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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 841 and 842.

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

The soft coal strike has ended once more and many of the bituminous mines officially "reopened" on Wednesday; the parley which was expected to reach an agreement between anthracite operators and miners has not progressed altogether smoothly and will be continued to-day.

This action, says the head of the National Coal Association, means ability to immediately begin shipment of about 10 million tons of bituminous weekly, thereby putting up to the railroads the problem of moving that or even a little larger output with sufficient speed to mollify the situation. The agreement reached is substantially as indicated a week ago, a resumption of work on the wage scale last in force, that scale to run until the end of March 1923. The next point is that the participants agree to send "and this conference invites" the bituminous operators of the United States to send representative delegates from coal-producing districts or from substantial groups of operators to a joint conference in Cleveland on October 2 next. That joint conference is to appoint a committee equally divided between representative operators and miners, which shall formulate for the bituminous coal industry a method to be followed in negotiating wage scales to become effective April 1 next, and such method shall be reported to a joint conference to be held on January 2 next. The October conference shall also select a com-

mittee of inquiry, of men "of commanding public reputation for character and ability," and also approved by the President. This committee shall be charged with promptly developing "all the pertinent facts in regard to the industry, for the benefit alike of the public, the operators, and the mine workers," the inquiry to include every material phase and to be aided to the utmost by both operators and miners. If the October conference cannot agree upon the men by October 10 it shall petition President Harding to designate them, or in case of any vacancies, he shall fill those, the number in the committee, however, not being stated in this present agreement. The cost of the inquiry is to be borne equally by the participating operators and the United Mine Workers of America.

After "developing" the facts, this committee shall as far as possible report to the January joint conference, covering the following principal points:

"The wage rate in any district shall as far as reasonable be properly competitive within the mining industry and shall at the same time be fully compensatory to the miners, being sufficient to afford not only a living wage, but also to allow reasonable opportunity for accumulating savings;

"The encouragement of a proper spirit of obligation and responsibility on the part of all the parties towards contractual obligations and the establishment of proper machinery, both local and national, for prompt determination and settlement of any points of dispute in any local, State or district contract without resorting to strike or lockout;

"The determination of a proper policy to encourage efficiency of operation, not only on the part of mine management in the mechanical operation of the mines, but also on the part of individual miners in the performance of their daily work."

The conference which has made this agreement thus provides for two more conferences and an investigating committee. The first of these, to meet in a few weeks, is to form a committee to devise "a method" for reaching a wage scale to be used after the truce ends with next March and is to construct a committee to look into and "develop" the whole subject. Here is certainly a liberal amount of conferring proposed, and according to Mr. Lewis, it is "a broad constructive premise which carries with it substantial hope for a material improvement in the methods of collective bargaining in the industry and gives assurance that constructive reforms will be instituted, eliminating some of the organic ailments of the bituminous coal industry; such reforms will not only operate as a preventive of future conflicts of the magnitude of this one, but will serve to protect the public interest and restore mutual confidence and respect between the coal operators and the mine work-

ers." He doubtless sees "organic ailments" in the anthracite industry as well.

Of course, we may entertain "hope for a material improvement," since hope is a gift which should never be abandoned, but that there is any "assurance" which can be trusted in all this involves doubts. The agreement is smoothly written and is a clever bit of composition, but it is full of generalities. In one thing it seems encouraging: it proposes representatives of districts or of substantial groups of operators, thus, at least, not looking towards that unattainable trouble, a central or country-wide arrangement of industry. Yet it starts with a truce term of less than eight months. And observe the points suggested for "a final and proper determination of the controversy." The wage scale "in any district" (here is a local rather than a general suggestion) shall be properly competitive within the industry and also fully compensatory to the miners, including a living wage and opportunity for accumulation. What is a properly competitive scale, and what is a wage "fully compensatory," covering a standard of living and room for accumulating; who shall agree upon this, and who shall decide it? The genuineness of the desire for a "competitive" scale on the part of a labor organization which has been insisting on national agreements and would not permit State agreements, may well be doubted, and the phrase has doubtless been inserted so as to suggest seeming compliance with the provisions of the anti-trust law. A proper regard for contractual obligations, establishing proper machinery to dispose of any disputes without strike or lockout, and encouragement of both mechanical and individual efficiency—all this is appropriate, yet the peace agreement has tucked away in it considerable material potentially explosive.

After a warlike attitude of several months, involving disturbance of business calculations and much uneasiness all through the public, together with murderous assaults of which the primitive Indian might be ashamed, we have what cannot be called better than one more truce by which real settlement is again postponed. Yet it would be ignoble and foolish to assume that this country is incapable of a real settlement. As in the case of railroads, we have "fat" and "lean" natural deposits to deal with, and those require corresponding treatment, a fact which again shows the inexpediency and futility of attempts at country-wide uniformity—which anyway are in direct contravention to the provisions of the anti-trust law. The coal industry, in both its great divisions, has long suffered from being overmanned in some places and times, from irregularity of work and employment, from a lack of sufficient means of moving and distributing; it has not yet enough of the organized and smoothly-moving methods which characterize the best of our mechanical production.

We should improve upon all this, and we should never admit a doubt that we shall. A really competent and unbiased inquiry into the subject ought at least to make a beginning.

Announcement was made in London on Monday evening that the Premiers that had been in conference for a week on the German reparations question had adjourned without having reached an agreement. It was asserted, however, that "there had been no rupture in the Anglo-French Entente." In Paris, the

same day, "the Reparations Commission decided to postpone the Aug. 15 payment of 50,000,000 gold marks by Germany until a decision has been reached by the Allied Premiers at their meeting in London." The action was said to have been unanimous. It was added that "this action was taken by the Commission in view of the fact that Germany was promised a decision regarding a formal moratorium to-day, which was apparently impossible."

London dispatches a week ago this morning had stated that the Premiers had agreed on the main points in a reparations plan, although it was not complete. Still, it was claimed that "sufficient progress was made for the experts to be summoned to meet again to-night [last Saturday] to pass an opinion on the effect of certain modifications of the British plan which had been agreed to tentatively by the Premiers." The New York "Herald" correspondent in London had cabled the same morning that "a substantial agreement for a customs levy and the allocation of a 26% exports levy to the coffers of the Reparations Commission direct were reached. The French believe the British suggestion on this point more effective than their own." He stated also that "the French have practically abandoned, for the purpose of the conference, their plan for a customs barrier around the Ruhr Valley and beyond the occupied region. They have come to the conclusion that such barriers could not be enforced without the help of the other Allies, and there is no hope of inducing the others to agree."

The very next day the cable advices from the British capital indicated that the outlook for reaching an agreement was not as bright as had been represented. The correspondent of the Associated Press asserted that "the French delegation to the conference on German affairs was amazed to learn to-day that the British Government proposes and insists upon a reduction of the German reparations payments to about one-third the amounts fixed by the London schedule of payments of May 1921—that is, to cancel altogether the annual cash payments of 2,000,000,000 gold marks and to leave only the 26% assessment on German exports." He quoted the following, which he said formed part of the tenth point of the British memorandum: "Subject to acceptance by the German Government of these guarantees, it will be for the Reparations Commission to grant a moratorium in respect to all cash payments remaining due from Germany up to the 31st of December 1922 and, further, the Commission shall as soon as possible fix the annual payments in cash in respect to all peace treaty charges for the succeeding period at such an amount, not exceeding 26% of the value of German exports, as they may find to be proper with a view to the early flotation of a loan by the German Government, the major portion of which shall be devoted to the payment of reparations." The correspondent observed that "consequently the negotiations between the French and British are at a standstill." He added that "the members of the French delegation were greatly surprised that Mr. Lloyd George should send word to M. Poincare that he was leaving London over Sunday, thus causing the loss of one day, when only two remain before the expiration of the date on which the next German payment is due under the partial moratorium now in operation."

The Allied Premiers met at Lloyd George's official residence, 10 Downing Street, Monday morning at 11 o'clock. It was expected that a plenary session

of the conference would be held later in the day. It was held at 5 o'clock, but adjourned, as already stated, without an agreement being reached, "and without making any arrangement for another meeting." Signor Schanzer of Italy prepared the final proposals, which, it was hoped, would serve as a basis for a settlement. They were as follows: "First, to leave the question whether or not there should be a moratorium to be decided by the Reparations Commission; second, to agree that the guarantees already demanded by the Committee on Guarantees and accepted by the German Government should be applied immediately, and, third, that Great Britain undertake to make no claim of interest or of capital upon Allied debtors pending the meeting of a conference at the end of a year." It was explained that "these proposals were submitted to the conference by Lloyd George and were strongly supported by all the Allied delegates except M. Poincare, who explained that the position of his country was that a moratorium could not be granted without fresh 'gages' and guarantees. It was understood that the expression 'gages' meant 'liens.'" The cable advices Tuesday morning stated that "Premier Poincare returns to Paris Wednesday morning to consult with his Cabinet, and the same day Premier Lloyd George starts on his holiday." The French Prime Minister was quoted as saying that "we have reached an accord to misunderstand each other." The New York "Times" correspondent asserted that "the rock upon which the conference has thus ignominiously come to grief with nothing definitely accomplished was M. Poincare's refusal to accept any solution of the German moratorium question short of new guarantees of what the French call a protective, and what the British and most of the other delegates call a punitive, character. Speaking broadly, M. Poincare was in a minority of one." According to a Paris dispatch, the latter will "renew his instructions to Louis Dubois, President of the Reparations Commission, to oppose the proposed moratorium for Germany."

The Paris representative of the New York "Herald," in outlining the position of Premier Poincare, by reason of the failure of the London conference, said: "It appears impossible to obtain further concessions from Prime Minister Lloyd George, and France must face the alternative of ousting her present leaders or attempting to enforce the Treaty of Versailles without the slightest chance of England's aid. The latter cannot be obtained without Parliament's consent, which is a doubtful quantity to-day, as the business element and the Poincare faction already are splitting on this point. Moreover, M. Poincare cannot withdraw French membership from the Reparations Commission unless he gives a year's notice. Realizing this, the French intend, according to reports, to follow a policy which will leave Germany's request for a moratorium in suspense indefinitely by both Belgian and French representatives on the Commission refusing to vote, thus preventing a majority until a basis of compromise with England can be found." The New York "Herald" representative in London cabled that "the present program is that no further meeting will be called until the several nations' debt funding missions return from Washington. There is, too, some hope among all the conferees that the American elections this November may produce a change in the attitude of the United States toward Allied indebtedness."

Premier Poincare received a great ovation upon his return to Paris Tuesday evening at 6.35 o'clock. A meeting of his Cabinet was held the next day at Rambouillet, the summer home of President Millebrand, to consider what action should be taken following the failure of the London conference. It was expected in Paris at that time that "the question of granting a moratorium to Germany would be shifted to the shoulders of the Reparations Commission. The understanding was that a meeting of that body would be held during the week. The French delegation issued a long statement in which its members defended their policy and procedure at the London gathering and blamed the Germans for financial conditions in their own country." The Associated Press correspondent in Berlin cabled that "news of the breakdown of the London conference sent a wave of depression through political and financial circles here." Chancellor Wirth was quoted as saying that "we must first safeguard the nation's bread supply, and if any gold is left after we are through paying for foreign grain we will use it to meet our reparations obligations."

The Paris representative of the New York "Herald" cabled Wednesday morning that "in well informed circles it was asserted that Premier Theunys of Belgium is working for another conference in Brussels in the immediate future, at which the chief subject of discussion will be Allied debts and their effect upon reparations. France and Belgium will make unusual efforts to obtain American assistance at this conference by pledging that no decisions shall be taken, but declaring that it is necessary to hold a heart-to-heart talk on the sole subject likely to solve the European problem."

At its meeting Wednesday the French Cabinet "unanimously approved the German reparations policy of the Premier and congratulated him on the stand he took at the London conference of Allied Premiers." The Associated Press correspondent said that "it was decided the Government did not need to call Parliament, as the Government had power to make decisions in further procedure." It was added that "the entire morning Cabinet session was devoted to Premier Poincare's presentation." The London correspondent of the New York "Herald" cabled Thursday morning that "the decision not to call the French Parliament in special session caused great relief in London. There is no disposition to minimize the gravity with which separate action by France against Germany, irrespective of the decision of the Reparations Commission, would be regarded here. One official, cognizant of the Government's attitude, told the New York 'Herald' correspondent that it would be regarded practically as a hostile act, definitely rupturing the Entente."

The Reparations Commission was to have had a formal meeting in Paris on Thursday, but, according to a dispatch from that city, "its members discussed only informally the probability of a compromise acceptable to Britain and France," and postponed the regular meeting to yesterday. The assertion was made in the same dispatch that "Premier Poincare last [Wednesday] night had a long conversation with M. Dubois, French representative on the Commission, and is understood to have instructed the latter to resign should Belgium vote against France on the moratorium question." It was suggested that "on an evenly divided vote the President of the Commis-

sion, who is French, would cast the deciding vote, but a vote by Belgium against the French policy would take the decision from France."

Word came from both Paris and Washington Thursday afternoon that "Premier Poincare has ordered the French Debt Commission, headed by Jean V. Parmentier, to return to Paris from Washington immediately." The opinion was expressed in dispatches from both centres that the Commission would return to the United States in the fall. According to an Associated Press dispatch Thursday evening, "a compromise settlement on the German reparations problem acceptable both to France and Great Britain was regarded as probable by Reparations Commission officials to-night."

The Associated Press correspondent in Paris cabled last evening that "Sir John Bradbury, British member of the Reparations Commission, and Eugene Mauciere, President of the Committee on Guarantees, will leave Paris for Berlin to-morrow night for the purpose of obtaining certain information from the German Government and also guarantees in addition to those which the Commission already has arranged." It was also stated that "they will be accompanied by two experts." Sir John Bradbury is expected to return to Paris next week.

In announcing in Berlin on Wednesday that the 10,000,000 gold marks, "paid to-day on account of private pre-war debt claims, was the last payment the country could deliver," Chancellor Wirth said: "I don't want to be too sentimental, but it is a terrible thing to stand at the deathbed of a great country." He declared that "the money transferred to-day had come from the only fund the Government had left to provide bread for the people through Federal grain purchases." Herr Wirth said that "taxes no longer could be turned into enough gold to meet the payments called for by the reparations schedule." He added that "not only the gold payments will fail, but also the payments in kind. The third phase is one with which no Government, but historians only, can deal. And they will be able to tell of a great revolution."

Official announcement was made in London last Saturday that the National troops had entered Cork, and that they were in "full possession of the post office and the customs house." Owing to the lack of telegraphic communication with Cork, there had been no definite official statement previously as to whether the city actually had passed out of the control of the irregulars. According to advices received in Dublin the property loss in Cork from fires was estimated at £2,000,000. It was reported that all rail contact with Cork had been cut off for several days, and that the city was said to be on short rations. The regulars met with a reverse on Monday when "a large force of Republicans entered Dundalk at 3 o'clock this morning, taking the National garrison completely by surprise. The attack was successful, and the town is now isolated, with Republican troops patrolling the streets." It was retaken by Government troops on Thursday. The Government forces at once took the offensive and rushed troops from Dublin to Dragheda. The New York "Times" correspondent in Dublin cabled that "there is no indication that the irregulars will attempt to meet the troops in open combat." In a cablegram last evening the Dublin representative of the Philadelphia

"Public Ledger" asserted that "the crushing defeats of the irregular forces in the north and south within the last 24 hours forecast the early and complete collapse of the irregular movement, which military leaders at the beginning of this week thought might continue another fortnight."

Michael Collins, head of the Irish Provisional Government, was quoted a few days ago in Limerick as expressing the belief that "military operations in the South of Ireland will be completed within the next fortnight." He added that the new Parliament could meet at any time if the military situation made it necessary. The Dublin correspondent of the Philadelphia "Public Ledger" asserted that "the death of Arthur Griffith, President of the Dail Eireann, will have little or no effect upon peace between Nationalist forces and the irregulars who are bent upon destroying the treaty the dead leader negotiated, and to the support of which he gave his life's strength." He also said that "while the untimely passing of Arthur Griffith overshadows the political and military situation at the moment, those who stood shoulder to shoulder with him are firmly disposed not to barter away to the irregulars any advantages guaranteed Ireland by the Free State treaty, already ratified by an overwhelming majority of Irishmen in recent elections."

Within the last week two of Great Britain's most prominent men have passed on. Reference is made to Arthur Griffith, founder of the Sinn Fein, and President of the new Dail Eireann Cabinet. His death appears to have made a profound impression in England as well as in Ireland. He was spoken of as a martyr to the cause which he so ardently championed. It is feared that his going will prove a great drawback to the establishment of permanent peace in Ireland. On Wednesday in Dublin he was "laid to rest in historic Glasnevin Cemetery, where so many famous patriots lie, after services of impressive solemnity in the beautiful Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception." Thousands, according to an Associated Press dispatch, paid a last tribute to their dead leader. Viscount Northcliffe is the other prominent Britisher whose death is certain to be greatly felt, in political affairs in Great Britain, as well as in the directing of the 100 or more publications which he was said to have owned. Naturally, there has been much speculation in England as to whether his newspapers would continue their policy of antagonism against the Lloyd George Ministry, or in other words, whether his passing would result in less opposition to it generally in Great Britain. It will be interesting to see what the Prime Minister says in his forthcoming book about his former chief antagonist, particularly now that he has passed on. The final service in memory of Viscount Northcliffe was held at noon Thursday in Westminster Abbey. The Associated Press correspondent cabled that "seldom has the last tribute to any Englishman whose position was wholly personal and unofficial gathered such an assemblage." He added that "the Dean of Westminster undoubtedly expressed the public wish when he asked Lady Northcliffe to permit the rites to be celebrated in the Abbey. The great company of eminent people gathered within the famous edifice, as well as the crowds in the streets outside, gave testimony to this." The burial took place in St. Marylebone Cemetery in Finchley, a northwestern suburb of London.

The announcement has been made that Premier Lloyd George is already at work on memoirs that will yield him in the neighborhood of \$450,000. Naturally, this attracted wide attention. The definite statement was made in London that Sir William Berry had secured the serial rights in Great Britain for the Sunday "Times" of London, and the book rights in Great Britain for the House of Cassell. The "Petit Parisien" has the serial rights for France, while the New York "Times" and Chicago "Tribune" have similar rights for America; Funk & Wagnalls have the book rights in this country. The Sunday "Times" of London made the following statement relative to the Premier's purpose in writing the book at this time: "We understand that the Prime Minister's decision for early publication is due to the fact that there have been during recent months a succession of war books in which, with often scant foundation of actual knowledge, his policy and actions have been sharply criticised and even acrimoniously criticised, and he has felt that in the interest of historical accuracy, as well as in justice to himself, he should submit the facts to the judgment of the public without further delay; otherwise he would have deferred the writing of the book to his days of retirement, which was his original intention. Still, it would be a mistake to assume that it will be mainly polemic in character. Its chief attraction will be in the vivid delineation of scenes in which the author has been a leading actor."

The British trade statement for July, compared with June of this year, discloses an increase in exports of British products of £8,264,049 and in total exports of £7,853,940. Imports decreased £2,518,169 and the excess of imports was £10,372,009 less than for the previous month. In comparison with July 1921 there was an increase in exports of British products of £17,237,601; in total exports of £16,186,045, and in imports of £1,022,826. The excess of imports decreased £15,153,219. The following figures show the results for July and the first seven months of this year compared with the corresponding periods of last year:

	July		Jan. 1 to July 31—	
	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
Imports.....	£ 81,780,000	£ 80,757,174	£ 569,042,611	£ 652,348,038
British exports.....	60,410,000	43,172,399	412,171,805	412,067,426
Re-exports.....	8,310,000	9,361,556	63,981,520	59,047,245
Total exports.....	68,720,000	52,533,955	476,153,325	471,114,671
Excess imports.....	13,060,000	28,223,219	92,889,286	181,233,367

The Bank of Norway on Thursday reduced its rate of discount ½ of 1% to 5%. The 5½% rate had been in effect since May 18. Otherwise no change has been noted in official discount rates at leading European centres from 5% in France and Denmark; 5½% in Madrid; 6% in Germany; 4½% in Belgium and Sweden; 4% in Holland; 3½% in Switzerland and 3% in London. Open market discount rates in London were again marked up, and now range at 2 7-16@2½% for long and short bills, as against 2½@2 3-16% last week. Call money at the British centre was likewise firmer, being quoted at 2%, comparing with 1¾% a week ago. In Paris the open market discount rate continues at 4%, and in Switzerland 1¼%, without change.

A further gain of £7,780 in gold was shown by the Bank of England statement for the week ending Aug. 17. Moreover, note circulation was reduced £1,-

281,000, so that total reserve expanded £1,289,000, while the proportion of reserve to liabilities advanced to 17.17%, from 16.34% last week. Public deposits fell off £2,070,000. "Other" deposits, however, increased £7,088,000. A small reduction was shown in loans on Government securities, namely £404,000, but loans on other securities were £4,168,000 larger. The Bank's stock of gold now aggregates £127,407,660. Last year the total was £128,407,120 and in 1920 £123,081,476. Total reserve stands at £21,595,000, as against £20,621,995 in 1921 and £16,686,566 the year before. Loans amount to £79,619,000, in comparison with £79,525,372 a year ago and £76,116,925 in 1920, with circulation at £124,261,000, as contrasted with £126,235,125 and £124,844,910 one and two years ago, respectively. No change has been made in the official discount rate, which remains at 3%. Clearings through the London banks for the week total £672,627,000. This compares with £601,022,000 a week ago and £615,294,000 last year. We append herewith a statement of comparisons of the principal items of the Bank of England's returns:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
	Aug. 16.	Aug. 17.	Aug. 18.	Aug. 20.	Aug. 21.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	124,261,000	126,235,125	124,844,910	79,500,770	56,748,580
Public deposits.....	14,171,000	17,285,264	16,114,575	23,397,012	33,697,898
Other deposits.....	111,586,000	122,546,676	117,134,568	95,219,451	135,996,495
Govt't securities.....	42,628,000	57,749,435	58,308,475	26,418,356	58,422,014
Other securities.....	79,619,000	79,525,372	76,116,925	83,014,743	98,950,731
Reserve notes & coin.....	21,595,000	20,621,995	16,686,566	27,217,910	30,366,098
Coin and bullion.....	127,407,660	128,407,120	123,081,476	88,268,680	68,664,678
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	17.17%	14.75%	12.52%	22.90%	17.90%
Bank rate.....	3%	5¼%	7%	5%	5%

The Bank of France continues to report small gains in its gold item, the increase this week being 124,000 francs. This brings the Bank's aggregate gold holdings up to 5,530,714,075 francs, comparing with 5,521,868,773 francs last year at this time, and with 5,590,036,980 francs the year previous; of these amounts 1,948,367,056 francs were held abroad in both 1922 and 1921 and 1,978,278,416 francs in 1920. During the week silver gained 168,000 francs, while general deposits were augmented by 18,854,000 francs. Bills discounted, on the other hand, decreased 41,861,000 francs; advances fell off 19,712,000 francs; and Treasury deposits were reduced 15,118,000 francs. A contraction of 228,538,000 francs occurred in note circulation, bringing the total outstanding down to 36,221,340,000 francs. This contrasts with 36,983,252,830 francs on the corresponding date last year and with 37,899,776,195 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 corresponding dates in both 1921 and 1920 are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Status as of		
		Aug. 17 1922.	Aug. 18 1921.	Aug. 19 1920.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold Holdings—				
In France.....	Inc. 124,000	3,582,347,019	3,573,501,716	3,611,758,564
Abroad.....	No change	1,948,367,056	1,948,367,056	1,978,278,416
Total.....	Inc. 124,000	5,530,714,075	5,521,868,773	5,590,036,980
Silver.....	Inc. 168,000	285,577,495	276,192,006	254,202,329
Bills discounted.....	Dec. 41,861,000	1,952,196,000	2,442,623,648	1,980,083,369
Advances.....	Dec. 19,712,000	2,167,745,000	2,181,949,135	1,963,580,122
Note circulation.....	Dec. 228,538,000	36,221,340,000	36,983,252,830	37,899,776,195
Treasury deposits.....	Dec. 15,118,000	58,547,000	44,329,633	129,638,835
General deposits.....	Inc. 18,854,000	2,229,497,000	2,761,754,737	3,203,730,551

Analysis of the Federal Reserve Bank statement, issued Thursday afternoon, reveals some loss in gold reserves as well as a slight scaling down in reserve ratios, locally and nationally. The System as a whole shows a decline in gold holdings of \$5,-

000,000, while the New York Reserve Bank lost \$21,000,000. Rediscounting operations were somewhat larger for the combined banks, total bill holdings having increased \$3,000,000; while in the local institution an increase in discounts of Government secured paper brought about an expansion of \$7,600,000, to \$67,759,000, which compares with \$388,405,000 at the corresponding date last year. Bills on hand for the System aggregate \$532,085,000, as compared with \$1,554,027,000 a year ago. In the member banks reserves account there was a gain of \$7,000,000, to \$1,790,260,000, although the New York bank reported a shrinkage of \$9,000,000; thus indicating a shifting of funds between the various Reserve institutions. Earning assets for the System showed only minor changes, while total deposits for the twelve reporting banks gained \$11,000,000 and declined \$8,000,000 locally. Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation fell about \$7,600,000 for the New York Bank and \$5,000,000 for the twelve banks combined. As a result of these changes, the reserve ratio of the System declined 0.2%, to 80.2%, and for New York, 0.6%, to 87.2%.

A renewal of the movement of funds toward interior points as well as heavy Government operations brought about sharp changes in last Saturday's statement of the New York Clearing House banks. Loans declined \$52,205,000. A corresponding decrease occurred in net demand deposits, which fell off \$53,994,000, to \$3,886,721,000. This total is exclusive of \$61,252,000 in Government deposits, a falling off in the latter item of \$12,197,000 for the week. On the other hand, net time deposits expanded \$17,574,000, to \$505,924,000. Cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank decreased \$678,000, to \$55,509,000 (not counted as reserve). An increase of \$35,000 was reported in the reserves of State banks and trust companies in own vaults and a reduction of \$286,000 in the reserve of these institutions kept in other depositories. Member banks drew down their reserve credits at the Reserve Bank \$7,114,000, and this, though largely offset by the contraction in deposits, brought about a loss in surplus reserves of \$819,990, still leaving, however, the total of excess reserves \$50,001,020. The figures here given for surplus are on the basis of reserves above legal requirements of 13% for member banks of the Federal Reserve System, but not including cash in vault to the amount of \$55,509,000 held by these banks on Saturday last.

The features of the money market at this centre have been free offerings, particularly on call, and low rates. In fact, materially easier conditions have prevailed this week than had been expected in some circles. No special or novel explanations have been offered. None could be found. Practically nothing was said about preparation for mid-month disbursements. Ordinarily they are not specially large, and they were not this year. Even if they had been the supply of loanable funds was of such proportions that the money market could not have been greatly disturbed. Some authorities are inclined to look for changes in the near future with respect to several situations that exert a direct and potent influence upon the money market ordinarily. Reference is made to the larger seasonal movement of the crops, and the freer movement that is certain to result

purely from an ending of the shopmen's strike. The resumption of activities at the coal mines that have been largely idle for more than four and one-half months, of course, will be a factor in industry in many directions, and may easily be felt, at least indirectly, in the money market. Domestic financing has been on only a moderate scale. The renewed demand for bonds is likely to result in larger offerings of new securities for domestic corporations and municipalities in the near future, particularly with the coal and railroad strikes practically at an end. The placing of additional foreign securities in the American market has awaited improved labor conditions, and a keener investment demand on this side, and greater stability in Europe. Government withdrawals this week from local institutions were not large. According to reports in circulation yesterday, local bankers are planning to offer a Cuban loan in the neighborhood of \$50,000,000 in the near future. Such financing has been under consideration, off and on, for some months.

Referring to specific rates for money, call loans this week have ranged between 3@4%, which compares with 3½@5% last week. On Monday the high was 4%, the low 3% and renewals at 4%. Tuesday there was a decline to 3½%, maximum, which was also the renewal basis; the low was still 3%. Increased ease developed on Wednesday when call funds renewed at 3¼%. The high was 3¼%, and the low 3%. On Thursday there was no range, a flat rate of 3¼% being quoted all day. A slightly firmer tone was noted on Friday, the renewal basis being 3½%, although the minimum continued to be 3%, and the maximum quotation was 3½%. The above figures are for both mixed collateral and all-industrial alike. For fixed date maturities the situation remained quiet, although considerable business was put through for the short maturities. Toward the end of the week money loaned for thirty days at 3½%, while sixty day loans were quoted at 3¼@4%, and ninety days at 4%, as against a range of 4@4¼% last week. Four and five months continued at 4@4¼% and six months 4¼@4½%, unchanged. No very large individual transactions were noted.

Mercantile paper continues to be quoted at 3¼@4% for sixty and ninety days, endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character, with the bulk of the business passing at the outside figure. Occasional transactions, mainly for New England paper, came in for the lower rate. Names not so well known still require 4¼%. Supplies were restricted; hence trading was quiet. Country banks were the principal buyers.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances ruled steady and without quotable change, although the undertone was easier. Prime acceptances figured for a larger turnover. Brokers reported a better inquiry both locally and from out of town institutions; but the supply of bills was light. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council is now 3%, against 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 or 120 days and 3⅛% bid and 3% asked for bills running from 30 to 90 days. Open market quotations were as follows:

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

Both the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City and the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis this week reduced their rediscount rate on all classes of paper from 5 to 4½%. Action by the first-named bank came on the 14th inst., while the reduction by the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank was made on the 15th inst. In all cases other than the Federal Reserve banks of Boston, New York and San Francisco, where a 4% rate prevails, a 4½% rate on all classes of paper is now maintained by the various Federal Reserve banks. 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 AUGUST 18 1922.

Federal Reserve Bank of—	Discounted bills maturing within 90 days (incl. member banks' 15-day collateral notes) secured by—			Bankers' acceptances discounted for member banks	Trade acceptances maturing within 90 days	Agricultural and live-stock paper maturing 91 to 180 days
	Treasury notes and certificates of indebtedness	Liberty bonds and Victory notes	Other-wise secured and unsecured			
Boston.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
New York.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Philadelphia.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
Cleveland.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
Richmond.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
Atlanta.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
Chicago.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
St. Louis.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
Minneapolis.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
Kansas City.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
Dallas.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
San Francisco.....	4	4	4	4	4	4

Price movements in the sterling exchange market this week were a source of considerable encouragement to those who have so confidently predicted higher levels for British currency. Notwithstanding the apparent failure of the London Conference, quoted rates were not only maintained, but moved sharply upward, to 4 49 3-16, which is more than 3 cents above last week's top quotation and the highest point reached since the second week in June, when demand bills got up to 4 51 1-16. The most plausible and generally accepted explanation of this marked firmness in the face of pronounced weakness in the leading Continental exchanges, was that it was due for the most part to a scarcity of commercial bills and an inquiry incidental to coal imports. Intermittent attempts to cover short commitments were also noted. Aside from these routine and essential requirements, trading was dull and featureless. Restoration of practically normal cable communication between this country and Great Britain naturally made for a greater degree of activity than a week ago, but speculative interests continue to exhibit an attitude of extreme caution, while nearly all of the more conservative element are still completely out of the market. At the extreme close prices eased off, the result of a more or less natural reaction from a too rapid rise, but the undertone remained firm.

Though bankers generally are undoubtedly keenly disappointed over the abrupt ending of the negotiations between the Allied Premiers, there is a well-defined feeling in financial circles that the delay in arriving at a settlement is only temporary. It is admitted that the immediate outlook is surrounded by a good deal of uncertainty, but private

advices from abroad intimate that it is simply a question of time before France will modify her demands on the subject of German reparations and consent to work in accord with Britain in the matter of arriving at a practical solution of the problem. Some regard the conference as having been constructive and take the ground that before the brief moratorium granted has expired arrangements will have been made for another conference. For the present at least London is to all intents and purposes allowing New York to take the lead in exchange, the theory being that the movement of coal in this direction will easily support sterling values. In the event that a reactionary movement should set in, it is believed that London bankers would at once take a hand to prevent undue weakness. As a result of the unsettled conditions prevailing, many dealers claim that it is next to impossible to buy sterling in this market in any considerable amount. Holders are refusing to sell and in the absence of offerings of any description, even limited bidding is sufficient to cause sharp advances. Predictions are being made that the market will rule at or near 4 50 for the next month or more, when another sharp rise should be in order. Belief seems to be spreading that from now on, sterling may be expected to act independently of European political affairs and debt troubles.

As to the more detailed quotations, sterling on Saturday last was steady at practically unchanged levels, and the range for demand was 4 45¾@4 46½, for cable transfers 4 46½@4 46½ and for sixty-day bills 4 44½@4 44½; trading was still inactive. On Monday, notwithstanding unfavorable European news, price levels were maintained and demand ruled at 4 45¾@4 46½, cable transfers at 4 46½@4 46½ and sixty days at 4 44½@4 44½; no increase in activity was noted. Although transactions were small on Tuesday, rates were marked up to 4 86¾ for demand, a new high; the low was 4 85¾, while cable transfers ranged at 4 86½@4 87½ and sixty days at 4 44½@4 45½. On Wednesday there was a further advance to 4 46½@4 47½ for demand, 4 46½@4 47½ for cable transfers and 4 44½@4 45¾ for sixty days; the strength was attributed to short covering, light offerings and a better inquiry incidental to coal imports. Dealings on Thursday were rather larger than for some time, and demand rates moved up to 4 47½@4 49 3-16, cable transfers to 4 47½@4 49 7-16 and sixty days to 4 45½@4 47 15-16. Friday's market was quiet but a shade easier, with the day's range 4 47½@4 48¾ for demand, 4 47½@4 49 for cable transfers and 4 45¾@4 47½ for sixty days. Closing quotations were 4 45½ for sixty days, 4 47½ for demand and 4 47½ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4 47½, sixty days at 4 45½, ninety days at 4 44½, documents for payment (sixty days), 4 45½ and seven-day grain bills, 4 46½. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4 47½.

The week's gold arrivals were again light in volume. A consignment (received at the close of last week) of \$900,000 was reported on the Mauretania; the St. Paul brought \$390,000 (both coming from Southampton); the Lafayette \$243,000 in gold bars from France, the Drottningholm about \$50,000 from Sweden, and smaller consignments from South American points which comprised: 4 cases of gold and 46 gold and silver bars on the Metepan from Colombia, and 3 cases of specie valued at \$24,150

on the Haiti from Haiti. Approximately \$2,350,000 is said to be on its way here on the steamers Aquitania and Majestic.

Continental exchange, as opposed to the firmness in sterling, was adversely affected by the breaking off of the Lloyd George-Poincare meeting and heavy losses were sustained. Reichsmarks naturally led in the downward movement and renewed attempts to unload marks brought a drop to still another new low record—0.07½ for checks, a loss of more than 5 points from the closing price on Friday last. Aside from the sentimental influence of the failure to arrive at a reparations agreement, an added cause in the decline was the persistent selling against the payment by Germany of \$2,500,000, the amount stipulated in place of the \$10,000,000 owed. The greater part of the selling came from abroad, and early in the week cable advices stated that on the London market German marks broke to the lowest recorded price in history—4,480 to the pound sterling, a drop of 890 points in one day. The status of Austrian krone is even worse, and the quotation for a time went to as low as 0.0014. Since the refusal of the Allies to grant an additional credit of £15,000,000 to Austria, conditions in that unhappy country are said to be bordering upon demoralization. It is learned that German marks and Austrian crowns are being sold in Geneva and other places about the streets at the merest fraction of their normal value, and the situation is regarded as deplorable in the extreme. French exchange also suffered severely and early in the week, under heavy selling pressure, slumped to 7.88½ for checks, 25 points off for the week. Irregular weakness prevailed throughout the week with alternate advances and declines and the close near the bottom. Antwerp francs ranged between 7.74 and 7.49, moving as usual in sympathy with Paris exchange. The other branches of the European exchange market were less sensationally affected by the week's political developments. Lire held about steady at or near 4.50 to 4.55. Czechoslovakian currency registered further improvement to 3.00, or an advance of 50 points. This, however, was regarded as due not only to better financial conditions in that country, but to speculative manipulation. Rumanian and Finnish exchange, on the other hand, were easier, and Polish marks sagged off to 0.00135. Greek exchange ruled firm, with the quotation fractionally up, to 3.20 for checks. The market, though dull, was erratic and at time nervous and unsettled, with sharply conflicting quotations. Talk is heard of the advisability of the closing of the Berlin Bourse to prevent panic in the event of further unfavorable news. Hope is now said to be centring upon possible relief being obtained through the Reparations Commission. Some surprise is expressed at the vulnerability of French exchange to current developments, it being claimed that the improvement in financial and economic conditions in France should prevent recessions of the kind experienced this week. This view is vehemently disputed by French authorities who insist that real prosperity must of necessity depend upon the ability to collect at least some portion of much needed indemnity funds.

The London check rate in Paris finished at 56.63, as against 55.93 last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre closed at 7.93, against

8.13; cable transfers at 7.94, against 8.14; commercial sight at 7.91, against 8.11, and commercial sixty days at 7.88, against 8.08 a week ago. Antwerp francs finished at 7.63 for checks and 7.64 for cable transfers, against 7.70 and 7.71 a week earlier. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 0.07¾ for checks and 0.07⅞ for cable transfers. This compares with 0.12 and 0.12½ the previous week. Austrian krone closed at 0.0015 for checks and 0.0017 for cable transfers, against 0.0015 and 0.0020 last week. Lire finished the week at 4.52 for bankers' sight bills and 4.53 for cable transfers, in comparison with 4.59 and 4.60 the week preceding. Exchange on Czechoslovakia closed at 2.88, against 2.50; on Bucharest at 0.74, against 0.85; on Poland at 0.00135, against 0.00145, and on Finland at 2.14, against 2.15 the week before. Greek exchange finished at 3.20 for checks and 3.25 for cable transfers, unchanged.

Movements in exchange on the former neutral centres were in the direction of increased firmness, and though trading was sporadic, short spurts of feverish activity being succeeded by regular intervals of pronounced dullness, prices were marked up, especially in the case of guilders and francs, each of which established net gains for the week. Scandinavian quotations, as well as pesetas, were firmly held, but without important change.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished at 38.83, against 38.78; cable transfers at 38.88, against 38.83; commercial sight at 38.78, against 38.73, and commercial sixty days at 38.42, against 38.37 last week. Closing rates for Swiss francs were 19.05 for checks and 19.06 for cable transfers, comparing with 19.04 and 19.06 a week earlier. Copenhagen checks finished at 21.61 and cable transfers at 21.66, against 21.47 and 21.52. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.44 and cable transfers at 26.49, against 26.13 and 26.18, while checks on Norway finished at 17.37 and cable remittances at 17.42, against 17.18 and 17.23 the previous week. Pesetas closed at 15.56 for checks and 15.61 for cable transfers, against 15.48 and 15.53 respectively the previous week.

With regard to South American quotations, a firmer tone prevailed and Argentine checks closed at 36⅞ and cable transfers at 36½, against 36.12½ and 36.25 a week earlier. Brazil, however, lost ground, and declined to 13.40 for checks and 13.45 for cable transfers, against 13.50 and 13.55 last week. Chilean exchange was strong, at 13.65 against 13.60, but Peru was weaker, declining to 4 00, against 4 10 a week earlier.

Far Eastern exchange was strong owing to an increase in the price of silver, so that Hong Kong currency finished at 58¼@58½ against 57¾@58; Shanghai, 77¼@77¾, against 76⅝@77⅞; Yokohama, 48@48¼ (unchanged); Manila, 49⅜@49⅝ (unchanged); Singapore, 52@52¼ (unchanged); Bombay, 29@29¼ (unchanged) and Calcutta, 29¼@29½ (unchanged).

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, AUG. 12 TO AUG. 18 1922, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	Aug. 12.	Aug. 14.	Aug. 15.	Aug. 16.	Aug. 17.	Aug. 18.
EUROPE—						
Austria, krone.....	.000020	.000020	.000020	.000017	.000015	.000014
Belgium, franc.....	.0775	.0765	.0761	.0756	.0754	.0758
Bulgaria, lev.....	.006367	.006073	.006142	.00603	.006504	.006417
Czechoslovakia, krone.....	.025394	.0268	.028606	.029894	.028203	.028561
Denmark, krone.....	.2152	.2153	.2154	.2158	.2163	.2159
England, pound.....	4.4639	4.4622	4.4643	4.4724	4.4831	4.4813
Finland, markka.....	.021275	.021238	.021294	.021288	.021394	.021406
France, franc.....	.0819	.0806	.0803	.0797	.0794	.0797
Germany, reichsmark.....	.001342	.001201	.000992	.000995	.000944	.000809
Greece, drachma.....	.0308	.0311	.0311	.0315	.0317	.0319
Holland, guilder.....	.3885	.3882	.3882	.3885	.3893	.3899
Hungary, krone.....	.000735	.000744	.000724	.000714	.000683	.000664
Italy, lire.....	.0492	.0457	.0456	.0456	.0453	.0453
Jugoslavia, krone.....	.003053	.003046	.003039	.003035	.003026	.003003
Norway, krone.....	.1724	.1729	.1735	.1739	.1744	.1739
Poland, Polish mark.....	.000148	.000142	.000140	.000137	.000137	.000135
Portugal, escudo.....	.0705	.0710	.0710	.0703	.0710	.0697
Rumania, leu.....	.008025	.008019	.006793	.0066	.0065	.007331
Serbia, dinar.....	.012471	.012164	.012186	.012164	.01215	.012036
Spain, peseta.....	.1533	.1554	.1557	.1563	.1565	.1565
Sweden, krona.....	.2625	.2623	.2628	.2632	.2645	.2647
Switzerland, franc.....	.1903	.1904	.1905	.1906	.1907	.1908
ASIA—						
China, Chefoo tael.....	.7958	.7988	.8038	.8050	.8088	.8058
" Hankow tael.....	.7892	.7921	.7971	.7983	.8021	.7992
" Shanghai tael.....	.7616	.7630	.7680	.7692	.7711	.7745
" Tientsin tael.....	.8005	.8029	.8088	.8100	.8138	.8100
" Hong Kong dollar.....	.5723	.5724	.5763	.5747	.5768	.5781
" Mexican dollar.....	.5555	.5590	.5619	.5623	.5645	.5640
" Tientsin or Pelyang dollar.....	.5692	.5625	.5642	.5625	.5650	.5750
" Yuan dollar.....	.5658	.5675	.5713	.5683	.5725	.5700
India, rupee.....	.2907	.2906	.2907	.2910	.2909	.2912
Japan, yen.....	.4770	.4767	.4768	.4769	.4770	.4781
Singapore, dollar.....	.5117	.5083	.5121	.5129	.5129	.5100
NORTH AMERICA—						
Canada, dollar.....	.996806	.997951	.999055	.998875	.998861	.997972
Cuba, peso.....	.999125	.998938	.998688	.999063	.999188	.99925
Mexico, peso.....	.48725	.487188	.486375	.4860	.485375	.4850
Newfoundland, dollar.....	.994844	.995703	.996484	.99625	.996528	.995938
SOUTH AMERICA—						
Argentina, peso (gold).....	.8184	.8221	.8233	.8257	.8246	.8239
Brazil, milreals.....	.1339	.1339	.1343	.1338	.1331	.1334
Uruguay, peso.....	.8129	.8121	.8128	.8108	.8118	.8108
Chile, peso (paper).....	.1355	.1351	.1355	.1354	.1357	.1358

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$3,131,840 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending Aug. 17. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$4,355,140, while the shipments have reached \$1,223,300, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week ending Aug. 17.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$4,355,140	\$1,223,300	Gain \$3,131,840

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, Aug. 12.	Monday, Aug. 14.	Tuesday, Aug. 15.	Wednesday, Aug. 16.	Thursday, Aug. 17.	Friday, Aug. 18.	Aggregate for Week.
\$46,800,000	\$54,500,000	\$42,900,000	\$55,300,000	\$60,400,000	\$48,700,000	Cr. 308,600,000

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	Aug. 17 1922.			Aug. 18 1921.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England.....	£127,407,660	£.....	£127,407,660	£128,407,080	£.....	£128,407,080
France.....	143,294,381	11,400,000	154,694,381	142,940,073	11,040,000	153,980,073
Germany.....	59,111,380	976,650	60,088,030	54,577,550	731,100	55,308,650
Aus-Hun.....	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000
Spain.....	100,934,000	26,020,000	126,954,000	99,744,000	24,929,000	124,673,000
Italy.....	34,568,000	3,049,000	37,617,000	33,141,000	3,001,000	36,142,000
Netherl. ds.....	50,496,000	687,000	51,183,000	50,497,000	899,000	51,396,000
Nat. Belg.....	10,664,000	1,829,000	12,493,000	10,663,000	1,606,000	12,269,000
Switz'land.....	20,721,000	4,634,000	25,355,000	21,778,000	4,428,000	26,206,000
Sweden.....	15,218,000	.....	15,218,000	15,838,000	.....	15,838,000
Denmark.....	12,683,000	218,000	12,901,000	12,646,000	206,000	12,852,000
Norway.....	8,183,000	.....	8,183,000	8,115,000	.....	8,115,000
Total week.....	585,224,421	51,182,650	636,407,071	589,290,703	49,209,100	638,499,803
Prev. week.....	635,266,731	51,094,650	686,361,381	590,972,543	49,221,250	638,160,793

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

UNBALANCED NATIONAL BUDGETS—FOREIGN AND THE UNITED STATES.

Recent reports from abroad give some interesting figures on deficits in the budgets of the leading foreign Governments. Exception, however, must be made as to Great Britain, whose strong financial system and whose tradition for sound business practices in Government has enabled her to weather the violent storm arising out of the war. At the other extreme is Russia, deluging herself with paper money—resorting to the printing press for revenue, although her potential resources are perhaps greater than those of any country in the world. The deficit in the Russian budget for 1922, as officially published, is 138 trillion Soviet rubles.

Ninety-eight per cent of the expenditures for 1921 were met by new issues of paper currency. Since January of this year it is reported that 280 trillion paper rubles have been issued. No nation in the past, not even in its wildest orgies of inflation, has ever approximated such fantastic figures.

The French budget for 1923 shows a prospective deficit of 3,900,000,000 francs out of a total expenditure of 23,000,000,000 francs. This deficit is about equal to the interest on the amount of money spent by France in restoring the devastated regions. It is the theory of the French budget that this sum will be collected from Germany, and that, therefore, the above mentioned deficit is apparent only. In the meantime, however, in view of the present economic and financial condition of Germany, it must be treated as a real deficit to be met by an increase in the public debt.

The excess of the expenditures of the Italian Government over the receipts for 1922 will apparently run between five and six billion lire, about one billion of which is due to losses incurred in the operation of the State owned railways. The Spanish budget deficit is, for 1922, about 800,000,000 pesetas. For 1923, in the budget recently approved, it is reduced to 427,000,000 pesetas out of a total expenditure of 3,044,000,000 pesetas. The Swedish budget for 1923 shows a deficit of 70,000,000 crowns out of a total expenditure of about 744,000,000 crowns. The Danish budget for 1922-23 indicates a deficit of 29,200,000 crowns, a decrease of 27,300,000 crowns from the deficit for 1921-1922.

Not only are deficits the general rule in all European budgets, but also in those of Latin America. Everywhere there are post-war increases in the public debt and the consequent inflation and increased cost of living. It is a depressing picture. The elements, economic and political, that enter into it are so diverse and complex that no simple remedy can be applied, but the homely truth must be recognized by all that fundamental to any true economic recovery are industry and thrift properly organized and protected.

Turning to the Government of the United States we find that we completed the fiscal year 1922 with a surplus of \$313,000,000, according to figures given out by the President on July 11. On the other hand, for the current fiscal year 1923 we face a prospective deficit of \$425,000,000 on the basis of estimated expenditures of \$3,771,000,000. The President proposes to meet this apparent deficit not by asking Congress for authority further to increase the public debt, but by the exercise of a close control over all current expenditures, making reductions here and

there through the employment of strictly business methods, with the consequent elimination of extravagance and waste.

In this herculean task the President needs the hearty co-operation and support of Congress. If Congress makes new appropriations for the current year the President, with his Bureau of the Budget, will face an impossible situation. The Treasury cannot bear another dollar of additional expenditure at this time. Yet it is apparent to all that the soldiers' bonus bill is about to pass the Senate with a majority relatively as large as that by which it passed the House. Even if the President vetoes it, the bill will probably become a law, notwithstanding his disapproval. Where is the money coming from? Are we drifting into the economic position of the European nations who are meeting their current expenses by increasing the public debt? The keenest student of public finance cannot suggest any new sources of taxation which would not disrupt our economic and social life. The Government has reached the limit of its resources in raising money by taxation. To go further would kill the goose that laid the golden egg. To borrow money would not only disturb the bond market, but would destroy the plans of the Treasury for the redemption of the public debt. It would, by increasing the annual interest charge on the public debt, also add to the current expenditures.

For the fiscal year 1924 the President has openly avowed his determination not to submit to Congress a budget carrying a prospective deficit. He is going to compel the departments to estimate their expenditures within the total of the estimated revenues. But what avails this sound economic policy if Congress, which under the Constitution controls the purse strings, is not in accord with it? The President is teaching the departmental officials to think nationally rather than departmentally. There is a still greater need for Congress and for the people themselves to think in terms of the nation as a whole when they direct their minds towards the funds in the public Treasury.

THE AMERICAN FARMER—ELEMENTS IN HIS PROGRESS AND IMPROVEMENT.

We recently called attention to the fact that the new Census reports our farm population as 31,614,269, of whom all but 255,629 were in "rural territory"; and we gave what many doubtless regarded a very optimistic picture of the farmer and his life.

Many are aware of the number of abandoned farms in New England, say 20 years ago, and of the condition of life in the back country districts of New England and the Middle States at that time. A group of able writers, natives of the region, have given us vivid stories of the men and women who went West to open farms in what are now the great Central States, and of those who have followed the Frontier in its onward course ever since. Their experience was less severe and exhausting than that of the mountain whites of Kentucky and Tennessee, and of the poor whites of the hill country of the Southern States, only because they fell upon better conditions and could maintain undying hope. The children of those homes have in mind no rosy picture of farm life, and compose the stream of youths who, deserting the farm, have gone forth to be the chief builders of the bright young cities which to-day contain approximately one-half of our population. But within recent years a change has come about,

thorough-going and extensive, of which many are not aware, and which goes far to justify our optimism.

The agencies which have produced these changes are numerous and reflect the advantages derived by the farmer from progress in invention and science. Most important of all perhaps has been the change wrought by the unrecognized but immediate and revolutionary effect of the investment of capital in what in general may be called "modern improvements." First came the bicycle, releasing at once the young people and older children from the restriction and repression of life on the farm. They could with exhilarating speed visit their neighbors, and on occasion see the town. Then followed the trolley car, climbing the hills and bounding along the levels, offering the women folk the excitement of a ride and the convenience of shopping at an inconsiderable expense; beyond that, enabling them to drop their work and leave home for a bit without calling the men from the field on considering whether the horse could be spared.

Before long the telephone joined together the scattered and solitary homes, starting the stream of gossip and chat which is the bond of neighborliness and giving to all the sense of being in touch with the world. All this at an expense that was nominal when the homes were in the woods and the farmers strung the wires themselves. Meanwhile, the motor car was developing. Now it is everywhere, annihilating distance, never daunted by loads of people or of produce, transforming itself to every use, plowing, seeding, weeding, harvesting, furnishing power at need for any service, always the engine that shoves aside man's strength, challenges his intelligence, appeals to his emotions, arouses his energy, and, while being his docile servant, makes him a new man by the release of his powers.

To this we are to add the new machines of endless variety which in the field have swept away the ancient implements, the spade, the hoe and the scythe and in the house have transformed the kitchen and emancipated the women from the milk pail and the churn. The chemical fertilizer and the wire that takes the place of the fence rail, as well as all the machines, from the bicycle to the motor and the separator, are the direct product of capital invested in great corporations and manufactories which now supply them in a quantity and at prices which would otherwise have been impossible. Indeed, it is inconceivable that without this aid they would ever have been produced; for the implements of the farmer had before this changed hardly at all through the centuries. Invention may almost be regarded a modern form of inspiration, and now it is apparent in all we do or use; and money, accumulated in the amounts we recognize as capital, has taken up its creations and made them render tribute of comfort and prosperity to all.

Knowledge acquired by searching all lands to-day confronts the farmer at his barn door. The form, the color, the size of his stock, remind him that men of keen intelligence have been at work discovering, importing, breeding the best that other countries possess that now, often in improved form, they may be his. His fields proclaim to every passer that he has learned the value of diversified crops, that chemists have furnished him fertilizers adapted to the soil of his fields, that science has brought to him improved varieties of seed, and that he has but to await the harvesting to receive his reward. The quality and

quantity of the produce of his fields, his orchards, his garden and his barnyard, beyond the money they bring, testify to his intelligent skill, no less than to his industry. He is a man among men, the peer of any in his appreciation of the importance of knowledge and his growing intelligence; and the superior of most in the consciousness that his fortunes are linked up with the earth beneath his feet from which they cannot be severed, and that they have been won by his own toil as he worked together with Nature. Indeed, the forces of the universe, in the rain, and the sun, and the earth, have, in the measureless bounty of an all wise Providence, collaborated with him.

An officer in a great bank said recently to a friend: "I wish you could tell me how to awaken in my son an interest in the bank. I have tried in vain." "Why should he have any interest?" was the response. "He has the money for everything he wants. He knows that as your only son he will have still more by and by. His idea of your bank is as a great money making machine for you and its other owners. Why should he drop polo and yachting and his friends, the joys of his youth when he will be young but once? Look upon your bank as a potential helper of men, a chief promoter of civilization, reaching far and wide to encourage industry and reward honesty and help all who are striving to sustain the State and promote well-being. Try that, and making it manifest, then challenge him to find any occupation to which he can devote his life better worth while or more of a man's job than that, if he will only join you in it; and then see what will be his response."

Cannot the American farmer to-day justly take the same view of his job, if he will? And if he does, will he not win his sons to take their place at his side and join to make them farm the "ancestral home," which, with us, it has so rarely become, the source and the permanent centre of so many of life's sweetest memories and joys?

An up-State banker told, some little time ago, the story of a couple of young men who came to borrow several thousand dollars to enable them to buy a small orchard. They had graduated from Cornell's Agricultural Department, had worked a year on a large fruit farm, and wanted to begin for themselves. He liked their looks and lent them the money. The next year they came back and said they could pay part of the loan, but would like to buy an adjoining 20 acres instead. He agreed. The second year they came in to pay half the loan, saying they could pay more but they wanted to take \$1,000 for a winter's trip in the South, and to keep \$1,000 for their work in the spring. He already saw in them valuable depositors of the bank in the near future.

The wife in the Canadian wilds, in that beautiful story, "Maria Chapdelaine," amid all the hardships of her life can say, "There is no better life than the life of a farmer who has good health and owes no debts. He is a free man, has no loss, owns his beasts, works for his own profit. . . . The finest life is there." This is testimony taken on the spot by one who knew whereof he spoke.

THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION—A VALIANT CHAMPION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

One must be a careless, even a listless, observer who does not find intellectual and ethical encouragement in the published proceedings of the American Bar Association which lately held its annual meet-

ing at San Francisco. Sometimes when we consider the multiplicity of our statutes and the technical pleas in our courts our minds turn to questioning the power of Law to establish justice. But the papers read at this meeting, the able men that are here gathered, the profound respect here evinced for the great primal principles embodied in the instrumentality of law, convince us that in the majesty of this profession and in the operation of this agency, our civilization and true progress have an impregnable defense. In the highest sense these professionals appear in this assembly as officers of the courts and as counsellors of the law in behalf of the American people.

It is gratifying to note that repeatedly our Constitution, as the supreme and comprehensive law of the land, is upheld as the wise covenant of a united people, as the universal contract by which we insure to ourselves and to posterity, our rights and liberties. That great document, conceived in a time when simplicity ruled the relations of life, when a new and unlike Government was launched in the world, unhampered by class and divisional interests and conflicts, expresses the all-in-all of our national life. And we gather from reading the pronouncements of the Bar Association, that it has lost none of its dignity, wisdom and strength as a guide by which our feet are to be led in the complexities of this later day. That Constitution *defines* our government as a whole. It not only constitutes but it limits government. Before it stands an imperishable Bill of Rights. And after, comes the detailed procedures of the civil and criminal laws and courts. And while in the original conception of the whole scheme of "liberty under law," it provides for its own interpreter in the Supreme Court of the United States, we doubt not that the intent to bring this august tribunal within the jurisdiction at least of the written instrument is clear. We mean, if we may express our own lay idea, that this interpretative body, so made and provided, cannot permit to go unchallenged a law that would clearly break down the divisional powers of this peculiar form of government, or permit the people to override it by the passage of an *Amendment* contrary to the spirit of its principles, or nullifying to the continued supremacy of the Charter itself.

The weight of opinion expressed in the papers read and addresses delivered, put into our own language, is in behalf of a greater popular reverence for Law. Not laws—petty statutes regulatory of common life; not constitutional amendments attempting to disclose, permit, or restrict the natural, inevitable, inseparable rights that attach to free citizens and the ownership of property; but reverence for and submission to the will of a people as first evolved and now sustained in the concept of a form of government, unlike any other on earth, in which all powers not specifically delegated to the nation are reserved to the States and the people. Mention is repeatedly made of the tendency toward bureaucracy; of the attempt to set up a Congress with power to override the decisions of the Supreme Court; of the loud denials by classes, such as the American Federation of Labor, of the righteousness of the decisions, in certain cases, of the Supreme Court; of the secret propaganda revolutionary in tendency too little heeded; of the too great severance of equity and law in the lesser fields of administrative justice; all showing the need of a return to the spirit of our fundamentals.

We have many vocations and professions in our interacting life. The citadels of our faith in the ability of man to govern himself are everywhere being sorely tried. Our own "experiment" is not yet ended. Each man and each part of our material and intellectual life is now called upon to rise to the heights of self-abnegation. As said by one speaker, our personal views of government and law and of what they should be must be subjected to this spirit and body of Law that we have. To trifle with it for petty purposes is to weaken it. And to deny the Charter of our national life in its essential being and perpetual rule is to hasten the downfall of the Republic.

THE TARIFF, NEWSPAPERS, AND DEPARTMENT STORES.

Something new under the sun after all! We do not, at least, recall, in the ancient history of the tariff, any linking together of these three potential elements in our affairs. The Tariff, true to its chameleon character, takes on the color of the times; and arguments pro and con are likewise expected to be variegated in hue and tone; but this sudden avalanche of denunciation upon department stores as agencies, through paid advertising control over metropolitan newspapers, of the destiny of the whole American people, by assailing a high protective tariff—this is the latest freakishness in a special legislation that, whatever befall the country, has the nine lives of a cat. One might imagine a world war would, at the very least, make a dent in the tariff embargoes, but it would be a vain dream—one of those hallucinations that follow in the wake of delirium. Wars may come and wars may go, but the tariff goes on forever.

We may conquer the air in flight, we may by radio broadcast the best thought of the "intellectuals" throughout the world, without charge, but a newspaper cannot publish, in the ordinary course of business, the advertisements of department stores without surrendering its soul to the sordid advocacy of lower tariffs and lowered costs of living. These department stores being large importers want to buy cheap goods and slip them past the Custom House at a nominal duty, and for what reason? Namely that they may sell cheaper to the people than the little stores who are not big enough to be importers; and note that in order to sell cheaper to the American purchaser than anyone else, these department stores are willing to wreck the country and the Republican Party on the rock of cheap goods to the largest number. Truly a heinous crime! And the devilish ingenuity with which they practice their nefarious calling! Being advertisers on a large scale—advertisers who daily present long lists of "specials," each striving to outdo the other in presenting his own bargains to buyers, each careless of the amount of space consumed by his own offered attractions, each competing against all by every skill in the presentation of his own leading line of goods—these zealous advocates of their own individual commercial interests, by the dark and devious ways of combination (where no possible unity of interest can exist considering the bewildering schedules of the tariff bill), conspire to coerce newspapers, and by chance good old Republican newspapers, to advocate the defeat of the "protective principle" that has its logical end in embargoes!

