiably and unbearably increased by operators who produce a large supply, associations such as your plan contemplates to act with and under governmental agencies to meet the existing emergency, more equitably to distribute coal and to prevent extortion in the price thereof while acting with and under governmental agencies for the purposes aforesaid, are legal and do not violate any provision of the so-called Sherman Anti-Trust Law or any other Federal law.

In carrying out such plan for the sole purpose you propose, all persons, firms or corporations chosen by governmental agencies to assist you, as long as they act in good faith to carry out such plan with and under governmental agencies and not otherwise, will violate no law of the United States.

Respectfully,  
H. M. DAUGHERTY, Attorney-General.

The first intimation of the calling of the conferences at which the tentative regulatory plan was adopted was contained in the following announcement made by Secretary Hoover on July 21:

I have called a meeting of the district representatives from the producing Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Alabama districts for Monday at 10 o'clock to consider two questions.

First: Plans for making the voluntary restraint of profiteering effective in the one or two districts which have refused to co-operate and are now demanding \$7.50 a ton for coal at the mine, and, further, to make it effective against the minority of irresponsible operators in the other districts who have broken away from the agreement. The responsible operators are holding to the price. On the other hand, some panicky railway buyers and others are sending out orders to-day offering \$8 at the mines. The plan for restraint of prices to the Garfield basis threatens to break down through the above influences.

Second: To consider plans for effecting a distribution of coal to the railways, public utilities, industries, producing necessities, public institutions, &c.

Plans have been formulated for co-operation of the Department of Commerce and the Inter-State Commerce Commission and the Department of Justice, by which, with the co-operation of responsible operators, the control of price and distribution can be effected. The plan is now before the Department of Justice for their consideration, and it involves the pooling of coal in each district and the distribution of cars under the authority and direction of the Government, with the co-operation of operators' committees.

**SECRETARY HOOVER CALLS FOR CO-OPERATION OF STATES IN COAL DISTRIBUTION.**

Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, was appointed Chairman of the governmental commission named by President Harding to direct the transportation and distribution of the available coal supply on July 26, and he immediately called upon the Governors of all States to create State organizations with which he might co-operate. The selection of Mr. Hoover as Chairman of the commission gives him the power to supervise the movement of trains in inter-State commerce, the allocation of coal supplies from the producing mines and the control of coal prices. With him on the commission named by the President are Attorney-General Daugherty, Secretary Fall of the Interior

Department and Commissioner Aitchison of the Inter-State Commerce Commission. A fifth member is to be appointed later who will undertake the administrative direction of the organization. Priority and routing orders issued by the Inter-State Commerce Commission (given elsewhere in these columns to-day) were put into effect on the 26th, but Mr. Hoover indicated that the drastic powers granted the Presidential commission would be employed only when the emergency demanded, and that so far as possible the operations of the railroads would not be interfered with by the Government when it was demonstrated that they were handling all business offered without delays. Mr. Hoover also informed the Governors that the Federal powers would be exercised only to the extent of assuring a fair distribution of coal and other essential commodities to the States and that the task of protecting the rights of the ultimate consumer within the States must rest with the State organizations which he requested them to organize. The Secretary referred specifically to Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, in some sections of which, he said, there were large quantities of coal so near the surface that it could be mined with steam shovels. These States, he said, should through their own agencies be able to afford protection to workers and meet their current needs for fuel, and could scarcely expect the Federal Government to assist them in bringing coal from the non-union fields of West Virginia. The telegram sent by Secretary Hoover to the Governors also laid emphasis upon the responsibility of the States in the strike situation. In making it public the Department of Commerce added this statement:

Secretary Hoover sent out the following telegram to-day to the Governors of the States on behalf of the Presidential Coal Distribution Committee, as the first step toward decentralizing the organization for equitable distribution and maintenance of fair prices of coal. Under this plan the distribution for railway use will be directed from Washington, but with the possible exception of a few inter-State public utilities, the responsibility for all other distribution will rest upon organizations set up under State control.

The text of Secretary Hoover's telegram follows:

In order that the Federal Government may do its part in the distribution of coal supplies over the present very difficult situation the President has appointed a committee on coal distribution comprising representatives of Departments of Justice Interiors Inter-State Commerce Commission and Department of Commerce under my chairmanship for the purpose of securing co-ordination of Federal agencies in the best distribution of the available coal supplies. Certain priorities have been established in necessary commodities and fuel by the Inter-State Commerce Commission who have asked your State Public Utilities Commission if the Inter-State Commerce Commission may have its active assistance in the distribution of coal to transportation and public utilities and governmental institutions if necessary. Beyond this the Presidential committee on coal distribution is co-operating with coal operators and with the Inter-State Commerce Commission in an endeavor to secure that coal shall be sold from the mines at a fair price. The agencies and present authority of the Federal Government, of course do not enable it to protect the ultimate consumer of coal within the boundaries of a State further than such protection can be secured by the above means, that coal sold in inter-State commerce shall be sold to the original purchaser at a fair price and that fair distribution between States be obtained. The problem of securing that the ultimate consumer shall be protected upon coal now in circulation and on resale of coal distribution shall be carried out must rest within the authority of each State. I am sending this telegram at the request of the President to learn if you feel that you can under take to create a State organization under your direction to secure that this shall be done with which we can co-operate.

The telegram sent to the various State commissions by Commissioner Aitchison of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, to which Secretary Hoover made reference in his message to the Governors, read:

Commission desires to know whether if local developments connected with our general service orders require we can rely on having active assistance of your commission. This possibly may involve survey certification and policing of certain local needs under priority orders issued or to be issued. Emergency most acute and requires best efforts of all under common plan if distress which will come is to be mitigated.

**SAMUEL GOMPERS'S COMMENT ON GOVERNMENT'S POLICY IN COAL STRIKE SITUATION.**

Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, made the following statement on July 26 with regard to the Government's policy of distribution of available coal supplies and control of prices:

If the action of the Government is what it appears to be in assuming control of coal and food movements by rail, the workers and the people generally have every right to feel a sense of satisfaction.

The power now in Government hands to curb profiteering is real and it can be exercised with deadly effectiveness. It has been seen that agreements entered into by mine owners with Government representatives to prevent price raising have been violated freely by mine owners. The Government now can use something stronger than moral suasion to stop profiteering. By its power to regulate the use of cars it can absolutely stop all coal that is not destined to be marketed at a fair price.

Indications are that this most recent and drastic move is commendable. It will not add a pound to the coal production, nor will it do anything but strengthen the hands of both the miners and the railroad workers who are on strike. It will, if I interpret correctly, prevent profiteering on such coal as may be above ground or may be mined.

"As I see the move at this hour, it will take away whatever chance the mine owners expected to have for making huge profits out of a continuance of their resistance to the fair demands of the miners. The attitude of mine owners may change when they see that it is to be costly instead of becoming profitable."

I may be mistaken, of course, but it is apparent that the schemes of financiers are not to be permitted to throttle the country indefinitely. There seems not to have been put forth sufficient pressure upon employers to have them enter into conference with the workers in order to work out an agreement along natural lines. That does not detract from the satisfaction with which we may view such steps as are taken to prevent profiteering at the expense of the people generally and the striking workmen in particular.

Every constructive step taken makes just that much more hopeful an ultimate approach to constructive settlement on the basis of service to the whole people. If some of the importance and dominance of finance and profit has been removed, that is cause for satisfaction.

I should like, in this connection, to call attention to the truly marvelous discipline and conduct of the men on strike. They are contending for something more than material things. There is a spiritual quality about this strike that cannot escape the notice of any one who observes what is going on. That quality does not accept defeat for the principles involved.

More than a million men are in idleness. The examples of breach of discipline, of disorder, have been almost negligible. Considering the provocation that has confronted the workers in many places, considering the vast number of men idle, the conduct of the great army of workers has been exemplary—it has been a magnificent tribute to the workers themselves and to their cause.

By their conduct, more emphatically than by anything else, the workers have shown their constructive purpose. The welfare of America demands that through a just and a fair settlement that splendid constructive spirit be returned to industry as a great, willing and energetic force for our national industrial progress.

#### COAL OPERATORS AGAIN URGE APPOINTMENT OF FEDERAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY.

A. M. Ogle, President of the National Coal Association, and spokesman of the coal operators at the recent conferences with the miners at Washington, sent a telegram to President Harding on July 23 in which he reiterated the desire of the operators to have a non-partisan commission appointed by the Government to ascertain the facts about the coal strike. The telegram from Mr. Ogle read as follows:

Indianapolis, Ind., July 23 1922.

President Warren G. Harding, White House, Washington, D. C.

In order that there may be no misunderstanding in the minds of members of your administration or in the minds of the public concerning the attitude of the operators who attended your Washington conference toward the appointment of a fact-finding tribunal by you, I respectfully and strongly urge upon you the advisability of immediately selecting the men whom you desire to act, so that the tribunal can proceed at once to investigate the questions at issue between the miners and operators in the union fields.

As we have pointed out before, we strongly feel that this tribunal should be non-partisan, without either miners or operators being included in its membership. If it is felt advisable by you to have technical advice for the benefit of the tribunal, I might suggest that one operator could be selected by the operators and one miner by the miners to sit with your tribunal in a purely advisory capacity, but without voice or vote.

I feel, and I know that a large majority, if not all of the union bituminous operators feel, that such a tribunal selected by you, if immediately appointed, could within a comparatively short time develop outstanding essential facts in regard to the situation. With such facts before it the tribunal would be able to give information to the public and to you that would strengthen your hand in carrying out your program to start the mines in accordance with your proclamation to the Governors of the several States involved, on a basis of wages which inevitably must mean liquidation of costs and prices to meet the demands and requirements of the public and industry.

We also have in mind that a thorough investigation of all the facts relating to the union bituminous coal fields will be extremely helpful to the American public and to the coal industry as well and should to some constructive suggestions.

You may be assured that in the meantime the operators of Indiana are earnestly working with Governor McCray and the local authorities in order to determine the best and most effective plan under which production of coal can be resumed, and I am informed that the operators in all other States are working to the same end.

All the operators in all districts, union and non-union, unite in supporting you in your determination to protect every man in his inalienable right to work.

A. M. OGLE.

#### MAYORS OF ANTHRACITE DISTRICTS IN PENNSYLVANIA URGE PRESIDENT HARDING TO APPOINT ARBITRATION COMMISSION.

A committee of Mayors from five cities in the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania called on President Harding on July 22 and urged the appointment of a commission to settle the strike which has been in effect since April 1. Mayor John F. Durken of Scranton, acting as spokesman for the committee, told the President that there was a "strong possibility of disorder" as a result of the latest move by the Government if the operators of the closely unionized anthracite fields attempted to reopen their mines with the aid of the military, and that the Mayors were not willing to "pay the price" which they felt was inevitable under such circumstances. After he had been to the White House, Mayor Durken announced that a telegram had been sent to John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers of America, inviting him to a conference with the Mayors the first part of the week, either in New York or Scranton. Mayor Durken stated that as a result of his talk with President Harding he had several suggestions to make to Mr. Lewis regarding the terms to govern any arbitration procedure. The statement made by Mayor Durken of Scranton to the President in behalf of the committee of Pennsylvania Mayors was as follows:

We are the Mayors of the anthracite regions. We represent the people who are making the all sacrifices, bearing all the burdens, the result of this conflict between the operators and the miners.

We are short of fuel, short of wages, and there is a strong possibility of disorder, the result of the latest move on the part of the Government.

If the operators are disposed to destroy the United Mine Workers and the price of their efforts is the destruction of property, riot and bloodshed, we are not willing to pay the price. If, on the other hand, a victory for the miners will result in a similar toll, by the same token, we refuse to pay the price.

We are, therefore, interested, vitally interested, as you see, in an immediate settlement of the differences between the parties to the conflict.

We are with you and approve of arbitration with an exhaustive investigation into everything that applies to the cost of coal, from the face of a chamber to the coal bin of an individual.

In the appointment of a commission permit me to venture the suggestion that it is a mistake to have it composed of three operators, three miners and five representatives of the public. I do not know whether you ever noticed this, but it is true that superiority, whether it is intellectual or financial, generally mixes with superiority. The five men to be appointed from the public will necessarily be what we call "big men." When you begin to confer you have eight men on the one hand with a possible exception as against three on the other.

The operators and miners have been talking over their difficulties for the past four months and can come to no agreement. Isn't it time to say "exit!" and call in five representative high type men of the republic? Let them hire a few capable and honest statisticians. Send the men back to work at the old scale, establish a new scale in the shortest possible time and give us permanent peace.

We hope to see Mr. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers, and his associates and present to them the situation as we see it. We will get in touch with the operators if need be.

#### GOVERNOR OF INDIANA TO TAKE OVER MINES IF OPERATORS AND COAL MINERS FAIL TO REACH AGREEMENT.

In a statement "to the public," issued on July 27, Governor McCray, of Indiana, declared that he would take over and operate for the needs of the State one or more coal mines, unless at the end of five days the miners and operators have reached an agreement providing for the resumption of mining in the State. Following this announcement, which was made after a conference with the operators, the Governor indicated that officers of the Indiana Bituminous Coal Operators' Association would probably agree to join a central competitive field conference.

The Governor's statement to the public explained the fuel needs of Indiana and the strike situation in general. He said in part:

I have made an earnest and honest effort to get the coal miners and coal operators of Indiana together, hoping by this contact that they might agree on some satisfactory basis for settlement of their difficulties and resume coal operations.

The miners refused to attend a joint conference or discuss the questions at issue in a State meeting, claiming that under the instructions of the International Policy Committee they could not meet the operators in a State conference to consider any proposition from the State operators. They also claimed it was useless to meet in a State conference because the Indiana operators would not agree to any basic rate until they knew definitely what their competitors were doing in competitive districts.

I furthermore found that the operators felt it was impossible for them to meet in an inter-State conference inasmuch as the central competitive district, comprising Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania, has virtually been disrupted and their organization annulled.

Believing as I do that the rights of the many should not be overturned by the actions of a limited number, I feel that my duty to the people of Indiana as a whole demands that coal shall be furnished without regard to the points at issue between the coal producing agencies. I, therefore, have concluded that without entering into the merits of the controversy, and acting wholly for the interests of the general public, that if the strike is not determined within five days of this date I will take over one or more mines and supply the people of Indiana with fuel, which is most essential for the comfort and happiness of our people as well as for the operation of our business enterprises which insures the employment of labor.

I believe coal can be furnished through the application of authority now vested in me as Governor, but if it becomes necessary to have additional legislation to support my determination in this matter, I will not hesitate to assemble the Legislature for the purpose of preparing the way so that full legal authority may be given by which the emergency may be met and suffering and disaster averted.

As I view it, my duty to the public is perfectly plain. I am not seeking to resist organized labor in its stand for what it believes to be its lawful rights. I am only determined that the people of Indiana shall not suffer from cold or hunger while the fine points of the differences between the opposing factions are being adjusted.

Following the meeting with the operators, the Governor sent the following message to John Hessler, President of District No. 11, United Mine Workers:

I think the Indiana operators representing Indiana's total tonnage will meet in inter-State conference, providing a majority of the tonnage of each of the four State movements is represented in the meeting. The situation is becoming more acute daily, and in the fullest discharge of my duty I am going ahead with my plans for furnishing coal to Indiana institutions in order to avoid delay in case the proposed conference does not reach a basis of settlement of present difficulties.

#### JOHN L. LEWIS SAYS JOINT CONFERENCE WILL END STRIKE.

In a statement issued on July 27 at Philadelphia, John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers said that he had "every reason to believe that an inter-State joint conference of the central competitive fields will be arranged within a few days." Mr. Lewis expressed this belief after two

days of conferring with the district Presidents of the union from Western Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana. This territory and Illinois comprise the central competitive fields. Illinois was not represented at the meeting. It was made known by union leaders that as soon as they have assurance that sufficient tonnage will be represented at an inter-State conference to make a basic wage scale possible, a call for the meeting will be issued at once. Such a call, it was said, may come any day. Efforts to learn what percentage of the total tonnage of the central competitive fields would have to be represented to make possible a basic wage agreement, could not be learned. It was said it would depend upon the companies consenting to enter an inter-State meeting.

"It is undoubtedly true that to all effect the workers have won their strike," said the miners' president. "It is recognized everywhere in financial and industrial circles that no wage reductions can be applied to the mining industry. This is the only means of settlement. There will be no separate agreement by State divisions of the union.

"It only remains for an inter-State joint conference to be convened in order to permit of the immediate negotiation of a new wage agreement. This is the only way by which a settlement can be made. There will be no district or separate settlements. I have every reason to believe that an inter-State joint conference of the central competitive fields will be arranged within a few days. Such an arrangement will permit a resumption of mining and relief to embarrassed industries and a suffering public."

#### PENNSYLVANIA MINERS ASK GOVERNOR TO RECALL NATIONAL GUARD FROM MINE CENTRES.

Charging that Governor Sproul of Pennsylvania by "a show of arms" is endeavoring to break down the morale of mine workers in the Pennsylvania fields, union leaders in conference at Philadelphia on July 27 directed a letter to the Chief Executive calling upon him to withdraw units of the National Guard from the communities in which they are now on duty. The letter of protest was signed by the five district leaders from the State and Phillip Murray, international Vice-President. It was framed at the conclusion of a two days' session in the Bellevue-Stratford, and after John L. Lewis, International President of the United Mine Workers, had issued a statement predicting an early end of the strike with the union men victorious.

The union leaders in their communication to the Governor insisted there had been no show of violence or signs of disorder in the district to which troops were dispatched. On the contrary, they asserted, the strikers and their families were conducting themselves in a law-abiding manner. Furthermore, they declared, there was no call for State assistance from sheriffs or other local officials. The letter of protest follows:

As citizens of Pennsylvania, representing 325,000 mine workers, we feel it imperative to call to your attention certain matters which to us seem to present a crisis with relation to the guarantees of the Constitution of our State affecting the right of free speech, peaceable assemblage and the right of workers to stop work in defense of their rights as workers and citizens.

The mine workers in both the anthracite and bituminous regions of Pennsylvania have suspended work since April 1 of this year. This is a legal suspension of mining, and the peace and tranquillity of both fields has been such that the local authorities have been able to handle the situation with credit not only to the mine workers but to the Commonwealth and all its citizens as well.

By Executive proclamation you recently ordered units of the Pennsylvania National Guard into the counties of Cambria, Indiana, Somerset and Washington. We are advised by the sheriffs of at least two of these counties, namely Cambria and Somerset, that they have not and did not ask your Excellency for troops to be located in their counties.

#### No Need for Troops.

With respect to Washington and Indiana counties the facts as developed show that the situation was handled by the local officials and no disorder existed to any degree warranting interference by persons other than local authorities. These counties previous to April 1 were looked upon as being non-union, but since that date the men have been organized and have been idle with their fellow workers in defense of fair wages and safe conditions of employment. It seems evident to us that troops were sent into these counties for one particular purpose, and that is to break down the morale of the men who are engaged in this controversy and to force by a show of arms their return to the inhuman conditions of employment and the mere animal subsistence standard of wages which were in effect in those localities previous to April 1.

This action on your part, so far as we are able to fathom, is without precedent in the history of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and may be considered as a blot upon its fair record. Your administration, so far as the public has been led to believe, is in favor of a greater degree of local home government, but your action in this instance in practically settling aside the local authorities is a blow at local home government and the executive branch of the State has to all intents and purposes overridden the privileges of the citizens of the Commonwealth.

Your assertions that you ordered troops into this area on the assumption that trouble might develop is, to say the least, far-fetched and seemingly ridiculous. On the same assumption the people of this Commonwealth could be prohibited from holding open-air celebrations, picnics, &c., during the summer months for fear that we might have a rainstorm, or that breaches

of the peace might occur. Your proclamation was most obviously based upon assumption, and we submit that it is a very poor practice to run government on assumption.

State troopers in sections of Cambria, Indiana and Somerset counties have already prohibited mass-meetings of citizens, and in this the Constitution of the State has been practically set aside and the right of free speech and peaceable assemblage has been denied. Thousands of meetings have been held by the mine workers in Pennsylvania since the first of April, and every meeting has been conducted on a plane reflecting the highest traditions of peace and order. At these meetings the men have been counseled to obey the laws and conduct themselves peacefully, and to this holding of meetings we attribute the splendid peace and quiet that reigns in the mining communities.

We would ask if the Governor believes that the Constitution of Pennsylvania is still in effect, or whether it has been suspended in the interest of the non-union coal operators of this Commonwealth. We would impress upon you the fact that, despite all that may be said to the contrary, this is a government of law and not a government by executive order and command. You speak of law and order. We say to you that never in the history of industrial controversies in the United States has law been so rigidly observed by the mine workers in Pennsylvania, who are, and who have been, idle since April 1. The only violation of law has been on the part of the coal company thugs, deputies and strike-breakers, who have insulted, coerced and intimidated the mine workers and their families.

We say to you that your action should be condemned by all clear-thinking Americans in this State, and we say further that the Republican Party in this Commonwealth, if it is true to the traditions of Washington, Lincoln and Grant, will condemn unreservedly your attitude in this matter and take steps to clearly set forth whether or not it sanctions such unwarranted action upon the part of the Chief Executive of the State.

If we still have a constitution in Pennsylvania, if we have a government of law, if there is respect for local home government and if there is a belief in the right of free speech and peaceable assemblage, we call upon your Excellency to withdraw the troops from the mining communities in which they are located, and show by this action that "the government of the people, by the people and for the people" shall be a reality and not a mockery.

We protest emphatically against your action in sending troops to these localities. We believe that your reasons for taking such action are not sound. The remedy, therefore, lies in your hands, and, if not applied, the citizenship of Pennsylvania should in no uncertain terms voice its disapproval of your policy.

#### CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN PRESIDENT HARDING AND GOVERNOR OF MICHIGAN ON COAL STRIKE.

A letter from President Harding dealing with the powers of the Federal Government in the coal strike situation and a reply thereto were made public July 28 by Governor Alex. J. Groesbeck of Michigan, at Lansing. The President's statement that the Federal Government is powerless to interfere with the attitude of the United Mine Workers of America towards independent local agreements and that at present nothing can be done except to enable men willing to work in safety, drew a sharp reply from Gov. Alex. J. Groesbeck expressing disagreement. Replying to the letter from the President, Gov. Groesbeck declared he could not concede the Federal Government has not the power "to protect our citizens from the embarrassing situation that faces us." The President's letter was in reply to a telegram sent by the Governor last week when he informed the President he was asking John L. Lewis, head of the mine workers, to grant Michigan miners permission to enter agreements independently of their national affiliation and return to work (Governor Groesbeck's telegram was given in the "Chronicle" July 22, page 386). The President, in his reply, stated he would seek legislation to solve the problem of independent agreements. Replying to Governor Groesbeck's original proposal that the State take over and operate the mines in Michigan, the President said:

I do not know whether you have the persuasive power to effect a voluntary agreement in Michigan \* \* \* but I think it fair to assume you would not enforce such an arrangement. For the present, in the absence of law to guarantee service in the public welfare, we can only take steps necessary to enable men willing to work to do so in perfect safety. I do not think this means an armed guard at the mouth of every mine. It does need the assurance that State authority, and Federal authority when needed, means to protect every man in the pursuit of lawful employment.

It is a matter of record that coal operators and mine workers in many districts have been quite ready to come to an understanding in very short order, but the policy of the national organization is hostile to any district or State arrangement. This apparently is one of the issues involved and is one which must be definitely settled. I do not know of any way of settling it under the legal authorities which are now possessed by either State or Federal Government. Manifestly, legislation must be provided and I mean to submit the whole problem to Congress at the earliest consistent time possible after the House reassembles.

If the coal producers of the United States were so organized that a national body were to determine the policy of every member and permit no sales of coal except on dictation of terms by the national officials, every State legislature and Congress itself would instantly put an end to such a practice. The mine workers unhesitatingly assumed national dictation. It is the big issue involved in the present dispute. Frankly, I think it must be dealt with if we are to have any security and any assurance of a supply of fuel.

The Governor's letter in reply said in part:

There being no dispute over wages or working conditions it seems a pity that the public must be made to suffer without any justification whatever. You will pardon me for taking the position that the National Government has the power and authority to protect our citizens from the embarrassing situation that faces us. I do not see how we can concede that such power does not exist. I am writing frankly, because the people are becoming impatient of further delay in the adoption of measures that will spell an early end of the matter.

**INDICTMENTS AGAINST MINERS IN MINGO COUNTY, W. VA., WIPED FROM DOCKET.**

Following an earlier report that indictments of murder, arson, &c., growing out of grand jury investigations in Mingo County, W. Va., against officials and members of the United Mine Workers of America had been stricken from the docket by Judge R. D. Bailey in Mingo Circuit Court, Frank C. Kenney, President of District 17 of the miners' organization, received on July 13 the following telegram from Thomas West, counsel for the union miners in Mingo:

Indictments against you and other officials wiped from the docket. Practically all others nolleed. Anticipate a clean slate on both sides on all questions growing out of the industrial question.

The Court's action came after a motion by S. D. Stokes, County Prosecutor, that the indictments be nolleed. Mr Stokes is quoted as having told the Court he was unable to make a case against the individuals indicted.

**PRICE OF COAL IN LARGE QUANTITIES DOUBLED IN CHICAGO SINCE STRIKE STARTED.**

Chicago dispatches to the daily papers on July 24 stated that the price of coal in large quantities in Chicago had jumped from \$5 15 a ton to \$11 65 and \$13 since the miners went on strike, while in small quantities the cost had increased from \$5 25 to \$6 a ton to \$15 25 to \$18, according to figures given out by a large industrial concern which, it is stated, ranks among the largest users of coal in the Middle West. The concern made public the following prices it had paid:

May 8, West Kentucky lump grade, mine run and screenings, delivered in Chicago at \$5 15 a ton plus freight.

May 12 the price was \$5 75; June 8 it was \$6 15; July 6, \$7 15; July 18, \$9 16, and July 22, \$11 65 to \$13.

These figures are for quantity lots.

It was estimated by the concern that there are now only 40,000 tons of anthracite coal in Chicago.

**MINING OPERATIONS RESUMED IN PENNSYLVANIA AND ILLINOIS.**

Despite the predictions of union officials that there would be no resumption of mining as a result of President Harding's call for protection for men who were willing to work, mines in the Harrisburg district of Pennsylvania, in central Illinois and in Maryland began operations this week under protection of military forces. While the resumption was on a somewhat limited scale, it was stated that the operators plan to widen the scope of operations.

**INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION'S ORDERS FOR PRIORITY SHIPMENTS AND DIRECT MOVING OF FREIGHT.**

Maintaining that immediate action was necessary by reason of the emergency which had arisen through the rail and coal strikes, the Interstate Commerce Commission on July 25, acting under the Transportation Act, issued two orders—one giving priority to the movement of food, feed for live stock, live stock, perishable products, coal, coke and fuel oil, and the other calling for the forwarding of freight traffic by "routes most available to expedite its movement and prevent congestion." The priority order declaring the existence of an emergency for carriers east of the Mississippi, besides directing preferential shipment of essential commodities, detailed the Government's plan for distributing coal. The order, effective July 26, directed that cars for the shipment of coal should be assigned to railroads on the basis of preference in coal shipments to the railroads and other common carriers, with public utilities and hospitals in the second class, and Government institutions, national, State and local, in a third class. Public utilities which the Commission placed as entitled to coal supply after railroad fuel were defined in the order as street and interurban railways, electric power and light, gas, water and sewer works, ice plants serving the public generally for refrigerating foodstuffs, and hospitals. The order prohibits the reconsignment or diversion of any coal accepted for transport in any one of the preferred classes and declares that for such special purposes as might appear from time to time the Commission or its agents might specially designate cars to be assigned to mines for preferred loading. A special class of coal shipments also was declared from mines in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama, giving priority after Government supply for shipment of bituminous coal consigned to Lake Erie ports for shipment over the Great Lakes to Lake Superior. The following is the Commission's priority order:

At a session of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, Division F-4, held at its office in Washington, D. C., on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1922:

It appearing, in the opinion of the Commission, that an emergency which requires immediate action exists upon the lines of each and all the common carriers by railroad subject to the Inter-State Commerce Act, east of the Mississippi River, including the west bank crossings thereof, and because of the inability of said common carriers properly and completely to serve the public in the transportation of essential commodities, it is ordered and directed:

1. That each such common carrier by railroad, to the extent that it is currently unable promptly to transport all freight traffic offered to it for movement or to be moved over its line or lines of railway, shall give preference and priority to the movement of each of the following commodities: Food for human consumption, feed for live stock, live stock, perishable products, coal, coke and fuel oil.

2. That to the extent any such common carrier by railroad is unable under the existing interchange and car service rules to return cars to its connections promptly, it shall give preference and priority in the movement, exchange, interchange and return of empty cars intended to be used for the transportation of the commodities specially designated in paragraph numbered 1 hereof.

3. That any and all such common carriers by railroad which serve coal mines, whether located upon the line or lines of any such railroad or customarily dependent upon it for car supply, herein termed coal-loading carriers, be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed, whenever unable to supply all uses in full, to furnish such coal mines with open-top cars suitable for the loading and transportation of coal, in preference to any other use, supply, movement, distribution, exchange, interchange or return of such cars; provided, that the phrase "suitable for the loading and transportation of coal" as used in this order shall not include or embrace flat (fixed) bottom gondola cars with sides less than 36 inches in height, inside measurement, or cars equipped with racks, or cars which, on July 1 1922, had been definitely retired from service for the transportation of coal and stenciled or tagged for other service.

4. That all such common carriers by railroad other than coal-loading carriers, herein termed non-coal-loading carriers, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to deliver daily to a connecting coal-loading carrier or carriers, or to an intermediate non-coal-loading carrier for delivery through the usual channels to a coal-loading carrier, or carriers, empty coal cars up to the maximum ability of each such non-coal-loading carrier to make such deliveries and of each such connecting coal-loading carrier to receive and use the coal cars so delivered for the preferential purposes herein set forth.

5. That all such common carriers by railroad be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to discontinue the use of cars suitable for the loading and transportation of coal for the transportation of commodities other than coal, so long as any coal mine remains to be served by it with such cars; and as to each non-coal-loading carrier, so long as deliveries of any such cars to connecting carriers may be due or remain to be performed under the terms of this order.

6. That all such common carriers by railroad be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to place an embargo against the receipt of coal or other freight transported in open-top cars suitable for coal loading, by any consignee, and against the placement of such open-top cars for consignment to any consignee who shall fail or refuse to unload such coal or other freight so transported in coal cars and placed for unloading, within twenty-four hours after such placement, until all coal or other freight so transported in coal cars and so placed has been unloaded by such consignee, and shall notify the Commission of such action. This authorization and direction as to embargoes shall not interfere with the movement of coal to tidewater or the Great Lakes for transshipment to water, nor shall it apply where the failure of the consignee to unload is due directly to errors or disabilities of the railroad in delivering cars.

7. That in the supply of cars to mines upon the lines of any coal-loading carrier, such carrier is hereby authorized and directed to place, furnish and assign such coal mines with cars suitable for the loading and transportation of coal in succession as may be required for the following classes of purposes, and in the following order of classes, namely:

Class 1.—For such special purposes as may from time to time be specially designated by the Commission or its agents therefor. And subject thereto:

Class 2.—(a) For fuel for railroads and other common carriers, and for bunkering ships and vessels; (b) for public utilities which directly serve the general public under a franchise therefor, with street and interurban railways, electric power and light, gas, water and sewer works; ice plants which directly serve the public generally with ice, or supply refrigeration for human foodstuffs; hospitals; (c) for the United States, State, county or municipal governments, and for their hospitals, schools, and for their other public institutions—all to the end that such common carriers, public utilities, quasi-public utilities and governments may be supplied with coal for current use for such purposes, but not for storage, exchange or sale. And subject thereto:

Class 3 (as to each coal-loading carrier which reaches mines in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama).—For bituminous coal consigned to any Lake Erie port for transshipment by water to ports upon Lake Superior. And subject thereto:

Class 4 (as to all such common carriers by railroad).—Commercial sizes of coal for domestic use. And subject thereto:

Class 5—Other purposes.

No coal embraced in Classes 1, 2, 3 or 4 shall be subject to reconsignment or diversion, except for some purpose in the same class or a superior class in the order of priority herein prescribed.

8. That all rules, regulations and practices of said common carriers by railroad with respect to car service as that term is defined in said Act are hereby suspended so far as they conflict with the directions hereby made.

9. That this order shall be effective from and after July 26 1922, and shall remain in force until the further order of the Commission.

10. That copies of this order be served upon the carriers hereinbefore described, and that notice of this order be given to the general public, depositing a copy thereof in the office of the Secretary of the Commission at Washington, D. C.

By the Commission, Division 5:

GEORGE B. MCGINTY, Secretary.

The Commission's order calling for direct routing of freight follows:

The subject of routing of freight traffic being under consideration and it appearing to the Commission that an emergency exists upon the lines of all carriers by railroad in the United States subject to the Inter-State Commerce Act, which requires immediate action; and that each of such carriers by reason of unfavorable labor conditions and shortage of fuel supply, is unable to transport the traffic offered it so as to properly serve the public:

Therefore, in order best to promote the service in the interest of the public and commerce of the people, it is ordered and directed:

1. That from and after July 26 1922, and until the further order or direction of this Commission, all said common carriers by railroad are hereby directed to forward traffic to destination by the routes most available to expedite its movement and prevent congestion, without regard to the routing thereof made by shippers or by carriers from which the traffic is received or to the ownership of the cars, and that all rules, regulations and practices of said carriers with respect to car service are hereby suspended and superseded in so far only as conflicting with the directions hereby made.

2. That inasmuch as such disregard of routing is deemed to be due to carriers' disability, the rates applicable to traffic so forwarded by routes other than those designated by shippers, or by carriers from which the traffic is received, shall be the rates which were applicable at date of shipment over the routes so designated, unless the rates applicable over such designated routes are higher, in which event the rates applicable over the route of movement will apply.

3. That in each instance where the traffic is routed, or re-routed, by carriers by railroad under the authority of this order, the carrier responsible for such routing or re-routing, shall, within twenty-four hours thereafter, deposit in the United States mail a notice addressed to the consignee of the traffic, stating: The car numbers and initials, places and dates of shipment, the routing, and respective routes over which the traffic is moving and that charges for the transportation of the traffic including transportation and schedules of rates, fares and charges as those terms are defined in said Act, will be the same as they would have been if such routing or re-routing had not taken place unless, as above provided for, the rates applicable over the route the traffic moves is less.

4. That in the case of shipments in private cars, which are subject to equalization of empty mileage, and also of fruits and vegetables, live poultry and other shipments customarily reconsigned upon instructions of the consignor, a telegraphic notice of the diversion shall be sent to the consignor by the carrier responsible therefor.

5. That in executing the directions of the Commission contained in this order, the common carriers involved shall proceed without reference to contracts, agreements or arrangements now existing between them with reference to the divisions of the rates of transportation applicable to said traffic; that such divisions shall be, during the time this order remains in force, voluntarily agreed upon by and between said carriers, and that, upon failure of the carriers to so agree, said divisions shall be hereafter fixed by the Commission in accordance with pertinent authority conferred upon it by said Act.

6. That copies of this order and direction be served upon all carriers by railroad in the United States subject to the Inter-State Commerce Act, and that notice of this order be given to the general public by depositing a copy of the order in the office of Secretary of Commission in Washington, D. C.

By the Commission, Division 5.  
GEORGE B. MCGINTY, Secretary.

#### DEVELOPMENTS IN STRIKE OF RAILROAD SHOPMEN—LABOR BOARD'S PLAN FOR SETTLEMENT.

The principal move in the efforts to terminate the strike of the railroad shopmen came on Thursday, the 27th inst., when announcement was made in Washington by T. De Witt Cuyler, Chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, that a meeting of executives of the 148 major railroads of the United States would be called in New York on Tuesday next (Aug. 1), to consider a plan for the settlement of the strike. The announcement by Mr. Cuyler came after a conference with President Harding, and the press dispatches in making known the forthcoming meeting added that "no definite basis" for strike settlement was ready to be placed before the meeting. In the absence of any official statement regarding Thursday's developments in Washington, we quote the following from the Associated Press dispatches that day:

While Mr. Cuyler was positive in his statement that the basis for proposed settlement of the strike had not been definitely drawn up, earlier reports indicated that at least a tentative plan had resulted from the conferences held during the day between President Harding and leaders of the various railroad labor groups.

President Harding has made no specific request to the railroad executives, Mr. Cuyler said, when asked if the question of seniority rights had been brought forward at the conference with a view to influencing some railroads to reconsider their stand against returning these rights to striking shopmen.

The executives' Chairman said he was unable to foretell whether action in the strike situation would be held in abeyance until the New York meeting. The four-day delay was necessary, he explained, in order that representatives of railroad managements might all get to the meeting place.

When informed of a strike settlement plan, attributed to a member of the United States Railroad Labor Board in Chicago, under which strikers would regain a seniority rank just after workers who remained at their jobs, Mr. Cuyler said nothing of that nature had entered into his conference with the President.

Tentative proposals for the settlement of the railroad shopmen's strike were drawn up yesterday after a series of conferences between President Harding and labor leaders headed by B. M. Jewell, of the shopmen's union.

It was understood that the suggested plan for settlement—details of which were withheld by those participating in its formulation—would be submitted later to executives of the railroads.

The settlement proposals apparently had reference to the seniority issue, which, it was generally agreed, was the sole remaining bar to conclusion of the railroad war, or, at least, of an armistice in the struggle.

Should the railroad executives accept the plans, it was said, a rehearing of issues which led to the strike would be held before the Railroad Labor Board, and all other questions left to adjudication through such a proceeding.

Along with the accounts of the developments in Washington on July 27, the Associated Press advices from Chicago reported that the basis of a possible settlement of the strike of the 300,000 railway shopmen had been suggested by a member of the Railroad Labor Board as follows:

1. Shopcraft men who remained at work to go to the head of the seniority list, taking precedence over all those who struck.

2. Strikers to regain pension privileges and seniority rights, but to rank below the men who remained loyal to the roads and ahead of new men taken on during the course of the strike.

3. New employees who have been filling places of the strikers to be kept in the service of the roads, but to take only seniority to which they are entitled by length of actual service.

4. Shopcraft men who struck to return to work under the wage scale and working conditions put into effect by the Labor Board on July 1, pending a rehearing by the Board.

5. Railroads to stop outside contracting, to establish regional adjustment boards, and to drop all possible damage suits growing out of the strike.

According to Associated Press advices from Washington last night (July 28) three proposals for immediate ending of the railroad strike have been submitted to representatives of the railroad executives and labor unions by President Harding. The dispatches said further:

The three proposals, all hinging on various plans for adjusting the employees' seniority rights, will be submitted, it was said, to the executives' meeting in New York Tuesday and to an employees' conference in Chicago to be arranged by B. M. Jewell, the shopmen's leader.

Outside railroad contracting, it was said, would be abandoned by the railroads under each of the three proposals.

One of the proposals, according to those claiming to have information of the President's suggestions, would be for the railroads to waive the seniority question and take all strikers back to work. Another was said to be to give "loyal" men who have remained at work prior seniority rights over strikers, and the third was for separate adjustment of the seniority dispute by each road with its own employees through joint committees to be appointed.

There were indications from various sources close to the two parties to the strike that leaders of the shopmen had manifested an inclination to accept the President's plan in the main and that representatives of the executives consider it unsatisfactory in principle. Final decision, however, will rest with conferences of the two groups.

Besides his conference with Mr. Cuyler on July 27, President Harding held several conferences during the day with B. M. Jewell, President of the Railway Employees' Division of the American Federation of Labor; W. H. Johnston, President of the International Association of Machinists; J. A. Franklin, President of the Boilermakers' Union; M. F. Ryan, President of the car men; Timothy Healy, President of the Stationary Firemen and Oilers; James Burns, Vice-President of the sheet metal workers, and Edward Evans, Vice-President of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Mr. Jewell issued the following brief statement regarding his discussions with the President:

The conference this afternoon was a continuance of the conference this morning with the President, in which we continued our statements of our views of the situation. No statement as to what was said or the matter discussed can be given at this time.

In giving additional information to that reported above, regarding the Washington conferences on the 27th inst., the Associated Press dispatches from Washington stated in part:

T. de Witt Cuyler, Chairman of the Railway Executives' Association, was with President Harding at the White House for an hour before the union leaders were received and it was arranged for Mr. Cuyler to confer with the President after the labor group left. Other railroad officials were in the city, but apparently were not invited to the conference. Alfred P. Thom, general counsel for the Association of Railway Executives, expected to confer with Attorney-General Daugherty to-day on some phases of the strike, but did not see him.

In the President's hands while the conference proceeded was a copy of proposals which representatives of the striking shop crafts on the Baltimore & Ohio had received in a separate meeting with the management of that road held in Baltimore this week. The document was delivered by Senator Watson, Republican, Indiana, who has been active in meeting with the railroad officials concerned.

It was considered possible that the Baltimore & Ohio plan might have been used as a basis for the tentative suggestions developed in to-day's meetings.

A considerable number of railroads have been willing to return strikers their seniority positions in consideration of a general calling off of the strike, but others, including the Pennsylvania system and roads in the Southwest, have flatly refused to do so, declaring that it meant dismissal of men employed to take the strikers' places and demotion of men who remained in service when others went out.

The position of the union heads who met with the President to-day at the White House, was that the railroads must cancel the seniority point, accepting the return of all the strikers. It was asserted that the proposition of calling off the strike orders, even though all but two or three major roads yielded on seniority, had not been discussed. This left the intimation that President Harding would bring pressure upon the executives of those lines as a part of the strike settlement endeavor.

The importance attributed to the seniority issue at to-day's meeting was connected by some observers with the stand known to have been taken by certain of President Harding's Cabinet advisers who are said to have urged that he use every influence to have the railroads reconsider their refusal to restore seniority rights to strikers.

With the strikers back and transportation machine again in normal motion, these advisers have argued, the other issues in the controversy could and probably would be left to arbitration.

Labor participants in the President's conference on the railroad strike had the impression that President Harding intended to persuade railroad executives to yield on the seniority point rather than to use any forcible means.

The proposal that the President might ask Congress for further legal authority through the Labor Board, or other board to enforce his plans of settlement apparently did not come into the discussion at to-day's meeting. The President might, however, it was said, declare that the railroad executives had assumed responsibility themselves for continuing the strike in case he determined that their attitude did not square with Administration views of what the companies should do in the situation.

Further conferences between President Harding and Mr. Jewell were held yesterday, and the railroad strike situation was also considered yesterday by President Harding and his Cabinet before whom the matter had come up on Tuesday last. Prior to his conferences on Thursday with the labor representatives and Mr. Cuyler, President Harding on Saturday last (July 22) held a series of conferences with Ben W. Hooper, Chairman of the U. S. Railroad Labor Board;

Chairman Cummins of the Senate Inter-State Commerce Committee, and other members of the committee. Mr. Hooper before returning to Chicago later in the day said:

Here is all I can say to you about this in substance and effect. I have gone over the whole story very thoroughly with the President, undertaking to give him the history of the controversy and every phase of it, down to the present time. Naturally I do not feel at liberty to discuss the details of the things talked over by the President and myself.

It was stated on the 22d in press advices from Washington that complaints that engines and cars, because of the shopmen's strike, were getting in poor order and possibly in a condition dangerous for the trainmen to operate, were presented to Senator Cummins by a committee of legislative agents representing the "Big Four" Brotherhoods. We also quote the following from the dispatch as printed in the New York "Times":

The committee also presented a written petition, reinforced by oral arguments, in a conference with Senator Cummins lasting nearly three hours, urging repeal of all labor provisions in the Transportation Act and restoration of the voluntary arbitration plan of the former Erdman and Newlands laws.

Senator Cummins was told by his visitors that they were receiving increasing reports of "bad order" engines and rolling stock because of alleged lack of experienced shopmen. The Senator further was told that the situation, if the shopmen's strike were prolonged, might become such that engineers would refuse to take charge of trains deemed perilous. The brotherhood statements were regarded in some quarters as the development of a further and serious complication in the shop strike, which might cause additional suspensions of transportation.

Senator Cummins said that other than from the statements of the local brotherhood agents he was not informed as to the real conditions of railroad rolling stock. He did not view favorably the request for repeal of the labor provisions of the Transportation Act, on which, he said, there was a division of opinion among railway employees, the trainmen's brotherhoods favoring the old mediation and conciliation commission and other rail unions favoring the present law's plan.

As to the general strike situation, Senator Cummins said to-night he was "hopeful but not over sanguine."

Late in the day last Saturday (July 22) a conference took place at Mooseheart, Ill., between B. M. Jewell and members of his executive committee, and James J. Davis, Secretary of Labor, following which announcement made by Mr. Jewell that he believed "the strike could be settled if the roads would give the striking shopmen seniority rights and there was a rehearing by the Railroad Labor Board on other disputed questions." At the conclusion of the conference Secretary Davis talked to President Harding over the long-distance telephone, submitting a report of the information he had gathered.

Secretary Davis also conferred at Mooseheart on the 22d with W. L. McMenimen, labor member of the Railroad Labor Board. Mr. McMenimen was accompanied by Oscar Nelson, a conciliator for the Department of Labor. Following their conference, Secretary Davis and Mr. McMenimen said that every angle of the rail situation had been discussed. Secretary Davis said he desired all the information possible on the subject, and that this was one reason for the conference with Mr. McMenimen. Asked about peace prospects, Secretary Davis was reported as saying:

You can never tell what will happen when one acts as a conciliator.

On July 22 the joint legislative conference of the American Federation of Labor announced that it had sent telegrams of support, sympathy and co-operation to President Jewell, and also to President Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America. The conference is composed of more than fifty representatives of labor organizations. The telegram to Mr. Jewell said:

Washington, July 21 1922.

B. M. Jewell, President Railway Employees Dept., A. F. of L.,  
4750 Broadway, Chicago, Ill.

The labor legislative representatives of the national and international unions which are located in Washington held the regular monthly meeting this evening. Among other business was the consideration of the present strike of the railway shopmen. It was the unanimous conclusion that we telegraph you in the name of the conference that the strike has our full sympathy and support, and that we wish you every success in an honorable adjustment of the present controversy. Reports made to the conference from various sections of the country indicate a rising public sympathy in favor of the men who are fighting for right and justice.

SAMUEL GOMPERS, Chairman.  
W. O. ROBERTS, Secretary.

Labor Legislative Representatives Conference.

Mr. Jewell on the 22d was reported by the Associated Press as stating that three principal issues prevented a possible settlement of the railway shopmen's strike. These issues, he said, were found in the refusal of the rail executives—

First. To discontinue contracting out work.  
Second. To establish a National Board of Adjustment.  
Third. To continue seniority rights of employees who suspend work.  
"The responsibility for increasing losses to the railroads, to the communities they serve and to the wage earners upon the railroads and elsewhere through continuance of the present suspension of work," the statement said, "rests now plainly upon the association of railway executives and particularly upon that small dominating group representing the New York banking interests."

With his arrival in Chicago on July 23, following his trip to Washington, Chairman Hooper of the Railroad Labor

Board, announced that no further action toward ending the strike would be taken by the Board at this time. As to whether any new plans looking toward a settlement of the strike had been made, he issued a statement saying:

My trip to Washington was mainly for the purpose of furnishing the President with the fullest information possible in regard to the strike situation.

As might be supposed, the President seeks to know this situation from every angle, from the viewpoint of the carriers, the employees, the Labor Board and the public. There is nothing else that can be said just now other than to answer the question asked me by saying that no further action by the Labor Board is contemplated at this time.

Following the Cabinet meeting on July 25 it was reported in the New York "Commercial" that the statement was made at the White House to the effect that—

Settlement of the railroad strike must be founded on the authority of the Railway Labor Board to carry out the mandate given to it by Congress.

The issuance of orders by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, one directing that priority be given shipments of food, live-stock, perishable products and coal and other fuels, and the other calling for direct movement of freight on roads in the territory east of the Mississippi, marked the course of events in the coal and rail strike on the 25th, and both of these orders will be found in another column in this issue.

We likewise elsewhere refer to the telegram to President Harding of J. Cleve Dean, Chairman of the Railway Employees' Publicity Association, in which the latter stated that "to attempt to operate mines and railroads by military forces or to attempt to draft men into mining or railroad service would be an attempt to establish involuntary servitude." President Harding's answer thereto will also be found in another item. On July 26 it was stated that the Central Strike Committee issued "five reasons why the railroad executives should not hold up a strike settlement by a denial of seniority rights to old employees." In making that statement, John J. Dowd, Chairman, was reported as saying:

We believe that the majority of the executives are now ready and willing to meet us half-way on these issues. The seniority question is a minor issue raised to block a settlement.

The five reasons given by the strikers are:

- (1) Because seniority rights should not be used as a means of penalizing the shop-crafts workers for a necessary strike.
- (2) Because seniority rights should not be used as the means to install the open shop on American railroads.
- (3) Because the seniority rights are a reward for practical shop experience.
- (4) Because seniority rights should not be based upon subservience to the will of the executives.
- (5) Because seniority rights mean nothing to a few strike-breakers and everything to 400,000 old employees of the roads.

#### PRESIDENT HARDING EXCORIATES PUBLICITY AGENT FOR OFFENSIVE REMARKS—URGES RETURN OF STRIKERS.

Answering a charge that the Republican Administration in its stand in the coal and rail strike had assumed a hostile attitude toward labor, President Harding on the 25th inst. declared that "Government undertakes to represent neither class alone, and is opposed to all conflict among classes, and disputes the right of any group or class, organized or unorganized, to imperil American welfare." The President's declaration was made in reply to a telegram from J. Cleve Dean, Chairman of the Railway Employees Publicity Association, who in a message to the President stated that "the railway employees and miners who are on strike are loyal American citizens and are only exercising their constitutional right," and that "for you or any Governor to attempt to operate the mines or railroads by military forces or to attempt to draft men into mining or railroad service would be an attempt to establish involuntary servitude." President Harding's reply asserts that "the same unchallenged freedom which permits you and your associates to decline to work is no less the heritage of the free American who chooses to accept employment under the terms proposed." The difference between the two positions is, says President Harding, "that the striking railroad workers exercise the rights of freedom in seeking to hinder necessary transportation . . . while the men who choose to work in response to the call of the country are exercising their like rights, and at the same time are making their contribution to our common American welfare." Mr. Dean is asked by President Harding to "urge the striking railway men to accept the decision of the American Railroad Labor Board . . . and return to work under that decision until you and I and every one else interested in American welfare may join in asking the Railroad Labor Board to give a rehearing on any question concerning which there is reasonable doubt." The following is the telegram addressed to President Harding by Mr. Dean:



Chattanooga, Tenn., July 23 1922.

Hon. Warren G. Harding, President, Washington:

I wish to point out to you that the railway employees and miners who are on strike are loyal American citizens and are only executing their constitutional rights. A large percentage of them fought on European soil that there might be no more war, and for you or any Governor to attempt to operate the mines or railroads by military forces or to attempt to draft men into mining or railroad service would be an attempt to establish involuntary servitude. And I dare to predict when involuntary service is attempted by you, then the long-predicted war between labor and capital will loom up.

The American farmer and labor have come to realize the hostile attitude of the G. O. P. toward them, and they realize that the hard times that now exist is a premeditated plan to bring the farmer and labor down to their knees. The blood of the American farmer and labor is at a boiling heat, because they came to the firm conclusion that their Government, or your Administration at least, is against them. I pray that it will not come, yet I feel at liberty to predict that in your attempt to place American labor under the gun nothing short of a revolution will happen. I am a lover of peace and harmony, yet I am for these striking railway employees and miners, and I know that they will put forth every possible means to keep peace in our country. But these are days which "try the very souls of men," and I am hoping that you will be wise enough to see the dark clouds that are on the horizon and will change your attitude so as to remove these clouds.

J. CLEVE DEAN,  
Chairman Railway Employees' Publicity Association.

President Harding's reply follows:

THE WHITE HOUSE.

Washington, July 25 1922.

Mr. J. Cleve Dean, Chairman, Railway Employees' Publicity Association, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Since you speak as Chairman of the Railway Employees' Publicity Association and since it is exceedingly important that the American people know precisely the questions at issue in the present railway and coal strikes, I am more than glad to answer your telegram, though I can only treat your politically partisan references with that contempt which is felt by every good citizen in the hour of deep public concern. Happily for the American public, everything done and everything said by Government authority relating to the two strikes is a matter of record, and cannot in any way be distorted.

There is no dispute about the loyal American citizenship of the men on strike, nor will any one question that many of them gave everything that men can give for the service of this country in the World War. Nor is it disputed that the men on strike are exercising their constitutional and lawful rights, under existing statutes, in declining to work under the terms decided by the Railroad Labor Board or tendered to the workmen by the mine operators of the country. No one has attempted or proposed to draft free men into either the railway or mining service, or suggested coercion under military force. The military forces of free America are never used for such a purpose. Their service is only that of preventing lawlessness and violence.

That same unchallenged freedom which permits you and your associates to decline to work is no less the heritage of the free American who chooses to accept employment under the terms proposed. The difference between the two positions is that the striking railroad workers exercise their rights of freedom in seeking to hinder the necessary transportation of the country, notwithstanding the provision made by law for the consideration of any just grievance, and the striking miners seek to prevent the production of coal necessary to common welfare, notwithstanding the offer of an agency to make an impartial settlement, while the men who choose to work in response to the call of the country are exercising their rights, and at the same time are making their contribution to our common American welfare.

The decisions of the Railroad Labor Board are in compliance with a mandate of the law-making body of the United States. Without discussing the decisions at issue, it is fair to assume that a Government agency is ever ready to correct an error which is made, else Government itself would become unjust. Moreover, it is indisputable that there can be no Government unless its mandates are accepted by the citizens of the Republic. This observation relates more particularly to the railroad situation.