How in the name of common sense can anyone believe such stuff? In a recent reorganization intended to enlarge the business and offer a profit-sharing

plan to employees, one of the largest department stores in New York City (with branches in other large cities) makes the following statement: "In the past twelve years we have spent more than \$19,000,000 in newspaper advertising, with the result that we have to-day a well-established and far-reaching goodwill." Can this huge sum be traced by any Sherlock Holmes to bringing a pressure to bear on newspapers as to the tariff duties applying to leading articles sold by this growing firm? Can any special accountant show that this expenditure, hitherto indiscriminately paid to Democratic and Republican newspapers, has all been covertly designed to build up a power that, at the opportune moment, in the wake of war, when the world is crying for cheaper goods and more of them, could crush a few Republican newspapers, brave enough editorially to criticize a tariff bill in Congress? In the lexicon of anathema "Wall Street" has a new rival, "The Department Store"!

The rational demand of the reader is—tell us how this thing can be done? How would these stores combine to go about this iniquity of "threatening a withdrawal of patronage" unless these editors proceed to turn and lambast the tariff? There is not a man living can tell how it could be done—the actual modus operandi of bringing this pressure to bear—or can assert that the attempt, if partially it might succeed, would not be more disastrous to the stores than to the newspapers. Why, the fact is that the several moves, in the advertising field, in these columns open to all, regardless of race, religion or politics, are as carefully prepared and thought out as to effects as those in a game of chess. The newspaper force does not write the ads. It does not concern itself in behalf of one or the other as to space, save in the fulfillment of contracts, open to be made by all reputable firms. How could the newspaper steer a safe course between this body of patronage if it undertook to favor one line of goods in tariff rates as against another? How could it justify itself in espousal or rejection of a tariff bill if the owners of these stores were themselves Democrats or Republicans *before* they are shrewd and competent business men? But why continue? A mere pin prick will dispose of a bubble!

LORD NORTHCLIFFE.

In the passing of this man the world of to-day loses a unique figure. His father was a barrister, and desired the boy to follow him in the law, but the scent of printers' ink caught him, and he determined upon journalism. Still early in his teens, he obtained his first job, that of conducting the "correspondence" column of a weekly journal. So many persons wanted to know so many things that he decided that this life is itself one protracted interrogation and the people who have questions to ask are numerous enough to form a forgotten but fertile field for culture. He would cultivate it, and he began by starting, in 1888, at the age of 23, a weekly called "Answers." It succeeded from the first, fixing him and advancing him so that in about seven years he was a joint owner of one daily in London and in the following year he started another. A list of more than 100 publications owned by him is now given, his greatest achievement being the acquisition of the control and subsequently of nearly all the stock of "The Times."

When he obtained his title, it has even been said, he chose the name because of the initial and the op-

portunity of sprawling the "N" boldly when he wrote it, deeming himself a sort of reincarnated Napoleon and man of destiny. At least, he apparently read and worked with what seems to have been destiny for himself, for he was the colossus of publishers, showing respect for proprieties but little for precedents. In many respects he resembled the founder of the "Herald" of this city, for he was bold to the extreme, had an eye for the spectacular, deemed the straight line the shortest path, was quick as speech itself in decisions, was not invariably just or consistent in them, and was perhaps the last example in his country, as "Marse Henry" Watterson was the last here, of "personality" running through journalism.

He is credited with having been one of the very few persons who foresaw the Great War, for in September of 1909 he declared that Germany was preparing for it, and he tried to use the Zeppelin for stirring the British public to alarm. Soon after the war began he began condemning the censorship, declaring that the real truth did not come from the front, that the shells were short in both quantity and quality, and that Lord Kitchener was making mistakes. These open and unpleasantly-received criticisms were followed by the appointment of Lloyd George as the first Minister of Munitions. Just as vigorously, he urged conscription, and strove to bring the country to a full sense of its task. Later, he was at odds with the strong man and opportunist whom he had so advanced, and this difference, never quite healed, is regarded by some as perhaps the climax of over-exertion which brought him too soon to his end.

With a chain of newspapers at his command he sought to coerce the Government, and met with signal defeat. And it is well he did. In a free country a power within the State, more powerful than the State itself, and accountable to no one, would constitute an obvious menace. But he failed just when he seemed most powerful. He hounded the Lloyd George Administration with a malice suggestive of the malevolence of the Hearst newspapers—with which his own papers had much in common—but at every test in the House of Commons Mr. Lloyd George secured an overwhelming triumph. And this happened again and again.

It is too early to measure him justly, as it is to measure justly any man who has been among the chief actors in the terrible drama which we are all trying to bring to a close so as to leave the world more safe. That Lord Northcliffe was a friend to America and one who studied us, we know. But that should not blind us to his faults and defects, which were many.

BUSINESS REVIVING IN CANADA—WHEAT BOARD UNABLE TO FUNCTION.

Ottawa, Canada, Aug. 18 1922.

With the threatened strike of Canadian railroad men deferred, if not permanently prevented by the reference of the controversy to arbitration this week, one of the ugly goblins on the business horizon has ducked its head. The soft coal strike in Nova Scotia does not, of course, help matters, and there remains the major menace of a shortage in the essential coal supplies from the United States, but in this problem Canada is a helpless observer. There is at least the consolation that about one-third of the anthracite needs of this country have already been covered.

Meanwhile buying power of those employed in the manufacture of goods is kept low, partly as a consequence of the high returns still enjoyed by the workers in raw material production and transportation. The Canadian mining industry offers a good illustration. The wage scales in Western Canada show that between 1915 and 1920 the hourly pay of the miners increased anywhere from 115 to 300%, with the general rule between 200 and 250%. In face of such facts, it is little wonder that the recent cuts in railway freights had practically no visible effect on the market and offered no stimulus to business.

Crop reports from all but a few sections of the West are excellent, and while sensational yields are unlikely, the farmers' returns should be substantially ahead of last year. Ontario and Quebec have been equally fortunate as a result of a perfect combination of weather. Sheep breeding has been revived after the unhappy slump of two years ago, and wool has advanced from 15 cents to 22 and 25 cents a pound, nearly all of it being sold in the Canadian field, although the finer grades are leaping the American tariff and successfully competing on the Philadelphia market. Improvement in quality and grading of Canadian wools is shutting out Australian products from the domestic woolen mills and resulting in a remarkable activity on the part of a score of these comparatively juvenile factories. Indeed, Canadian homespuns have been exported to New York tailoring houses in large shipments of late, and have established a profitable vogue.

The pulp and paper industry is working at 97% mill capacity, with prices due for a jump of five dollars a ton on many immediate orders and probably on all contract renewals about the end of this year. This is by all means the happiest industrial situation in the Dominion at the present time. The lumber industries are leaving their lethargy behind, but in the case of a very large number of them, financial recuperation will take years. Large inventories of costly lumber marketed below cost have not been cleared without calling on the banks and in many instances heavy loans are charged against future operations.

The textile industries, in particular the cotton companies, have had an excellent year and extra dividends on common are being freely predicted.

Not the least interesting and significant of the week's developments has been the total failure of the combined Dominion and prairie province Governments to secure representative grain men to sit on a proposed Wheat Board, a Government machine to control the marketing of the wheat crop. Although the salary offered was said to be \$100,000, the leaders of the grain industry in Western Canada turned down the invitation, one after another. The collapse of the effort is understood to be due to the opinion of the best informed grain men that national marketing in the present state of world markets would only invite disaster, and that the fear of political interference in itself was enough to scare away self-respecting business leaders. Accordingly, the Wheat Board goes at once into hibernation.

THE RAILROAD STRIKE AND THE RESORT TO VIOLENCE.

The seventh week of the railway strike has borne it swiftly towards its end, the final stage of violence having been reached. Mr. Underwood of the Erie coins the phrase "mental sabotage" for the terrorism

to which loyal employees are subjected, and he expresses the opinion that but for this and the physical sabotage the public would not know a strike had been attempted; yet it is this very sabotage (both forms of it) which will ultimately curb unionism by reaction against enslaving and criminal excesses.

On Saturday last, the railway executives had a long session with President Harding, informing him of their action at the meeting here on the previous day, at which every effort was made to reach assent to his conciliatory proposals. The majority, representing a total mileage of 141,824, accepted his call to assign returning strikers to work and pass seniority on to the Labor Board, with the reservation that this is not understood as any surrender of the position taken on August 1 and recognizing that the Board is to pass on "the relative seniority" of loyal men who stood by and of the new who have come in, and that the rights of both will be defended before the Board. Further, it was resolved that all employees not guilty of proven violence against employees or property "shall be assigned to their former positions where vacancies exist"; that where places have been filled other employment of the same class will be found for returning men who have not been guilty of lawless conduct; that seniority questions which cannot be settled locally shall go before the Board, also that the strike shall be called off, with the understanding and agreement by all parties that no oppression or intimidation shall be practiced against any employees. The minority report, by roads having a mileage of 57,322, accepted the first point of the majority as to reassignment of innocent strikers to their old places where still open; accepted, without change, the majority point that seniority questions incapable of local settlement might go to the Board; but added a proviso that such reference shall not be a waiver, by either roads or men, "of the right to review by the courts of such decisions if they affect agreements in existence between any road and its employees."

It suffices to say of this action of the meeting that it places with the Board the utmost confidence in its justice and steadfastness and consistency which any man can reasonably feel; that it goes to the very last stand upon the question of joint principle and expediency involved in seniority; and that it proves the earnest desire of the executives to reach an honest and genuine peace.

On the other hand, the reply made to the President by Mr. Jewell and the heads of seven minor craft unions was both a rid and rude. They reject his offer, declaring it inconsistent with the earlier one and saying that it was "impracticable and would create a chaotic condition because of the undetermined seniority status of the employees." They insinuate anew that "the campaign against the organized railroad employees is a part of the general open-shop drive"; they deny that seniority is or has been by right an issue and they declare that "this strike cannot be, and no other railroad strike has been, settled until agreement is reached that all employees on strike are to be returned to work and their former positions with seniority and other rights unimpaired"—a statement which is in direct contravention to the facts, as will be seen by reference to an item, which appears on a subsequent page (page 838) where numerous instances are cited of past railroad strikes, all of which ended with the complete loss of seniority rights.

Since seniority is the crux of the matter, we should observe how simply and effectually Mr. Sheppard, head of the conductors, would dispose of it. We hold, he says, that the men now out "have not been dismissed from the service; that they have not resigned by striking, but that they await a settlement of their difficulties and that all their rights as employees are suspended, only contingent upon their going back to work or leaving the service; this issue applies to the right to strike under the law, the status of their pensions and insurance, as well as seniority." But if this is accepted it fails to cover the entire truth, since it means that the old word "strike" should be dropped from use; that there is no such thing as "leaving the service," but that men take a vacation of varying length when they feel like it, return when they feel like returning, and while they are not working in fact, they are workers in suspension. It is not yet said that their pay should go on just the same, but they can run from and back to their jobs at will. Observe how this agrees with and confirms the doctrine that men once on a job own that job and may expel, even by the Herrin method, any interlopers they find meddling with it.

In their note to the President, these eight men pleasantly assure us that "railroad employees are ever mindful of the public interest." But Mr. Jewell himself only a few weeks ago pointed out that the public need, in this instance, was labor's great opportunity. His statement on that occasion may be summed up thus: business is rapidly reviving all through the country; the coal strike means that a tremendous coal movement soon is necessary in order to supply utilities and other consumers; railroad reports show a heavy percentage of locomotives and cars in bad order; this repair work cannot be handled by outside contract, for the outside labor demand is sharply rising, so that the roads cannot get men to replace those on strike; therefore, "all this means (that time is with us," and we can now grip the country so stifflingly by the throat that the roads will be compelled to surrender.

The sympathetic outsider has also been increasingly busy. Bombs are thrown at railroad property in California; locomotives are destroyed in incendiary fires; cars are shattered by explosives while crossing a bridge close to this city, with the intent of blocking the lines of two roads at once; and trains of helpless passengers are stalled in a desert in Arizona, by abandonment, leaving very aged persons and infants to escape with others as best they might, on a spot arid under a heat which even persons inured to it cannot long endure. The veteran William A. White of Kansas, who defiantly put placards in his windows declaring his sympathy with strikers, found this outrage too much for him and lavished fierce adjectives upon it, although seemingly more disturbed because of its effect in turning public opinion against strikers than because it was an attack upon innocent travelers. Sympathy, forsooth! It is possible to recognize desperate courage, even in a bad cause, and one could have a sort of respect for him who commits a crime against society and confesses and takes the pose of martyr; but what of the cowards who set explosives under trains and then plead that unionism disapproves lawlessness and that evil persons from the outside are at work?

As it happens, the heads of the main brotherhoods realize that some settlement must soon be reached or even the secret plan of bringing about the deliriously

free stage of public ownership may be imperiled. Mr. Lee of the trainmen condemns strikes without authority, and tries unavailingly to bring men back to their duty, realizing once more that it is easy to start fires and hard to control them. These chiefs see that they must check the tendency of the main brotherhoods to revolt, whether out of a feeling that all workers should pull together or in obedience to the foolish and sinister suggestion that men who felt that they were asked to risk their own lives by taking out defective locomotives or cars might decide for themselves whether to incur the risk or refuse. So these heads of the main unions have been feeling around for a settlement, and after again talking with the President they approached the executives cautiously, with the result that they agreed to the suggestion for a conference, to be held on Thursday, with the heads of a number of minor unions to await the event outside within easy call. A protracted meeting, carried over to yesterday, had reached no conclusion at adjournment last evening and the conference is to be continued next week.

President Harding addressed Congress yesterday. After relating his efforts to bring about a settlement of both strikes, he recommended immediate provision for a temporary agency for purchasing and distributing coal. The law creating the Labor Board, he said, is inadequate, giving that body no power to enforce its own decisions, enactment of compulsory arbitration having been "deliberately omitted." The Board's decisions must be made enforceable and effective as to both carriers and employees. As for strikes and interference with persons who desire to work, while he does not propose to ask Congress to deal at this time with such fundamental problems, he remarked that there are already laws against conspiracies to hinder interstate commerce and "laws to assure the highest possible safety in railway service," and he said it is his purpose "to invoke these laws, civil and criminal, against all offenders alike."

One thing remains: the American people certainly must—and probably ere long will—understand that transportation is theirs and the roads are theirs; that all attempts to draw class lines are like attempts to divide the atmosphere into sections; that unionism has developed into conspiracy and there are laws which can and should be invoked and enforced against conspirators. Finally, that we must choose between throttling this evil which we have weakly nourished by fearing it or making a last and destructive surrender.

RAILROAD GROSS AND NET EARNINGS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30.

A contemplation of the gross and net earnings of United States railroads for the half year ending June 30 1922, in comparison with the corresponding six months last year, presents on the whole some gratifying aspects. These attract the more attention in view of the gloom in which the whole railroad situation has of late been shrouded by reason of the labor troubles with which the carriers have had to contend. The conspicuously encouraging feature in the returns for the half year is the decided improvement in the net results in face of a contraction in the gross revenues, and this improvement carries added weight and significance inasmuch as it follows equally noteworthy improvement in the first half of 1921. The inference necessarily

follows that the expense accounts are at last again well in hand and amenable to the control of the managers.

There were numerous unfavorable factors during the six months of 1922, some of large importance, and a falling off in the gross earnings in these circumstances was inevitable even though comparison is with a period of almost unexampled trade depression during the first six months of 1921. In industrial affairs there was a steady growth of confidence, in face of various obstacles and drawbacks, and business slowly revived, bringing with it considerable accessions to the volume of the merchandise traffic over the railroads, and also the volume of general freight, while the iron and steel industry enjoyed one of its customary marvelous revivals of activity with which the history of that trade is so replete. The revival in the steel trade in turn reflected the further expansion of building operations throughout the country and the fresh upward spurt in the automobile industry. On the other hand the almost complete cessation of coal mining, during the last three months of the half year, proved a drawback and an obstacle of large dimensions. With the expiration of their old agreement on March 31 the union coal miners throughout the United States, both in the bituminous fields and in the anthracite regions, quit work on April 1. This left only the non-union mines in operation; and while the product of these latter is by no means inconsiderable, the step served enormously to curtail the output and this proved detrimental to the carriers in a double way.

On most roads the coal traffic is one of the largest single items of traffic and on many roads it surpasses all other items. Suspension of mining consequently meant an enormous shrinkage in the volume of the coal tonnage. In the second place the suspension of coal mining on such an enormous scale served to restrict fuel supplies and this in turn operated, not only to retard business revival, but to interfere with the normal functioning of many business enterprises. The union coal miners in quitting work on April 1 did not term the act a strike, though such it was. In their view they simply abstained from work owing to inability to reach an agreement with the operators on a new wage scale and new terms of working conditions. And it should be added that the inability to reach an agreement for the resumption of work continued not only through the remainder of the half year, but also through the month of July and up to the present time except so far as this week's conferences between the miners and operators may lead to a resumption of mining. During the whole of this time absolutely no coal at all has been produced in the anthracite regions and virtually also no bituminous coal at the unionized mines in the soft coal regions throughout the country. The non-union mines kept at work and were gradually increasing their product up to the advent of the strike of the railroad shopmen on July 1, after which interference occurred with the supply of cars to move the coal.

It was known long in advance that mining at the union mines would cease on April 1, and with that fact a certainty the output of coal was greatly increased in February and March (as compared with the extraordinary low level of the previous year at

the nadir of business depression), but nevertheless for the six months of 1922 to June 30 the production of soft coal was only 187,833,000 tons, as against 196,464,000 tons in the six months of 1921, while the output of anthracite was no more than 22,923,000, against 47,547,000 tons—from all of which an idea can be gained of the extent to which coal traffic over the railroads was curtailed as a consequence of the cutting off of the product of the union mines from April 1 to June 30. Or, to make the fact more emphatic, we may note that for the three months of the strike period to June 30 the non-union mines turned out only 58,551,000 tons of coal as against 91,681,000 tons by all mines, union and non-union, in the three months of 1921. This has reference to soft coal alone. The product of the anthracite mines in the three months of 1922 was absolutely nil against 24,143,000 tons in the three months of 1921.

As far as the country as a whole is concerned, this loss in the coal traffic served almost as a complete offset to the gain in the merchandise traffic and in the volume of general freight resulting from the revival of trade, while on the distinctively coal-carrying roads, particularly in the anthracite regions—as, for instance, the Reading, the Lehigh Valley, the Lackawanna and the Central of New Jersey—the complete cessation of mining caused a shrinkage in tonnage alongside which the gain in merchandise and general freight was decidedly insignificant. We have alluded above to the marvelous revival in the iron and steel trade, and the evidence of this is found in the statistics just published by the American Iron & Steel Institute, showing that the make of pig iron in the United States in the first half of 1922 reached 12,191,011 tons, as against only 9,530,981 tons in the first half of 1921 and but 7,157,145 tons in the second half of 1921. The American Iron & Steel Institute has also given out statistics regarding steel production as furnished by 30 companies which in 1921 made 87½% of the steel ingot production of that year and these furnish even more positive evidence of the revival in the trade, showing as they do that these companies produced 13,499,386 tons of steel in 1922 as against only 9,006,855 tons in 1921.

The part that abstention from work at the unionized coal mines played in reducing traffic was indicated in our review of the earnings for the month of June in which we cited certain figures compiled by the Association of Railway Executives which showed that in the number of tons of freight moved one mile there had been an increase in June 1922 of 3.2% over the same month in 1921. In the Eastern district, however, which comprises the larger coal fields of the country, there was actually a decrease of 5.3%, this being turned into a gain in the general result by an increase in the freight movement in the Western district of 10% and in the Southern district of approximately 21%. Moreover, because of the coal strike coal loadings during the five weeks' period extending from May 28 until June 30 recorded a falling off of no less than 39.31% compared with the same period last year, while the loadings of all other commodities other than coal increased 23.20%.

To a minor extent reduction in rates was also an influence in reducing gross revenues in 1922. The horizontal reduction of 10% in freight rates promulgated by the Inter-State Commerce Commission on May 24, has of course no application

to the results for the half year, since the reduction did not become effective until July 1. On the other hand, however, there has been in force since Jan. 1 1922 a reduction of 16½% in the case of rates for grain, grain products and hay in Western territory. However, this cut while important to the roads in the sections most immediately concerned, covered a limited field and a limited class of tonnage.

With these preliminary remarks the reader will have an understanding of the reason for the falling off in gross earnings revealed by our tabulations. The falling off reaches \$63,399,701, or roughly 21-3%, and is explained in the way indicated above. The decrease follows a falling off of \$67,476,090, or 2.46%, in the first half of 1921 as compared with the first half of 1920. This loss of \$67,476,090 last year did not, however, reflect the extent of the shrinkage in traffic at that time incident to the extreme depression in trade, inasmuch as the previous summer the railroads had been granted enormous advances in rates and the gain from the higher rates served in considerable part to offset the loss in revenue resulting from the great shrinkage in the volume of traffic. These rate advances at that time, as has been many times pointed out in these columns, were of very exceptional proportions, the roads in Eastern territory having been granted authority to raise their freight rates 40% (on top of the previous advances), those in the Southern and the Mountain Pacific groups 25%, and those in the Western group 35%, besides which the carriers received permission to advance passenger fares 20%, Pullman rates 50% and excess baggage and milk rates 20%. It was estimated when these rate increases were authorized that they would add \$1,500,000,000 to the annual gross revenues of the roads, or \$125,000,000 per month. This estimate was predicated, of course, on the idea that the volume of traffic would be maintained on the 1920 level. How far short it fell of being maintained at that level is evident from the fact that instead of the \$750,000,000 increase in gross earnings for the six months on that basis there was an actual falling off of \$67,476,090. In brief, then, the loss in gross earnings last year resulting from the business depression was in great measure concealed by the higher rates.

The contraction in the expense accounts constitutes, as noted at the outset above, the gratifying feature of the returns. The reduction in expenses far outran the falling off in gross receipts, leading to the improvement in net earnings to which allusion has already been made. According to our tabulations, as against the decrease of \$63,399,701 in the gross revenues, the saving in expenses aggregated no less than \$281,731,725, affording, therefore, a gain in net earnings of considerably over \$200,000,000 or, in exact figures, \$218,332,024. In other words, the amount of the net (before the deduction of taxes) for 1922 stands at \$530,420,651, as against \$312,088,627 in the half year of 1921, as will be seen by the following:

Jan. 1 to June 30 (201 roads).	1922.	1921.	Ine (+) or Dec (-)	%
Miles of road.....	235,403	233,859	+1,544	0.66
Gross earnings.....	\$2,602,347,511	\$2,665,747,212	-\$63,399,701	2.38
Operating expenses.....	2,071,926,800	2,353,658,585	-\$281,731,725	11.97
Net earnings.....	\$530,420,651	\$312,088,627	+\$218,332,024	69.06

The particularly significant feature of the reduction in expenses in 1922 is that it follows an equally noteworthy reduction in the preceding year. In this

preceding year the loss in the gross revenues, as already noted, was \$67,476,090, or 2.46%. It was attended by a curtailment in operating expenses in the sum of \$209,284,120, or 8.14%, and accordingly there was an improvement in the net of \$141,808,030. The present year's increase of \$218,332,024 is additional to this increase of \$141,808,030 last year. The 1921 reduction in expenses would have been very much greater than actually recorded except that the railroads were operating under much higher wage scales, the U. S. Labor Board having in July 1920 awarded an increase of 20%. As far as the 1922 reduction in expenses is concerned, the recent reductions in wages made by the Labor Board, and which certain classes of railroad labor have been so strenuously contesting, did not play any part in the operations of the first half of 1922, since these reductions did not become operative until after the close of the half year. The antecedent decrease, however, of 12% made by the Labor Board, effective July 1 1921, did count in the half-year operations of 1922. The fact is nevertheless that in the main the reduction in expenses must be taken to represent increased efficiency of operations, rendered possible through the maintenance of better discipline among the employees and of course also the personnel of the force has been greatly improved by the retention of only those of proved efficiency and by getting rid of the indolent and all slackers. It would seem to be true, too, that repairs and renewals and maintenance outlays continued to be restricted to absolute necessities.

It must be particularly remembered, however, that previous to 1921 expenses had been mounting up in a frightful way, until in 1920 a point was reached where even the strongest and best managed properties were barely able to meet ordinary running expenses, not to mention taxes and fixed charges. And it is these prodigiously inflated expense accounts that furnish the basis for the savings and economies that have been effected in 1921 and 1922. As compared with 1920 the roads in both 1921 and 1922 also had the advantage of much more favorable weather conditions. In 1921 the winter was exceptionally mild and much the same remark may be made with reference to the winter of 1922. This last, while perhaps not so exceptionally mild as the winter of 1921, was at all events not of unusual severity—at least not of such severity in most of the country as to entail heavy extra expenses for the removal of snow and the clearing of tracks, though the winter is declared to have been a hard one in certain special sections—in Wyoming and Montana, for instance, and contiguous territory.

In 1920, on the other hand, the winter was an unusually severe one. Not only that, but so many other adverse influences and conditions existed at the time, all combining to cut down the net, that in our review of the earnings for this half-year period we were prompted to say that it was not likely that we would ever be called upon to record a poorer statement of net earnings of United States railroads for any period of six months than that for the first half of 1920. Rising costs of operation—induced by wage increases, advancing prices for material, fuel, supplies and everything else entering into the operating accounts of the railroads, and by heavy extra expenses arising out of special unfavorable circumstances of one kind or another—it was stated had been a feature of railroad affairs for many years,

but in 1920 the movement, unquestionably, might be said to have reached its climax and its apex, many of the roads failing to earn bare operating expenses. In February and a part of March of that year (and in lesser degree the latter part of January) the severity of the winter weather experienced was an adverse influence of large moment. On account of the depth of the snow over large areas embargoes had to be placed on traffic and altogether the conditions under which transportation had to be carried on were quite unusual. The situation greatly improved in that particular the latter part of March, but in April new difficulties appeared that served further to add to the unhappy lot of the railroad manager. It was during April of that year that the "outlaw" strike which had such a paralyzing effect on railroad traffic and railroad transportation originated. The freight situation continued extremely bad throughout April—in fact grew steadily worse and eventually became so desperate that the next month (May 20), on the recommendation of the railway executives themselves, the Inter-State Commerce Commission exercised the emergency powers granted to it under the new Transportation Act and undertook to regulate the distribution of cars without regard to ownership. Altogether the result of this array of unfavorable influences on earnings in the first half of 1920 was that as against a gain in gross earnings of \$358,015,357 our compilations showed an addition to expenses of no less than \$425,461,941, leaving the net diminished in amount of \$67,446,584.

It should be noted, furthermore, that the falling off in net in 1920 was merely one of a long series of losses in net. In the first six months of 1919 the higher rates then in force (as compared with 1918) for the transportation of passengers and freight barely sufficed to meet the great rise in expenses; our compilations then showed \$265,635,870 addition to gross earnings, with a coincident increase in expenses of \$265,952,855, leaving net slightly smaller, namely by \$316,985. In the preceding two years the results were equally bad, huge increases in expenses acting to cause heavy losses in the net. For instance, in 1918 the addition to expenses (over 1917) reached the prodigious sum of \$457,054,265, or about 34%, with the result that a gain of \$181,848,682 in gross was turned into a loss of no less than \$275,205,583 in the net, or over 50%. Not only that, but in 1917 a gain of \$205,066,407 in gross was concurrent with an addition of \$212,222,155 to expenses, leaving a loss of \$7,155,748 in net. For the four years combined (1920, 1919, 1918 and 1917) the loss in net aggregated \$350,124,900, and the gain in net of \$141,808,030 in 1921 and now of \$218,332,024 in 1922 represents the recovery of only a part of this antecedent loss. In the following we furnish the half-yearly comparisons back to 1906.

Year.	Gross Earnings.			Net Earnings.		
	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Increase or Decrease.	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Increase or Decrease.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Jan. 1 to June 30.						
1906	923,554,268	815,486,025	+108,068,243	272,101,047	226,345,855	+45,755,192
1907	999,082,691	884,426,163	+114,656,528	280,697,496	261,423,946	+19,273,550
1908	863,860,965	1036,720,560	-172,868,595	231,254,071	194,738,973	+36,484,902
1909	1172,185,403	1051,853,195	+120,332,208	371,591,341	294,951,102	+76,640,239
1910	1351,570,837	1172,481,315	+179,089,522	408,380,483	371,562,608	+36,817,875
1911	1310,580,765	1339,539,563	-28,958,798	378,852,052	404,569,430	-25,717,377
1912	1365,355,859	1309,006,353	+56,349,850	373,370,171	375,407,648	-2,037,477
1913	1502,472,942	1366,304,199	+136,168,743	400,242,844	373,442,876	+26,799,969
1914	1401,010,230	1436,043,706	-35,033,476	341,835,677	394,495,885	-52,660,208
1915	1407,465,982	1447,464,542	-39,998,560	394,683,548	347,068,207	+47,615,343
1916	1731,460,912	1403,448,334	+328,012,578	459,476,394	398,225,507	+60,651,381
1917	1946,395,684	1741,329,277	+205,066,407	555,683,025	562,838,778	-7,155,747
1918	2071,337,977	1889,489,295	+181,848,682	265,705,922	491,911,503	-225,205,583
1919	2339,750,126	2074,114,256	+265,635,870	265,007,159	265,324,144	-316,985
1920	2684,672,507	2326,657,150	+358,015,357	195,582,649	263,029,233	-67,446,584
1921	2671,369,048	2738,845,138	-67,476,090	310,890,266	169,082,335	+141,808,030
1922	2802,347,511	2665,747,212	+136,599,701	530,420,651	312,088,627	+218,332,024

	Gross		Net		Inc. or Dec.
	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.	
Lehigh & Hudson...	1,200,236	1,594,706	260,237	393,306	-133,069
Lehigh & New Eng...	1,987,365	2,210,735	124,507	424,484	-300,427
Lehigh Valley...	30,941,221	30,841,367	3,128,701	307,475	+2,819,226
Monong Connecting...	832,985	370,065	215,331	def27,588	+242,979
Montour...	348,006	803,784	def59,604	def7,462	-52,142
New York Central...	158,557,783	157,579,512	34,916,246	26,204,803	+8,651,443
N Y Ont & Western...	5,591,268	6,479,855	737,436	504,193	+233,243
N Y Susq & Western...	1,075,040	2,157,441	173,024	84,286	+88,737
Pennsylvania...	240,161,064	248,584,923	49,288,065	26,538,218	+22,689,847
Balt Ches & Atl...	667,502	719,259	def33,224	def32,888	-436
Long Island...	13,964,429	12,767,134	2,937,114	687,923	+2,319,191
Mary...	483,500	539,666	def101,311	def59,010	-42,301
Monongahela...	1,730,954	1,895,174	171,156	277,330	+439,520
N Y Phil & Norf...	3,483,385	3,072,357	251,927	def332,314	+584,241
West Jersey & Sea...	5,725,940	5,543,078	502,812	def203,140	+705,952
Perkiomen...	585,458	646,297	246,757	332,256	-85,499
Pitts & Reading...	33,260,119	43,321,725	8,197,985	5,290,428	+2,907,557
Phila & Shawmut...	510,997	617,230	def98,785	def99,272	+487
Pitts Shaw & North...	523,800	596,212	def123,919	def227,401	+103,842
Port Reading...	993,540	1,209,703	487,256	575,755	-88,499
Staten Isl Nor Tran...	1,151,808	1,197,108	def109,678	def51,488	-58,190
Ulster & Delaware...	713,527	684,679	39,877	def68,040	+107,417
Union RR of Penn...	5,071,267	4,085,184	1,425,544	577,158	+848,385
West Maryland...	8,244,690	6,133,524	2,027,050	1,563,609	+463,441
Cumb Val & Martins...	453,318	732,958	87,900	272,051	-184,151
Total (36 roads)...	759,813,605	794,459,247	145,374,005	93,829,959	+51,544,049

	Gross		Net		Inc. or Dec.
	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.	
Group III, Middle West...	1,071,614	656,192	482,131	130,130	+352,001
Ann Arbor...	2,415,075	3,204,447	511,838	100,568	+231,270
Bossmor & L Erie...	4,664,649	5,928,189	371,551	def178,367	+549,918
Chic Ind & Louis...	7,757,016	7,213,189	1,859,647	838,961	+1,020,686
Chic Ind & West...	2,043,584	1,697,748	214,498	def372,536	+587,034
Detroit & Mackinac...	815,311	916,795	def16,548	1,890	-38,733
Det Tol & St Line...	1,809,131	1,204,187	968,398	370,727	+597,671
Det Tol & Ironton...	4,477,923	2,655,636	1,325,405	442,940	+882,465
Erie System-See Group II					
Chicago & Erie...	5,492,774	5,325,183	1,377,979	290,918	+1,087,061
Grand Trunk System-See Group I					
Atl Det C G T J...	1,124,376	969,881	526,421	328,473	+197,948
Det Gr Hay & Mil...	2,636,005	1,702,541	598,129	def217,175	+815,304
Grand Trunk West...	3,743,633	6,849,328	1,273,561	351,725	+921,836
Hoeking Valley...	6,350,410	6,380,872	2,053,365	def75,927	+2,129,292
Lake Sup & Ishpeming...	247,631	74,139	def211,336	def233,929	+212,793
Lake Terminal...	551,599	697,620	180,864	49,004	+131,860
Newburgh & So Sh...	997,496	648,942	336,118	51,753	+284,365
New York Central System-See Group II					
Cine Northern...	1,750,311	1,752,603	462,988	411,142	+41,846
Chic Clin Chi & St L...	40,829,038	39,593,706	11,798,409	5,684,454	+6,113,955
Kanawha & Mich...	1,550,522	2,280,864	def141,859	def28,488	-113,371
Lake Erie & West...	4,588,921	4,454,359	532,981	55,330	+477,651
Michigan Cent...	37,437,749	34,484,225	10,440,886	6,186,040	+4,254,846
Pitts & Lake Erie...	11,800,260	12,360,145	def52,326	1,153,661	-1,206,487
Tol & Ohio Cent...	3,684,921	4,904,539	def129,223	548,884	-678,807
N Y Chic & St Louis...	14,222,370	13,120,306	4,306,003	2,670,631	+1,635,372
Pennsylvania Lines West of Pittsburgh & Erie...					
Cin Leb & North...	100,892	94,519	3,993	def4,031	+8,024
Gr Rapids of Ind...	4,125,809	4,086,038	def62,132	66,813	-128,934
Chic Clin Chi & St L...	47,521,417	48,177,641	6,689,532	1,744,174	+6,945,358
Pere Marquette...	18,207,976	17,052,939	4,292,904	2,375,417	+1,917,489
Pitts & West Va...	1,391,143	1,416,662	328,023	16,751	+311,272
Tol St L & West...	4,906,257	4,357,888	1,612,062	720,173	+891,889
Wabash Ry...	28,630,684	28,832,926	5,161,476	1,311,859	+2,049,617
Wheeling & L Erie...	6,822,930	6,748,925	1,723,904	1,039,219	+684,775
Total (32 roads)...	277,278,193	269,222,306	60,078,473	27,721,063	+33,267,410

	Gross		Net		Inc. or Dec.
	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.	
Group IV, & V, Southern...	1,575,090	1,598,223	251,166	def33,934	+315,100
Atlanta & West Pt...	1,147,232	1,254,772	173,439	125,100	+48,339
Atlanta Birm & Atl...	1,842,846	1,489,894	def211,559	def908,375	+696,816
Atlantic Coast Line...	37,095,580	36,732,035	11,178,063	5,583,943	+5,594,120
Caro Clinch & Ohio...	3,863,255	3,581,721	1,311,694	723,531	+588,163
Central of Georgia...	10,747,997	11,132,652	2,188,296	592,714	+1,595,582
Charles & W Caro...	1,724,476	1,690,322	457,128	def91,164	+548,292
Chesapeake & Ohio...	44,172,859	41,883,146	10,899,467	7,343,141	+3,556,326
Florida East Coast...	8,065,238	8,295,665	3,226,607	2,208,474	+1,018,133
Georgia & Florida...	695,104	691,403	101,267	def63,655	+164,922
Georgia...	2,657,734	2,626,269	328,576	def33,396	+361,942
Gulf & Ship Island...	1,437,974	1,391,474	401,338	170,174	+231,164
Gulf Mobile & Flor...	2,259,011	2,049,326	623,438	73,759	+549,689
Louisville & Nashv...	62,050,125	57,604,139	12,194,057	def53,065	+12,277,222
Louis & Nash...	1,531,388	1,406,985	371,774	201,943	+169,831
Mississipp Central...	739,741	513,416	100,542	def26,717	+127,257
Mobile & Ohio...	8,522,874	9,241,502	1,930,946	614,002	+1,316,944
Colium & Greensv...	714,658	769,812	116,591	def19,382	+235,973
Nash Chatt & St L...	10,143,436	10,096,138	997,341	def344,950	+1,342,291
New Or Gt North...	1,267,449	1,260,648	359,942	182,426	+177,516
Norfolk & Western...	46,011,351	39,191,071	15,126,054	5,422,114	+9,703,940
Norfolk Southern...	4,209,225	3,931,407	819,349	421,478	+397,871
Rich Fred & Potom...	5,407,635	5,397,385	1,822,404	935,210	+887,195
Seaboard Air Line...	22,436,507	22,778,211	4,697,683	2,515,417	+2,179,266
Southern Ry...	61,935,456	62,416,785	11,716,364	6,598,906	+5,117,458
Clin N O & Tex P...	4,711,467	4,704,441	1,235,950	389,926	+846,024
Georgia So & Flor...	2,371,004	2,228,122	418,298	def257,261	+675,559
New Or N East...	3,120,824	3,261,387	498,476	224,164	+274,312
North Alabama...	628,932	444,843	225,650	47,788	+177,871
Tennessee Central...	1,178,331	1,178,396	60,880	def102,008	+162,888
Virginia...	10,485,198	9,596,649	4,410,789	3,355,587	+1,055,202
West Ry of Ala...	1,194,732	1,214,118	232,777	93,102	+139,675
Yazoo & Miss Val...	8,728,619	9,994,180	865,108	823,111	+42,997
Total (34 roads)...	383,528,800	369,883,882	93,310,278	37,643,181	+55,667,092

	Gross		Net		Inc. or Dec.
	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.	
Group VI, & VII, Northwest...	1,477,424	1,208,657	157,513	def179,913	+337,426
Belt Ry of Chicago...	2,800,726	2,563,441	963,860	456,727	+507,133
Chicago & Alton...	14,132,672	14,467,093	2,448,735	1,237,254	+1,211,481
Chic & East Illinois...	11,903,104	12,800,818	1,804,200	def22,912	+1,827,112
Chic & North West...	67,650,120	67,600,358	10,953,190	826,451	+10,126,739
Chic Burlington...	74,635,952	78,307,915	17,912,058	10,299,969	+7,612,089
Chic Great Western...	11,323,144	11,659,886	1,117,807	1,355,402	-237,595
Chic Millw & St Paul...	71,156,775	67,769,589	8,611,901	3,491,587	+5,120,314
Chic Peoria & St L...	1,133,185	959,619	def59,790	def130,600	+263,810
Chic St P Minn & O...	13,056,451	13,046,969	2,017,091	288,777	+1,728,314
Dul & Iron Range...	2,176,549	2,128,253	354,372	def362,423	+616,795
Dul Missabe & Nor...	3,844,734	4,197,784	501,471	4,511,110	-359,352
Dul So Shore & Atl...	1,954,781	2,252,088	def33,132	def43,674	+10,542
Dul Winn & Pacific...	1,072,616	1,390,587	81,308	109,679	-28,371
East St Louis Conn...	1,011,165	598,487	829,445	222,851	+606,594
Great Northern...	10,507,233	10,414,309	4,139,339	2,568,695	+1,570,644
Regin Joliet & East...	42,780,195	41,903,787	6,949,510	2,695,199	+4,254,311
Green Bay & West...	688,695	690,295	104,464	125,254	-4,790
Illinois Central...	69,773,121	68,376,747	10,390,373	12,318,794	+4,611,579
Indiana Harbor Belt...	4,638,822	4,402,755	1,663,496	595,158	+1,068,338
Minneapolis & St Louis...	7,409,918	7,692,633	974,913	def126,081	+1,100,994
Minn St P & S M...	19,254,928	19,378,742	2,218,326	def800,147	+3,018,473
Northern Pacific...	41,922,104	40,427,221	5,213,206	1,069,753	+4,203,453
Peoria & Pekin Un...	891,094	830,612	209,271	def68,824	+269,095
Quincy Om & K C...	530,687	828,255	def297,568	def149,457	+31,933
Toledo Peor & West...	791,224	807,315	def16,091	def236,929	+237,397
Union Pacific...	45,402,182	48,705,977	13,136,931	13,776,437	-639,796
St Jos & Ord Ind...	1,505,620	1,510,122	200,682	108,773	+91,909
Total (28 roads)...	523,443,791	527,812,416	99,278,429	55,462,768	+43,815,661

	Gross		Net		Inc. or Dec.
	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.	
Groups VIII, & IX, Southwest...	83,402,328	89,200,128	16,962,334	19,810,336	-2,848,002
Ach Top & Santa Fe...	9,994,276	14,011,192	757,892	2,620,847	-1,862,955
Gulf Colo & S Fe...	3,471,006	4,133,665	59,014	517,514	-458,500
Panhandle & S Fe...	56,053,682	62,313,856	9,609,090	9,133,201	+475,889
Chle R I & Pacific...	2,716,090	3,568,395	416,527	611,490	-194,963
Chicazo R I & Gulf...	6,059,966	6,190,755	1,239,491	1,107	

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)	
	Since	
	Aug. 9 1922.	Aug. 17 1921.
Total reserves.....	-\$4,300,000	+\$452,400,000
Gold reserves.....	-5,200,000	+466,100,000
Total earning assets.....		-773,600,000
Discounted bills, total.....	+300,000	-1,129,600,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	+7,600,000	-434,200,000
Other bills discounted.....	-7,300,000	-695,400,000
Purchased bills.....	+2,800,000	+107,700,000
United States securities, total.....	-3,100,000	+243,300,000
Bonds and notes.....	+3,200,000	+168,900,000
Pittman certificates.....	-1,500,000	-135,900,000
Other Treasury certificates.....	-4,800,000	+210,300,000
Total deposits.....	+11,200,000	+175,700,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	+6,700,000	+168,700,000
Government deposits.....	+5,100,000	+13,900,000
Other deposits.....	-600,000	-6,900,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....	-4,900,000	-361,300,000
F. R. Bank notes in circulation, net liability.....	-2,400,000	-56,400,000

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

Liquidation of \$11,000,000 of loans and of \$12,000,000 of investments and a reduction of \$154,000,000 in net demand deposits are shown in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly statement of condition on Aug. 9, of 794 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 and discounts of member banks in New York City declined by \$34,000,000 and their investments by \$6,000,000.

Loans secured by United States Government obligations show an increase of \$6,000,000 for the week, as against reductions of \$14,000,000 in loans secured by stocks and bonds and of \$3,000,000 in all other, largely commercial, loans. For the member banks in New York City an increase of \$4,000,000 in loans secured by Government obligations and decreases of \$27,000,000 in loans secured by stocks and bonds and of \$11,000,000 in commercial loans are shown. Changes in the investment account are relatively moderate. Holdings of Government securities declined by \$13,000,000, while holdings of corporate obligations show but a nominal change. Total loans and investments of all reporting institutions show a reduction of \$23,000,000 for the week, the decrease for the New York City banks alone being \$40,000,000.

Accommodation of the reporting banks at Federal Reserve banks declined from \$116,000,000 to \$105,000,000 and the ratio of accommodation to total loans and investments of these banks was reduced from 0.8 to 0.7%. Accommodation of the New York City banks at the local Reserve bank declined from \$16,000,000 to \$13,000,000, the ratio of accommodation remaining unchanged at 0.3%.

Government deposits increased by \$2,000,000, while other demand deposits (net) declined by \$154,000,000, partly as a result of withdrawals of bank deposits to the interior of the country. Time deposits increased by \$63,000,000. New York City banks show reductions of Government deposits by \$13,000,000 and of all other demand deposits (net) by \$141,000,000, as against an increase of \$35,000,000 in time deposits.

Reserve balances of the reporting institutions with the Federal Reserve banks show a decline of \$52,000,000, while cash on hand increased by \$6,000,000. On a subsequent page—that is, on page 848—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	
	Aug. 2 1922.	Aug. 10 1921.
Loans and discounts—total.....	+\$11,000,000	-\$798,000,000
Secured by U. S. Government obligations.....	+6,000,000	-352,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	-14,000,000	+537,000,000
All other.....	-3,000,000	-983,000,000
Investments, total.....	-12,000,000	+1,184,000,000
U. S. bonds.....	+14,000,000	+467,000,000
Victory notes.....	-8,000,000	-127,000,000
U. S. Treasury notes.....	+2,000,000	+588,000,000
Treasury certificates.....	-21,000,000	-15,000,000
Other stocks and bonds.....	+1,000,000	+271,000,000
Reserve balances with Fed. Reserve banks.....	-52,000,000	+152,000,000
Cash in vault.....	+6,000,000	-34,000,000
Government deposits.....	+2,000,000	-182,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	-154,000,000	+1,085,000,000
Time deposits.....	+63,000,000	+671,000,000
Total accommodation at Fed Reserve banks.....	-11,000,000	-893,000,000

FRENCH DEBT COMMISSION TO UNITED STATES RECALLED TO PARIS.

The recall to France of Jean V. Parmentier, head of the French Financial Commission which has been in the United States for a month past conferring with the World War

Foreign Debt Commission, was announced on the 17th inst. Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, in an official communique, issued on that day, said:

M. Parmentier and his associate, M. Le Neveu, conferred informally today with the Chairman of the World War Foreign Debt Commission. M. Parmentier informed the Commission that he had consulted with his Government by cable as to the results of previous conferences with the Commission and that his Government had asked him to return to Paris for a full discussion of the situation as it had developed.

The Chairman of the Commission expressed to M. Parmentier his belief that it could only be beneficial to have a complete statement made in personal conference to the French Government as to the conversations that have taken place between M. Parmentier and the Commission.

The "Journal of Commerce," in special advices from its Washington bureau on the 17th inst., said:

An interval in the negotiations for the refunding of the \$3,500,000,000 French debt was assured to-day when Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, chairman of the World War Debt Refunding Commission, announced that Jean V. Parmentier, head of the French delegation, had been recalled to Paris by Premier Poincare. His departure does not mean that there has been any break in the negotiations, it was learned officially.

M. Parmentier did not come to Washington authorized to make any definite proposals for the refunding of the French debt. The whole object of his visit was to make an exposition of France's financial condition, give assurances that the French Government intended to pay and learn the views of the American commission.

Hears United States Viewpoint.

The American Commission at the last conference asked the French to take the initiative and submit a proposition for the payment of interest on the principal of the debt. Lacking the power to make any proposals of this nature, M. Parmentier informed the commission that he would transmit the suggestion to his Government and be governed by its instructions. He said to-day he had informed the French officials of the American point of view, but he was not willing to elaborate as to what this was.

Secretary Mellon has indicated definitely that the commission's objective in the present negotiations was to devise a plan acceptable to the French for the start of interest payments, after agreeing to forego any revenue for two or possibly three years.

France has sought to show to the Debt Commission that her ability to pay the American Government is dependent upon the amount which Germany may be made to turn over in reparations. Tax officials of the Treasury, however, have reported the belief that France could increase her rate of taxation in the agricultural regions. M. Parmentier is of the opinion that the point of saturation has been reached on internal taxes and that it would be useless to place surtaxes on large incomes because the number of large fortunes is negligible.

The turn in the negotiations is not at all contrary to the expectations of the American commissioners. Upon arriving here, M. Parmentier made known that he planned to sail for Paris on August 22.

The present indications are that France will send her spokesmen back to Washington during the late fall or winter. The Commission will hardly be able to transact much business during the next month, because Representative Burton is abroad, Secretary of State Hughes sails for Rio de Janeiro on Aug. 24 and Senator Smoot will be one of the conferees on the tariff.

Preliminary negotiations with Ambassador Cartier de Marchienne to refund the Belgian debt will be started shortly, it is understood.

On the same date Associated Press cablegrams from Paris stated in part:

In well-informed quarters it was stated that the results of the Parmentier mission are not as good as was expected. It is declared that there was considerable surprise and annoyance in official circles when M. Parmentier was requested by the Refunding Commission to name a definite date when France could begin to liquidate the debt.

Premier Poincare's attitude had been defined in a speech to the Senate on the eve of M. Parmentier's sailing early in July. The Premier then said that all the Allies had profited equally by the use of the money borrowed from the United States. France did not repudiate her share, he declared, but if France was expected to pay fully, she in turn expected to be paid not only the sums she lent to other Allies, but also the reparations due her from Germany.

The Premier referred to the fact that the international bankers interrupted their recent deliberations concerning an international loan for Germany when France announced that she could not abandon any part of her reparations claims.

France, as was intimated by M. Poincare at that time, feels that any settlement of the interallied debt situation must be a general one, in which she is not the only loser.

M. Parmentier's arrival here was referred to in our issue of July 15, page 248. Last week (page 705) we made mention of the report that negotiations for the funding of the French war debt had been temporarily suspended on Aug. 10 pending further instructions from Paris to the French financial representatives here.

GERMANY PAYS ONLY PART OF INSTALLMENT.

Berlin Associated Press advices Aug. 15 stated: It was semi-officially announced to-day that £500,000 had been paid to-day to the British and French clearing offices on account of debts to Allied nationals, as had been foreshadowed in the German note of Aug. 5 to France which was paid.

The German Government addresses a note to the British, French, Italian and Belgian Governments declaring that in consequence of the demand for foreign currency to pay for urgently needed necessities of life, and in consequence of the fall in the value of the mark, it could not meet the clearing house installment of £2,000,000 due to-day in payment of pre-war debts to Allied nationals.

Commenting on the above, the New York "Times" said: At the meeting of the Allied delegates in London on Monday, after it had failed to reach an agreement on the question of a moratorium for Germany, Sir Robert Stevenson Horne, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced that the Allied experts had agreed unanimously that Germany must make her next payment of £2,000,000 on pre-war debts, due Aug. 15, within a month, but that thereafter the various Governments should make separate arrangements with Germany, subject, in every case, to the approval of the Reparations Commission.

The conference of Allied Premiers, which occurred on Aug. 14, without results, will be referred to further by us another week.

NO JAPANESE LOAN TO CHINA DURING UNSETTLED CONDITIONS.

The Associated Press reports the following advices from Tokio under date of Aug. 14:

The Foreign Office has issued a statement that no money will be loaned the Chinese Government during the present unsettled conditions in China. Japan is adhering strictly to a policy of non-interference in Chinese domestic affairs, the statement says, and is acting in harmony with the Washington agreements.

Financial aid given now might result in greater chaos, it says; but when, as it is hoped and believed, a unified government has been established in China, representing the will of the whole Chinese people, Japan will gladly give financial support if circumstances permit.

RAYMOND RECOULY URGES CO-OPERATION OF U. S. IN EUROPEAN PROBLEMS—SITUATION IN FRANCE.

The situation in France at the present moment was described before the Institute of Politics at Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., on Aug. 10 by Raymond Recouly, foreign editor of "Figaro" and "Le Temps," during the "round table" discussion of reparations and the rehabilitation of Europe. According to Mr. Recouly, "a solution of the question of reparations in which France and Germany would be left alone facing each other risks a bad one." With the collaboration of England, he said, the chances of a good solution are greater. With the active co-operation of the United States the chances become much greater still. Declaring that it is "the business of Americans to decide whether they will leave Europe in the melting pot" or will "deliberately and speedily come to its rescue," M. Recouly asserted that "with the active co-operation of America, all the problems which seem extremely difficult, almost impossible to solve, become relatively easy." In his discussion, M. Recouly said:

First of all, the situation of France at the present moment. We have since the war spent 93,000,000,000 francs for the reconstruction of devastated regions. That enormous amount of money has been, of course, borrowed from the people. As a whole it may be said that the entire resources of the French market—and you know that the French are the most saving people in the world—have been since the armistice entirely devoted to the reconstruction of the devastated regions. We are nearing the time when the French public will be no longer in a position to provide the money which is continuously asked from it. If we do not receive, either from Germany or through the form of an international loan, the sums needed for the reconstruction of France, we will soon be obliged to stop the work of reconstruction, and you all know what that would mean for us.

If we stop their reconstruction, then we close the most productive source of wealth for the future of our country. We deliberately throw ourselves into a state of inferiority as far as international economic competition is concerned.

This is the first phase of the dilemma; and let us now look at the second. If we decide by any means in our power to go in the matter of reconstruction, whatever might be the consequences, that means during four or five years to come a continual expense, which will bring a return to inflation and corresponding depreciation of our currency.

You know that for two years, while the German Government was increasing by leaps and bounds its inflation, we in France, on the contrary, have absolutely stopped ours. For that reason the franc, instead of following the fall of the mark, has been kept steady. But if we are obliged to increase our inflation, I don't see how we can continue to keep the franc steady. If we do not receive some amount of money from Germany, the franc will certainly go down. The depreciation of the franc, perhaps the increase of the deficit, the impossibility for the Government of paying the dividends to the State bondholders, will bring a considerable increase in the cost of living, and, it may be, social disorders.

That is the exact situation of France, and it may be said without any exaggeration that it is a very tragic one. The French are, I think, the people in the world who most hate a deficit, and who have a horror of bankruptcy. Rather than face that extremity they will be ready to enforce upon Germany the penalties which, according to the Treaty of Versailles, they are perfectly entitled to enforce. They will use the rights which they derived from the treaty, which was signed not only by their Allies—England and America—but also by the Germans themselves. The Treaty gives France the right of seizing German property in case the German Government does not fulfill its obligations.

That will be, of course, a bad solution of the question of reparations. Not a single sane Frenchman doubts it. But we will certainly try that solution before letting ourselves go into bankruptcy.

In other words, it can be said that a solution of the question of reparations in which France and Germany would be left alone facing each other risks being a bad one. The solution, if there is one, which I very much hope, must be found and enforced by all the Allies together.

With the collaboration of England, the chances of a good solution are greater. With the active co-operation of the United States the chances become much greater still.

Of course, with the active co-operation of America all the problems which seem extremely difficult, almost impossible to solve, become relatively easy. It is the business of Americans, it is "up to them," as I should say, to decide whether they will leave Europe in the melting pot, continue acting as pure observers, or will deliberately and speedily come to its rescue.

The state of Germany, difficult as it may appear as far as the financial situation is concerned, is far from being desperate. For many reasons for which the German Government is strictly responsible, the German currency has collapsed, but the matter of the economic condition of a country cannot be measured by its currency only. While the mark has gone down, the economic power of Germany, its productive possibility, the capacity of its factories, the discipline and seriousness of its working people, its gift for organization, remain unaltered. All these capacities may very soon become a source of considerable wealth.

If Germany cannot pay now what she must pay, and what she is bound to pay, she might perfectly pay in the long run. The co-operation of the United States might greatly help to find a scheme to support an international loan, which would enable France to wait until the moment when Germany is able to resume her payments. It is not only from the material and economic point of view that the collaboration of the United States is strongly needed, but also from a moral point of view, which is perhaps more important, for you know that at the present time all the material and moral problems are intimately mixed together. The collaboration of the United States could and should have the effect of making Germany understand that it is not only her duty to fulfill her obligations, but that it is also her interest to do so. As soon as Germany understands that very important fact, as soon as she understands that people would be ready to assist her, in that case I am sure that the chances of the reconstruction of Europe will be increased enormously.

As far as France is concerned, I may assure you that we are absolutely ready to do our best in order to make possible this collaboration. We are ready, if not to forgive, at least to forget, the past.

OTTO H. KAHN'S SUGGESTION AS TO WAR DEBTS—CONDITIONS IN AUSTRIA.

In venturing some constructive suggestions, with his return from Europe on Aug. 13, Otto H. Kahn, of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., advanced the opinion that "we should deal in a large-visioned and liberal manner with the debts due us from the Allied nations." Mr. Kahn urged the discrimination between advances for direct war-making purposes and those used otherwise during the war and after the armistice, and advocated that the first portion of those debts be utilized "to aid in bringing about that change of attitude and conditions in Europe which is indispensable if the world is to be again on an even keel." Referring to the peace treaties and conditions in Austria, Mr. Kahn stated that "no more short-sighted and destructive 'settlement' was ever inflicted upon the world, from the point of view alike of friend and foe, than the so-called peace treaties with Germany, Austria, Turkey, Hungary and Bulgaria." Continuing he said in part:

I had occasion, during my stay in Europe, to visit Austria. Whatever the degree of punishment and atonement justly due for the crime of their Government in unchaining the war, nothing more tragic can be imagined than the utter misery of that gifted and amiable people who have been one of the civilizing forces among the nations, and to whom the world owes so much in the field of science, music and literature. It is appalling to contemplate, especially, the dreadful conditions among the middle classes, their semi-starvation and, in some cases, actual starvation.

Forced, by the treaty of St. Germain, into economically almost impossible frontiers, hampered and crippled by its terms (even though some of these have since been mitigated or suspended) the Austrian people are singled out, less, really, by design than by bungling on the part of the treaty makers, for particularly cruel and hopeless suffering. Forbidden, in defiance of the famous doctrine of self-determination, to measurably relieve their economic conditions by affiliation with their neighbor, Germany—a prohibition defensible in itself, but vitiated by a treaty which has rendered Austria impotent to stand alone; harassed, humiliated and maltreated by other adjoining states on whom they depend for their trade and for some of the very necessities of existence, they are deprived even of the possibility to escape from their wretchedness by emigration, because they cannot afford the means to emigrate over-seas, and the doors of the neighboring Danube States are closed to them. At the same time, millions of their brothers—again in defiance of that assumedly sacrosanct doctrine of self-determination—have been torn away from their Austrian allegiance and placed under the domination of Czechoslovaks, Rumanians or Italians.

And yet there are still persons of professedly liberal tendencies to be found in America, who prate about the "liberal" spirit of the peace treaties and who unctuously give thanks that the treaty-makers of Versailles, St. Germain, Sevres, etc., departed so beneficently from the ways of old diplomacy. Presumably, such defenders, like my good friend, Mr. W. L. Saunders, who recently in a published statement charged me with "tory" tendencies in my attitude toward the treaties, are not fully acquainted either with the general purport of these treaties, their deviation from solemn declarations repeatedly made during the war by the allied spokesmen, their nonconformance of the plighted faith of the armistice terms, or the calculated meanness of their details.

As against such persons, I have not met a liberal in Europe—however sweeping in his condemnation of the guilt of Germany, however insistent on the very limit of just and feasible atonement for the past and security for the future; however appreciative of and sympathetic with the rightful claims of the heroic defenders of right and liberty, on whom the war imposed such unspeakable suffering and sacrifices, foremost among them France, with all of which sentiments I associate myself wholly—I have not met a liberal in Europe who does not denounce the treaties and look upon them as nothing less than a calamity.

The tragedy is that President Wilson had both the true vision of a wise and just peace and the power to enforce it, but failed deplorably in realizing that vision.

However, it is little use to indulge in lamentations over what has been done, except in the hope of aiding to bring about a recognition of the facts, and from and through that recognition, remedial action, as far as still possible.

Such as Europe is today, America has been a strong factor to make her, through our participation in the war and through President Wilson's part in the peace negotiations. We cannot, in decency or in wisdom, disregard that responsibility. The European nations—both our comrades in the war and our former enemies—have confidence in our disinterestedness and well-meaningness. They have got themselves into a snarl which, hampered, as they are, by racial animosities, jealousies, apprehensions, considerations of domestic policy, and so forth, they find the utmost difficulty in disentangling. They urgently need and ask our co-operation, less even in a material sense, than as helpful counsellors and guides. It seems to me both our duty and our advantage to heed that call.

That does not mean giving up our enviable position of freedom from entanglements in Europe. I have always been opposed, and am opposed now, to our joining the League of Nations in the form and meaning in which it came to us from Versailles. The League ought to have been a matter of growth, of evolution, of elastic adaptability, instead of the rigid, cumbersome, pedantic, complex code which, by the fiat of a few men, emerged from the conclave in Paris in the summer of 1919. It ought to have been en-

tirely separate and distinct from the war-settlement, instead of being made an instrument to guarantee and execute ill-conceived peace terms.

Owing to the inherent faultiness of its conception and the disingenuousness which taints its very creation, it has proved itself impotent to deal with the most pressing and vital problems for which the world craves a remedy, and to aid, even measurably, in bringing about that spirit and fact of peace and settlement and fairness and reconciliation among nations, which it was ostensibly destined to promote. In the single important matter which it was called upon to adjudicate since it came into being, i.e. the settlement of the German-Silesian frontier, its proceedings and verdict are open to question on the score of the method of procedure and of judicial impartiality.

Venturing, in all modesty, to offer some constructive suggestions, I would say that what it seems to me we could and should do, consistent with American traditional policies, with the spirit of the verdict of the last Presidential election and with altruism, duty and self-interest, is this:

1. I believe it would be well if we were officially represented on the Reparations Commission (on which we have always had, and now have, an admirably qualified but unofficial delegate) and on kindred commissions destined to settle controversial questions and to aid the recuperation of Europe, but incoinciding no tangible commitment to America.

2. While opposed to our joining the League of Nations in its present form, I wonder whether we could see our way—with all due reservations—to being represented informally and unofficially in the meetings of the League of Nations and its various committees. It is conceivable that from such contact there might result such a readjustment of the constitution and nature of the League as to give it the character of an association with which we should be justified in establishing official connection.

3. We should deal in a large-visioned and liberal manner with the debts due us from the Allied nations. We might begin, it seems to me, by discriminating between, on the one hand, the advances made by us for direct war-making purposes and, on the other hand, those used otherwise during the war and those made after the armistice. I would utilize at least the first portion of those debts to aid in bringing about that change of attitude and conditions in Europe, which is indispensable if the world is to be again on an even keel. I would not relinquish any of our claims as a free gift, but only in consideration of, and in return for, measures leading to the elimination, as far as possible, or at least the prompt and essential mitigation, of the circumstances and conditions which keep Europe in unsettledness and turmoil.

I feel convinced that such a bargain would be a good and profitable investment and would not only result in securing a valuable moral asset for America, but would be of distinct material benefit to us. The purchasing power of the European market may not, for a certain length of time, be wholly indispensable to our manufacturers—though it undoubtedly is to some of them—but it is absolutely indispensable to the prosperity of our farmers, because they have no other market for their surplus.

This whole matter of debts and claims and demands between the various nations, is interrelated. The recently published note of Lord Balfour has set forth the real situation with commendable frankness and perfect lucidity. It asks nothing from us; it simply points out the facts. It is for us alone to draw conclusions from undeniable premises.

These reciprocal debts and claims, in their undiminished magnitude, hang like a millstone round the neck of Europe. Their effect, unless the situation is alleviated, will be progressively troublesome to all nations concerned, the claimants only less than the debtors.

I realize that this is a problem from tackling which the timidity and opportunism of the political mind recoils. It calls for the pressure of enlightened public opinion. I am convinced, when the moral and practical elements of that problem come to be fully understood by the American people, that their verdict will be in favor of helpful, constructive and generous action all round. To aid in restoring the consuming and purchasing power of Europe, is to aid the prosperity of America.

NOV. 11 MADE NATIONAL HOLIDAY IN BELGIUM.

It was announced from Brussels on July 11 that the Belgian Parliament had fixed Nov. 11 as the national holiday in place of Aug. 4, because "Nov. 11 was the day of liberation from the war and from the enemy."

WAGES IN GREAT BRITAIN READJUSTED TO A LOWER BASIS.

Wage readjustments in Great Britain during the first five months of 1922 resulted in a reduction of £2,316,700 in the amount paid to 6,980,000 workers in the final week of May, compared to the amount paid in the first week of the year. The largest group of workers affected by the reductions was in the engineering and shipbuilding industry, while the largest reductions were sustained by workers in the iron and steel industry. British Labor Ministry figures, received by the Bankers Trust Company from its English Information Service, indicate the principal reductions to have been as follows:

Trade Group—	Number of Workers Affected.	Decrease in Weekly Wages Jan.-May 1922.
Engineering and shipbuilding	1,308,000	£338,200
Mining and quarrying	1,079,000	333,300
Transportation	975,000	361,600
Textile	930,000	301,300
Building	522,000	241,700
Clothing	505,000	113,300
Public utility	329,000	121,800
Iron and steel	234,000	172,300

Wages of 17,500 workers were increased, principally in the mining and quarrying industry, the total increase being £3,190 in the last week of May, compared to the weekly wage at the first of the year.

U. S. TO ACCEPT DYES AS PART PAY FOR RHINE ARMY EXPENSES.

The following Associated Press advices came from Paris, July 20:

The American Government would receive its quota of German dyes, amounting to more than \$3,000,000 annually, as part payment for main-

taining its army on the Rhine under the terms of a plan which is now being worked out by the American Government with the aid of the Reparations Commission. All that remains to put the plan into effect is the final approval of some of the Allied Powers. This approval is expected within several weeks.

The Reparations Commission regards the plan as a successful solution of how the United States is to be paid for keeping its forces on the Rhine, and it is indicated that the American Government has endorsed the plan. It was said to-day that this method of payment, which would insure immediate cash, would not interfere with more extensive arrangements which the Allies might see fit to make for the payment of the total costs of the Rhine forces.

Under the proposed scheme the American Government probably would receive the money for dyes which is now paid the Reparations Commission by the Textile Alliance of America. The Alliance is the medium through which textile interests obtain German dyes. It has also been suggested that the American Government receive the dyes direct and sell them to the textile concerns, but this has not yet been approved.

OPERATIONS OF SOUTH MANCHURIA RAILWAY.

According to J. F. McMullin, reporting in behalf of the South Manchuria Railway, economy in operations resulted in net profits of 31,386,000 yen (\$15,693,000) for the South Manchuria Railway for the year ended March 31 1922. This is an increase in profits of 3,990,000 yen when compared with 1921. The financial statement of the company was received here yesterday by Yojo Tamura, American representative of the company. The regular 10% dividend to public shareholders was authorized by the directors. The following information is also furnished:

The gross earnings for the year totaled 147,100,000 yen and expenditures 115,714,000 yen. Although the receipts for the year decreased in comparison with last year, economies in expenditures accounted for the increased profits.

The Chosen Line, operated by the South Manchuria Railway for the Japanese Government, showed a profit of 606,000 yen as against a loss of 1,070,000 yen last year. Half of the profits of the Chosen Line go to the South Manchuria Railway.

The company expended 45,000,000 yen in improvements during the year. On new equipment and extension of double tracking 14,000,000 yen was disbursed; wharves, 4,000,000 yen; mining properties, 10,000,000 yen; barges and tugboats, 910,000 yen; steel mills, 1,310,000 yen; electrical enterprises, 3,000,000 yen; gas plant, 500,000 yen; local public service within the railway zone, including hospitals, roads, water systems, sewage and purchase of land, 7,500,000 yen, and construction of employees' residences, 3,000,000 yen.

President S. Hayakawa in addressing the stockholders said: "Since the establishment of the South Manchuria Railway fifteen years ago, the capital has been increased from 200,000,000 to 440,000,000 yen, and investments within the scope of the company's business have been increased from 100,100,000 to 475,000,000 yen. In addition to this, investments outside of the company total approximately 59,000,000 yen. This large amount of capital has been invested in economic enterprises, such as railroads, workshops, steamships, wharves, mining, steel mills, gas and electric plants and hotels and in public welfare work such as schools, hospitals, roads, and water and sewage systems.

It is not exaggerating when I say that these improvements have been a great benefit to Manchuria from both an economic and civic standpoint. One of the most necessary projects for the future is the development of communications on the Mongolian border which will automatically result in the prosperity of that section. We have decided to do everything in our power to advance the economic and social welfare of both Manchuria and Mongolia as the surest means of cementing friendship between Japan and China, and to promote the economic interests of the world by adhering to the open door policy with equal opportunities to all, irrespective of nationality.

EMPOWERS SUDANESE LOAN.

Copyright advices from Cairo July 25 were published by the New York "Times" as follows:

An official notice from the Government of the Sudan says that the Governor General has authorized an English bank or banks to float a loan not exceeding £7,000,000 to facilitate the completion of irrigation works in the Sudan which have been held up on account of lack of money. The security is the properties and income of the Sudanese Government. The conditions of the loan require the approval of the British Treasurer and Foreign Secretary.

KWANTUNG NOTES MADE LEGAL TENDER.

The Department of Commerce at Washington July 3 announced the following advices from Commercial Attache Julian Arnold, at Shanghai, May 23 1922:

While the reported South China financial difficulties did not affect Chinese foreign trade, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Canton, anticipating serious results from the proclamation of May 3 making Kwantung Government notes legal tender and desirous of restoring confidence, requested the Canton Government to adopt measures for the protection of the merchants and general public. Accordingly May 5 a proclamation was issued by the Commissioner of Finance, Canton Government, to the effect that "all business transactions, buying and selling, of more than \$1 shall be paid in coins or notes according to the standard currency at par value, and those of less than \$1 may be paid in small coins or in notes concurrently at the option of the parties. All payments to the Government organizations shall be in notes and not in coins, as heretofore. The parties shall not be allowed to accept or pay notes other than those issued by the Provincial Bank of Kwantung, and the laws do not recognize any other form of payment." Severe punishment is to follow any breach of the law in accordance with the proclamation of May 3.

AUSTRALIA REFUSES CONSENT TO APPOINTMENT OF GERMAN CONSULS.

A London cablegram July 22 to the daily papers said: The Australian Federal Government has refused to agree to the appointment of German consuls in Australia, says a Reuter dispatch from Melbourne.

Premier W. M. Hughes, while not asserting that trade never can be resumed with Germany, declares that the Australian Ministry does not feel called upon to "grease the wheels for German trade."

J. P. MORGAN MANSION IN LONDON NOW TAKEN OVER AS EMBASSY.

A copyright cablegram to the New York "Times" from London July 31 had the following to say:

The London mansion of the late J. P. Morgan in Prince's Gate, which he left to the United States Government, for its London Embassy, has now been taken over.

Plans for its preparation as an Embassy are nearing completion and the work will be hastened so that Ambassador Harvey can occupy it in the fall. He is going to Scotland for his vacation and has consequently relinquished the Embassy building which he had personally rented in Chesham Place.

All communications for him should now be addressed to the Chancery of the American Embassy, 4 Grosvenor Gardens.

GREAT BRITAIN CUTS FOOD COST.

The New York "Times" printed the following from London Aug. 17:

The index figure for the cost of living in the month of July, just announced by the Labor Ministry, is 81 above the pre-war level, a drop of 3 points from that of June. The reduction is ascribed entirely to the heavy drop in the price of potatoes.

Employment, though still bad generally, has shown a further slight improvement. The number of unemployed on July 31 was approximately 1,400,000, as compared with 1,455,000 at the end of June.

AUSTRALIA SUBSIDIZES BEEF.

On Aug. 9 a Washington press dispatch said:

The Australian Federal Government has decided to grant a subsidy of one-fourth pence a pound on all beef raised, according to cabled advices received by the Department of Commerce. This subsidy, together with a reduction in ocean freight rates and a wage scale averaging two shillings a day less than last year, is expected to enable the Queensland meat packing plants, which for the most part have been closed or working part time for months, to resume active operations.

The meat industry of Australia, according to all reports from the island continent, has been in a bad way for the past year. Australia's best customer, Great Britain, was heavily overstocked with beef, mutton and lamb, and was obliged to reduce purchases considerably. To make conditions worse the competition from Argentina, aided by lower freight costs, cut in on the Australian markets both in Great Britain and in the United States.

PERCY H. JOHNSTON INDICATES HOW TO HELP EUROPE.

Percy H. Johnston, President of the Chemical National Bank of New York, returned on the Homeric on Thursday from Europe where he spent two months studying economic and financial conditions, visiting eleven countries. He was accompanied by C. P. Hunt, the Chemical Bank's Vice-President in charge of the Foreign Department, and Frederic Stevens Allen, one of the bank's special representatives.

In an interview Mr. Johnston expressed himself very freely on the present European situation, and gives it as his view that "if Europe would agree to a sound program of debt readjustment and a wiping out of worthless currencies, both America and England could well afford to agree to an indefinite postponement of the large amounts due each on account of the loans made to the respective countries during the late war." Mr. Johnston's comments in full are as follows:

To give a comprehensive resume of the financial and economic situation in Europe is a difficult undertaking, notwithstanding the fact that one may have covered the principal countries, interviewed and conferred with many of the leading bankers and men engaged in other pursuits.

It is practically impossible to treat with any degree of accuracy in an interview such as this the political situation as a whole—for changes are being made almost from day to day. My observations, therefore, are based upon the financial and economic status of the several principal European countries including Great Britain.

It is strange that the great mass of the peoples of all the belligerent nations should have conceived the idea that after the war better times and a different world would exist—that labor hours would be shorter and easier and that the remuneration would be greater, in fact, that their future state would be much better than their past.

During the great struggle propaganda of every description ran rampant in every war-engaged nation; the people listened to and drank in such rose tinted phrases as "making the world safe for democracy" and "the self determination of peoples." Countless other statements and promises no doubt in a large way contributed to their being lulled into an expectancy and belief, the fulfillment of which was as absurd as the story of the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

The Awakening.

The sad awakening has now taken place. The peoples have come out of the trance to find that their situation is far worse instead of the expected better—that their Governments are burdened with crushing debts and that their tax bills are overwhelmingly heavy and beyond what anyone prior to the war had thought people would or could endure.

History is but again repeating itself—war has been the great retarding influence of the human race since the earliest recorded events of civilization. And now almost four years after the ending of the great conflict we find England alone able to balance her budget. The debts of other belligerent nations have vastly grown and in some instances more than doubled since the war closed.

There can be but one end to an ever widening circle of debt and currency inflation, namely, national bankruptcy.

Is it Worth While for Us?

No world stability can exist under these conditions. It is essential and proper for America to take cognizance of this situation and for us to ask ourselves the question—Is it worth while for us to take part in a world rehabilitation—to take part not from an altruistic impulse, but from a hard headed and, if you like, from a dollar and cent viewpoint?

Europe's Inability To Pay.

From a careful study of the underlying conditions, I am fully convinced that Europe owes more than it can ever hope to pay. I am also strongly of the opinion that the peoples of Europe want above everything else peace and an opportunity to work and to pursue gainful occupations.

If by the waving of a magic wand some fairy could wipe out the crushing governmental debts, conditions would become normal almost overnight.

I do not believe the people as a rule want charity, but they now realize that the load is far too heavy for them to carry and they earnestly desire help.

How To Help Europe?

Except in the case of England, the situation with the belligerent nations is not unlike that of an American company whose creditors discover that reverses have been met and that the company is indebted for more than it can pay.

The common sense procedure under such a circumstance is for the creditors to meet, to agree to an extension of the debts or in a bad case to effect a composition settlement, always arranging the settlement where possible so as to let the business continue.

The European situation sooner or later will require a composition settlement and at such time the external and internal debts together with currency inflation will all have to be taken into account.

If Europe would agree to a sound program of debt readjustment and a wiping out of worthless currencies, both America and England could well afford to agree to an indefinite postponement of the large amounts due each on account of the loans made to the respective countries during the late war. If such a program were agreed upon and put into operation, trade and commerce between nations would soon revive, and thereby America and England would indirectly recover their principal in this manner much sooner than they can from debtors who are totally unable to pay and who are getting weaker year by year.

It is futile to discuss the details of such a settlement unless we can agree on the principle by which it is to be made.

The world is looking to America to take the lead. The opportunity is great for us to do a constructive job and in a truly American businesslike way. Shall we meet the situation squarely or shall we continue to be timid and hold back?

The settlement has to do with business rather than politics. The problem is national and not sectional. Our best informed business men should be delegated to the task and clothed with all necessary powers. Congress should in this instance delegate these powers to the men best qualified to exercise them and to men unhampered by reason of political affiliations.

The day of settlement is inexorable, a prompt adjustment is essential, and the sooner made the better. The world will continue in turmoil and uncertainty so long as we drift as at present.

DEPARTMENT OF SEINE (FRANCE) BONDS—PERMANENT CERTIFICATES READY.

The Equitable Trust Co. of New York announces that permanent certificates for the \$25,000,000 20-Year 7% Department of the Seine (France) gold bonds are ready for delivery at the trust department of the company. The bonds, which mature Jan. 1 1942, were referred to in these columns Jan. 28, page 356; Feb. 4, page 460, and Feb. 11, page 566.

CANADIAN DOLLAR AT PAR.

[From the "Wall Street Journal" of Aug. 16.]

Canadian exchange is practically at par. Discount of 1-32 of 1% represents little more than labor and loss of interest involved in transfer of funds, and is analogous to discount or premium on New York drafts in various other centres which often prevailed before establishment of Federal Reserve System. Canadian exchange is now highest since 1915.

Traders account for recent strength of Canadian dollar mainly by demand for funds to move the Dominion's crops, which are unusually large this year. As New York is largest market for Canadian dollars, many European wheat buyers take care of their requirements here.

Owing to coal strike, there is also a demand for Canadian coal. Halifax and other fields are disposing of a fair portion of their output in the United States.

Other causes for strength in exchange are increasing American investments in Canadian corporate, provincial and Government securities. American market absorbed \$9,982,470 of a total of \$21,199,105 new offerings floated during July. There has also been considerable American buying on Montreal and Toronto stock exchanges.

MONEY ORDERS BETWEEN GRENADA AND U. S. ON DOLLAR BASIS INSTEAD OF POUND STERLING.

The Post Office Department at Washington on Aug. 16 issued the following statement:

The American dollar advances one more step toward supremacy as a medium of international exchange with the receipt at the Post Office Department to-day of the acceptance by Grenada, a British colony in the West Indies, of a modification of the 1904 Postal Convention, putting money order transactions between the United States and the colony on a dollar instead of a pound sterling basis. The Governor of Grenada signed the modification to be effective Oct. 1.

This is the culmination of the first step taken by the Post Office Department some time ago with a view to placing all the British West India colonies on the same basis. The communication from Grenada accepting the modification indicated that the islands of St. Vincent and St. Lucia would execute separate conventions in the near future.

Other British colonies in the West Indies which have been asked to make a similar change are Jamaica, Barbados, Bermuda, Bahama, Antigua, St. Kitts, Nevis, Trinidad and Tobago, and the British Virgin Islands.

The change will mean that money orders may be purchased in the United States for these countries payable in American dollars, which will be convertible into English currency by the colonial authorities at the market rate instead of the old pre-war rate of \$4 87 per pound sterling.

This is calculated to stimulate not only the sale of money orders between this country and the colonies but to stimulate trade relations as a direct result of the stabilization of exchange.

VALUE OF RUPEE FIXED BY LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE COMMITTEE.

The stock committee of the London Stock Exchange, it was reported in cablegrams this week, has fixed the exchange value of the Indian rupee at 1s. 4d. for the purpose of dealing in rupee securities on the exchange. The Indian Government rupee quoted in the official list will not, it is announced, be affected by this ruling and will remain based on a two-shilling rupee.

DISCOUNT ON MEXICAN SILVER MONEY.

The Department of Commerce at Washington on July 17 made public the following from Assistant Trade Commissioner J. P. Bushnell, at Mexico City, June 15:

Considerable interest in Mexican banking circles has centered around the recent high discount rate against silver. As a result of the report by the Government that, during the month of May, 4,200,000 pesos had been coined in silver and 2,000,000 pesos in gold, the discount rate against silver jumped immediately to 4%, where it remained for two days. The Government, however, has now publicly stated that it will cease the coinage of silver for the time being and the rate has dropped to 2 1/4%.

One of the causes of this situation is the fact that there is more silver coin than is necessary for current transactions, and that the intrinsic value of the silver coin is out of proportion to its nominal value. Some business men claim that the adverse rate is due to lack of free acceptance of silver in the payment of obligations due the Government. The legal tender for silver coins has been established at 20 pesos. Customs dues and railway bills must be paid in gold and postal money orders must be purchased with gold, but payment in silver must be accepted if tendered and the Government is paying all its obligations in silver when possible.

Banking interests consider this to be the normal application of the economic law that where two moneys are in circulation, the cheaper will drive out the more costly.

PHILADELPHIA MINT TO REPLACE PART OF 300,000,000 SILVER DOLLARS SOLD DURING WAR.

A press dispatch from Philadelphia July 15 stated:

Orders to speed up the coinage of silver dollars to replace part of the \$300,000,000 sold during the World War as bullion to Britain have been received at the Philadelphia mint. Fifty thousand are to be coined daily and shipped to Washington for deposit in the Treasury vaults. Silver certificates will be issued against them.

The mint has approximately 45,000,000 ounces of silver bullion on hand.

Out of a total coinage of 81,093,075 ounces of silver in the fiscal year closed June 30 there was a wastage of only 1,689 ounces, officials announced to-day. This was but 2% of the wastage permissible under the law.

ADVANCES BY WAR FINANCE CORPORATION TO WHEAT AND COTTON GROWERS' ASSOCIATIONS.

The War Finance Corporation announced on Aug. 10 that it had tentatively approved the application of the Staple Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association of Mississippi for an advance of not to exceed \$7,000,000 to assist in the orderly marketing of cotton. The Association has received propositions from banks to assist in financing its operations and it is expected that private banking resources will finance a large part of its requirements. The Corporation announced also that it has tentatively approved the following advances to assist in the orderly marketing of wheat:

Washington Wheat Growers' Association.....	\$2,000,000
Idaho Wheat Growers' Association.....	1,500,000
Montana Wheat Growers' Association.....	1,500,000
North Dakota Wheat Growers' Association.....	5,000,000

These four associations, the Corporation states, now have under negotiation, or have completed, arrangements for considerable advances from the banks in their respective States. The Oregon Wheat Growers' Co-operative Association has already arranged to finance all its requirements through private banking channels in Oregon. Previous references to advances to the Washington, Idaho, Montana and North Dakota Wheat Growers' Associations tentatively approved by the War Finance Corporation, was made in these columns July 29, page 493.

COMMERCIAL TRAINING THE KEY TO INDUSTRY, SAYS JOHN CLAUSEN.

According to John Clausen, Vice-President and Director of the Mexico City Banking Corporation, S. A., there can be little doubt that several years will pass before the nations of Europe can be expected to arrive at anything near normalcy, and while, on the other hand, he says, it is to be assumed that the United States will retain and improve its commercial and financial advantage, introducing into practice new and improved methods, it will not suffice to only prophecy possibilities. Mr. Clausen adds:

■ The general prosperity of our country, resulting from domestic and foreign trade alike, can only be guaranteed by a ready coordination of all the elements of our national and commercial strength.

There is no more important move than that which aims to make scientific study directly applicable to practical life and to this it would seem that our first thought should be directed. We find a general acknowledgement that education is essential to business, as it is to other departments of life, and viewing the subject from that standpoint it becomes apparent that the necessity exists for training our young element in the early stages of their development for business and labors which will devolve upon them when at manhood they enter upon an active career.

The business world today is highly interested in this problem, for no organization can succeed in a material way whose workers are not efficient. The foundation of national prosperity clearly rests upon the result accomplished by its people to serve real purposes in sympathy with industry, science and government. If we can encourage early, direct business training, the usefulness of the American people will secure for this country both trading power and wealth.

Educational proficiency in the widest sense of the word stands out as the key to industry, without which the best meant efforts to reform and our most earnest desire to grow will be of little avail. New methods as well as new leaders are to be chosen. Timely preparation, therefore, with well-directed studies of the fundamentals of business, are an absolute necessity and stand for success.

OVER 100 MILLION DOLLARS ADVANCED BY WAR FINANCE CORPORATION ON ACCOUNT OF MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

Under date of Aug. 10 the War Finance Corporation stated that the advances to co-operative marketing associations, tentatively or finally approved by the War Finance Corporation to date, for the purpose of assisting in financing the orderly marketing of agricultural products during the coming season, total \$104,000,000.

J. H. TREGOE OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CREDIT MEN ATTACKS SECRET ASSIGNMENT OF RECEIVABLES.

Finance companies that lend money on secretly assigned accounts receivable are vigorously attacked by J. H. Tregoe, the executive head of the National Association of Credit Men in his August letter. According to Mr. Tregoe, "the credit strain, out of which we have now passed, brought into being a great many finance companies, organized to loan on the principles of the secret assignment and transfer of accounts." Mr. Tregoe continues:

Long ago it was deemed a matter of public policy and a legitimate protection to creditors that chattels be not subject to a valid lien holding good against creditors except as the arrangement was recorded, and therefore a matter of public knowledge. In a business enterprise the accounts receivable are just as valuable as the chattels, and public policy demands equally that this part of the assets be not subject to a lien that will hold good against creditors except upon some record of the loan arrangement that is open to all inquirers.

Credit safety demands the elimination of all secrecy in the treatment of accounts receivable, particularly when these receivables are not the absolute property of the borrower. After the commodities furnished by a creditor have been exchanged by the debtor into accounts receivable, they should be held as giving reasonable assurance of the satisfaction of the debt. For the debtor to transfer them to some finance company as a security for a loan without notice to the creditors is a bad practice and contrary to public interests. That transactions of this type should be guarded by the utmost secrecy cannot be defended on any grounds.

In a year of construction, such as we are passing through, this subject should receive careful attention. If the promoters of the finance companies are sincere in their claim that they do not want to be out of line with modern business practice, they will not hesitate to permit the elimination of the secret practice. We challenge the secrecy system. We contend that the arguments and excuses offered in its defense are those of financial quackery.

OFFERING OF \$500,000 STOCK OF FINANCE SERVICE COMPANY OF BALTIMORE.

Hambleton & Co., of Baltimore, New York, Philadelphia and Washington, this week (Aug. 16) announced an offering of \$500,000 of stock of the Finance Service Company of Baltimore, Md. The offering consists of 37,500 shares of 7% cumulative preferred stock and 12,500 shares of Class A common stock; the offering price, on the basis of three shares of cumulative preferred and one share of Class A common stock is \$41 per unit and accrued dividend on the preferred stock. The capitalization of the company, including the present issue, is as follows: 7% cumulative preferred stock, authorized \$1,000,000; outstanding, \$738,660; Class A common, authorized, \$300,000; outstanding, \$125,000; Class B common, authorized \$200,000; outstanding, \$200,000. The par value of all the issues is \$10 per share. From a letter and other information supplied by W. H. Crane, President of the Finance Service Co., Hambleton & Co. furnish a summary from which we take the following:

Business.—The Company specializes in the purchase of notes receivable of reliable furniture dealers. These notes are secured by the assignment of conditional sales contracts for at least double the amount of said notes. The accounts assigned, are fully guaranteed by the sellers.

While at present the Company confines itself to this character of business, they are permitted under their charter and are fully equipped to purchase open accounts from manufacturers, wholesalers and jobbers, and generally to do a "commercial banking" business.

Assets.—The assets of the Company are self-liquidating, consisting of cash and notes receivable secured by conditional sales contracts. The Company differs from most so-called commercial banking companies,

inasmuch that in addition to taking the note of the seller, collateral in the form of fully guaranteed conditional sales contracts is pledged.

Earnings.—From January 1st, 1919 to June 30th, 1922, dividend charges have been earned more than four times on the Preferred Stock, from time to time outstanding. Since January, 1919, cash dividends at the rate of 10% have been paid on the Common Stock outstanding. Extra dividends were paid in Preferred Stock of 10% in 1920 and 1921, and 5% in Common Stock in April, 1922.

Dividends.—The 7% Cumulative Preferred Stock is preferred as to dividends over both Class "A" and Class "B" Common Stocks.

Class "A" Common Stock shall receive dividends at the rate of 8% per annum, before any dividends shall be declared on class "B" Common Stock. After Class "B" Common Stock has received dividends at the rate of 8% per annum, both Class "A" and Class "B" Common Stock shall share equally in any further distribution.

Restrictions.—The 7% Cumulative Preferred Stock shall have exclusive voting power, should four consecutive quarterly dividends be passed.

It is preferred as to principal and accrued dividends in event of liquidation, and may be called on any dividend date upon 60 days' notice, at \$11.00 per share and accrued dividend.

Class "A" Common Stock is entitled to priority over Class "B" Common, in event of liquidation, up to its par value, and its pro-rata share to any surplus available after the liquidation of Class "B" Common at par.

The total assets of the Finance Service Company on June 30 1922 are reported as \$1,563,072. An analysis of the operations of the company for the year ended Dec. 31 1921, as compared with the six months ended June 30 1922, is furnished as follows:

	6 Mos. End. June 30 '22.	Year Ended Dec. 31 '21.
Total earnings.....	\$152,403 90	\$280,455 70
<i>Deductions from Earnings—</i>		
Expenses.....	\$52,213 37	\$97,542 60
Interest on collateral trust notes.....	27,387 49	57,263 87
Other income charges.....	1,833 39	34,822 92
Total.....	\$81,434 25	\$189,629 39
Remainder.....	\$70,969 65	\$90,826 31
Other income credits.....	24,185 90	1,426 34
Total net earnings before deducting Federal taxes	\$95,155 55	\$92,252 65
<i>Distributed as Follows—</i>		
For Federal taxes.....	\$12,613 12	\$18,419 68
For contingencies.....	45,500 00	20,000 00
To undivided profits.....	8,298 27	5,903 44
<i>For Dividends—</i>		
Preferred stock.....	11,152 41	17,713 78
Common stock.....	18,191 75	30,215 75
Total.....	\$95,155 55	\$92,252 65

IMPROVED BUSINESS CONDITIONS IN CLEVELAND.

Fundamental business conditions continue to improve, despite some mid-summer dullness and the unfavorable effects of the coal and railroad strikes, says the Cleveland Trust Co. in its mid-month "Business Bulletin" for August. There are many indications that the present hesitation is temporary and that many months of better business are ahead, according to the bank. The "Bulletin" says:

The volume of manufacturing output is back to or near normal in a growing list of important lines. There is a little involuntary unemployment. The building boom continues. Automobile production is going forward in unprecedented volume. The outlook for good crops is promising. There are few reports of wage cuts and some of advances. Prices are relatively stable.

One of the best evidences that trade recovery has not ended is to be found in the action of the security markets. Since the middle of last summer the prices of stocks and bonds have been rising. The advance was interrupted in June but strength returned in July.

The securities market is our best business barometer and when it acts this way it is almost certain that it is registering a passing storm rather than foretelling trouble to come. There are two reasons for the sustained strength in securities. One is the prospect for better business, together with the actual improvement that has taken place. The other is a case of low interest rates. When interest rates have begun to move up, it will be time to look for a turn down in the stock market and the near approach of a slowing down of business. The latter developments appear to be still well in the future.

Automobile production continues to break records. In June passenger cars and trucks manufactured in this country numbered 288,000, and the July figures will be nearly as high. In no year up to 1912 were as many motor vehicles made in this country as in any one of the past three months. The past few weeks have been marked by the surprising development of new price cuts. Since many makes of cars represent distinctly greater real values than they did at the higher prices of the last two years, the new lower prices mean that genuine economics have been introduced by manufacturers.

The threatened railroad car shortage and the continuing building boom probably will result in greater demand for heavy trucks in the fall, and truck makers are practically assured of an exceptionally good year.

In recent months the steady expansion of business has not been accompanied by a corresponding increase in the volume of commercial loans of most banks. This is due to the fact that many industrial concerns had accumulated large resources which have enabled them largely to finance their own needs. This cannot continue indefinitely and bank loans probably will begin to expand as further expansion of business takes place. Meanwhile we are in a period of low interest rates that furnishes a constant stimulus to business enterprise, to building operations and to rising security markets.

Never before in recent times have there been two years in succession with as relatively low records of activity in Great Lakes shipping as 1921 was and 1922 promises to be. Next year will almost surely be one of marked recovery, and it should call for shipments of coal and iron ore of the proportions of those carried during the war.

Present prospects are that crops will be of good volume and sold at fairly good prices. This does not mean an immediate return of prosperity for the farmer because the prices that he pays for what he buys are still high in comparison with those he gets for what he sells. The farmers are still worse off than they were in 1914, but they are far better off than they were in 1921.

HOEY, TILDEN & CO., NEW YORK, IN HANDS OF RECEIVER.

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed on Aug. 15 in the Federal District Court against the New York Stock Exchange house of Hoey, Tilden & Co. of 100 Broadway, this city. The firm was organized early this year as successor to M. J. Hoey & Co. and consisted of Matthew J. Hoey and Edward Tilden, the first named being the floor member of the Exchange. The petition in bankruptcy was brought by Wilbur L. Ball of Rosenberg & Ball, 74 Broadway, acting on behalf of the receiver of Kriebel & Co. of Chicago (whose failure on March 7 last was reported by us in our issue of March 11, p. 1014). Kriebel & Co. base their claims, it is understood, on three notes made by Edward Tilden, payable to Kriebel & Co. and endorsed by M. J. Hoey and M. J. Hoey & Co. The petition declares that Hoey, Tilden & Co. assumed responsibility for the debts of Kriebel & Co.; that the three notes aggregate \$160,000, and that, while none is yet due, the defendant firm is insolvent. Following a petition for a receiver for the firm, Judge Julius M. Mayer appointed Harry H. Kaufman receiver under a bond of \$10,000. Liabilities were stated in the latter petition as \$250,000 with assets of \$120,000. Formal announcement of the suspension of the firm was made from the rostrum of the New York Stock Exchange on Wednesday, Aug. 16. The New York Curb Market Association has also announced the suspension of the firm from associate membership in that body. The failed firm maintained a branch office in Chicago.

H. A. MASSEY & CO., CHICAGO, INSOLVENT.

On Aug. 12 an involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the United States District Court against the Chicago brokerage firm of H. A. Massey & Co., with offices in the Rookery Building, 209 South La Salle Street. The Chicago Title & Trust Co. was appointed receiver and immediately took charge of the failed firm's offices. According to the Chicago "Tribune" of the 13th inst., the embarrassment of the firm is the result of the failure of Nast & Co. of Chicago, which occurred on July 14. When the latter company failed, it is said, it was indebted to H. A. Massey & Co. to the extent of about \$350,000. "The receivership of Nast & Co. resulted in depleting the working capital of Massey & Co. to an extent that the firm technically was insolvent." The assets of the failed firm are said to total \$1,200,000, while the liabilities exceed that figure by \$140,000. The Chicago Stock Exchange on Aug. 12 suspended the failed firm for five days.

ANNUAL MEETING OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF JOINT STOCK LAND BANKS.

The American Association of Joint Stock Land Banks will hold its fourth convention at the Hotel La Salle, Chicago, next week, August 21 to 23. The speakers will include Guy Huston, President of the Association; Charles E. Lobdell, Federal Farm Loan Commissioner; C. W. Pugsley, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture; James R. Haward, President, American Farm Bureau Federation; A. J. Glover, Editor, "Hoard's Dairyman;" H. H. Charles, the Charles Advertising Agency; Eugene Meyer, Jr., Director of the War Finance Corporation, and A. F. Lever, former member Farm Loan Board.

REDISCOUNT RATE OF 3½% ON AGRICULTURAL PAPER UNDER CONSIDERATION BY FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD.

In reporting that the establishment of a special rate of 3½% on agricultural paper was under consideration by the Federal Reserve Board, press dispatches from Washington Aug. 15 added:

The proposal has been laid before the Federal Reserve banks, it was explained, and action by the Board is being withheld pending their replies although, officials indicated, the suggestion was not meeting with favor generally.

As suggested, officials explained, the special farm rate would enable banks which made loans for agricultural purposes—upon the security of farm products—to rediscount at 3½% which is ½% below the lowest reserve rate now in effect, if the rate charged by the banks to the original borrower did not exceed 6%. A special farm products rate, officials recalled, was in effect in 1915, but was discontinued.

Board officials apparently differed as to the advisability of the farm commodity rate being revived under present conditions. Some declared that, in view of the present low borrowings from reserve banks, little could be expected under the proposed rate and that the banks probably would not take advantage of the privilege of rediscounting farm paper at 3½%, if required to limit their interest charges of 6%. On the other hand, others asserted

that by making a special agricultural rate available farmers in some sections where banks would make the necessary loans would benefit.

Replies from the Federal Reserve banks so far received, officials declared, for the most part have been in disfavor with the proposed rate. When all the banks have been heard from, Secretary Mellon, ex-officio Chairman of the Board, will go over the matter before it is brought up for final action.

REDUCTION IN DISCOUNT RATE OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS OF KANSAS CITY AND MINNEAPOLIS.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, and the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, this week reduced the rediscount rate on all classes of paper from 5% to 4½%. Announcement of the reduction by the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank was made on August 14, while the cut in the case of the Minneapolis Bank was announced on the 15th inst. A 4½% rate is now maintained by all of the Federal Reserve Banks, with the exception of Boston, New York and San Francisco, where a 4% rate prevails for all classes of paper.

STATE INSTITUTIONS ADMITTED TO FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.

The following institution was admitted to the Federal Reserve System in the week ending Aug. 11:

District No. 2—	Capital.	Surplus.	Total Resources.
The Bank of New York, New York, N. Y.	\$2,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$72,730,995

INSTITUTIONS AUTHORIZED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD TO EXERCISE TRUST POWERS.

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

- The First National Bank, Clifton, N. J.
- The Merchants' National Bank, Newton, N. J.
- The First National Bank, Dolgeville, N. Y.
- The Mount Kisco National Bank, Mount Kisco, N. Y.
- The Public National Bank, New York, N. Y.
- The Citizens National Bank, Emporia, Va.
- The American National Bank, Frankfort, Ind.

EXCHANGES OF 4¾% VICTORY NOTES FOR TREASURY NOTES.

It was announced by Secretary Mellon on Aug. 16 that the Treasury Department had issued \$141,515,700 new 4¾% four-year Treasury notes in exchange for the outstanding 4¾% Victory notes. The aggregate allotments for notes of this series were \$486,940,700, taking into account the primary offering of \$345,425,000. The exchange subscriptions, received and allotted by districts, were:

Boston	\$7,094,000	Minneapolis	\$1,566,000
New York	79,625,300	Kansas City	877,500
Philadelphia	8,402,500	Dallas	176,200
Cleveland	14,316,000	San Francisco	10,467,000
Richmond	1,826,800	Treasury	1,777,900
Atlanta	1,317,200		
Chicago	10,807,200		
St. Louis	3,261,500	Total	\$141,515,700

Reference to the subscriptions to the new issue of Treasury notes was made in these columns last week, page 711.

\$275,000,000 LIBERTY BONDS AND VICTORY NOTES RETIRED.

The Secretary of the Treasury announced on Aug. 13 that the second fiscal year's operations under the cumulative sinking fund established by the Act approved March 3 1919 were completed June 30 1922, and that \$275,896,000 face amount of Liberty bonds and Victory notes were purchased and retired for account of the sinking fund during the fiscal year. The total principal cost of the bonds and notes purchased was \$274,481,902. Secretary Mellon also announced that during the fiscal year ended June 30 1922, \$64,837,900 face amount of Liberty bonds were purchased and retired by the Treasury out of repayments of principal by foreign Governments. With regard thereto he said:

These purchases were made pursuant to Section 3 of the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended, which provides that the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to apply any payments received from foreign Governments on account of the principal of their obligations to the redemption or purchase at not more than par and accrued interest of any outstanding Liberty bonds. The foreign repayments from which the purchases in question were made comprise \$32,511,994 26 of repayments by the French Government; \$30,500,000 by the British Government on obligations deemed to have been given on account of Pittman silver; \$878,500 by the Cuban Government; \$440,552 83 by the Belgian Government; \$48,564 63 by the Serbian Government; a total of \$64,837,911 72 of repayments. For the most part, these payments were on special account, or by way of adjustment of accounts, and should not be taken to indicate that any general program of repayment of the foreign obligations has begun.

The Liberty bonds retired on this account were Third 4½s, and the total principal cost was \$64,867,997 22.

SIGNING OF AGREEMENT BY UNITED STATES AND GERMANY FOR ADJUSTMENT OF U. S. CLAIMS.

The signing of an agreement by representatives of the United States and Germany whereby the question of determining the amount of American war claims to be paid by Germany will be lodged with a mixed commission, was announced by Secretary of State Hughes on Aug. 10. In our issue of July 29 (page 498) we referred to a bill introduced by Senator Underwood to provide for an All-American Commission to adjust the American claims against Germany. At the hearings on this bill last month, when it was made known that negotiations were pending with Germany for an agreement looking to the settlement of the claims, Senator Underwood warned that he would oppose the negotiations and insist upon his bill. In a letter to Senator Cummins on the 11st inst., following the announcement of the signing of the agreement, Senator Underwood said, "Assuming that the President enjoys authority to negotiate Executive agreements under usual circumstances, I am doubtful if he has such authority at the present time with respect to the claims of our nation and its citizens against the former enemy Governments." Of the mixed commission of two which the agreement provides for, one is to be named by the United States and the other by the German Government, and provision is made for the selection of an umpire to decide upon any points of difference that may arise. Associate Justice Day, of the United States Supreme Court, it is announced, has been selected by President Harding as umpire. The selection of Justice Day, it is said, was made after the German Government expressed a desire to have an American citizen appointed as umpire. The name of the American commissioner will be announced later. The State Department announcement of the signing of the agreement follows:

An agreement between the United States and Germany, providing for the determination of the amount of the claims against Germany, was signed to-day in Berlin. This agreement provides for a claims commission composed of two commissioners and an umpire. One commissioner is to be named by each Government and the two Governments are to agree upon an umpire. The umpire is to decide finally upon any question as to which the commissioners may disagree.

Simultaneously with the signing of the agreement the German Government expressed its desire to have an American citizen appointed as the umpire and requested the President of the United States to make the designation accordingly. Pursuant to this request, the President has named as umpire William R. Day, Associated Justice of the United States Supreme Court. The name of the American commissioner will be announced later.

The following is the text of the agreement as made public by Secretary Hughes on Aug. 10:

The United States of America and Germany being desirous of determining the amount to be paid by Germany in satisfaction of Germany's financial obligations under the treaty concluded by the two Governments on Aug. 25 1921, which secures to the United States and its nationals rights specified under the resolution of the Congress of the United States of July 2 1921, including rights under the Treaty of Versailles, have resolved to submit the question for decision to a mixed commission and have appointed as their plenipotentiaries for the purpose of concluding the following agreement:

The President of the United States of America . . . ; and
The President of the German Empire . . . ;
Who, having communicated their full powers, found to be in good and due form, have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I.

The commission shall pass upon the following categories of claims, which are more particularly defined in the treaty of Aug. 25 1921, and in the Treaty of Versailles:

1. Claims of American citizens, arising since July 31 1914, in respect of damage to, or seizure of, their property, rights and interests, including any company or association in which they are interested, within German territory as it existed on Aug. 1 1914;
2. Other claims for loss or damage to which the United States or its nationals have been subjected with respect to injuries to persons, or to property, rights and interests, including any company or association in which American nationals are interested, since July 31 1914, as a consequence of the war;
3. Debts owing to American citizens by the German Government or by German nationals.

ARTICLE II.

The Government of United States and the Government of Germany shall each appoint one Commissioner. The two Governments shall, by agreement, select an umpire to decide upon any cases concerning which the Commissioners may disagree, or upon any points of difference that may arise in the course of their proceedings. Should the umpire or any of the Commissioners die or retire, or be unable for any reason to discharge his functions, the same procedure shall be followed for filling the vacancy as was followed in appointing him.

ARTICLE III.

The Commissioners shall meet at Washington within two months after the coming into force of the present agreement. They may fix the time and the place of their subsequent meetings according to convenience.

ARTICLE IV.

The Commissioners shall keep an accurate record of the questions and cases submitted and correct minutes of their proceedings. To this end each of the Governments may appoint a Secretary, and these secretaries shall act together as joint secretaries of the Commission and shall be subject to its direction.

The Commission may also appoint and employ any other necessary officer or officers to assist in the performance of its duties. The compensation

to be paid to any such officer or officers shall be subject to the approval of the two Governments.

ARTICLE V.

Each Government shall pay its own expenses, including compensation of its own Commissioner, agent or counsel. All other expenses which by their nature are a charge on both Governments, including the honorarium of the umpire, shall be borne by the two Governments in equal moieties.

ARTICLE VI.

The two Governments may designate agents and counsel who may present oral or written arguments to the Commission.

The Commission shall receive and consider all written statements or documents which may be presented to it by or on behalf of the respective Governments in support of or in answer to any claim.

The decisions of the Commission and those of the umpire (in case there may be any) shall be accepted as final and binding upon the two Governments.

ARTICLE VII.

The present agreement shall come into force on the date of its signature.

The note requesting the President of the United States to designate the umpire, which was addressed to Ambassador Houghton, is as follows:

Mr. Ambassador:—

The agreement concluded to-day for the settlement of the amount of American claims for damages provided by Article II, that on the basis of an agreement between the two Governments concerned an umpire shall be chosen. The German Government is convinced of the intention of the American Government to carry out in an accommodating and just manner the settlement of the questions still to be solved between the two States concerned, the way to which is opened by the signature of the agreement. It is still further strengthened in this belief by the assurances received from your Excellency. The German Government believes that the distrust of nations toward one another brought about by the war and the severe economic damages which it caused to all countries concerned can be most certainly done away with if these countries decide to approach the solution of the questions which have arisen between them as a consequence of the war in a generous manner and in the spirit of mutual accommodation. The German Government welcomes the fact that the American Government intends to take the initiative in this connection.

In order to make this possible and in order to give the American Government a proof of its confidence, the German Government has the honor to request the President of the United States to cause an American person, seeming to him suited for this responsible office, to accept the position of umpire such as is contemplated in the above-mentioned agreement. I should be grateful to your Excellency if you would transmit this proposal of the German Government to the President of the United States. At the same time I take the advantage of this occasion to renew to you, Mr. Ambassador, the assurance of my most distinguished consideration.

(Signed) WIRTH.

On Aug. 11 Associated Press advices from Washington said:

Despite the contrary opinion expressed by some minority leaders in Congress, it was asserted at the White House to-day that the Administration did not think it necessary to ask for specific Congressional approval of the claims agreement concluded yesterday with Germany.

Officials close to President Harding declared that approval of the settlement would not be sought from the legislative branch, except in so far as appropriations were necessary to carry on the work of the Claims Commission.

The authority of the Executive to negotiate such an agreement without Senatorial sanction was said to be regarded by the President and by the State Department as beyond question. The same plan, it was asserted by an Administration spokesman, had been followed frequently in the past and there were no elements in the present situation which would make it an exception to what were termed well established precedents.

In another item we refer to the hearing on Senator Underwood's bill, and the opposition voiced thereat by Secretary Hughes to the proposed measure.

GERMAN PRESS COMMENT ON AGREEMENT FOR SETTLEMENT OF AMERICAN CLAIMS.

The Associated Press Berlin advices Aug. 11 said:

The agreement signed here yesterday for the appointment of a commission to settle American claims against Germany marks a significant step forward for Germany and represents dealings noticeably in contrast with the methods of the Entente in negotiating with Germany, according to the unanimous opinion to-day of the Berlin press.

The newspapers were virtually a unit in emphasizing the significance of the pact as evidence of friendliness existing in German-American relations.

The "Boersen Zeitung" finds the agreement equally favorable with the separate peace treaty between the United States and Germany and, like a number of other newspapers, it expresses appreciation of the fact that America is not requiring reparations for military damages, such as army pensions.

The "Germania" calls attention to the mixed commission provided for, whereas Germany is not allowed to participate in the Entente Reparations Commission. This feature, according to the "Tageliche Rundschau," is especially noteworthy as coming at the same time as "the London quarrelling over continuance of one-sided dictation in the reparations question."

The "Vorwaerts" notes with satisfaction the friendly tone characterizing the text of the agreement, to which other journals also call attention. Several of them point out the probability of early restitution of confiscated German property in America.

SECRETARY OF STATE HUGHES IN OPPOSITION TO SENATOR UNDERWOOD'S BILL FOR ALL-AMERICAN COMMISSION TO ADJUST AMERICAN CLAIMS AGAINST GERMANY.

The opposition of the Harding Administration to the bill of Senator Underwood providing for the appointment of an all-American commission to adjust American claims against Germany was indicated by Secretary of State Hughes with the opening of the hearings on the measure on July 27 before a sub-committee of the Senate Judiciary Committee. The hearing developed that negotiations with Germany for an

agreement bearing on the settlement of the American war claims against Germany were pending, and on August 10 his signing was made known by Secretary of State Hughes. Details of this are given in another item in this issue. Senator Underwood at the hearing last month warned that he would oppose these negotiations and insist upon his bill. Regarding Senator Underwood's declarations, the New York "Times" in a special Washington dispatch said:

He declared at a meeting of a sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Judiciary that Congress should set up the commission proposed in his bill before the end of the present session and that if, on the other hand, the Administration endeavored to force through a claims treaty there would be serious delay and the treaty would probably not be ratified.

Senator Underwood's statement that the State Department was contemplating such a treaty was confirmed from Administration sources when Allen Property Custodian Miller admitted the fact, but stoutly maintained that the Administration expected to protect American claims in every way possible. Mr. Miller refused to take a stand either for or against the Underwood bill, saying that the State and Justice Departments were fully as much concerned as his own and that he preferred to obtain their views before expressing his.

Chairman Cummins, of the sub-committee, announced in opening the hearings on July 27 that they would be limited to the two propositions in the Underwood bill—creation of a claims commission and disposition of seized enemy property. "We are not going into any investigation of the former or present Alien Property Custodians," said Chairman Cummins, and Senator Underwood indicated that he approved the inquiry being thus limited. The Underwood bill received the indorsement on July 27 before the committee of A. Mitchell Palmer, former Attorney-General and Alien Property Custodian, Francis P. Garvan, also formerly Alien Property Custodian and now head of the Chemical Foundation, and the present Alien Property Custodian also appeared before the sub-committee. Details of the statements presented to the committee at the hearing on July 27 are taken as follows from the New York "Times":

33,000 Trusts Administered.

In his testimony Colonel Miller said that the Alien Property Custodian's office was now administering 33,000 trusts, which had been reduced from an original 50,000 trusts, involving former enemy property extending over the American domain from the Philippines to New England. He charged that despite the provision in the Knox resolution which is embodied in the separate peace treaty directing that alien enemy property should be retained intact until American claims are satisfied, he was subjected to constant onslaught from members of Congress, especially House members, who demanded that the property should be returned in numerous instances.

"Finally," continued Colonel Miller, "in order to meet this insistent pressure from Congress and lay down a policy, we asked for the introduction of what is known as the Winslow bill. On investigation we found that 93% of the trusts now held were property valued at \$10,000 and under, the average value being \$984, and the whole amounting to about \$23,000,000 to \$24,000,000. Roughly speaking, we have today assets of about \$345,000,000, and if the Winslow bill were passed our funds would not be reduced below \$300,000,000.

"I can say that this Administration, headed by the President, is desirous and will see to it that American claims against Germany and other enemy countries are adequately settled without damage to the American interests."

Senator Underwood asked if under the Winslow bill all German patents would not be returned. In reply Colonel Miller said that the patent situation would undoubtedly receive the attention of the House and Senate when the Winslow bill came up for hearings. He proceeded:

"I do know as a small spokesman for the Administration that the Administration will do everything possible to safeguard American claims and that nothing will be done to destroy the present guarantees in their behalf."

Suggests a 2% Basis.

"I understand that the American claims in all will amount to \$500,000,000 to \$600,000,000," interjected Senator Underwood. "Then if you have only \$300,000,000 in your office to pay them, they can't be paid."

Mr. Miller said that a good many of the American claims were tort or death claims, which in former wars had been settled on a basis of 2%.

"You would not suggest that we settle the Lusitania claims on a basis of 2%?" asked Senator Underwood.

"I certainly do not, but I only stated what has happened in former wars," replied Colonel Miller.

Colonel Miller confirmed a statement by Mr. Palmer that German interests were now endeavoring to settle American claims with depreciated currency. He said this would amount to "confiscation," and that "a high authority" in the Government had told him that these claims would "be high up on the list" when it came to demanding settlements from Germany. He said the aggregate claims now pending in his office, "which might be allowed," and which were brought by citizens of the former Central Empires, amounted to about six or seven million dollars.

Palmer Supports the Bill.

Several amendments to the Underwood bill were suggested by Mr. Palmer chiefly intended to fix it so that Germany should not only pay the American claims but restore the American property. He supported the bill.

"I can't for the life of me see why we should be restrained or impeded by the fancied consideration that the rights of somebody may be confiscated," he said. "After all, we are only taking the property of the German nationals by agreement, and we are taking this property to pay American citizens who are entitled to first consideration."

"Germany did not take American property through confiscation, but through piracy. The personal claims which Americans bring did not come through German confiscation, but through murder."

"Germany is now sending into this country 50,000 copies of her Alien Property Custodian's report, boasting from first to last of her generosity in returning American property. As a matter of fact there was only one dollar's worth of American property in Germany to fifty dollar's worth of German property in the United States. She is trying to build up sentiment here for the return of her property. In a great many individual cases American property has not been turned over by Germany."

"On my responsibility as the former Allen Property Custodian, I charge that Germany made her original investments here with hostile intent, in order to further her well-laid plans to conquer the world by commerce and if necessary by arms. She filled this country with spies, many of them heads of industrial concerns. Why, the head of one industrial concern in New York had a number in the German secret service. He was a naturalized American citizen—naturalized under instructions from the German Foreign Office.

"We should have no compunction in carrying out our agreement as to property under the treaty. I think we could almost say to them that they have violated their agreement, and say as I understand it is said in Great Britain, 'There are no German patents; take the patents and use them.'"

Propaganda Active, Garvan Says.

The testimony of Mr. Garvan was short. "I suggest that the commission have power to investigate any alleged unfairness on the part of the Allen Property Custodian in any transaction whatever," he said. "German propaganda is now rampant in the United States. She is spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in an effort to get Congress to return this property. There is no way to disclose this except by summoning witnesses.

"I think that former officials should have the opportunity to meet their German accusers. It is impossible for individuals to spend enough money to combat the German intrigue, so we should have our day in court. Today the departments are honeycombed with German spies and representatives and she is seeking to spread her propaganda through the newspapers."

Another suggestion by Mr. Garvan was that the commission under the Underwood bill should be authorized to find out the actual value of German property held by Americans and how much had been realized on this through swollen war profits.

The Administration's stand relative to the bill was indicated in a letter which Secretary Hughes addressed to Senator Nelson, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, made public July 29. The letter was written in response to a request by Senator Nelson for an expression of opinion by Secretary Hughes relative to the Underwood bill. In this letter Secretary Hughes referred to the fact that following the conclusion of the treaty with German negotiations were entered into with that country looking to the adjustment of the claims of citizens of the United States, these negotiations contemplating a mixed commission on which Germany will have representation. Despite the recent difficulties in Germany, he stated, "gratifying progress has been made and I believe that a satisfactory convention will shortly be signed." Definite announcement of the signing of the agreement came on Aug. 10, as noted above. Secretary Hughes also said in his letter, "It is manifest that legislation such as that contemplated in the bill in question would be embarrassing to the Executive in dealing with the matter of these claims, since the enactment of the bill into law would make it necessary to abandon present plans." In a statement answering Secretary Hughes, Senator Underwood asserted that it was clear "that in the treaty contracts now existing Germany agreed to an American commission." The proposal to "appoint a mixed commission, without Germany sitting on it, to determine the validity of American claims" appeared, he said, "to be an entire surrender not only of the treaty contract," but "of the principles that we fought for in the war." The following is the letter of Secretary Hughes addressed to Senator Nelson:

Dear Senator Nelson:—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 21 1922 enclosing a copy of a bill (S. 3852) "to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to Define, Regulate and Punish Trading With the Enemy and for Other Purposes,' approved Oct. 6 1917, as amended," and requesting in behalf of the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate an expression of my opinion as to the advisability of the legislation contemplated by this measure.

For the purpose of indicating my views regarding the bill, it is unnecessary at this time to enter into a detailed discussion of its provisions. I understand that its general purpose is to provide for a commission composed of American citizens which is to pass on certain classes of claims of American citizens, and also on claims of the Government of the United States, for damages sustained as a result of the acts, during periods described in the bill, of either the former German Government or the former Austro-Hungarian Government or their authorities, respectively.

In addition to the claims of the citizens of the United States, the bill embraces provision for claims made by the Government of the United States for "all its pensions or compensation in the nature of pensions to its naval and military victims of war (including members of its air forces), whether mutilated, wounded, sick or invalided, and to the dependents of such victims"; also for "the cost of assistance" by the Government of the United States "to prisoners of war and to their families and dependents," and also for "allowances" by the Government of the United States "to the families and dependents of mobilized persons or persons serving with its forces."

Provision is made for the satisfaction of these claims, in accordance with a stated order of priority out of the property of German and Austrian nationals held by the Allen Property Custodian.

It is hardly necessary for me to say that I am most anxious that a settlement of the claims of American citizens should be promptly effected.

You undoubtedly appreciate that, in addition to the difficulties which, as a result of political and economic conditions, have confronted the nations with which the United States was associated in the war in effecting settlement of claims against the former enemy countries, the Government of the United States was obliged to deal with conditions incident to the conclusion of treaties with Germany, Austria and Hungary to re-establish friendly relations with those nations.

Following the conclusion of such treaties, negotiations were entered into with Germany looking to the adjustment of the claims of our citizens, pursuant to the rights of the United States recognized under the treaty concluded Aug. 25 1921 with that country. It is contemplated that a mixed commission on which Germany will have representation will be established to determine the amounts of those claims in accordance with the procedure usually governing matters of this kind.

I am glad to say that, despite the recent difficulties in Germany which apparently have delayed the completion of the arrangement, gratifying progress has been made, and I believe that a satisfactory convention will shortly be signed. The negotiations with the German Government indicate a desire on its part to move as expeditiously as possible with a view to the consummation of the plans under consideration. It is manifest that legislation such as that contemplated by the bill in question would be embarrassing to the Executive in dealing with the matter of these claims, since the enactment of the bill into law would make it necessary to abandon present plans.

Apart from this effect of the passage of the bill, I may say that it seems to me entirely appropriate that the usual practice should be followed in the determination of international claims, and that Germany should have appropriate representation upon a mixed claims commission by which the amount of these claims shall be assessed.

The bill seems to deal with the settlement of claims as if it were purely a domestic affair.

But the claims are those of American citizens against Germany, Austria and Hungary, and it has hitherto been contemplated, as the Joint Resolution of Congress approved July 2 1921, makes clear, that these Governments shall make suitable provision for the satisfaction of these claims.

But if these Governments are to make such provision, I should regard it as proper that they should have the opportunity of being represented on the Claims Commission, by which the amount of the claims is to be fixed.

I do not see that any different principle should be applied because we hold the personal property of former enemies in pledge, but this situation, I should suppose, would rather make the course to which I have referred, if possible, still more important before resort were had to such property for satisfaction.

To undertake to exclude a nation in a case like the present from any participation or voice in matters thus vitally affecting its interests and to deal with such matters by *ex parte* action would be, in my judgment, at variance with the principles and practice generally observed by nations in their relations with each other, and I should think it unfortunate if such a course were initiated by this Government.

I do not speak of the situation which would be disclosed if Germany refused to make an arrangement for a commission to act in the assessment of claims in a manner which would be reasonable and satisfactory to our Government. I am, however, speaking of the present situation in which negotiations are pending, and where there is every reason to believe that they will shortly be concluded.