When the mining situation became menacing I invited representatives of the mine workers and the operators to a conference. They came together, they were advised as to the call of common welfare, yet in eight days of opportunity no progress was made. In the absence of any tribunal authorized to settle disputes between mine workers and their employers the Federal Government then voluntarily proposed the creation of a national commission before which the disputes might be settled justly, in the light of full information and in accordance with the best impressions of our modern civilization.

Instead of contemplating the resort to force, it anticipated the very opposite—industrial peace with justice to every man concerned. Instead of aiming at "involuntary servitude," to which you inexorably refer, the Government asked the mine workers to resume their activities, in response to a manifest public need, at precisely the same wages and under precisely the same working conditions as those under which they had been working contentedly for the last two years. Those who spoke for the mine workers refused such a proposal. There is no dispute of the right to refuse. Since they declined to respond, and since it is believed there are enough men who love this country and cherish its security, and believe in serving the common welfare, to come to the relief of the mining situation and avoid suffering, privation and paralysis, I asked the Governors of the coal-mining States to invite mine operators and mine workers to resume their activities, and to promise that to which every man is entitled, namely, protection in his lawful pursuits. This protection applies alike to the men on strike who observe the law and make no lawless interference with men at work and to the men who are lawfully at work and entitled to protection by every agency of Government in that work. If you mean to challenge the righteousness of free men to be protected in their lawful pursuits against interference and violence, I will be glad to join you in submitting that question to the decision of the American people.

It will interest you to know that, instead of the Government's action being an expression of the preference of the capitalistic class, it has been quite as much opposed by those who speak for employers as it is by you and your associates. Government undertakes to represent neither class alone, and is opposed to all conflict among classes, and disputes the right of any group or class, organized or unorganized, to imperil American welfare. Government speaks only for the American people as a whole and the common good of all its citizens.

In view of all that the Government has done or attempted to do during the past year and a half to relieve the American farmer from the burdens of readjustment and to relieve labor from the hardships of unemployment, I know your attempted appeal to American prejudice will fall upon deaf ears. It is ungrateful and it is untruthful. If you are the believer in peace and harmony and the reign of justice which you would have believed, I

invite you now to pass judgment on the failure of the mine workers to accept the awards of an able and impartial commission in determining the merits of the dispute between coal miners and coal operators, and I invite you to urge the striking railway workmen to accept the decision of the American Railroad Labor Board, acting under authority of the law which must be supreme, and return to work under that decision until you and I and every one else interested in American welfare, may join in asking the Railroad Labor Board to give a rehearing on any question concerning which there is reasonable doubt about the correctness or the justice of the decision made. These are the ways of peace, these are the requirements of enlightened civilization, these are the things expected by your Government of its loyal and law-abiding citizenship.

WARREN G. HARDING.

SAMUEL GOMPERS DESCRIBES J. CLEVE DEAN AS "STRAW MAN"—APPEARS TO BE A LOCAL UNION MAN.

J. Cleve Dean, Chairman of the Railway Employees' Publicity Association, whose telegram to President Harding criticizing the Administration for its attitude on the railroad strike (given elsewhere in this issue), is described by Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, as a "straw man" set up by interested persons for a purpose which should be plainly evident." Mr. Gompers's remarks were indicated in the New York "Tribune" of July 28.

Mr. Gompers expressed surprise that the Administration should have shown such concern over the J. Cleve Dean message as to have replied to it, especially since, the labor leader asserted, the White House apparently was "all in the dark" as to the identity of the sender or his capacity in official circles of organized labor.

"The White House called me, asking if I knew this man," said Mr. Gompers. "I told them I did not and had no record of him as an official of American labor. I consulted all the records in Washington and in such Eastern cities as I could reach, and even telephoned rail headquarters at Chicago in an effort to learn who was J. Cleve Dean. No one knew anything about him or had ever heard of him, and I informed the White House to that effect.

"I am positive of one thing, and that is that the author of the letter to President Harding is not chairman of the Railway Employees' Publicity Association. In view of the undetermined position of the man, I am surprised the President answered him.

"The longer I think about it the more I am convinced that J. Cleve Dean was just a 'straw man,' set up by interested persons for a purpose which should be plainly evident."

A Chattanooga dispatch July 27 printed in the New York "Times" of yesterday stated that Mr. Dean will be called before the Chattanooga Federation of Shop Crafts and asked to explain why he sent the telegram to President Harding. The dispatch also stated:

Union men here to-day severely condemned Dean's action and it was stated that an effort would be made by the labor organization to curb his utterances.

Dean is a flagman on the Alabama Great Southern Railroad and could not be reached for a statement to-night. The purpose of the Publicity Association is said to be to disseminate information regarding trade unionism among the farmers of the country. As far as can be learned the organization is local.

L. F. LOREE SAYS POSSIBILITY OF STRIKERS TYING UP ROADS HAS PASSED.

In a statement issued on July 24 with regard to the effect of the strike of the shopcraft workers, L. F. Loree, President of the Delaware & Hudson R. R. Co., and Chairman of the Eastern Presidents' Conference, stated that it appeared that "there are now employed in this region 88,404 men, not including the foremen, or 60.6%, and as those men are working full time, the actual work performed will compare favorably with that before the walk-out." It may therefore be said, Mr. Loree's statement observed, "that so far as the Eastern region is involved, the possibility of the strikers tying up the railroads has passed." The statement given out by Mr. Loree came after a meeting on the 24th of the Eastern railway heads, and reads as follows:

The last information, for the month of April 1922 of the Inter-State Commerce Commission gives as employed on the railroads of the United States in the six shop crafts 351,834 men. In order to furnish work to as many as possible of the men, the roads exerted great efforts, in some cases reducing the hours of labor, so that these forces were not averaging more than forty hours each week, and in numbers were much greater than were needed. The figures available indicate that on June 30, on the roads in the Eastern Traffic Region, there were in service about 145,872 men.

From such sources of information as we have there are now employed in this region 88,404 men, not including the foremen, or 60.6% and as these men are working full time, the actual work performed will compare favorably with that before the walk-out. Especially is this true if we consider that there is a full complement of foremen and their assistants and that the efficiency has been greatly increased by the elimination of many rules designed to restrict output and the fact that one willing mechanic now does the work that formerly was taken up in routine by several, with the consequent delays.

It may, therefore, be said that so far as the Eastern Region is involved, the possibility of the strikers tying up the railroads has passed. What remains to be done is to preserve the public peace, to protect the old men, and incorporate these new men in the communities where they are located, gradually recruiting the forces to normal through the employment of additional men or the return of the former employees for whom places can still be found.

These new employees, and as well the old men who remained loyal, have deserved well of the railroads and of the public. Under very trying circumstances they are serving both. The great retarding influence has been the outgivings of the Chairman of the Labor Board and political authorities. The Labor Board in formal resolutions on July 3 told these old men that remained and the new men that were hired that it would recognize the

organizations they might form as representing the employees of the railroads in their several branches of work.

It must not be forgotten that President Harding is their President in the same full sense that he is the President of the strikers—the men who notified the United States Railroad Labor Board that they had left the service of the railroads and after July 1 were no longer under its jurisdiction. The former have in their hearts the noble words spoken by President Harding at Marion in the early part of this month of July that—

The foremost thought in the Constitution is the right to freedom and the pursuit of happiness. Men must be free to live and achieve. 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.

and they continue in their work confident that they are not to be thrown to the wolves, to use the expression of a morning newspaper, by anyone, east of all by the President.

#### "SENIORITY" OF RAILROAD WORKERS.

The New York Central R. R. Co., in a statement explaining the "seniority rights" of railroad workers, says:

What is this question of "seniority" that is being discussed in connection with the railroad strike?

All employees on railroads are accorded seniority of service, if otherwise competent. This means that the senior employees are entitled to choice of work, and, when it becomes necessary temporarily to reduce forces, that the junior men are released and the senior employees retained.

A strike was ordered by union officers who have no connection with any railroad. Many employees in compliance with the order quit their jobs and left the railroad service, and many did not leave, but remained loyally at work, accepting the Government Labor Board's decision.

There are thousands of such men who must, under the rules of fair dealing, as well as the rules of seniority, be protected and supported. To desert these men would be ingratitude of the grossest sort.

In addition to these thousands who remained in service, other thousands who wanted to work have been employed in good faith. The new employees in a great many cases left other employment with the understanding that if competent they would be retained in their present positions.

These men—those who remained and those who enlisted—have kept the trains in operation, and the needs and comfort of the people supplied.

It is submitted that to now ask the railroads to set these loyal men aside and replace them with the men who left, is to ask the railroads as well as the Government, which is concerned through the action of the United States Labor Board, to be disloyal to these thousands of loyal men.

#### SAMUEL GOMPERS IN ANSWER TO MR. LOREE SAYS STRIKE IS EFFECTIVE.

Answering the statement of L. F. Loree that the possibility of the shopmen's strike tying up the railroads, so far as the Eastern region is concerned, had passed, Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, declared on July 25 that "the strike is effective and will be effective until railroad management agrees upon terms of employment with the men now on strike." Among other things Mr. Gompers also asserted that "the idea of Government courts and tribunals, such as the Railroad Labor Board and the Kansas Court of Industrial Relations has been proven a farce and a failure." "The sooner we have a return to fundamental principles, getting away from the concept of force and compulsion," he said, "the sooner we shall be again on the road to industrial order and prosperity." Mr. Gompers's statement follows:

Mr. Loree's statements are interesting. Some of the railroad workers have said that humor will win the strike. I am free to say there is much in Mr. Loree's statement that is humorous. He apparently believes the people of our country are credulous.

But the more serious side of the situation is the proof which Mr. Loree's words offer of the truth of the declarations that we have made as to the real issues involved in the strike.

Most railroad executives are anxious to settle the strike by negotiation with the workers. They are restrained by a few Western and Mid-Western lines are practically helpless before the dominating presence of a small group of Eastern executives, and these Eastern executives who dominate are what we may call Wall Street trustees—they manage in the interest of the great financial powers.

Transportation is secondary in importance with these powers; financial operations are of paramount importance. That is the key to the present situation.

Mr. Loree indicates a belief that the strike-breakers now at work will be formed into unions to replace the regular, bona fide unions. This reminds me of the silly errand of a Professor Garner, who went to Africa to study the language of the monkeys. He speaks of numbers of strike-breakers employed and says that the roads are getting along satisfactorily.

Of course that is a by-play. Such unions would be about the last word in company unions. They would be company-owned organizations of strike-breakers. Even if the plan could be worked, which it cannot, the enslavement involved would be too apparent to be accepted by the American people. The company union has never been anything but a burlesque and a failure. The company union formed of strike-breakers would be something for which we have yet no adequate characterization.

The roads are not getting along satisfactorily. They are in serious condition. Rolling stock is rapidly becoming useless. Trains are running behind schedules. Annulled trains are not being ordered back, but more trains are being annulled. The strike is effective and it will be effective until railroad management agrees upon terms of employment with the men now on strike.

Each passing day demonstrates more clearly the correctness of labor's analysis of the issues and of the fact that labor's parliament of joint agreement between workers and employers is the only one fundamentally correct and sound for American industry. The idea of Government courts and tribunals, such as the Railroad Labor Board and the Kansas Court of Industrial Relations, has been proven a farce and a failure. The whole idea has become ridiculous. Not only that, but it is a menace to industrial peace because it makes peace impossible and conflict inevitable.

Industrial peace on the railroads and in all industries controlled by financial power for financial purposes in which the dominant idea and demand is

for profit and in which service is an after-thought, if thought of at all, may be difficult enough under any circumstances, but under the Government court idea it is impossible.

The sooner we have a return to fundamental principles, getting away from the concept of force and compulsion, the sooner we shall be again on the road to industrial order and prosperity. There is no reason for delay except the reason that greed is too much blinded by a misconception of its own interest.

#### CONFERENCE BETWEEN WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS URGED BY SAMUEL GOMPERS.

A statement bearing on the coal and railroad strike coming from Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor on the 21st inst., contained the assertion that "if the Government wishes results, let it adopt the only course that can secure those results—let it exert its tremendous influence to bring the employers into conference with the representatives of the workers." Mr. Gompers in his statement of the 21st also said:

We invite the Federal Government to see to it that employers and workers come together. The Government has done everything except this one logical, necessary thing.

The Government has threatened a great deal. It has talked about troops and about the rights of the public. It has not talked effectively about conference and it has had little or nothing to say about the rights of the workers.

Labor calls upon the Government to talk about conference between employers and workers, both in the coal industry and in the railroad shop strike. Conference is the thing that is needed.

If the Government cares more about sustaining the reputation of its helpless and all but defunct Railroad Labor Board, if it cares more about a costly and ineffective military show than it does about justice and results, then it is on the right track.

But labor urges the Government to come back to a constructive and sane viewpoint. Labor invites the Government of the United States to bring about conference between workers and employers. Labor will enter conferences in every case in absolute good faith, and unless employers are absolute Bourbons and autocrats, the strikes can quickly be adjusted and production and transportation put into effective operation.

#### MENACE OF DELAY TO MAILS THROUGH RAILROAD STRIKE PASSED.

Postmaster-General Work announced on July 20 that any menace endangering the delivery of mails arising out of the strike of railway shopmen had passed. The Post Office Department's announcement said:

Except in isolated instances where local trains have been annulled and motor truck transportation has been substituted, no emergencies have arisen recently and few are expected in the future. Since the outbreak of the strike the Postmaster General has received innumerable offers from private sources volunteering automobiles, trucks and aeroplanes to keep the mails going. These offers have been the subject of keen gratification to the Postmaster General, who in personal communications has already expressed his appreciation of this display of patriotism and of loyalty to the Government.

The latest offer received at the Post Office Department is from the Aero Club of Indianapolis. The club has six airplanes ready to take to the air on a moment's notice to deliver the mails. The Indianapolis organization embodies the 464th Pursuit Squadron, Organized Reserve, having pilots, mechanics, maintenance of way specialists and field managers prepared for instant service in the transportation of mail pouches.

Superintendent of Railway Mail Service S. A. Cislser, St. Louis, states that but twenty United States Marshals are on duty at Hannibal, Mo., where the shops of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas RR. are located, and that some minor conflicts have occurred between the marshals and the strikers at that point. Cislser states that there is no immediate prospect of opening the shops, or resuming train service on the M. K. & T. between Hannibal and Moberly. The Wabash railroad is still running trains through Hannibal by continuing the run of engine crews to Springfield, Ill., and Kansas City, Mo. The Superintendent says that the Wabash has only twenty days supply of coal, but he knows of no shortage on other roads.

#### STRIKE ORDER HALTED BY RAIL SIGNALMEN.

The following is from the New York "Times" of July 25: Officials of the Brotherhood of Railway Signalmen of America, representing the 7,000 signalmen employed on forty railroads in the Northeastern United States, announced here last night that they had decided unanimously to withhold a strike order pending further conferences with representatives of the railroads. Immediate efforts to arrange for meetings will be made, it was said.

This decision, it was stated, had been reached by sixty union representatives following a two-day conference at the Hotel Commodore. The brotherhood officials, it was explained, have authority to call a strike under an almost unanimous vote of the men. They are now working under a five-cent an hour wage cut ordered by the Railroad Labor Board, effective July 1, but will try to get this wage cut modified or canceled and demand time and one-half overtime and elimination of the contract system, it was explained by the union officials.

The territory represented by the union officials in the conference, it was stated, included all the section of the country from Maine to the Mason-Dixon line and east to Ohio.

#### BIG FOUR RAILROAD CLERKS AGREE TO NEW AGREEMENT.

In advices from Cincinnati July 22 the New York "Times" stated:

A general strike of 4,000 clerks, freight handlers, station and express men on the Big Four (Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis) Railroad was averted to-day when the clerks and company officials entered into an agreement covering wages, "farming" out of work and working conditions.

Announcement of the agreement was made to-night by Garret W. Daly, General Chairman of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Station and Express Employees, following an all-day conference with E. M. Costin, General Manager of the Big Four.

The company granted the employees vacations, sick leaves and Saturday half holidays. The agreement also included, Mr. Daly said, a complete understanding on the matter of "farming out" of work, which the company announced several days ago would be abolished as soon as the present contracts with firms now doing it expires.

It was announced that employees transferred from the service of the company to contractors will be taken back by the railroad with all seniority rights on Sept. 1.

The question of back pay was referred to the Labor Board, it was announced. The matter of wages was referred to further conferences between the men and the company, and if no agreement is reached the matter is to be submitted to the Railroad Labor Board, it was said.

**SOUTHERN RAILWAY CLERKS' AGREEMENT.**

The signing of an agreement at Chattanooga, Tenn., between officials of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks and the Southern Railway, which definitely averts the threatened walkout of clerks on the Southern and its affiliated lines, local officials of the Brotherhood announced on July 25, according to press dispatches from Washington, which stated:

Concessions were made on both sides, the clerks accepting reductions of three to four cents an hour, while the management agreed to grant twelve days' vacation with pay annually, full pay for a definite period during sickness, and no half holidays on Saturday.

**FREIGHT EMBARGOES DECLARED BY NORFOLK & WESTERN, CHESAPEAKE & OHIO AND LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE.**

The New York "Evening Post" printed the following Associated Press advices from Washington:

Three coal-carrying railroads, the Norfolk & Western, Chesapeake & Ohio and Louisville & Nashville, have declared embargoes over their lines against the acceptance of any freight except foodstuffs, live stock and fuel. This course was taken under the Inter-State Commerce Commission's declaration of an emergency, which authorized roads embarrassed by the shippers' strike to show preference and establish priority in transportation.

The object of the embargoes is to conserve all the equipment and facilities of the three carriers for the transportation of coal. The roads serve the non-union bituminous mining areas south of the Ohio River, which have furnished most of the country's coal output since April 1, when the miners struck in all the unionized fields, and officials have declared that the tie-up on their lines indicated that the railroad unions were working with the striking miners to stop production of soft coal. All three had been carrying record-breaking quantities of coal until the shopmen went out, after which their tonnage was immediately cut in half.

The Louisville & Nashville lines serve Kentucky coal fields, which have been the principal source of coal supply since the strike for Chicago and other Middle West points. The obstructions to the movement of coal over this system placed by the rail strike were considered largely responsible for a runaway coal market immediately created in that territory.

It was believed to-day that the first result of the embargoes would be to increase coal shipments from the non-union territory.

Managements of the roads notified the Inter-State Commerce Commission that they would modify the embargo orders as rapidly as conditions permitted, and gradually accept other classes of freight for movement as they were able to transport it without interfering with the coal flow.

**MOVEMENT FOR FORMATION OF NEW RAIL COMPANY UNIONS.**

A movement toward the formation of new company unions to take the place of the striking shop crafts is understood to be well under way. On July 22 the New York "Times" indicated this in the following:

L. F. Loree, President of the Delaware & Hudson Railroad and Chairman of the Eastern Presidents' Conference, stated yesterday that the majority of the Eastern carriers were planning to form company unions consisting of their new employees and those who remained at work, so that individual negotiations could be conducted in the future when labor difficulties arose. Mr. Loree's explanation followed the announcement that the Baltimore & Ohio had decided to enter into negotiations which would lead to an individual settlement with their striking shopmen.

This policy was suggested by the Labor Board in a statement issued on July 3, according to the executive. At that time the Board said that the railroads should proceed to organize their men into new unions without affiliation with the striking organizations, in order that they might be enabled to appear before the Board if necessary.

The Lehigh Valley already has started to organize its men into a company union, and the results have been "gratifying," according to the officials. It is understood that the Lackawanna is doing the same thing, as is the Delaware & Hudson. Charles H. Stein, General Manager of the Jersey Central, said no steps had yet been taken by his road toward the formation of a separate union, and that no overtures of any kind had been made to the strikers.

Regarding the recognition of these new unions by the U. S. Railroad Labor Board, Associated Press dispatches July 25 said:

New railroad labor unions proposed by the carriers will be recognized by the United States Railroad Labor Board whenever they come before that body with a dispute, providing they can prove to the Board that their membership contains a majority of the men then at work on the road affected, Board members said to-day.

These members explained that under the Transportation Act the Board has no alternative in the matter. The Act, it was explained, provides nothing which would justify the Board in taking any action toward recognition until the unions in question officially appear before the Board in a plea for settlement of a dispute between them and the carriers.

The Board then would investigate to find if the labor organizations appearing were properly organized and representative. The term "representative" was defined as meaning that the organization appearing was made up of a majority of the workers of its class then at work on the road implicated—regardless of how many men normally are employed or have been employed.

If the union was found to be representative, the Board then would have no other course than to recognize it, it was said.

**WESTERN ROADS ON SENIORITY.**

As indicating the stand taken by the Western Presidents' Committee on Public Relations of the Association of Railway Executives, the New York "Times" yesterday printed the following from Chicago:

A statement issued to-day by the Western Presidents' Committee on Public Relations regarding restoration of the railroad strikers to their original jobs with full seniority, after quoting pronouncements by President Harding and a resolution of the Railroad Labor Board in support of the contention that the strikers should not be taken back on their former footing, concludes:

"Thus it will be seen that the men who are now working have claims upon the railways and the public superior to those of the strikers. This is a fact that has been repeatedly recognized by Government bodies and officials, and they have remained at work or gone to work with the distinct understanding that their rights will be protected."

**"BIG FOUR" TO LEGISLATE RAILROAD LABOR BOARD OUT OF EXISTENCE.**

An Associated Press dispatch from Cleveland July 24 said:

The fight of the "Big Four" railroad brotherhoods to legislate out of existence the Federal Railway Labor Board will be carried to Congress, it was announced here to-night upon receipt of reports from Washington that the move is opposed by a majority of the members of the Senate Inter-State Commerce Committee.

A bill will be introduced which will seek to re-establish the method of direct negotiations and a Government mediation and conciliation commission, which were in force under the Newlands Act before Government operation of the railroads, William G. Lee, President of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, said. The bill would repeal certain labor provisions of the Transportation Act, including the one which creates the Labor Board.

Meantime, Mr. Lee said, the brotherhoods are conducting a more strenuous fight to elect to Congress in the fall elections men friendly to labor than at any time in the history of the organizations. He is circularizing his members in connection with this campaign, he said, not trusting to sending the circulars to the officers and locals.

**RAILROAD SHOPMEN PREPARING FOR STRIKE SINCE APRIL 1921.**

The following from Washington, July 23, is taken from the New York "Times" of July 24:

That the railroad shopmen have been preparing for the strike now in progress since April 1921, and waited fifteen months because of a desire to "accumulate enough grievances," was the statement made to-day by P. J. Conlon, Vice-President of the International Association of Machinists, at a public mass-meeting here.

Union officials learned on April 8 1921, he said, that the national agreement with the railroads was to be abolished. The unions "ran into identical demands from every road we approached, which indicated to us there was some central agency or authority directing the fight against us. Then we realized that we would have to sit tight and suffer in silence until enough grievances had been accumulated to support a demand for a nationwide strike."

Of the 1,100 decisions handed down by the Labor Board, the speaker listed 700 as favorable to the railroads and 400 as "nominally in favor of our side," but of the latter, he said, at least 300 were not put into effect by the railroads, and therefore "didn't mean anything."

Asserting that the strike leaders were well satisfied with the situation, he continued:

"It generally takes from thirty to sixty days to make a shop strike effective, but before this one had been on ten days more than 250 trains had been canceled out of Chicago, the West Virginia non-union coal mines were bottled up and the iron and steel industries were crying for help. And we have hardly started yet."

**CONFERENCE OF UNITED STATES AND CANADIAN BANKERS.**

The appointment was announced yesterday of a committee on Canadian Relations by President Thomas B. McAdams of the American Bankers Association as a result of a visit to Montreal of American bankers. The committee is as follows: David R. Forgan, President National City Bank, Chicago; Daniel G. Wing, President First National Bank, Boston; E. C. McDougal, President Marine Trust Co., Buffalo; Frank W. Blair, President Union Trust Co., Detroit, and W. D. Vincent, President Old National Bank, Spokane, Wash. A committee will also be appointed by the Canadian Bankers' Association to consider with the American committee commercial and financial matters of common interest between the two countries. The naming of the committee grows out of a trip to Canada of a delegation of twenty prominent American bankers, including the Administrative Committee of the American Bankers Association, and representatives of the various activities of the organization and of different sections of the United States. The bankers left New York last Sunday for Montreal, the trip being made for the purpose of discussing with leading Canadian bankers the commercial and financial relations between the Dominion and the United States and bringing about close co-operation between the Canadian Bankers Association and the American Bankers Association in developing the resources of the two countries. While in Montreal the American bankers were the guests of the

Canadian Bankers Association, of which Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor is President. The conferences occupied two days, July 24 and 25. The party included:

Thomas B. McAdams, President American Bankers Association, and Vice-President Merchants National Bank, Richmond, Va.; John H. Puelcher, First Vice-President of the Association and President Marshall & Halsey Bank, Milwaukee, Wis.; Joseph Wayne Jr., President Girard National Bank, Philadelphia, Pa.; Frank L. Hilton, Vice-President Bank of Manhattan Co., New York City; J. A. House, President Guardian Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland, Ohio; John W. Barton, Vice-President Metropolitan National Bank, Minneapolis, Minn.; Samuel H. Beach, President Rome Savings Bank, Rome, N. Y.; R. S. Hecht, President Ilbernia Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans, La.; Fred I. Kent, Vice-President Bankers Trust Co., New York City; M. A. Traylor, President First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill.; Francis H. Sisson, Vice-President Guaranty Trust Co., New York City; Lewis E. Pierson, Chairman Irving National Bank, New York City; E. C. McDougal, President Marine Trust Co., Buffalo, N. Y.; Frank W. Blair, President Union Trust Co., Detroit, Mich.; Walter Lichtenstein, Executive Secretary First National Bank, Chicago, Ill.; E. R. Rooney, Vice-President First National Bank, Boston, Mass.; and of the American Bankers Association headquarters staff, F. N. Shepherd, Executive Manager; Thomas B. Paton, General Counsel; William G. Fitzwillson, Secretary; Gurden Edwards, Secretary Public Relations Commission, and Lewis L. Strauss, of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Secretary Commerce and Marine Commission.

**INVESTMENT BANKERS ASSOCIATION NOMINATES NEW OFFICERS.**

The Board of Governors of the Investment Bankers Association of America has selected the following named candidates on the regular ticket to be voted on at the annual meeting to be held in California next October:

For President, John A. Prescott, of Prescott & Snider, Kansas City. Vice-Presidents, Arthur Sinclair Jr., Estabrook & Co., New York; Dean G. Witter, of Blyth, Witter & Co., San Francisco; Eugene M. Stevens, of Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; James C. Fenhagen, of Robert Garrett & Sons, Baltimore; Philip S. Dalton, of Coffin & Burr, Inc., Boston. For Secretary, F. R. Fenton, of Fenton, Davis & Boyle, Chicago. Treasurer, McPherson Browning, of Detroit Trust Co. Governors for term expiring in 1925, Ray Morris, of Brown Bros. & Co., New York; John W. Macgregor, of Glover & Macgregor, Pittsburgh; J. Clark Moore Jr., of Barclay, Moore & Co., Philadelphia; Tom K. Smith, of Kauffman-Smith-Ewert & Co., Inc., St. Louis; Eli T. Watson, of Watson, Williams & Co., New Orleans; W. A. Chanute, of Bosworth, Chanute & Co., Denver; Frank Remick, of Kidder, Peabody & Co., Boston; Fred S. Borton, of Borton & Borton, Cleveland.

Joel E. Ferris, of Ferris & Hardgrave, Spokane, fills Dean G. Witter's unexpired term and Walter S. Brewster fills unexpired term of James C. Fenhagen, both elevated to vice-presidents.

**EMPLOYMENT IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES IN JUNE.**

In making public on July 21 details of the reports concerning the volume of employment in June 1922 from representative establishments in 12 manufacturing industries, the U. S. Department of Labor through the Bureau of Labor Statistics announces that comparison of the figures of June 1922 with those for identical establishments for June 1921 shows that in 8 of the 12 industries there were increases in the number of persons employed, while in 4 there were decreases. The largest increases were 32.1% in iron and steel, 30.5% in car building and repairing, and 21.2% in automobiles. Cotton manufacturing shows a decrease of 25.1% and silk a decrease of 19.3%. The Bureau adds:

Six of the 12 industries show increases in the total amount of pay-roll for June 1922 as compared with June 1921. The remaining 6 industries show decreases in the amount of pay-roll. The most important increase, 10.7%, appears in iron and steel. Automobiles and hosiery and underwear show respective increases of 24.7% and 15.2%. The largest decreases were 34.0% in cotton manufacturing, 33.8% in silk, and 22.6% in cotton finishing.

COMPARISON OF EMPLOYMENT IN IDENTICAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN JUNE 1921 AND JUNE 1922.

Industry.	No. of Estab-lish-ments	Period of Pay-Roll.	Number on Pay-Roll in June.		% of In-crease or De-crease.	Amount of Pay-Roll in June.		% of In-crease or De-crease.
			1921.	1922.		1921.	1922.	
Iron and steel...	110	1/2 mo.	110,572	146,087	+32.1	\$4,907,968	\$8,306,566	+40.7
Automobiles...	44	1 week	94,729	114,830	+21.2	3,082,583	3,817,773	+24.7
Car building and repairing...	61	1/2 mo.	44,462	58,025	+30.5	3,057,619	3,481,629	+13.9
Cotton mfg.	60	1 week	60,318	45,173	-25.1	1,052,707	694,969	-34.0
Cotton finishing	17	"	12,652	10,778	-14.8	283,336	219,395	-22.6
Hosiery and under- wear	63	"	26,654	31,122	+16.8	438,490	505,261	+15.2
Silk	45	2 wks.	16,983	13,697	-19.3	761,743	504,665	-33.8
Men's clothing.	26	1 week	26,880	37,362	+13.8	804,699	716,552	-10.9
Leather.	32	"	10,109	11,577	+14.5	226,824	259,410	+14.4
Boots and shoes.	80	"	59,319	59,923	+1.0	1,415,462	1,307,252	-7.6
Paper making.	58	"	30,011	23,827	-19.1	499,680	559,626	+12.0
Cigar mfg.	54	"	16,741	15,395	-8.0	321,110	287,367	-10.5

Comparative data for June 1922 and May 1922 appear in the following table. The figures show that in 10 industries there were increases in the number of persons on the pay-roll in June as compared with May, and in 2 decreases. Respective percentage increases of 8.4, 7.2 and 6.9 are shown in men's ready-made clothing, automobiles and car building and repairing. The two decreases are 2.2% in silk and 0.5% in hosiery and underwear.

When comparing June 1922 with May 1922, all but one industry shows increases in the amount of money paid to employees. The most important increases are 20.1% in men's ready-made clothing, 10.6% in car building and repairing, and 7.7% in automobiles. The one industry reporting a decrease in the amount of money paid to employees was hosiery and underwear, which shows a decrease of 1.6%.

COMPARISON OF EMPLOYMENT IN IDENTICAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN MAY AND JUNE 1922.

Industry.	No. of Estab-lish-ments	Period of Pay-Roll.	Number on Pay-Roll in		% of In-crease or Dec.	Amount of Pay-Roll in		% of In-crease or Dec.
			May 1922.	June 1922.		May 1922.	June 1922.	
Iron and steel...	106	1/2 mo.	137,170	144,426	+5.3	\$6,415,178	\$8,847,174	+6.7
Automobiles...	44	1 week	100,800	108,012	+7.2	3,349,569	3,608,569	+7.7
Car building and repairing...	61	1/2 mo.	54,258	58,025	+6.9	3,147,377	3,481,629	+10.6
Cotton mfg.	55	1 week	44,811	45,173	+0.8	685,602	694,969	+1.4
Cotton finishing	17	"	10,641	10,778	+1.3	214,418	219,395	+2.3
Hosiery and un- derwear	63	"	30,199	30,050	-0.5	494,665	486,760	-1.6
Silk	45	2 wks.	14,007	13,697	-2.2	501,863	504,665	+0.5
Men's clothing.	45	1 week	25,688	27,845	+8.4	618,544	740,704	+20.1
Leather.	31	"	9,656	9,758	+1.1	200,419	212,007	+5.8
Boots and shoes.	81	"	60,230	60,611	+0.6	1,288,664	1,319,576	+2.4
Paper making.	58	"	23,041	23,827	+1.8	551,548	559,626	+1.5
Cigar mfg.	56	"	15,542	15,709	+1.1	277,362	292,508	+5.5

**Changes in Wage Rates and Per Capita Earnings.**

During the period May 15 to June 15 1922, there were wage changes made by some of the reporting establishments in 9 of the 12 industries.

Iron and steel: An increase of 13% was granted to 57% of the men in one plant. An increase of 11% was received by all of the force in one plant, and 89% of the force in another plant. Four establishments reported a wage increase of 10%, affecting all of the employees in three establishments and 60% of the employees in the remaining establishment. An increase of 8.7% was received by 30% of the force in one plant. In one mill an increase of 7.6% was granted to 90% of the force. A 5% wage increase was reported by two mills, affecting 25% of the men in one mill and 11% in the second mill. A wage cut of 10%, affecting 26% of the force, was reported by one establishment. Another establishment reduced the wages of 16% of the employees approximately 5%. Production was increased during the period reported and the per capita earnings for June were 1.4% higher than for May.

Automobiles: A wage increase of 20% was granted to 5% of the employees in one factory. Two establishments reported a 10% increase affecting 75% of the force in one plant and 10% in the second plant. A 4% increase was reported by one factory, but the number of employees affected by this increase was not stated. The per capita earnings show an increase of 0.5%, when comparing May and June figures.

Car building and repairing: An increase of 10%, affecting 22% of the employees, was reported by one establishment. An increase, 3.4%, was shown for per capita earnings when May and June pay-rolls were compared.

Cotton manufacturing: Wages of 25% of the employees in one establishment were increased 2%. A slight increase, 0.5%, was shown for per capita earnings when May and June pay-rolls were compared.

Cotton finishing: There were no wage rate changes reported for this industry during the period in June. The per capita earnings show an increase of 1.0% when comparing May and June figures.

Hosiery and underwear: A decrease of 1.1% in per capita earnings was shown when the May and June pay-rolls were compared.

Silk: Ten per cent of the men in one mill were reduced 10% in wages. The entire force of another mill received a wage cut of 9%. Due to increased operation and more time worked an increase of 2.8% in per capita earnings was shown when figures for May and June were compared.

Men's clothing: In one establishment 50% of the employees received a 66.2-3% increase. A 10% wage increase was reported by one establishment, affecting 25% of the men. A decrease of 10% in wages was reported by one establishment affecting 86% of the force. However, an increase of 10.8% in per capita earnings was shown when figures for May and June were compared.

Leather: When per capita earnings for June were compared with those for May an increase of 4.7% was noted.

Boots and shoes: One firm reported a wage decrease of 25% affecting 19% of the employees. A 15% cut affecting about 45% of the force was reported by another firm. In three factories a 10% reduction was reported, affecting 6% of the force in the first plant, 5% of the force in the second plant, but the per cent of the force affected in the third plant was not stated. Per capita earnings for June increased 1.7% over those for May.

Paper making: One mill gave an increase of approximately 14% to 23% of the employees. A wage decrease of 12%, affecting 80% of the employees, was reported by another establishment. A decrease of 10% to 96% of the force was reported by one plant. When per capita earnings for June were compared with those for May, a decrease of 0.3% was noted.

Cigar manufacturing: A decrease of 10% in wage rates was made to 79% of the employees in one factory. However, there was an increase in per capita earnings for June over May of 4.3%.

**ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.**

Three (3) shares of National Bank of Commerce stock were sold at the Stock Exchange, and 10 shares of Harriman National Bank stock and 6 shares of Progress National Bank stock were sold at auction this week. No sales of trust company stock were made either at the Stock Exchange or at auction.

**STOCK EXCHANGE.**

Shares.	BANK—	Low.	High.	Close.	Last Previous Sale.
3	National Bank of Commerce	265	265	265	June 1922—264 1/2

**AUCTION.**

10	Harriman National Bank	380	380	380	Nov. 1916—425 1/2
6	Progress National Bank	80	80	80	Feb. 1922—100

John H. Fulton, former senior vice-president of the National City Bank, was elected President of the National Park Bank yesterday to succeed Richard Delafield, who becomes chairman of the board of directors. Gilbert G. Thorne was elected First Vice-President and E. V. Connelly, who was cashier, and H. E. Scheuermann, L. Cerero and J. D. Rising, who were assistant vice-presidents, were made vice-presidents. F. O. Foxcroft was elected cashier.

The merger of the Lincoln National Bank of this city, formerly the Lincoln Trust Co., with the Mechanics & Metals National Bank, was completed on July 22, and three of the offices formerly conducted by the Lincoln Trust Co., opened

on the 24th as branches of the enlarged institution. Formal approval of the merger was given on the 22nd by the Comptroller of the Currency at Washington, following meetings on July 20 of the stockholders of the Mechanics & Metal National Bank and Lincoln National Bank, at which the details of the merger were adopted. The merger of these two institutions carries out the plan that was announced by John McHugh, President of the Mechanics & Metals National Bank, in February, when control of the Lincoln Trust Co. was purchased by interests identified with the larger institution. As a preliminary step to the merger, the Trust Co. was granted a national charter last month, becoming the Lincoln National Bank of New York. In effecting the consolidation no change has been made in the outstanding capital of the Mechanics & Metals National Bank, which remains at \$10,000,000. The Bank's surplus and profits are in excess of \$17,000,000. This merger considerably enlarges the scope of the Mechanics & Metals National Bank, which two years ago entered the branch field by consolidation with the New York Produce Exchange Bank. With the addition of the offices of the Lincoln Trust Co., the Mechanics & Metals National Bank will have twelve branches in operation on the Island of Manhattan, each taking care of the customers of its particular community. The branches added by the present merger are located at:

204 Fifth Avenue, facing Madison Square,  
Broadway & Leonard Street, in the New York Life Building  
and Broadway at 72nd Street.

According to announcement of the merger details, there will be no change in the personnel of the active executives of the branches which have been taken over, the same staff being in charge of each that handled the affairs of the Lincoln Trust Co. Three former Directors of the Lincoln Trust Co., P. F. Murphy, President of the Mark Cross Co., A. P. Villa, President of A. P. Villa & Bros., Inc., and Frank J. Egan, have been elected Directors of the Mechanics & Metals National Bank, and Alexander S. Webb, former President of the Lincoln Trust Co., has been appointed a Vice-President. The Mechanics & Metals National Bank is one of the oldest financial institutions in the United States, having been organized in 1810 as the Mechanics Bank, and having been the third banking institution to receive a charter from the New York State Legislature. For a period of fifty-five years the Bank operated under State supervision, becoming a national bank with the passage of the national bank Act in 1865. Its first consolidation occurred in 1904, when the Leather Manufacturers National Bank was combined with the Mechanics National Bank. Six years afterwards, in 1910, occurred a consolidation with the National Copper Bank, under the present title of the Mechanics & Metals National Bank. In 1914 the Fourth National Bank was absorbed, its quarters, in the heart of the financial district, extending on Nassau Street, from Pine Street to Cedar Street, being remodelled and made the home of the enlarged institution. The consolidation with the New York Produce Exchange Bank occurred in 1920. From the time of the first merger in 1904, when the Bank's deposits were less than \$20,000,000, the growth of the Bank has fully kept pace with the rapidly enlarging opportunities which have opened themselves to metropolitan banks. This latest merger adds more than \$20,000,000 to the Bank's deposits, making a net total of approximately \$175,000,000. References to the merger have appeared in these columns June 24, page 2791 and July 22 page 404.

Arrangements have been completed for the acquisition by the International Trust Co. of Boston of the Market Trust Co. of Brighton, a suburb of that city, at a price of \$175 per share, par value \$100. The sale was ratified by the stockholders of the Market Trust Co. at a special meeting held on July 14 and went into effect July 15. The Market Trust Co. will be operated as a branch of the International Trust Co.

The Union Trust Co. of Cleveland announces, through A. H. Scoville, Vice-President in Charge of the Bond Department, the installation of a radio broadcasting station which will be in operation on or about Aug. 15. The new station will be a 500-watt outfit of the very latest design which, under favorable conditions, has an effective radius of 500 miles. The company's announcement in the matter states:

From 9:00 until 9:45 and from 10:00 to 10:45 in the morning and from 2:00 to 2:45 and from 3:00 to 3:45 in the afternoon the new Union Trust Radio Broadcasting Station will send out full and authoritative information on the major movements in the bond market, together with latest prices on farm and dairy products. Intervals between quotations will be filled

with the important financial news accumulating over the private wires of the Union Trust Co.

The new station will bring not only to the city dweller who owns a receiving set, but to the farmer as well, up-to-the-minute information on the major movements of the financial world, together with the vital news of all the markets. It will enable the farmer who does not himself own a receiving outfit to call up his local bank who will have a receiving set and obtain the very latest quotations on his farm and dairy products, insuring proper buying and selling upon the farmer's part. It will enable the city dweller within a radius of 500 miles from Cleveland to obtain the very latest news from the financial world.

In effect, the Union Trust radio broadcasting station will supply practically the entire Fourth Federal Reserve District with an up-to-the-minute four-times-a-day newspaper of the events of importance in the commercial and financial world.

It is pointed out that it is not the intention of the institution to broadcast all stock quotations, these being limited to such stocks as are requested.

C. H. Martin, former National Bank Examiner of California, and a successful Banker of Arkansas, has been elected Vice-President and Cashier of the United States National Bank of San Diego, Calif., and J. C. Allison has been elected a Director. Mr. Allison is President of the Central Bank of Imperial Valley, Calif., and Vice-President of the First National Bank of Calexico. Mr. Martin resigned his duties as National Bank Examiner to take active charge of the United States National Bank of San Diego, Calif.

With 343,653 depositors shown in its statement of condition, recently published, the Bank of Italy of San Francisco reports a gain of more than 52,000 customers for the first six months of 1922. During this same period the bank's resources have increased from \$194,179,449 to \$213,584,833, a growth of over \$18,000,000. The gain recorded for this half year is in excess of that for the first six months of 1919, when the "Wall Street Journal" credited the Bank of Italy with the largest increase of any bank in the United States.

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

The upward course of bank clearings continues. Preliminary figures compiled by us, based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country, indicate that for the week ending Saturday, July 29, 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 15.5% over the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$6,664,042,281, against \$5,766,503,216 for the same week in 1921. This is the nineteenth 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 29.	1922.	1921.	Per Cent.
New York.....	\$3,195,600,000	\$2,682,900,000	+19.2
Chicago.....	421,644,086	388,857,351	+8.4
Philadelphia.....	345,000,000	305,000,000	+13.1
Boston.....	228,000,000	195,397,870	+16.6
Kansas City.....	104,926,401	125,892,056	-16.7
St. Louis.....	a	a	a
San Francisco.....	*115,000,000	101,000,000	+13.0
Pittsburgh.....	*130,000,000	118,000,000	+8.0
Detroit.....	86,027,000	74,986,957	+14.7
Baltimore.....	53,324,823	53,373,405	+0.3
New Orleans.....	40,816,580	34,922,414	+16.8
Ten cities, five days.....	\$4,728,238,599	\$4,077,330,063	+15.9
Other cities, five days.....	825,029,669	728,089,284	+13.3
Total all cities, five days.....	\$5,553,368,588	\$4,805,419,347	+15.5
All cities, one day.....	1,110,673,713	961,083,869	+15.5
Total all cities for week.....	\$6,664,042,281	\$5,766,503,216	+15.5

\* 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 22. For that week the increase is 22.6%, the 1922 aggregate of the clearings being \$7,465,218,276 and the 1921 aggregate \$6,090,143,157. Outside of this city, however, the increase is only 12.2%, the bank exchanges at this city having recorded a gain of 31.1%. 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 16.5%, in the New York Reserve District (including this city) 31.0%, in the Philadelphia Reserve District 19.7%, and in the Cleveland Reserve District 13.1%. The Richmond Reserve District shows a gain of



Condition of National Banks May 5.—The statement of conditions of the national banks under the Comptroller's call of June 22 1922 has been issued and is summarized below. For purpose of comparison, like details for previous calls back to and including April 28 1921 are included.

ABSTRACT OF REPORTS OF CONDITIONS OF NATIONAL BANKS IN THE UNITED STATES ON APRIL 28, JUNE 30, SEPT. 6 AND DEC. 31 1921, MARCH 10 1922 AND MAY 5 1922 (In thousands of dollars).

Table with 6 columns: Apr. 28 1921, June 30 1921, Sept. 6 1921, Dec. 31 1921, Mar. 10 1922, May 5 1922. Rows include Resources (Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, Customers' liability account, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, etc.).

a Includes customers' liability under letters of credit. b Includes Liberty loan bonds, Victory notes, United States certificates of indebtedness, and all other issues of United States Government securities. c Prior to June 30 1921 this item called for "Net amounts." d Erroneously reported in June 30 1921 abstract at \$878,344,000. e Beginning Mar. 10 1922, rediscunts are included in Loans and discounts and totals of Resources and Liabilities.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of July 13 1922:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue is about £560,000 lower at £126,069,555, as compared with £126,634,190 last week, and the currency note return shows a diminution of £500,000 in gold and an increase of £50,000 in bank notes.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

(In millions of pounds at 84s. 11 1/2d. per fine oz.)

Table showing Gold Production with columns for Year, Transvaal, British Empire, Foreign, World, and Drop as compared with 1915.

x Drop mainly due to strike of January-March. 1923 should show a recovery to a figure approaching the 1921 total. The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of gold during the month of June 1922:

Table showing Gold Imports and Exports with columns for Country, Imports, and Exports.

SILVER.

A considerable amount of selling from China and a greater willingness on the part of the United States to supply the market have brought about an easier tendency. Indian Bazaar orders have been but slight, and the market has had to rely mostly upon bear covering to absorb supplies.

The following appeared in the Federal Reserve Bulletin of June last: "The amount of silver in the Reichsbank is not published, but a year ago it was estimated at about 30,000,000 ounces. During 1921 and the first four months of 1922 about \$6,000,000 worth of silver was imported into the United States from Germany."

Although it has been reported that some at least of this metal was refined no definite news has been received of its sale.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

Table showing Indian Currency Returns with columns for In Lacs of Rupees, June 22, June 30, July 7, and various categories like Notes in circulation, Silver coin and bullion, etc.

No silver coinage was reported during the week ending 7th inst. The stock in Shanghai on the 8th inst. consisted of about 34,300,000 ounces in sycee, \$33,000,000 and 2,900 silver bars, as compared with 32,700,000 ounces in sycee, \$33,000,000 and 2,200 silver bars on the 30th ult.

Table showing Silver Quotations with columns for Date, Bar Silver per oz. std., and Bar Gold per oz. fine.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and forward delivery are respectively 1/4d. and 1/2d. 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 week:

Table with columns: London, July 22, July 24, July 25, July 26, July 27, July 28. Rows include Silver per oz., Gold per fine ounce, Consols, British 4 1/2 per cents, French Rentes, French War Loan.

The price of silver in New York on the same day has been:

Table with columns: Domestic, Foreign. Rows include Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.), Domestic, Foreign.

PUBLIC DEBT OF UNITED STATES—COMPLETED RETURN SHOWING NET DEBT AS OF MAY 31 1922.

The statement of the public debt and Treasury cash holdings of the United States as officially issued May 31 1922, delayed in publication, has now been received, and as interest attaches to the details of available cash and the gross and net debt on that date, we append a summary thereof, making comparison with the same date in 1921:

CASH AVAILABLE TO PAY MATURING OBLIGATIONS.

Table with columns: May 31 1922, May 31 1921. Rows include Balance end month by daily statement, Add or Deduct—Excess or deficiency of receipts, Deduct outstanding obligations, Total.

INTEREST-BEARING DEBT OUTSTANDING.

Table with columns: Interest Payable, May 31 1922, May 31 1921. Rows include Title of Loan, 2s. Consols of 1930, 4s. Loan of 1925, etc.

Aggregate of interest-bearing debt, 22,900,036,889. Baring no interest, 231,063,468. Matured, interest ceased, 5,958,840.

NOTE.—Issues of Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief bonds not included in the above, total issue to May 31 1922 was \$195,500, of which \$144,400 has been retired.

Commercial and Miscellaneous Items. BANK NOTES—CHANGES IN TOTALS OF, AND IN DEPOSITED BONDS, &C.—We give below tables which show all the monthly changes in national bank notes and in bonds and legal tenders on deposit therefor.

Table with columns: National Bank Notes, Fed. Res. Bank Notes, Bonds, Legal Tenders, Total. Rows include June 30 1922, May 31 1922, Apr 30 1922, etc.

\$80,495,400 Federal Reserve bank notes outstanding June 30 (of which \$73,937,400 secured by United States bonds and \$6,558,000 by lawful money), against \$150,772,400 June 30 1921.

The following shows the amount of each class of United States bonds and certificates on deposit to secure Federal Reserve bank notes and national bank notes on June 30:

Table with columns: Bonds on Deposit June 30 1922, On Deposit to Secure Federal Reserve Bank Notes, On Deposit to Secure National Bank Notes, Total Held. Rows include U. S. Consols of 1930, U. S. Loan of 1925, etc.

The following shows the amount of national bank notes afloat and the amount of legal-tender deposits June 1 and July 1 and their increase or decrease during the month of June:

Table with columns: Amount afloat June 1 1922, Net increase during June, Amount on deposit to redeem national bank notes June 1 1922, Net amount of bank notes retired in June, Amount on deposit to redeem national bank notes May 1 1922.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Rows include Alliance R'ty, Amer Surety, Bond & M.G., City Investing, Preferred, Lawyers Mtge, Mtge Bond, Nat Surety, N Y Title & Mortgage, Realty Assoc (Brooklyn), U S Casualty, U S Title Guar, West Chester Title & M G.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Rows include Banks—N.Y., America, Amer Exch, Battery Park, Bowery, Broadway Cen, Bronx Boro, Bronx Nat, Bryant Park, Butch Drov, Cent Mercant, Chase, Chat & Phen, Chelsea Exch, Chemical, Coal & Iron, Colonial, Columbia, Commerce, Conn'twealth, Continental, Corn Exch, Cosmopolitan, East River, Fifth Avenue, Fifth, First, Garfield, Gotham, Greenwich, Hanover, Harriman, Imp & Trad, Industrial, Irving Nat of N Y, Manhattan, Mech & Met, Mutual, Nat American, National City, New York, Pacific, Park, Public, Seaboard, Standard, State, Trademen's, Trust, United States, Wash'n H'ts, Yorkville, Coney Island, Conestoga, Brooklyn, Brooklyn Tr, Kings County, Manufacturers, Peoples.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange July 22 to July 28, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range Price, Range since Jan. 1. Rows include Alliance Insurance, American Railways, American Stores, Buff & Bus Corp, Elco Storage Battery, General Asphalt, Insurance Co of N.A., Lake Superior Corp, Lehigh Navigation, Lehigh Valley, Lehigh Val Transit, Penna Salt Mfg, Pennsylvania, Penn Cent L & P, Philadelphia Co (Pitts), Prof (cumulative 6%), Phila Elec of Pa, Phila Insul Wire, Phila Rapid Transit, Philadelphia Traction, Philadelphia & Western, Radio Corp of Amer, Reading, Tono-Belmont Devel, Tonopah Mining, Union Trac, United Gas Imp, Warwick Iron & Steel, West Jersey & Sea Sh, Westmoreland Coal, Wm Cramp & Sons, York Railways, Amer Gas & Elec, Bell Tel of Pa, Bell Steel pur mon, Consol Trac N J, Elec & Prop tr etia, Leh C & N gen, Phila Co cons & coll trust, Stamped, Phila Electric 1st 5s, do small, 5 1/2s, do small, Reading gen 4, United Rys Invest, Wetsbaeh Co small, York Railways 1st 5s.



Breadstuffs figures brought from page 563.—The statements 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:

Table with columns: Receipts at—, Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye. Rows list various ports like Chicago, Minneapolis, Duluth, Milwaukee, Toledo, Detroit, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Peoria, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Joseph, and weekly totals for 1922, 1921, and 1920.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday July 22 1922, follow:

Table with columns: Receipts at—, Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye. Rows list New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newport News, New Orleans, Galveston, Montreal, Boston, and weekly totals for 1922, 1921, and 1920.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, July 22 1922, are shown in the annexed statement:

STOCK OF MONEY IN THE COUNTRY.—Further below we give the customary monthly statement issued by the U. S. Treasury Department, designed to show the general stock of money in the country, as well as the holdings by the Treasury and the amount in circulation on the dates given. The method of computing the figures has been changed with the idea of eliminating duplications, especially in arriving at the amounts of money in circulation. Under the new form the per capita circulation July 1 1922 is found to be \$39 87, whereas by the old method the amount would have been \$49 17. The Treasury Department has issued a memorandum dealing at length with the changes which we reproduce as follows:

NOTICE AS TO THE FORM OF THE CIRCULATION STATEMENT.—The form of the 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 an 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 since standard silver dollars are held against them equal to 100% of the amount of notes outstanding. There have been added to the new form of statement comparative totals for July 1 1914, just before the organization of the Federal Reserve System, and April 1 1917, just before the entry of the United States into the World War. Treasury Department, July 1 1922.

The money and circulation statement in its new form follows:

CIRCULATION STATEMENT—JULY 1 1922. Table with columns: KIND OF MONEY, MONEY HELD IN THE TREASURY (Total, Amt. Held in Res'v Against Trust Against United States Gold & Silver Notes and Certificates & Treasury Notes of 1890, Held for Federal Reserve Banks and Agents), MONEY OUTSIDE OF THE TREASURY (Total, Held by Federal Reserve Banks and Agents, In Circulation), and Population of Continental United States (Estimated.).