I shall not discuss the plan which the bill sets forth of confiscating the property in the hands of the American property custodian by providing for its application not only to the payment of the claims of American citizens, but also to the claims of this Government for pensions and allowances, as described in the bill. While the latter class of claims is to be postponed in payment to the former, all are to be satisfied under the provisions of the bill, and it is manifest that the private property of former enemy nationals in the hands of the Alien Property Custodian will not be sufficient for the purposes stated.

Up to this time Congress has not committed itself to a confiscatory policy. In the joint resolution of July 2 1921, Congress provided that the property should be retained by the United States and no disposition thereof should be made except as had been or might be provided by law, until such time as Germany and Austria and Hungary "shall have respectively made suitable provision for the satisfaction of all claims against said Governments respectively" of American citizens who have been damaged through the action of these Governments as stated, and until compliance with the other provisions of the resolution. In other words, so far as the claims of American citizens are concerned, the properties in the hands of the Alien Property Custodian, or their proceeds if liquidated, are to be held virtually in pledge until Germany, Austria and Hungary respectively make suitable provision for the satisfaction of their claims.

As I have said, this implies a fair opportunity to make the required provision.

When the amount of these claims has been determined, the question of the satisfaction can be taken up at once, Congress, of course, reserving its authority to deal with the question in the light of the event. I am of the opinion that this course can be followed quite as expeditiously as the course contemplated by the bill, and I should hope that in any case no measure of confiscation would be adopted until there had been a failure, after reasonable opportunity to provide for the satisfaction of the claims of American citizens, duly ascertained.

I remain, my dear Senator Nelson,

Very sincerely yours,

CHARLES E. HUGHES.

Senator Underwood's statement in reply to the views of Secretary Hughes, follows:

I have not seen the text of the letter sent to Senator Nelson by Secretary Hughes objecting to the favorable consideration of the bill I introduced appointing an American Commission to adjust American claims against Germany. I understand from those who have read the letter that the Secretary bases his objection to the bill on the ground that "the bill seems to deal with the settlement of claims as if they were purely a domestic affair," and that the Secretary seems to think that the action of Congress would embarrass the State Department in negotiating another treaty with Germany to appoint a mixed commission, on which the Germans would have representation, to settle these claims.

I regret very much that the Secretary of State has taken this position, especially as it is in direct contravention of the treaty of peace that he negotiated with Germany and that was signed at Berlin. This separate treaty of peace embraces all of the terms of settlement that were included in the Versailles Treaty in regard to the property in the hands of the Allen Property Custodian and the settlement of American claims.

In the first place, these two treaties, which are one so far as this question is concerned, especially declared that the settlement of the matter should be left to Congress. The Secretary seems to have overlooked that proposition in suggesting that action by the Congress would embarrass the Administration.

It must be borne in mind that this is not an open question, unless the Administration makes it one; that all of the issues involved were settled by an agreement in the German treaty, in which the German Government agreed to requisition the property of her nationals in the hands of the Alien Property Custodian and then to pay her own nationals for the value of the property so requisitioned.

There is nothing unusual about this procedure. The American Government many times during the war requisitioned the property of private citizens, allowing them merely a claim against the Government, Germany, in order to settle the claims, has requisitioned this property and has agreed to settle with her own citizens, under both the Versailles Treaty and the separate treaty of peace signed at Berlin.

In both of these treaties she also agreed that our Government might appoint its own commission to adjudicate the amount of the claims, and it

was further agreed in these treaties that, if there was any surplus left over after the payment of the American claims from the property now held by the American Government, it might go to the Reparation Commission, showing clearly that Germany made no further claims to this property, but intended to take care of her own nationals and leave the property for our Government to reimburse our citizens.

It is, therefore, clear that in the treaty contracts now existing Germany agreed to an American commission. The State Department is now offering Germany to rescind the contract heretofore made, reopen the whole question, and appoint a mixed commission, with Germans sitting on it, to determine the validity of American claims.

This appears to me to be an entire surrender, not only of the treaty contract that was heretofore made, and of the principles that we fought for in the war, but also of the rights of the American citizens whose lives were destroyed and whose property was taken by the Germans during the war.

I want to say further that at the time I introduced the bill in the Congress I did not know that the State Department was negotiating a treaty with Germany. It certainly was not generally known at that time. We had waited patiently for the Government to act for more than a year after the signing of the German treaty, and it certainly was reasonable that a bill should be introduced to protect the rights of American citizens.

On August 11, when announcement was made of the signing of the agreement for the adjustment of American claims, Senator Underwood addressed the following letter to Senator Cummins, in which he expressed doubt as to the authority of the President to negotiate the agreement:

Mr. Underwood—Mr. President, some days ago I introduced a bill in reference to appointing a commission to ascertain American claims against Germany. Subsequently the President agreed with Germany on a commission to be appointed by the two Powers. The bill I introduced is now pending in the Judiciary Committee and under consideration by a subcommittee of which the senior Senator from Iowa [Mr. Cummins] is Chairman. This morning I delivered to the Senator from Iowa a letter explaining why I think it necessary to proceed with the legislation, and in order that my colleagues may have an opportunity to see the precedents, and what I have stated, I ask unanimous consent that the letter may be published in the "Record" in 8-point type.

There being no objection, the letter was ordered to be printed in the "Record" in 8-point type, as follows:

August 11 1922.

Hon. Albert B. Cummins, United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

My Dear Senator:—I see in the press that the President has entered into a claims agreement with Germany under which mixed commissioners will be appointed to adjudicate the claims of the United States and its citizens specified therein and that the claims agreement will not be submitted to the Senate for its advice and consent thereto as Article VII thereof provides.

"The present agreement shall come into force on the date of its signature." I have been aware of this suggested course for the past few days. While I have not had the opportunity for an exhaustive search into the matter, I have given it careful thought and I am satisfied that the following should be brought to your immediate attention:

I wish to say at the outset that I do not believe any precedent exists in our history which may be termed applicable to the present situation. Presumably the President has relied on the fact that representatives of the State Department have at divers times in the past entered into certain agreements for the adjustment of claims of American citizens against foreign governments, which agreements were not submitted to the Senate for its ratification.

Passing over the question whether in general such agreements are binding upon this nation in the absence of the Senate's confirmation, I wish to point out that usually such agreements have covered only pecuniary claims of individuals arising in times of peace, have met with the approval of the claimant, and have involved no obligation on the part of the United States other than the relinquishment of the claim. President Buchanan, in submitting the claims agreement with Venezuela, signed January 14 1859, to the Senate, said:

"Usually it is not deemed necessary to consult the Senate in regard to similar instruments relating to private claims of small amount when the aggrieved parties are satisfied with their terms."

The principal executive agreements involving more than one claim that have come to my attention are: The agreement with Spain of February 11-12 1871, for the adjustment of certain claims of citizens of the United States on account of wrongs and injuries committed by authorities of Spain in the island of Cuba; the agreement with Venezuela of February 17 1903 for the adjustment of all claims owned by citizens of the United States against Venezuela which had not at that time been settled by diplomatic agreement or by arbitration; and the protocol with China of September 7 1901 for the adjustment of claims growing out of the so-called Boxer troubles of 1900. No President, to my knowledge, has ever entered into such an agreement providing for the adjudication of claims arising out of war. Perhaps this is due to the fact that the President, with but a few nominal exceptions, has never entered into an agreement for the adjustment of a private claim of a foreigner against the United States without securing the approval of the Senate, but I think that it is chiefly because the settlement of war claims is necessarily part and parcel with the treaty of peace which, of course, under our Constitution, must be submitted to the Senate for its advice and consent.

For discussion on the foregoing, I respectfully refer you to "Digest of International Law," by John B. Moore, volume 5, page 210; "Treaties, Their Making and Enforcement," by Samuel B. Crandall, second edition, page 108; "The Treaty Making Powers Under the Constitution," by John W. Foster, "Yale Law Journal," December 1901; "Treaties and Executive Agreements," by John B. Moore, "Political Science Quarterly," September 1905; and "International Agreements Without the Advice and Consent of the Senate," by James F. Barnett, "Yale Law Review," November and December 1905.

An examination of the agreements made in relation to private claims against foreign governments discloses that the practice of their submission or nonsubmission to the Senate has not been uniform. I am inclosing for your information a list, as presented by the Senate by Senator Lodge on February 14 1905 of 44 arbitration treaties and conventions submitted to and acted upon by the Senate and of 12 arbitration agreements not referred to the Senate. While this list covers only arbitration agreements, I presume it indicates the existing numerical proportion of treaties and conventions which the Senate has acted upon relative to the settlement or arbitration of claims, as compared to those which have not been submitted to it.

However, as I said before, I do not think that we can rely upon precedents in the present situation for, needless to say, in none of these cases, even those submitted to the Senate, were there involved American claims running into hundreds of millions of dollars, secured by approximately \$346,000,000 worth of collateral.

Assuming that the President enjoys authority to negotiate executive agreements under usual circumstances, I am doubtful if he has such authority at the present time with respect to the claims of our nation and its citizens against the former enemy governments.

It is impossible to divorce the disposition of the enemy property held by the Alien Property Custodian and the settlement of claims of our citizens against the former enemy governments.

Congress in enacting the "Trading With the Enemy Act" specifically provided in Section 12 thereof that "any claim of an enemy or ally of enemy to any money or other property received and held by the Alien Property Custodian or deposited in the United States Treasury shall be settled as Congress shall direct." While this Congressional reservation refers to the claims of the former owners of the property concerned, its purpose was to insure the retention of such property as a pledge for the satisfaction of such claims of our citizens as might arise during the war in case Congress determined to so apply it. The inseparable connection between the disposition of enemy property and the settlement of such claims is further apparent from the consideration given these two subjects in the treaties of Versailles, Trianon, and St. Germain-en-Laye, the pertinent section of the first-named treaty being Section 4, Part 10, from which I quote the following:

"Article 297. '(h) Except in cases where, by application of paragraph (f), restitutions in specie have been made, the net proceeds of sales of enemy property, rights, or interests wherever situated, carried out either by virtue of war legislation or by application of this article, and in general all cash assets of enemies, shall be dealt with as follows:

"(1) As regards powers adopting Section 3 and the annex thereto, the said proceeds and cash assets shall be credited to the power of which the owner is a national, through the clearing office established thereunder; and credit balance in favor of Germany resulting therefrom shall be dealt with as provided in Article 243."

"(2) As regards powers not adopting Section 3 and the annex thereto, the proceeds of the property, rights, and interests, and the cash assets of the nationals of Allied or Associated Powers held by Germany shall be paid immediately to the person entitled thereto or to his Government; the proceeds of the property, rights, and interests and the cash assets of German nationals received by an Allied or Associated Power shall be subject to disposal by such power in accordance with its laws and regulations and may be applied in payment of the claims and debts defined by this article or paragraph 4 of the annex hereto. Any property, rights, and interests or proceeds thereof or cash assets not used as above provided may be retained by the said Allied or Associated Power and if retained the cash value thereof shall be dealt with as provided in Article 243."

Of course, in those treaties it was assumed that the various claims set forth as reparations claims would be taken care of through the Reparations Commission. However, as such treaties confirmed to the United States the right to dispose of enemy property as it saw fit, there can be no objection to the enforcement of reparations claims against enemy property if the Congress should so elect.

When the Congress passed the joint resolution declaring war to be at an end, which was approved by the President on July 2 1921, it carefully reserved to itself all of the rights as to the ultimate disposition of enemy property that it had specified in the "Trading With the Enemy Act" and which had been confirmed to it by the treaties of Versailles, Trianon and St. Germain-en-Laye. Section 5 of that resolution provides that all such property should be "retained by the United States of America and no disposition thereof made except as shall have been heretofore or specifically hereafter shall be provided by law until such time as the Imperial German Government and the Imperial and Royal Austro-Hungarian Government, or their successor or successors, shall have respectively made suitable provision for the satisfaction of all claims against said Governments," as specified therein, and shall have complied with the other conditions therein set forth.

This section of the joint resolution was incorporated in the separate treaties of peace with Germany, Austria, and Hungary, and it was stipulated in each of said treaties of peace, respectively, that while the United States was privileged to participate in the Reparations Commission and in any other commission established under the treaties of Versailles, St. Germain-en-Laye, and Trianon, or any agreements supplemental thereto, the United States was not bound to participate in any such commission unless it so elected. Nevertheless, the Senate in ratifying each of these treaties of peace reserved for legislation by the Congress the matter of the disposal of enemy property and the adjustment of the claims of the United States and its citizens by ratifying such treaties subject to the following understanding:

"That the United States shall not be represented or participate in any body, agency, or commission, nor shall any person represent the United States as a member of any body, agency, or commission in which the United States is authorized to participate by this treaty unless and until an Act of the Congress of the United States shall provide for such representation or participation; * * * that the rights and advantages which the United States is entitled to have and enjoy under this treaty embrace the rights and advantages of nationals of the United States specified in the joint resolution or in the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles to which this treaty refers."

To summarize: Both branches of Congress by their action on the "Trading With the Enemy Act" reserved to the Congress the ultimate disposition of enemy property, and by the joint resolution reasserted their legislative authority over that subject; the Senate by the exercise of its treaty power has since reaffirmed these reservations of the "Trading With the Enemy Act" and the joint resolution with an express proviso that, except pursuant to an Act of the Congress, no representative of the United States should sit on any body, agency, or commission dealing with matters covered by the separate treaties of peace.

Therefore if the adjustment of these American claims, so intimately connected with the disposition of enemy property, is arranged by a purely executive agreement it is hardly necessary to point out the possibility that the Congress, when it comes to dispose of enemy property, may reopen the entire matter of the adjustment of American claims.

In concluding I wish to emphasize that any such difficulty will be obviated by the passage of the bill I have introduced providing for a commission composed solely of American citizens to adjudicate such claims. The commission would have jurisdiction to hear all claims against Germany, Austria, and Hungary and does not contemplate a special commission to hear such claims as may be presented against each of those nations respectively. Further, this bill enables the Congress at one time to enact legislation not only caring for American claims but also providing for the ultimate disposition of the enemy properties. I take this opportunity of respectfully urging that you give the bill your favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

O. W. UNDERWOOD.

Mr. Underwood subsequently said:

This morning soon after the assembling of the Senate I asked unanimous consent for the printing of a letter in the "Record," which was granted. I ask now that a letter which I have from William C. Armstrong, of the firm of Beekman, Menken & Griscom, of New York, in regard to the same

subject, may be printed in connection with the other letter, all in 8-point type.

The President pro tempore—Is there objection? The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered, as requested by the Senator from Alabama.

The letter is as follows:

New York August 11 1922.

Hon. Oscar W. Underwood, United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir—As the attorney for the surviving dependent children of an American drowned on the Lusitania I have read with great interest and amazement the agreement signed yesterday in Berlin on behalf of our Government and published in this morning's newspapers.

It is evident that the Executive does not wish this agreement to be regarded as a treaty, and that he expects to appoint commissioners under the treaty, who need not be confirmed by the Senate, and to proceed quite independently of Congress. Had an act of this character been taken by the last President, cries of tyranny and usurpation would have filled the country. You will, of course, have noticed that this apparently harmless agreement amounts to the abandonment by the United States of claims amounting to many millions of reparations, which Germany agreed to pay in those portions of the Treaty of Versailles, which were included in the Berlin Treaty. Of course, the agreement does not state that these claims are abandoned, but this commission has no authority to fix the amount of those claims. Knowing that a new treaty which made no provision for fixing the amount of those claims would not be ratified by the Senate, the Government is apparently attempting to give the rights away without the Senate's consent. It is no wonder that Germany is willing that two out of three members of the commission should be American citizens.

I take it that the reparations granted to the United States by the Berlin Treaty are vested in the United States, and that those vested rights can not be divested except by the consent of Congress. Senators Knox and McCumber took that position on August 19 1919, when President Wilson was asked if he had abandoned our claim for reparations. He said, "I left that question open, Senator, because I did not feel that I had any final right to decide it."

The Berlin Treaty, Article 11, provides as follows: "That the rights and advantages stipulated in that treaty for the benefit of the United States which it is intended the United States shall have and enjoy are those defined in Section I of part 4 and parts 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, and 15."

The agreement states that "the commission shall pass upon the following categories of claims which are more particularly defined in the treaty of August 25 1921, and in the Treaty of Versailles."

An examination of the claims which are to be passed upon by the commission shows that they are very strictly limited. The claims in respect of property of American citizens which was in Germany and for debts owing to American citizens by the German Government or by German nationals is provided for, and these claims are to be fixed by the commission.

The only other matter which the commission can consider is "claims for loss or damage to which the United States or its nationals have been subjected with respect to injuries to persons, or to property rights * * * since July 31 1914, as a consequence of the war." I most respectfully submit that the surviving dependents of an American citizen drowned on the Lusitania could not under any circumstances bring themselves within the above definition. You will observe that no mention is made of death claims or of the claims of anyone who is not personally injured. This is not an unintentional omission but is an absolute departure from the language of the Treaty of Versailles.

The Treaty of Versailles, which is actually part of the Treaty of Berlin, provides as follows: "Claims growing out of acts committed by the German Government or by any German authorities since July 31 1914, and before that Allied or Associated Power entered into the war." (Article 298, Annex, paragraph 4.) And it further provided "compensation may be claimed from Germany under Article 232 in respect of the total damage under the following categories: (1) Damage to injured persons and to surviving dependents 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 the direct consequences thereof, and of all operations of war by the two groups of belligerents wherever arising." (Article 232, Annex 1.) These two clauses cover pre-war and war claims.

This language is plain and clear and it is quite evident that the surviving dependents of Americans could establish a claim thereunder. It seems proper to inquire why this language has been abandoned and a new class of claims created.

It is well recognized in law that death claims for dependents are purely statutory and our only right to assert a claim against Germany depends upon the terms of the treaty which specifically grants such right to surviving dependents of Americans. We do not believe that Justice Day, who is mentioned as a member of the commission, would permit the commission to fix the amount of death claims under the agreement in question. At any rate, American rights are endangered thereby.

Aside from this point, we would call your attention to the fact that every other claim to which the United States is entitled under Part 8, Section 1, Article 232, Annex I of the Treaty of Versailles, is abandoned. These claims are all provided for in Section 29 (a) 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 and Section 29 (c) 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of your proposed bill. The Administration has therefore apparently decided that the only claims that it will make against Germany are for property damage on account of property seized in Germany for the collection of ordinary civil debts due to American citizens and for injuries to the person or property of American citizens. We believe that you will agree with us that this is not only untenable but illegal.

Furthermore, unless the creation of the commission in question was provided for by the Berlin or Versailles treaties, the Government had no power to create it. The Versailles Treaty seems to provide that the amount of the claims for pre-war damages shall be assessed by an arbitrator appointed by the mixed arbitral tribunal provided for in Section 6 of Part 10. The amount of reparations was to be determined by the Reparation Commission under the Treaty of Versailles, but under Article 2, Paragraph 4, of the Berlin Treaty it was provided that the United States was not bound to participate in the Reparation Commission, so that it would seem that an American commission could legally be appointed to adjudicate reparations claims, even if pre-war claims, such as the Lusitania, have to be determined by an arbitrator.

As the proposed commission set up by the agreement of August 10 1922 is not created by the Berlin Treaty, and is not appointed either by Gustave Ador or by the mixed arbitral tribunal, there is no authority for its creation contained in any existing treaty with Germany.

There would seem to be no objection to having the amount of all the claims which we are entitled to under the Versailles Treaty, both by way of reparations and on account of pre-war claims, fixed by a mixed commission such as has been agreed upon, but we certainly hope that you will continue your efforts to have the Congress finally determine its policy as to the disposition of the funds in the hands of the Alien Property Custodian. It will take some years for the amount of the claims to be determined. The Germans will, undoubtedly, be glad to allow the matter to rest at present and in the meantime by means of the Winslow resolution and other

future bills, to attempt to slowly recover as much of the property now held as possible. We sincerely hope that you will see your way clear to forcing action in Congress whereby the Alien Property Custodian will be directed to hold all of the property seized from Germans now in his possession until all the American claims have been finally fixed, and further provide that after they have been fixed and after Germany has been given a reasonable opportunity to satisfy the same that the property in question be used for the payment of claims in the event that Germany fails to pay.

The State Department, in a letter to me under date of June 3 1922, said that "the final disposition of property now in the possession of the Alien Property Custodian of the United States is under existing law a matter for the determination of Congress."

There is no doubt as to that matter, and we sincerely believe that this is the time for Congress to decide the question definitely and finally.

It may be that the State Department intended to permit American death claims to be considered by the commission, although it undoubtedly intended to exclude every other kind of claim; but the State Department admits that it knows of no provision for the payment of the claims by Germany, and it certainly is necessary for us to hold all the property pledged for the payment of these claims until such provision is made by Germany.

If Germany knows that none of its citizens can recover any of the property seized from them by the United States during the war until after the American claims have been fixed and paid, the work of the commission will undoubtedly proceed very rapidly. Otherwise we may expect the fixing of the claims and their payment to be extended interminably. It seems important to inquire what Chancellor Wirth meant when he said in his letter to the American Ambassador, "The German Government is convinced of the intention of the American Government to carry out in an accommodating and just manner the settlement of the questions still to be solved between the two States concerned, the way to which is opened by the signature of the agreement. It is still further strengthened in this belief by the assurances received by your Excellency." What assurances have been given to the American Ambassador by the State Department?

Very respectfully yours,

WILLIAM C. ARMSTRONG.

COMPARISON BY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
WALLACE OF WAGES OF FARMERS AND
OTHER WORKERS.

In a comparison of the wages of farmers with those of other industries, Secretary of Agriculture Wallace on Aug. 14 stated that "the wages of the farmer, as represented by the prices paid for his crops, are lower than his wages were before the war, measured in purchasing power, while the wages of the workman, and especially in organized industries, are considerably higher than they were before the war, whether measured in dollars and cents or in purchasing power." The purchasing power of the wages of the railway employee in 1921, he says, "was 51% greater than in 1913. The purchasing power of the wages of the coal miner in 1921 was 30% greater than in 1913. The purchasing power of the farm hand who works for wages in 1921 was 4% less than in 1913, while the purchasing power of the farmer himself, was, on an average, from 25 to 45% less than in 1913." The farmers of the country, said Secretary Wallace, "have borne altogether the heaviest burden of deflation," and, he added, "they have endeavored to get relief by all lawful means. They have appealed to the Administration, to Congress and to every other agency which they thought might be able to help them, but while making these efforts to avoid their heavy losses they have not struck. They have not created disorders. They have kept on producing and in the face of extraordinarily low prices have this year grown one of the largest crops in our entire history." Continuing he said:

The farmer believes in law and order. He believes in government. He believes in fairness between man and man. He believes in working hard and producing efficiently.

If other groups would do as the farmer has done, our economic troubles would soon be over. Prices would soon be adjusted to their normal relationships. There would be work for everybody and at just wages.

But there are too many people who seem to be thinking only of themselves and how they can profit at the expense of the community at large, and especially at the expense of the farmer. The farmer is sick and tired of this sort of business. He is disgusted with these recurring disputes between capital and labor especially as connected with the essential industries. He sees no reason why such disputes cannot and should not be settled in an orderly and lawful way and without the interruptions of service which cost him so dearly.

The farmer recognizes his obligation to produce food, for people must eat to live. He demands that both the owners of the coal mines and the coal miners recognize their equal obligation to produce coal, and he demands that the management of the railroads and the railroad workmen recognize also their equal obligation to keep trains moving, for unless the food he produces is moved promptly to market the people will starve.

If the various groups in this country are determined to prey upon one another and abandon law and order for strong arm methods, the farmer can take care of himself. He can reduce his production to his own needs. He can follow the example of some others and refuse to sell what he produces. But he does not believe in that sort of thing. He knows that such a policy would bring about in this great Republic exactly the same sort of conditions that exist in Russia.

The farmer calls upon capital and labor to cease their petty bickering and resume production, trusting to American institutions and the American sense of fair play to see that justice is done to both of them.

Secretary Wallace's remarks were made before the Farm Bureau at Leesburg, Va., and in submitting his comparison, he said:

It is worth while to compare wages in the organized industries with the wages received by the farmer, as represented in the price he gets for the things he grows. The value of income, whether it be in the form of wages

or of money received for sales of products, is represented not in dollars and cents but in what that income will buy by its purchasing power.

Take the average wage received by the coal miner for mining a ton of coal. In 1913 this wage per ton would buy 1.1 bushels of corn in Iowa; in 1921 it would buy 2.5 bushels of corn in Iowa. In 1913 the ton wage would buy .7 of a bushel of wheat in North Dakota; in 1921 .9 of a bushel. In 1913 it would buy 4.7 pounds of cotton in Texas; in 1921 8.5 pounds. In 1913 7 pounds of hog in Nebraska; in 1921 14 pounds. In 1913 .8 of a bushel of potatoes in New York; in 1921 1.2 bushel. In 1913 11 pounds of sheep in Wyoming; in 1921 18 pounds. In 1913 1.6 bushel of oats in Illinois; in 1921 3.1 bushels. In 1913 2.4 pounds of butter in Missouri; in 1921 3.2 pounds.

Taking the average yearly earnings of railroad employees, we find that in 1913 the yearly wage would buy 1,492 bushels of corn in Iowa, and in 1921 4,112 bushels. It would buy 1,028 bushels of wheat in North Dakota in 1913; in 1921 1,466 bushels. In 1913 it would buy 6,440 pounds of cotton in Texas; and in 1921 13,934 pounds. It would buy in 1913 102 hundredweight of hogs in Nebraska; and in 1921 237 hundredweight. It would buy 148 hundredweight of sheep in Wyoming in 1913; and in 1921 296 hundredweight. In 1913 it would buy 1,087 bushels of potatoes in New York; in 1921 1,916 bushels. In 1913 2,174 bushels of oats in Illinois; in 1921 5,109 bushels. In 1913 3,309 pounds of butter in Missouri; in 1921 5,285 pounds.

In 1913 the freight revenue per ton mile received by the railroads would buy 1.4 bushels of corn in Iowa; in 1921 this revenue per ton mile would buy 3.1 bushels of corn in Iowa. In 1913 1 bushel of wheat in North Dakota; in 1921 1.1 bushel. In 1913 6.1 pounds of cotton in Texas; in 1921 10.5 pounds. In 1913 10 pounds of hogs in Nebraska; in 1921 18 pounds. In 1913 1 bushel of potatoes in New York; in 1921 1.5 bushels. In 1913 14 pounds of sheep in Wyoming; in 1921 22 pounds. In 1913 2.1 bushels of oats in Illinois; in 1921 3.9 bushels. In 1913 3.1 pounds of butter in Missouri; in 1921 4 pounds.

In 1913 the price of a ton of coal f. o. b. the mine would buy 2.4 bushels of corn in Iowa; in 1921 6.2 bushels; in July 1922 9.3 bushels. It would buy in 1913 1.7 bushels of wheat in North Dakota; in 1921 2.2 bushels; in July 1922 4.4 bushels. In 1913 it would buy 10.4 pounds of cotton in Texas; in 1921 21.1 pounds; in July 1922 22.9 pounds. In 1913 16 pounds of hogs in Nebraska; in 1921 36 pounds; in July 1922 53 pounds. In 1913 1.8 bushel of potatoes in New York; in 1921 2.9 bushels; in July 1922 4.7 bushels. In 1913 24 pounds of sheep in Wyoming; in 1921 45 pounds; in July 1922 70 pounds. In 1913 3.5 bushels of oats in Illinois; in 1921 7.7 bushels; in July 1922 14.2 bushels. In 1913 5.4 pounds of butter in Missouri; in 1921 9 pounds; in July 1922 16.1 pounds.

In fairness it should be noted that before the corn, wheat, hogs, sheep, cotton, butter, or other farm products get to the consumer's table, a good deal has been added to the price the farmer receives. This margin between the farmer and the consumer has considerably increased during the past eight years, but it is also fair to note that a good deal of this increase has been due to the increase in the wages paid the people who handle these products.

CANADIAN CROP CONDITIONS VERY FAVORABLE.

The New York agency of the Canadian Bank of Commerce has received the following telegram from the General Manager in Canada, dated Aug. 14, respecting the Canadian crop situation:

Recent rains, particularly in districts which have suffered from drought this year, have improved crop prospects, and with continuation of existing favorable conditions, we estimate wheat crop three western provinces three hundred to three hundred twenty-five million bushels. Conditions in Southern Alberta and Southern Saskatchewan which have suffered from drought past three years are quite promising and good. Crops practically assured. This will help situation in these districts materially.

The bank on Aug. 7 made public Western Canadian crop reports as of July 29, prepared by the Divisional Superintendents of the bank for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. These reports are a digest of information received from individual branches throughout the three provinces, and are prepared weekly during the growing and harvesting seasons.

WHY COPPER REPORTS ARE WITHHELD.

The following from Boston appeared in the "Wall Street Journal" of Aug. 15:

An official of one of the big copper companies queried as to why his company with others had discontinued publication of monthly production reports, replied:

"The furnishing of production statistics was discontinued because of the objection made by some of the producers to the publication of the figures. The basis stated for the objection of these producers was that the figures turned in to the statistical bureau immediately found their way to publication, and that they objected to informing the producers of copper as to the exact position of the metal without obtaining any information relative to the consumption in return.

"You can readily see that an argument can be made that it is unwise for a seller to inform the buyer as to the condition of his stock without knowing the necessity of the purchaser. As soon as the stand was taken by some of the producers, of course the others decided to withhold figures of their production."

AMERICAN COTTON GROWERS' EXCHANGE ADOPTS WORLD SALES POLICY—\$51,000,000 OF ADVANCES BY WAR FINANCE CORPORATION.

The following advices from Memphis Aug. 11 appeared in the "Journal of Commerce" of this city on the 12th inst.:

Chesley B. Howard of the Inman-Howard Cotton Co., Atlanta, yesterday was selected as the national sales agent for the American Cotton Growers' Exchange with headquarters at Atlanta, at a meeting of the trustees who represent a membership of 150,000 planters and who will produce 250,000 bales this season.

Opening of a European sales office in Liverpool was authorized, and the executive committee instructed to complete the arrangement immediately.

Other sales offices in the textile mill centers of the Southeast also were ordered and branch managers are to begin operations without delay at Greenville, Spartanburg, S. C., Greensboro and Charlotte, N. C.

A national and world sales policy was adopted by unanimous vote. The plan includes direct dealing between the cotton producer and the manufacturer, eliminating overhead and the middleman.

C. O. Moser, Secretary-Treasurer of the Exchange, announced that advances of \$51,000,000 had been arranged with the War Finance Corporation and that more than 250 banks of the Southeast and promised an equal amount to insure the profitable marketing of the staple this year.

These actions were taken for the purpose of affording additional outlets for the cotton produced in the eight States represented in the American Cotton Growers' Exchange.

The State cotton marketing associations in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, North Carolina and South Carolina, composing the national organization—the American Cotton Growers' Exchange—are represented each by three trustees and one member of the executive committee.

The policies and principles of the American Cotton Growers' Exchange are similar to the selling agencies of the California Fruit Growers' organizations, with necessary variations to accommodate the differences in products.

Last year the Exchange represented Oklahoma, Texas and Arizona, Arkansas, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Alabama came in later. Campaigns are in progress in Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana, and it is believed they will be members of the American Cotton Growers' Exchange in time to join in the marketing of the 1923 crop.

INTERNATIONAL COTTON CONGRESS—RESOLUTIONS.

Regarding the International Cotton Congress, at Stockholm in June, and the resolutions adopted, we quote the following from "Commerce Reports" of July 31, which credits the information to Consul-General D. I. Murphy at Stockholm June 22:

The Eleventh International Congress of Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers met in Stockholm, Sweden, on June 14 to 16. Delegates were present from Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Egypt, England, France, Netherlands, India, Italy, Japan, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. By special invitation there were also present manufacturers from Austria, Brazil, Finland, Germany, and Poland.

The principal topics discussed were: "The Eight-hour Day in the Textile Cotton Industry," by Mr. Beltrami, Italy; "International Courts of Arbitration," by Mr. Pozzi, Italy; "International Cotton Credits," by Mr. Bankwitz, Czechoslovakia; "Cotton Cultivation in the British Colonies," by Mr. Thomas, England; "The Indian Central Cotton Committee," by Mr. Burt, England; "International Arbitration on Commercial Matters," by Mr. Sayrig, France; and "Testing of Raw Cotton as Regards Humidity," by Mr. Mabire, France. [Copies of these addresses may be obtained from the Textile Division by referring to file No. 61762.]

Resolutions Adopted.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Congress:

Regarding the 48-Hour Week.—The Congress, which has discussed the information contained in the speeches made during its sessions regarding the effect of the 48-hour week on the cotton industry, is convinced that the 48-hour week, which has been accepted in different countries, either by law to that effect or through agreements with labor organizations, has proved to be injurious to the interests of both employers and workmen.

Concerning Cotton Growing in Brazil.—The opinion of the International Cotton Federation Congress is that a number of the Brazilian States, especially Sao Paulo, Parahyba, and Rio Grande do Norte, are particularly suitable for cotton growing. The Congress hopes that the Brazilian Government and the Governments of the different States will take necessary measures toward the improvement and development of the cotton industry by way of establishing schools and distributing pure seeds (of one variety only) in each district in order to insure homogeneity of fibre. The Congress considers that the construction and use of picking machines in the northeastern States of Brazil should considerably improve the fibre and thereby result in higher prices being obtained. Brazilian cotton is not sufficiently known and the members of the federation are therefore advised to test it.

The Settlement of Disputes.—The Congress reaffirms its opinion that arbitration is the best way to settle disputes within the cotton industry regarding agreements between persons in different countries; that it is necessary, considering the importance of the question, that new statutes be enacted by the International Federation which will be suitable for all countries; that a committee be appointed to discuss and propose such statutes and that the International Federation gives its approval; that suitable measures be taken by the congress toward the acknowledgment of a certain clause which refers conflicts to arbitration and that the judgment given by such court be carried out in respective countries.

Percentage of Humidity in Cotton.—In order to enable cotton spinners to decide the exact percentage of humidity in cotton, the congress requests that samples be sent to the official laboratories in each country, the findings of the laboratory in Havre to be considered final.

BILL PASSED BY SENATE CALLING FOR PERIODIC SURVEY OF WORLD COTTON SITUATION.

A bill authorizing the Department of Commerce to collect and publish additional cotton statistics and information was passed by the Senate on Aug. 10. In stating that the bill "merely provides for securing statistics of cotton on hand in the world on July 31 of each year," Senator Harris on the 11th inst. also said that "the bill has the approval of Secretary Hoover, of all Senators from the cotton-growing section, and has likewise been recommended by all the cotton organizations of the South." He added:

It is believed by many who are in a position to know that the supply on hand is not as great as has been published. The publication of such erroneous estimates has a tendency to depress the market, and I believe that when accurate information is given it will show a much smaller stock on hand and thereby increase the price.

The resolution as adopted reads as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That, in addition to the cotton statistics now required by law to be collected and published, the Secretary of Commerce is authorized and directed to have collected and published cotton statistics and information in the following manner:

(1) The Director of the Census shall collect information showing the quantities and grades of baled cotton on hand at cotton ginneries, compresses, manufacturing establishments, warehouses, and other places where cotton is ginned, manufactured, stored, or held. Such information shall show the number of bales of cotton of the grades tenderable under the law on hand on July 31 of each year, and shall be published as soon as possible after this date and be distributed in the same manner as other cotton statistics are now required by law to be distributed.

(2) The director of Foreign and Domestic Commerce shall cause periodic surveys of the cotton situation in foreign countries, to be made through representatives in such countries for the purpose of summarizing the world cotton situation on July 31 of each year. These statistics and information obtained from such surveys shall be published as soon as possible after this date, and the statistics shall include available facts and careful estimates of cotton production, cotton consumption, and of the quantities, kinds, and grades of cotton tenderable under the law, exclusive of linters.

Sec. 2. That the information furnished by any person under the provisions of this Act shall be considered strictly confidential and shall be used only for the statistical purpose for which it is supplied. Any employee of the Bureau of the Census who, without the written authority of the Director of the Census, or any employee of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce who, without the written authority of the Director of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, shall publish or communicate any information given him under the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$300 nor more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for a period of not exceeding one year, or both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 3. That it shall be the duty of every owner, president, treasurer, secretary, director, or other officer or agent of any cotton gin, manufacturing establishment, warehouse, or other place where cotton is ginned, manufactured, stored, or held, whether conducted as a corporation, firm, limited partnership, or by individuals, when requested by the Director of the Census or by any employee of the Bureau of the Census acting under the instructions of such Director, to furnish completely and correctly, to the best of his knowledge, all of the information concerning the quantities and grades of baled cotton held on July 31 of each year.

Sec. 4. That any owner, president, treasurer, secretary, director, or other officer or agent of any cotton gin, manufacturing establishment, warehouse, or other place where cotton is ginned, manufactured, stored, or held, who refuses or neglects to furnish the information requested under the provisions of this Act, or who intentionally gives answers that are false, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$300 nor more than \$1,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SENATOR SMITH SEEKS INVESTIGATION OF COTTON MARKET—J. S. WANNAMAKER CHARGES COMBINE TO FORCE PRICES DOWN.

A resolution was introduced by Senator Smith (Democrat) of South Carolina on Aug. 10, empowering the Agricultural Committee of the Senate to investigate the subject of supply and demand and marketing of cotton with a view to determining whether any undue methods in restraint of trade have been employed. The resolution, which was referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, follows:

Whereas, The carry over or present stock of American cotton as given by official statistics is less than the normal carry over; and

Whereas, The present condition of the growing crop indicates a yield far below the world's demand for American cotton; and

Whereas, The entire carry over plus the indicated yield would not meet the world's demand; and

Whereas, The ravages of the boll weevil are more extensive and severe than ever before in the history of the ravages of this pest, making the yield entirely problematical; and

Whereas, The cost of producing cotton under these adverse conditions has been enormously increased; and

Whereas, The price of cotton in the markets has failed utterly to respond to these conditions; and

Whereas, The consumption of American cotton, both at home and abroad, has shown progressive increase: Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Agricultural Committee of the Senate be authorized and empowered to investigate all matters pertaining to the subject of supply and demand and marketing of cotton, with a view of determining whether any undue methods or practices are being employed by the trade in restraining the natural operation of the law of supply and demand. Be it further

Resolved, That the Committee be empowered to use such methods as in its judgment are necessary to obtain the information desired.

Senator Smith made public a letter from J. S. Wannamaker, President of the American Cotton Association, reporting that New York and English cotton speculators were working together to beat down the market. Mr. Wannamaker is reported as stating:

"Since the Government's crop report was issued—one of the most bullish reports ever known—the market has gone down every day, and it is the general talk of the trade that a powerful combine has been formed for the purpose of beating cotton prices down, it being stated that this combine is composed of some of the biggest financial interests in New York, some of the biggest speculators there and some of the biggest speculators in England and that they boast that they will beat the price of cotton down to 15c. Through some of the most reliable sources, I am given this information."

L. M. ESTABROOK OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SAYS ESTIMATE OF ABANDONED COTTON ACREAGE WAS NOT INCLUDED IN AUG. 1 REPORT.

A statement to the effect that estimates of cotton acreage abandoned up to July 1 and the extent of the boll weevil damage to July 25 were not included in the Aug. 1 cotton crop report of the Department of Agriculture (apparently because they had received previous consideration) is contained in a letter received on Aug. 10 by Senator Harris (Democrat) of Georgia from Leon M. Estabrook, Chief of the Crop Reporting Division of the Department. The Savannah "News" of Aug. 11 in stating this, reports Mr. Estabrook's further advice as follows:

"The percentage of damage from boll weevil indicated by these (county) reports was not deducted from the regular report of 70.8% of normal," said Mr. Estabrook, "because in arriving at that estimate the factors likely to affect the yield per acre, including boll weevil, were fully considered by the statisticians and reporters."

Senator Harris's inquiry was prompted, he said, by many requests as to whether the boll weevil and abandoned acreage factors were subtracted in considering the August 1 Government report.

"Many cotton growers," said Senator Harris, "contend that failure to make clear distinction in the reports has operated to depress the price of cotton and fails to give an accurate prospect of a greater cotton shortage than now anticipated."

Mr. Estabrook informed Senator Harris that county agents in 295 out of 546 cotton counties reported an average acreage abandonment of 7.1%.

"This 7.1% was not deducted and could not properly be deducted from the 34,852,000 acres, reported to be in cultivation June 25," said the crop reporting chief, "because it is presumed that the abandonment occurred prior to that date and that any abandonment that may have occurred between June 25, the date of the department's estimate of acreage, and July 1, the date of the county agents' estimate, was negligible."

"If we assume that 7.1% of the planted acreage was abandoned before June 25, and if the acreage remaining in cultivation on that date was correctly estimated at 34,852,000, the total planted acreage would be 37,516,000, the abandoned acreage would be 2,663,000, and the remainder would represent the acreage in cultivation as estimated by the department."

Regarding boll weevil damage, Mr. Estabrook added:

"The supplementary report also shows that the county agents estimated that 80.2% of the total cotton acreage was infested with the boll weevil. As to damage to the crop from boll weevil up to July 25, the returns were so incomplete as to make a satisfactory estimate for the United States impracticable. However, State commissioners of agriculture reported the damage as ranging from 1.4% in North Carolina to 80% in Georgia; county agents report the damage as nothing in Virginia and Missouri to 34.2% in Florida; and field statisticians report a maximum damage of 28% in Georgia and Louisiana."

Senator Harris's resolution calling for a report on abandoned cotton acreage was given on page 602 of our issue of Aug. 5, where we also published the resolution calling for information regarding the ravages of the boll weevil. The Agricultural Department's report on cotton acreage and condition was published in the same issue, page 663.

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

Under date of Aug. 16 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 July 1921 and 1922, with statistics of cotton consumed, imported and exported for the twelve months ending July 31. 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 July 31 (Bales)—		Cotton Spindles Active During July (Number)
		July.	Twelve Months ending July 31.	In Consuming Establishments x	In Public Storage and at Compresses x	
United States.....	1922	458,548	5,911,914	1,215,103	1,488,083	31,975,269
	1921	410,142	4,892,672	1,111,147	3,723,213	32,371,013
Cotton-growing States.....	1922	304,936	3,733,147	829,368	1,123,877	15,583,903
	1921	244,843	2,997,471	458,817	3,254,432	14,499,256
All other States.....	1922	153,612	2,178,767	685,735	364,206	16,391,366
	1921	165,299	1,895,201	652,330	468,781	17,877,757

x Stated in bales.
* Includes 20,231 foreign, 5,919 Am.-Eg. and 633 sea-land consumed; 91,517 foreign, 19,361 Am.-Eg. and 3,785 sea-land in consuming establishments, and 74,492 foreign, 37,094 Am.-Eg. and 3,805 sea-land in public storage.

Linters not included above were 55,424 bales consumed during July 1922 and 50,944 bales in 1921; 134,597 bales on hand in consuming establishments on July 31 1922 and 201,353 bales in 1921, and 54,587 bales in public storage and at compresses in 1922 and 234,926 bales in 1921. Linters consumed during the twelve months ending July 31 amounted to 594,393 bales in 1922 and 516,307 bales in 1921.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF COTTON AND LINTERS.

Country of Production.	Imports of Foreign Cotton During— (500-lb. Bales).			
	July.		12 Months end. July 31.	
	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
Egypt.....	5,296	2,452	233,729	87,168
Peru.....	2,403	636	38,753	22,597
China.....	596	281	15,563	14,722
Mexico.....	—	—	53,636	53,155
All other countries.....	292	83	21,754	13,699
Total.....	8,587	3,452	363,465	226,341

Country to Which Exported.	Exports of Domestic Cotton and Linters During— (Running Bales)—			
	July.		12 Months end. July 31.	
	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
United Kingdom.....	93,883	90,976	1,768,965	1,743,752
France.....	41,098	59,071	768,128	695,550
Italy.....	73,886	17,348	509,113	508,274
Germany.....	64,587	212,138	1,440,747	1,306,226
Other Europe.....	32,565	59,970	698,229	673,759
Japan.....	51,858	115,643	817,830	687,455
All other countries.....	15,865	45,916	312,909	316,091
Total.....	*373,742	*598,962	*6,316,821	*5,796,107

* Figures include 9,100 bales of linters exported during July in 1922 and 3,700 bales in 1921, and 132,295 bales for the twelve months ending July 31 in 1922 and 51,409 bales in 1921. The distribution for July 1922 follows: United Kingdom, 373 bales; France, 40 bales; Germany, 3,104 bales; Belgium, 562 bales; Netherlands, 300 bales; Canada, 1,447 bales; Greece, 22 bales.

OVER ONE MILLION CHILDREN IN GAINFUL OCCUPATIONS IN UNITED STATES IN 1920.

The Department of Commerce announces that the total number of children 10 to 15 years of age, inclusive, engaged in gainful occupations in the United States, as enumerated at the Fourteenth Decennial Census, taken as of Jan. 1 1920, was 1,060,858, comprising 714,248 boys and 346,610 girls. The boys reported as gainfully occupied constituted 11.3% of the total of 6,294,985 boys aged 10 to 15 years of age, inclusive; and the girls reported as gainfully occupied represented 5.6% of the 6,207,597 girls within the same age limits. The statement made public by the Department Aug. 11, further says:

The "gainfully occupied" children consist mainly of (1) those working on their own account, such as newboys, and (2) employees working for salaries or wages or their equivalent.

The total number of children gainfully occupied was only slightly more than half as large in 1920 as in 1910, the decrease having been 46.7%. For the several broad groups of occupations, the rates of increase or decrease were as follows: Agriculture, forestry and animal husbandry, decrease of 51.8%; extraction of minerals, decrease of 60.2%; manufacturing and mechanical industries, decrease of 29%; transportation, decrease of 9.1%; trade, decrease of 10.4%; public service (not elsewhere classified), increase of 110.4%; professional service, decrease of 3.8%; domestic and personal service, decrease of 51.0%; clerical occupations, increase of 12.9%. The decreases in agriculture, forestry and animal husbandry, and in certain other occupations of a seasonal character, were due in part to the change in the census date from April 15 in 1910 to January in 1920.

The gainfully occupied children reported as engaged in agriculture, forestry and animal husbandry numbered 647,309, and those employed in manufacturing and mechanical industries, 185,337. These two groups constitute 61% and 17.5%, respectively, and together embraced nearly four-fifths of the total number of gainfully occupied children.

The textile industries employed 54,649 children, or nearly three-tenths of the total number reported for manufacturing and mechanical industries generally. These were distributed as follows: In cotton mills, 21,876; in knitting mills, 7,991; in silk mills, 10,023; in woolen and worsted mills, 7,077; in other textile mills, 7,683. The total employed in textile industries showed a decrease of 29.0% as compared with 1910.

The table below shows by sex, the number of children 10 to 15 years of age, inclusive, engaged in each broad group of occupations and the number in each individual occupation or class of occupations in which as many as 5,000 children were reported in 1920, together with the per cent of increase or decrease between 1910 and 1920.

CHILDREN 10 TO 15 YEARS OF AGE, INCLUSIVE, ENGAGED IN SPECIFIED OCCUPATIONS, 1920, WITH PER CENT OF INCREASE OR DECREASE, 1910-1920.

Occupation—	1920		Per cent of increase or decrease, 1910 to 1920	
	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes
Total population 10 to 15 years of age	12,502,582	6,294,985	6,207,597	+15.5 +15.2 +15.7
Total No. gainfully occupied	1,060,858	714,248	346,610	+46.7 -47.2 -45.5
Agriculture, forestry and animal husbandry, total	647,309	459,238	188,071	-54.8 -55.1 -54.1
Farm laborers, home farm	569,824	396,191	173,033	-50.8 -50.9 -50.4
Farm laborers, work'g out	63,990	51,000	12,990	-75.4 -74.6 -77.9
All other agriculture, &c.	13,495	12,047	1,448	-11.8 -14.3 +17.7
Extraction of minerals, total	7,191	7,045	146	-60.2 -60.9
Coal-mine operatives	5,850	5,743	107	-61.5 -62.2
All other extract'g of min's	1,341	1,302	39	-53.4 -54.2
Mfg. & mech. n. indus., total	185,337	104,535	81,002	-29.0 -31.0 -26.3
Apprentices	19,323	15,924	3,399	a a a
Laborers and semi-skilled operatives (n. o. s. b):				
Building & hand trades	7,476	7,009	467	-56.0 -57.4 -13.5
Clothing industries	11,757	2,288	9,469	-38.6 -33.0 -39.9
Food industries	9,934	4,633	5,301	+23.0 +43.0 +9.7
Iron & steel industries	12,904	10,617	2,287	-10.2 -14.3 +15.4
Lumber & furn. industr's	10,585	9,159	1,426	-43.7 -46.6 -13.2
Shoe factories	7,545	4,374	3,171	-10.1 -6.8 -14.3
Textile industries	54,649	21,917	32,732	-29.9 -33.3 -27.4
Cotton mills	21,876	10,498	11,377	-46.1 -48.5 -43.7
Knitting mills	7,991	2,087	5,904	-28.0 -30.0 -27.3
Silk mills	10,023	3,220	6,803	+13.2 +27.8 +7.4
Woolen & worst. mills	7,077	3,009	4,068	-9.3 -9.6
All other textile mills	7,683	3,103	4,580	-20.3 -14.9 -26.0
All other industries	21,519	12,112	9,407	+3.1 +2.6 +3.7
Other mfg. & mechan. indus.	29,645	16,302	13,343	-24.0 -26.9 -20.2
Transportation	18,912	15,617	3,295	-9.1 -18.6 +43.1
Trade, total	63,368	49,234	14,134	-10.4 -14.9 +9.8
Clerks in stores, &c.	15,049	9,139	5,910	-4.1 -17.4 +27.6
Newboys	20,706	20,513	193	+1.3 +1.2 +11.6
Salesmen and saleswomen (stores)	15,321	8,569	6,752	-6.2 -10.8 +0.4
All other trade occupat'ns	12,292	11,013	1,279	-32.6 -34.8 +4.3
Public service (not elsewhere classified)	1,130	1,085	45	+110.4 +105.9
Professional service	3,465	1,979	1,486	-2.8 -3.7 -1.6
Domestic and personal service, total	54,006	16,082	37,924	-51.9 -34.0 -56.8
Servants	38,180	7,604	30,576	-57.3 -48.3 -59.1
All other domestic and personal service	15,826	8,478	7,348	-30.2 -12.0 -43.6
Clerical occupations, total	80,140	59,633	20,507	+12.9 +2.1 +63.0
Clerks (except in stores)	22,521	13,928	8,593	+77.5 +48.0 +162.0
Messenger, bundle and office boys and girls, &c.	48,028	43,721	4,307	-8.0 -6.8 -18.5
Stenographers & typists	5,674	678	4,996	+109.6 +14.1 +136.7
Other clerical occupations	3,917	1,306	2,611	+14.7 -13.6 +5.2

a Comparable figures for 1910 not available. b Not otherwise specified. c Many of the "clerks in stores" probably are "salesmen and saleswomen." d Except telegraph messengers.

WHITE AND NEGRO FARM POPULATION OF THE SOUTH IN 1920.

The Department of Commerce announced on Aug. 14 that, according to the Fourteenth Decennial Census, the total farm population of the South on Jan. 1 1920 was 16,827,834, comprising 11,730,848 white persons, 5,044,489 negroes and 52,497 persons of other races. The Department says:

The great majority of those persons, of course, were enumerated within rural territory, but the total included 44,701 who were living on farms located within the limits of cities or other incorporated places having 2,500 inhabitants or more; that is to say, in urban territory, according to the census definition. It may be noted in this connection that the census

definition of a farm extends somewhat beyond the ordinary meaning of the term in that it includes any fruit or market garden, poultry yard, dairy, or apary which either yielded \$250 worth of products in 1919 or required for its operation the continuous services of at least one person during that year. The farm population comprises both farm operators and farm laborers and their families, including farm laborers and their families not actually living on farms but not living in incorporated places.

The census of 1920 was the first at which the population living on farms was tabulated separately from the rural population as a whole, and therefore no comparative figures for earlier censuses can be given.

The white farm population of the South in 1920 constituted 48.6% of the total white population of that section, 24,132,214; and the negro farm population formed 56.6% of the total Southern negro population, 8,912,231.

The negro farm population exceeded the white farm population in two States—South Carolina and Mississippi. In the former State the negro farm population numbered 640,357, as against a white farm population of only 434,131; and in the latter the corresponding numbers were 722,379 and 547,087, respectively. The largest negro farm population, however, is shown for Georgia, 757,205.

In West Virginia, in which State the entire negro population constituted nearly 8% of the total, the negro farm population, 4,049, represented a very much smaller proportion of the total farm population—less than 1%. This is by far the smallest proportion of negro farm population shown for any Southern State.

The table which follows gives statistics for the white and negro farm population of the South in 1920, by divisions and States:

WHITE AND NEGRO FARM POPULATION OF THE SOUTH: 1920.

Division or State.	All Farm Population.*			
	Total.	White.	Negro.	All Other.
Total for three Southern Divisions	16,827,834	11,730,848	5,044,489	52,497
South Atlantic	6,416,698	4,066,843	2,338,343	11,512
Delaware	51,212	42,250	8,961	1
Maryland	279,225	216,231	62,989	5
District of Columbia	894	676	218	—
Virginia	1,064,417	755,190	308,590	637
West Virginia	477,924	473,872	4,049	3
North Carolina	1,501,227	1,023,111	467,648	10,468
South Carolina	1,074,693	434,131	640,357	205
Georgia	1,685,213	927,909	757,205	99
Florida	281,893	193,473	88,326	94
East South Central	5,182,937	3,666,573	1,515,039	1,325
Kentucky	1,304,862	1,231,434	73,413	15
Tennessee	1,271,708	1,068,030	203,653	25
Alabama	1,335,885	820,022	515,594	269
Mississippi	1,270,482	547,087	722,379	1,016
West South Central	5,228,199	3,997,432	1,191,107	39,660
Arkansas	1,147,049	812,831	334,162	56
Louisiana	786,050	424,140	361,661	249
Oklahoma	1,017,327	900,977	78,189	38,161
Texas	2,277,773	1,859,484	417,095	1,194

* Includes farm population in urban territory, that is, within limits of cities and other incorporated places having 2,500 inhabitants or more.

INCREASE IN WHOLESALE PRICES IN JULY.

The trend of wholesale prices of commodities continued upward through July, according to information gathered in representative markets of the country by the United States Department of Labor through the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Based on 404 commodities, or series of quotations, the Bureau's weighted index number rose from 150 in June to 155 in July, a gain of 3 1-3%. The increase from May to June was 1 1-3%. The Bureau also says, in its statement made public Aug. 18:

The largest price increase was reported for the group of fuel and lighting materials, in which the index number, computed in part from estimated prices, rose nearly 13%. Farm products advanced 3% and foodstuffs 1 1/2% in average price from June to July. In the group of building materials prices advanced 1 1/4%. Increases of less than 1% took place among cloths and clothing and metals and metal products. House-furnishing goods, on the contrary, decreased 1 1/4% and chemicals and drugs 1/4% in average price in the period stated. No change was reported for the group of miscellaneous commodities, including cattle feed, leather, paper and pulp, and other articles.

Of the 404 commodities, or price series, for which comparable data for June and July were obtained, increases were found to have occurred for 146 commodities and decreases for 100 commodities. In the case of 158 commodities no change in average prices was reported.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, BY GROUPS OF COMMODITIES. (1913=100.)

Commodity Group	1921		1922	
	July	June	July	June
Farm products	119	131	135	142
Foods	141	140	142	142
Cloths and clothing	172	179	180	180
Fuel and lighting	186	225	254	254
Metals and metal products	124	120	121	121
Building materials	160	167	170	170
Chemicals and drugs	129	122	121	121
House-furnishing goods	180	176	173	173
Miscellaneous	123	114	114	114
All commodities	141	150	155	155

Comparing prices in July with those of a year ago, as measured by changes in the index numbers, it is seen that the general level has risen 10%. Fuel and lighting materials show by far the largest increase, 36 1/2%. Farm products have increased 13 1/2%, building materials 6 1/4%, and cloths 4 1/4% in price in the year. Food items show only a small increase. Metals, chemicals and drugs, house-furnishing goods and miscellaneous commodities all show decreases compared with prices of a year ago.

INCREASE IN RETAIL PRICES OF FOOD IN JULY.

The retail food index issued by the United States Department of Labor, through the Bureau of Labor Statistics, shows that there was an increase of 1% in the retail cost of food to the average family in July as compared with June. The

Bureau reports this in a statement made public Aug. 18, in which it says:

Prices of 43 food articles are reported to the Bureau of Labor Statistics each month by retail dealers in 51 important cities. In addition prices on storage eggs are secured only for five months of the year. From these prices average prices are made for each article. The average prices of the 43 articles on which prices are secured each month are then "weighted" according to the quantity of each article consumed in the average working-man's family. From January, 1913, to December, 1920, 22 articles of food were used in this index, but from January, 1921, 43 articles are included in the index number.

Changes in One Month.

During the month from June 15, 1922, to July 15, 1922, 18 articles on which monthly prices are secured increased in price as follows: Granulated sugar, 7%; strictly fresh eggs, 6%; navy beans, 5%; potatoes, 3%; sirloin steak, round steak, fresh milk and butter, 2%; rib roast, chuck roast, pork chops, ham, cheese, crisco, baked beans and prunes, 1%. Bacon and coffee increased less than five-tenths of 1%.

Thirteen articles decreased in price as follows: Onions, 13%; cabbage, 10%; hens, 3%; leg of lamb and flour, 2%; plate beef, canned corn, canned tomatoes and bananas, 1%. Canned red salmon, nut margarine, raisins, and oranges decreased less than five-tenths of 1%. Prices remained unchanged for oleomargarine, lard, bread, corn meal, rolled oats, cornflakes, cream of wheat, macaroni, rice, canned peas and tea.

Changes in One Year.

For the year period, July 15, 1921, to July 15, 1922, the percentage decrease in all articles of food combined was 4%. Twenty-seven articles decreased in price during the year as follows: Raisins, 22%; evaporated milk and cornflakes, 19%; cabbage, 16%; strictly fresh eggs, 15%; canned red salmon and cream of wheat, 13%; rolled oats and bananas, 12%; cornmeal, 11%; flour, 10%; bread and fresh milk, 9%; hens, 8%; bacon, oleomargarine and baked beans, 6%; round steak, 4%; plate beef, macaroni and canned corn, 3%; sirloin steak, rib roast, chuck roast, butter and tea, 2%; and nut margarine, 1%.

The prices of the other sixteen articles increased as follows: Navy beans, 41%; onions, 30%; oranges, 23%; canned tomatoes, 21%; prunes, 12%; rice, 10%; crisco, 8%; cheese and granulated sugar, 7%; leg of lamb and potatoes, 6%; lard, 3%; ham, canned peas and coffee, 2%; and pork chops increased less than five-tenths of 1%.

Changes Since July, 1913.

For the 9-year period, July 15, 1913, to July 15, 1922, the increase in all articles of food, combined, was 43%. The articles named showed increases as follows: Leg of lamb, 90%; potatoes, 89%; ham, 86%; hens, 65%; pork chops, 59%; flour, 58%; bread, 57%; sirloin steak, 48%; round steak, 47%; bacon and fresh milk, 45%; cheese, 44%; rib roast, 42%; granulated sugar, 38%; butter, 31%; corn meal, 30%; tea, 25%; chuck roast, 24%; coffee, 21%; strictly fresh eggs, 20%; rice, 10%; lard, 8%; and plate beef, 5%.

The index numbers based on 1913 as 100, were 141 in June and 142 in July, 1922.

PIG IRON PRODUCTION IN THE UNITED STATES IN FIRST HALF OF 1922.