\* The form of circulation statement has been revised as of July 1 1922, so as to exclude from money in circulation all forms of money held by the Federal Reserve banks and Federal Reserve agents, whether as reserve against Federal Reserve notes or otherwise. This change results in showing 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. For the sake of comparability the figures for June 1 1922, July 1 1921 and April 1 1917 have been computed on this statement in the same manner as those for July 1 1922. a Does not include gold bullion or foreign coin outside of vaults of the Treasury, Federal Reserve banks and Federal Reserve agents. b These amounts are not included in the total since the money held in trust against gold and silver certificates and Treasury notes of 1890 is included under gold coin and bullion and standard silver dollars, respectively. c The amount of money held in trust against gold and silver certificates and Treasury notes of 1890 should be deducted from this total before combining it with total money outside of the Treasury to arrive at the stock of money in the United States. d This total includes \$17,249,719 of notes in process of redemption, \$178,459,108 of gold deposited for redemption of Federal Reserve notes, \$6,415,374 of lawful money deposited for redemption of Federal Reserve bank notes, \$14,262,336 deposited for redemption of national bank notes, \$31,050 deposited for retirement of additional circulation (Act of May 30 1908) and \$7,047,173 deposited as a reserve against postal savings deposits. Note.—Gold certificates are secured dollar for dollar by gold held in the Treasury for their redemption; silver certificates are secured dollar for dollar by standard silver dollars held in the Treasury for their redemption; United States notes are secured by a gold reserve of \$152,979,025 63 held in the Treasury. This reserve fund may also be used for redemption of Treasury notes of 1890, which are also secured dollar for dollar by standard silver dollars, held in the Treasury. Federal Reserve notes are obligations of the United States and a first lien on all the assets of the issuing Federal Reserve bank. Federal Reserve notes are secured by the deposit with Federal Reserve agents of a like amount of gold or of gold and such discounted or purchased paper as is eligible under the terms of the Federal Reserve Act. Federal Reserve banks must maintain a gold reserve of at least 40%, including the gold redemption fund which must be deposited with the United States Treasurer, against Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation. Federal Reserve bank notes and national bank notes are secured by United States Government obligations, and a 5% fund for their redemption is required to be maintained with the Treasurer of the United States in gold or lawful money.

Exports from— Wheat, Corn, Flour, Oats, Rye, Barley, Peas. Rows list New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newport News, Mobile, New Orleans, Galveston, Montreal, and weekly totals for 1922 and 1921.

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. Rows list United Kingdom, Continent, So. & Cent. Amer., West Indies, Other countries, and weekly totals for 1922 and 1921.

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange for the week ending Friday, July 21, and since July 1 1922 and 1921, are shown in the following:

Exports. Table with columns: Wheat, Corn. Rows list North Amer., Russ. & Dan., Argentina, Australia, India, Oth. countr's, and weekly totals for 1922 and 1921.

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 an 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 since standard silver dollars are held against them equal to 100% of the amount of notes outstanding. There have been added to the new form of statement comparative totals for July 1 1914, just before the organization of the Federal Reserve System, and April 1 1917, just before the entry of the United States into the World War. Treasury Department, July 1 1922.

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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 with columns: Shares, Stocks, Price. Lists various securities such as 25 New Hamp. & Mass. Elec. cdfs. of Int., 10 Harriman Nat. Bank, 1,267 Red Mountain Consol. Mines, etc.

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, Price. Lists securities such as 13 First Nat. Bank, Boston, 5 First Nat. Bank, Boston, 10 Massachusetts Cotton Mills, etc.

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, Price. Lists securities such as 5 First National Bank of Boston, 52 Second Nat. Bank of Boston, 50 Nat. Union Bank of Boston, etc.

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, Price. Lists securities such as 830 Shuttleworth-Hogg & Mather, Inc., par \$50, 28,000 Bond-Jardine Metals Mines, par \$1, etc.

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, Price. Lists securities such as 73 13th & 16th Sts. Pass. Ry., 99 Frankford & Southwark (6th & 8th Sts.) Pass. Ry., etc.

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

Table with columns: Date, Bank Name, Location, Capital. Lists applications to organize, approve, and convert, as well as charters issued and changes of title for various banks.

Table with columns: Date, Bank Name, Location, Capital. Lists voluntary liquidations for various banks such as The First National Bank of Redlands, Calif., The First National Bank of Visalia, Calif., etc.

CONSOLIDATION. July 22—1250—The Mechanics & Metals National Bank of the City of New York, N. Y. and —1222—The Lincoln National Bank of New York, N. Y. Consolidated under the Act of Nov. 7 1918, and under the charter and corporate title of 'The Mechanics & Metals National Bank of the City of New York' (No. 1250), with capital stock of 10,000,000. Assets of liquidating bank to be then sold to First National Bank of Los Angeles, Calif.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Lists dividends for various companies including Railroads (Steam), Street and Electric Railways, and Miscellaneous.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Miscellaneous (Concluded), Railroads (Steam), and Banks.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Miscellaneous (Continued), Street and Electric Railways, and Trust Companies.

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Street and Electric Railways, Trust Companies, and Miscellaneous.



Actual Figures.

Table with columns: Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositories, Total Reserves, Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve. Rows include Members Federal Reserve Bank, State banks, and Trust companies for July 22, 15, 8, and 1.

\* 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...

State Banks and Trust Companies Not in Clearing House. The State Banking Department reports weekly figures showing the condition of State banks and trust companies in New York City not in the Clearing House as follows:

SUMMARY OF STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK, NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.

Table with columns: July 22, Differences from previous week. Rows include Loans and investments, Gold, Currency and bank notes, Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank, etc.

\* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on July 22 were \$63,461,800.

Banks and Trust Companies in New York City. The averages of the New York City Clearing House banks and trust companies combined with those for the State banks and trust companies in Greater New York City outside of the Clearing House are as follows:

COMBINED RESULTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK.

Table with columns: Loans and Investments, Demand Deposits, Total Cash in Vaults, Reserves in Depositories. Rows show weekly data from April 1 to July 22.

\* 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.)

Table with columns: Capital, Profits, Loans, Dis-counts, Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Depositories, Net Demand De-posits, Net Time De-posits, Nat'l Bank Cir-culation. Rows include Members of Fed'l Res. Bank, State Banks, and Trust Companies.

a U. S. deposits deducted, \$109,000.
bills payable, redemptions, acceptances and other liabilities, \$281,000.

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.

Table with columns: July 26, 1922, Changes from previous week, July 19, 1922, July 12, 1922. Rows include Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, Individual deposits, etc.

Philadelphia Banks. The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending July 22, 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...

Table with columns: Two Ciphers (00) omitted, Members of F. R. System, Trust Companies, Total, July 15, 1922, July 8, 1922. Rows include Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, Individual deposits, etc.

\* 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 26 1922 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Table with columns: July 26 1922, July 19 1922, July 27 1921. Rows include Resources, Total gold reserves, Total reserves, Bills discounted, Total earning assets, Total resources, Liabilities, Total liabilities.

CURRENT NOTICES.

Douglas Smyth, formerly associated with W. W. Sutton & Co., Inc., has become identified with Herkins & Co. as manager of their bond trading department and will specialize in all new issues and Canadian provincial and municipal bonds.
Columbia Trust Co. and Howard Bayne have been appointed trustees under additional interest mortgage securing additional 1% interest on \$200,000 first mortgage 5% bonds of the Morris & Somerset Electric Co.

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Friday afternoon, July 28, 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 485 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 26 1922.

Table with columns for dates from July 26 1922 to July 27 1921. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold and gold certificates, Total gold held by banks, Total gold reserves, Total reserves, Bills discounted, Total bills on hand, Total earning assets, Total resources) and LIABILITIES (Capital paid in, Surplus, Deposits, Total, Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined). Includes a sub-table for Distribution by Maturities and Federal Reserve Notes.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JULY 26 1922

Table with columns for Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., and Total. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold and gold certificates, Total gold held by banks, Total gold reserves, Total reserves, Bills discounted, Total bills on hand, Total earning assets) and LIABILITIES (Deposits, Total).

RESOURCES (Concluded)—Two ciphers (00) omitted. Table with columns: Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total. Rows include Bank premises, 5% redemption fund, Uncollected items, Total resources, LIABILITIES, Capital paid in, Surplus, Deposits, Member bank—reserve acc't., All other, Total deposits, F. R. notes in actual circulation, F. R. bank notes in circulation, Net liability, Deferred availability items, All other liabilities, Total liabilities, Memoranda, Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined, per cent., Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspond'ts.

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS ACCOUNTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JULY 26 1922.

Federal Reserve Agent at—Table with columns: Boston, New York, Phila., Cleve., Richm'd, Atlanta, Chicago, St. L., Minn., K. City, Dallas, San Fr., Total. Rows include Resources—(In Thousands of Dollars), Federal Reserve notes on hand, Federal Reserve notes outstanding, Collateral security for Federal Reserve notes outstanding, Gold and gold certificates, Gold redemption fund, Gold fund—Federal Reserve Board, Eligible paper (Amount required), Excess amount held, Total, Liabilities, Net amount of Federal Reserve notes received from Comptroller of the Currency, Collateral received from Gold, Federal Reserve Bank (Eligible paper), Total, Federal Reserve notes outstanding, Federal Reserve notes held by banks, Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation.

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 795 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 485.

1. Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business July 19 1922. Three ciphers (000) omitted.

Federal Reserve District. Table with columns: Boston, New York, Philadel., Cleveland, Richm'd, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total. Rows include Number of reporting banks, Loans and discounts, Loans secured by U. S. Govt. obligations, Loans secured by stocks and bonds, All other loans and discounts, Total loans and discounts, U. S. bonds, U. S. Victory notes, U. S. Treasury notes, U. S. certificates of indebtedness, Other bonds, stocks and securities, Total loans, disc'ts & investments, incl. bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank, Reserve balance with F. R. Bank, Cash in vault, Net demand deposits, Government deposits, Bills payable with Federal Reserve Bank, Bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank, Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations, Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations, All other.

2. Data of reporting member banks in Federal Reserve Bank and branch cities and all other reporting banks.

Table with columns: New York City, City of Chicago, All F. R. Bank Cities, F. R. Branch Cities, All Other Report. Bks., Total. Rows include Number of reporting banks, Loans and discounts, Loans secured by U. S. Govt. obligations, Loans secured by stocks & bonds, All other loans and discounts, Total loans and discounts, U. S. bonds, U. S. Victory notes, U. S. Treasury notes, U. S. certificates of indebtedness, Other bonds, stocks and securities, Total loans & disc'ts & invest'ns, incl. bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank, Reserve balance with F. R. Bank, Cash in vault, Net demand deposits, Government deposits, Bills payable with F. R. Bank, Sec'd by U. S. Govt. obligations, All other, Bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank, Sec'd by U. S. Govt. obligations, All other, Ratio of bills payable & rediscounts with F. R. Bank to total loans and investments, per cent.

\* Revised figures.







For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see second page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT; SUNDAY, JULY 21; MONDAY, JULY 22; TUESDAY, JULY 23; WEDNESDAY, JULY 24; THURSDAY, JULY 25; FRIDAY, JULY 26; SATURDAY, JULY 27; STOKES NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range since Jan. 1, 1922; PER SHARE Range for previous year 1921. Rows list various stocks like Am Bank Note, Am Bank Sugar, Do prof, etc.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend and rights. ‡ Assessment paid. § Ex-rights. ¶ Ex-dividend. \* Par value \$10 per share.

New York Stock Record—Continued—Page 3

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see third page preceding.

Table with columns for 'HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT' (Saturday to Friday), 'Sales for the Week', 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE', 'PER SHARE Range since Jan. 1 1922', and 'PER SHARE Range for previous year 1921'. Rows list various companies like Dome Mines, Eastman Kodak, and National Lead.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-dividend and rights. § Ex-dividend. \*\* Ex-right.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fourth page preceding.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and price ranges for various stocks.

Main table listing stocks under 'NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' with columns for 'PER SHARE' (Lowest, Highest) and 'PER SHARE Range since Jan. 1 1922. On basis of 100-share lots'. Includes stock names like Owens Bottle, Pacific Development, etc.

Table with columns for 'PER SHARE' (Lowest, Highest) and 'PER SHARE Range for previous year 1921'. Includes stock names like Owens Bottle, Pacific Development, etc.

\* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-dividend. § 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.

Main table containing bond records for U.S. Government, Foreign Government, and State and City Securities. Columns include Bond No., Price, Week's Range, and Range Since Jan. 1.

\*No price Friday; latest bid was asked. a Due Jan. d Due April. e Due May. f Due June. g Due July. h Due Aug. i Due Oct. j Due Nov. k Due Dec. l Option sale.

Main table containing bond listings for 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending July 28' and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending July 28'. Columns include Bid, Ask, Low, High, Range, and various bond identifiers like 'Delaware & Hudson', 'Leh Val Coal Co', etc.

\* No price Friday; latest bid and asked this week. a Due Jan. b Due Feb. c Due June. d Due July. e Due Sept. f Due Oct. g Option sale.

Table of N. Y. Stock Exchange bonds, including columns for Bond Description, Price, Week's Range, and Range Since Jan 1.

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Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Price, Week's Range, and Range Since. Includes sections for N.Y. Stock Exchange, Street Railway, Manufacturing & Industrial, and various utility and municipal bonds.

\*No price Friday; latest bid and asked. †Due Jan. ‡Due April. §Due May. ¶Due June. ††Due July. †††Due Aug. ††††Due Oct. †††††Due Dec. ††††††Option sale.



Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. Sub-columns: Saturday, July 22; Monday, July 24; Tuesday, July 25; Wednesday, July 26; Thursday, July 27; Friday, July 28. Includes 'Sales for the Week' column.

Table with columns: STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE, Range since Jan. 1., Range for previous year 1921. Sub-columns: Lowest, Highest, Lowest, Highest. Includes 'Shares' column.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. \* Ex-rights. † Ex-dividend and rights. ‡ Ex-dividend. § Ex-stock dividend. ¶ Ex-dividends.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange July 22 to July 28, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, 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 Tel & Tel 4s, Atl G & W 1 1/8 S L 5 1/2, Chic Jet Ry & U S Y 5 1/2 1940, etc.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange July 22 to July 28, 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, Arundel Sand & Gravel, Baltimore Elec, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange July 22 to July 28, 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, American Shipbuilding, Armour & Co, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Pigeon Stores Inc, Pub Serv of Nor Ill, Quaker Oats Co, etc.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange July 22 to July 28, 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 Am Wind Glass Mach, Am Wind Glass Co, Arkansas Nat Gas, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—This week's record on the Philadelphia Stock Exchange will be found on page 514.

New York Curb Market.—Official transactions in the New York Curb Market from July 22 to July 28, inclusive:

Table with columns: Stocks ending July 28, 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 Acme Coal Mining, Acme Packing, Adirondack Pr&L, etc.



Table with columns: Mining (Copper), Allied Pack, Aluminum, Amer Cotton, Amer Litch & Trac, Amer Reput Corn, Amer Tel & Tel Co, Amer Tobacco, Anaconda Cop Mtn, Anglo-Amer Oil, Armour & Co, Ash Gulf, Barstow Sugar, Bethlehem Steel, Equipment, Rklnr (Dillon Gas), Cony, Canada SS Lanes, Canadian Nat Rys, Canadian Pac Ry, Central Steel, Charcoal, Chio Un Stat, Col Graphophone, Com wealth Pow Corp, Cons G E L & P, Consol Textile, Copper Export Assn, Cuban Tel, Cudahy Packing, Deere & Co, Empire Gas & Fuel, Fed Land, Freecort Texas, Gair (Robert) Co, Galena-Signal Oil, General Asphalt, Goodrich, Grand Trunk, Gulf Oil, Hooking Valley, Humble Oil, Interb R T, Libby McNeill & Libby, Liggett-Winchester, Macoma Copper, Manitoba Paper, Merch & Mfrs Ex, Morris & Co, Nat Aeme Co, Nat Cloak & Suit, Nat Clothing, Nat L. H. & Hart, Phila Electric, Phillips Petrol, Procter & Gamble, Public Serv Corp, Sears, Roebuck & Co, Shawheeb Mill, Solvay & Cie, South Bell, Stand Oil of N Y, Stewart Warner, Sun Co, Swift & Co, Texas Co, Tidal Osage Oil, Union Oil, United Oil, United Ry of Nev, Vacuum Oil, Valvoline Oil, Va-Caro Chem, Western Elec, Wlnch Repeat Arms, Argentina, Brazil, Bremen, Dominican Rep, Elberfeld, Hamburg, Mannheim, Mexico, Montevideo, Netherlands, Peru, Russian Govt, Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, Switzerland.

Quotations for Sundry Securities.

Table with columns: All bonds prices are 'and interest' except where marked 'F.T.', Standard Oil Stocks, Anglo-American Oil, Atlantic Refining, Borne Serramas, Bureksy Pipe Line, Chesebrough Mfr new, Continental Oil, Crescent Pipe Line, Cumberlandian Pipe Line, Eureka Pipe Line, Galena Signal Oil, Illinois Pipe Line, Indiana Pipe Line, International Petrol, National Transit Co, New York Transit Co, Northern Pipe Line, Ohio Oil Co, Penn Mex Fuel, Prairie Oil & Gas, Prairie Pipe Line, South Pipe Line, Southern Pipe Line, Southern Penn Oil, Southwest Pa Pipe Line, Standard Oil (California), Standard Oil (Indiana), Standard Oil (Kentucky), Standard Oil (Nebraska), Standard Oil of New Jer, Standard Oil of New Y, Standard Oil (Ohio), Tobacco Stocks, American Clear common, Amer Mchins & Fdry, Amer Tobacco scrip, British-Amer Tobac, Brit-Amey Tobac, Conley-Foll, Helme (Geo W) Co, Imperial Tobacco, Johnson Tin Foil & Met, MacAndrew & Forbes, Mengel Co, Porto Rican-Amey Tob, Reynolds (R J) Tobacco, Schulte Ret. Stores, Universal Leaf Tob, Firestone Tire & Rub, Goodyear Tire & Rub, Miller Rubber, Mohawk Rubber, Swinehart Tire & R, Sugar Stocks, Caracas Sugar, Cent Aguirre Sugar, Central Sugar Corp, Cupey Sugar common, Fajardo Sugar, Federal Sugar Ref, Goodchaux Sug Inc, Great Western Sug, Holly Sug Corp, Juncoes Central Sugr, National Sugar Refining, Santa Cecilia Sugar, Savannah Sug, West India Sug Fin, Industrial & Miscellaneous, American Hardware, Amer Typfounders, Borden (E W) Co, Borden Company, Cellulose Company, Childs Co, Havana Tobacco Co, International Salt, International Silver, Lehigh Valley Col Sales, Phelps Dodge Corp, Royal Baking Pow, Singer Manufacturing.

\* Odd lots. \* No par value. † Listed on the Stock Exchange this week, where additional transactions will be found. ‡ New stock. § When issued. ¶ Ex-dividend. ♂ Ex-rights. ♀ Ex-stock dividend. × Dollars per 1,000 lire, flat. † Dollars per 1,000 marks. ♂ Marks. & Correction.

\* Per share. † Basis. ‡ Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. § New stock. ¶ Flat price. † Last sale. ‡ Nominal. § Ex-div. ¶ Ex-rights. ♂ Ex-stock div.



Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the third week of July. The table covers 17 roads and shows 4.74% decrease in the aggregate from the same week last year.

Table with 5 columns: Third week of July, 1922, 1921, Increase, Decrease. Rows include Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh, Canadian National Rys., Canadian Pacific, etc.

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.—The table following shows the gross and net earnings with charges and surplus of STEAM railroad and industrial companies reported this week:

Large table with 5 columns: Gross from Railway, Net from Railway, Net after Taxes. Rows include Akron Canton & Youngstown, Aitchison Topeka & Santa Fe System, Baltimore & Ohio, etc.

Table with 5 columns: Gross from Railway, Net from Railway, Net after Taxes. Rows include Pennsylvania System, Phila & Reading, Rutland, St Louis-San Francisco System, etc.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PUBLIC UTILITY CO'S.

Table with 5 columns: Name of Road or Company, Latest Gross Earnings, Jan. 1 to Latest Date. Rows include Adirondack Pow & Lt, Alabama Power & Lt, Amer Power & Light, etc.



Chicago & Eastern Illinois RR.

(33d Annual Report—Fiscal Year ended Dec. 31 1921.)

The report, dated June 26, is signed by William J. Jackson, as receiver, who operated the road during the entire calendar year 1921, and the report covers the receiver's operations for that year. W. J. Jackson, who is now President, has been discharged as receiver, the property having been taken over as of Jan. 1 1922 by the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway, as per reorganization plan in V. 112, p. 1517. Mr. Jackson, as receiver, reports in brief:

Earnings & Expenses.—Compared with the previous year, 1920, total operating revenue decreased 13.4%; total railway operating expenses decreased 19.6% and gross income increased 23%.

The volume of traffic carried during the year 1921 was substantially less than during 1920. There was a decrease of 25.7% in tons of revenue freight carried and a decrease of 19.7% in passengers carried one mile. These decreases reflected the general business depression which prevailed throughout the year. The following statement indicates the tonnage of coal and other freight handled, compared with 1920:

Table with 3 columns: Item, 1921, 1920. Rows include Coal freight handled (tons), Other freight handled (tons), and All freight handled (tons).

Additions & Betterments.—The expenditures for additions and betterments, which were comparatively small for the year 1921, amounted to \$155,414, after allowing a net credit of \$83,460 for equipment retired.

Federal Valuation.—No substantial change occurred during the year 1921 in respect of the valuation of the railroad by the I.-S. O. Commission. On Feb. 16 1922 the Commission tendered to the company a tentative valuation of \$69,205,753 as of June 30 1915, to which objections were filed within the prescribed time.

Additional Loans from the United States.—The receiver consummated a loan of \$785,000 for 15 years from the United States, under Section 210 of the Transportation Act 1920, to reimburse the cost of additions and betterments placed upon the railroad by the receiver during the guaranty period of six months ended Aug. 31 1920. The receiver delivered to the Secretary of the Treasury the receiver's note dated Nov. 7 1921 for said amount, with the cash proceeds of the loan as collateral, pending substitution of Prior Lien Mfge. bonds of the new Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry. for said collateral. Thereafter, the new railway company substituted its note and bonds for the note and cash collateral of the receiver, and the receiver's note and the cash collateral were returned to the receiver and his note was canceled.

Guaranty Period.—The negotiations between the receiver and the I.-S. O. Commission for settlement of the receiver's claims for amount guaranteed under Section 209 of the Transportation Act 1920, have resulted in a final payment to the receiver of \$723,983, in addition to the amount of \$1,500,000 advanced to the receiver Sept. 2 1920.

New Industries Located.—Industrial and agricultural development along the lines of the railroad made some progress during the year, although this phase of business was affected to an appreciable extent by the prevailing general business depression. A total of 23 new industries, however, were located, representing an investment of \$2,208,500, with an estimated employment of 1,000 men. It is expected that they will produce in and out traffic of about 10,000 cars annually when operating to capacity.

Loans & Bills Payable.—The general balance sheet reflects the settlements, under the reorganization plan, of various loans and bills payable of the railroad company, which in the 1920 report aggregated \$4,591,593. The corresponding changes in investments, securities, &c., pledged as collateral have been accounted for on the railroad company's books in accordance with the provisions of the decree of sale and the reorganization plan.

Transfer of the Railroad, &c.—Pursuant to the decree of foreclosure entered May 22 1917, the railroad was offered for sale by the Special Master at Danville, Ill., April 5 1921, and with the exception of that part of the property formerly owned by the Chicago & Indiana Coal Ry., was purchased by a reorganization committee under a plan of reorganization dated March 31 1921. The sale to the reorganization committee was confirmed May 3 1921.

By an order of Court entered Dec. 9 1921, the resignation of William J. Jackson as receiver of the Chicago & Indiana Coal Ry. division was accepted, to become effective at midnight Dec. 31 1921, and the receiver was relieved of all responsibility for the possession, maintenance and operation of that line after Dec. 31 1921, at which time he ceased to operate it.

Pursuant to orders of Court, the receiver delivered to the new Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway Co. at midnight Dec. 31 1921, the possession and control of the railroad, other than the Chicago & Indiana Coal Ry. division.

The receiver has filed his final report covering entire period of receivership.

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 6 columns: Item, 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918, 1917. Rows include Miles operated, Operations (Pass. carried, Rate per pass. per mile, Revenue freight, Rev. freight, Rate per ton per mile).

COMBINED RECEIVER'S AND FEDERAL INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 5 columns: Item, 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918. Rows include Operating Revenue, Freight, Passenger, Mail, express, &c., Other than trans., Total oper. revenue, Maint. of way & struc., Maint. of equipment, Traffic expenses, Transportation, Miscell. operations, &c., General expenses, Total oper. expenses, Net earnings, Taxes, &c., Operating income, Hire of equip. (credit), Joint facility rent income, Other income, Total income, Interest, Rents, Miscellaneous, Total charges, Balance, Accrued int. not paid, Balance, deficit.

a Includes \$119,976 Federal lap-over charges which were excluded before transferring to profit and loss. b Includes \$86,185 additional mail revenue earned prior to Federal control period. c Includes \$599,310 additional mail revenue earned during Federal control period. x The accrued interest not paid, aggregating \$2,947,504 for years 1919, 1920 and 1921, includes the following items, viz: Refunding and Imp't. Mfge. 4s. \$639,840; Gen. Consol. following terms, viz: \$1,067,150; Chicago & Indiana Coal Ry. 1st Mfge. 5s. & 1st Mfge. 5s. \$1,067,150; Chicago & Indiana Coal Ry. 2d Mfge. 5s. \$231,300; Evansville & Terre Haute RR. Co. Ref. Mfge. 5s. \$56,707; Evansville & Terre Haute RR. Co. 1st Consol. Mfge. 5s. \$157,250; Evansville & Terre Haute RR. Co. Mt. Vernon Branch Mfge. 6s. \$22,500; Evansville & Terre Haute RR. Co. Mt. Vernon County Coal Branch Mfge. Evansville & Terre Haute RR. Co., including interest on receiver's certificates, 6s. \$22,500; and miscellaneous, including interest on receiver's certificates, \$750,256.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1921, 1920, 1921, 1920. Rows include Assets (Inv. in road & eq., Improv. on leased railway prop'ty, Sinking funds, Misc. phys. prop., Inv. in affil. cos., Stocks, Bonds, Advances, Other investments, Cash, Special deposits, Loans & bills rec., Traffic & car serv. balances receiv., Net bal. rec. from agents & conduct., Misc. accts. rec., Material & supp., Int. & divs. rec., Other corp't assets, Work. fund adv., Trust assets, U. S. RR. Admin. deferred assets, Other def. assets, Rents & insurance prem's prepaid, Disc't. on cap. stk., Disc't. on fund. dt., U. S. RR. Admin. unadjud. debts, U. S. guar. earns., Oth. unadjud. debts) and Liabilities (Common stock, Preferred stock, Stk. liab. for conv., Gov't. grants, Fund. dt. unmat., Receiver's certis., Loans & bills pay., Traffic & car serv. balances pay., Audited accts. & wages payable, Misc. accts. pay., Int. mat. unpaid, Fund. dt. mat. unpd., Unmat. int. acer., Unmat. rents acer., Oth. corp't liabils., Int. acer. (not pd. by order of court), U. S. RR. Admin. deferred liabils., Oth. def. liabils., Tax liability, Prem. on fund. dt., Ins. & casual. rec., U. S. RR. Admin. unad. credits, U. S. Guar. adv., Acer. depr., equip., Accrued depr., Equip. suspense, Oth. unad. credits, Add'n to prop'ty thro. inc. & surp., Profit & loss bal.)

Total 127,846,897 147,841,347 Total 127,846,897 147,841,347

-V. 115, p. 72.

R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1921.)

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 3 columns: Item, 1921, 1917-20. Rows include Net Profit, Sundry items applicable to prior periods, Undivided profits previous year, Total, Deduct—Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Stock div. of Aug. 16 1920, in new Class B Com. stock—200% on \$10,000,000 Common and \$10,000,000 Class B Common stock, Total undivided profits.

Total undivided profits \$12,122,425 \$2,064,102. These dividend payments were as follows: 1917, \$3,281,250; 1918, \$2,850,000; 1919, \$3,100,000, and 1920, \$5,000,000. Net profits, after deducting all charges and expenses of management and after making provision for interest, taxes (incl. maximum Fed. income and excess profits taxes), allowances, depreciation, advertising, &c. Undivided profits Dec. 31 1915. Net profits for the cal. years are as follows: 1917, \$10,340,345; 1918, \$7,042,703; 1919, \$11,272,754; 1920, \$10,821,294. Note.—Federal income, excess profits and war profits taxes on earnings for all years up to Dec. 31 1921 have been paid or set aside in the above statement in maximum amounts and pending tax adjustments should result in a substantial increase in the undivided profits account.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1921, 1920, 1921, 1920. Rows include Assets (Cash, Acc't receivable, Leaf tob., supp. mfd. prod., &c., Real est., bldgs. & machinery, U. S. I. B. bonds, Inv. in non-competitive cos., Other ac'ts and notes receiv'le, Good-will, patents, &c., Prep'd int. ins. &c.) and Liabilities (Bills payable, Acc't payable, Acer. int., taxes, (incl. max. Fed. taxon earns.) & taxon earn's., 6% gold notes, Res. dev. & cont., Pt. stk., 7% cum. 20,000,000, Common stock, New Cl. B common stock, Undiv. prof. (aft. deduct. of div. pay. Jan. 1).)

Total 109,722,233 107,106,368 Total 109,722,233 107,106,368

-V. 114, p. 1416, 1071.

International Rys. of Central America.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1921.)

General Manager A. Clark, Guatemala, C. A., May 26, wrote in substance:

Results.—In Guatemala, business was all that could be expected when we take into consideration the unsettled condition of affairs and the adjusting of stocks on basis of replacement value; while in Salvador there were many serious setbacks.

Guatemala Divisions.—The banana traffic was very good, aggregating 3,978,165 bunches hauled (3,252,697 in 1920) and yielding a revenue of \$609,985 (\$436,288 in 1920).

Salvador Division (156 miles).—During 1921 there were turned over to the operating department, Jan. 1, Coatepeque to Michapa, 9 kilometers; May 31, Michapa to Acelhuate, 21.82 kilometers, or a total of 33.82 kilometers, equal to 21 1/2 miles. Total in charge of operating department Dec. 31 1921, 156 1/2 miles.

Earnings and Expenditures.—Gross earnings amounted to \$351,418, against \$380,992 in 1920; operating expenses (taxes included) aggregated \$483,242, against \$346,950 in 1920, leaving a net loss of \$131,825, against a surplus of \$14,042 in 1920.

The poor showing in 1921 is due almost entirely to the exceptionally heavy rainy season, which began in June and continued almost incessantly until about the end of October. Traffic during this time was greatly interfered with, while with the increased mileage to be taken care of and the heavy repairs to roadbed made necessary by washouts, the operating expenses were way beyond our revenue.

Rolling Stock.—There was added to the equipment of this division during 1921 3 Baldwin locomotives, 30 box cars, 20 flat cars, 4 stock cars (re-modeled from flats).

Exchange.—The Guatemalan peso depreciated very much in value during 1921, but this does not affect our revenue as our tariffs are practically based on gold rates.

Table with 3 columns: Item, 1921, 1920, Inc/Dec. Rows include Highest rate, Lowest rate, Average for year.

In El Salvador, the official rate of exchange remained firm. The standard coin is the colon, equal to 50 cents in U. S. gold.

Outlook for 1922.—Owing to unsettled conditions in both Guatemala and El Salvador, it is hard to make any absolute calculations, but I believe that the business in Guatemala will be about the same as in 1921; and that the Salvador Division, if it experiences no further set-backs, will show net earnings of at least \$100,000 instead of a loss.

Barrow, Wads, Guthrie & Co., accountants, say in brief: "During the year 1921 there has been expended upon construction in Salvador \$462,980, for which we have seen no vouchers, as these are kept in company's office in the Republic of Salvador. An amount of \$1,110,155 is listed among the company's investments in road and equipment. This amount represents advances made to the contractors for the construction of approximately





INCOME ACCOUNT FOR HALF-YEAR ENDING JUNE 30

Table with 4 columns: 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Rows include Total net earnings for half year, Deduct (For sinking fund, depreciation and reserve fund, Interest, Prem. on bds. redeemed), Total deductions, Balance, Dividend on Stocks (Preferred 3 1/4%, Common), Total dividends, Balance, surplus, and Balance provided from undivided surplus.

Great Western Power Co. of California.

(Annual Report—Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1921.)

President Mortimer Fleishhaecker, San Francisco, July 1, wrote in substance:

Gross Earnings.—The total gross operating earnings increased \$493,990 over those of 1920, or at the rate of 8.4%. The gross electric earnings increased \$491,424 in spite of the decrease in rates of 9% which was effective on Apr. 10, and in spite of the country wide industrial depression.

The commercial lighting revenues increased approximately \$115,000, or at the rate of 6.7%. Commercial power service decreased approximately \$74,000, or nearly 2.4%. Railway power service increased nearly 2% and totaled \$285,013. Service to other electric corporations during 1921 amounted to \$866,061, showing a very large increase over that received during 1920. The 1920 revenue from this classification was \$181,217.

Operating Expenses.—Operating expenses decreased \$338,919, or over 13%, and was largely due to the decrease in the use of fuel oil for generating power in our steam plants. This saving was made possible by the placing in operation of the new 64,000 h. p. Caribou plant on May 7. \$481,745 indicates the saving of fuel oil, and in addition, approximately \$90,000 was saved on repairs to equipment.

Taxes.—The taxes for the year 1921 were \$444,811, as compared with \$359,534 in 1920—an increase of \$85,277. This is due not only to an increase in gross earnings on which our State franchise tax is based, but also to an increase in the tax rate from 5.6% to 7.5% of the gross earnings.

Operating Ratio.—The operating ratio for 1921 was 84.74% as compared with that of 1920 of 43.41%—a decrease of 8.67%.

Reserve.—A reserve for renewals and replacements of \$360,000 was set up during the year.

Caribou Plant.—The Caribou plant with the present installed machine capacity of 64,000 h. p. and an ultimate capacity of 192,000 h. p., together with the 165,000 volt steel tower transmission line, extending from the Caribou plant to San Francisco Bay, approximately 200 miles distant, were placed in service on May 7, 1921, and have been in continuous and successful operation since that date.

The Caribou plant was the first hydro-electric project completed in northern California after the Armistice.

During the year a permanent substation at the Caribou power house, utilized for transforming energy to 44,000 volts for transmission to the mining territory in Plumas County, was completed. This substation has a capacity of 6,000 k. v. a. and is of sufficient capacity to take care of the load in this territory.

Installation of switches and other equipment necessary for the permanent connection of the Las Plumas and Caribou transmission lines at Las Plumas and at Brighton is in progress.

Other New Construction.—In order to serve a large lumber company, operating near Oroville, the construction was undertaken during the latter part of the year of approximately 35 miles of 44,000 volt line extending from Las Plumas to a point about 3 miles below Oroville to the mill site and to a point approximately 20 miles east of Las Plumas where the timbering operations will be carried on. This consumer is located in territory not heretofore served by the company. Approximately 4,000 h. p. will be supplied, of which approximately 2,000 h. p. will be utilized in electric logging and loading equipment, the first installation of its kind in California. A substation of 1,500 k. v. a. capacity and one of 2,000 k. v. a. capacity are being constructed for the purpose of taking care of this consumer's requirements.

Many extensions in the rural territory in the Sacramento Valley and in Contra Costa County were undertaken during the year. A great many extensions were also made in the residential sections of cities and towns.

Golden Gate Substation.—Due to the rapidly increasing demand for service in San Francisco and in the East Bay region, it was decided to install a large substation on the east side of San Francisco Bay in the vicinity of Richmond at a point directly opposite the Golden Gate. This substation will be known as The Golden Gate Substation and will be completed in the latter part of 1922. It will be the principal distributing point for the San Francisco Bay region, and in addition to providing greater capacity, will improve the company's service in the territory in question.

This station will be the terminus of the 165,000 volt steel tower transmission line from the new Caribou plant, and the double circuit 110,000 volt steel tower line from Las Plumas plant which passes through Oakland, will also be connected with this substation.

The building will be equipped with a 75-ton traveling crane and will have railroad spur track facilities. It will house two 15,000 k. v. a. synchronous condensers with necessary switching, metering and recording equipment. Two transformer banks of a total capacity of 45,000 k. v. a. and one of 22,500 k. v. a. will be installed for the purpose of transforming electric energy from 165,000 volts to 110,000 volts and from either 165,000 volts or 110,000 volts to 11,000 volts. The operation of the synchronous condensers will improve the power factor on our transmission lines, thereby materially increasing their carrying capacity.

Energy will be transformed from the transmission lines for distribution throughout the San Francisco Bay region at 11,000 volts. An 11,000 volt submarine cable with a capacity of approximately 10,000 k. w. will be laid from a point on the shore of San Francisco Bay near this substation to San Francisco. Energy saved through this cable will relieve the San Francisco steam generating plant, thereby saving considerable fuel oil and will also provide additional hydro-electric power in San Francisco to take care of the rapidly growing load in that city.

Financial.—\$2,500,000 Gen. Lien 8% bonds (V. 112, p. 1287) and \$1,000,000 1st & Ref., Series B 7% bonds (V. 113, p. 735) were sold during the year.

Sale of Pref. Stock.—A department for marketing the 7% Cumul. Pref. stock was organized late in 1920 and was very active throughout 1921 in selling this stock to our consumers, and to the general public in the territories served by us. A total of \$1,574,800 stock was sold during the year—nearly all of which was disposed of through this department. By this method of sale, we are obtaining a very wide distribution, the average sale being only 10 shares and by the distribution of effort in the territory in which we serve, we obtained the full benefits which accrue from consumer ownership. Our preferred stock sales through this department should average at least 30,000 shares per annum hereafter.

The proceeds from the sale of bonds and stock were used to reimburse the treasury for expenditures already made and for additions and betterments to our transmission and distribution facilities.

Universal Electric & Gas Co.—In the early part of 1922 the properties of the Universal Electric & Gas Co. were purchased for \$2,250,000. This company operates an extensive electric distributing system and a small steam heat system in San Francisco. Its gross earnings for 1921 were \$725,300. One-half of this property has been sold to the Pacific Gas & Electric Co., and the half retained by us will be served with hydro-electric power transmitted into San Francisco.

Notes payable, which on Dec. 31, 1921, amounted to \$707,443, have since been paid and at the present time the company has no notes outstanding.

Number of Consumers and Connected Loads.

Table with 6 columns: 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921. Rows include Number of consumers and Connected load, k. w.

Kilowatt Hours Sold—Calendar Years.

Table with 4 columns: 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921. Rows include Total lighting, Total power, Other electric corps.

Table with 4 columns: 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920. Rows include Steam, Hydro.

Table with 4 columns: 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920. Rows include Grand total, Kilowatt Hours Generated, as Segregated Between That Produced in Steam Plants and the Water Power Plants.

Outlook.—The amount of business which we have under contract at the present time, but not yet connected to our lines, and the general increase of building activities, the better demand and prices for agricultural products, with consequent demand for development of more land requiring electric pumping, and renewed interest in industrial and manufacturing activities, lead us to believe that during the year 1922 we will connect to our lines a greater volume of new business than has been obtained in any year since the beginning of operations.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns: 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918. Rows include Electric revenue, Steam revenue, Water revenue, Other, Total, Oper. gen. & exp., Taxes, Deprec. & replacements, Net earnings, Add—Interest, Rentals and leases, Miscellaneous, Gross income, Deduct (Int. on notes & acc'ts., Rentals, leases, &c., Uncollectible accounts, Amort. bond disc. &c., Int. on funded debt (net), 1919 corp. income tax, 1921 Fed. taxes, Accounts written off, &c., Bond red. premium), Total deductions, Net income for year.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1921, 1920, 1921, 1920. Rows include Assets (Plant, prop. & fran., Investments, Materials & supp., Prepaid taxes, &c., Cash, Special deposits, Acc'ts. receivable, Notes & int. rec., Unamortized disc. on seas. & exp., Sundry) and Liabilities (G. W. P. Co. Cal., Preferred stock, Subscrip'ts to pref., Common stock, Fund d. debt, Accounts payable, Notes payable, Dividends payable, Miscellaneous, Accrued int. &c., Accrued taxes, Salaries & wages, Reserves, Surplus).

Total.—\$3,691,577 \$1,281,914 Total.—\$3,691,577 \$1,281,914 e Includes \$623,000 pledged with trustee of the California Electric Generating Co. bonds and not bearing interest, but not \$2,733,000 held in treasury. f After deducting \$2,561,000 held in treasury. g After deducting \$433,700 held in treasury.—V. 115, p. 188, 442.

Alabama & Vicksburg Ry. Co.

(33d Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1921.)

Pres. Larz A. Jones, Jackson, Miss., Mar. 16, wrote in sub.

Equipment.—Company owns 34 locomotives, 38 passenger-train cars, 1,055 freight cars and 23 work cars. During the year 3 coaches, 3 combination coach and baggage cars and 3 baggage cars were purchased. One combination passenger and baggage car and 124 box cars were rebuilt. 160 freight cars were retired.

Capital Account.—All of the bonded debt, aggregating \$1,936,000, matured on April 1 1921 and was paid and retired by proceeds of an issue of 6% 5-year gold notes, aggregating the same amount, issued at par. Of this sum, \$1,394,000 was borrowed from the U. S. Treasury and the remainder was issued at par to holders of the former issues of securities.

For the purpose of affording collateral for the above notes and providing for additional needs of the company, a first mortgage was issued in the amount of \$4,000,000, dated April 1 1921, maturing April 1 1951, and bearing 6% interest. \$2,218,000 of the bonds created under this mortgage have been pledged as security for the 6% notes and the remainder are held in the treasury.

As the entire funded debt was renewed, the sinking fund, available for the retirement of the Vicksburg & Meridian 1st Mtge., amounting at April 1 1921 to \$430,543; and the sinking fund for redemption of Alabama & Vicksburg 2d Mtge. bonds, amounting to \$7,050, were both transferred to surplus.

Four equipment trust notes, aggregating \$45,959, were paid, leaving \$80,429 outstanding.

Results.—Conditions during the year were altogether abnormal and the results are, in a measure, disappointing. Notwithstanding the increase in traffic rates made by the I. S. C. Commission in Sept. 1920, in order to carry out the provisions of the Transportation Act, 1920, the results show an earnings of approximately 3.7% upon the investment, instead of 6%, as contemplated by the statute. A number of causes have contributed to this result.

The serious business depression which set in in Nov. 1920 continued throughout the first half of 1921, and a second depression, although less marked than the first, existed through the months of Nov. and Dec. 1921. In consequence of these conditions, there was an actual falling off in passenger revenues, notwithstanding the increased rates, of \$149,000.

There was a decrease of 17,365,000 ton miles of freight hauled during the year. This decrease was largely in those commodities which carried high rates of freight, while there was an increase of more than 63,000 tons of highway material, gravel, &c., which moved at an unprofitably low rate. As a result, the net increase realized per ton mile on freight moved was only 10%, instead of the theoretical 25% advance authorized by the Commission on freight moving within the Southeastern territory, and 33% on freight moving between that territory and other portions of the United States.

Wages.—The high basis of operating expenses continued through the greater part of the year. No relief was obtained in the scale of wages until July 1 1921, at which time an order of the U. S. Railroad Labor Board was issued, authorizing a reduction of somewhat more than half of the increase in wages granted a year before. This reduction was, however, inadequate and the company is still paying wages substantially in advance of those paid to men in corresponding employment outside of railroad work. The price of coal and material is needed considerably, but the reduction for the most part came for late in the year to be reflected in the operating expenses.

Taxes.—Taxes have increased \$56,476, or 32.6% over the previous year. The serious burden which is being placed on your property through the increase of taxation is evidenced by the increase of \$110,758, or 93.3%, over the taxes paid in 1916. Your company is now disbursing in taxes more than 6.7% of each dollar received in operating revenues.

Additions and Betterments.—New steel passenger equipment, sufficient, together with that now owned, to equip throughout 3 steel passenger trains, was purchased and placed in service in May 1921. The equipment consists of the 3 new steel passenger coaches, costing \$99,871; 3 combination coach and baggage cars, \$90,223, and 3 baggage cars, \$71,124. One combina-

tion coach and baggage car was rebuilt at a betterment cost of \$7,968. 124 box cars were rebuilt at a betterment cost of \$63,613, and 15 freight cars were reinforced by the addition of Universal draft arms and Cardwell friction draft gear, at a cost of \$3,343. Improvements and extensions of side tracks were constructed at a cost of \$5,201.

Settlement With U. S. Govt.—A settlement has been effected with the U. S. Railroad Administration covering the use of the property during the period of Federal control, but the account for the guaranty period is still to be adjusted.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 5 columns: Year (1921, 1920, 1919, 1918), and rows for passengers carried, revenue per passenger, etc.

COMBINED FEDERAL AND CORPORATE INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CAL. YEARS 1918, 1919 AND 1920 AND CORPORATE FOR 1921.

Table showing income account with columns for years 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921 and rows for miles of road operated, passenger revenue, freight, etc.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31. Table with columns for years 1921, 1920, 1921 and rows for assets (investment in road, sinking fund, etc.) and liabilities (common stock, V. & M. Int. M. bds., etc.).

Brazilian Traction, Light & Power Co., Limited. (Ninth Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1921.)

J. M. Smith, Secretary, Toronto, June 8, wrote in subst.: Company's Income from Canadian Currency.—The revenue of the company in Canadian currency resulting from the year's operations was \$4,537,515, viz.: Received under contracts with subsidiary companies, \$1,410,057, and interest on investment and misc. income, \$127,658. Deducting (a) General and local expenses and administration charges, \$186,465; (b) interest and charges on secured gold notes and other loans, \$853,568; (c) provision for general amortization, \$300,000, and (d) dividends on preference shares at 6% per annum, \$600,000, there remains a surplus for the year of \$2,637,682.

The total gross of the subsidiary companies in Brazil were 170,867,333 milreis, being an increase as compared with 1920 of 35,961,521 milreis, or 26.65%. The net earnings from operation were 95,105,553 milreis, being an increase of 25,114,808 milreis, or 35.88%.

This increase of earnings in milreis is largely accounted for by the fact that the depreciated exchange prevailing throughout the year had the effect of enhancing in milreis the receipts derived from the services which are payable wholly or in part on a gold basis. On conversion of the earnings, however, into dollars, the decline in exchange has the opposite effect so that as compared with the previous year the value in dollars of the combined net earnings has fallen from \$14,286,039 to \$11,898,523, being a decrease of \$2,387,516, or 16.71%.

Claims Against Brazilian Government.—The claims against the Federal Government for differences in exchange on the payments of the gas and electric lighting accounts during the last three years, which now amount to a very considerable sum, are still unsettled, though the company's representatives in Brazil are confident that ultimately they will have to be admitted.

Claims against Government of Sao Paulo.—Similar claims against the Government of the State of Sao Paulo with regard to the payment of the accounts of the Sao Paulo Gas Co., Ltd., are still the subject of negotiation.

Rate of Exchange.—The official monthly rate of exchange on London (90 days sight drafts) fell from 9-23-32d. in January to 7-43-64d. in December, the average for the year being 8-1-4d., as compared with 14-41-64d. in 1920.

For exchange on New York (sight drafts) the official average monthly rate fell from 14-75 cents in January to 12-75 cents in December, and in July quotations were as low as 10c. The average rate realized on remittances for the year was 12-51c. as compared with 20-41c. in 1920. At the date of this report the rate on London is 7-13-32d. and on New York 14c.

Depreciation and Amortization.—Out of the year's revenue the sum of \$2,745,410 has been set aside by the subsidiary companies for depreciation of physical properties, and the sum of \$300,000 has been transferred to this company's general amortization reserve.

Credit Balances of Renewal Amortization and Sinking Fund Reserve Accounts Aggregated \$23,297,912 Dec. 31 1921.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount, showing provisions for depreciation and renewals, amortization, and sinking fund reserves for various subsidiary companies.

Capital Outlay.—During the year the sum of \$2,643,680 was expended on meeting the capital requirements of the enterprises as follows: Tramways, \$673,008, light and power, 1,386,902, gas, \$96,795, telephones, \$480,645; miscellaneous, \$6,330.

Profit and Loss.—The surplus revenue for the year amounted to \$2,637,681, which, with the balance of \$3,082,131 brought forward from 1920, gives a total of \$5,719,813, which has been carried forward in Profit & Loss Acct.

Power Development.—The directors have arranged for the purchase of a water power of 140,000 h. p. capacity on the Parahyba River about 100 miles distant from the City of Rio de Janeiro, and the necessary concessions for its development and transmission to Rio de Janeiro have been obtained. This site is an excellent one for economical development. The concessions and the lands, rights, &c. will be transferred to the Brazilian Hydro-Electric Co., Limited, which has been recently incorporated for the purpose. The whole of the share capital of the new company will be owned by the Brazilian Traction, Light & Power Co., Ltd. It is expected that the first installation of 42,000 k. w. will be completed within two years.

It has also become necessary to take steps to provide further power for the City of Sao Paulo and a fourth unit of 10,000 k. w. will be installed in the near future at the hydro-electric installation of the Sao Paulo Electric Co., Ltd., on the Sorocaba River.

Status as to Dividends.—While the exchange value of the milreis continues considerably lower than was anticipated and it is difficult to forecast the future, there are clear indications of such improvement in general conditions as to justify the resumption of the payment of dividends, and the board have declared a dividend of 1% on the ordinary share capital, payable Sept. 1 to shareholders of record on July 31.

New Financing.—The present cash situation is satisfactory and it is expected that with the improved financial conditions now prevailing it will be possible to provide for necessary capital requirements through the sale of securities. These requirements will include the sums necessary for the development of the new hydro-electric plant on the Parahyba River, already alluded to, and the funding of the \$7,500,000 6% secured gold notes.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE RAPID GROWTH OF THE VARIOUS SERVICES.

Table with columns for years 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918 and rows for calendar years showing passengers carried, gross earnings, number of lamps, etc.

The comparative income account was published in V. 115, p. 431.

RIO DE JANEIRO TRAMWAY, LIGHT & POWER CO.

Table with columns for years 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918 and rows for miles of track, miles run, total passengers, etc.

Table showing Gross Earnings (in Milreis) for Tramway, Light and power, Gas, and Telephones for years 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918.

NET EARNINGS SAO PAULO DIV. (Brazil Currency).

Table with columns for years 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918 and rows for miles of track, miles run, total passengers, etc.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AND SUBSIDIARY COS., DEC. 31. (Includes Rio de Janeiro Tramway, Light & Power Co., Ltd.; Sao Paulo Tramway, Light & Power Co., Ltd., and Sao Paulo Electric Co., Ltd.)

Large consolidated balance sheet table with columns for years 1921, 1920 and rows for properties, plant & equip., construction expense, capital stock, authorized and issued, shares of subsidiary companies, funded debt, etc.

Total 249,715,724 246,073,381. This reserve includes provision for depreciation and renewals of physical assets of companies owned or controlled by subsidiary companies. In addition there are bonds outstanding of companies owned or controlled by the subsidiary companies, equivalent to \$7,018,543, on which the yearly interest charge, amounting to \$382,530, is paid out of the revenue of the subsidiary companies. Certain General Mortgage bonds issued by subsidiary companies have been pledged as collateral.—V. 115, p. 431.







San Leandro & Haywards Electric Ry., due 1922, the old bonds to be exchanged for these new bonds, par for par.

(3) \$229,000 Closed First Mortgage 15-Year 6% Bonds.—To be issued by a separate company (all of the stock of which, except qualifying directors' shares, shall be owned by the operating company), which shall own the property now covered by the \$229,000 1st Mtge. 6% bonds of 23d Ave. Elec. Ry., due 1923, the old bonds to be exchanged for these new bonds, par for par.

(4) General and Refunding Mortgage.—This Gen. & Ref. Mtge. shall be junior in lien to the foregoing three mortgages. Total authorized \$20,000,000, due in 15 years. Of this total issue bonds in an amount sufficient to exchange, par for par, for the \$7,538,000 bonds in Group I-B, together with unpaid coupons and interest of such bonds, maturing subsequent to Nov. 19 1919, shall be issued forthwith and exchanged, par for par, for the bonds in Group I-B. Of such amount initially issued, those which are exchanged for the bonds in Group I-B, which bear 6% interest, or to refund coupons upon such bonds, shall bear 6% interest, and those bonds which are issued in exchange for bonds in Group I-B, which bear 5% interest, or to refund coupons upon such bonds, shall bear interest at the rate of 6%.

The remaining authorized bonds are to be issued only to refund bonds issued under the foregoing mortgages. The mortgage will provide that these unissued refunding bonds may be issued in series, with such interest rate, not to exceed 7%, and callable at such price as directors may determine. (5) \$2,500,000 10-Year Closed Collateral Trust Notes.—Issue of the Oakland Railways, or of a new company, all of the stock of which, except qualifying directors' shares, will be owned by the operating company, callable at par and interest, to be collateralized by \$1,628,000 Prior Pref. 7% Stock and \$1,628,000 Pref. Stock and \$1,202,800 new Common Stock of the operating company, which securities will be exchanged for \$3,256,000 bonds of Group III and \$4,811,200 of Pref. Stock of the old company, now held as collateral for the outstanding \$2,500,000 Oakland Railways (Halsey) Notes.