The American Iron and Steel Institute has just issued a special statistical bulletin (No. 4) which gives the production of pig iron in the United States for the first six months of the present calendar year. The figures are of particular interest as affording an indication of the extent to which recovery in the iron trade has progressed. The output for the first six months of 1922 is reported at 12,191,011 tons, as against only 7,157,145 tons for the second half of 1921 and 9,530,981 tons for the first half of that year. In 1920, however, the make of pig iron was 18,435,602 tons in the first six months and 18,490,385 tons in the second half of the year. In the following we show the half-yearly figures as reported by the American Iron & Steel Institute back to 1900:

PRODUCTION OF PIG IRON IN HALF YEARLY PERIODS.

Year	1st half	2d half	Year	1st half	2d half
1900	7,642,569	6,146,673	1911	11,666,996	11,982,551
1901	7,674,613	8,203,741	1912	14,072,274	15,654,463
1902	8,808,574	9,012,733	1913	16,488,562	14,477,550
1903	9,707,367	8,301,885	1914	12,536,094	10,796,150
1904	8,173,438	5,323,595	1915	12,293,791	17,682,422
1905	11,163,175	11,829,206	1916	19,619,522	19,815,275
1906	12,582,250	12,724,941	1917	19,258,235	19,389,162
1907	13,478,044	12,393,317	1918	18,227,730	20,824,261
1908	6,918,004	9,018,014	1919	16,278,175	14,737,189
1909	11,022,346	14,773,125	1920	18,435,602	18,490,385
1910	14,978,738	12,324,829	1921	9,530,981	7,157,145
			1922	12,191,011	

The "Iron Age" of this city compiles monthly records of pig iron production (exclusive of the small amount of charcoal iron produced) and from these figures it appears that despite the coal strike and the increase in iron and steel prices, the output of pig iron grew larger with each succeeding month. According to the record of the "Iron Age," the make of pig (always excluding the insignificant amount of charcoal iron produced) in January was 1,664,951 tons; in February, 1,629,991 tons; in March, 2,035,920 tons; in April, 2,072,114 tons; in May, 2,306,679 tons, and in June 2,361,028 tons. In July 2,400,045 tons were produced. However, the monthly totals just given do not furnish an absolutely reliable test of the course of production since the number of days in the months varies. The "Iron Age" places the aver-

age daily output in January at 53,063 tons; in February, 58,214 tons; in March, 65,675; in April, 69,070 tons; in May, 74,409 tons, and in June, 78,701 tons. In July the daily average production fell off slightly to 77,421 tons.

In view of the rise in prices which has occurred in 1922 we insert here the following table, which we have compiled from quotations appearing in the "Iron Age" and which gives the prices of the various grades of pig iron at the beginning of January and the end of June for the last three years:

Grade.	July 3 1922.	Jan. 3 1922.	June 28 1921.	Jan. 4 1921.	June 29 1920.	Jan. 6 1920.	July 1 1919.	Jan. 1 1919.
No. 2x, Philadelphia.....	\$27 64	\$21 34	\$25 50	\$34 70	\$47 15	\$44 35	\$29 00	\$36 15
No. 2 Valley Furnace.....	24 00	19 50	21 00	33 00	45 00	39 00	26 75	31 00
No. 2 South, at Cincinnati	22 55	21 00	26 00	39 50	45 60	40 60	28 35	34 60
No. 2 Birmingham.....	18 50	16 50	21 50	35 00	42 00	37 00	24 75	31 00
Bessemer pig at Pittsb'gh.	26 77	21 96	24 46	33 96	46 40	38 40	29 35	33 60
Gray Forge iron at Pittsb.	25 27	20 96	21 96	33 96	44 40	38 40	27 15	31 40

The increase in the pig iron output was common to all the different sections of the country, as will appear from the following tabulation prepared by the American Iron & Steel Institute:

HALF-YEARLY OUTPUT OF PIG IRON BY STATES.
Half-Yearly Production of All Kinds of Pig Iron.

States.	Blast Furnaces.*			Production—Gross Tons. (Incl. Spiegeleisen, Ferro-mang., Ferro-sil., Ferro-phosphorus, &c.)		
	In Blast Dec. 31 1921.	June 30 1922.		1st half of 1921.	2d half of 1921.	1st half of 1922.
		In.	Out.				Total.
Maine.....	0	0	0	0		
Massachusetts.....	0	0	1	1	1,537	605
Connecticut.....	0	0	2	2		
New York.....	10	13	14	27	506,113	462,547
New Jersey.....	1	1	3	4		
Pennsylvania.....	46	69	92	161	3,577,570	2,675,196
Maryland.....	1	4	3	7	75,130	4,339,560
Virginia.....	0	0	17	17	53,519	140,885
Alabama.....	13	22	21	43	659,225	548,183
Georgia.....	0	0	3	3		
Texas.....	0	0	1	1		
West Virginia.....	2	2	3	5	117,215	147,544
Kentucky.....	1	2	5	7		
Mississippi.....	0	0	1	1		
Tennessee.....	1	2	15	17	12,369	7,110
Ohio.....	26	41	39	80	2,081,847	1,717,766
Illinois.....	9	16	10	26	1,030,801	2,898,846
Indiana.....	9	12	4	16	1,019,010	581,232
Michigan.....	4	9	4	13	874,601	1,237,877
Wisconsin.....	1	3	4	7	211,574	874,601
Minnesota.....	0	2	1	3		15,289
Missouri.....	0	0	3	3		102,800
Iowa.....	0	0	0	0		
Colorado.....	1	3	2	5	185,071	41,293
Oregon.....	0	0	1	1		
Washington.....	0	0	0	0		
Total.....	125	201	249	450	9,530,981	7,157,145

* Completed and rebuilding.

PRESIDENT HARDING'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS ON COAL AND RAIL STRIKES.

The intention of President Harding to go before Congress with a presentation of the rail and coal strike situation, forecast some days ago, was carried out yesterday. While it was understood that the President had planned to appear before Congress earlier in the week, it was stated on the 16th that he would delay his proposed course in view of the agreement between the railroad executives and railroad labor organization leaders to take up anew on Thursday of this week the question of the adjustment of their differences. President Harding's message to Congress yesterday deals largely with the suspension of the coal industry and the efforts of the Government to effect a settlement. Referring to the Government's invitation for "a resumption of production, under the rights of all parties to the controversy, with assurance of Government protection of each and every one in his lawful pursuits," the President says that "but little or no production has followed," and that "the simple and significant truth was revealed that, except for such coal as comes from the districts worked by non-organized miners, the country is at the mercy of the United Mine Workers." "Interrupted transportation, sorely broken employment, the failure to develop storage against enlarged demands and inadequate carrying—all these present problems," he says, "bear on righteous wage adjustment, and demand constructive solution." "Because of the impressions of many cases of unjustifiable profits in the industry," says the President to Congress, "and because public interest demands investigation and demands the finding of facts be given the public, I am asking at your hands authority to create a commission to make a searching investigation into the whole coal industry." Immediate provision for a temporary national coal agency, with needed capital to purchase, sell and distribute coal which is carried in the interstate shipment is also recommended by the President. In his references to the shopmen's strike, the President states that "the public menace in the coal situation was made more acute and more serious at the beginning of July by the

strike of the federated shopcrafts in the railroad service. A strike against a wage decision made by the Railroad Labor Board." Declaring that the law creating the Board is "inadequate," the President says, "contrary to popular impression, it has little or no power to enforce its decisions. It can impose no penalties on either party disregarding its decisions. It cannot halt a strike and manifestly Congress deliberately omitted the enactment of compulsory arbitration. The decisions of the Board must be made enforceable and effective against carriers and employees alike."

Stating that sympathetic railroad strikes have developed seriously impairing inter-State commerce, the President said that trains deserted in the desert regions of the Southwest "have revealed the cruelty and contempt for law on the part of some railway employees who have conspired to paralyze transportation, and lawlessness and violence in a hundred places have revealed the failure of the striking unions to hold their forces to law observance." Enactment of the bill "to provide for the better protection of aliens and for the enforcement of their treaty rights" was likewise recommended by the President, stating that his "renewal of this oft-made recommendation is impelled by a pitiable sense of Federal impotence to deal with the shocking crime at Herrin Ill., which so recently shamed and horrified the country." The following is his message:

Gentlemen of the Congress:

It is manifestly my duty to bring to your attention the industrial situation which confronts the country. The situation growing out of the prevailing railway and coal mining strikes is so serious, so menacing to the nation's welfare, that I should be remiss if I failed frankly to lay the matter before you and at the same time acquaint you and the whole people with such efforts as the executive branch of the Government has made by the voluntary exercise of its good offices to effect a settlement.

The suspension of the coal industry dates back to last April 1, when the working agreement between mine operators and the United Mine Workers came to an end. Anticipating that expiration of contract, which was negotiated with the Government's sanction in 1920, the present Administration sought, as early as last October, conferences between the operators and miners in order to facilitate either a new or extended agreement in order to avoid any suspension of production when April 1 arrived. At that time the mine workers declined to confer, though the operators were agreeable, the mine workers excusing their declination on the ground that the union officials could have no authority to negotiate until after their annual convention.

A short time prior to the expiration of the working agreement the mine workers invited a conference with the operators in the central competitive field, covering the States of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois and in spite of the union declination of the Government's informal suggestion for the conference, five months before, the Government, informally but sincerely, commended the conference, but it was declined by certain groups of operators, and the coal mining controversy ended in the strike of April 1. It was instantly made nation-wide, so far as the organized mine workers could control, and included many districts in the bituminous field where there was neither grievance nor dispute, and effected a complete tie-up of the production in the anthracite field.

It is to be noted that when the suspension began large stocks of coal were on hand, mined at wages higher than those paid during the war; there was only the buying impelled by necessity and there was a belief that coal must yield to the post-war re-adjustment. When the stocks on hand began to reach such diminution as to menace industry and hinder transportation, approximately June 1, overtures were initiated by the Government in the hope of expediting settlement. None of these availed. Individual and district tenders of settlement on the part of operators—in some instances appeals for settlement—were wholly unavailing. The dominant groups among the operators were insistent on having district agreements, the dominant mine workers were demanding a nation-wide settlement. The Government, being without authority to enforce a strike settlement in the coal industry, could only volunteer its good offices in finding a way of adjustment.

Accordingly, a conference of the coal operators' associations and the general and district officials of the United Mine Workers was called to meet in Washington on July 1. The designation of representation was left to the officials of the various organizations, and there was nation-wide representation, except from the non-union fields of the country. Before the joint meeting I expressed the deep concern of the country and invited them to meet at a conference table and end the disputes between them. The conference did not develop even a hope. The operators were asking for their district or territorial conferences, the workers demanded national settlement on old bases.

Appraising correctly the hopelessness of the situation I again invited both operators and workers to meet with me, and tendered a means of settlement so justly inspired that it was difficult to see how any one believing in industrial peace and justice to all concerned could decline it. In substance, it called on the operators to open the mines, or the mine workers to resume work at the same pay and under the same working conditions as prevailed at the time the strike began. In turn, the Government was to create at once a coal commission, or two of them, if preferred by all parties to the dispute, so that one could deal with the bituminous situation, the other with the problems in the anthracite field.

Among the commissioners were to be representatives of the operators, representatives of the mine workers, and outstanding disinterested and able representatives of the American public. The commission was to be instructed to direct its first inquiry to the rate of wage to be paid for the period ending next April 1, and then to enter upon a fact-finding inquiry into every phase of the industry, and point the way to avoid future suspensions in production. The disputants all indorsed the suggestion of a fact-finding commission. The anthracite operators promptly accepted the entire proposal. The mine workers refused to resume work under the arbitration plan. The majority of the bituminous operators filed an acceptance, but a considerable minority declined the proposal.

Under these circumstances, having no authority to demand compliance, the Government had no other course than to invite a resumption of production under the rights of all parties to the controversy, with assurance of Government protection of each and every one in his lawful pursuits. This fact was communicated to the Governors of all coal-producing States, and

with two exceptions assurances of maintained law and order were promptly given. In some instances concrete proof of effective readiness to protect all men, strikers and non-striking workmen alike, was promptly given; but little or no production followed. The simple but significant truth was revealed that, except for such coal as comes from the districts worked by non-organized miners, the country is at the mercy of the United Mine Workers.

Governors in various States reported that their operators and miners had no dispute and were eager to resume production. District leaders informed me that their workmen were anxious to return to their jobs, but that they were not permitted to do so. Hundreds of wives of workmen have addressed the White House, beseeching a settlement, alleging that they knew no grievance, and there is an unending story of appeals for relief where necessity or suffering were impelling, where a mere expression of need ought to find ready compliance.

At every stage, the Government has been a just neutral regarding wage scales and working contracts. There are fundamental evils in our present system of producing and distribution which make the wage problem difficult. In the bituminous coal fields are vastly more mines than are requisite to the country's needs, and there are 200,000 more mine workers than are needed to produce in continuous employment the country's normal requirements.

By continuous employment I mean approximately 280 working days in the year. In many instances last year men were employed less than 150 days, in some cases much fewer than that. In the overmanned sections men divide the working time, and high wages are necessary to meet the cost of the barest living. Interrupted transportation, sorely broken employment, the failure to develop storage against enlarged demands and inadequate carrying—all these present problems bear on righteous wage adjustment, and demand constructive solution.

Because of these things, because of the impressions of many cases of unjustifiable profits in the industry, and because public interest demands investigation, and demands the finding of facts be given to the public, I am asking at your hands the authority to create a commission to make a searching investigation into the whole coal industry with provisions for its lawful activities and the bestowal of authority to reveal every phase of coal production, sale and distribution. I am speaking now on behalf of mine workers, mine operators and the American public. It will bring protection to all and point the way to continuity of production and the better economic functioning of the industry in the future.

The necessity for such a searching national investigation with constructive recommendation is imperative. At the moment the coal sides are clearing, but unless we find a cure for the economic ills which affect the industry and therein find a basis for righteous relationship, we shall be faced with a like menacing situation on next April 1 on the expiration of the wage contracts which are now being made.

The need for such investigation and independent consideration is revealed by both operators and mine workers in the provision in the Cleveland agreement so recently made. The Government will gladly co-operate with the industry in this program so far as it is the public interest so to do, but I have an unalterable conviction that no lasting satisfaction or worth-while results will ensue unless we may have a Government commission, independent of the industry, clothed with authority by the Congress to search deeply, so that it may advise as to fair wages and as to conditions of labor and recommend the enactment of laws to protect the public in the future.

The almost total exhaustion of stocks of coal, the crippled condition of the railways, the distressed situation that has arisen and might grow worse in our great cities due to the shortage of anthracite, the suffering which might arise in the Northwest through failure to meet winter needs by lake transportation, all these added to the possibility of outrageous price demands, in spite of the most zealous voluntary efforts of the Government to restrain them, make it necessary to ask you to consider at once some form of temporary control of distribution and prices.

The Administration earnestly has sought to restrain profiteering and to secure the rightful distribution of such coal as has been available in this emergency. There were no legal powers for price control. There has been cordial co-operation in many fields, a fine revelation of business conscience stronger than the temptation to profit by a people's misfortune. There have been instances of flat refusal. I rejoice to make grateful acknowledgment to those who preferred to contribute to national welfare rather than profit by a nation's distress.

If it may have your approval, I recommend immediate provision for a temporary national coal agency, with needed capital, to purchase, sell and distribute coal, which is carried in interstate shipment. I do not mean that all interstate coal shall be handled by such a Federal organization—perhaps none will be necessary—but it will restore its capital to the public treasury and will be the instrumentality of guarding the public interest where private conscience is insensible to a public need.

This proposal does not relate to any possible employment in intra-State shipments. Price restraint and equitable distribution in intra-State shipments is a responsibility of the State's own Government. In such voluntary activities as have been carried on thus far the Federal Government has endeavored to re-establish the authority and responsibility in the States which was undermined in the necessary centralization of authority during the World War.

The public menace in the coal situation was made more acute and more serious at the beginning of July by the strike of the federated shopcrafts in the railroad service—a strike against a wage decision made by the Railroad Labor Board, directly affecting approximately 400,000 men. The justice of the decision is not for discussion here. The decision has been lost sight of in subsequent developments. In any event, it was always possible to appeal for rehearing and the submission of new evidence, and it is always a safe assumption that a Government agency of adjustment deciding unjustly will be quick to make right any wrong.

The Railroad Labor Board was created by Congress for the express purpose of hearing and deciding disputes between the carriers and their employees, so that no controversy need lead to an interruption in inter-State transportation.

It was inevitable that many wage disputes should arise, wages had mounted upward, necessarily and justly, during the war upheaval, likewise the cost of transportation, so that the higher wages might be paid. It was inevitable that some readjustment should follow. Naturally these readjustments were resisted. The Administrative Government neither advocated nor opposed. It only held that the Labor Board was the lawful agency of the Government to hear and decide disputes and its authority must be sustained, as the law contemplates. This must be so, whether the carriers or the employees ignore its decisions.

Unhappily a number of decisions of this Board had been ignored by the carriers. In only one instance, however, had a decision, challenged by a carrier, been brought to the attention of the Department of Justice, and this decision was promptly carried to the courts and has recently been sustained in the Federal Court of Appeals. The public or the Executive had no knowledge of the ignored decisions in other cases, because they did not hinder transportation. When these failures of many of the carriers to

abide by decisions of the Board were brought to my attention, I could more fairly appraise the feelings of the strikers, though they had a remedy without seeking to paralyze inter-State commerce.

The law creating the Railroad Labor Board is inadequate. Contrary to popular impression, it has little or no power to enforce its decisions. It can impose no penalties on either party disregarding its decisions. It cannot halt a strike, and manifestly Congress deliberately omitted the enactment of compulsory arbitration. The decisions of the Board must be made enforceable and effective against carriers and employees alike. But the law is new, and no perfection of it by Congress at this moment could be helpful in the present threatened paralysis of transportation.

Happily, it is always lawful and oftentimes possible to settle disputes outside of court, so, in a desire to serve public welfare, I ventured upon an attempt at mediation. Those who had preceded me in attempted settlements had made some progress. I submitted to the officials of the striking employees and the chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, in writing, on the same day, a tentative proposal for settlement. Knowing that some of the carriers had offended by ignoring the decisions of the Board and the employees had struck when they had a remedy without the strike, I felt it was best to start all over again, resume work, all to agree to abide faithfully by the Board's decisions; make it a real tribunal of peace in transportation, and everybody serve the public. The barrier to be surmounted was the question of seniority. By the workmen these rights are held to be sacred, and unsundered by a strike. By the carriers the preservation of seniority is a weapon of discipline on the one hand and the reward of faithful employees on the other. It has been an almost invariable rule that when strikes have been lost seniority and its advantages have been surrendered; when strikes have been settled seniority has been restored.

In the tentative proposal which I sponsored it was provided that everybody should go to work, with seniority rights unimpaired, that there should be no discrimination by either workmen or carriers against workmen who did or who did not strike. I realized that the proposal must carry a dis-appointment to employees who had inherited promotion by staying loyally on the job, and to such new men as had sought jobs looking to permanent employment, but I wanted the fresh start and maintained transportation service, and I appraised the disappointment of the few to be less important than the impending misfortune to the nation. It was not what I would ask ordinarily to be considered or concede, but at that moment of deep anxiety, with the coal shortage gravely menacing, I was thinking of the pressing demands of the welfare of the whole people. I believed the sacrifice brought to the men involved could be amply compensated for by the carriers in practical ways. I believed that the matter of transcendent importance was the acceptance of the proposal to respect the Labor Board's decisions on the questions which formed the issue at the time of the strike. The public compensation would be complete in guarding by law against recurrence.

The proposal was rejected by the carriers. Though the rejection did not end all negotiation, it left the Government only one course—to call the striking workmen to return to work, to call the carriers to assign them to work, and leave the dispute about seniority to the Labor Board for decision. When negotiation or mediation fails this is the course contemplated by the law and the Government can have no chart for its course except the law.

To this call a majority of the carriers responded favorably, proposing to re-employ all strikers except those guilty of violence against workmen or property, to restore the striking workmen to their old positions where vacant, or to like positions where vacancies are filled, questions of seniority which cannot be settled between the employer and employees to go to the Labor Board for decision. The minority of the carriers proposed to assign jobs to workmen on strike only where the positions were vacant. Neither proposal has been accepted.

Thus the narrative brings us to the present moment, but it has not included the developments which have heightened the Government's concern. Sympathetic strikes have developed here and there, seriously impaling interstate commerce. Deserted transcontinental trains in the desert regions of the Southwest have revealed the cruelty and contempt for law on the part of some railway employees, who have conspired to paralyze transportation, and lawlessness and violence in a hundred places have revealed the failure of the striking unions to hold their forces to law observance. Men who refused to strike and who have braved insult and assault and risked their lives to serve the public need have been cruelly attacked and wounded or killed. Men seeking work and guards attempting to protect lives and property, even officers of the Federal Government, have been assaulted, humiliated and hindered in their duties. Strikers have armed themselves and gathered in mobs about railroad shops to offer armed violence to any man attempting to go to work. There is a state of lawlessness shocking to every conception of American law and order and violating the cherished guarantees of American freedom. At no time has the Federal Government been unready or unwilling to give its support to maintain law and order and restrain violence, but in no case has State authority confessed its inability to cope with the situation and asked for Federal assistance.

Under these conditions of hindrance and intimidation there has been such a lack of care of motive power that the deterioration of locomotives and the non-compliance with the safety requirements of the law are threatening the breakdown of transportation. This very serious menace is magnified by the millions of losses to fruit growers and other producers of perishable foodstuffs, and comparable losses to farmers who depend on transportation to market their grains at harvest time. Even worse, it is hindering the transport of available coal when industry is on the verge of paralysis because of coal shortage, and life and health are menaced by coal famine in the great centres of population. Surely, the threatening conditions must impress the Congress and the country that no body of men, whether limited in numbers and responsible for railway management or powerful in numbers and the necessary forces in railroad operation, shall be permitted to choose a course which imperils public welfare. Neither organizations of employers nor workmen's unions may escape responsibility. When related to a public service the mere fact of organization magnifies that responsibility and public interest transcends that of either grouped Capital or Organized Labor.

Another development is so significant that the hardships of the moment may well be endured to rivet popular attention to necessary settlement. It is fundamental to all freedom that all men have unquestioned right to lawful pursuits to work and to live and choose their own lawful ways to happiness. In these strikes these rights have been denied by assault and violence, by armed lawlessness. In many communities the municipal authorities have winked at these violations, until liberty is a mockery and the law a matter of community contempt. It is fair to say that the great mass of organized workmen do not approve.

But they seem helpless to hinder. These conditions cannot remain in free America. If free men cannot toll according to their own lawful choosings, all our Constitutional guarantees born of democracy are surrendered to mobocracy and the freedom of a hundred millions is surrendered to the small minority which would have no law.

It is not my thought to ask Congress to deal with these fundamental problems at this time. No hasty action would contribute to the solution of the present critical situation. There is existing law by which to settle the prevailing disputes. There are statutes forbidding conspiracy to hinder interstate commerce. There are laws to assure the highest possible safety in railway service. It is my purpose to invoke these laws, civil and criminal, against all offenders alike.

The legal safeguards against like menaces in the future must be worked out when no passion sways, when no prejudice influences, when the whole problem may be appraised, and the public welfare may be asserted against every interest which assumes authority beyond that of the Government itself.

One specific thing I must ask at your hands at the earliest possible moment. There is pending a bill to provide for the better protection of aliens and for the enforcement of their treaty rights. It is a measure, in short, to create a jurisdiction for the Federal courts through which the National Government will have appropriate power to protect aliens in the rights secured to them under treaties and to deal with crimes which affect our foreign relations.

The matter has been before Congress on many previous occasions. President Taylor, in his first annual message, advised Congress that inasmuch as the Government is charged with the maintenance of peace and the preservation of amicable relations with the nations of the earth, it ought to possess without question all the reasonable and proper means of maintaining the one and preserving the other.

President Harrison asked for the same bestowal of jurisdiction, having encountered deep embarrassment which grew out of the lynching of 11 aliens in New Orleans in 1891. President McKinley, dealing with a like problem in 1899, asked the conferring upon Federal courts jurisdiction in that class of international cases where the ultimate responsibility of the Federal Government may be involved. President Roosevelt uttered a like request to Congress in 1906, and President Taft pointed out the defect in the present Federal jurisdiction when he made his inaugural address in 1909. He declared that "it puts our Government in a pusillanimous position to make definite engagement to protect aliens and then to excuse the failure to perform these engagements by an explanation that the duty to keep them is in States or cities not within our control. If we would promise, we must put ourselves in a position to perform our promise. We cannot permit the possible failure of justice, due to local prejudice in any State or municipal government, to expose us to the risk of war which might be avoided if Federal jurisdiction were asserted by suitable legislation by Congress."

My renewal of this oft-made recommendation is impelled by a pitiable sense of Federal impotence to deal with the shocking crime at Herrin, Ill., which so recently shamed and horrified the country. In that butchery of human beings, wrought in madness, it is alleged that two aliens were murdered. This act adds to the outraged sense of American justice, the humiliation which lies in the Federal Government's confessed lack of authority to punish that unutterable crime.

Had it happened in any other land than our own, and the wrath of righteous justice were not effectively expressed, we should have pitied the civilization that would tolerate and sorrow for the Government unwilling or unable to mete out just punishment.

I have felt the deep current of popular resentment that the Federal Government has not sought to efface this blot from our national shield; that the Federal Government has been tolerant of the mockery of local inquiry and the failure of justice in Illinois.

It is the regrettable truth that the Federal Government cannot act under the law. But the bestowal of the jurisdiction necessary to enable Federal courts to act appropriately will open the way to punish barbarity and butchery at Herrin or elsewhere, no matter in whose name or for what purpose the insufferable outrage is committed.

It is deplorable that there are or can be American communities where even there are citizens, not to speak of public officials, who believe mob warfare is admissible to cure any situation. It is terrorizing to know that such madness may be directed against men merely for choosing to accept lawful employment. I wish the Federal Government to be able to put an end to such crimes against civilization and punish those who sanction them.

In the weeks of patient conference and attempts at settlement I have come to appraise another element in the engrossing industrial dispute of which it is only fair to take cognizance. It is in some degree responsible for the strikes and has hindered attempts at adjustment. I refer to the warfare of the unions of labor. The Government has no sympathy or approval for this element of discord in the ranks of the unions.

Any exchange in the future must be as free from this element of trouble making as it is from labor extremists who strive for class domination. We recognize these organizations in the law and we must accredit them with incalculable contributions to labor's uplift. It is of public interest to preserve them and profit by the good that is in them but we must check the abuses and the excesses which conflict with public interest, precisely as we have been progressively legislating to prevent capitalistic, corporate, or managerial domination which is contrary to public welfare.

We also recognize the right of employers and employees alike, within the law, to establish their methods of conducting business, to choose their employment and to determine their relations with each other. We must reassert the doctrine that in this republic the first obligation and the first allegiance of every citizen, high or low, is to his Government and to hold that Government to be the just and unchallenged sponsor for public welfare, and the liberty, security and rights of all its citizens.

No matter what clouds may gather; no matter what storms may ensue; no matter what hardships may attend or what sacrifice may be necessary, government by law must and will be sustained.

Wherefore I am resolved to use all the power of the Government to maintain transportation and sustain the right of men to work.

BITUMINOUS MINERS AND OPERATORS ADOPT NEW AGREEMENT AT CLEVELAND CONFERENCE— OPERATIONS TO BE RESUMED.

With supplies of coal rapidly declining and the strike in its twenty-second week, certain miners and operators from the bituminous regions, meeting at Cleveland in joint conference, adopted and ratified on Aug. 15 an agreement on wages and working conditions, and immediate resumption of mining operations was ordered on the same day in seven States. The agreement was reached after a break in the ranks of the operators, due to the refusal of the union officials to accept any provision for arbitration of wages in the future. The Central Competitive Field, so-called, long the basis of wage negotiations in the whole bituminous industry,

was represented at the Cleveland conference in part, but the negotiations, contrary to custom, were conducted without regard to any particular section or district. The conference was open to all fields. Any operator may sign the agreement, based on the terms adopted at the Cleveland conference.

The reports say that all hope of separate State or district agreements was wiped out by the action of the miners' Policy Committee in adopting a resolution declaring that the "interstate agreement thus entered into and duly executed will be recognized by the United Mine Workers as the basic scale of the bituminous field and the officers of the several districts are hereby empowered to negotiate supplemental agreements with associated coal operators, groups of operators or individual operating units, as circumstances may require." Miners were ordered back to work by their district officials as fast as the operators signed the agreement, and it was expected on the 15th inst. that about 100,000 of the more than 600,000 striking coal diggers would be back at work within 48 hours. Representatives of mining operations in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Oklahoma and Washington, with an annual output of 60,000,000 tons, had accepted the union terms on the 15th, according to accounts in the newspapers. While there was only a relatively small amount of the union coal tonnage of the country represented in the conference, union officials and operators said the agreement would be the basis of future settlements. A number of operators not present signed the peace pact by proxy, telephoning and telegraphing friends who were in attendance to sign for them.

The Cleveland agreement provides for:

Immediate resumption of mining operations at wage rates and working conditions, including the "check-off," which were in effect prior to the strike.

The calling of a joint conference in Cleveland for Oct. 2 next to appoint a committee to formulate a method of negotiation for a new wage agreement to become effective on April 1 1923, when the present contract expires.

The appointment of a committee of inquiry or "fact-finding" commission to investigate the industry and develop the facts for the benefit of all concerned, including the public.

The personnel of the committee shall be approved by President Harding, who is to appoint members if the miners and operators fail to agree on them.

The establishment of machinery to prevent future strikes. This machinery to be created by a joint conference to be called in Cleveland on Jan. 3 1923, which shall present a new wage agreement not later than Jan. 8.

With regard to the events immediately preceding the working out of the new agreement, press dispatches from Cleveland on Aug. 15 had the following to say:

The general policy committees of the miners and operators went into conference shortly before noon, preparatory to meeting together and effecting the final compromise.

Events moved rapidly in the coal conference after a sub-committee of miners and mine owners came to a tentative agreement on the wage scale shortly after midnight. This agreement, it was stated, provided for a "fact finding commission" to investigate conditions in the bituminous fields after the return of the men to work and to make recommendations.

Appointment of a special committee to work out a tentative wage scale came after Michael Gallagher, Manager of the Bituminous Mines Department of M. A. Hanna & Co., and Chairman of the conference since it convened on Aug. 7, and B. H. Robbins, President, and W. L. Robinson, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Youghiogheny & Ohio Coal Co., decided to drop out of the deliberations.

Their withdrawal, which followed the miners' refusal to agree to arbitrate the controversy which is feared when the proposed scale terminates April 1 1923, changed the entire outlook of the conference, and where the meetings formerly represented Ohio, western Pennsylvania and a few operators in Illinois and Indiana, the last conference was made up of representatives from Ohio, central and western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois.

Gallagher, Robbins and Robinson bolted the conference when John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers of America, delivered an ultimatum in which he declared no arbitration clause would be accepted by the unions.

With the withdrawal of these officers, the operators convened again and reorganized with T. K. Maher, President of the Maher Collieries Co., Cleveland, as Chairman, and W. H. Hasdins, who represents northern and central Ohio producers, as Assistant Secretary.

Announcement was then broadcast that any and all operators would be welcomed in the conference. Immediately a great number of mine owners, who had been simply onlookers before, were signed up and the new and wider field of operations begun.

The first sign there had been a change in the complexion of the conference was an order given out by Governor Davis postponing the proposed conference of Governors scheduled for this morning.

STATEMENT BY THOMAS H. WATKINS ON CLEVELAND CONFERENCE.

At the conclusion of the Cleveland coal conference on Aug. 15, Thomas H. Watkins, President of the Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Corporation, one of the largest mining concerns to sign the new agreement drawn up at the conference, issued a statement ascribing the settlement to the conciliatory efforts inaugurated by President Harding at the Washington conference held a short time before the Cleveland meeting

began. Mr. Watkins in his statement had the following to say with regard to the new agreement:

The central competitive field conference, to which we attribute most of our past difficulties, was definitely broken up and abandoned yesterday and the meetings were thrown open to operators and miners from every district in the United States.

The method of renewing contracts expiring March 31 1923 is left to a joint committee of miners and operators, which will report on Jan. 3 1923. All parties have engaged themselves to exert every effort toward the amicable negotiations of equitable wage agreements next spring.

The outstanding feature of the new agreement is the incorporation of a clause providing for the selection of a commission of inquiry, composed of prominent and unbiased citizens instructed to make a most exhaustive investigation of the whole industry and to lay down recommendations upon which future voluntary agreements can be negotiated on sound economic lines between the operators and the miners.

For the first time in the coal industry important labor leaders and employers have joined together in a crisis and voluntarily set up the machine, not only for a resumption of work but for the establishment of a public tribunal before whom they engage themselves to appear with all the facts of the industrial activities of both parties. The recommendations of this commission are to be the guide for necessary steps toward a permanent solution as well as for future agreements, negotiated without interference or compulsion, except as both sides must bow to the powerful opinion of a well-informed public.

The document means that reason has been restored to the coal industry. The exercise of force, whether through strikes, compulsory awards or arbitrary procedure, has no place in the program upon which we have agreed.

Compulsory arbitration has failed too often in recent industrial crises to offer any hope of effectiveness in a situation which requires a basic solution, not merely a reconciliation of immediate differences.

We believe that the door has been opened to a new era in the coal industry in which the consuming public, as well as those engaged in producing coal, will have full access to the essential facts of industry and an influence in guiding it into more peaceful and stable channels.

STATEMENT BY JOHN L. LEWIS ON THE RESULTS OF THE CLEVELAND COAL CONFERENCE.

Declaring that the miners had emerged from the coal strike "with signal honors," John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers, in a statement issued at Cleveland on Aug. 15, following the adoption of the new wage and working agreement between bituminous miners and operators, said that the plan of settlement is based on a "broad and constructive promise which carries with it substantial hope for improvement in the methods of collective bargaining in the industry." The statement issued by Mr. Lewis reads as follows:

I esteem this termination of the Cleveland conference as especially gratifying, not only to the mine workers, who have emerged from this great industrial conflict with signal honors, but to the American people as well.

The inter-State agreement executed here to-day, representing upward of 60,000,000 tons of annual production, will become the basic agreement of the bituminous coal industry throughout the country, and consequently I anticipate within the next few days that supplemental contracts with groups of operators and individual operators will be executed with a majority of the operators of the mines on strike throughout the country.

The settlement is an honorable one to all concerned. It does not carry any wage reductions, neither does it barter away the rights of the workers by commitment to arbitration. A tremendous drive has been made against the mine workers upon both these issues, but they have been successfully resisted.

The miners may well be termed the shock troops of the American labor movement, and this controversy their industrial Verdun. The plan of settlement is based on a broad and constructive promise which carries with it substantial hope for material improvement in the methods of collective bargaining in the industry, and gives assurance that constructive reforms will be inaugurated, eliminating organic ailments of the bituminous coal industry. Such reforms not only operate as a preventive of future conflicts of this magnitude, but serve to protect the public interests and restore mutual confidence and respect between the coal operators and the miners.

I am sure that it is the intention of both parties to the agreement to approach in the most complete good faith the problem before them with the intention of applying in every proper way the practical reforms which probably will be later suggested.

An early acceptance of the agreement by operators in all parts of the country will serve to allay much of the bitterness and passion which has been aroused in this conflict and permit of the reappliation of the rule of reason within the coal industry.

Subsequently Mr. Lewis on Aug. 16 issued a statement at Cleveland before leaving for Philadelphia to confer with the hard coal operators. "It is the intention of the United Mine Workers," he stated, "to exercise the full moral and financial strength of the organization to sustain and protect its members in their fight against powerful non-union interests who may continue to fight the principles of collective bargaining in the various producing fields. The same policy will be applied as regards any coal company hitherto recognizing the union, which may decline to accept the basis of settlement as negotiated in the Cleveland conference." He added:

The negotiation of the basic interstate agreement at the Cleveland meeting yesterday definitely determines the three main and principal issues which have been involved in the strike of 650,000 miners in the anthracite and bituminous mining industry.

Acceptance of this agreement by 60,000,000 tons of annual production represented in the conference and the execution of additional agreements involving something more than 10,000,000 tons of additional production gives the settlement an impetus that will be irresistible.

I predict within a short time general acceptance of similar agreements by practically all operating units in the organized sections of the bituminous

industry. This constitutes an object lesson that will be especially helpful in adjusting the strike in the anthracite coal fields.

The miners have won their contention against the idea of single State settlements with their union split up into thirty or more segregated groups. The Cleveland agreement takes the place of the old central competitive field agreement, and operators who are not yet partial to the contract will be obliged to conform to the principles outlined in the basic settlement. District or group meetings, which will be held shortly in certain sections, will be for the purpose of executing supplementary contracts or executing clauses of the agreement.

The miners have won their fight against a reduction of wages in the mining industry. The much-heralded theory of deflation or liquidation of labor has been diligently pressed throughout the long struggle. This theory has now suffered another collapse as far as affecting the mining industry, and the miners have demonstrated that they could not be beaten backward.

Dispute unfavorable economic conditions and with tremendous political and financial influences raised against us, we are emerging from the conflict victorious.

The miners have likewise won their fight for retention of the principles of collective bargaining, as against substitution of arbitration for this principle. Every interest opposed to labor was concentrated in a drive against our position on this question and the attack was made with astonishing ferocity.

The agreement contained no commitment for arbitration, but, on the other hand, has been written on a broad premise, which gives reasonable assurance that machinery of collective bargaining will be strengthened and improved.

The United Mine Workers of America, after participating in an industrial convulsion covering a period of twenty weeks, is emerging with increased membership and enhanced prestige and is a more potent influence in industrial affairs than ever before in its history.

TEXT OF THE BITUMINOUS COAL AGREEMENT ADOPTED BY CLEVELAND CONFERENCE.

The text of the agreement on wages and working conditions for the bituminous coal industry adopted on Aug. 15 at the Cleveland conference and referred to elsewhere in these columns to-day, in full is as follows:

1. All mines of operators represented in this joint conference which are now on strike are to be opened immediately upon the execution of supplementary contracts extending to March 31 1923, on the terms, provisions and conditions of the contracts affecting such mines as they respectively existed on March 31 1922, except as to renewal or continuation clauses in such contracts.

2. The participants in this conference agree to send, and this conference invites the bituminous coal operators of the United States to send, representative delegates from coal-producing districts or from substantial groups of operators, which delegates shall, as far as possible, be representative of the bituminous coal industry of the United States; such delegates to assemble in joint conference in Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 2 1922.

This joint conference shall appoint a committee of equal numbers of representatives of operators and miners, which committee will formulate a method to be followed by the bituminous coal industry in the negotiation of wage scale agreements to become effective April 1 1923, and the method so formulated shall by the committee be reported to the joint conference to be held Jan. 3 1923, as hereinafter provided.

3. The joint conference convening Oct. 2 shall further select a committee of inquiry, the members of which shall be of commanding public reputation for character and ability, and whose personnel shall be approved by the President of the United States. The duty of this committee shall be to develop promptly all of the pertinent facts in regard to the industry for the benefit alike of the public, the operators and the mine workers. Such investigation shall include every phase of the industry deemed material by the committee of inquiry and such committee shall be furnished with all information desired and aided in every manner possible by the operators and miners alike.

In the event such joint conference shall fail to agree upon the members of such committee of inquiry by Oct. 10 1922 it shall petition the President of the United States to appoint the members thereof in his discretion and in the event of a vacancy the President is requested to fill same by appointment. The cost of such committee of inquiry shall be paid by the industry, one-half by the operators participating in the joint conference and one-half by the United Mine Workers of America.

Such committee, after developing all the facts, shall make such recommendations as it may deem proper and advisable and shall so far as possible embody these recommendations in a report to be submitted to the joint conference to be convened Jan. 3 1923, as hereinafter provided.

In order to reach a final and proper determination of the controversy in the bituminous coal industry, for the benefit of the miners and operators, and the public as well, the following principal points are presented for consideration by the Committee of Inquiry:

(a) The wage rate in any district shall, as far as reasonable, be properly competitive within the mining industry and shall at the same time be fully compensatory to the miners, being sufficient to afford not only a living wage but also to allow reasonable opportunity for accumulating savings.

(b) The encouragement of a proper spirit of obligation and responsibility on the part of all parties toward contractual obligations and the establishment of proper machinery, both local and national, for prompt determination and settlement of any points of dispute in any local, State or district contract without resorting to strike or lockout.

(c) The determination of a proper policy to encourage efficiency of operation not only on the part of mine management in the mercantile operation of the mine, but also on the part of individual miners in the performance of their daily work.

4. The participants of this conference agree to send and this conference invites the bituminous coal operators of the United States to send, representative delegates from coal producing districts of substantial groups of coal operators, which delegates shall as far as possible be representative of the bituminous coal industry of the United States, such delegates to meet in joint conference Jan. 3 1923, at such place as may be designated by the joint conference held Oct. 2 1922. This joint conference shall receive the report of the Committee appointed in conformity with paragraph (2) and shall finally determine the method to be followed by the participants in the conference in the negotiation of wage scale agreements to become effective April 1 1923.

To the end that new wage scale agreements to be effective April 1 1923, shall be determined upon as speedily as practicable and further strikes be thereby averted, the method of negotiating the wage scale agreement which shall be determined upon by said joint conference shall provide that such machinery as is created by it to develop a new wage scale agreement shall commence to function not later than Jan. 8 1923. The wage scale agreement concluded by such machinery shall be effective April 1 1923, and shall be in effect during such time as it may determine.

ILLINOIS OPERATORS NOT IN FAVOR OF CLEVELAND ARRANGEMENT.

That the Illinois operators are not agreeable to the arrangement entered into at Cleveland is evident from the following statement issued by them:

The signing of a working agreement and wage scale at Cleveland to-day by a handful of operators representing a maximum annual production of 25,000,000 tons represents an absolute surrender and greatly jeopardizes the welfare of the public.

Briefly, the settlement arrived at is this—mine owners and mine workers are to resume operation with a status quo of March 31st 1922—wage scales, check-off, everything.

The fact finding or advisory committee agreed to contemplate no accomplishment in the way of a bona fide arbitration and both parties to the arrangement fully understand this.

A war is never over until someone surrenders. That part of the Ohio operators who are signing up with Mr. Lewis to-day never were at war with the miners' union—in consequence they have not capitulated to the union. Their course has been consistent from the start. It has been one of the neutral districts in this strife. This is so by reason of the unusual conditions that surround them in the way of a ready market for their coal under ordinary circumstances at an amply adequate price to pay almost any wage rate and still make money. In the crucial test of 1921, Eastern Ohio fields suffered by comparison not at all from non-union competition. They could continue to pay the highest rates to their men and it would be no skin off their knuckles if the consumer had to pay them in accordance for coal.

During the last six months of 1921, when other coal mines throughout the country were almost universally losing money and competition for the sale of coal was so keen that men ceased to be friends, Eastern Ohio operated at the rate of 52.6% of full time. Her nearest union competitor, Southern Ohio, managed to record 22.9% in that same period, while Illinois averaged 40% work time.

Is it any wonder that Eastern Ohio has not been in favor of fighting it out with the union? How can anyone call them quitters when they never started? It cannot be heralded as victory for John Lewis that he has lined up that group of operators.

The question of supply of fuel for homes, transportation and industry for this winter has long since become so acute that the President virtually took charge of the situation. He was after coal production for the people. He asked the contestants to forget their strife for a while and produce the needed coal, meanwhile urging the submission of the points at issue to a third party, an impartial tribunal. The Government in both the coal and rail strikes is committed to the policy of establishing the principle of arbitration in these industrial disputes.

Since the Cleveland settlement practically guarantees only a repetition next Spring of all the extravagant demands by the miners and another prolonged strike, Illinois operators, regardless of some possible defections from their ranks, will continue to urge bona fide arbitration as a condition precedent to continuing the old wage scale until next March 31st.

Nor may that part of the public that is unthinking and inclined to find fault need to feel that such action on the part of the operators is willful, arbitrary, selfishly conceived and to the very great detriment of the public.

We already note in the newspapers of this morning a discussion by the Attorney-General of two ways in which the State can seize mines. This is an idle contemplation since such seizure is not at all necessary if the public is willing to pay to the miners all that they ask under their monopolistic control of coal mine labor of the State.

Mere possession of the mines by the State will in itself produce no coal. Labor is essential. If it refuses to work, to confer or to arbitrate and the State may not compel it to do these things, then the price asked and the conditions demanded must be granted by the State. If and when the public shall indicate their desire and willingness that Illinois operators shall, as certain individual operators in Cleveland have done, grant full surrender to the miners, it can be more readily done by the operators and without the necessity of any State interference.

It is not the mine owners that stand in the way of resumption of mine operation and at a mine cost that would permit of lower prices than prevailed last year. To the contrary it is the United Mine Workers of America who have successfully resisted the operators and have so far defied both the Federal Government, the State Government and the public.

The paramount question continues to be—shall the miners as well as other organized groups of labor be made responsible for their acts and subject to the will of the people expressed through fair arbitration.

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WILLIAM Z. FOSTER DEPORTED FROM COLORADO.

William Z. Foster, radical labor organizer, and one of the principal figures in the steel strike of 1919, was forcibly ejected from the State of Colorado on Aug. 6. Adjutant-General Hamrock in a statement issued at Denver on the following day, declared that the action was "for the best interests of the State," and "no law was consulted." Foster, who was characterized as a "dangerous radical" by the Adjutant-General, was taken from a hotel after his arrival from Salt Lake City, placed in an automobile and escorted to the Kansas State line, General Hamrock announced. It had been reported that he was placed on a train there.

COAL OPERATORS OF SOUTHWEST DECLINE TO ACCEPT CLEVELAND AGREEMENT.

Coal operators of the Southwest will not be bound by any agreements reached at Cleveland in drawing up a wage agreement for the Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas fields, Harry N. Taylor, President of the Southwestern Operators' Association, announced on Aug. 16, according to the reports in the daily papers. He so notified union officials in these fields in reply to telegrams from them seeking a conference. Mr. Taylor said he had received from Secretary Hoover a question as to what stand the Southwestern Operators' Association would take on a conference

with the miners, and that he had replied that the question of wage scales in the Southwestern territory would be taken up at a conference on Aug. 22.

PITTSBURGH OPERATORS REFUSE TO CONFERENCE WITH MINERS' UNION ON BASIS OF CLEVELAND AGREEMENT.

The Pittsburgh Coal Producers' Association refused on Aug. 16 to meet with the officers of District 5, United Mine Workers, to negotiate a wage agreement "in conformity with the so-called basic agreement negotiated by the rump convention at Cleveland last Tuesday." The refusal was sent in reply to an invitation from District President P. T. Fagan and after a meeting of the Scale Committee, which considered the invitation. The letter of refusal said:

Your telegram of Aug. 16, requesting the operators of the Pittsburgh Coal Producers' Association to meet with your representatives to negotiate a wage agreement in conformity with the so-called basic agreement negotiated by rump convention in Cleveland Tuesday last, received.

In reply, we desire to inform you that we will not meet with your representatives to negotiate a wage scale on such a basis. The operators of the Association, as they have heretofore several times notified you, are still ready and willing to negotiate with your district organization a wage scale without the check-off.

COAL MINING RESUMED IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Actual mining of coal started on Aug. 15 in the Kimloch and Valley Camp mines of the Valley Camp Coal Co. at New Kensington, Pa.

Coal cutters were ordered into the mines by officials of the company, who anticipated, it is said, by a few hours the signing of the agreement between miners and operators of the bituminous fields in Cleveland.

A. M. OGLE URGES PRESIDENT HARDING TO APPOINT INVESTIGATING COMMISSION FOR COAL INDUSTRY.

Appointment of a non-partisan tribunal to investigate fairly every phase of the bituminous coal industry was urged in a telegram sent this week to President Harding by A. M. Ogle, President of the National Coal Association. "The immediate resumption of mining may be most important in the minds of many," said Mr. Ogle, "but if we are to avoid further conflict in the mining industry beginning April 1 1923, resulting in inconvenience to the consuming public and an interference with industrial progress all the essential facts must be investigated promptly and given full consideration in order that a proper solution may be determined." Mr. Ogle's telegram in full was as follows:

The strike in the bituminous coal fields emphatically has demonstrated the immediate need of a non-partisan tribunal that will fairly investigate, in the interest of all parties, every phase of the industry and make public at an early date its findings with such recommendations as it may deem proper and advisable.

Coal mining is an involved and intricate industry and great confusion exists concerning it, not only in the public mind but within the industry itself. The immediate resumption of mining may be most important in the minds of many, but if we are to avoid further conflict in the mining industry beginning April 1, 1923, resulting in inconvenience to the consuming public and in interference with industrial progress, all the essential facts must be investigated promptly and given full consideration in order that a proper solution may be determined.

Accordingly, we urge upon you the advisability of appointing such a commission without delay, and I can assure you the fullest co-operation and support in such action.

Endorsement of the proposed appointment of such a fact-finding tribunal was given by E. H. Outerbridge, Chairman of Governor Miller's State Coal Commission. Mr. Outerbridge said:

In the great industries which vitally affect the lives of the people, such as transportation and fuel, recurring periods of interruption to production or transportation are not infrequent, which seems to indicate that there must be something fundamentally wrong in the economic conditions existing in those fields of endeavor.

If an adjustment of a permanent character is to be arrived at, it would seem necessary to have a diagnosis, from an unassailable source, of what the economic facts are, and remedies then applied that will be generally recognized by public opinion as entirely equitable to both employer and employee.

A commission to study and determine the economic facts, if appointed by the President, would have more authoritative influence with a better command of the confidence of the people than any other agency.

There is one point, however, in which education must play its part. There must be a stronger conception that serving the public with essentials is a service which cannot be interrupted at the whim or choice either of corporate management or of employees.

Special protection or other advantageous conditions surround most employments in public service corporations. If men enlist in that work they should recognize an obligation to the public equal if not superior to their private interests; and eventually this idea must prevail.

TWELVE NEW YORK BANKS FORM POOL TO FINANCE COAL PURCHASES OF GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION.

Twelve of the leading banking institutions of New York City formed a pool on Aug. 14, according to the New York "Times," to finance the Governor's Coal Commission in the

purchase of coal which will be allotted by the Federal Government to New York State. The agreement was reached at a conference with Eugenius H. Outerbridge, Chairman of the Commission. Reeve Schley, Vice-President of the Chase National Bank, who was Federal Fuel Administrator for the city during the war, was designated as Treasurer of the pool. The statement in the "Times" continued as follows:

An unlimited amount of money for the purchase of coal will be available to the Governor's Commission under the arrangement. Mr. Outerbridge said the bankers had agreed to furnish "all that would be necessary." Under the program adopted by the Federal authorities, the Federal Fuel Administrator will issue sight drafts upon the Governor's Coal Commission for all coal allocated to New York State as soon as each shipment crosses the State line. The bankers have agreed to honor these drafts, and the Commission will receive reimbursement later from the municipalities, public utilities and other firms and persons to whom the coal will be rationed.

The banks represented at the conference were the Chase National Bank, National Park Bank, Mechanics & Metals National Bank, National City Bank, First National Bank, Irving National Bank, Seaboard National Bank, Bank of the Manhattan Company, Guaranty Trust Co., Bankers Trust Co., the American Exchange National Bank and the National Bank of Commerce. Mr. Outerbridge explained that he had made a hasty selection in inviting representatives of those banking institutions to the conference because of the necessity for immediate action, and that other banks might join the pool if they desired.

Representatives of all the banks to whom notice was sent accepted the invitation and were ready to come to the assistance of the State," Mr. Outerbridge said. "They were to meet the needs of the Federal Administration and of Governor Miller, as represented by myself. I may say they are doing this largely as a matter of public duty, as they will receive only simple interest on the money advanced."

INDIANA COAL OPERATORS TO MEET MINERS' REPRESENTATIVES.

Decision to meet with miners' representatives on Aug. 21 "for the purpose of making a contract to permit the mines in Indiana to resume operation" was reached by the scale committee of the Indiana Bituminous Coal Operators' Association at a meeting held on Aug. 16.

GOVERNOR MILLER TO CALL SESSION OF LEGISLATURE TO ACT ON COAL SHORTAGE.

Notwithstanding the indications point to a complete settlement of the bituminous coal strike, Governor Miller announced on Aug. 17 that he would call the Legislature in extraordinary session for Aug. 28 to consider means to relieve the coal shortage in this State. He considered that even if the coal strike was settled at once, five months' production had been lost and this would mean that a shortage would still exist and an extra session be necessary.

The Governor said:

"There is anthracite coal to distribute at the moment only in very limited quantities. I am satisfied, from the survey we have made, that it will be necessary to have some administration of the distribution and price of anthracite coal this winter, not that there is any occasion for any one to be alarmed, but we have practically lost five months of production, and what coal we do get from now on, if mining should be resumed, must be made to go just as far as possible. Without some power to control the situation, there would be at least a sufficient shortage so that the people who can pay the most would be the most likely to get the coal. While the emergency is not great enough to excite alarm, it is great enough to require some action by the State to protect the people, and at best we shall have to be very economical, and wherever it is practical to reduce the consumption of anthracite coal and to use substitutes. We undoubtedly will have to conserve all of the fuel that we have got."

MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS AUTHORIZED TO BUY COAL IN OPEN MARKET.

Appropriations amounting to \$1,242,000 were authorized on Aug. 17 by the New York Board of Aldermen to make purchases of coal during the present emergency. The appropriations were made with the understanding that city departments could go into the open market and buy their supplies without public letting. The Board was asked to appropriate \$500,000 to buy coal for distribution at cost among the needy. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Rules and Finance. The resolution authorizing the city departments to purchase coal without public letting was based on a request from Commissioner Grover A. Whalen, as Chairman of the Board of Purchase, for an appropriation of \$300,000 to buy coal in the open market. In his letter to the Aldermen Mr. Whalen said:

It has been impossible to obtain bids on contracts for coal for the different city departments. The reason for this is that owing to the present coal situation the coal dealers cannot put themselves under contract obligations, as they cannot be assured in any way that they will be able to make future deliveries.

It may be possible to buy lots of coal which become available through different sources from time to time. It is absolutely necessary that coal be obtained for the operation of the ferries, the pumping of water supply, hospitals and various other city institutions.

We therefore request that your honorable board grant permission to the Board of Purchase to buy coal in the open market in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

At the request of Commissioner Whalen the Board of Aldermen adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That in pursuance of the provisions of Section 419 of the Greater New York Charter, the Board of Purchase be and it hereby is authorized and empowered to purchase coal without public letting, for the Departments of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, Correction, Docks, Fire, Health, Police, Parks, Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, Plant and Structures, Public Welfare and Street Cleaning, and to expend such additional sums as may be necessary for its inspection, transportation, towing, lightering, docking, loading, hauling, unloading, bunkering, trimming and insurance to enable the departments to get the coal to their respective receiving and storing points, to an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

ANTHRACITE COAL CONFERENCE IN PHILADELPHIA.

Following the settlement of the bituminous coal strike at the Cleveland conference this week, anthracite miners and operators began conferences on Thursday, Aug. 17, at Philadelphia for the purpose of negotiating a new wage and working agreement in the hard coal fields. The conference was scheduled to start on Aug. 16, but was delayed a day at the request of John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers, who was unable to get away from Cleveland on the 16th, it was said, due to work in connection with the soft coal settlement. The invitation to the Philadelphia conference was sent on behalf of the operators by S. D. Warriner, Chairman of the General Policy Committee of the anthracite industry, on Aug. 14. Mr. Warriner's wire was as follows:

Aug. 13 1922.

John L. Lewis, Cleveland, Ohio.

On behalf of the anthracite operators I extend to you a cordial invitation to meet us in conference with a view to an early resumption of production in the anthracite field. I suggest Philadelphia as a suitable place for conference and Aug. 16 as a convenient time.

Our conception of the conference is that we should meet for a friendly discussion of the whole situation, including such specific proposals as either of us may desire to submit. We are glad, however, to express in advance our confident expectation that we can devise in conference a method of wage adjustment such that upon our agreeing to it we shall be able then to take the men back at the old wage scale until such adjustment actually takes place.

We are moved to send this invitation not merely by our own desires, but because the President of the United States has communicated through Senator Pepper an expression both of his wish that we should do so and of his hope that you will accept.

Let me assure you that our invitation is sent without any underlying reservations or conditions in full assurance when we meet we can work out a result at once protective of the public interest and satisfactory to the mine workers. We bespeak your acceptance in the same spirit. An early telegraphic reply will be appreciated.

S. D. WARRINER.

To the above Mr. Lewis replied with the following:

S. D. Warriner, Philadelphia, Pa.

On behalf of the United Mine Workers, as represented in the anthracite field, I am most pleased to accept the cordial invitation which you have extended to meet with the anthracite operators in Philadelphia on Wednesday, Aug. 16. The broad premises upon which you have based your invitation is commendable and augurs well for the success of the conference. I can assure you the representatives of the United Mine Workers will approach the conference in the same broad spirit with the keen determination to effectuate an adjustment mutually satisfactory to the public, the operators and the miners. I am sure that such a settlement will be a tremendous aid to our nation and its citizens in relieving public embarrassment and in restoring mutual confidence and respect.

JOHN L. LEWIS.

The President's communication to Senator Pepper is given under a separate heading elsewhere in these columns to-day.

An anthracite conference, it will be remembered, was to have taken place on Aug. 10, but due to the miners' refusal to respond to an invitation sent out by Mayor Durkan of Scranton the conference failed to materialize at that time. Subsequently spokesmen for the anthracite operators called on President Harding and asked him to use his good offices to bring about a separate settlement in the hard coal industry. At that time the bituminous operators and miners were conferring in Cleveland, and it appeared that the union wished to make the anthracite settlement dependent on that in the bituminous industry.

John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers, sent a telegram on Aug. 11 to the Scranton Board of Trade indicating the willingness of the miners to confer with the operators. Mr. Lewis's telegram was in response to the following from the Board of Trade:

There is already an overwhelming sentiment in this region in favor of a resumption of anthracite mining. The feeling is that after almost five months' suspension the anthracite miners should be permitted to compose their own differences independent of the bituminous field. This thought is constantly voiced by working men, business men and all elements of this community, which is suffering from a prolongation of the strike situation, which appears easily susceptible of adjustment. Cannot something be done at once?

Mr. Lewis's reply was as follows:

Replying to your wire, representatives of the United Mine Workers are not making anthracite negotiations secondary to bituminous negotiations, despite all reports to the contrary. We have understood attitude of anthracite operators to be that they would refuse to make any settlement in advance of base being made in bituminous. If this is not now true, and it is developed that anthracite operators are ready to go into direct negotiations with the United Mine Workers on the basis of the old wage

scale and demands of the Shamokin convention, we will be glad to attend a joint conference on any date designated by the anthracite operators representatives.

In an announcement preceding the Philadelphia conference this week the operators agreed to take back the miners at the old wage scale, while the miners waived their demand for a 20% increase. It was understood, however, that the operators would only extend the old wage scale agreement until next April, whereas the miners desired a long-term contract if they agreed to resume work at the former rate. The point was understood to have been made that if mining were to be resumed with the old scale standing only until April another suspension then might have to be faced. Mine workers' officials were said to be in favor of a two to three year agreement.

PRESIDENT HARDING'S LETTER TO SENATOR PEPPER URGING EARLY SETTLEMENT OF ANTHRACITE STRIKE.

S. D. Warriner, Chairman of the General Policy Committee of the anthracite operators, made public on Aug. 15 a copy of a letter sent by President Harding to Senator Pepper of Pennsylvania, urging the necessity of an early settlement of the hard coal strike. "No time is to be lost," the President said. "Even if production is resumed at once the future consequences of past delays must necessarily be serious, but, if there is any further delay we shall be in danger of nothing short of a nation-wide disaster." The President's letter read:

My Dear Senator Pepper:—I am told that Mr. Lewis has indicated willingness to confer at once with the anthracite operators in case they invite him to do so. I suggest to you, as the Senator from the State most directly concerned, that the operators will be acting in the public interest if they promptly send him a cordial invitation to attend a conference to be called by them at such time and place as they may choose, with a view to the immediate resumption of production in the anthracite field. I feel justified in making this suggestion, because these operators have manifested throughout a spirit of co-operation with the Administration in seeking a fair basis upon which to adjust the anthracite strike.