These new notes shall be guaranteed as to interest only by the operating company, which shall have the right to pay said notes on any interest date prior to maturity; the trust deed securing such notes shall provide for a waiver of stockholders' liability, and that when the notes have been paid, the above collateral shall be returned to the treasury, with the exception of \$952,800 new Common Stock, which will go to the original holders or their successors, such holders having originally furnished said stock as collateral for the Oakland Railways note issue.

The \$2,500,000 new notes are to be exchanged, par for par, for the now outstanding Oakland Railways note issue in like amount. All further claims to the security of the \$2,500,000 note of the old company will be released and that note will be surrendered and canceled.

(6) 7% Prior Preferred (a. & d.) Cumulative Stock.—In the amount of \$6,735,500 plus an amount equivalent to the unpaid interest on the bonds in Groups II and III (see below), to be exchanged, in the proportion indicated, for bonds in Groups II and III, and in addition unpaid coupons and interest thereon. Of this stock (disregarding such stock as is issued to cover unpaid interest) \$5,107,500 will be outstanding in the hands of the public, and \$1,628,000 will be pledged as collateral security for the \$2,500,000 Oakland Railways 6% Collateral Trust 15-year Note Issue.

(7) 7% Preferred (a. & d.) Stock.—Subject to the prior preferred, cumulative as to dividends as against the common stock, and preferred as against the common stock as to dividends and assets, to be exchanged in the proportion indicated, for bonds in Groups II and III, and in addition of unpaid coupons and interest thereon as shall accrue. Of this stock (disregarding such stock as is issued to cover unpaid interest) \$3,290,500 will be outstanding in the hands of the public, and \$1,628,000 will be pledged as collateral security for the \$2,500,000 Oakland Railways 6% Coll. Trust 15-year note issue.

The pledged Prior Pref. and Pref. stock will have no voting power and will not receive dividends, so long as the interest on the Oakland Railways note issue is paid, and upon payment of the note issue will be returned to the treasury of the operating company.

(8) \$3,262,500 Common Stock.—To be issued in exchange for \$13,050,000 Pref. Stock of the old company on the basis of one share of new Common for four shares of old Pref. Of this \$3,262,500 of new Common stock \$2,059,700 will be outstanding in the hands of the public and \$1,202,800 will be pledged as collateral security for the \$2,500,000 Oakland Railways 6% Collateral Trust Note Issue. Upon payment of the Oakland Railways notes, \$250,000 of the pledged stock (which shall have no voting power unless acquired through foreclosure of pledge) will be returned to the treasury of the operating company and \$952,800 to the successors of those who furnished it as collateral for the Oakland Railways note issue.

Payment and Funding of Coupons.—All interest on outstanding bonds maturing prior to Nov. 19 1919, and upon all outstanding bonds of Group I-A to date of exchange of securities, shall be paid in cash, and all other coupons and interest due subsequent to Nov. 19 1919, and up to the time of the distribution of new securities, shall be refunded by the issuance of bonds or prior preferred or preferred stock, as the case may be. It is estimated that the amount of coupons to be so refunded will be approximately three years' interest on the various bond issues, but if more than three years' interest and coupons are required to be refunded at the time of the consummation of this plan, the amount of new bonds and preferred stocks to be distributed will be increased by the amount of such excess.

Tideland Notes.—The new company will have no interest in the Tidelands. All rights of holders of Tideland Notes upon the collateral securing the Oakland Railways Notes shall be released and recourse against both the present and future operating company shall be waived, as a consideration for such waiver and release \$50,000 new first mortgage bonds, or their equivalent, are to be delivered to Tideland noteholders or for their account.

Exchange of Old Bond Issues, Note & Stock Issues for New Securities, without Regard to Overdue and Unpaid Coupons.

Table with columns: Outstanding Old Securities, New Secur. to Be Issued in Exchange. Rows include Group I-A, Group I-B, Group III, Group II, and Oakland Rys. 6% Notes.

Exchange of Pref. Stock for Common Stock of New Operating Co. \$12,050,000 San Fran.-Oakland Term. Rys. A Pref. stock... \$1,000,000 San Fran.-Oakland Term. Rys. B Pref. stock... \$15,125,000 San Fran.-Oakland Term. Rys. Common stock... Wiped Out

x Bonds and past due coupons in this group are to be exchanged for Pref. stock on basis of 75% of 7% Cum. Prior Pref. and 25% of 7% Pref. y Bonds and past due coupons in this group are to be exchanged for Pref. stock on basis of 50% of each class of Pref. stock. z This stock is to be exchanged on basis of 4 shares of old Pref. stock for 1 share new Common.

Operating company common stock—being entire amount outstanding. Note.—In addition to the \$4,764,000 bonds in Group III which are outstanding in the hands of the public, \$1,843,000 Oakland Traction Co. Gen. Consol. 5s, 1935, and \$1,413,000 San Fran. Oakland & San Jose Consol. Ry. Gen. Consol. 5s, 1935, or a total of \$3,256,000 of this group, are pledged as collateral for the \$2,500,000 Oakland Railways 6% Notes. Financial Structure of Combined Companies.—On completion of the reorganization, the financial structure of the operating company and its sub-

sidiaries (eliminating such securities as may be issued to cover overdue and unpaid interest and coupons) will be as follows:

Table with columns: Stock, Notes, Bonds, First mortgage, Divisinal mortgage 6%. Rows include Common, Oakland Railways, Gen. & Ref. Mtge. bonds, etc.

Non-Assenting Holders of Old Bonds.—Depositors who shall have withdrawn their claims from the operation of the agreement of Dec. 1 1919, and those who shall not have deposited their bonds or claims under the said agreement or hereunder, will not be entitled to participate in this plan, and will receive only their distributive shares of any balance of the proceeds derived from the sale of the mortgaged properties of the old company that may remain after the discharge of obligations and liabilities entitled to prior payment under the terms of the foreclosure decrees and orders of court.

Voting Trust.—A voting trust of the stock of the new company which shall be operative for seven years; will be created, and shall be accepted by all stockholders. Management of the New Company.—First board of directors shall consist of: W. W. Garthwaite, C. O. G. Miller, P. E. Bowles and John S. Drum, representing the bondholders; Warren Olney Jr., J. K. Moffitt, Robert G. Hooker, Samuel Knight, H. C. Capwell, B. H. Dibblee, Miles Standish and A. Crawford Greene, representing the Prior Pref. and Pref. stockholders; W. J. Brobeck, W. R. Alberger and J. F. Carlston, representing the Common stockholders.

Data from Circular Signed by Reorganization Committee July 17.

The plan is based upon the following principles and considerations which have been considered essential:

- (1) It complies with the principles of reorganization approved by the Railroad Commission, which has formally emphasized the necessity for "a thorough-going reorganization" of the properties. (2) It involves the reorganization of the present consolidated company in such a manner as to include the "Key Division" and the "Traction Division" in one new corporation (except for subsidiary corporations, in the case of certain specified outstanding bonds and note issues of present subsidiaries), which shall be the owner of all operating and non-operating properties now held by the consolidated company. (3) It holds the properties together as a unit and nevertheless recognizes in the issuance of new securities the security and relative priorities of the obligations now existing. (4) It recognizes the obligation of the properties and of the new corporation to give efficient service, and to provide for future necessary extensions and betterments by affording an opportunity to obtain new money without delay or prohibitive cost. (5) The plan provides that the holders of the pref. stock of the old company who will become the holders of the common stock of the new company, shall through the purchase of new first mortgage bonds supply two-fifths of the new money presently required. (6) The plan eliminates in its entirety \$15,125,000 outstanding common stock of the old company, and places the stock control of the operating company in the holders of the prior preferred and preferred stock. (7) The \$2,500,000 Oakland Railways notes (Halsey notes) are extended to 1933, and such notes are secured by the collateral which the note-holders would have received in the reorganization had they taken through foreclosure the old bonds of \$3,256,000 and 48.12 shares of the old preferred stock, such bonds and stock now constituting the security for such notes. The interest on the new notes for a period of ten years is to be guaranteed by the operating company. (8) The Tidelands are eliminated. As a consideration for the release by the holders of the so-called Tideland notes of the second lien on the collateral securing the Halsey notes, and the waiver by such noteholders of recourse against either the present or the new operating company, new first mortgage bonds of a face value of \$50,000, or their equivalent, are to be delivered to the Tideland noteholders, or for their account. All Tideland notes heretofore deposited with this committee will be returned to the depositors. (9) The Equip. Trust Obligations totaling \$703,000 will be paid in cash. (10) The floating debt of the company, including past due loans, all of which were used by the company to pay bond coupons, will be paid in full.

Earnings of San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Railways, Calendar Years.

Table with columns: Year, Gross Revenue, Oper. Exp., Taxes, Net Income. Rows for years 1916-1921 and 1922 (5 months).

The net income shown above represents the balance before deducting accrued depreciation.

Gross revenue includes: Operating revenue, non-operating revenue; net commissary revenue.

y Statement of 1920 includes increase in rates granted by Railroad Commission in Key Division fares (effective Sept. 1 1920); commutation rates from \$4 to \$4 80 per month, and one-way fares from 15c. to 18c. z Strike of carmen, Oct. 1 to 11, incl., 1919, affected net earnings of 1919.

Statement of Valuation of Property as of April 30 1922. Estimate of reproduction value of physical property, based upon Railroad Commission's valuation of June 30 1914, plus additions and betterments, and less abandonments, with all prices adjusted to current market prices:

Table with columns: Operation, Non-Operation, Reproduction Value. Rows for Key Division, Traction Division, System.

Total, Operating and Non-Operation.—(a) Key Division, \$16,126,000; (b) Traction Division, \$20,318,000; System, \$36,438,000. In these valuations no amount has been included to represent going concern, franchises or other intangible values.

To the above should be added about \$1,500,000 betterments provided for in the plan, making a total valuation of \$37,938,000.—V. 115, p. 74.

Spokane & Eastern Ry. & Pow. Co.—Int. in New Co.—See Spokane United Railways below.—V. 114, p. 2360, 248.

Spokane United Railways.—New Securities.—

After its organization recently, the directors authorized the issuance of \$2,500,000 bonds to be covered by a mortgage for that amount to be executed in favor of the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. of New York. An issue of \$1,500,000 preferred and \$2,000,000 common stock was also authorized. The stocks and bonds have been prorated between the Washington Water Power Co. and the Spokane & Eastern Railway & Power Co. in payment for the two street car systems taken over by the new company.

The bonds will be used in caring for the bonded debt of the old companies, released when the lines were turned over to the new company. Executive officers are: M. W. Birkett, Gen. Mgr. of Washington Water Power Co., 1st V.-Pres.; M. H. MacLean, Chicago (Pres. Spokane & Eastern Ry. and Spokane City Ry.), 2d V.-Pres.; and V. G. Shinkle (Sec. Treas. Washington Water Power Co.), Treas.

Stuebenville East Liverpool & Beaver Val. Trac. Co.—

Operations in Jefferson County, Ohio, were resumed July 11. The lines were tied up since May 2, owing to a strike. An agreement has not been reached with the employees in Columbiana County, O.; Beaver County, Pa.; and Hancock County, W. Va., and the tie-up in those three counties continues.

Wages of motormen and conductors will be as follows: First six months, 45 cents per hour; next 12 months 47½ cents; thereafter 50 cents.—V. 114, p. 2014.

Sumpter Valley RR. Co.—Status, &c.—See David Eccles Co., under "Industrials," below.

Tacoma (Wash.) Ry. & Power Co.—Fares.—

The company announces that hereafter a weekly pass will be sold for \$1. Present single fares of 10 cents, or 25 tickets for \$2, will remain in force.—V. 113, p. 2015.

Tennessee Central Ry.—Securities Authorized.—

The I.-S. C. Commission July 22 authorized the company: (1) To issue not exceeding \$3,000,000 Common capital stock (par \$100), in respect of









from enforcing its order re-establishing rates which were in force prior to Aug. 1 1920.—V. 115, p. 78.

Cerro de Pasco Copper Corp.—Balance Sheet.

Table with columns for 1921 and 1920, and sub-columns for Assets and Liabilities. Total assets and liabilities are \$50,557,809 and \$70,667,385 respectively.

Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co.—Report.

Table with columns for 1922 and 1921, and sub-columns for Earnings for 12 Months Ending June 30 and Balance Sheet June 30. Total earnings are \$13,722,917 and \$13,978,558.

Coastwise Transportation Corp.—Initial Dividend.—An initial dividend of 2% was paid on the \$800,000 8% Preferred stock July 1.

Consolidated Cigar Corp.—Controlling Interest Held by American Sumatra Tobacco Co. To Be Disposed of—Earnings.—Net earnings, after all deductions, including interest, increased 25% in May, compared with May 1921.

Consolidated Gas of New York.—Dividend Increased.—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$2 per share on the \$100,000,000 capital stock, par \$100, payable Sept. 15 to holders of record Aug. 10.

Consolidated Naval Stores Co. & Consolidated Land Co. (Florida).—Bonds Offered.—Baker, Pentress & Co.; Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, and Detroit Trust Co., Detroit, are offering, at 100 and int., \$3,000,000 1st (Closed) Mtge. 7% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds.

Consolidated Telegraph & Electrical Subway Co., N. Y. City.—Decision.—The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court has sustained the decision declaring that the sole jurisdiction over the company lies in the New York City Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity and has denied that the Public Service Commission has power to supervise the company and fix rates.—V. 84, p. 1055.

Table for Corn Products Refining Co.—Earnings.—Columns for 6 Mos. to June 30, 1922, 1921, 1920, and 1919. Total net earnings are \$5,540,978.

Crucible Steel Co. of America.—Additional Stock.—At the recent meeting of the directors, it was proposed that the company sell \$5,000,000 additional Common stock at \$100 a share.

Cuba Cane Sugar Corp.—New Financing Plan.—The company is sending a circular to stockholders calling a special meeting Aug. 21 for the purpose of authorizing an increase in its Common share capital so that it may offer to all Preferred and Common stockholders pro rata the right to subscribe to an issue of \$10,000,000 Eastern Cuba Corp. 15-Year 7 1/2% Mortgage Sinking Fund gold bonds.

The issue, which is being underwritten by J. & W. Seligman, Hayden Stone & Co. and Chase Securities Corp., will be guaranteed principal and interest by the Cuba Cane Sugar Corp. and will be convertible for the life of the bond into Cuba Cane Sugar Corp. Common stock at \$20 per share.

This bond issue will pay off the \$10,000,000 loan of the Cuba Cane Sugar Corp., which matures Oct. 1, of which the Central Union Trust Co. is trustee. The Cuba Cane Sugar Corp. will pay off the other \$10,000,000 loan due Oct. 1 to the extent of \$2,500,000, out of cash on hand, and has renewed for one year at 6% the balance of \$7,500,000.

Review of Past Year.—A summary of an interview given the "Boston News Bureau" by Charles Hayden, Chairman of the administration committee, follows: "At the end of last January the company was still long 1,100,000 bags of sugar, which it had not been able to sell, due to the existence of the Cuban Commission, and which sugar had naturally been deteriorating somewhat during the long time it had been in storage.

Dayton Power & Light Co.—Listing—Earnings.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$500,000 additional 6% Cumulative Preferred stock, par \$100, on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount applied for \$4,800,000.

Dow Chemical Co.—Usual Dividends.—A dividend of 3 1/2% has been declared on the Common stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the Pref. stock, both payable Aug. 15 to holders of record Aug. 5.

Dubilier Condenser & Radio Corp.—Earnings.—Net profits for May and June, it is reported, were in excess of \$25,400, and President William Dubilier estimates that profits in July will double the rate for May and June.

Durant Motors, Inc.—New Subsidiary Companies, &c.—A dispatch from Flint, Mich., states that an application for a charter was filed there July 25 by the Flint Motor Co., headed by W. C. Durant.

East Penn Electric Co.—Awards Contract.—This company, which was recently organized in Pennsylvania, primarily to supply electricity to the Eastern Pennsylvania Railway Co.'s system, has awarded contract for its proposed electric generating plant at Pine Grove to the J. G. White Engineering Corp., New York.

Eastern Cuba Sugar Corp.—New Financing, &c.—See Cuba Cane Sugar Corp. above.

Eastern Manufacturing Co. of Mass.—Defers Dividend.—The directors have voted to defer payment of the dividend usually paid Aug. 1 on the 7% Cumul. 1st Pref. stock. In May last a distribution of 1 1/4% was made.

(David) Eccles Co., Ogden, Utah.—Bonds Offered.—A. G. Becker & Co.; Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., New York and Chicago; Stern Bros. & Co., Kansas City, and Cyrus Peirce & Co., San Francisco, are offering at prices ranging from 100 and int. to 98 1/4 and int., to yield from 7% to 7.35%, according to maturity, \$2,300,000 1st Mtge. & Coll. Trust 7% Serial Gold bonds.

Data from Letter of V. Pres. Jas. E. Fickert, Ogden, Utah, July 19. Company—Incorp. in Utah in 1915 for the purpose of acquiring and conserving the interests of the beneficiaries of the estate of David Eccles.

Table for Fair Market Value. Columns for Description and Fair Market Value. Includes items like 201,438 shares (v. t. c.) for Common stock of Amalgamated Sugar, \$1,000,000 Oregon Lumber Co. 1st (Closed) Mtge. 6s, 1937, etc.















# The Commercial Times.

## COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, July 28 1922.

American business is held up by the big railroad and coal strikes. They have not yet been settled, but it is hoped that by the efforts of the President and the Labor Board at Washington, backed by the power of public opinion throughout the country, which is overwhelmingly against these strikes, they will soon be settled. It is becoming a serious matter. The scarcity of coal causes its price to mount at a rate that is little less than alarming. Iron and steel plants are closing. Various mills and factories in different parts of the West are also reported to be closing. It is all due to the lack of fuel. Some flour mills in Minnesota may have to close. Some, indeed, it is said, are already closing. The flour industry there has to contend with small supplies of coal and low water in some of the streams. There are heavy importations of British coal at rapidly rising prices. In other words, the country has fallen on strange times. There are indications that labor leaders are not altogether insensible to the fact that the great mass of the population of the United States unqualifiedly condemns the prostration of American trade by workers who refuse to fall into line with their brethren in other industries which have accepted a reduction in wages. Three coal roads have had to declare embargoes on all freight, except food, fuel and live stock. Some of the miners, according to the latest news, are ready to go to work. On the railroads the struggle seems to have simmered down very largely to the question of seniority. It is hoped and believed that this unwise strike of coal and railroad workers will not last another week. The steel trade is beginning to use oil as a fuel, but this only increases the price of steel, since it adds to the cost of production. Fuel oil has been rising as its use has increased in various industries. Iron and steel prices have risen because of the coal strike. As trade has decreased collections have become less prompt. Failures have increased somewhat. The total for the week is put at 387 against 371 last week, 390 in the same week last year and 153 in 1920. It is pointed out that coal has become so scarce on the Great Lakes that the price is now \$10 to \$12 a ton; many ships have tied up there. That is a serious bar to business on these great inland seas. Freight rates on the Lakes from Chicago to Buffalo have risen noticeably. The price of flour has advanced owing to the strikes. The people are taxed at every twist and turn by such upheavals.

Meanwhile, trade throughout the country is cautious. Buying is mostly to supply imperative needs. For nobody knows just when the goods will be delivered. There is a certainly very marked disinclination to buy far ahead. Industry throughout its vast ramifications feels the blow from the two great strikes. On the other hand, export buying of wheat has been on a large scale, and there has been more or less foreign buying of corn and rye. Cotton has declined owing to a better outlook for the crop. At the same time cotton goods have been less active. Trade in woolen goods has improved. Sugar has advanced. Western car loadings under the pressure apparently of a nervous demand for commodities to meet pressing wants are the largest of the year in spite of the strike. The outlook for the grain crop has improved. Beneficial rains have fallen in the corn belt and big crops of oats and rye are promised, not to mention better prospects for the spring wheat yield. Take it all and all the business general situation in this country is promising. The removal of such an intolerable incubus as the railroad and coal strikes would infuse life and activity into not a few branches of trade and certainly increase transactions in many others.

The cost of production, i. e. the cost of living, is rising steadily because of the coal strike and advancing prices for coal, which now has to be imported from England. It is stated that orders have been placed for more than 700,000 tons of British mined coal for delivery in the United States by the middle of September. Of late, it is said, orders have slackened because of the rapidly rising prices and inability of operators to guarantee delivery even at \$9.90 a ton. Freight rates are up to \$4.40 a ton by some companies; others over \$3, against \$1.55 previous to July 1. It is understood that 43 Shipping Board and 50 foreign vessels are ready to bring fuel to American ports, chiefly New York, Boston and Philadelphia.

The Shipping Board has approximately 300 vessels tied up which could be placed in operation, and, if the coal were available, bring 1,800,000 tons monthly to American ports in addition to the supplies to be brought by the vessels now in service.

Textile unions of Lawrence, Mass., have announced that they will disregard the temporary injunction restraining members from intimidating or annoying workers. It will be interesting to see how this turns out. Mills report that on the whole the situation in New England is growing better. Hands are steadily returning to work. New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island cotton mills all report increased operations. Arbitration is unlikely. Six of seven mills of the Consolidated Corporation, which have been

closed down as a result of the textile workers' strike called last January, are now in operation. "As far as we are concerned, the strike is over," said a representative of the company. The Amoskeag Manufacturing Co. has announced that it will reopen two more units of its plant in Manchester, N. H., shortly. Plans for considerable new cotton mill construction are under way at Greenville, S. C. Included in the new construction is a mill of over 20,000 spindles for the Hampshire Spinning Mills of Clover.

A union dispute involving 20,000 common building laborers has been settled, and local building operations can now proceed without interference. Ninety-four per cent. of the membership of the seamen's unions on the Great Lakes have voted in favor of calling a strike.

Oscar T. Crosby, who was Assistant Secretary of the Treasury under President Wilson, and who had charge of the \$10,000,000,000 loan to the Allies, has returned from a tour of France and Germany. Mr. Crosby declares that the German mark is the most serious factor in world progress to-day. He warns the world of the menace in the flood of paper money, which must soon become utterly worthless.

LARD quiet; prime Western 12.10@12.20c., refined to Continent 13c., South American 13.25c., Brazil in kegs 14.25c. Futures fell with grain and Liverpool prices, a drop in hogs and a lessened foreign demand. True, the clearances reported on Tuesday were heavy of lard and bacon. Liquidation followed, as was not unnatural. Both lard and ribs dropped noticeably with rallies, however, from time to time. To-day prices advanced 15 points, with hogs higher, offerings small and a good demand from shorts. The closing, however, was 8 points lower than last Friday.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
September delivery cts.	11.57	11.57	11.47	11.25	11.27	10.37
October delivery	11.62	11.62	11.52	11.32	11.32	10.42
January delivery	10.05	9.87	9.67	9.47	9.60	9.70

PORK quiet; mess \$29.50@30; family \$28@29; short clear \$24@27. Beef quiet; mess \$12.50@13; packet \$13@14; family \$15@16; extra India mess \$24@25; No. 1 canned roast beef \$2.25; No. 2, \$3.20; 6 lbs. \$15. Cut meats steady; pickled hams 10 to 20 lbs. 21¼@23¼c.; pickled bellies 10 to 12 lbs. 18@18½c. Butter, creamery extras 35@36c. Cheese, flats 17@21¼c. Eggs, fresh extra 17@29c.

COFFEE on the spot quiet; No. 7 Rio, 10@10½c.; No. 4 Santos, 14¼@14¾c.; fair to good Cuzcuta 14¼@14½c. Futures advanced somewhat at one time, although earlier in the week there was a decline owing to lower prices in Brazil. Fluctuations have been within narrow limits, despite some later advance at Rio and Santos. Cost and freight business which has been dull for some time past increased a little on the 26th inst. Some look for a much greater increase before long, seeing that so little has been done for weeks past. The statistical situation would, by not a few, be regarded as rather bullish were it not for the holdings of the Brazilian Government both here and in Brazil. Many think this feature has a tendency to cut down speculation and deprive the market of its normal life and snap. They think it militates greatly against the hedging value of the market. There were rumors that a prominent merchant here had taken over the 150,000 bags of Brazilian Government coffee held in this market. Rio to-day closed 100 reis higher to 125 lower and advanced 100 reis for September early. Santos closed unchanged to 100 reis higher. Rio exchange on London closed 1-16d. higher at 7 15-32d. and opened at 7¼d. The dollar rate is 7\$190 to 7\$200. Futures here declined 7 to 16 points to-day on European and local selling of May and September. It is a slow market without striking features. The ending is unchanged for the week on December.

Spot (unofficial) 10¼c. | September . . . 32@33 | March . . . . . 9.35@9.36  
 July . . . . . @ . . . | December . . . 34@35 | May . . . . . 9.37@9.39

SUGAR.—Spot raws advanced but the activity of the fore part of the week was followed by a lull. The Department of Agriculture estimates the area of sugar cane in the eight principal States to be 524,200 acres, or about 99% of the harvested cane acreage in 1921. Receipts for the week at Cuban ports were 65,047 tons, against 62,218 last week and 22,502 last year; exports, 125,231 tons, against 118,758 last week and 28,129 last year; stock, 658,069 tons, against 716,253 last week and 1,435,063 last year; centrals grinding, 13, against the same number last week, 5 last year and 5 two years ago. Cable advices from Cuba reported that only 300,000 tons of Cuba remained unsold outside of the refiners' controlled holdings. The bullish factor in the statistical position excites comment. Cubans predict 4 cents. Some 20,000 bags of Cuba sold to Galveston, it is said, at 3 13-16c. c. & f. Cuba cabled that raws had sold there at 3.71c. f. o. b. Nearby raws were quoted in a quiet market to-day at 3¾c. here; Cuba is said to be holding for 3½c. to 4c. Refined 6.90 to 7c. here. To-day futures advanced 1 to 6 points, ending 3 points higher for the week. Closing prices were as follows:

Cuba C + F . . . . . 3.75c. | September . . . 3.73@3.74 | March . . . . . 3.60@3.61  
 July . . . . . @ . . . | December . . . 3.87@3.88 | May . . . . . 3.73@3.75

OILS.—Linsed continues quiet with no change in prices. Tanks 85@86c.; July carloads 89@90c.; less than carloads 92@98c.; less than 5 barrels 95@96c. English oil is offering less freely and the price is quoted nominally at 83c. August shipment. Coconut oil, Ceylon, bbls., 8¾@9c.; Cochin, 9¼@9½c. Corn, crude, bbls., mills, 11c.; crude tanks,

New York, 10c.; mills, 9@9½c.; refined, 100-barrel lots, 12½c. Olive, \$1 15@1 20. Lard, strained winter, 11½c.; extra, 11c. Cod, domestic, 55c.; nominal Newfoundland, 57c. Spirits of turpentine, \$1 21. Rosin, \$5 65@88 35. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 11,800 barrels. Prices closed as follows:  
 August... 10.25@10.36 November... 8.57@8.60 February... 8.37@8.45  
 September... 10.47@10.49 December... 8.35@8.40 March... 8.40@8.55  
 October... 9.65@9.67 January... 8.37@8.40

**PETROLEUM.**—Gasolene easier. It is now said that business could be done at 21½c. per gallon in bulk in new Navy, New York delivered, which is a decline of 1c. from recent price. Business at best is along routine lines. However, the idea among many is that the railroad strike together with dwindling supplies will strengthen prices before very long if the strike continues. A number of traffic officials representing many of the large oil companies have gone to Washington to appeal to the Inter-State Commerce Commission to add gasolene, lubricating oils and gas oil to the priority list which was recently announced by the Commission. Kerosene dull with many observers predicting lower prices in the near future. Bunker oil moving more freely at \$1 45 per bbl. f. o. b. New York. Gas oil steady. 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. Stocks of domestic crude oil increased 7,091,000 barrels during June to 231,479,000 barrels the largest amounts of crude ever held. Mexican crude oil in storage gained 1,751,000 barrels over May and on June 30th totaled 23,422,000 barrels. Total stock at the end of June were 254,901,000 barrels compared with 246,059,000 at the end of May, an increase of 8,842,000 barrels. Total stocks at the close of June were sufficient for 157 days' supply based on an average daily consumption of 1,619,507 barrels during June. The largest gain in domestic stocks occurred in mid-Continent field where stocks stood at 144,725,000 barrels, against 140,441,000 at the close of May. The increase, i. e. 4,284,000 barrels, was over 60% of gain in domestic stocks during June. California showed an increase of 1,436,000 barrels in storage during June bringing the total up to 43,477,000 barrels.