I understand that as a basis of conference Mr. Lewis stipulates for a return of the men at the old wage scale and the acceptance by the operators of the so-called Shamokin proposals. In extending their invitation I hope the operators will indicate a willingness to take the men back at the old scale till a commission or other agency has had an opportunity to examine into the whole situation.

As to the Shamokin proposals, I am hopeful that Mr. Lewis will regard them as proper for consideration at the conference rather than subjects of commitment in advance. I am hopeful of this because I credit both operators and miners with a sincere desire to resume anthracite production, and I am sure that neither will place any unnecessary obstacle in the way of fair adjustment.

As to the time, I hope that the conference will take place in the immediate future.

No time is to be lost. Even if production is resumed at once, the future consequences of past delays must necessarily be serious, but if there is any further delay we shall be in danger of nothing short of nation-wide disaster.

As to place, I suppose that there may be advantages in meeting somewhere in the anthracite region rather than in Washington.

The Mayors of several of the important cities in that region have assured me of an intense public sentiment among their people in favor of prompt settlement. It may be that in such an atmosphere the prospect of quickly reaching a fair adjustment would be bright. This, of course, is a point to be determined by those whose issue the invitation.

Sincerely yours,

WARREN G. HARDING.

COAL STRIKE IN NOVA SCOTIA.

A general strike of all miners of the Cape Breton district, Nova Scotia, became effective Aug. 15, orders having been sent out to all locals of the United Mine Workers, District 26, by President Baxter on the 14th. The message notified miners that a previous message announcing the recall of an order to strike on Aug. 15 had been rescinded. The strike is directed against the British Empire Steel Corporation, the men demanding a return to the 1921 scale of wages. After a long conference it had been announced that the operators and miners had compromised their differences, and it was a result of this meeting that the message calling off the Aug. 15 strike order was sent out.

George P. Graham, Minister of Militia and Defense, ordered on Aug. 16 a detachment of several hundred troops sent into the Glace Bay, N. S., coal mining district, to quell disturbances resulting from the strike of United Mine Workers of America. Minor clashes between strikers and volunteer workers had been frequent since the walkout, thirty-six hours ago, officials of the Glace Bay municipality reported to the Minister in requesting troops.

Under the authority of the Militia Act, and in response to a further requisition from the officer commanding the district, the Department of the Militia planned to send 500 additional troops to the disturbed mining areas in Nova Scotia, it was announced on the 17th. This will make

approximately 1,000 members of the permanent force, it was said, sent to the strike area.

Advices received from Calgary, Alberta, on the 17th inst. stated that the Western Canada Coal Operators' Association had made a new offer to miners of District 18 to resume work under the old working conditions at a reduction of 20% in wages. The agreement would run until March 1923, with the understanding that any schedule adopted subsequently by at least 80% of the United States coal operators would supersede it. The miners are reported to have the offer under consideration.

**WALK OUT OF UNIONS ON THE SANTA FE SYSTEM
—PRESIDENT HARDING'S CHARACTERIZATION
OF ACTION.**

One of the most deplorable incidents growing out of the shopmen's strike was the marooning of passengers of the overland trains of the Santa Fe System, following notice issued on the 10th inst. to the officials by local members of the "Big Four" Brotherhoods that until the road withdrew all guards from its property no more trains would be moved from Needles, Calif. On the 11th inst. it was stated that paralysis of the entire western territory of the system was imminent as a result of the sudden walkout of engineers, firemen, conductors and brakemen. President Harding took cognizance of the situation, when on the 13th inst. he addressed a telegram to Governor Campbell of Arizona offering the assistance of the Federal Government to relieve hardships among passengers on Santa Fe trains marooned at junction points. It was then reported in Washington press dispatches that some passengers, perhaps without the President's knowledge, had already been relieved by the movement of a Santa Fe train from Needles, Calif. and Union Pacific trains from Caliente and Las Vegas. The President's telegram said:

I am informed that several passenger trains on the Santa Fe Railway are marooned at junction points in your State because of their abandonment by their crews. It is the obligation of the Government to relieve the people who are thus shamefully subjected to hardships. If you have not facilities for the relief which I know you will gladly bestow, then any forces at the command of the Federal Government will be promptly ordered to your assistance. Kindly advise whether such assistance is needed.

On the previous day (the 12th inst.) it was announced that U. S. Attorney-General Daugherty had ordered the Federal District Attorney in Southern California to investigate and ascertain whether the abandonment of trains was the "result of conspiracies by those operating them or others to interfere with inter-State commerce and handling of the mails." In a statement regarding his action, the Attorney-General said:

It has been reported to this department from certain places, especially Southern California and Arizona on the Santa Fe system, that trains have been and are being abandoned by trainmen and employes. This has occurred at places most inconvenient to the traveling public (Needles, Cal., for instance), and not only results in interference with and obstruction to interstate commerce and the transportation of the mail, but in great suffering and distress among men, women and children who are passengers. After conference with the President I have wired to the United States Attorney at Los Angeles as follows:

"Report to United States District Judge any violations of injunctions and institute proper proceedings to hold violators for contempt. Investigate quickly and ascertain if abandonment of trains was result of conspiracies by those operating them or others to interfere with interstate commerce and handling of the mails.

"If proof sufficient present the matter to Grand Jury immediately.
"If Grand Jury not in session, present to court the necessity of calling special Grand Jury. Department will give you all necessary support and assistance. The interference with and abandonment of trains strongly indicate the existence of a conspiracy, and the Government will take all necessary steps to prevent its continuation or like conspiracies elsewhere. Advise me of results.

"H. M. DAUGHERTY, Attorney General.

"It is reported that twelve passenger and mail trains on the Santa Fe line in Southern California are tied up because of the refusal of members of the Big Four to move them. The reason given for such action was the danger to members from armed guards and defective engines. Seven trains were held up at Needles, three at Barstow, and two at Los Angeles. Hand grenades were thrown into the Santa Fe stockade at San Bernardino early this morning and an engine was run into a roundhouse turntable pit."

On the 12th inst. a press dispatch from Los Angeles said:

The tie-up of passenger trains on the Union Pacific Railroad resulting from the walkout of trainmen was broken this afternoon, according to an announcement at the office of W. H. Comstock, General Manager of the Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad. All trains were moving at 2 o'clock.

With the resumption of transcontinental train service on the Union Pacific, the Associated Press advices from San Francisco on the 12th inst reported the suspension of east bound trains on the Western Pacific. It was stated in a Los Angeles dispatch on the 12th that a plea that some attempt be made to send a Red Cross relief train to Seligman, Ariz., to rescue women and children marooned there as a result of the refusal of the big four brotherhood members to move Santa Fe trains, had been received by the Los

Angeles "Times" from Charles P. Reinger of this city, one of those marooned. Several women passengers were ill, according to Mr. Reinger's telegram, and many babies and children were suffering from the extreme heat and from lack of milk.

At Ogden, Utah, a number of travelers stranded as a result of the strike of Southern Pacific firemen sent the following telegram to President Harding on the 11th inst:

Limited trains tied up on account of strike, causing much distress to travelers, women and children. Civilized people have established courts to adjust disputes among men and the time has come to enforce their mandates must be promptly established to adjust industrial controversies among men. Strike means just what the word implies, force and violence, and the strikes must be prevented by law. We trust you will use prompt and vigorous means to protect the public welfare, oblige railroads to run and compel all organizations of capital and labor to adjust controversies in court.

A statement repudiating the developments on the Santa Fe was issued as follows at Cleveland on the 12th, by W. G. Lee, President of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

"I have wired all local and general Chairmen filing complaints of unsafe service with me to proceed as above outlined, and that my permission would be given for a peaceful withdrawal from service where, upon investigation by the general committee, positive proof of unsafe conditions was found.

"I have not passed authority to the individual members or local committees to decide for themselves whether the service as a result of the shopmen's strike was dangerous, but, instead, require the General Committee, which consists of at least one member from each terminal on a railroad, to meet and decide the question on the evidence furnished them, after which full authority to quit work, as our laws provide, will be granted if the committee requests it.

"My understanding is that the laws of the other transportation organizations in this respect are not as radical as the laws of the brotherhood, to the extent that, instead of a majority of the members of a general committee on a railroad being permitted to decide the question, the laws of all of the other transportation brotherhoods require more than a majority of the individual membership on the railroad to vote in favor of such strike.

"Myself and the entire membership of the brotherhood are as much in sympathy with the men on strike as are the members of any other organization. However, I am unwilling to take the position that the brotherhood has a recognized law governing the organization and at the same time give instructions that mean that each individual member can do as he pleases.

"The General Committee of the brotherhood for any railroad in the country can be convened within 24 or 48 hours, and if just grievances exist or if the service is dangerous as a result of armed guards or defective locomotives and equipment, such general committee can investigate and officially and constitutionally handle the subject as the brotherhoods' laws provide."

The following by Mr. Lee is taken from special advices from Cleveland, Aug. 12 to the New York "Times."

Mr. Lee said he had ordered the trainmen who quit on the Santa Fe Railroad in California and Arizona last night to return to work immediately. If they want to strike they must get the sanction of two-thirds of the members of their Grievance Committee and the Grand President, he said.

The brotherhood chief said the Grand Lodge had not sanctioned or approved the Santa Fe strike and could not be held responsible in any way for any delay in moving of United States mail trains. "The responsibility rests with the individual members, and then it is doubtful that there is sufficient law even to prosecute them," he added.

Our men can quit work on mail trains as well as a freight or any other kind of train," said Mr. Lee.

"There is nothing in the laws to prevent a man from quitting work if he wants to. Of course, there are penalties provided if our men abandon trains between terminals or along the road, but they can take their trains into any terminal where crews are changed and quit the job without fear of prosecution.

"We are not worried by the Federal statutes affecting the operation of mail trains. If the men have a just grievance and find it necessary to strike, and get proper approval, they will do so.

Has Adjusted Many Grievances.

"No strikes have been authorized by me since the shopmen's strike began," he added. "I have had hundreds of complaints, but these are being adjusted. The men have been restive, and many of them would quit in sympathy with the shopmen. But I am determined not to leave the question of strike to the individual members or local committeemen. What is the use of having a constitution or by-laws if we don't live up to them.

"I am determined to see that this rule from our by-laws and constitution is fully carried out: 'Failing to reach a satisfactory adjustment of grievances, the President of the Grand Lodge and General Grievance Committee or Board of Adjustment shall have authority to sanction a strike, that is, to approve of a concerted and peaceful withdrawal from the service of all members of the brotherhood employed in train or yard service on all or part of the road on which the grievance exists.'

Mr. Lee said if it was true that the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Enginemen had issued orders to their members giving them the right to quit work at their discretion because of danger from guards or troops on duty in connection with the shopmen's strike, he would have "to disagree with them."

"I cannot approve such a policy," he added. "I believe it is up to the trainmen to proceed along the orderly course. But this action must not be construed in any way as unsympathetic to the shopmen, as we believe in their cause and are backing them to a finish."

Mr. Lee said that every effort was being made to keep the trainmen on the job. He said that complaints were numerous and that it was difficult, but hoped to see the situation adjusted satisfactorily.

On the 10th inst. Mr. Lee in denying reports that he had telegraphed general Chairmen of his organization not to strike because of alleged abuses and insults to trainmen by armed guards and defective equipment on railroads, gave the following statement to the Associated Press at Cleveland:

The following telegraphic instructions have been sent to general Chairmen T. S. Jackson, Illinois Central RR.; August W. Icks, Chicago & North Western RR., and J. A. Coleman, Chicago Rock Island & Pacific RR., and will go forward to any and all general committees forwarding complaints to me that our membership is in danger on their road as a result of armed guards or defective locomotives and equipment.

If employment on your line is unbearable on account of conditions due to the shopmen's strike, your general committee should be convened, and

if a majority of such committee votes in favor of a strike, authority of the undersigned, as provided for in General Rule 9 of the constitution and general rules of the Brotherhood will be given.

I will not pass such authority to the individual members of the brotherhood or to local committeemen on any line.

It was pointed out that General Rule 9, referred to above, deals with procedure regarding adjustment of differences and grievances and, in part, is as follows:

Failing to reach a satisfactory adjustment of grievances the President of the Grand Lodge and general grievance committee or board of adjustment shall have authority to sanction a strike; that is, to approve of a concerted and peaceful withdrawal from the service of all members of the brotherhood employed in train or yard service on all or part of the road on which the grievance exists.

According to a press dispatch from Los Angeles on Aug. 12 D. E. Crayne, General Chairman at Los Angeles of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen, said in connection with the telegram from President Lee of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, that he "could not and would not order the men under his jurisdiction to return to work." On the 13th inst. San Francisco press advices stated:

The railroad strike situation cleared somewhat in the West to-day with the moving of passengers who had been marooned on desert points at Needles, Calif., and Callente and Las Vegas, Nev., and an announcement by the Western Pacific RR. Co. here that there was a possibility of its resuming operations in California to-night after an enforced suspension.

A demand that the chiefs of the "Big Four" brotherhoods take steps to immediately end what he denounced as the "lawless and inhuman violation of their contracts" by the train service crews of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway was made on the 14th inst. by A. G. Wells, Vice President of the road. In telegrams addressed to Warren S. Stone, head of the engineers; D. B. Robertson of the firemen; W. G. Lee of the trainmen and L. E. Sheppard of the conductors, Mr. Wells asked them whether they would get their men back to work, supply other men to take their places or "shall the company proceed at once to accept the only alternative left in its duty to the public and engage the services of men to fill the places of those on strike?" Mr. Wells's telegram in full is as follows:

Chicago, Aug. 14, 1922.

"Warren S. Stone, Grand Chief Engineer, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Cleveland, Ohio.

"D. B. Robertson, President, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, Cleveland, Ohio.

"W. G. Lee, President, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Cleveland, Ohio.

"L. E. Sheppard, President, Order of Railway Conductors, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

"I have Mr. Stone's message yesterday in answer to mine of the 12th, joint to him and Mr. Robertson, in which he refers to yours 13th, that it advises that he has instructed his Chairman to get on the ground and take charge of situation at Needles and also instruct Assistant Grand Chief Montgomery, who is now at Laramie, Wyo., to go to Needles at once, but no response from Mr. Robertson.

"I have also received advise from Mr. Sheppard that he had wired his general chairman, coast lines, to go where men are out and insist on their returning to work where reasonable guard duty is being maintained, and a very satisfactory assurance from Mr. Lee that he had advised general chairman and representatives brotherhoods, Bakerfield, Needles and other points affected, illegal or unauthorized strike would be not tolerated and that law of organization must be fully complied with before a cessation of work would have his approval and in the meantime his membership had been instructed to return to duty and perform usual and regular service.

"Since my telegram was sent to Messrs. Stone and Robertson the sympathetic and illegal strike has spread, now involving all divisions west of Albuquerque, excepting Valley, where we have notice they will go out after 10 o'clock evening of Aug. 15.

"At 7 o'clock last night our superintendent at Winslow, Arizona, was handed the following:

"Quote. Effective at 8 P. M., Aug. 13, 1922—Owing to the general unsafe conditions of equipment and improper brake inspections of trains, of which we have sufficient individual protests on file and copies sent to our general Chairman, we deem it necessary to withdraw our services from the A., T. & S. F. Railway at this point until equipment is placed in safe condition and competent men placed on inspection of trains satisfactory to the following general grievance committee of the coast lines, B. of L. F. and E., B. of L. E., O. R. C. and B. of R. T., and all men returned to work, with full seniority rights.

"(Signed)

"For Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, C. J. Willey, W. D. Wiley, George P. Sughraue.

"For Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, O. O'ohn, N. H. Sipe, F. C. Her.

"For Order of Railroad Conductors, E. J. Howard, C. J. Bullock, B. F. Evans.

"For Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Joe Voelker, I. H. Cockrum, W. V. Stanley, Unquote."

"It will be noted that in this ultimatum no reference is made to the objection to guards, which was the main causes of complaint in the Needles environment, but a new element is introduced, that of competent men to be employed for inspection of trains, which has no more foundation, in fact, than the claim of unsafe engines.

"Your attention is called to the language of the ultimatum delivered at Winslow and above quoted. It stipulates that certain conditions must be met satisfactorily to the General Grievances Committee of the Big Four. This warrants the deduction that the committee at Winslow is acting under the direction of the General Chairman and certainly constitutes an unwarranted and sympathetic strike approved by the four organizations in flagrant violation of your constituents' obligations under the existing agreements between this company and its train and engine service employees.

"I ask you each to declare whether you will immediately order, and require compliance with your order, that they shall return to work and perform their accustomed duties, advising them that failure to comply will result in your co-operation with the company to supply men to take the places which

they vacated, or shall the company proceed at once to accept the only alternative left in its duty to the public and engage the services of men to fill the places of those on strike? I desire an explicit answer on the point from you to-day."

Vice President Wells received at night the following answer to his telegram to W. G. Lee:

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 14, 1922.

"Your wire date. Deputy President MacKenzie left El Paso to-day for Albuquerque with instructions to go over coast lines to secure positive information conditions of employment and require enforcement of brotherhood laws. Have instructed Vice President Harvey, now at Kansas City, to enforce compliance with brotherhood laws on Santa Fe proper. Endeavoring to start Vice President Bannon from Chicago to coast lines at once.

"Have wired officers lodges at Albuquerque, Winslow, Gallup, Needles and San Bernardino along same lines as wired Duffy earlier. Instructing Vice President and local officers our lodges on the coast lines to require membership to perform usual and regular duties until authorized to quit according to constitution, and that failure to comply with brotherhood laws and working agreements means justifiable cancellation by the company of the working agreement in effect.

(Signed) W. G. LEE."

In denouncing on Aug. 13th, the action of members of the "Big Four" brotherhoods in abandoning through passenger trains at Needles and Barstow, Cal., and Seligman, Ariz., as a deliberate conspiracy, a violation of their solemn agreements with the railroad and an inhuman act, A. G. Wells, Vice President of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad said:

None of the reasons given for these lawless acts is valid. The Santa Fe has asked no man to take out unsafe equipment. It has no unsafe equipment and has been and is literally meeting all requirements of the Safety Appliance act. Inspectors of the Bureau of Safety of the Interstate Commerce Commission have made examinations recently of the Santa Fe power and have given the company a clean bill of health.

The sympathetic strikers have given no specifications as to unsafe equipment or other unsafe conditions in the environment where the strike took place. For justification of their lawless and inhuman conduct at Needles and other desert places they are driven to refer to some bomb throwing a few days ago at San Bernardino, 250 miles away from Needles, where the trouble has not been of a sort to induce train service men to refuse to perform their accustomed duties, and which incidentally occurred subsequent to the calling of the strike at Needles.

After abandoning trains filled with people, including the aged and infirm and women and children in the desert, with the mercury at 120 in the shade, the Strike Committee of the Big Four in session at Needles received a committee of five representing the marooned passengers, who asked them to move the trains to help the sufferers. They were told that not a damned wheel would turn until the Santa Fe removed the guards about its year s.

In addition to the indefensible treatment of the passengers, nearly 300 carloads of perishable products belonging to farmers are standing at Needles and other points and are fast deteriorating.

This sympathetic strike on the Santa Fe is not only a conspiracy, but it is also without the least substantial justification, actual conditions considered, and is the result of the brotherhood executives that men could leave their work if they considered conditions were hazardous, leaving the men themselves to be the judges of whether they would work or not, and in effect a practical invitation to them to do what they have done. I am advised that no responsible officer of the Big Four brotherhoods has been on the ground at Needles to learn true conditions.

The Santa Fe received last week from its connections and moved over its lines the largest number of loaded freight cars in its whole history, which is absolute proof of its perfect physical condition. The sympathetic and illegal strike has been called because the Santa Fe had won against the striking employes of the shopcrafts.

The people marooned at Needles, including those whose destinations were to eastern points, have been started back toward Los Angeles on a train manned by officials, which left Needles at 8:40 this morning.

The Associated Press, Washington dispatches, on August 15, in stating that heads of the brotherhoods of railroad operating employes were declared today by Warren S. Stone, Grand Chief of the Brotherhood of Engineers, to be "endeavoring to get the Santa Fe line opened up," reported Mr. Stone as saying:

"We have told our men not to violate their contract in any way and to continue serving on trains unless the equipment is unsafe. We are trying to help out there. I believe that the walkouts are due largely to local conditions. We are having the matter investigated."

The same advices stated:

Mr. Stone said that Western fruit growers had telegraphed a long protest to the brotherhood organizations concerning the strikes on the Western roads. He also asserted a response had been sent to A. G. Wells, Vice President of the Santa Fe, in his demands for the resumption of work by trainmen, but he did not make public the telegram.

L. E. Sheppard, chief of the Order of Conductors, also sent messages to his men in the West, seeking to induce them to return.

With reference to the walkouts in the West of crafts not on national strike, brotherhood leaders said all such walkouts were under investigation by representatives of the national organizations. The conductors and trainmen, it was explained, are not free to leave employment until committee action has been taken locally by their organizations, but the engineers, firemen and switchmen are permitted under the present orders of their chiefs to leave employment individually wherever they consider their "lives in danger" by the posting of railroad guards or the operation of equipment which they consider unsafe.

The following telegram from Mr. Stone, chief of the Brotherhood of Engineers, was received on Aug. 15 by A. G. Wells, Vice-President of the Santa Fe:

In reply to your message regarding situation on Santa Fe, I have wired all divisions of the B. of L. on Santa Fe proper and Santa Fe coast lines and to engineers' Chairmen on these properties that men will be expected to perform their usual duties and take out engines that they would have taken out under normal conditions.

I have told them that unless the men return to work their places will be filled. All concerned have been advised that there is no legal strike of the transportation brotherhoods.

Grand Officer Montgomery has been unable to reach either Las Vegas or Needles, and if possible I intend to assign another officer to cover that territory. I will appreciate it if your office will keep me advised of the situation.

WARREN S. STONE.

Under date of Aug. 15 a press dispatch from Nevada stated:

All passenger trains stalled on the lines of the Santa Fe Ry. by the walk-out of members of the Big Four were reported moving to-day, efforts were being made to move all freight tied up on the same line, and tension following the railroad labor troubles in the Southwest were expected to be lightened, according to dispatches from San Bernardino, Calif., announcing the end of the brotherhood strike here on the Union Pacific System.

Santa Fe officials planned to start at least one passenger train a day from Los Angeles to Chicago.

Investigation by Federal officials of the report that trains were abandoned at desert points, with resultant suffering to passengers, as a result of a conspiracy, was said to be progressing. Department of Justice agents were to begin an inquiry to-day at Needles, Calif.

Incidentally it may be noted that on the 11th inst. the marooned passengers of the Santa Fe were subjected to unwanted discomforts when the temperature registered 120. The denunciation of the train hands by the passengers is dealt with in a special dispatch to the New York "Times" Aug. 14 from Los Angeles, which we quote herewith:

Exhausted and on the verge of collapse from their enforced stay of nearly four days on the desert at Needles, 125 passengers on Santa Fe train No. 1, which had been stalled by the walk-out of the Big Four Brotherhoods, arrived here last night.

With unanimity equalled only by their bitterness, the passengers denounced what they termed the inhumanity of the railroad strikers who made the innocent traveling public the sufferers in their dispute with the Santa Fe.

"I am an old woman—too old to be made to suffer as I have on this trip because of greedy workers," Grandma Mallisa Woodon, a 95-year-old passenger taken from the train and placed in a wheel chair, stated last night.

Matron Young of the Santa Fe System assisted in carrying the elderly woman from the train. She was taken immediately to a local hotel. When she recovers sufficiently from heat prostration she will go to the home of relatives in Oakland.

J. N. Norris, 57 years old, a resident of Los Angeles, left here four days ago for the East, in search of better health. He came home worse than when he left. An ambulance met him at the station. He was too weak to walk, being carried out of the coach on a stretcher and then transferred immediately to his home, under the care of a physician. Because of his critical condition, due to the unbearable heat in Needles, a nurse was obtained in San Bernardino to accompany him on the remainder of the trip.

"It is horribly inhuman to inflict such suffering upon innocent people," declared a sister of the sick man. "He was going East for his health, and was made worse here in his own State because of selfish people. It is cruel and unjust."

"Hospitality was offered by some of the strikers," said Mrs. A. R. Vilven of Kansas City, who was delayed in Needles on her way here. "Some of the strikers opened up their homes to the passengers and invited them to take what comforts they could," Mrs. Vilven said last night. "I don't think any of the passengers accepted their hospitality for fear the train might move out and they would be left. Anyway, we preferred to sleep in the open, where it was perfectly safe and much cooler. It certainly was some experience, but still when I left home I never dreamed of experiencing such a miserable episode in California."

Temperature 130 in the Cars.

No one escaped the effects of the terrible heat. For the most part, the mercury hovered around 120 outside, but inside the cars it appeared to be stationary at 130. Sleep in the trains was virtually impossible. Most of the passengers attempted to catch a wink of sleep on the lawn of a park near the railway station.

A committee composed of the Rev. J. Early, M. A. McDonald, George Whitney, E. Artberg of Stockholm, Sweden, and C. J. Wolentarky of Cincinnati, who was Chairman, waited on J. A. Christie, Superintendent of the Arizona Division of the Santa Fe, Saturday, and appealed for relief for the stalled passengers. Mr. Christie replied that the men who had walked out would do nothing to aid in remedying the situation.

Finally, a train with two engines was made up and J. A. Puilar, master mechanic, of Los Angeles, with headquarters in San Bernardino, volunteered to act as engineer. George Anderson, railroad foreman of engineers at San Bernardino, volunteered to handle the throttle on the second engine. "Shorty" Underwood, an Arizona Division conductor, joined these two for the trip from Needles to Bagdad, a water tank station on the desert. A guard, armed with a Winchester rifle, stood at the rear of the train. Assistant General Manager J. H. Hitchcock of the Santa Fe coast lines, who went to Needles by automobile on Saturday, accompanied the train as far as Bagdad.

Other passengers who suffered were Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Heine, Cincinnati, Ohio, en route to Oakland with their three little daughters, and Mrs. Herring, age 75, Mrs. Heine's mother. These six drove by automobile from Ashfork, Ariz., to Bagdad, catching the train there. At Needles the three girls were taken ill, but had partly recovered upon their arrival here.

Mr. McDonnell, a member of the committee who sought relief of Superintendent Christie, and a committee of the Big Four Brotherhoods, upon arrival said: "The railroad officials treated us all right, and did all in their power to relieve the suffering from the heat, and finally secured a relief train, for which we thanked Mr. Christie most sincerely. The striking railroad men treated us as outcasts. They answered our requests to remove the trains and relieve suffering with the reply: 'Go to hell.'"

Mr. McDonnell said the attitude of the Big Four men was such that they would not even listen to the appeals of the marooned passengers.

Jack Ryan of Los Angeles, who, though on his way to New York, returned to this city, declared: "I am thoroughly disgusted with the unions and men who are responsible for our inexcusable detention. The sanitary conditions at Needles were greatly taxed."

RAILWAY EXECUTIVES' ACCEPTANCE OF PRESIDENT HARDING'S PROPOSAL FOR SUBMISSION OF SENIORITY QUESTION TO RAILROAD LABOR BOARD.

While the railway executives at their conference in this city last Friday (Aug. 11) "with practical unanimity responded favorably to the President's call that the seniority question be left to the United States Railroad Labor Board,"

the shopmen unanimously declined President Harding's invitation to return to work and leave to the Labor Board the questions of seniority. The railway executives presented their conclusions to President Harding on the 12th inst., but announcement as to their stand was not made public until the 13th inst. Two reports resulted from last Friday's meeting of the railway executives; the majority report in agreeing that the decision on the question of seniority be left with the Labor Board further agreed that "all former employees who have not been guilty or proven violence . . . shall be assigned to their former positions where vacancies exist," and that "where the positions they formerly held have been filled other employment of the same class will be found for such employees as have committed no acts of proven violence." The minority report, while agreeing to the submission of the seniority issue to the Labor Board, declared only for the re-employment of former employees not guilty of violence where vacancies exist. The following is the statement issued on Aug. 13 by Thomas De Witt Cuyler, Chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, regarding the majority and minority conclusions:

At the meeting of the railroads in New York on Friday, Aug. 11 1922, they with practical unanimity responded favorably to the President's call that the seniority question be left to the United States Railroad Labor Board.

Approximately three-quarters of the mileage responded favorably to his call that all striking shop craftsmen be re-employed, and the balance that all such strikers be re-employed as far as practicable.

The resolutions acted on by the meeting have been submitted to the President.

The following resolutions were adopted by roads having a mileage of 151,824 miles:

"The telegram of the President, dated Aug. 7 1922, having been considered, and in response to his call to the carriers and the striking workmen, the following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, That the proposal of the President to the striking workmen to return to work, and to the carriers to assign them to work, leaving the disputed question of seniority to the Labor Board under the provisions of the Transportation Act for decision, be accepted, understanding as we do that such acceptance involves no surrender of the principles with respect to seniority adopted by the carriers on Aug. 1 1922, but recognizes that the proposal of the President invokes the jurisdiction of the Labor Board under the Transportation Act to pass upon the relative seniority of those loyal employees who have remained at work and those new employees who have since accepted service (the rights of both of which classes to seniority we feel bound in justice to defend before the Labor Board) with the strikers who may re-enter the service under the proposal of the President. Therefore, be it further

"Resolved; (a) All former employees who have not been guilty of proven violence against the employees or property of the railroad shall be assigned to their former positions where vacancies exist.

"(b) Where the positions they formerly held have been filled, other employment of the same class will be found for such employees as have committed no acts of proven violence against the employees or the property of the railroad.

"(c) If, after these men have been assigned, questions of seniority arise with them which cannot be settled locally, they will be referred to the United States Railroad Labor Board for review. Further

"Resolved, That the strike is to be called off, with the understanding and agreement by all parties that no intimidation nor oppression shall be practiced or permitted as against any of the employees who have remained or have taken service, or against those who may return to service under the proposal of the President."

The following minority report was supported by roads having a mileage of 57,222 miles:

"Resolved, That the Chairman be authorized to reply to the President's telegram of August 7 that the railroads represented at this meeting are willing that:

"(a) All former employees who have not been guilty of violence against the employees or the property of the railroads shall be assigned to their former positions where vacancies exist.

"(b) If after these men have been assigned, questions of their seniority arise which cannot be settled locally, they shall be referred to the United States Railroad Labor Board for review.

"(c) In agreeing to submit questions of seniority as provided above to the United States Railroad Labor Board for review, it is understood that neither the railroads nor the employees shall be deprived of the right of review by the courts of such decisions if they affect agreements in existence between any railroad and its employees."

On Aug. 14 the New York "Times" said:

The principal and larger roads that voted for the minority report in favor of limited acceptance were the Atlantic Coast Line, the Delaware & Hudson, the Central of New Jersey, the Lackawanna, the Lehigh Valley, Louisville & Nashville, the Missouri Kansas & Texas, the Missouri Pacific, the Pennsylvania, the Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis, the Pere Marquette, the Richmond Fredericksburg & Potomac, the Texas & Pacific and the Wabash. There were a number of smaller roads in the list.

The larger roads voting in favor of full acceptance of the President's proposal were the Santa Fe, Baltimore & Ohio, Chesapeake & Ohio, Chicago & North Western, Burlington, Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul, Rock Island, Erie, Grand Trunk, Great Northern, Illinois Central, New York Central, Norfolk & Western, Northern Pacific, Philadelphia & Reading, Frisco system, Southern Pacific and Union Pacific. There were a number of smaller roads also lining up with this position.

While it was stated in Associated Press dispatches from Washington Aug. 14 that the railway executives indicated through an authorized spokesman that they expected the Government would not attempt further compromise in the situation, the union leaders declared that mediation and compromise efforts would still be continued with officials of the four brotherhoods of train service men acting as a committee to go between the striking shop craft representatives

on the one hand and the Government or the railroads on the other. Elsewhere we refer to the request made by the union leaders for a conference anew with the railroad executives, and we also give in another item the reply of the shopmen to President Harding. In a Washington dispatch Aug. 12 the New York "Times" had the following to say regarding last Friday's conference of the railway executives:

Something about what happened at the railway executives' meeting in New York on Friday was revealed to-day when the committee of executives met President Harding this afternoon.

Among other things the fact came out that the vote of the executives in New York was 195 to 71 in favor of unconditional acceptance of his proposal of Aug. 7 for settlement of the strike.

This resulted in the preparation of two reports which were handed today to the President on behalf of the executives. Five members of the Executive Committee joined in supporting the majority report, which was handed to President Harding by Howard Elliott, Chairman of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company.

The minority report, on behalf of those who voted against acceptance of the President's call to take the strikers back to work, was signed by two members of the committee and was presented by W. W. Atterbury, Vice-President of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The President was told on behalf of the 195 who favored acceptance of his proposal that the heads of all the roads represented were willing to give employment to the returning strikers on their roads, and stood ready to have the seniority question handled by the Railway Labor Board.

On the other hand, the President was informed that the minority, while unwilling to furnish employment for all the strikers who had quit on their roads, would give employment only to the extent that men are needed. They did not feel that they could take back all who had struck on their roads, because there were not positions enough for them.

Practically all Western roads, including the Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Great Northern, Chicago & North Western, Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul, voted for acceptance of the President's proposal. The Southern Railway indicated that it would act in accord with the majority report although that road was not a member of the executives' conference. The B. & O. system likewise threw its strength in favor of the majority.

The roads represented among the 71 in the negative included the New England lines, Pennsylvania, the Lehigh Valley, Delaware & Hudson and Central of New Jersey. The Missouri Pacific was the only Western line voting with the negatives.

Information furnished the correspondent of the New York "Times" is that the members of the committee representing those who approved the President's proposal unconditionally were, besides Mr. Elliott, President Smith of the New York Central, President Kruttschnitt of the Southern Pacific, President Holden of the Burlington, and President Markham of the Illinois Central.

There is no foundation, according to a statement made to-night, for the report that the minority after being out-voted agreed to abide by the action of the majority. The fact is that the vote could not bind the railway presidents as a body.

But the meaning of the vote is explained as being that all the roads represented by the majority vote were ready to give employment for returning strikers on their roads, regardless of whether they had places for them, while the roads represented by the minority did not feel that they should discharge men to make way for returning strikers, or bear the extra expense of giving positions to strikers beyond the extent to which work could be found for them.

It was stated that those who represented the majority, provided the settlement was reached, would be able to give positions to about two-thirds of the strikers that return, and that roads voting in the minority would find places for part of the other third of those who walked out.

Incidentally it may be recorded that L. F. Loree, President of the Delaware & Hudson RR., stated last week prior to the conference on the 11th inst., that "the men with whom I have discussed the President's latest proposal feel the same regarding it as I do, that is, that it demands a complete surrender of the position of the railroad presidents as stated at the last meeting." Mr. Loree was further reported as saying "the outcome of the meeting will depend on whether or not these executives have the courage to maintain the stand they took at the previous meeting."

SHOPMEN'S DECLINATION OF PRESIDENT HARDING'S PROPOSAL TO SUBMIT SENIORITY ISSUE TO RAILROAD LABOR BOARD.

Coincident with the issuance of the reply of the striking shopmen, in which they "unanimously declined" to accept President Harding's proposal of the 7th inst. (indicated in our issue of last week, page 719) that the striking railroad employees return to work and leave to the Railroad Labor Board the seniority question, it was made known that the leaders of the "Big Four" brotherhoods had requested that the railway executives agree to a conference for a settlement of the strike issues. This conference, held on Thursday, is dealt with in another item. The overtures to the railway executives by the brotherhood leaders came after President Harding had on Aug. 14 declined the petition of representatives of the striking unions to use his influence to again bring together the representatives of the carriers and the unions. The reply of the shopmen rejecting President Harding's proposal was made public on the 15th inst. by Bert M. Jewell, President of the Railway Employees Division of the American Federation of Labor. Its issuance had been preceded by conferences in Washington last week between representatives of the striking shop crafts and heads of the brotherhoods and other railroad labor organizations, besides the conferences last Saturday and subsequent days which

leaders of the railroad labor organizations had with President Harding. In declining to submit the seniority issue to the Railroad Labor Board the shopmen declare that "seniority was not and is not now an issue or a dispute in this strike." They contend that the authors of the Transportation Act have "stated that there is no penalty in the Transportation Act against employees who strike when an injustice is done through a decision of the Railroad Labor Board." President Harding's proposal of the 7th inst. is declared by the shopmen "impracticable and would create a chaotic condition because of the undetermined seniority status of the employees." The reply in full follows:

RAILWAY EMPLOYEES' DEPARTMENT OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR.

The President, the White House, Washington, D. C. Aug. 11 1922.

My Dear Mr. President:—We are in receipt of your telegram of August 7, referring to your message to us of July 31, and our reply of August 2.

In your telegram of Aug. 7 you request that striking railroad employees return to work and leave to the decision of the Railroad Labor Board, after they have returned to work, the question of seniority as covered in the third paragraph of your telegram of July 31.

This request has been fully considered by the Executive Council of the Railway Employees' Department, who represent the railway employees effected, and you are hereby advised that the proposal contained in your telegram of Aug. 7 has been unanimously declined for, among others, the following reasons:

1. On July 31 you submitted to the representatives of the railway employees in question and to the railway managers "the terms of agreement upon which the railway managers and United Shopcraft workers are to unite preliminary to calling off the existing strike."

Your terms of agreement above referred to were accepted by the representatives of the employees. On the seniority question your terms of agreement were, all employees now on strike to be returned to work to their former positions with seniority and other rights unimpaired. The representatives of the carriers and the representatives of the organizations, especially agree that there will be no discrimination by either party against the employees who did or did not strike. This clearly provides that the seniority question was to be settled before the employees returned to work. Your proposal of Aug. 7 is that it be agreed to, or rather disposed of, only after they have returned to work.

This strike cannot be, and no other railroad strike has been, settled until it was agreed that all employees on strike are to be returned to work and to their former positions with seniority and other rights unimpaired.

2. Seniority was not, and is not now, by right, an issue or a dispute in this strike. The authors of the Transportation act have, on many occasions, stated that there is no penalty in the Transportation act against employees who strike when an injustice is done through a decision of the Railroad Labor Board. Admittedly, they have the right to strike and, therefore, they do not forfeit their standing as railroad employees because they strike. Any other construction of the law would read into the Transportation act a penalty which is not contained therein.

3. On Aug. 2 we acquiesced in the terms of agreement which you declared to be just, fair and reasonable, and we are willing now, in the interest of all concerned, to settle the strike in accordance with the terms of that agreement. We are, of course, unable to understand why, after we had accepted your own terms of agreement, you should now request us to accept a proposal which is directly in conflict with your former proposed agreement.

4. Your latest proposal is impracticable and would create a chaotic condition because of the undetermined seniority status of the employees. Railroad employees are ever mindful of the public interest. They have accepted your own terms of agreement, which called for no sacrifice on the part of the railroad executives, but which did require that the employees make a concession of practically every issue which brought about the strike. We have repeatedly called attention to the fact that the campaign against the organized railroad employees was a part of the general open shop drive, and, if press statements are correct, the managers of some of the railroads the last few days have frankly admitted that they do not desire at this time to settle the strike, but hope to be permitted to continue their efforts to disintegrate the organizations of railroad employees.

Sincerely and cordially yours,

WILLIAM H. JOHNSON,

International President, International Association of Machinists;

J. A. FRANKLIN,

International President, International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Shipbuilders and Helpers;

JAMES W. KLINE,

General President, International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths, Drop Forgers and Helpers;

J. J. HYNES,

International President, Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers' International Alliance;

JAMES P. NOONAN,

International President, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers;

MARTIN F. RYAN,

General President, Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America;

TIMOTHY HEALY,

President, International Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen and Oilers;

B. M. JEWELL,

President, Railway Employees' Department.

The above reply was accompanied by a statement by Mr. Jewell saying:

The Association of Railway Executives have again, in their letter of Aug. 11, declined to accept the President's proposition of Aug. 7. They have not even agreed to permit all employees now on strike to return to work.

The railroad managements apparently intend to be the court, judge and jury for the trial and conviction of those employees whom they do not intend shall return to work.

On the 8th inst., in reporting Mr. Jewell as stating that the shopmen would go back if the Government took over all the roads, a Washington dispatch to the New York "Tribune" said:

Even seized by the Government of the railroads which form the distributing system for the coal fields, which President Harding is said to contemplate if his attempts to settle the rail strike fail, will not bring a break in the shopmen's walk-out on these roads, Bert M. Jewell, leader of the strike, said to-night.

"If the Government should take over all the roads and offer all the men their old jobs, we would agree to end the strike," he said. The union, he declared, could not afford to break down its own strike by agreeing to a resumption of work by scattered groups of employees on individual roads. The pursuit of such a course by the Government would give it the role of "strike breaker," he said.

On the 9th inst. a telegram had been sent to Mr. Jewell by David Williams, Secretary of the Central Strike Committee in New York, endorsing the stand of Mr. Jewell "in refusing to accept the compromise proposition of President Harding." This telegram read:

Aug. 9 1922.
B. M. Jewell, care William H. Johnson, Machinists' Building,
Washington, D. C.:

In behalf of thousands of striking railway shopmen in the New York district we endorse your stand in refusing to accept the compromise proposition of President Harding. Located in a district directly exposed to the poison gas as represented by the lying propaganda of the railway executives, our members have stood the attack without faltering and the morale of the strikers is perfect.

These men have witnessed our so-called American railway executives hire cheap Chinese, Hindu and negro labor to try to break the strike, and under no circumstances will these former soldiers agree to allow this conglomeration of unskilled foreign workmen to be considered as the favored employees of the railroads in order to gratify the autocratic desire of the American railway kaisers for a condition of industrial slavery for railway employees.

Let us assure you again we want no compromise, and urge that the fight be fought to a finish right now on its merits, and the present Administration in control of our Government be forced to show whether it stands for real Americanism or the brand of Americanism represented by a few hard-boiled railroad officials who would wreck our entire country in their lust for power.

DAVID WILLIAMS,
Secretary for New York District Committee.

At the same time Mr. Williams issued a statement saying:

"The committee has been flooded with protests from strikers on all roads in this district against any acceptance of the President's latest proposal for a settlement. The men won't stand for a settlement that does not guarantee their seniority. They know the future of their organization depends on this point.

"The President's first proposal protected the men on seniority. The unions accepted it, but the executives turned it down.

"The latest proposal puts this issue up to the Labor Board. But the board ruled against the men on this very point after the strike was called, and cannot be expected now to reverse itself. The men can't see why they should be penalized because the executives set themselves against the Government in rejecting the first proposal.

"Even if we wanted to, we couldn't drive the men back to the shops on any such terms. The men are full of fight. The last two days has convinced us of that."

That there is much concern among the strikers over reports that Congress may be asked by the President to invest the Railroad Labor Board with mandatory powers, was disclosed by John J. Dowd, Chairman of the Central Strike Committee. He said:

"Our position is stronger today than it has been at any time since the strike began. The railroad executives are sitting on a volcano. The walk-out of the train crews such as occurred on the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern might happen day on several roads entering New York.

"Both strike guards and defective equipment might precipitate a strike. State militia are not used in this district. So-called private police and United States marshals are on guard around local railroad property. But a large number of these men . . . have already given train crews considerable trouble in this district.

"The walkout of so-called maintenance of way men on the Jersey Central at Ashley was not a strike of roadway men, but firemen and oilers, who happened to be members of the Maintenance of Way Union. These men clean, fire and oil the engines between runs. Their absence will seriously cripple service at this point.

"Talk of legislation at Washington which will limit the right to strike or turn the Labor Board into a compulsory arbitration board is causing a great deal of comment among strikers in this district. The men are absolutely opposed to any such un-American denial of freedom. The only action by Congress looked upon with favor by railroad workers would be a bill empowering the President to take over the railroads and settle the dispute along the lines of his original proposal."

On the 11th inst. following meeting in Washington on that day of the heads of the railroad labor organizations the statement was made by Martin F. Ryan, head of the Car-men's Brotherhood, which among the striking organizations numbers, it is said, the most men, "Now that it's come down to a question of seniority retention it isn't the shopmen's fight. It's the fight of every labor organization in the railroad service." The only brotherhood chief official missing from the gathering was W. G. Lee, of the trainmen. His place was taken by W. N. Doak, a vice-president of the order.

On the 11th inst., Warren S. Stone, head of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, in stating that the drafting of the shopmen's reply would be left to Mr. Jewell and his associates, was also reported in a Washington dispatch to the New York "Times" as stating:

"The situation is growing worse. Our men cannot be expected to put up with guns placed against their stomachs by armed guards in the railroad yards. Three engineers already have been killed by guards. The condition of equipment is serious. At least 50% of the locomotives now in use are being operated in violation of safety laws.

"We have had no policy of intervening in this strike. Nor have we had any policy of trying to help the shopmen win this strike by joining it. We are only seeking to protect ourselves, but unless there is an improvement in conditions, the numbers of those quitting will increase. Thousands of our men who are now working would have come out long ago if our officers had not restrained them. These men are now reaching the limit of their endurance, and unless conditions grow better it will be impossible for anybody to restrain them from coming out for good.

"It should be remembered that an engineer is a man who has worked up to his position through long years of effort. It means everything to him to hold that position and not risk it through any hasty action. Therefore, when an engineer says he is going to quit, it means that something very big is pushing him."

In addition to Messrs. Jewell and Stone, those attending the Washington meeting on the 11th inst., were, according to the New York "Times":

D. B. Robertson, President, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen; L. E. Sheppard, President, Order of Railway Conductors; J. W. Kline, President, Brotherhood of Blacksmiths; W. H. Johnston, President, Association of Machinists; J. A. Franklin, President, Brotherhood of Boilermakers; James Burns, Vice-President, Sheet Metal Workers' Alliance; James J. Noonan, President, Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; Martin F. Ryan, President, Brotherhood of Railway Carmen; T. C. Cashen, President, Switchmen's Union; E. H. Fitzgerald, President, Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks; E. J. Manion, President, Order of Railroad Telegraphers; E. F. Grable, President, Maintenance of Way Employees; D. W. Helt, President, Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen; Timothy Healy, President, Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen and Oilers; and W. N. Doak, Vice-President, Brotherhood of Trainmen.

NEW YORK CONFERENCE OF BROTHERHOOD HEADS AND RAILROAD EXECUTIVES.

Following the failure of the Washington conferences early in the week to effect a settlement of the differences of the striking shopmen and the carriers, discussions toward an adjustment of the disputed issues have since taken place in New York. The proposals for the taking up anew of the conferences came, it is understood, from the leaders of the "Big Four" brotherhoods, whose request therefor to the executives came after the rejection by the striking shopmen of President Harding's proposal to submit the seniority issue to the U. S. Railroad Labor Board, and the President's subsequent declination of the petition of the railroad labor organization heads that he bring about a new conference with the railroad executives. On the 15th inst., in its reference to the proposed intention of President Harding to lay before Congress the railroad strike situation, the New York "Times" in a Washington dispatch also alluded to the further conference sought by the union heads, saying:

Following an announcement at the White House to-day that President Harding within the next forty-eight hours would lay the railway strike situation before Congress and the country, the Administration began an effort obviously designated to permit Government operation of the railroads which are unable to operate efficiently on account of strike conditions.

At the instance of Government officials acting for the President, railroad executives are to consider the advisability of consenting to a proposal that such railroads as are unable to operate effectively shall be managed under Government receiverships, which means that they would have the full protection of the Federal authorities. Full protection is to be promised also to roads remaining under private control.

Practically coincident with these developments, announcement was made by Warren S. Stone, Grand Chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, one of the peace intermediaries of the non-striking organizations, that the strike leaders and representatives of the non-striking brotherhoods had asked T. De Witt Cuyler, Chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, for another conference between the members of the association and the representatives of railway workers. Mr. Stone expressed the opinion that Mr. Cuyler would accept, and later it was announced that Mr. Cuyler had accepted for his associates. The conference will be held in New York on Thursday afternoon.

Unions submit a Proposal.

Acceptance of the invitation to renew conferences between the railway executives and the strike leaders and the fraternal advisers was dependent upon the latter submitting some definite proposal for discussion. Mr. Stone had been assured that if this definite proposal was forthcoming from the representatives of the strikers the invitation would be accepted. In that knowledge, the strike leaders decided to propose that the troublesome seniority question, which produced the deadlock between the executives and the railway unions, be adjusted along the following lines:

1.—Men on strike shall be reinstated and shall take position with regard to seniority rights immediately after employees who remained loyal to the railroads.

2.—New men, employed to take the places of strikers, shall take position as to seniority rights immediately after the reinstated strikers.

Whether this proposal will be acceptable to the railway executives cannot be indicated with any accuracy until after the executives have had an opportunity of discussing it thoroughly.

The conferences in New York, which began on Thursday, adjourned yesterday (Aug. 18) until the coming week. Two announcements regarding the conference were issued by T. De Witt Cuyler, Chairman of the Association of Railway Executives; the first on the 17th inst. said:

A conference was held this afternoon between a committee of the carriers and the heads of the five train service organizations, who wished it to be distinctly understood that they appeared as mediators of their own motion. A discussion of the present railroad situation, so far as it relates to the shopcraft strike took place. The questions involved were discussed with the earnest desire to arrive at a solution of the problem, if possible. No definite conclusion was arrived at, and the conference was adjourned until to-morrow morning.

The following is yesterday's (Aug. 18) statement of Mr. Cuyler:

The conferences between the leaders of the five train service organizations, acting as mediators, and a committee of railway executives, have been adjourned until some day next week not yet designated. Prior to further conferences the committee of railway executives will consider further the suggestions made and consult with their associates. The discussions which have taken place have been marked by commendable public spirit and frankness on both sides, and this recess is taken without any diminution of this attitude.

RESOLUTION OF MAINTENANCE OF WAY MEN IN NEW YORK FOR WALKOUT ON ERIE AND PENNSYLVANIA.

At a meeting of the New York District Council of Maintenance of way employees, a resolution was adopted demanding the issuance by E. F. Grable, President of the Maintenance of Way Employees, of a strike order on the Pennsylvania and Erie railroads. The following is the resolution:

Whereas, In the present labor crisis, various railroads throughout the Eastern section of the country have arbitrarily refused to abide by the understanding, arrived at between our Grand President E. F. Grable, the United States Railroad Labor Board, and railway executives, or have ignored the same, and

Whereas, In particular the Pennsylvania and Erie Railroads, have made themselves conspicuous by this arbitrary attitude in ignoring any and all requests made to comply with the laws of the land, i. e., the decision of the board, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this New York District Council composed of representatives of maintenance of way men on all railroads entering New York, the tideswaters, go on record as demanding that all employees under our jurisdiction on any railroad that refuses to comply with the decisions of the board, or the understanding arrived at with our Grand President Grable, be immediately called on strike and remain thus until all grievances of all employees now on strike or that may hereafter be called out in the same conflict are returned to their present and former positions, with seniority and all other rights unimpaired and be it further.

Resolved, That without further request of negotiations or compromise the Erie and Pennsylvania employees be called out, with the understanding above stated, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Grand President Grable, a copy spread upon the minutes and a copy given to the daily press.

The resolution was signed by five members of the District Council—Leslie Miller, T. J. Cremins, T. Kenison, A. Haas and T. J. Endean.

In its issue of Aug. 14 the New York "Tribune" said:

F. D. Underwood, President of the Erie, denied that his road had refused to confer with their employees, either before or after the strike. He added, however, that the Erie does not desire to confer with union officials who are not employed by the company.

"If President Grable issues a strike order our men will not go out," was his confident prediction.

Union officers say that the total number of maintenance of way workers in the New York District total 75,000.

On July 4 an agreement was reached between the union and the roads for joint conferences on a revision of wages and working conditions. In case of failure to agree such cases were to be taken before the United States Railroad Labor Board, and pending negotiations strike orders were to be withheld. This action on the part of President Grable averted a nationwide strike on Independence Day.

The maintenance of way men here say that the Erie and the Pennsylvania systems have failed to observe this agreement and that the only means left for them is to strike. They want to go out to-day.

It is stated that the maintenance of way men on the two roads number about 20,000.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES UPHOLDS THE STRIKERS

[From the New York "Times" of Aug. 16.]

The course taken by the leaders of the railroad shop crafts strike apparently is upheld in a formal statement made public yesterday by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, an organization which describes itself as "officially representing most of the Protestant denominations in the United States." The statement was sent out by the Research Department of the Commission on the Church and Social Service of the Federation, with headquarters at 105 East 22d St. It is one of the first statements on an industrial controversy to be made by a confederation of churches since the Interchurch World Movement issued its report in 1920, attacking the United States Steel Corporation and other large steel companies and criticizing the press and the church generally in connection with the steel strike of 1919.

"To accept the President's proposal and arbitrate seniority," says the statement, "would be virtually to arbitrate the right to strike, which has at no time hitherto been called in question under the law. Seniority carries with it so much in the way of security of tenure and other privileges connected with working rules that the structure of the railroad unions is in large measure dependent on it.

"The older and more powerful railroad brotherhoods are giving their moral support to the strike in the belief that if the shop crafts should be beaten every organization would in due course meet the same fate. Regardless of their motives, the policy of the companies has been such as to reinforce these apprehensions.

"The arming of undisciplined men, who are too ready to assert their authority and to use their guns, is a further source of bitterness and danger. The menace of the situation has caused a storm of protest from train service men and is undoubtedly responsible for many temporary withdrawals from service.

"There has been a disposition on the part of many of the executives and the press to insist that the issue be determined on the basis of promises of permanent employment given to the new men.

"The shopmen take quite a different view of the matter. They regard these promises simply as a part of the tactics of the contest, and as inevitably conditioned, in the mind of every one, on a victory for the executives."

N. Y. STATE FARM BUREAU FEDERATION PETITIONS PRESIDENT HARDING FOR ACTION BY CONGRESS TO END COAL AND RAIL STRIKES.

A telegram was sent to President Harding on Aug. 14 by the New York State Farm Bureau Federation, through its President, S. L. Strivings, which, in taking cognizance of the effect of the rail and coal strikes, declares that if there is no efficient law to end these interruptions to business "Congress should consider the enactment of necessary legislation. The telegram follows:

Warren G. Harding, President—The general welfare is paramount. Mining and transportation are vital to the general welfare. The New

York State Farm Bureau federation believes those engaged in these occupations should submit to such government regulation and control as will secure their continuance and operation on terms comparable with other business. And if there is no efficient law to this end we believe congress should consider the enactment of necessary legislation. The farmers challenge all good citizens to join them in economical production and in obedience to law.

(Signed), S. L. STRIVINGS.

N. Y. TRUST CO. SEES PUBLIC AS VICTIM OF ANY SETTLEMENT IN COAL STRIKE.

Commenting on the coal strike settlement, the "Index," issued on Aug. 16 by the New York Trust Co., says:

"That the public—the consumers—will be the victims of any settlement that is arrived at is inevitable. The best that can be expected is that the workers will go back to the mines on the basis of the inflated scale of wages paid prior to April 1, and that then—and before another strike becomes menacing—some means will be found for the fixing of a wage scale and working conditions fair alike to the worker, to the operators and to those who consume coal.

"If this happens, it may as well be admitted that the miners have succeeded in their purpose, as the President of the United Mine Workers stated it at the beginning of the strike, 'to exert their full economic strength'—meaning, in plain English, that they have compelled 106,000,000 people to surrender to 600,000 miners who decided that they alone should be immune from the influences which have brought about wage reductions in every other basic industry.

"If only a makeshift and emergency settlement is arrived at now, with no provision for avoiding another strike within the coming year, the public will have paid heavily and received nothing in return except an immediate supply of coal at an exorbitant price. It is scarcely believable with the lessons of the present strike so clearly before them, that nothing effective will be done to avoid the next coal strike."

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION ADVICES TO PRESIDENT HARDING ON DETERIORATION OF RAIL EQUIPMENT—PRESIDENT'S REPLY.

Advices to President Harding, in which it is stated that the Interstate Commerce Commission has observed with concern the progressive deterioration of motive power upon certain of the important carriers of the country since July 1 1922, were conveyed by Chairman McChord of the Commission this week, the letter and President Harding's answer being made public on Aug. 15. On that day, it is stated, a conference on the condition of railroad rolling stock was held at the White House between President Harding, Secretary of Commerce Hoover, Chairman McChord and Commissioner Cox of the Interstate Commerce Commission. President Harding, in replying to Chairman McChord, declared for insistence upon "the full enforcement of the law," stating that in his judgment "it is better to have the service diminished rather than attempt the movement of trains on which safety is not assured." The following is Chairman McChord's letter to the President:

Dear Mr. President—In the administration and enforcement of the Locomotive Inspection and Related Safety Appliances Acts of Congress, the Commission has observed with concern the progressive deterioration of motive power upon certain of the important carriers of the country since July 1, 1922, and during the present strike.

The effect of deferred repairs is cumulative and becomes increasingly felt as time goes on. The acts which we are called upon to administer leave little discretion with the Commission as to enforcement when violations come to light. In the continuance of our enforcement of the law we are taking steps and will be compelled to continue to proceed in a manner which must bring about serious withdrawals of motive power from service.

Certain violations of the acts we report to the Attorney General for appropriate legal action. With a continuance of existing conditions these will be increasingly frequent.

Knowing your interest in the matter, we felt you should be advised of the facts.

Faithfully yours,

C. C. McCHORD, Chairman.

The reply of President Harding follows:

My dear Chairman McChord—I have yours of even date, in which you call to my attention the progressive deterioration of motive power upon some of the important railroad lines of the country as the outgrowth of the prevailing strike. This growing menace to maintained transportation has been called to my attention unofficially in various ways.

Under all the circumstances, I know of nothing to be done except to insist upon the full enforcement of the law. It is a very natural thing under circumstances which exist at the present moment to waive the exactions in behalf of safety in seeking to maintain transportation. In my judgment it is better to have the service diminished rather than attempt the movement of trains on which safety is not assured so far as compliance with the law may provide it.

I trust that your inspection forces will exert themselves to the utmost in order to be able to pass upon safe equipment, because the official sanction of the Government will remove all questions of dispute.

Very truly yours,

WARREN G. HARDING.

SENATE RESOLUTION CALLING UPON INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION TO REPORT ON QUESTION OF RAILROAD EQUIPMENT.

The U. S. Senate on Aug. 7 adopted a resolution calling upon the Interstate Commerce Commission to report to the Senate as to whether the carriers of the United States are complying with the law in equipping their locomotives with safe and suitable boilers, etc. The resolution sponsored by

Senator King, of Utah, was prompted, it is stated, by representations concerning railroad equipment. The following is the resolution as adopted by the Senate:

Resolved, That the Inter-State Commerce Commission is hereby required and directed to report to the Senate whether or not the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to promote the safety of employees and travelers upon railroads by compelling common carriers engaged in inter-State commerce to equip their locomotives with safe and suitable boilers and appurtenances thereto," approved February 17 1911, and the amendment to said Act approved March 4 1915, is being violated; and if so, to report the extent of such violation and to report specifically whether inspection of locomotive boilers is presently being made in all Federal locomotive boiler inspection districts and upon the roads all common carriers engaged in inter-State commerce required by said Act.

FIRST & REF. MTGE. BONDS OF LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD NOT A LEGAL INVESTMENT FOR CONNECTICUT SAVINGS BANKS.

In our issue of Aug. 5, under "General Investment News," we reported that in an opinion issued by Frank E. Healy, Attorney-General of the State of Connecticut, the First and Refunding mortgage bonds of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad are barred as a legal investment for Connecticut savings banks. We are now in receipt of the text of his opinion, as follows:

Hartford, Aug. 2 1922.

Mr. William P. Landon, Bank Commissioner's Department, Hartford, Conn.
Dear Sir:—I received from you the following letter:

"Your opinion is requested as to whether or not the First and Refunding Mortgage bonds of the Louisville & Nashville RR. are a legal investment for Connecticut savings banks. That the mortgage complies with the law in all respects but one is assumed. In the opinion of the writer, it does not comply with Section 10 of the Connecticut law (Section 3972, General Statutes), as it authorizes a total issue of bonds which with all outstanding prior debts, &c., exceeds three times the capital stock outstanding."

"The amount of 'prior debt' is the subject of controversy. The mortgage defines what the company considers for their own purposes as 'prior debt' in Section 1 of Article 1 of the mortgage (page 58), which amount, \$176,260,000, is stated in Section 3 of Article 3. In addition to such bonds reserved, the mortgage authorizes \$39,739,500, making a total authorized bond issue of \$218,000,000, which is three times the capital stock of the company outstanding at the present time."

The sole question to be determined in relation to these bonds is whether under existing law this particular bond issue is a legal investment for savings banks in this State. The Bank Department claim that "prior debt" as used in the statute means pre-existing in point of time. The attorneys for the petitioners claim that the words "prior debt" as used in this statute should be given the generally accepted meaning of these words as used in the financial world, namely "superior."

I have carefully considered the able brief submitted on behalf of the petitioners that these bonds be admitted as legal investments for savings banks in this State, but I am unable to agree with the interpretation they place on the language of the statute. The history of this legislation is common knowledge. It was the practice of this State for a number of years to admit railroad bonds as legal investments for savings banks by special legislation. In 1913 this policy was changed by establishing certain requirements as the basis for admitting bonds of this character as legal investments. The reason for this legislation is to protect the money of the depositors in savings banks. Savings banks do not exist in this State for the purpose of making money, and are, therefore, restricted from taking ordinary business risks in the investment of their funds. Depositors in savings banks having no voice or vote in its management, the law safeguards their interests by restricting the securities in which their funds can be invested.

In drafting the present law, the services of the well-known firm of White & Kemble of New York City were secured. In a letter before me dated Feb. 10 1914, in speaking of the principles on which this statute was based, they make the following statement:

"Second, that the total amount of all debts of such corporation shall not exceed three times the outstanding capital stock."

and during all the years this statute has been in force that interpretation has been followed by the Banking Department of this State in administering the law. That the framers of this legislation used "prior" in the sense of pre-existing seems perfectly clear to me by the provisions of sub-division 21 of this same statute, which provides:

"No equipment trust notes, bonds or certificates shall be made a legal investment by this section in case the series authorizes an amount which added to the total debt as defined in sub-section sixteen * * * shall exceed three times the capital stock of said railroad company, &c."

From my examination of the statute, it was never the intent of the Legislature to place the duty on the Bank Commissioner of passing on various bond issues of a railroad company as being "neither prior nor subsequent in rank." His duty ends when he is satisfied that the authorized issue of bonds comes within the definition of the statute.

I am unable to find any usage or custom in this State that convinces me that the word "prior" as used in the statute was intended by the Legislature to have the same meaning as the word "superior," and, lacking such usage or custom, the word "prior" as used in the everyday speech of people means "antecedent."

I therefore advise you that in my opinion the Louisville & Nashville RR. Co. First and Refunding Mortgage bonds are not a legal investment for savings banks in this State. I am,

Respectfully yours,
(Signed) FRANK E. HEALY, Attorney-General.

RAILROAD STRIKES IN WHICH ENTIRE LOSS OF SENIORITY WAS SUFFERED.

At the present time, when so many misleading statements are being circulated by railroad labor with regard to the prevailing practice in dealing with the question of seniority where employees voluntarily leave the service of the roads, it is well to have accurate and indisputable evidence on the matter, and E. G. Riggs, of the New York New Haven & Hartford RR., has gone to the trouble of compiling a statement showing the course pursued in past strikes. From this statement it appears that in the cases cited complete loss of

seniority has been the invariable experience. Mr. Riggs's statement is as follows:

Mr. L. R. Sheppard, President of the Order of Railway Conductors, stated in his authorized interview in Washington Sunday evening and published in the newspapers Monday morning: "Seniority, we think, is a word that has been worked overtime by the other side. In all disputes in the past that we have had with the railroads, men usually have gone back to work with the rights restored, and we see no reason why this precedent should be changed."

The following is an authentic statement from the records showing railroad strikes where those re-employed were on the basis of new men with entire loss of seniority:

RRs. Involved—	Employees Involved—	Period.	
General.....	Shopmen and others	July 10 1877-Aug. 1	1 1877
Missouri Pacific.....	Shopmen (Knights of Labor)	Mar. 6 1886-Mar. 29	1886
C. B. & Q. RR.....	Engineers	Feb. 25 1888-Mar. 6	1888
Buffalo yards.....	Switchmen	Mar. 8 1893-June 8	1893
Ann Arbor.....	Engineers	Nov. 18 1893-Dec. 6	1893
Lehigh Valley.....	Train and enginemen	June 26 1894-July 9	1894
General.....	A. R. U. (Debs)		1901
Mo. Kan. & Tex. Telegraphers			1904
Santa Fe RR.....	Shopmen	May 28 1908-Sept. 14	1908
Missouri Pacific.....	Carman		1911
Illinois Central.....	Shopmen		1911
Union Pacific.....	Shopmen		1911 and 1912
Mo. Kan. & Tex. Carman			1917
Missouri Pacific.....	Maintenance of way	June 23 1916-Aug. 11	1916
Missouri Pacific.....	Maintenance of way	June 27 1917-Aug. 30	1917
Mo. Kan. & Tex. Telegraphers			1917
Various lines.....	{Outlaw strikes of switchmen, marine workers at New York and various others		1920

CLEVELAND BANKER URGES REPEAL OF ADAMSON ACT.

The repeal of the Adamson Act "and of all legislation which tends artificially to stimulate wages, costs and prices," was urged by I. C. Robinson, First Vice-President of the Guardian Savings & Trust Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, in an address on Aug. 9 before the convention of the National Association of Window Glass Manufacturers at Cedar Point. Reporting Mr. Robinson as stating that "economists believe that the mental attitude of the public is partially responsible for successive periods of prosperity and depression in business," the Cleveland "Commercial" of Aug. 10 further reports him as saying:

"Economists are not yet agreed as to just how much successive periods of prosperity and depression are due to psychological causes; but they all agree that the psychology of the human factor is at least a contributing cause. As periods of prosperity approach the time of feverish activity, men grow extravagant in business and personal expenditure, economy lessens, the spirit of speculation becomes rife, standards of honesty and morals become laxer, and efficiency is lessened. These things in themselves stimulate reaction and depression.

"When depression is on, economy becomes essential, extravagance is cut down, speculation decreases, standards of honesty and morals are bettered, and men and organizations become more industrious and more efficient. These things stimulate recovery.

"Thus each period produces the causes which stimulate, if they do not actually bring about, the succeeding period. Prosperity produces weak traits which hasten depression; and depression, in turn stimulates the thrift, industry and efficiency which hasten business recovery."

Mr. Robinson called attention to the revival of business in many lines and especially in building. He said that home building was in the lead. The United States Department of Labor had estimated that in 1920-21 approximately 225,000 families were provided with homes. This year's record, it was expected, would practically double these figures. Even with this, more than a half a million more homes were needed. Mr. Robinson said further:

Task Before the Nation.

"Ought we not to determine, with profound analytical judgment, whether this is the beginning of a lasting situation or whether there are certain features which are only temporary and must of necessity disappear over a period of time?"

"This is the most difficult part of our task, because all of us like to believe that we are well out of the depression period.

"We should certainly place our own house in order, so as to permit us to produce, transport and sell our products in competition with those of foreign lands. This includes the repeal of the Adamson Act and of all legislation which tends artificially to stimulate wages, costs and prices. We must materially reduce our governmental expenditures and taxes; amend or supplement our shipping laws in such manner that our maritime fleet may successfully compete with the fleets of Great Britain and Japan; provide for the establishment of through rail and water rates for the exportation of merchandise to and from inland points, in order that such business may be placed upon a favorable competitive basis with that of coast-wise localities; and insist that the Government of the United States shall morally support all legitimate foreign investment and trade of American citizens.

"So far as our internal affairs are concerned, some way must be found to bring labor and capital into more harmonious relation."

DR. WILLIAMS OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY BELIEVES UNFUNDED FOREIGN BALANCE LESS THAN BILLION DOLLARS.

In an article on "Our Unfunded Foreign Balance," John H. Williams, Ph.D., of Harvard University, reports it as his conclusion that "the current short term indebtedness of the world to this country, representing unpaid, overdue accounts of foreigners which are being carried by our bankers and exporters is much smaller than has been frequently stated." In contradiction to the repeated statements that the world owes us an unfunded debt of three to five billion

dollars, Dr. Williams says that "it appears certain that the amount does not exceed a billion dollars and in all probability is considerably less." According to tables presented by Dr. Williams, "the aggregate balance due from all countries on July 1 1921 to the 664 manufacturing and commercial concerns, domestic banks and foreign bank agencies, was \$628,000,000, against which the balance due to all countries was \$279,000,000, leaving a net unfunded credit balance of \$349,000,000. Balances due from Europe amounted to \$247,000,000, against balances due to Europe of \$162,000,000, giving a net balance due from Europe of \$85,000,000. Balances due from non-European countries amounted to \$381,000,000, and those due to these countries \$117,000,000, leaving a net balance due from non-European countries of \$264,000,000." Dr. Williams's article entitled "New Light on Our Unfunded Foreign Balance," appears in the August number of the Journal of the American Bankers' Association, and we reproduce it herewith:

The American exporter to-day needs to be convinced that foreign buyers can pay for what they buy. So long as the statement continues to be repeated that the world owes us an unfunded debt of three to five billion dollars, our exporters will continue to be hesitant about pushing their foreign sales. As a result of four annual studies of this problem which the writer has made for the Harvard Committee on Economic Research he has been for some time convinced that the current short-term indebtedness of the world to this country, representing unpaid, overdue accounts of foreigners which are being carried by our bankers and exporters is much smaller than has been frequently stated. It appears certain that the amount does not exceed a billion dollars, and in all probability is considerably less. If this is the case the existence of such an unfunded balance ought not to constitute a serious obstacle to the promotion of our foreign trade.

Comparatively Small.

Two investigations, conducted by a leading New York bank, whose results the writer has recently been permitted to publish,^(a) throw new light on the problem and support strikingly the conclusion that our unfunded foreign balance is comparatively small. One was an investigation based on a questionnaire distributed to 41 leading banks and financial houses, of our imports of securities since the armistice. This inquiry showed that in addition to the foreign securities issued in this country, accurate data on which are regularly published, we imported in the three years, 1919-21, \$620,000,000 of foreign stocks and bonds which had been issued abroad, and \$489,000,000 of American securities formerly held abroad. The combined import of these two sorts of securities, \$1,109,000,000, was about two-thirds as much as the new issues of foreign securities floated on this side in the same three years (\$1,607,000,000), but exceeded the net amount of such flotations after subtracting maturing issues (\$1,341,000,000) by \$763,000,000. In other words, it appears from this survey that, taking the three-year period, 1919-21, as a whole, foreign currency securities issued abroad and sold for American account and American securities returned to this side have been the most important channels for the export of American capital since the armistice.^(f) The reader will not need to be told that this huge inflow of securities, much larger than had commonly been supposed, would serve to pay off a considerable part of our balance of merchandise exports and reduce considerably the supposed uncovered balance.

More direct evidence on the amount of the unfunded balance was given by the second investigation referred to. A questionnaire was sent out to the principal domestic banks, private bankers, and foreign banks of New York, two large banks of Boston, and the more representative members of the American Manufacturers Export Association and the Exporters and Importers Association, asking them to report the status of their balances with foreign countries. About a thousand replies were received, of which 644 reported either debit or credit balances, while the remainder reported no balances. The totals were as given below.

Foreign Balances Reported by 664 American Exporters and Bankers, as of July 1 1920 and July 1 1921—(Units of \$1,000).

	Manufacturing and Commercial Concerns.		Domestic Banks.		Foreign Bank Agencies.		Grand Total, All Reporting.	
	July 1 1920.	July 1 1921.	July 1 1920.	July 1 1921.	July 1 1920.	July 1 1921.	July 1 1920.	July 1 1921.
Due from Europe.....	166,824	171,409	61,299	65,683	11,245	9,473	269,768	246,565
Due to Europe.....	24,612	20,456	198,599	126,206	14,864	14,915	238,076	161,577
Balance due from Europe.....	172,212	150,953	137,300	86,023	8,379	8,542	31,293	84,988
Due from all other countries.....	184,804	209,074	50,961	123,421	61,639	48,554	297,404	381,049
Due to all other countries.....	21,482	10,739	111,353	23,774	129,532	82,735	262,367	117,248
Balance due from all other countries.....	163,322	198,335	60,392	99,647	67,893	34,181	35,037	263,801
Due from all countries combined.....	381,628	380,483	112,260	189,104	72,884	58,027	566,772	627,614
Due to all countries combined.....	46,094	31,195	309,952	149,980	144,396	97,650	500,442	278,825
Net balance due from all countries combined.....	4337,222	6350,641	197,692	39,124	71,512	39,623	666,330	348,789

a Due to Europe.
 b Due to non-European countries.
 c Due to all countries combined.
 d Includes also figures of concerns which did not distinguish between European balance and balances in other countries.

The Balance Due.

This table shows that the aggregate balance due from all countries on July 1 1921 to the 664 manufacturing and commercial concerns, domestic banks and foreign bank agencies was \$628,000,000, against which the balance due all countries was \$279,000,000, leaving a net unfunded credit balance of \$349,000,000. Contrary to the impression of many, the

e See the "Harvard Review of Economic Statistics," July 1922.
 f This, however, has not been the case in 1921 or 1922. See the "Review of Economic Statistics," July 1922.

returns show that the greater part was due from non-European countries. Balances due from Europe amounted to \$247,000,000, against balance^a due to Europe of \$162,000,000, giving a net balance due from Europe of \$85,000,000. Balances due from non-European countries amounted to \$381,000,000, and those due to these countries, \$117,000,000, leaving a net balance due from non-European countries of \$264,000,000.

It is especially interesting to note that the net balance due this country pertained entirely to the exporting concerns. Taken as a whole, the reporting banks appear to have had no net balance due from abroad. This was particularly true of the earlier date, July 1 1920, when the combined domestic banks and foreign bank agencies had credit balances of \$185,144,000 and debit balances of \$154,348,000, giving a net debit on current account of \$269,204,000. On July 1 1921, this had been reduced to the negligible figure of \$499,000. But the change occurred principally in the accounts with non-European countries. As regards Europe, the reporting banks showed sums due of \$75,156,000, against sums payable of \$141,121,000. The large balances reported by the banks as owed to European countries on current account, \$213,000,000 on July 1 1920, and \$140,000,000 on July 1 1921, are not surprising in view of the fact previously mentioned, that the records of the Division of Foreign Exchange of the Federal Reserve Board show that the net balance owed by United States banks to foreign countries was \$882,000,000 on Dec. 31 1918, and \$643,000,000 on June 25 1919,^(g) of which \$733,000,000 and \$550,000,000 respectively were due to European countries.

In drawing conclusions from this investigation some caution is necessary. A more comprehensive inquiry would have included banks in other cities than New York and Boston. One important group of exporters, the packers, did not report; and their unpaid foreign accounts have undoubtedly been considerable. Those in charge of the investigation, moreover, express some doubt concerning the reliability of the returns of "balances due to foreign countries,"^(h) though stating that "there seems to be good reason for regarding the figures under the items 'due from foreign countries' as fairly trustworthy, so far as the inquiry was extended."

Total Due.

Even after allowing for such defects, however, and for conservatism throwing out entirely the "balances due to foreign countries," the total due, both from Europe and the rest of the world, would be but \$628,000,000, representing the total credits in foreign countries on July 1 1921, of most of the important New York banks, two of the largest banks of Boston, and a large number of representative exporters and manufacturers, including many of the largest firms and corporations in the country. Even if we double this amount, to allow for the foreign credits of non-reporting firms and banks in other cities, we still have a sum not much below most of the estimates—which have gone as high as \$4,000,000,000 or even higher—that have been made in recent years.

Under present conditions one may draw conclusions about the amount of the unfunded balance, which has accumulated to the credit of this country since the armistice, quite as confidently from the probabilities of the case as from the available data themselves. For the greater part of the period we have been passing through the liquidation phase of the business cycle. At such time merchants not only desire to collect their accounts promptly, but are compelled to do so by the higher cost of bank credit and other charges. Moreover, during a period when exchange is fluctuating any arrangement for deferred payment not covered by forward exchange contracts involves speculative risk which has a strong tendency to reduce the terms of open accounts to a minimum. For the last two years there has thus been every incentive, both to the buyer and to the seller, to conduct trade with this country upon as nearly a cash basis as possible, with the exception of those credits negotiated for long enough periods to justify the expectation that exchange would recover. Such credits are in fact funded loans negotiated for the purpose of actually putting trade on a cash basis, and thus their tendency also is to reduce the size of the current account. Under these conditions, calling for prompt collection of accounts and the avoidance of exchange risks, it would be impossible for most of the foreign exchanges to show advances ranging from 10 to 50%, as they have done, if there existed an unfunded indebtedness to this country of some three or four billion dollars. The pressure for dollars to pay the great volume of overdue accounts would cause an appreciation of the dollar in terms of foreign currencies instead of the appreciation of foreign currencies in terms of the dollar which we have witnessed. The course of the exchange market in the past year thus offers the strongest possible refutation of the exaggerated estimates of our unfunded foreign balance. Allowance must be made, as well, for the losses of various sorts suffered by American exporters—particularly in the fall of 1920—exchange losses suffered by speculators, particularly in dealings in marks, and other losses to which we have referred in this and previous papers. Under the conditions it would be difficult to believe, even were plausible data adduced, that the present value of the world's indebtedness to us on open account is large. From the new data that have become available in the past year it appears certain that it does not exceed a billion dollars, and in all probability is considerably less.

Overturn Improbable.

In conclusion, the question is always pertinent in a discussion of our balance of payments as to the probable effect of our changing international position upon our balance of trade. We see no likelihood of an overturn of our balance of trade to an excess of imports until the interest, now amounting to about \$550,000,000 a year, begins to be paid upon the indebtedness of the Allied Governments to this Government.

So little headway has been made with this question, as yet, that it seems idle in the present connection to discuss what the effect of the payments will be, or when they will occur. It is not improbable that the British payments, which are about 40% of the whole, will begin in volume within the next year. How they would affect the trade balance would depend upon the changes which might occur in other items of our international balance. For 1921 our balance table shows a slight excess of debits over credits, amounting to \$171,000,000. Such a balance would call logically not for an excess of merchandise imports, but for an increased excess of exports. On the other hand, it is not likely that we shall again witness such a huge inflow of gold, which, as was stated, last year served to pay off about one-third of the balance of merchandise exports.

g When the Foreign Exchange Division concluded its activities.
 h "A source of some confusion arose from the failure of the first form of questionnaire to guard specifically against such duplication as would occur should import and export bills be reported both by banks and by the firms upon which, or in favor of which, they were drawn. Such bills, of course, could be reported properly only by banks. While it is probable that most reports were made correctly, enough uncertainty was expressed in some of the letters to indicate the possibility of some amount of error."
 "A more serious amount of confusion on the part of banks is suspected as to just what items should be included under the item 'balances due to foreign countries.' We do not feel assured that all banks have acted uniformly in defining the status of import bills purchased and paid for in American funds, and bills sent here on foreign funds either for collection or discount in the open market."

Export of Capital.

Probably of chief significance in deciding when the overturn of the trade balance will occur will be the future export of American capital. As to this, expression of opinion is hazardous. After much hesitation in 1919 and 1920, our market since the beginning of 1921 has been markedly receptive to foreign appeals for capital, and this year has already surpassed last year's total, so far as foreign bond flotations in this market are concerned. Heavy exports of American capital would sustain a substantial outgo of goods and postpone the overturn of the trade balance. It should be noted, however, that the counter movement of foreign purchase of American securities has been distinctly noticeable within the past year to those nearest the international capital market.

Foreign Flotation.

Of probably greater importance is the question whether foreign bond flotations can be continued in this market at their recent volume under the same conditions as have hitherto obtained. Until very recently the flotations have been preponderantly in terms of dollars. Doubt has been felt by many whether this practice can be expected to continue. Foreign business men, and to a less extent foreign Governments, are reported by those who have been consulting them about new financing to be strongly opposed to further borrowing in this market in terms of dollars, or in foreign currencies at guaranteed rates of exchange, so long as the exchange market remains subject to violent fluctuations.

One of the significant developments of recent weeks is the increasing effort of foreign corporations and Governments to borrow here in terms of their own currencies; and some authorities predict that the placement of loans on a dollar basis will not go much further, except when the foreign borrower finds himself forced by downright necessity, the better borrowers placing their loans on the foreign currency basis. If this should prove to be the case, the American investor might find himself forced to an unwelcome choice between the investment risk involved in new dollar loans of poorer quality than those hitherto floated and the exchange risk involved in new foreign currency loans.

Without minimizing such a possibility, we incline in general to the belief that in the present state of the world, with the United States the conspicuous reservoir of badly needed capital, it is not improbable that the export for capital from this country will continue, though probably not at the astonishing rate of the past six months. So long as it does continue it will exert a powerful influence for the maintenance of our favorable balance of trade.

PROGRAM FOR ANNUAL CONVENTION OF INVESTMENT BANKERS' ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA.

The California group is making extensive preparations for the entertainment of those who will participate in the eleventh annual convention of the Investment Bankers' Association, which is to be held at Del Monte, Cal., on Oct. 9, 10, 11 and 12. Prior to the opening of the convention delegates will be taken on a trip which will include many of the important points of interest in the State. Various other plans for the entertainment of the visitors have been made. The tentative business program of the proceedings follows:

Monday, Oct. 9.

9:30 a. m. Call to order.
Address of welcome.
President's address, Howard F. Beebe, Harris, Forbes & Co., New York.
Secretary's report, Frederick R. Fenton, Fenton, Davis & Boyle, Chicago.
Treasurer's report, McPherson Browning, Detroit Trust Co., Detroit.
Report of Finance Committee, Joseph A. Rushton, Chairman, Babcock, Rushton & Co., Chicago.
Report of Membership Committee, John G. Brogden, Chairman, Strother, Brogden & Co., Baltimore.
Report of Railroad Securities Committee, Pierpont V. Davis, National City Co., New York.
Report of Education Committee, Lawrence Chamberlain, Chairman, Lawrence Chamberlain & Co., Inc., New York.
Report of Marine Securities Committee, E. G. Tillotson, Chairman, Tillotson & Wolcott Co., Cleveland.
Report of Municipal Securities Committee, Lyman E. Wakefield, Chairman, Wells-Dickey Co., Minneapolis.
1 p. m. Recess.

Tuesday, Oct. 10.

9:30 a. m. Convene.
Municipal discussion.
Report of Public Service Securities Committee, John A. Prescott, Chairman, Prexcott & Snider, Kansas City.
Report of Real Estate Securities Committee, Morris F. Fox, Chairman, Morris F. Fox & Co., Milwaukee.
Report of Fraudulent Advertising Committee, James C. Fenhagen, Chairman, Robert Garrett & Sons, Baltimore.
Report of Publicity Committee, John W. MacGregor, Chairman, Glover & MacGregor, Pittsburgh.
Report of Irrigation Securities Committee, J. W. Harrison, Anglo London Paris Co., San Francisco.
Report of Foreign Securities Committee, Albert E. Wiggin, Chairman, Chase Securities Corporation, New York.
Report of Government Bond Committee, J. R. Edwards, Chairman, Fifth-Third National Bank, Cincinnati.
1 p. m. Recess.

Wednesday, Oct. 11.

9:30 a. m. Convene.
Report of Business Practice Committee, Wm. G. Baker Jr., Chairman, Baker, Watts & Co., Baltimore.
Report of Industrial Securities Committee, Howard F. Hansell Jr., Chairman, Redmond & Co., Philadelphia.
California Water and Power Act.
Report of Taxation Committee, Eugene E. Thompson, Chairman, Crane, Parris & Co., Washington, D. C.
1 p. m. Recess.

Thursday, Oct. 12.

9:30 a. m. Convene.
Groups. Election.
Constitutional amendments. President elect.
1923 Convention invitations.
1 p. m. Adjournment of convention.

Friday, Oct. 13.

As far as formal entertainment for the day in San Francisco is concerned, nothing has been planned by the California Committee. Automobiles will be available for seeing San Francisco. Golf clubs will be open to those desiring cards. There will be a dinner and "Jinx" for men in the evening at the Bohemian Club.

On Sunday, Oct. 8, there will be committee meetings and a meeting of the Board of Governors.

PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR CELEBRATION OF 50th ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN BANKERS' ASSN.—COMMITTEE TO MEET AT OCTOBER CONVENTION.

Announcement was made on Aug. 14 at an outstanding committee of bankers and men of affairs to make preliminary plans for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the American Bankers' Association has been appointed by Thomas B. McAdams, President of the Association. Executive Manager F. N. Shepherd, in making this announcement, said:

Lewis E. Pierson, Chairman of the Board, Irving National Bank, New York City, heads the Committee, and the membership includes Myron T. Herrick, American Ambassador to France; Walker Hill, Executive Manager, First National Bank, St. Louis, Mo.; George M. Reynolds, Chairman of the Board, Continental & Commercial National Bank, Chicago, Ill.; Logan C. Murray, Commercial Executive, Harriman National Bank, New York; Lyman J. Gage, Secretary of the Treasury under President McKinley, Point Loma, Cal., and E. F. Swinney, President First National Bank, Kansas City, Mo. All of these men are former presidents of the association, and Logan C. Murray was also one of the original organizers.

The first meeting of the Fiftieth Anniversary Committee will be called during the convention of the association which will take place in New York, October 2-6, and will bring together from all parts of the country bankers who have been identified with the history of the organization since its formation in 1875.

Seventeen representative bankers met at Barnum's Hotel, in New York City, May 24 1875, at the request of James T. Howenstein of the Valley National Bank of St. Louis. After short deliberation a call was prepared for the first convention of the American Bankers' Association at Saratoga. It was held July 20 to 22, 1875, and a committee of nine was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws. About 300 bankers attended this first convention. Organization was completed the following year, and the new mutual benefit association, which now has a membership of approximately 23,000, was successfully launched.

At the second convention which was held in Philadelphia in 1876, the aim of the association was definitely formulated as being to "promote the general welfare and usefulness of banks and banking institutions, and to secure uniformity of action, together with the practical benefits to be derived from personal acquaintance and from the discussion of subjects of importance to the banking and commercial interests of the country, and especially to secure the proper consideration of questions regarding the commercial and financial usages, customs and laws which affect the banking interests of the entire country." The words "and for protection against loss by crime" were added to the foregoing at a later date.

The following were the seventeen bankers who fostered the idea of an American Bankers' Association: James T. Howenstein of the Valley National Bank, St. Louis; George F. Baker, Cashier, First National Bank of New York City; Arthur W. Sherman, Cashier, Dry Goods Bank; Edward Skillen, Cashier, Central National Bank; Edward H. Perkins, Jr., Cashier, Importers' & Traders' National Bank; George W. Perkins, Cashier, Hanover National Bank; John M. Crane, Cashier, National Shoe & Leather Bank; John S. Harburger, Cashier of the Manhattan Company Bank, all of New York; Charles E. Upton, Cashier, City Bank, Rochester, N. Y.; John S. Leake, Cashier, First National Bank, Saratoga Springs; Amos P. Palmer, Cashier, Albany City National Bank; Royal B. Conant, Cashier, Elliot National Bank of Boston; Morton McMichael, Jr., Cashier, First National Bank of Philadelphia; John D. Seully, Cashier, First National Bank of Pittsburgh; Joshua W. Lockwood, Cashier, National Bank of Virginia; Logan C. Murray, Cashier, Kentucky National Bank; Charles C. Cadman, Cashier, Merchants' & Manufacturers' Bank of Detroit.

MONETARY REFORM IN ALSACE-LORRAINE.

Commercial Attache W. C. Huntington at Paris sends the following advices to the Department of Commerce at Washington under date of June 29, according to "Commerce Reports" of Aug. 7:

A law has been passed by the French Senate and Chamber of Deputies, and promulgated by the President, authorizing the Minister of Finance to advance to the banks of Alsace-Lorraine the funds required to complete the conversion of their assets from marks into francs at the rate of 1.25 francs per mark, in accordance with Article 2 of the law of April 23 1919. These loans will be made in 5% 10-year national-defense bonds at the rate of issue.

In 1918, shortly after the armistice, a decree subsequently sanctioned by the law of April 23 1922, stipulated that the marks held by citizens of Alsace-Lorraine and the allied countries would be valued at the rate of 1.25 francs per mark, in spite of the depreciation of the German currency. On the other hand, the Treaty of Versailles decided that money owed by Germany to citizens of Alsace-Lorraine would be reimbursed by that country at the rate of 0.81 franc per mark, which was the commercial exchange rate on the mark at Geneva one month before the armistice.

As a result of the conflicting decisions, banks in Alsace-Lorraine holding deposits in marks, being creditors of Germany, could only claim 0.81 franc per mark from that country, while their depositors could claim 1.25 francs per mark from them. The same situation existed for benevolent institutions, Government organizations, etc., which had been forced by German legislation to invest all or part of their capital in Germany proper.

The only solution for the trouble was for the French Government to pay the difference between the two evaluations of the mark. The authorization for this payment is the object of the law of June 22 1922, already mentioned.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

One share of Columbia Trust Co. stock was sold at auction this week. No sales of bank stock were made either at the Stock Exchange or at auction.

Shares. BANK—	Low.	High.	Close.	Last Previous Sale.
1 Columbia Trust Co.....	267	267	267	June 1921— 280

George W. Ely, formerly Secretary of the New York Stock Exchange, died in Onteora Park, near Tannersville, N. Y., on Aug. 16. Mr. Ely, who was eighty-two years of age, joined the Exchange in 1869 and became Secretary in 1874, retiring in 1919. He was a recognized authority on the rules of the New York Stock Exchange.

W. Irving Bullard, Vice-President of the Merchants National Bank, Boston, Mass., and Rudolph S. Hecht, President of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans, La., have been appointed as delegates of the American Bankers Association to visit the Brazilian International Centennial Exposition.

At a meeting of the directors of the Bank of America, of this city, on Aug. 10, Phineas C. Lounsbury, ex-Governor of Connecticut; Kimball C. Atwood, President of the Preferred Accident Insurance Co.; Gilbert H. Johnson of Isaac G. Johnson & Co., iron founders; David L. Luke, President of the Virginia Pulp & Paper Co., and Edward K. Cherrill, a Vice-President of the Bank of America, were elected directors of the institution. These, together with Herman D. Kountz of Kountz Bros., were directors of the Atlantic National Bank which has recently been merged with the Bank of America. Mr. Lounsbury was formerly Chairman of the Board of the Atlantic National Bank and Mr. Kountz its President. Reference to the consolidation appeared in our issue of June 17 and on subsequent dates.

The Equitable Trust Company of New York, has announced appointment of Richard E. Hanson as its Correspondent for Philadelphia. Mr. Hanson will be assisted by Mr. Arthur Haines. Mr. Hanson was born in Philadelphia, in 1886. His first association with the world of finance came in 1912, when he was engaged as salesman with a Philadelphia bond house, continuing in that capacity until 1917, when he joined the forces of the Guaranty Trust Co. in New York. He was eventually placed in charge of the Baltimore office. In February, 1920, Mr. Hanson resigned to become a vice-president of the Fidelity Trust Co. of Baltimore, in charge of the new business department. He resigned this position in March, 1921, coming to the Equitable Trust Co. of New York, as assistant to James I. Bush, Vice-President in charge of the new business department. He was subsequently made Assistant Secretary. His recent appointment brings him into a territory with which he has long been familiar.

William Sloan, head of the firm of W. & J. Sloan, died on Aug. 11 in his fiftieth year. The directors of the Bank of the Manhattan Co. of this city on the 17th inst. adopted a resolution expressing the sense of the loss suffered in Mr. Sloan's death; he had succeeded his father as a director of the Manhattan company in Dec. 1905. He had also been a trustee of the United States Trust Co., the Bank for Savings, the Provident Loan Society and the Public Library, of which he was Secretary, and a director of the Burke Foundation and a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Forrest F. Dryden resigned as President of the Prudential Insurance Co. of America, at a meeting of the board of directors at Newark on Aug. 14. Edward D. Duffield, Acting President for the last six months, was chosen as Mr. Dryden's successor. Mr. Dryden's resignation will become effective Sept. 1. His retirement is occasioned by ill health. Two years ago he underwent an operation for mastoiditis and early in the present year he obtained a six months leave of absence as head of the Prudential, his place being filled temporarily by Mr. Duffield. Mr. Dryden was for a time in the Bermudas, and is now, it is said, in the mountains in New England. Mr. Dryden succeeded his father, Senator John F. Dryden, as head of the Prudential Life Insurance Co. on Jan. 8 1912, when he was forty-seven years old. He had started as a clerk in the offices of the Prudential and advanced by successive steps to the presidency. Edward Dickenson Duffield, the new President of the Prudential,

has been associated with the company since Nov. 15 1906, when he became general solicitor, he was later elected a Vice-President and director and the associate general counsel.

On Aug. 2 the Northwestern National Bank of Minneapolis (with which the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. is affiliated) purchased the business of the Lincoln National Bank, the Lincoln Trust & Savings Bank and the South Side State Bank of that city (the first two being affiliated) these institutions now being operated as the Lincoln and South Side offices of the Northwestern National. The corporations which operated the absorbed banks are now in process of voluntary liquidation. The staffs of the merged banks have been retained intact with George F. Orde, the former President and director of the Lincoln National Bank, as manager of the Lincoln office, and O. O. Erling, the former Second Vice-President of the South Side State Bank, as manager of that office. Plans are under way for the erection of a new building for the enlarged Northwestern National Bank at the corner of Marquette and Sixth St. The Lincoln National Bank was established in 1918 and had a combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$640,000; the Lincoln Trust & Savings Bank was founded in 1919 and had a combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$340,000, while the South Side State Bank was established in 1899 and had a combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$225,000. The Northwestern National Bank was founded in 1872 and is one of the largest and most important banks in Minneapolis. It has a capital of \$4,000,000 with surplus and undivided profits of \$3,165,809. Edward W. Decker is President, Theodore Wold, James A. Latta, Alexander A. McRae, William E. Briggs and Robert E. Macgregor, Vice-Presidents and Scott H. Plummer, Cashier.

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

There is no interruption to the upward course of bank clearings. Preliminary figures compiled by us, based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country, indicate that for the week ending Saturday Aug. 19 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 12.7% over the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$6,614,586,621, against \$5,865,060,646 for the same week in 1921. This is the twenty-first 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 Aug. 19.	1922.	1921.	Per Cent.
New York.....	\$3,027,100,000	\$2,620,200,000	+15.5
Chicago.....	433,664,224	433,715,425	-0.1
Philadelphia.....	352,000,000	302,000,000	+16.5
Boston.....	234,000,000	211,722,808	+10.5
Kansas City.....	118,116,508	134,527,240	-12.2
St. Louis.....	a	a	a
San Francisco.....	125,800,000	104,320,000	+20.3
Pittsburgh.....	*140,000,000	112,000,000	+25.0
Detroit.....	101,124,956	96,826,247	+4.1
Baltimore.....	71,585,919	53,727,367	+33.2
New Orleans.....	35,874,224	34,367,436	+13.1
Ten cities, 5 days.....	\$4,642,268,831	\$4,103,606,503	+13.1
Other cities, 5 days.....	860,880,687	783,944,036	+10.9
Total all cities, 5 days.....	\$5,512,155,518	\$4,887,550,539	+12.7
All cities, 1 day.....	1,102,431,103	977,510,107	+12.7
Total all cities for week.....	\$6,614,586,621	\$5,865,060,646	+12.7

* 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 Aug. 12. For that week the increase is 13.4%, the 1922 aggregate of the clearings being \$6,567,732,600 and the 1921 aggregate \$5,791,037,147. Outside of this city, however, the increase is only 12.3%, the bank exchanges at this centre having recorded a gain of 14.3%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the Boston Reserve District the increase is 12.7%, in the New York Reserve District (including this city) 14.5%, in the Philadelphia Reserve District 13.6% and in the Cleveland Reserve District 20.5%. The Richmond Reserve District makes the best showing of all with an increase of 26.7%; the Atlanta Reserve District

shows a gain of 14.6%, the Chicago Reserve District 10.7% and the St. Louis Reserve District 11.5%. The Minneapolis Reserve District records an increase, though very small, it being only 1.2%. The Kansas City Reserve District and the Dallas Reserve District both show diminished totals, though the decreases are small, being 3.4% for the former and 1.1% for the latter. The San Francisco Reserve District enjoys a gain of 15.7%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Week ending Aug. 12.	1922.	1921.	Inc. or Dec.	1920.	1919.
Federal Reserve Districts					
(1st) Boston.....10 cities	308,682,981	273,863,596	+12.7	368,690,667	380,602,780
(2nd) New York.....9 "	3,729,793,888	3,558,602,396	+14.5	4,145,077,129	4,624,620,419
(3rd) Philadelphia.....10 "	407,772,338	358,959,595	+13.6	490,743,869	454,530,046
(4th) Cleveland.....9 "	346,157,722	287,223,523	+20.6	403,036,117	349,401,099
(5th) Richmond.....6 "	158,376,970	125,048,811	+26.7	181,820,047	171,325,191
(6th) Atlanta.....11 "	130,966,507	114,289,285	+14.8	177,098,219	154,121,927
(7th) Chicago.....19 "	710,897,384	642,161,063	+10.7	827,600,860	818,254,481
(8th) St. Louis.....7 "	51,295,499	46,003,843	+11.5	64,592,996	50,294,790
(9th) Minneapolis.....11 "	102,856,112	101,757,300	+1.2	138,570,673	77,500,000
(10th) Kansas City.....11 "	236,932,754	245,258,465	-3.4	360,320,514	403,246,183
(11th) Dallas.....5 "	40,884,022	41,321,704	-1.1	61,222,862	62,598,043
(12th) San Francisco.....14 "	343,018,823	296,567,266	+15.7	361,270,407	337,208,353
Grand total.....118 cities	5,567,732,600	5,791,037,147	+13.4	7,571,884,180	7,884,302,501
Outside New York City.....	2,898,693,410	2,581,506,684	+12.3	3,491,383,288	3,315,677,610
Canada.....28 cities	247,958,587	286,411,384	-13.4	369,564,486	308,446,127

We now add our detailed statement, showing last week's figures for each city separately, for the four years:

Clearings at—	Week ending Aug. 12.				
	1922.	1921.	Inc. or Dec.	1920.	1919.
First Federal Reserve District—Boston					
Maine—Bangor.....	764,692	700,555	+9.1	946,319	787,336
Portland.....	3,337,510	3,000,000	+11.3	2,850,000	2,625,000
Mass.—Boston.....	278,000,000	247,558,359	+12.3	334,893,326	350,067,349
Fall River.....	1,655,390	1,288,766	+28.4	2,013,726	2,289,606
Holyoke.....	a	a	a	a	a
Lowell.....	1,029,652	942,186	+9.3	1,200,000	1,093,356
Lynn.....	a	a	a	a	a
New Bedford.....	1,543,575	1,362,552	+13.3	1,886,032	1,872,002
Springfield.....	4,137,116	3,417,221	+21.1	4,466,855	3,956,126
Worcester.....	3,508,829	3,163,139	+10.9	4,581,051	3,631,632
Conn.—Hartford.....	8,962,259	7,320,301	+22.4	8,903,358	7,628,190
New Haven.....	5,743,923	5,110,517	+12.4	6,950,000	6,652,283
R.I.—Providence.....	a	a	a	a	a
Total (10 cities)	308,682,981	273,863,596	+12.7	368,690,667	380,602,780
Second Federal Reserve District—New York					
N. Y.—Albany.....	3,658,155	3,306,597	+10.6	4,559,229	4,600,537
Binghamton.....	11,183,225	1,033,082	+14.6	1,389,700	1,037,900
Buffalo.....	638,750,985	31,342,204	+23.6	42,744,407	35,754,620
Elmira.....	599,498	Not incl. in total.	a	a	a
Jamestown.....	41,715,257	926,836	+85.1	a	a
New York.....	3,669,039,190	3,209,039,463	+14.3	4,080,500,892	4,565,624,891
Rochester.....	68,933,000	7,055,608	+26.6	10,678,438	10,268,982
Syracuse.....	3,737,445	3,053,911	+23.9	4,633,477	3,939,810
Conn.—Stamford.....	42,477,211	2,051,813	+20.7	a	a
N. J.—Montclair.....	308,690	321,882	-4.1	550,928	393,679
Total (9 cities)	3,729,793,888	3,258,602,396	+14.5	4,145,077,129	4,624,620,419
Third Federal Reserve District—Philadelphia					
Pa.—Allentown.....	1,084,997	995,223	+7.0	1,167,994	1,003,731
Bethlehem.....	2,462,026	2,070,519	+18.9	3,767,820	a
Chester.....	903,808	1,000,000	-9.6	1,417,190	1,461,240
Lancaster.....	2,529,154	2,278,256	+11.0	2,814,587	2,700,000
Philadelphia.....	387,000,000	339,000,000	+14.2	407,902,536	435,607,734
Reading.....	2,662,433	2,445,672	+8.9	2,850,000	2,741,067
Scranton.....	63,759,504	4,197,499	+10.4	4,986,508	4,406,342
Wilkes-Barre.....	62,443,047	2,762,738	+11.6	2,821,089	2,000,000
York.....	1,231,750	1,128,399	+8.3	1,426,168	1,529,753
N. J.—Trouton.....	3,725,319	3,081,259	+20.9	3,789,577	3,080,189
Del.—Wilmington.....	a	a	a	a	a
Total (10 cities)	407,772,338	358,959,595	+13.6	490,743,869	454,530,046
Fourth Federal Reserve District—Cleveland					
Ohio—Akron.....	6,817,000	6,601,000	+11.3	9,558,000	9,576,000
Canton.....	3,940,861	3,037,878	+29.7	5,205,470	4,507,906
Cincinnati.....	52,187,296	49,733,662	+4.9	62,951,576	60,456,903
Cleveland.....	690,397,000	73,340,951	+23.3	129,241,433	110,390,617
Columbus.....	13,806,000	11,534,700	+20.2	16,112,500	14,689,300
Dayton.....	a	a	a	a	a
Lima.....	936,884	790,627	+15.5	887,783	1,182,306
Massillon.....	a	a	a	a	a
Springfield.....	a	a	a	a	a
Toledo.....	a	a	a	a	a
Youngstown.....	62,728,122	3,273,328	+16.7	4,577,585	6,062,426
Pa.—Erie.....	a	a	a	a	a
Greensburg.....	a	a	a	a	a
Pittsburgh.....	6172,800,000	135,640,000	+27.4	164,197,218	137,136,741
W. Va.—Wheeling.....	3,484,559	3,311,377	+5.2	5,304,552	5,398,900
Total (9 cities)	346,157,722	287,223,523	+20.5	403,036,117	349,401,099
Fifth Federal Reserve District—Richmond					
W. Va.—Hun'ton.....	1,525,947	1,363,263	+11.9	1,943,423	a
Va.—Norfolk.....	69,290,250	6,088,244	+3.3	10,968,516	9,402,234
Richmond.....	44,848,974	36,302,010	+23.5	51,355,031	55,131,429
S. C.—Charleston.....	61,734,825	3,030,610	+15.6	4,200,000	3,000,000
MD.—Baltimore.....	86,074,271	64,298,251	+33.9	97,583,474	89,369,353
D. C.—Wash'n.....	17,886,703	14,916,433	+19.9	15,769,603	14,422,185
Total (6 cities)	158,376,970	125,048,811	+26.7	181,820,047	171,325,191
Sixth Federal Reserve District—Atlanta					
Tenn.—Chat'ga.....	4,830,443	4,355,052	+7.7	7,791,320	5,870,621
Knoxville.....	3,044,586	3,827,652	-22.7	3,463,832	3,256,681
Nashville.....	17,419,775	14,192,593	+22.7	23,093,264	15,629,593
Ga.—Atlanta.....	35,328,392	34,244,680	+3.2	52,982,936	52,918,042
Augusta.....	1,300,964	1,555,843	-16.4	2,392,183	3,082,515
Macon.....	1,098,291	1,097,919	+2.8	1,250,000	1,500,000
Savannah.....	a	a	a	a	a
Fla.—Jack'sville.....	8,435,748	7,280,644	+14.3	10,810,115	6,966,217
Ala.—Birm'ham.....	619,076,000	13,263,988	+43.8	16,149,373	13,331,643
Mobile.....	a	a	a	a	a
Miss.—Jackson.....	660,000	792,320	-6.0	596,908	479,778
Vicksburg.....	266,433	269,502	-1.1	348,832	308,212
La.—N. Orleans.....	39,505,372	33,829,109	+16.8	57,738,927	50,848,626
Total (11 cities)	130,966,507	114,289,285	+14.6	177,098,219	154,121,927

Clearings at—	Week ending Aug. 12.				
	1922.	1921.	Inc. or Dec.	1920.	1919.
Seventh Federal Reserve District—Chicago					
Mich.—Adrian.....	195,886	150,000	+30.6	235,060	95,511
Ann Arbor.....	693,151	598,963	+15.7	628,975	456,857
Detroit.....	98,507,836	88,047,690	+14.5	119,511,231	116,508,056
Grand Rapids.....	6,492,700	6,426,223	+1.0	7,293,174	6,546,079
Lansing.....	1,853,000	2,387,000	-22.4	1,500,000	1,200,000
Ind.—Fr. Wayne.....	1,867,781	1,845,660	+1.0	2,185,963	1,807,162
Indianapolis.....	616,902,000	16,552,000	+22.1	20,889,000	18,718,000
South Bend.....	2,429,159	2,142,719	+13.4	2,119,477	1,100,000
Wis.—Milwaukee.....	30,923,513	28,405,229	+8.9	34,776,357	27,753,824
Ia.—Ced. Rapids.....	1,922,596	1,895,933	+1.4	3,323,174	2,733,129
Des Moines.....	9,309,195	7,802,874	+22.4	10,604,507	10,198,968
Sioux City.....	5,650,282	5,530,443	+2.2	7,980,024	9,062,265
Waterloo.....	1,348,675	1,206,515	+11.8	1,863,428	1,917,876
Ill.—Bloomington.....	1,237,769	1,148,364	+7.8	1,729,835	1,581,614
Chicago.....	521,782,746	471,435,834	+10.7	599,439,005	608,769,098
Danville.....	a	a	a	a	a
Decatur.....	1,173,133	1,386,648	-15.4	1,761,832	1,424,557
Peoria.....	4,207,023	3,248,896	+29.5	5,500,000	4,383,378
Rockford.....	1,964,179	1,773,931	+10.7	2,545,927	2,000,000
Springfield.....	2,436,730	2,373,233	+2.7	3,613,601	2,599,137
Total (19 cities)	710,897,384	642,161,063	+10.7	827,600,660	818,554,481
Eighth Federal Reserve District—St. Louis					
Ind.—Evansville.....	64,324,369	4,166,870	+3.8	4,942,332	4,763,242
Mo.—St. Louis.....	a	a	a	a	a
Ky.—Louisville.....	23,380,460	21,175,446	+10.4	28,399,134	16,843,031
Owensboro.....	356,349	319,034	+11.7	566,206	707,952
Tenn.—Memphis.....	14,044,605	11,380,605	+23.3	18,087,288	17,363,902
Ark.—Little Rock.....	7,474,695	7,502,363	-0.4	10,044,609	8,316,905
Ill.—Jacksonville.....	320,001	326,042	-1.9	1,715,561	611,170
Quincy.....	1,395,020	1,124,083	+24.1	1,797,868	1,689,398
Total (7 cities)	51,295,499	46,003,843	+11.5	64,592,996	50,294,790
Ninth Federal Reserve District—Minneapolis					
Minn.—Duluth.....	65,319,241	5,809,401	+8.4	7,859,812	6,887,175
Minneapolis.....	59,671,851	60,456,096	-0.8	73,996,048	44,467,329
St. Paul.....	30,578,880	28,490,740	+7.3	39,043,170	18,122,699
N. D.—Fargo.....	1,980,597	2,050,965	-3.4	3,000,000	3,097,097
S. D.—Aberdeen.....	1,465,357	1,283,075	+14.2	1,863,144	1,809,135
Mont.—Billings.....	679,779	661,076	-12.3	1,202,707	1,258,034
Helena.....	3,000,407	2,996,887	+2.1	1,605,792	1,788,715
Total (7 cities)	102,956,112	101,757,300	+1.2	128,570,673	77,500,184
Tenth Federal Reserve District—Kansas City					
Neb.—Fremont.....	6391,868	505,767	+28.9	823,222	973,884
Hastings.....	591,057	565,368	+4.5	885,818	725,023
Lincoln.....	4,036,366	3,251,690	+24.1	5,387,536	5,830,458
Omaha.....	37,825,265	36,966,976	+2.3	50,760,024	63,245,301
Kan.—Topeka.....					

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange Aug. 12 to Aug. 18, 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). Lists various commodities like Am Vitriol, Am Wind Prod, etc.

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 showing National Bank Circulation Afloat and on Deposit. Columns include National Bank Notes, Fed. Res. Bank Notes, Bonds, Legal Tenders, and Total.

\$75,860,400 Federal Reserve bank notes outstanding July 31 (of which \$70,621,400 secured by United States bonds and \$5,845,000 by lawful money), against \$136,300,400 July 31 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 July 31:

Table showing U. S. Bonds Held July 31 to Secure. Columns include Bonds on Deposit, On Deposit to Secure Federal Reserve Bank Notes, On Deposit to Secure National Bank Notes, and Total Held.

The following shows the amount of national bank notes afloat and the amount of legal-tender deposits July 1 and Aug. 1 and their increase or decrease during the month of July:

Table showing National Bank Notes—Total Afloat and Legal Tender Notes. Columns include Amount afloat July 1 1922, Net decrease during July, Amount on deposit to redeem national bank notes July 1 1922, and Net amount of bank notes retired in July.

FOREIGN TRADE OF NEW YORK—MONTHLY STATEMENT.

Table showing Merchandise Movement at New York and Customs Receipts at New York. Columns include Month, Imports (1921-22, 1920-21), Exports (1921-22, 1920-21), and Customs Receipts (1921-22, 1920-21).

Movement of gold and silver for the 12 months:

Table showing Gold Movement at New York and Silver—New York. Columns include Month, Imports (1921-22, 1920-21), Exports (1921-22, 1920-21), and Total.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

Table listing various banks and trust companies in New York City, including Bid and Ask prices for different types of securities and services.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

Table listing various realty and surety companies in New York City, including Bid and Ask prices for different types of securities.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not usually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were recently sold at auction in New York, Boston and Philadelphia:

Table listing various auction sales, including shares of stocks and bonds, with details on the companies and prices.

By Messrs. R. L. Day & Co., Boston: Shares, Stocks, Bonds, Per cent. Lists various securities available for sale.

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia: Shares, Stocks, Bonds, Per cent. Lists various securities available for sale.

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED.

Date	Name of Bank	Capital
Aug. 9	The United States National Bank of Chicago, Ill.	\$200,000
	Correspondent, Herman Elenbogen, c-o West Side National Bank, 1600 W. Roosevelt Rd., Chicago, Ill.	
Aug. 9	The Perth Amboy National Bank, Perth Amboy, N. J.	100,000
	Correspondent, Kaluan Mindszonty, 167 Hall Ave., Perth Amboy, N. J.	
Aug. 11	The First National Bank of Phoebus, Va.	50,000
	Correspondent, W. J. H. Tennis, Phoebus, Va.	

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE APPROVED.

Date	Name of Bank	Capital
Aug. 8	The First National Bank of Donnybrook, N. D.	\$25,000
	Correspondent, Fred White, Donnybrook, N. D.	
Aug. 8	The Terminal National Bank of Youngstown, Ohio.	250,000
	Correspondent, Joseph V. Starrs, Youngstown, Ohio.	

APPLICATIONS TO CONVERT RECEIVED.

Date	Name of Bank	Capital
Aug. 8	The Rockwood National Bank, Rockwood, Tenn.	\$50,000
	Conversion of The Rockwood Bank & Trust Co., Rockwood, Tenn.	
	Correspondent, J. D. Farmer, Rockwood, Tenn.	
Aug. 12	The Ninth National Bank of Atlanta, Ga.	325,000
	Conversion of the Fourth State Bank of Atlanta, Ga.	
	Correspondent, H. T. Kilpatrick, 208 Lee St., Atlanta, Ga.	

APPLICATION TO CONVERT APPROVED.

Date	Name of Bank	Capital
Aug. 12	The First National Bank of Leaksville, N. C.	\$40,000
	Conversion of the Peoples Bank, Leaksville, N. C.	
	Correspondent, A. E. Millner, Cashier, Peoples Bank, Leaksville, N. C.	

CHARTER ISSUED.

Date	Name of Bank	Capital
Aug. 10	12243 The Citizens National Bank of Harlan, Ky.	\$100,000
	President, C. E. Ball; Cashier, G. G. Whitcomb.	

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

Date	Name of Bank	Capital
Aug. 8	1393 The Bank of New York National Banking Association, New York, N. Y.	\$2,000,000
	Effective July 27 1922.	
	Liquidating Agent, P. D. Metz, Bank of New York, N. Y.	
Aug. 9	414 The Second National Bank of Baltimore, Md.	500,000
	Effective July 24 1922.	
	Liquidating Agent, Second Assets Liquidation Corporation, Baltimore, Md.	
	Absorbed by the Merchants National Bank of Baltimore, Md.	
	Liability for circulation not assumed under Section 5223, U. S. R. S.	

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:

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.
Railroads (Steam).			
Canadian Pacific, common (quar.)	2 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 1
Preferred	4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 1
Chestnut Hill (quar.)	75c	Sept. 3	Aug. 20 to Sept. 4
Ponds Johnston & Glov., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 5a
Street and Electric Railways.			
Eastern Wisconsin Elec. Co., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 19
El Paso Electric Co., com. (quar.)	2 1/2	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
Galveston-Houston Elec. Co., pref.	3	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 1
United Light & Ry., partic. pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 2	Sept. 16 to Sept. 17
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 2	Sept. 16 to Sept. 17
Banks.			
Chemical National (bi-monthly)	4	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 22
Grace (W R) & Co's Bank	4	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 12
Miscellaneous.			
American Felt, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15a
American Telephone & Telegraph (quar.)	2 1/4	Oct. 16	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
American Window Glass Co., pref.	3 1/2	Sept. 1	Aug. 24 to Aug. 31
Atlantic & Pacific Steamship, com.	5	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Preferred	3 1/2	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Boott Mills (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15c
British-American Tobacco (Interim)	4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 21
Burrongs Adding Machine (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 9
Carter (William) Co., preferred (quar.)	3 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 9
Chesebrough Mfg., common (quar.)	3 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 9
Preferred (quar.)	25c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 1
Colonial Finance Corp., com. (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Cruible Steel, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Cuban-American Sugar, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Dietzgraph Products Corp., pref. (quar.)	2	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a
Dominion Glass, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Erle Lighting, preferred (quar.)	50c	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Fairbanks-Morse Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 21
Famous Players-Lasky Corp., com. (qu.)	82	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Fay (J. A.) & Egan Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Aug. 21	Aug. 9 to Aug. 21
Federal Mining & Smelting, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 26
Gold & Stock Telegraph (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31
Humphreys Oil	475c	Sept. 1	Aug. 16 to Aug. 31
Imperial Oil, Ltd.	1 1/2	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Aug. 26
International Salt (quar.)	3	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 26
Lake of the Woods Milling, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 26
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 21
Macosoma L. & Pow., com. & pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 21
McCroskey Stores Corp., com. (in com. atk.)	71	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 6a
Merenthaler Linotype (quar.)	2 1/4	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 11
Merrimack Mfg., common (quar.)	2 1/4	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 11
Preferred	1 1/4	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31
Middle West Utilities, prior lien atk. (int.)	1 1/4	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31
Montreal Cottons, common (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 13	Aug. 23 to Aug. 31
National Candy, 1st & 2d pref.	3	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
National Surety (quar.)	3	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
New England Telep. & Teleg. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 12a
Ogilvie Flour Mills, preferred (quar.)	81.25	Sept. 30	Aug. 27 to Sept. 24
Ohio Oil (quar.)	75c	Sept. 30	Aug. 27 to Sept. 24
Extra	50c	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 21
Philadelphia Electric, com. & pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 25
Procter & Gamble, 6% pref. (quar.)	55c	Aug. 24	Holders of rec. Aug. 19
Rand Mines	25c	Sept. 23	Sept. 10 to Sept. 20
St. Joseph Lead Co. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 17
Southwestern Power & Light, pref. (qu.)	81.25	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 25
Standard Oil of New Jersey, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 21
Texas Gulf Sulphur (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 24
Tidal-Osage Oil, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 11
Tonopah Extension Mining (quar.)	5c	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 11

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Concluded)			
United States Envelope, common	4	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 17
Preferred	3 1/4	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 17
U. S. Title Guaranty (quar.)	2	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31
Wabasso Cotton (quar.)	1	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
White Motor (quar.)	81	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Williams (E. T.) Oil (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 20
Wilmington Gas, preferred	3	Sept. 1	Aug. 20 to Aug. 31
Woods Manufacturing, com. (quar.)	2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 28

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.
Railroads (Steam).			
Ach. Top. & Santa Fe, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. July 28a
Baltimore & Ohio, preferred	2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. July 15a
Buffalo & Susquehanna, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Sept. 16 to Oct. 1
Chic. St. Paul Minn. & Omaha, com.	2 1/2	Aug. 21	Holders of rec. Aug. 1a
Chic. St. Paul Minn. & Omaha, com.	3 1/2	Aug. 21	Holders of rec. Aug. 1a
Chi. N. O. & Texas Pac., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 18a
Cleveland & Pittsburgh, guar. (quar.)	87 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 10a
Special guaranteed (quar.)	50c	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 10a
Cripple Creek Central, pref. (quar.)	1	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15
Cuba RR., preferred	3	Feb 15/23	Holders of rec. July 20a
Delaware & Bound Brook (quar.)	2	Aug. 21	Aug. 12 to Aug. 20
Delaware & Hudson Co. (quar.)	2 1/4	Sept. 20	Holders of rec. Aug. 25a
Illinois Central, common (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 4a
Preferred (No. 1)	1 1/4	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 4a
Louisiana & North West (No. 1)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	
New York Chicago & St. Louis	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 19a
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 19a
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 19a
Third preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 19a
Norfolk & Western, common (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 19	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a
North Pennsylvania (quar.)	81	Aug. 26	Aug. 10 to Aug. 20
Pennsylvania (quar.)	50c	Aug. 31	Holders of rec. Aug. 1a
Phila. Germantown & Norristown (qu.)	1 1/2	Sept. 5	Aug. 20 to Sept. 4
Pittsb. & West Virginia, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Aug. 31	Holders of rec. Aug. 1a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 29	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a
Pittsb. Youngst. & Ashlab., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 21a
Reading Company first pref. (quar.)	50c	Sept. 14	Holders of rec. Aug. 29a
Southern Pacific Co. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a
Union Pacific, common (quar.)	2 1/2	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
Preferred	2	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
Street and Electric Railways.			
Brazilian Trac. Light & Pow., ordinary	1	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. July 31
Central Arkansas Ry. & Light, pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15a
Cent. Miss. Vall. Elec. Prop., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15a
Federal Light & Traction, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15a
Northern Texas Elec. Co., com. (quar.)	2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 21a
Preferred	3	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 10a
Philadelphia Co., preferred	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 9a
Philadelphia Traction	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Aug. 20 to Aug. 21
Washington (D. C.) Ry. & Elec., pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Sept. 1	5 Holders of rec. Sept. 1
West Penn Rys., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 1	
Trust Companies.			
Lawyers Title & Trust Co. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 22a
Miscellaneous.			
Aeme Tea, 1st & 2d pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 12a
American Art Works, com. & pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Oct. 16	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a
American Bank Note, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 12a
American Beet Sugar, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 3	Holders of rec. Sept. 9a
American Locomotive, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 13a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 13a
American Mfg., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Sept. 17 to Oct. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 31	Dec. 17 to Dec. 30
American Metal, common	75c	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 19a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 21a
American Power & Light, com. (quar.)	2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 18
American Radiator, common (quar.)	81	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
American Safety Razor Corp. (No. 1)	25c	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 12a
Am. Sales Book, pref. (acct. accum. divs.)	1 1/4	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15
American Shipbuilding, common (quar.)	2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15
Common (quar.)	2	May 1/23	Holders of rec. Jan. 15/23
Common (quar.)	2	Aug. 1/23	Holders of rec. Apr. 14/23
Common (quar.)	2	Aug. 1/23	Holders of rec. July 14/23
Amer. Smelt. & Refining, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 1	Aug. 12 to Aug. 20
Amer. Smelters Secur., pref. A (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Sept. 16 to Sept. 24
Preferred B (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Sept. 16 to Sept. 24
American Stores, common (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. d2	Sept. 21 to Oct. 2
Amer. Sugar Refg., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
American Sumatra Tobacco, pref.	3 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15
American Telegraph & Cable (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a
Amer. Tobacco, com. & com. B (quar.)	3	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 10a
Associated Dry Goods, 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 12
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 12
Atlantic Refining, common (quar.)	5	Sept. 16	Holders of rec. Aug. 21a
Atlas Powder, common (quar.)	3	Sept. 11	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a
Balding-Corticelli, Ltd., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Bethlehem Steel, com. & com. B (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	2	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Borden Co., preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 1
Brandram-Henderson, Ltd., commou.	1 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a
Brooklyn Edison (quar.)	2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 18a
Buckeye Pipe Line (quar.)	82	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 21
California Packing Corporation (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a
California Wine Assn., common	5	Aug. 21	Holders of rec. Aug. 15
Cities Service.			
Common (monthly, payable in cash)	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15
Common (pay. in com. stock scrip)	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15
Pref. & pf. B (monthly, pay. in scrip)	7 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15
Cleveland Elec. Illum., pref. (quar.)	2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15
Cleveland Fuel & Iron, pref. (quar.)	2	Aug. 25	Holders of rec. Aug. 10a
Columbia Petroleum (monthly)	1	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 20
Commercial Solvents, Class A, pref. (qu.)	81	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Connor (John T.), common (quar.)	25c	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Consolidated Gas of New York (quar.)	2	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 10a
Consumers Company, preferred	3 1/2		

	Actual Figures.				
	Cash Reserve in Vault.	Reserve in Depositories	Total Reserve.	Reserve Required.	Surplus Reserve.
Members Federal Reserve Banks.....	\$ 555,903,000	\$ 555,903,000	\$ 555,903,000	\$ 506,341,100	\$ 49,561,900
State banks*.....	3,788,000	3,788,000	8,824,000	8,463,780	359,220
Trust companies.....	2,112,000	5,353,000	7,465,000	7,385,100	79,900
Total Aug. 12.....	7,147,000	565,044,000	572,191,000	523,189,980	50,001,020
Total Aug. 5.....	7,112,000	572,444,000	579,556,000	528,734,990	50,821,010
Total July 29.....	7,130,000	563,804,000	570,934,000	531,310,440	39,623,560
Total July 22.....	7,015,000	569,240,000	576,255,000	532,374,220	43,880,780

* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank.
 b This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies, but in the case of members of the Federal Reserve Bank includes also amount of reserve required on net time deposits, which was as follows: Aug. 12, \$13,580,520; Aug. 5, \$13,057,530; July 29, \$13,340,580; July 22, \$12,116,010.