The daily average gross production in the United States for the week ended July 22 was 1,498,500 barrels, against 1,474,450 barrels in the preceding week an increase of 24,050 barrels. The production in Oklahoma was 414,500 barrels, against 408,000 in the preceding week, and 305,800 last year; Kansas, 84,550 barrels, against 84,600 in the preceding week and 97,400 last year; north Texas, 49,900, against 49,300 in the preceding week and 68,780 last year; central Texas, 146,900, against 129,950 in the preceding week and 114,790 last year; north Louisiana and Arkansas, 126,450, against 127,200 in the preceding week and 119,660 last year; Gulf Coast, 99,750, against 102,150 in the preceding week and 98,010 last year; Eastern, 117,000, against 116,500 in the preceding week and 121,000 last year; Wyoming and Montana, 84,450, against 86,750 in the preceding week and 45,420 last year, and California, 375,000, against 370,000 in the preceding week and 336,500 last year.

Pennsylvania.....\$3 00	Lima.....\$1 98	Corsicana, heavy..\$0 65
Corning.....1 75	Indiana.....2 03	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 00	Corsicana, light..1 10	Healdton.....0 75
Wooster.....2 10		Mexia.....1 25

**RUBBER** steady. A great deal of scepticism exists in the trade as to the ultimate co-operation of the Dutch in the proposed scheme to restrict rubber production. A report on Tuesday that the Netherlands had declared negotiations off with the British depressed prices for a time. Later this report was denied. On the whole, however, buyers' ideas are not in accord with those of sellers, and business is very quiet. First latex crepe and ribbed smoked sheets, spot and July, 14½c.; August, 14½c.; September, 14½c.; October-December, 15½c., and January-March, 15½c. Para quiet; up river fine, 19@20c.; coarse, 13½c. Central, Corinto, 10c.

HIDES have been quiet here and at the River Plate. Mountain Bogota are held at 18 to 20c. Adverse foreign exchange has hurt the River Plate trade. Hides are said to be offered there at 18½ to 18¾c. sight credit. Apparently there is no market at such prices. Recent quotations were 17½ to 18c. cost and freight. Packer hides quiet here at 13 to 25½c. nominally. Country hides are quiet at 7 to 13c., with supplies far from burdensome, a fact that offsets the slowness of the demand.

**OCEAN FREIGHTS** have been more active in the shipment of coal this way, i. e., from England to America. The coal rate quoted to the United States on all British exchanges has risen. London cabled late last week: "Additional exports of coal from Great Britain to the United States are foreshadowed with the chartering of vessels for the shipment of 50,000 tons from Cardiff to the Northern States, and from 25,000 to 30,000 tons from the east coast. The east coast shipments are to begin at once with delivery extending through August at rates of 7s. 6d. and 8s." Later the westbound coal rate was fixed here at 15s. This was paid to the Norwegian "Tonjer" to bring British coal to the U. S. London quoted 17s. to 20s. 6d. for spot vessels and 13s. 6d. to 15s. prompt. Actual closings 13s. 6d. to 17s.

The American Shipping Board is expected to get a good deal of this coal-carrying trade. Some conservative firms express the conviction that the action of the Shipping Board in chartering a large number of its steamers now in European waters will be of signal benefit to the shipowners of all the chief maritime nations of the world.

Charters included grain from Montreal to Antwerp-Hamburg range at 14c. August; from Montreal to Sweden, not north of Stockholm, 10c. one, and 20c. two ports August; 46,000 qrs. grain from Montreal to west coast of Italy 16½c.; 28,000 qrs. 10% grain from Gulf to Antwerp-Hamburg range 16c.; 32,000 qrs. 10% grain from Gulf to west coast of Italy, 4s. 6d. one port and 4s. 7½d. two ports; grain from Montreal to Mediterranean 4s. 6d. September; nitrate from Chile to Jacksonville-Boston range \$5 50 one port; barley from North Pacific to United Kingdom or Continent 35s. September; coal from United Kingdom to Atlantic range 8s. 3d. prompt from United Kingdom to New England 8s. prompt; from Clyde to New England 7s. 9d. spot; from United Kingdom to Boston or New York 7s. 6d. spot; lumber from Richbucto to New York \$6 prompt; one round trip in West Indies trade 1867-ton steamer, \$1 10 prompt; coal from Cape Breton to New York \$1 40 prompt; grain from Atlantic range to Antwerp-Hamburg range 12½d. late August; grain from Montreal to Rotterdam 14c. early August; coal from United Kingdom to north of Hatteras 9s. 5d. prompt; one round trip to the West Indies 2289-ton steamer, \$1 05 prompt; two round trip in West Indies trade 1080-ton steamer, \$1 35; 35,000 qrs. grain 10% from Atlantic range to Gulf 12c.; to Antwerp-Hamburg range 14c. first half September; grain from Atlantic range to west coast of Italy 15½c. prompt; grain from Gulf to Antwerp-Holland range 15½c. August; ore from Sagunto to Baltimore, 7s. 9d. prompt; linseed from Rosario to New York \$4 75 early August; time charter in Gulf intercoastal trade (3573-ton steamer), \$1 75 August delivery; option of continuation for one extra round trip, grain from Gulf to one port in west coast of Italy, 19c.; two ports 20c.; grain from Atlantic range to Antwerp-Hamburg range 12c.; from Atlantic range to Bordeaux-Hamburg range 12c.; ore from Rio Janeiro to Philadelphia or Baltimore, \$4 gross form, August; coal from Sydney, C. B., free discharge Montreal, 65c. August.

**TOBACCO** has been in fair demand for new tobacco on contracts at pretty steady prices. The question of the size of the new crop and of prices to be obtained for it is uppermost in the minds of the trade at the moment to the practical exclusion of everything else. Certainly there is very little business being done here beyond the usual routine trading and price, it is stated, show no particular change.

**COPPER** quiet but steady at 13½@14s. for electrolytic. The labor situation at mines and smelters is gradually improving. And the copper industry has not been affected as much as the steel industry by the strikes of miners and railway shopmen.

**TIN** advanced to 33c. for spot, the highest price seen for some time past London also was higher. Ninety-nine per cent. tin is now so scarce that consumers who usually buy this description are inquiring for Banca or Straits. Lead in good demand but prices have not changed much. Spot New York 5.65@5.70c.; East St. Louis 5.35@5.40c. Zinc more active and higher; spot New York 6.40@6.45c.; East St. Louis 6.05@6.10c.

**PIG IRON** prices are rising, while trade suffers from a growing scarcity of fuel. The demand is increasing. French iron is generally at \$23 50, New York; Middlesbrough at \$25, and Scotch iron at \$26, all New York. Agents handling foreign iron have small stocks. It is wanted for prompt delivery. Coke has been sold to consumers at \$14 50 delivered, buyers considering this a low price for conditions. Other sales are made at \$15; some say at \$16, in rare instances. Birmingham iron \$19@20. Prices of pig iron are up for the week generally \$1 to \$2, owing to the smallness of the available stocks. But there are more cheerful reports about the coal strike and it is hoped that it will soon be settled. Three coal roads, namely, the Norfolk & Western, Chesapeake & Ohio and Louisville & Nashville, have declared embargoes over their lines against the acceptance of any freight except foodstuffs, livestock and fuel. The object of the embargoes is to conserve all the equipment and facilities of the three carriers for the transportation of coal. The roads serve the non-union bituminous mining areas south of the Ohio River which have furnished most of the country's coal output since April 1st, when the miners struck in all the unionized fields.

**STEEL** is in steady demand at advancing prices, owing to increasing scarcity of fuel. The order of the United States Government as to priority regulations of car and coal supply hit the steel and iron trade hard. It threatens to aggravate operating difficulties, already bad enough from the want of fuel and transportation. Iron and steel are grouped in the unpreferred fifth class, along with general industry; excepting as special exemption is granted. The steel industry's wants must wait on those of a more imperative kind, such as food, &c. Steel departments are, therefore, steadily closing down in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia. Some 15 blast furnaces have recently banked. Some plants are using oil as fuel, but it adds greatly to the cost of output. Mills have to refuse orders. They are either sold up or are dubious as to the likelihood of getting raw steel promptly. Premiums for prompt steel are a feature of the situation. Meanwhile an insistent railroad demand arrests attention. Orders are in for repairs for 15,000 cars, 5,000 steel cars have been bought; also 100 locomotives.

**WOOL** has been in moderate demand and steady. A dispatch from Boston, under date of July 28, stated that the "Commercial Bulletin" would say of the wool market tomorrow:

"There is a better tone in the wool market as a result of the Senate tariff vote, although wool merchants are inclined to deplore the passage of the proposed wool tariff as unfortunate and bound to bring a reaction. Wool prices are very firm in this market for all wools out of bond, while the foreign markets are firm, Liverpool East India auctions having recovered on the last day some of its earlier weakness. The demand for wools in the goods market has been fairly satisfactory and the American Woolen Co. has withdrawn the production of nine mills from the market. Worsteds, however, do not seem to be meeting with so much favor. Little is reported from the West that is new.  
 "Mohair is hardly changed, with demand still centering on the finer grades and practically none available."









snap all out of the market here for a time. Another factor militating against a further rise in the price of flour was the favorable reports received in regard to the spring wheat crop, the harvesting of which has now begun. They caused many buyers to withdraw. Yet supplies here are still far from large. They are indeed steadily decreasing.

Later in the week the demand increased for spot and nearby shipment. The scarcity of coal was a menacing factor. Minneapolis advices said that mill stocks of coal are getting small. It also appears that even the mills that used water for motor power in the Minneapolis section find that the streams are getting low. So that for one cause or another it is supposed that production is threatened. And that has naturally had a steadying effect on prices. Semolina has sold well here of late. New crop rye flour has been offered here by Western mills at a marked decline in prices with only a fair business.

Wheat declined with a falling off in the speculative demand, a steady increase in hedge selling and favorable weather. Minneapolis on the 26th inst. reported the first car of new spring wheat had arrived there. There is an idea that farmers will market their crop rapidly if railroad conditions permit. Certainly they have the incentive of the cash premiums to hasten the movement to market. On the other hand, there has been a good export demand. To all appearances, Europe will have to import wheat on a large scale this season from the United States as well as from Argentina and Australia. Certainly the statistics seem to indicate that Europe is facing a considerable deficit. The cash sales on the 25th inst. were estimated at 3,000,000 bushels and upward, including 1,500,000 bushels for export, which was increased some 1,500,000 bushels on the next day, making some 6,000,000 bushels up to Wednesday the 26th inst., inclusive. On Thursday export business was cut down by the smallness of the offerings, although Chicago reported sales then of 1,000,000 bushels or 7,000,000 bushels up to that time. At the Gulf export sales that day were reported of 1,000,000 bushels. That would indicate a total of 8,000,000 bushels up to Thursday night. And on Thursday there was a moderate advance in prices.

On the other hand, advices from the winter wheat belt say that country elevators are carrying big supplies of wheat. Some look for a very considerable movement of winter wheat as soon as the supply of cars increases. And Minneapolis reported that samples of spring wheat have already been shown there, adding that shippers stated they could ship the wheat this week. On Thursday, too, a rise in the stock market had some effect on wheat as indicating perhaps a better outlook for an early settlement of the railroad strike. The market, however, has become more or less oversold. Too many have been banking on lower prices with big receipts of both winter and spring wheat as soon as the troubles are over.

The visible supply of wheat in the United States fell off last week 64,000, against an increase in the same week last year of 6,388,000 bushels. The present total is 15,479,000 bushels, against 19,237,000 bushels a year ago.

The total wheat yield of Belgium, Bulgaria, Spain, Greece, Hungary and Poland, according to a radiogram received by the United States Department of Agriculture from the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, is estimated at 264,148,000 bushels for 1922, compared with 301,383,000 bushels last year. The condition of the crop improved during June in France, Italy and Czechoslovakia. The condition is fairly good in Bulgaria, Rumania and Jugoslavia.

The condition of the wheat crop in Germany on July 1 was below the condition at the same time last year. The condition of the spring wheat crop there improved in June, while that of the winter wheat remained unchanged at the end of the month. In Hungary the wheat harvest is expected to fall nearly 20% below 1921. In Spain an unusually severe locust plague has recently swept over some sections, entirely consuming the grain crop of those regions, materially reducing the probable yield of the country. Among other sections, Navarre is reported to have lost about 500,000 acres of grain by the plague. In Egypt the yield is a little below average, hail having done slight damage. In Japan the yield is estimated at 30% below the actual yield of 1921, the decrease being attributed to reduced cultivation and unfavorable weather. In Argentina further rains made conditions unfavorable for growth and development of early sown wheat and field work has been at a standstill. Excessive rains about the middle and last of June seriously affected the crop outlook in Uruguay.

A conference of grain men at Minneapolis makes the statement that in seven of the most important cereal producing States of the Union the loss from black stem rust has amounted to 150,000,000 bushels, against 50,000,000 for the entire country last year. This is questioned, it seems, in some quarters.

To-day prices advanced on covering in an oversold market and a sharp cash demand at the Southwest. Additional export sales were reported of 1,500,000 bushels, two-thirds at the Gulf by Chicago and the Southwest. Kansas City did a large export business. Cash premiums at Chicago were 3 to 4c. over July for No. 2 hard and 1/2 to 1c. over No. 2 red. The final prices on futures, however, are 1 1/2 to 2 1/4c. lower for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 red.....	cts. 129	127 3/4	128 1/2	127	131	130

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery in elevator.....	cts. 113 3/4	108	110	109 3/4	110 1/2	111 1/2
September delivery in elevator.....	109 3/4	107 3/4	107 3/4	107	108 1/4	108 3/4
December delivery in elevator.....	110 3/4	109 3/4	109 3/4	109 3/4	110 3/4	110 3/4

Indian corn, like other grain, declined, but the fall in price has been much less marked than that in wheat. Yet December sold at a new low record for the season thus far, owing mainly to reports of beneficial rains. To all appearances they did the crop much good. This has served to check buying, while on the other hand, it is true, there has been no great pressure to sell. Exporters have not bought on a large scale. But still, they have bought to some extent. And cash premiums have at times shown greater firmness. While in the fore part of the week foreign exchange was weaker, it showed greater firmness on Thursday. Early in the week export sales were estimated at 300,000 bushels. Only the firmness of holders has checked business with Europe since then. Moreover, in the speculative market the situation became oversold. Shorts covered. Prices on Thursday advanced somewhat. Still, December at times of late has been 4 1/2c. under September. The visible supply in this country decreased last week 2,655,000 bushels, however, against a decrease in the same week last year of 1,481,000 bushels. This brings the total down to 23,419,000 bushels, against 18,890,000 a year ago. Receipts at the West have reached a fair total, but buyers have not been keen to take hold in the face of falling prices for wheat and better crop reports.

To-day prices ran up 2c. on an oversold position. The rise in wheat helped. Kansas City advanced. That helped to rout the shorts, especially as offerings fell off. Export sales were 600,000 bushels and Chicago receipts were only 125 cars. The industries, it appears, are buying corn on track in order to get empty cars. Final prices at Chicago were 1 1/2c. up for the week on July and 3/4c. lower on September.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 yellow.....	cts. 81 1/4	81	81	80 3/4	80 3/4	82

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery in elevator.....	cts. 62 1/4	61 1/2	61 3/4	61 3/4	62 1/4	64 1/4
September delivery in elevator.....	63 1/4	62 1/2	62 1/2	61 3/4	62 1/4	63 3/4
December delivery in elevator.....	60 3/4	59 1/4	59	57 3/4	58 3/4	59 3/4

Oats have sympathized more or less with the weakness in grain, although it must be confessed that the net changes have not been marked. Export sales early in the week were reported at 200,000 bushels. And the fact that prices are so low seems to act as a check on short selling. Moreover, threshing returns, according to Chicago dispatches, are rather irregular. They are said to show returns of anywhere from 10 to 60 bushels to the acre. It is of interest to notice that prices have reached new low records for the season. July, it is pointed out, has been selling in Chicago at less than 1c. per pound. It is down to the lowest price seen for years past. There is much talk to the effect that there is an over-production in this country. Yet oats have beyond question a certain value. The point to be decided is whether the price has not become unduly depressed. On Thursday there was some export demand, and it was intimated that some actual business was under way. Some would not be surprised if what they consider an oversold market would sooner or later strike back at the shorts. There has been a tendency to oversell all the grain markets. The visible supply of oats in this country decreased last week 2,424,000 bushels against an increase, on the other hand, in the same week last year of 1,628,000 bushels. The total is now down to 38,769,000 bushels, against 37,000,000 bushels a year ago. So that whatever may be said about over-production, the actual visible supply at the present time makes nothing like as bearish an exhibit as it did at one time early in the year.

To-day prices advanced 3/4 to 1c., with a good cash demand. No. 3 white 2 to 4c. over July and more or less covering. The last prices were 3/4c. lower than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 white.....	cts. 46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46	46 1/2	46 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery in elevator.....	cts. 32 1/4	31 1/2	31 3/4	32	32 1/4	32 1/2
September delivery in elevator.....	34	33 3/4	33 3/4	33 3/4	34 1/4	34 1/4
December delivery in elevator.....	35 1/4	35 1/4	35 1/4	36 1/4	37 1/4	37 1/4

Rye declined with other grain and larger hedging sales. It looks as though receipts of new rye would soon be large. The visible supply decreased last week 10,000 bushels against a decrease last year of 126,000 bushels. The total is 951,000 bushels against 604,000 a year ago. Also, Minneapolis reported the arrival early in the week of the first car of new rye. Harvesting is now in progress. A big crop is expected. Some look for what is popularly termed a "bumper yield." And they express the fear that ere long there will be a heavy pressure of new rye on the market. Meanwhile the demand is anything but urgent, whether for home or foreign account. It is true that there has been some export business. On the 26th inst. export sales were estimated at 200,000 to 300,000 bushels. On Thursday Chicago reported very large purchases by seaboard exporters. Also, there was considerable buying of September against sales of December.

Exporters want rye to some extent for prompt shipment, but the supply of cash rye is small and is in general firmly



held. At the same time a good deal of new rye is offered. The abundant crop is an unmistakable feature of the situation.

To-day prices advanced about 1 1/2c. on a moderate demand and in response to the rise in other grain. The close, however, was 5 1/2c. lower on September than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.
September delivery in elevator... 81 1/2
October delivery in elevator... 82

Table with columns for Grain (Wheat, Corn, Rye) and Flour (Spring patents, Winter straights, etc.).

For other tables usually given here, see page 515.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, July 22, was as follows:

United States--
New York 351,000
Boston 8,000
Philadelphia 335,000
Baltimore 865,000
Newport News 8,000
New Orleans 1,365,000
Galveston 1,153,000

Table showing Grain Stocks (Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley) for various locations across the United States and Canada, including totals for July 22 1922.

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 18,000 bushels; Buffalo, 77,000; Boston, 144,000; total, 239,000 bushels, against 179,000 in 1921; barley, New York, 45,000 bushels; Duluth, 4,000; Buffalo, 12,000; on lakes, 73,000; total, 134,000 bushels, against 15,000 bushels in 1921; and wheat, New York, 12,000; Baltimore, 99,000; Buffalo, 835,000; Philadelphia, 258,000; Boston, 41,000; on lakes, 890,000; total, 2,105,000 bushels in 1922.

Table showing Canadian grain stocks (Montreal, Ft. William & Pt. Arthur, Other Canadian) for July 22 1922.

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 25.—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 26:

Cotton.—Another rather favorable week for cotton was experienced in most sections of the belt. Temperatures were moderate generally except in the western portions, where it was unseasonably warm. There was too much rain in some Atlantic Coast sections and it was too dry in the more western sections of the belt, but most interior districts received light to moderate showers.

The crop showed improvement in Alabama, and although the plants continued small, they were fruiting nicely. Progress was very good in Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas. It was too cloudy and wet in portions of Louisiana, but conditions on the whole in that State were fairly favorable.

Dry weather was becoming unfavorable in Texas and Oklahoma, particularly in western Oklahoma, and to late planted cotton in Texas. The general progress continues very good in Texas; however, and it was fair in Oklahoma, except in the drier portions.

The warm, dry weather was favorable in checking weevil activity in the western portion of the belt, but they were active and doing considerable damage in much of the south-central and eastern portions of Oklahoma; they have so far done little damage in Texas. The cloudy, rainy weather, however, was favorable for the increase of weevil activity in the more eastern portions of the belt. They were reported numerous and destructive in Georgia, as increasing rapidly in South Carolina, especially where heavy rains fell in the eastern portion, and as becoming more numerous in North Carolina.

Corn.—Late corn deteriorated in central and western Texas and Oklahoma because of dry, hot weather, but the temperature conditions were favorable and there was sufficient moisture for satisfactory growth elsewhere, except in some lower Ohio Valley districts. The progress and condition of the crop were satisfactory in most of the principal corn-growing districts.

Wheat.—Threshing of winter wheat progressed in Central Valley districts and Great Plains States, under generally favorable weather conditions, except for interruption in some upper Mississippi Valley localities on account of wet shocks from previous rains. Yields continue to vary greatly in most of the Ohio Valley States, and were disappointing in many localities.

The weather on the whole continued favorable for spring wheat, except for a continued lack of moisture in the more western portions of the belt. Great damage has been done to this crop, especially to late sown grain, in Washington, Oregon and Idaho and in the Flathead Valley of Montana. Some black rust was reported from North Dakota and in a few localities in South Dakota, but damage was slight from this cause except to some late seeded grain. The condition of spring wheat was fairly good in Minnesota, except in the dry central and western portions, where it was poor. Harvest was well under way in most sections of the belt with generally favorable weather conditions prevailing for this work.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

New York, Friday Night, July 28 1922.

The volume of business in dry goods markets has been smaller during the past week, this being particularly true in regard to cotton goods, as the instability in the cotton future markets has encouraged buyers to hold off from making commitments for deferred delivery. The railroad and coal strikes have also caused uncertainty, and it is expected that the forthcoming report on the cotton crop and developments in connection with the strike situation will be the most dominant influences in the dry goods markets during the next few days. The Government report estimating the condition of the cotton crop as of July 25, is scheduled to be issued on August 1, and opinions in regard to the showing differ widely. While improvement as compared with a month ago is generally looked for, manufacturers feel that if there is no surplus of cotton there will at least be no famine should weather conditions continue favorable during the remainder of the crop growing season. Despite the fact that buyers hesitate to place orders, sellers feel that the higher prices which have been recently named for goods are wholly within reason, and some predict that the market will work still higher instead of going lower. They appear to be acting on this conviction, as the tendency is to hold goods rather than let them go at lower prices. The export division of the market has also been less active. The uncertainty with respect to the European situation has resulted in a sharp modification of inquiries, while the firmer prices asked appear to have scared off South American buyers. The outlook for the future, nevertheless, is considered as favorable. Leading authorities believe that once the issues involving the readjustment of the German reparations are out of the way there should be a quick recovery to more normal activity. They point out that up to the time when the German moratorium came to the front as a disturbing factor, business for export account had been on a fairly liberal scale.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS: Although a steady business is reported in markets for domestic cottons, the aggregate of sales is not large, as jobbers are buying only in a small way. According to reports, many stores in the metropolitan district have had a disappointing time with certain lines of summer goods owing to the unfavorable season, and as a result of this situation, consumers have found it possible to make purchases at prices considerably lower than those prevailing two months ago. The conservatism displayed by jobbers is due in part to the coal and railroad strike situations, tariff debates and uncertainty as to the actual worth of many textile raw materials. The fact is not overlooked, however, that the instability may prove to be of short duration and that the labor difficulties can be cleared up very quickly, in which event confidence would be restored. Some of the brown goods mills are not letting any opportunity for business go by, and buyers who require only small lots appear to find in this fact a cause for holding off still further in the hope of realizing a better price basis. At the moment it seems impracticable to attempt to advance prices on finished goods, as when higher values are asked, business is checked. Wash fabrics have ruled comparatively quiet, with very little forward business placed. Print cloths, 28-inch, 64 x 64's construction, are listed at 7c, and the 27-inch, 64 x 60's, at 6 1/2c. Gray goods in the 39-inch 68 x 72's, are quoted at 9 3/4c., and the 38-inch 80 x 80's, at 12 1/2c.

WOOLEN GOODS: Demand for woolens has been moderately active, and steady prices have prevailed. According to reports, there is enough business in staple worsteds for dress wear to absorb the current output, while demand for serge weaves is said to be a little in excess of production. Prices named on half worsted fabrics which have been opened, show advances ranging from 5 to 10%. These goods are for late fall delivery, while similar advances have been named on many lines of all worsted fabrics for September delivery. There is keen interest among jobbers and manufacturers in regard to the openings of the American Woolen Co., which are scheduled to take place on Monday and Tuesday of next week. On Monday women's fabrics will be opened and on Tuesday men's fabrics will be shown.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS: There has been a fair amount of business in housekeeping and dress linens during the past week. Trade in the more desirable lines was stimulated by the warm weather which prevailed last week, but the lower temperatures during the latter part of the current week had a tendency to check the movement. A favorable factor in the outlook is the fact that while a large part of the buying has been confined to orders for prompt delivery there has been some buying for delivery as far ahead as the end of September. The general situation surrounding the linen market appears to be healthy, and dealers are looking forward to a good fall business. Cheap crashes and other household linens that can be offered at reduced prices are eagerly sought, but buyers are seldom able to make purchases at prices they claim to be their maximum figures. Cable advices state that the production of linen and flax yarn in Ireland is increasing, as the number of orders for American account in anticipation of the tariff expands. Bur-laps have failed to develop any activity during the week. Demand has been quiet and undertone easier. Spot lights are quoted at 6.20c. and heavies at 9.35c.























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