State Banks and Trust Companies Not in Clearing House.—The State Banking Department reports weekly figures showing the condition of State banks and trust companies in New York City not in the Clearing House as follows:

SUMMARY OF STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK, NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.
 (Figures Furnished by State Banking Department.)

	Aug. 12.	Differences from previous week.
Loans and investments.....	\$759,156,700	Inc. \$8,908,110
Gold.....	5,675,100	Inc. 67,600
Currency and bank notes.....	18,166,500	Inc. 575,300
Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York.....	64,404,300	Dec. 136,100
Total deposits.....	795,059,400	Inc. 5,823,300
Deposits, eliminating amounts due from reserve depositories and from other banks and trust companies in N. Y. City exchanges and U. S. deposits.....	743,698,700	Inc. 1,181,400
Reserve on deposits.....	118,239,000	Inc. 468,800
Percentage of reserve, 19.9%.		

RESERVE.

	State Banks	Trust Companies
Cash in vault.....	\$325,834,700	16.27%
Deposits in banks and trust cos.....	7,746,500	04.88%
Total.....	\$33,581,200	21.15%
	\$84,657,800	19.49%

* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on Aug. 12 were \$64,404,300.

Banks and Trust Companies in New York City.—The averages of the New York City Clearing House banks and trust companies combined with those for the State banks and trust companies in Greater New York City outside of the Clearing House are as follows:

COMBINED RESULTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK.

Week ended—	Loans and Investments.	Demand Deposits.	*Total Cash in Vaults.	Reserve in Depositories.
April 22.....	\$ 5,141,226,100	\$ 4,619,860,900	\$ 91,853,200	\$ 623,404,900
April 29.....	5,180,822,800	4,657,698,400	92,431,500	611,583,000
May 6.....	6,209,013,900	4,694,822,600	91,100,100	621,974,300
May 13.....	5,233,359,300	4,738,487,800	132,818,400	642,139,400
May 20.....	5,297,769,500	4,807,891,800	91,723,900	648,307,500
May 27.....	5,334,400,700	4,827,598,600	91,161,400	638,697,600
June 3.....	5,372,704,700	4,853,005,100	91,486,700	646,059,900
June 10.....	5,408,101,600	4,883,544,100	91,486,700	660,162,300
June 17.....	5,372,704,700	4,853,005,100	91,486,700	663,100,900
June 24.....	5,491,415,000	4,980,544,500	90,165,600	667,840,800
July 1.....	5,370,259,900	4,816,507,000	88,730,000	657,840,800
July 8.....	5,457,357,300	4,808,047,500	92,436,900	651,619,800
July 15.....	5,421,665,700	4,792,536,500	95,874,700	717,627,500
July 22.....	5,408,203,300	4,782,119,600	88,862,800	701,290,800
July 29.....	5,350,876,600	4,700,542,500	89,033,900	697,796,200
Aug. 5.....	5,406,610,600	4,714,814,300	87,948,700	700,127,900
Aug. 12.....	5,383,432,700	4,646,354,700	89,403,600	622,177,400

* This item includes gold, silver, legal tenders, national bank notes and Federal Reserve notes.

New York City Non-Member Banks and Trust Companies.—The following are the returns to the Clearing House by clearing non-member institutions and which are not included in the "Clearing House Returns" in the foregoing:

RETURN OF NON-MEMBER INSTITUTIONS OF NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE.

(Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers [000] omitted.)

CLEARING NON-MEMBERS	Capital, Profits.		Loans, Discounts, Investments, &c.	Reserve with Legal Depositories.	Net Demand Deposits.	Net Time Deposits.	Net Bank Circulation.
	Capital.	Profits.					
Week ending Aug. 12 1922.	State banks June 30	Trust companies June 30					
Members of Fed'l Res. Bank	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,190	10,543	149	1,245	8,271	351
Battery Park Nat. W. R. Grace & Co.	500	1,245	10,233	21	609	1,573	7,263
Total.....	2,000	2,435	20,776	170	1,754	9,844	7,614
State Banks	Not Members	of Fed.	Res'v Bank				
Bank of Wash. His Colonial Bank.....	200	315	4,410	601	263	4,382	500
	800	1,715	17,265	2,221	1,421	18,240	---
Total.....	1,000	2,030	21,675	2,822	1,684	22,622	500
Trust Companies	Not Members	of Fed.	Res'v Bank				
Mech. Tr., Bayonne	200	606	9,113	401	139	3,482	5,681
Total.....	200	606	9,113	401	139	3,482	5,681
Grand aggregate.....	3,200	5,072	51,564	3,393	3,577	35,948	13,695
Comparison with previous week.....		+839	+154	+139	+1,948	-310	+1
Gr'd agr. Aug. 5	3,200	5,072	50,725	3,239	3,438	34,000	14,005
Gr'd agr. July 29	3,400	5,870	51,453	3,366	3,267	34,725	14,820
Gr'd agr. July 22	3,400	5,889	70,266	3,941	4,969	44,578	25,154
Gr'd agr. July 15	3,600	6,702	69,535	4,052	5,182	44,719	24,444

* U. S. deposits deducted, \$313,000.
 Bills payable, rediscunts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$305,000.
 Excess reserve, \$2,759 increase.

Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.—In the following we furnish a summary of all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

	Aug. 16 1922.	Changes from previous week.	Aug. 9 1922.	Aug. 2 1922.
Capital.....	\$ 59,520,000		\$ 59,520,000	\$ 59,520,000
Surplus and profits.....	84,665,000		84,665,000	84,665,000
Loans, disc'ts & Investments.....	822,234,000	Dec. 2,089,000	824,323,000	819,228,000
Individual deposits, incl. U. S.	504,315,000	Inc. 2,032,000	502,283,000	508,738,000
Due to banks.....	113,408,000	Dec. 2,591,000	115,999,000	117,388,000
Time deposits.....	111,050,000	Inc. 6,222,000	104,828,000	104,038,000
United States deposits.....	11,722,000	Dec. 2,021,000	13,743,000	15,730,000
Exchanges for Clearing House	18,486,000	Dec. 34,000	18,520,000	23,759,000
Due from other banks.....	66,926,000	Inc. 5,634,000	61,292,000	63,365,000
Reserve in Fed. Res. Bank.....	69,795,000	Dec. 1,333,000	71,048,000	71,241,000
Cash in bank and F. R. Bank	9,736,000	Inc. 106,000	9,842,000	9,594,000
Reserve excess in bank and Federal Reserve Bank.....	3,497,000	Dec. 793,000	4,290,000	4,494,000

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending Aug. 12, with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is given below. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank. "Cash in vaults" is not a part of legal reserve. For trust companies not members of the Federal Reserve System the reserve required is 10% on demand deposits and includes "Reserve with legal depositories" and "Cash in vaults."

Two Ciphers (00) omitted.	Week ending Aug. 12 1922.			Aug. 5 1922.	July 29 1922.
	Members of F. R. System	Trust Companies	Total.		
Capital.....	\$35,175.0	\$4,500.0	\$39,675.0	\$39,675.0	\$39,675.0
Surplus and profits.....	96,143.0	14,083.0	110,226.0	110,226.0	110,226.0
Loans, disc'ts & Investments	634,738.0	38,639.0	673,377.0	668,565.0	664,159.0
Exchanges for Clear. House	23,186.0	496.0	23,682.0	27,391.0	26,515.0
Due from banks.....	87,214.0	19.0	87,233.0	89,258.0	85,449.0
Bank deposits.....	118,470.0	540.0	119,010.0	118,004.0	117,221.0
Individual deposits.....	506,329.0	24,357.0	530,686.0	534,166.0	526,509.0
Time deposits.....	18,573.0	529.0	19,102.0	18,015.0	17,594.0
Total deposits.....	643,372.0	25,426.0	668,798.0	670,235.0	661,324.0
U. S. deposits (not incl.).....		9,624.0	9,624.0	10,189.0	5,825.0
Res'v with legal depositories		3,563.0	3,563.0	3,870.0	3,846.0
Reserve with F. R. Bank.....	53,119.0	1,112.0	54,231.0	55,627.0	52,009.0
Cash in vault.....	61,953.0	4,675.0	66,628.0	69,253.0	66,153.0
Total reserve and cash held	33,347.0	3,683.0	37,030.0	37,086.0	36,338.0
Excess res. & cash in vault.....	8,609.0	992.0	9,598.0	12,167.0	9,815.0

* Cash in vaults not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve members.

Condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.—The following shows the condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at the close of business Aug. 16 1922 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

	Aug. 16 1922.	Aug. 9 1922.	Aug. 17 1921.
Resources—			
Gold and gold certificates.....	195,829,317	204,149,346	318,093,000
Gold settlement fund—F. R. Board.....	44,365,858	61,349,571	39,771,000
Total gold held by bank.....	240,195,175	265,498,917	357,864,000
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent.....	862,811,298	863,011,628	472,526,000
Gold redemption fund.....	7,614,052	3,366,827	20,000,000
Total gold reserves.....	1,110,640,526	1,131,887,744	850,390,000
Legal tender notes, silver, &c.....	35,228,250	35,536,473	61,769,000
Total reserves.....	1,145,868,786	1,167,424,218	912,359,000
Bills discounted: Secured by U. S. Government obligations—for members.....	21,851,653	15,520,634	140,699,000
For other F. R. banks.....			27,862,000
All other—For members.....	19,072,872	18,230,000	195,446,000
For other F. R. Banks.....			4,735,000
Bills bought in open market.....	26,835,000	26,358,772	29,269,000
Total bills on hand.....	67,759,625	60,118,416	388,465,000
U. S. bonds and notes.....	42,302,750	42,017,050	1,005,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness—			
One-year certificates (Pittman Act).....	17,500,000	17,600,000	52,276,000
All other.....	94,839,000	96,861,000	5,522,000
Total earning assets.....	222,401,375	216,498,466	447,208,000
Bank premiums.....	9,292,450	9,015,000	5,515,000
5% redemp. fund agt. F. R. bank notes.....	799,000	799,000	4,659,000
Uncollected items.....	135,983,704	118,390,872	120,167,000
All other resources.....	3,167,995	3,102,474	2,615,000
Total resources.....	1,517,473,373	1,515,317,901	1,489,523,000
Liabilities—			
Capital paid in.....	27,664,150	27,685,150	26,983,000
Surplus.....	60,197,127	60,197,127	59,318,000
Deposits:			
Government.....	7,663,168	7,106,878	283,000
Member banks—Reserve account.....	682,551,787	691,612,891	610,152,000
All other.....	9,647,856	9,478,307	15,132,000
Total deposits.....	699,762,812	708,198,077	625,567,000
F. R. notes in actual circulation.....	613,644,677	621,277,956	637,645,000
F. R. bank notes in circ'n—net liability	13,499,200	13,641,200	28,492,000
Deferred availability items.....	98,142,964	79,896,832	88,663,000
All other liabilities.....	4,562,443	4,421,577	22,855,000
Total liabilities.....	1,517,473,373	1,515,317,901	1,489,523,000
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined.....	87.2%	87.8%	72.2%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.....	10,993,659	10,992,015	15,297,969

CURRENT NOTICES

—McClure, Jones & Reed, 115 Broadway, have just issued a book "Investment in Bank Stocks" by Lindsay Russell, Member of the New York Bar.

—A tabulation showing the range in prices of New York bank and trust company stocks, together with details of capital, surplus and undivided profits, dividends and deposits, is contained in this book.

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Friday afternoon, Aug. 18, 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 810 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 AUG. 16 1922.

	Aug. 16 1922.	Aug. 9 1922.	Aug. 2 1922.	July 26 1922.	July 19 1922.	July 12 1922.	July 5 1922.	June 28 1922.	Aug. 17 1921.
RESOURCES.									
Gold and gold certificates.....	\$ 306,256,000	\$ 314,391,000	\$ 316,231,000	\$ 317,459,000	\$ 317,980,000	\$ 317,832,000	\$ 317,040,000	\$ 316,937,000	\$ 407,452,000
Gold settlement, F. R. Board.....	474,662,000	481,333,000	489,619,000	498,309,000	490,620,000	514,590,000	518,079,000	532,351,000	418,738,000
Total gold held by banks.....	780,918,000	795,724,000	805,850,000	815,768,000	808,600,000	832,422,000	835,119,000	849,288,000	826,190,000
Gold with Federal Reserve agents.....	2,338,893,000	2,233,430,000	2,223,384,000	2,197,645,000	2,195,062,000	2,161,560,000	2,123,816,000	2,123,373,000	1,660,062,000
Gold redemption fund.....	46,593,000	42,489,000	42,190,000	11,118,000	41,673,000	41,851,000	61,142,000	48,207,000	114,043,000
Total gold reserves.....	3,066,404,000	3,071,643,000	3,071,424,000	3,054,531,000	3,045,335,000	3,035,833,000	3,020,677,000	3,020,868,000	2,600,295,000
Legal tender notes, silver, &c.....	131,424,000	130,534,000	131,260,000	126,967,000	123,987,000	121,207,000	113,252,000	127,498,000	145,173,000
Total reserves.....	3,197,828,000	3,202,177,000	3,202,684,000	3,181,498,000	3,169,322,000	3,157,040,000	3,133,929,000	3,148,366,000	2,745,468,000
Bills discounted:									
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	125,440,000	117,777,000	130,293,000	115,238,000	176,263,000	157,555,000	185,390,000	189,909,000	559,689,000
All other.....	257,045,000	204,384,000	209,508,000	264,743,000	207,205,000	272,387,000	313,482,000	279,102,000	952,428,000
Bills bought in open market.....	149,600,000	146,808,000	150,497,000	146,138,000	148,970,000	157,075,000	155,065,000	154,060,000	41,910,000
Total bills on hand.....	532,085,000	528,964,000	550,296,000	536,119,000	592,438,000	587,617,000	653,937,000	623,161,000	1,554,027,000
U. S. bonds and notes.....	202,973,000	199,746,000	195,751,000	201,624,000	201,901,000	208,424,000	216,237,000	224,638,000	34,028,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness:									
One-year certificates (Pittman Act).....	67,500,000	69,000,000	70,500,000	72,000,000	74,000,000	74,000,000	74,000,000	74,000,000	203,375,000
All other.....	218,144,000	222,065,000	228,098,000	267,175,000	265,948,000	274,349,000	290,271,000	287,969,000	7,876,000
Municipal warrants.....	9,000	4,000	3,000	9,000	9,000	4,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
Total earning assets.....	1,020,711,000	1,020,679,000	1,047,648,000	1,076,927,000	1,134,296,000	1,144,394,000	1,204,445,000	1,179,768,000	1,799,306,000
Bank premises.....	43,296,000	42,804,000	42,569,000	42,494,000	42,417,000	41,985,000	41,642,000	41,568,000	26,952,000
5% redemp. fund agst. F. R. bank notes.....	6,640,000	6,679,000	6,709,000	7,527,000	7,496,000	7,551,000	7,496,000	7,587,000	9,741,000
Uncollected items.....	593,930,000	522,392,000	542,711,000	537,883,000	592,345,000	611,738,000	514,725,000	511,371,000	531,871,000
All other resources.....	16,666,000	16,449,000	16,760,000	16,805,000	16,186,000	16,169,000	16,206,000	15,988,000	17,302,000
Total resources.....	4,879,101,000	4,811,180,000	4,859,131,000	4,863,134,000	4,962,062,000	4,978,872,000	4,918,443,000	4,904,848,000	5,130,370,000
LIABILITIES.									
Capital paid in.....	105,983,000	105,730,000	105,589,000	105,198,000	105,239,000	105,224,000	105,217,000	105,078,000	102,896,000
Surplus.....	215,398,000	215,398,000	215,398,000	215,398,000	215,398,000	215,398,000	215,398,000	215,398,000	215,398,000
Reserve for Govt. franchise tax.....	32,935,000	32,935,000	32,935,000	32,935,000	32,935,000	32,935,000	32,935,000	32,935,000	32,935,000
Deposits—Government.....	1,790,260,000	1,783,539,000	1,837,840,000	1,815,278,000	1,884,145,000	1,875,229,000	1,818,096,000	1,865,199,000	1,621,570,000
Member banks—reserve account.....	23,770,000	24,384,000	30,257,000	26,381,000	29,010,000	28,871,000	29,029,000	30,297,000	30,465,000
Total.....	1,846,965,000	1,835,803,000	1,885,023,000	1,888,114,000	1,942,531,000	1,924,937,000	1,884,702,000	1,939,276,000	1,671,249,000
F. R. notes in actual circulation.....	2,142,303,000	2,147,223,000	2,140,121,000	2,126,809,000	2,132,848,000	2,168,122,000	2,194,323,000	2,124,422,000	2,508,642,000
F. R. bank notes in circulation—net liab.....	58,130,000	60,547,000	63,046,000	63,622,000	66,053,000	67,380,000	68,146,000	67,259,000	114,502,000
Deferred availability items.....	488,613,000	424,691,000	429,712,000	442,713,000	479,274,000	488,360,000	480,161,000	480,314,000	458,120,000
All other liabilities.....	21,709,000	21,788,000	21,242,000	21,280,000	20,719,000	21,451,000	20,496,000	20,820,000	66,137,000
Total liabilities.....	4,879,101,000	4,811,180,000	4,859,131,000	4,863,134,000	4,962,062,000	4,978,872,000	4,918,443,000	4,904,848,000	5,130,370,000
Ratio of gold reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined.....	70.9%	78.9%	76.3%	76.1%	74.7%	74.4%	74.0%	74.3%	62.3%
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined.....	80.2%	80.4%	79.6%	79.2%	77.8%	77.3%	76.8%	77.5%	65.8%
Distribution by Maturities—									
1-15 days bills bought in open market.....	\$ 36,063,000	\$ 45,646,000	\$ 55,841,000	\$ 52,682,000	\$ 59,016,000	\$ 58,775,000	\$ 66,992,000	\$ 59,415,000	\$ 24,264,000
1-15 days bills discounted.....	181,367,000	183,639,000	200,044,000	187,033,000	247,364,000	224,711,000	289,805,000	263,576,000	860,478,000
1-15 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness.....	2,400,000	3,911,000	2,749,000	23,261,000	22,950,000	10,645,000	5,813,000	4,100,000	19,026,000
1-15 days municipal warrants.....	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
16-30 days bills bought in open market.....	23,083,000	23,586,000	23,794,000	29,203,000	30,883,000	37,788,000	37,828,000	37,845,000	8,472,000
16-30 days bills discounted.....	42,787,000	36,615,000	36,069,000	30,536,000	33,231,000	39,243,000	39,586,000	38,675,000	157,136,000
16-30 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness.....	30,169,000	1,400,000	2,400,000	4,689,000	3,900,000	24,235,000	22,930,000	1,500,000	12,397,000
16-30 days municipal warrants.....	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
31-60 days bills bought in open market.....	46,462,000	36,510,000	33,427,000	27,978,000	27,831,000	34,562,000	34,629,000	43,064,000	4,813,000
31-60 days bills discounted.....	70,655,000	71,378,000	58,154,000	58,108,000	58,007,000	59,559,000	64,650,000	61,511,000	273,237,000
31-60 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness.....	14,624,000	51,316,000	45,347,000	42,965,000	38,361,000	3,900,000	14,027,000	36,292,000	32,663,000
31-60 days municipal warrants.....	4,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
61-90 days bills bought in open market.....	39,178,000	37,423,000	33,296,000	31,065,000	31,888,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
61-90 days bills discounted.....	56,242,000	57,275,000	60,942,000	59,744,000	59,402,000	57,801,000	53,983,000	50,208,000	181,320,000
61-90 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness.....	34,284,000	35,021,000	41,078,000	41,870,000	47,541,000	52,792,000	42,057,000	40,873,000	15,659,000
61-90 days municipal warrants.....	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Over 90 days bills bought in open market.....	4,814,000	3,638,000	4,139,000	15,210,000	6,352,000	6,335,000	7,230,000	8,580,000	3,946,000
Over 90 days bills discounted.....	31,434,000	33,354,000	44,590,000	44,557,000	45,501,000	48,225,000	50,848,000	54,831,000	39,466,000
Over 90 days cert. of indebtedness.....	198,167,000	200,317,000	206,424,000	226,390,000	227,187,000	266,777,000	249,144,000	259,198,000	133,506,000
Federal Reserve Notes—									
Outstanding.....	2,590,069,000	2,581,583,000	2,572,297,000	2,571,963,000	2,583,868,000	2,589,509,000	2,561,837,000	2,537,485,000	2,885,217,000
Held by banks.....	447,766,000	434,360,000	432,176,000	445,154,000	451,020,000	431,387,000	367,514,000	413,063,000	381,575,000
In actual circulation.....	2,142,303,000	2,147,223,000	2,140,121,000	2,126,809,000	2,132,848,000	2,158,122,000	2,194,323,000	2,124,422,000	2,503,642,000
Amount chargeable to Fed. Res. Agent in hands of Federal Reserve Agent.....	3,373,411,000	3,350,954,000	3,339,569,000	3,338,385,000	3,350,935,000	3,341,921,000	3,301,370,000	3,294,062,000	3,714,561,000
Issued to Federal Reserve banks.....	783,342,000	789,371,000	767,272,000	766,402,000	767,067,000	752,412,000	739,542,000	766,677,000	829,344,000
How Secured—	2,590,069,000	2,581,583,000	2,572,297,000	2,571,963,000	2,583,868,000	2,589,509,000	2,561,837,000	2,537,485,000	2,885,217,000
By gold and gold certificates.....	416,522,000	416,522,000	416,523,000	416,522,000	416,122,000	416,122,000	416,122,000	416,123,000	373,992,000
By eligible paper.....	351,176,000	348,153,000	348,913,000	374,318,000	388,800,000	427,949,000	435,021,000	414,112,000	1,225,155,000
Gold redemption fund.....	130,531,000	124,338,000	121,354,000	124,019,000	127,051,000	126,010,000	124,955,000	127,309,000	125,550,000
With Federal Reserve Board.....	1,091,840,000	1,091,970,000	1,685,507,000	1,657,107,000	1,651,289,000	1,619,428,000	1,582,709,000	1,579,941,000	1,160,520,000
Total.....	2,590,069,000	2,581,583,000	2,572,297,000	2,571,963,000	2,583,868,000	2,589,509,000	2,561,837,000	2,537,485,000	2,885,217,000
Eligible paper delivered to F. R. Agent.....	512,927,000	515,411,000	533,600,000	523,304,000	585,242,000	576,633,000	635,631,000	606,648,000	1,366,343,000

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS AUG. 16 1922.

	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
RESOURCES.													
Gold and gold certificates.....	\$ 14,220,000	\$ 195,829,000	\$ 5,658,000	\$ 13,442,000	\$ 3,498,000	\$ 5,390,000	\$ 24,989,000	\$ 4,060,000	\$ 7,348,000	\$ 2,655,000	\$ 8,912,000	\$ 20,285,000	\$ 306,256,000
Gold settlement fund—													

RESOURCES (Concluded)— Two ciphers (00) omitted.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland	Richmond	Atlanta	Chicago.	St. Louis	Minneapolis	Kan. City.	Dallas	San Fran.	Total.
Bank premises	\$ 5,251.0	\$ 9,262.0	\$ 603.0	\$ 5,966.0	\$ 2,571.0	\$ 1,599.0	\$ 7,678.0	\$ 944.0	\$ 936.0	\$ 5,018.0	\$ 2,094.0	\$ 1,374.0	\$ 43,296.0
5% redemption fund against Federal Reserve bank notes	422.0	799.0	250.0	239.0	188.0	468.0	703.0	2,023.0	207.0	916.0	146.0	279.0	\$ 6,640.0
Uncollected items	57,542.0	135,984.0	49,016.0	58,126.0	48,040.0	20,910.0	74,421.0	32,739.0	14,427.0	41,166.0	22,645.0	38,014.0	\$ 593,930.0
All other resources	697.0	3,158.0	641.0	1,210.0	465.0	131.0	747.0	575.0	1,294.0	863.0	1,796.0	5,089.0	\$ 16,666.0
Total resources	371,425.0	1,517,473.0	366,260.0	437,451.0	200,050.0	192,688.0	757,531.0	180,129.0	121,733.0	203,403.0	111,142.0	419,816.0	4,879,101.0
LIABILITIES.													
Capital paid in	8,107.0	27,664.0	9,131.0	11,689.0	5,604.0	4,310.0	14,733.0	4,767.0	3,576.0	4,565.0	4,197.0	7,590.0	\$ 105,983.0
Surplus	16,483.0	60,197.0	17,945.0	22,509.0	11,030.0	9,114.0	29,025.0	9,388.0	7,468.0	9,646.0	7,394.0	15,199.0	\$ 215,395.0
Deposits: Government	1,153.0	7,563.0	2,081.0	1,866.0	1,871.0	2,519.0	1,503.0	1,842.0	1,606.0	2,821.0	1,915.0	6,392.0	\$ 23,935.0
Member bank—reserve acct.	122,484.0	682,552.0	108,117.0	146,547.0	56,374.0	45,872.0	274,321.0	59,773.0	44,992.0	78,086.0	45,049.0	126,993.0	\$ 1,790,260.0
All other	419.0	9,648.0	1,256.0	1,140.0	245.0	182.0	1,285.0	659.0	308.0	511.0	191.0	7,923.0	\$ 23,770.0
Total deposits	124,056.0	699,763.0	111,454.0	149,553.0	58,293.0	48,573.0	277,109.0	62,274.0	46,006.0	81,418.0	47,158.0	141,308.0	1,846,965.0
F. R. notes in actual circulation	172,307.0	613,644.0	179,274.0	197,278.0	79,588.0	110,032.0	369,231.0	68,493.0	48,749.0	60,461.0	27,233.0	216,013.0	\$ 2,142,303.0
F. R. bank notes in circulation— net liability	4,096.0	13,499.0	3,958.0	3,874.0	2,681.0	3,864.0	7,573.0	3,307.0	2,362.0	7,885.0	2,482.0	2,549.0	\$ 58,130.0
Deferred liability items	46,001.0	98,143.0	42,962.0	50,811.0	41,703.0	15,661.0	56,561.0	31,062.0	12,169.0	38,376.0	20,992.0	35,172.0	\$ 488,613.0
All other liabilities	1,375.0	4,563.0	1,486.0	1,737.0	1,151.0	1,134.0	3,299.0	838.0	1,403.0	1,052.0	1,686.0	1,985.0	\$ 21,709.0
Total liabilities	371,425.0	1,517,473.0	366,260.0	437,451.0	200,050.0	192,688.0	757,531.0	180,129.0	121,733.0	203,403.0	111,142.0	419,816.0	4,879,101.0
<i>Memoranda.</i>													
Ratio of total resources to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined, per cent.	77.8	87.2	74.3	70.9	78.5	82.8	88.6	66.7	72.0	65.4	53.5	72.5	80.2
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	2,173.0	10,994.0	2,382.0	2,441.0	1,459.0	1,098.0	3,543.0	1,399.0	804.0	1,429.0	774.0	1,369.0	\$ 29,865.0

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS ACCOUNTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS AUGUST 16 1922.

Federal Reserve Agent at—	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Clev.	Richm'd	Atlanta	Chicago.	St. Louis	Minn.	K. City.	Dallas.	San Fr.	Total.
<i>Resources—</i>													
Federal Reserve notes on hand	\$ 98,550	\$ 286,350	\$ 47,420	\$ 30,740	\$ 31,660	\$ 72,984	\$ 84,240	\$ 26,750	\$ 13,655	\$ 14,300	\$ 10,603	\$ 57,030	\$ 783,342
Federal Reserve notes outstanding	189,035	885,102	200,215	215,781	87,730	114,278	411,876	83,184	61,519	71,318	30,012	249,431	\$ 2,590,069
Collateral security for Federal Reserve notes outstanding													
Gold and gold certificates	5,300	363,184		13,275		2,400		11,610	13,052		7,701		\$ 416,522
Gold redemption fund	20,398	36,647	12,578	11,188	1,842	4,442	14,997	3,090	1,711	4,221	2,150	15,267	\$ 130,531
Gold fund—Federal Reserve Board	138,000	461,000	139,889	145,000	56,795	90,500	363,644	41,800	14,000	51,360	10,000	179,852	\$ 1,691,840
Eligible paper—Amount required	25,937	22,271	47,745	46,318	29,099	16,936	33,235	26,684	22,756	15,737	10,161	54,294	\$ 351,176
Excess amount held	7,906	40,493	8,894	8,615	6,050	13,157	32,190	4,738	3,882	1,415	28,458	5,948	\$ 161,751
Total	485,726	2,097,052	456,744	470,917	213,182	314,697	940,182	197,856	120,575	158,351	108,145	561,804	6,125,231
<i>Liabilities</i>													
Net amount of Federal Reserve notes received from Comptroller of the Currency	288,185	1,171,452	247,635	246,521	119,396	187,262	496,116	109,934	65,174	85,618	49,675	306,443	\$ 3,373,411
Collateral received from (Gold)	163,098	862,831	152,667	169,463	58,637	97,342	378,641	66,500	28,763	55,581	19,851	195,119	\$ 2,238,893
Federal Reserve Bank (Eligible paper)	33,843	62,769	56,642	54,933	35,149	30,093	65,425	31,422	26,638	17,152	38,619	60,242	\$ 612,927
Total	485,726	2,097,052	456,744	470,917	213,182	314,697	940,182	197,856	120,575	158,351	108,145	561,804	6,125,231
Federal Reserve notes outstanding	189,035	885,102	200,215	215,781	87,736	114,278	411,876	83,184	61,519	71,318	30,012	249,431	\$ 2,590,069
Federal Reserve notes held by banks	17,328	271,458	20,941	15,503	8,148	4,246	42,645	14,691	2,770	10,857	2,779	33,400	\$ 447,766
Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation	172,307	613,644	179,274	197,278	79,588	110,032	369,231	68,493	48,749	60,461	27,233	216,013	\$ 2,142,303

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 794 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 810.

1. Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business August 9 1922. Three ciphers (000) omitted.

Federal Reserve District.	Boston.	New York	Phila.	Cleveland	Richm'd	Atlanta	Chicago.	St. Louis	Minneapolis	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
Number of reporting banks	49	105	56	84	79	42	109	37	35	78	52	68	794
Loans and discounts, including bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank	\$ 13,868	\$ 84,150	\$ 15,924	\$ 13,871	\$ 11,433	\$ 7,688	\$ 42,753	\$ 14,487	\$ 9,320	\$ 10,989	\$ 4,414	\$ 15,966	\$ 262,863
Loans sec. by U. S. Govt. obligations	207,726	1,698,975	239,372	331,241	118,037	60,596	508,459	123,395	35,669	67,598	42,046	146,992	\$ 3,491,676
Loans secured by stocks and bonds	568,233	2,227,386	311,103	632,962	296,277	287,334	1,012,223	274,916	186,806	346,007	191,889	703,563	\$ 7,038,699
All other loans and discounts													
Total loans and discounts	789,827	3,918,511	566,999	999,074	425,747	355,618	1,563,435	412,798	231,795	424,564	238,349	866,521	10,793,238
U. S. bonds	94,161	556,892	56,352	149,621	56,920	27,732	130,555	31,898	24,191	55,189	34,668	116,861	\$ 1,335,070
U. S. Victory notes	745	12,640	4,738	2,130	300	987	4,262	3,320	305	997	556	7,395	\$ 38,275
U. S. Treasury notes	25,904	400,081	30,197	41,654	7,352	3,679	73,148	11,453	9,801	10,635	8,529	24,512	\$ 446,645
U. S. certificates of indebtedness	6,542	100,534	7,253	10,181	3,926	8,164	32,035	7,497	6,790	14,425	6,750	21,340	\$ 225,423
Other bonds, stocks and securities	170,144	815,397	187,015	286,639	55,657	33,898	407,671	82,726	23,839	59,286	7,307	164,447	\$ 2,294,084
Total loans, disc'ts & investments, incl. bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank	1,087,323	5,803,955	852,554	1,480,299	549,902	430,126	2,211,108	549,692	296,421	595,076	296,205	1,201,076	15,332,735
Reserve balance with F. R. Bank	84,740	627,075	67,426	98,338	45,184	31,051	191,749	42,285	19,556	46,922	22,429	85,023	\$ 1,351,778
Cash in vault	18,513	87,086	14,350	28,337	13,126	9,108	51,483	6,715	6,126	11,952	9,443	19,911	\$ 276,150
Net demand deposits	794,215	4,838,036	635,221	856,538	334,880	248,476	1,435,973	323,565	188,053	444,103	206,952	623,793	\$ 10,979,835
Time deposits	231,929	820,201	63,890	502,799	141,570	154,227	693,425	108,128	76,135	116,619	65,123	515,139	\$ 3,569,485
Government deposits	14,495	76,556	12,718	16,986	6,076	5,703	27,833	4,620	6,700	6,689	4,942	15,553	\$ 198,871
Bills payable with Federal Reserve Bank													
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	2,114	7,205	9,458	7,232	2,395		3,786	2,668	575	423		5,705	\$ 41,561
All other				150								163	\$ 313
Bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank	40		55		57	42		7	922	40	6	69	\$ 1,238
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	15,403	13,154	3,225	4,792	6,132	4,047	3,889	1,050	1,247	1,599	3,334	3,425	\$ 61,647
All other													

2. Data of reporting member banks in Federal Reserve Bank and branch cities and all other reporting banks.

Three ciphers (000) omitted.	New York City.		City of Chicago.		All F. R. Bank Cities		F. R. Branch Cities		All Other Report. Bks.		Total.		
	Aug. 9.	Aug. 2.	Aug. 9.	Aug. 2.	Aug. 9.	Aug. 2.	Aug. 9.	Aug. 2.	Aug. 9.	Aug. 2.	Aug. 9 '22.	Aug. 2 '22.	Aug. 10 '21.
Number of reporting banks	64	64	50	50	271	271	210	210	313	313	794	794	813
Loans and discounts, incl. bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank	\$ 74,326	\$ 69,908	\$ 32,782	\$ 33,039	\$ 168,958	\$ 163,996	\$ 52,866	\$ 52,021	\$ 41,039	\$ 41,240	\$ 262,863	\$ 257,257	\$ 615,211
Loans sec. by U. S. Govt. obligations	1,439,610	1,467,045											

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Wall Street, Friday Night, Aug. 18.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—Notwithstanding the seriousness of the problems with which three of the most important industries of the country are struggling, Wall Street, is decidedly hopeful as to the outcome and the security markets have been relatively active and strong throughout the week, except on Monday. This hopefulness is due largely to the fact that all parties to the coal and railway strikes are heartily tired of the controversy and public feeling is getting so impatient that a settlement cannot, it seems, be much longer delayed. Already the total steel production has been reduced, from 80% of capacity in July to from 50 to 60% at latest reports, because of the coal shortage and the advancing season warns that if not started soon the country's winter fuel supply will be inadequate. With the strikes settled and out of the way it seems likely that the importance of the enormous crops, soon to be harvested, will be more fully appreciated. One evidence of the importance of this matter is seen in a drop in the price of wheat in the Chicago market this week to \$1.01 per bushel. Other results will soon be seen in a large additional demand upon the transportation facilities of the country and an increase in general business throughout the agricultural districts.

The foreign exchanges have been somewhat irregular, owing perhaps to an adjournment of the London conference without accomplishing the object for which it was called. German marks have been quoted at 8 1/2 one-hundredths of a cent, while exchange on Paris advanced and sterling went very close to its recent highest record.

The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week ending Aug. 18, Shares, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like Canada Southern, C. St. P. & O., Illinois Central, etc.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Table showing daily, weekly, and yearly transactions at the New York Stock Exchange, including columns for Shares, Par Value, Railroad & Foreign Bonds, State, Mun. & Foreign Bonds, and U. S. Bonds.

Table showing sales at the New York Stock Exchange, including columns for Stocks (No. shares, Par value), Bonds (Government, State, Mun. & Foreign, RR. and misc.), and Total bonds.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Table showing daily transactions at the Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore exchanges, including columns for Week ending, Shares, and Bond Sales.

Table showing Daily Record of Liberty Loan Prices, including columns for Loan type, High, Low, Close, and Total sales in \$1,000 units.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Table showing transactions in registered bonds, including columns for Maturity, Rate, Bid, Asked, and Total sales.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cdfs. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table showing quotations for U.S. Treasury certificates of indebtedness, including columns for Maturity, Rate, Bid, Asked.

Foreign Exchange.—Sterling exchange with a moderate volume of business, ruled strong and materially higher.

The Continental exchanges, on the other hand, were weak, new low records being established in several instances. To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 47/8 @ 4 47/8 for sixty days, 4 47/8 @ 4 48 1/4 for checks and 4 47/8 @ 4 49 for cables.

Commercial on banks, sight, 4 47 @ 4 48 1/4; sixty days, 4 45 @ 4 46 1/4; ninety days, 4 44 1/2 @ 4 45 1/2; and documents for payment, 60 days, 4 45 1/2 @ 4 46 1/4; cotton for payment, 4 47 @ 4 48 1/4; and grain for payment, 4 47 @ 4 48 1/4.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 7.88 @ 7.97 for long and 7.91 @ 8.00 1/4 for short. Germany bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 38.42 @ 38.57 for long and 38.78 @ 38.93 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 56.63 fr.; week's range, 56.07 fr. high and 56.63 fr. low. The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:

Table showing exchange rates for the week, including columns for High for the week, Low for the week, and Checks/Cables.

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par. St. Louis, 15 @ 25c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. San Francisco, par. Montreal, \$1 875 per \$1,000 premium. Cincinnati, par.

The Curb Market.—Business in the Curb Market this week opened comparatively light, with nominal price changes.

As the week progressed, however, trading improved until the close, when the volume of business was heavy and a strong tone in evidence. Most of the activity in oils was confined to a few issues. Standard Oil (Indiana) eased off at first from 109 1/2 to 108 1/4, then sold up to 115 1/2. Standard Oil of New York gained about 34 points to 457 and sold finally at 450. Vacuum Oil rose from 429 to 465. Ohio Oil advanced from 275 to 296. In the other oil stocks New England Fuel Oil was conspicuous for a rise of 14 points to 74 1/2 with final transaction at 71 1/2. Mutual Oil moved up from 9 1/2 to 11 1/8 and closed to-day at 11. Cities Service com. advanced from 180 to 196 and ends the week at 195 1/2. Industrials were firm, though price changes were not so pronounced as in oil stocks. Goldwyn Pictures gained a point to 6 3/8 and finished to-day at 6 1/4. New Bethlehem Steel shares were traded in to-day for the first time, the com. down from 82 to 78 3/4 and the preferred from 100 up to 100 1/2, then down to 96. Hayes Wheel was active and gained over a point to 30 3/4. R. H. Macy & Co. stocks were traded in for the first time, the com. from 61 up to 61 1/2, then down to 56; it moved up again, reaching 58, but to-day reacted to 55, closing at 55 1/2. The pref. advanced from 106 to 108 and closed to-day at 106 1/4. Bonds were steady. Brooklyn Union Gas 7s of 1929 advanced from 110 1/2 to 114.

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For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see preceding page.

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Aug. 12-18); Stocks (Railroads, Industrial & Miscellaneous); PER SHARE (Range since Jan. 1 1922, Range for previous year 1921); and Shares.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-rights. ‡ Less than 100 shares. § Ex-dividend. ¶ Ex-rights (Year 15) to subscribe.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see second page preceding.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT						Sales for the Week	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		PER SHARE Range since Jan. 1 1922. On basis of 100-share lots		PER SHARE Range for previous year 1921	
Saturday, Aug. 12.	Monday, Aug. 14.	Tuesday, Aug. 15.	Wednesday, Aug. 16.	Thursday, Aug. 17.	Friday, Aug. 18.		Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest		
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	Shares	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share		
72 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	71 1/2	72 1/2	71 1/2	1,800	51	72 1/2	Jan 11	56 1/2	Dec	
105 103 3/4	106 103 3/4	106 103 3/4	106 103 3/4	106 103 3/4	106 103 3/4	22,300	98 1/2	109 1/2	Jan 18	88 1/2	Dec	
57 1/2	56 1/2	57 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	57 1/2	100	93 1/2	104 1/2	Jan 5	73 1/2	Dec	
109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	1,800	141	175	Jan 10	115 1/2	Dec	
172 1/2	172 1/2	171 1/2	173 1/2	172 1/2	173 1/2	300	110 1/2	125	Jan 6	108 1/2	Dec	
121 1/2	121 1/2	122 1/2	122 1/2	121 1/2	122 1/2	1,300	19 1/2	27 1/2	Jan 27	16 1/2	Dec	
26 1/2	26 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	28 1/2	4,000	19 1/2	30 1/2	Jan 10	15 1/2	Dec	
51 5 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	54 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	600	41	61	Jan 11	35 1/2	Dec	
136 139	135 139	133 139	135 139	132 139	132 139	7,700	126	143 1/2	Jan 23	113 1/2	Dec	
14 14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4	1,000	12	17 1/2	Jan 18	8 1/2	Dec	
71 71 1/2	71 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	1,800	58	77 1/2	Jan 31	42	Dec	
111 1/2	108 1/2	112 1/2	110 11 1/2	111 11 1/2	110 11 1/2	2,700	73	114 1/2	Jan 22	47	Dec	
92 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	92 1/2	1,100	73	104 1/2	Jan 13	57	Dec	
37 37 1/2	36 1/2	35 1/2	37 37 1/2	36 1/2	37 37 1/2	6,200	3 1/2	5 1/2	Aug 8	2 1/4	Dec	
13 13 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/4	1,400	9 1/2	16 1/2	Jan 16	21 1/2	Dec	
34 34	33 3/4	33 3/4	34 3/4	34 3/4	34 3/4	6,500	29 1/2	40 1/2	Jan 1	17 1/2	Dec	
52 1/2	52 1/2	53 1/2	55 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	2,200	52 1/2	60 1/2	Jan 14	39 1/2	Dec	
118 1/2	117 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	119 11 1/2	119 11 1/2	8,300	102	121 1/2	Jan 5	73 1/2	Dec	
110 113 1/2	115 11 1/2	118 11 1/2	118 11 1/2	118 11 1/2	118 11 1/2	300	112	118 1/2	Jan 12	93 1/2	Dec	
115 11 1/2	111 11 1/2	110 11 1/2	112 11 1/2	112 11 1/2	112 11 1/2	2,400	82	104 1/2	Jan 30	60 1/2	Dec	
17 17 1/2	17 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	2,800	3 1/2	5 1/2	Jan 31	3 1/2	Dec	
60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	4,000	5 1/2	24 1/2	Jan 31	4 1/2	Dec	
97	98	98	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	900	8 1/2	9 1/2	Jan 4	9 1/2	Dec	
90 96	95 1/2	95 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	97 1/2	600	87	97 1/2	Feb 8	53 1/2	Dec	
137 1/2	137 1/2	133 139	132 139	139 139	136 139	100	109 1/2	139	Jan 3	95 1/2	Dec	
41 1/2	41 1/2	40 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	24,600	30 1/2	42 1/2	Jan 26	18 1/2	Dec	
99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	12,600	5 1/2	8 1/2	Jan 8	47 1/2	Dec	
80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	81 1/2	82 1/2	83 1/2	300	84	112 1/2	Jan 18	67 1/2	Dec	
108 100	108 110	109 110	110 110	110 110	110 110	1,100	23 1/2	47 1/2	Jan 14	28 1/2	Dec	
88 3/4	88 3/4	88 3/4	88 3/4	88 3/4	88 3/4	1,300	52 1/2	71 1/2	Jan 27	64 1/2	Dec	
63 64	63 63	61 64	61 63	60 65	65 65	1,100	114 1/2	124 1/2	Jan 4	95 1/2	Dec	
122 1/2	122 1/2	122 1/2	122 1/2	122 1/2	122 1/2	25,100	114 1/2	124 1/2	Jan 4	95 1/2	Dec	
149 1/2	149 1/2	148 1/2	150 1/2	149 1/2	148 1/2	5,700	129 1/2	152 1/2	Jan 5	111 1/2	Dec	
102 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	100	96 1/2	105 1/2	Jan 31	86 1/2	Dec	
146 1/2	146 1/2	147 1/2	148 1/2	148 1/2	147 1/2	1,500	126 1/2	148 1/2	Jan 3	110 1/2	Dec	
17 17 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	4,600	67	104 1/2	Jan 7	48 1/2	Dec	
85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	4,300	17 1/2	43 1/2	Jan 4	48 1/2	Dec	
40 40 1/2	40 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	11,000	78 1/2	94 1/2	Jan 10	57 1/2	Dec	
90 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	300	102 1/2	109 1/2	Jan 11	93 1/2	Dec	
107 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2	107 1/2	1,700	23 1/2	37 1/2	Jan 13	20 1/2	Dec	
31 1/2	31 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	33 1/2	600	12 1/2	18 1/2	Jan 3	6 1/2	Dec	
17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	460	46	46 1/2	Jan 25	23 1/2	Dec	
46 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	14,300	47	57 1/2	Jan 31	31 1/2	Dec	
53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	1,500	43	57 1/2	Jan 6	24 1/2	Dec	
58 58 1/2	55 58 1/2	55 58 1/2	55 58 1/2	55 58 1/2	55 58 1/2	200	75	83 1/2	Jan 19	55 1/2	Dec	
81 81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	1,000	70	86 1/2	Jan 17	45 1/2	Dec	
81 1/2	80 82 1/2	81 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	200	99	135 1/2	Jan 5	91 1/2	Dec	
110 115	100 115	113 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2	2,600	2 1/2	5 1/2	Jan 3	1 1/2	Dec	
31 1/2	32 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	5,400	23 1/2	43 1/2	Jan 29	18 1/2	Dec	
21 24 1/2	21 24	21 25	22 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2	400	18 1/2	31 1/2	Jan 29	15 1/2	Dec	
116 118	116 118	116 118	116 118	116 118	116 118	100	900	1145 1/2	Jan 1	820 1/2	Dec	
16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	1,200	113	118 1/2	Jan 30	103 1/2	Dec	
28 28 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	1,200	13 1/2	28 1/2	Jan 28	12 1/2	Dec	
84 86	84 85	84 85	84 85	84 85	84 85	100	9 1/2	11 1/2	Jan 8	8 1/2	Dec	
3 3	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	100	68	90	Jan 6	50 1/2	Dec	
124 124 1/2	124 1/2	124 1/2	124 1/2	124 1/2	124 1/2	32,200	102 1/2	157 1/2	Jan 16	10 1/2	Dec	
112 114 1/2	114 114	113 115	113 115	113 115	113 115	100	93 1/2	125 1/2	Jan 13	62 1/2	Dec	
56 60	56 60	56 60	56 60	56 60	56 60	100	104	114 1/2	Jan 13	95 1/2	Dec	
94 97 1/2	94 97 1/2	94 97 1/2	94 97 1/2	94 97 1/2	94 97 1/2	100	89	96 1/2	Jan 23	70 1/2	Dec	
30 1/2	30 1/2	30 31 1/2	31 31 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	21,800	19 1/2	56 1/2	Jan 16	20 1/2	Dec	
24 1/2	25	23 24 1/2	23 24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	2,200	19 1/2	39	Jan 9	14 1/2	Dec	
54 55 1/2	54 54	45 1/2	49 54	50 54	49 54	300	33	48 1/2	Jan 14	1 1/2	Dec	
75 1/2	74 1/2	77 77	76 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	2,800	51	79 1/2	Jan 10	39 1/2	Dec	
77 1/2	78 78 1/2	78 78 1/2	79 1/2	78 78 1/2	78 78 1/2	40,600	55 1/2	82 1/2	Jan 3	41 1/2	Dec	
96 99	96 98	96 98	97 1/2	98 98	98 98	1,000	90 1/2	101 1/2	Jan 7	87 1/2	Dec	
114 115	114 115	114 115	114 114 1/2	114 114 1/2	114 114 1/2	700	104	116 1/2	Jan 4	90 1/2	Dec	
104 104	11 11	12 10 1/2	11 11	11 11	11 11	1,900	4 1/2	11 1/2	Jan 10	3 1/2	Dec	
107 74	73 72 1/2	70 75	70 75	72 75	72 75	100	58 1/2	74 1/2	Jan 6	55 1/2	Dec	
30 1/2	30 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	4,200	19 1/2	36 1/2	Jan 17	22 1/2	Dec	
117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2	2,300	100	117 1/2	Jan 11	88 1/2	Dec	
112 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2	112 1/2	115 1/2	114 1/2	200	70	119 1/2	Jan 31	51 1/2	Dec	
33 53	54 54 1/2	54 54 1/2	53 54 1/2	53 54 1/2	54 54 1/2	1,400	42	55 1/2	Jan 16	33 1/2	Dec	
136 1/2	136 1/2	137 1/2	136 136 1/2	136 136 1/2	135 136	19,900	2 1/2	3 1/2	Jan 3	2 1/2	Dec	
49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	48 1/2	49 1/2	48 1/2	7,300	28 1/2	51 1/2	Jan 19	31 1/2	Dec	
92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	400	37 1/2	97 1/2	Jan 1	28 1/2	Dec	
7 7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	300	5 1/2	8 1/2	Jan 1	3 1/2	Dec	
30 30	29 29	28 1/2	28 1/2	29 29	29 29	5,100	18 1/2	27 1/2	Jan 7	10 1/2	Dec	
10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	700	10 1/2	15 1/2	Jan 11	7 1/2	Dec	
82 1/2	81 82 1/2	80 1/2	81 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	2,400	68	83 1/2	Jan 11	53 1/2	Dec	
56 57	57 1/2	58 1/2	57 1/2	60 1/2	61 1/2	11,300	43 1/2	77 1/2	Jan 10	27 1/2	Dec	
90 94	91 94	91 94	91 94	92 94	92 94	100	83	98 1/2	Jan 3	68 1/2	Dec	
60 1/2	60 1/2	60 60	59 1/2	59 1/2	60 1/2	1,800	57 1/2	67 1/2	Jan 5	35 1/2	Dec	
10 11	10 11	10 11	10 11	10 11	10 11	300	10 1/2</					

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see third page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT; Saturday, Aug. 12; Monday, Aug. 14; Tuesday, Aug. 15; Wednesday, Aug. 16; Thursday, Aug. 17; Friday, Aug. 18; Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range since Jan. 1 1922; PER SHARE Range for previous year 1921. Rows list various stocks like Electric Storage Battery, Elk Horn Coal Corp, Emerson-Brantingham, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-dividend and rights. § Ex-dividend. ** Ex-rights.

Jan. 1 1900 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now—"and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds.

Main table containing bond listings for U.S. Government, Foreign Government, State and City Securities, and Railroad. Columns include Bond Name, Price Friday Aug. 18, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and various bid/ask/low/high prices.

*No price Friday; latest bid and asked. †Due Jan. ‡Due April. §Due May. ¶Due June. ††Due July. ‡‡Due Aug. §§Due Oct. ¶¶Due Nov. †††Due Dec. ††††Option sale.

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week ending Aug. 18, Interest Period, Price Friday Aug. 18, Bid, Ask, Low, High, No., Range Since Jan. 1, Low, High. Includes entries like Delaware and Hudson, 1st & ref 4s, 30-year conv 5s, etc.

Table with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week ending Aug. 18, Interest Period, Price Friday Aug. 18, Bid, Ask, Low, High, No., Range Since Jan. 1, Low, High. Includes entries like Leh Val RR 10-yr coll 6s, Leh Val Coal Co 1st gu g 5s, Registered, 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 Out-of-sale.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Aug. 12 to Aug. 18, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Amer Tel & Tel 5s, AII G & W S S I 5s, etc.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange Aug. 12 to Aug. 18, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Alabama Co., 1st preferred, Baltimore Brick, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange Aug. 12 to Aug. 18, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Alliance Insurance, American Gas of N. J., American Railways, etc.

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Amer Gas & Elec 5s, Ches & Gulf cons 5s, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions Aug. 12 to Aug. 18, both incl., compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like American Radiator, American Shipbuilding, Armour & Co., etc.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—See page 843.

New York Curb Market.—Official transactions in the New York Curb Market from Aug. 12 to Aug. 18, inclusive:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Acme Coal Mining, Acme Packing, Allied Packers, etc.

Stocks (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range since Jan. 1.		Other Oil Stocks (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range since Jan. 1.		
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.			Low.	High.		Low.	High.	
Cities Serv. Bankers' sh.	20 1/4	18 1/2	20 1/2	5,360	17	Jan	Magna Oil & Ref.	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	600	50c	Apr	
Cleveland Automobile	25 1/2	25 1/2	26	400	30	Jan	Marathon Oil Explor.	1	19 1/2	21 1/2	5,600	15 1/2	Aug	
Columbia Motor Corp.	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	500	3 1/4	Aug	Maryland Oil Corporation	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,700	1	Mar	
Columbian Emerald Synd.	66c	75c	4,600	50c	Apr	1 1/2	Marine Oil	1	1	1	400	1	Feb	
Columbian Syndicate	2	2	100	1 1/2	June	3 1/2	Marland Oil	1	5 1/2	6	1,600	1	Jan	
Colorado Power, com. 100	23	23	20	13 1/2	Mar	23	Marland Refining	5	4 1/2	4 1/2	300	2	Jan	
Com'l Solvents Corp Cl A	47 1/4	45 1/2	47 1/2	1,600	44 1/2	June	Meridian Petroleum	10	3c	3c	1,000	2c	July	
Class B stock	41	41	41	300	38 1/2	June	Meritt Oil Corp.	10	8 1/2	9 1/2	2,500	8	July	
Com'w'th Pow. Ry & L. 100	30 1/4	30 1/4	100	20 1/2	May	32	Mexican Eagle Oil	5	13 1/2	14	1,100	12	July	
Continental Motors	7 1/4	7	7 1/4	1,500	5 1/2	Feb	Preferred	5	12	12	7,700	12	Aug	
Cosgrave Breweries	8 1/2	10	2,100	7	Aug	7	Mexico Oil Corp.	10	11 1/2	1 1/2	8,000	1 1/2	Jan	
Cuban-Dominican Sug w l	11 1/2	11	11 1/2	900	10 1/2	May	Mountain Producers	10	14	14 1/2	4,200	9 1/2	Jan	
Daniels Motor, com.	1 1/4	1 1/4	100	1 1/4	Aug	2 1/2	Mutual Oil	11	9 1/2	11 1/2	92,200	5 1/2	Jan	
Diagraph Prod, com. 10	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	400	7 1/2	June	New England Fuel Oil	11	60 1/2	74 1/2	9,800	40	May	
Dubler Condenser Radio	35 1/2	39 1/2	1,600	22 1/2	Jan	43	New York Oil	1	22 1/2	22 1/2	100	11 1/2	Mar	
Durant Motors, Inc.	13 1/2	15 1/2	10,400	8 1/2	Jan	16 1/2	Noble Oil & Gas	1	19c	19c	7,000	13 1/2	Jan	
Durant Motors of Ind.	2 1/2	2 1/2	200	2	Jan	6 1/2	Noco Petroleum, com. 10	5	3 1/2	3 1/2	300	1 1/2	Apr	
Earl Motors, Inc.	5 1/2	5 1/2	7 1/2	5,800	5 1/2	Mar	North American Oil	10	2	2	100	1 1/2	Apr	
Federal Tel & Tel.	19 1/2	21	1,650	18 1/2	Jan	21	Northwest Oil	1	20c	20c	1,000	15c	Jan	
Gibson-Howell Co, com. 10	222	225	450	160	Jan	22 1/2	Omar Oil & Gas	10	11 1/2	12 1/2	42,580	6 1/2	Mar	
Gillette Safety Razor	45 1/4	44 1/2	45 1/4	3,200	44 1/2	Aug	Penstock Oil	10	7	7 1/2	600	4 1/2	Jan	
Gimbel Bros, com. w l	102	102	102	1,001	102	Aug	Red Bank Oil	10	19c	19c	15,000	11c	Feb	
Preferred	55	54 1/2	55	400	42	Jan	Ryan Consolidated	10	7 1/4	7 1/4	6,500	7 1/4	Jan	
Glen Alden Coal	6 1/2	5 1/2	6 1/2	9,000	4	Jan	Salt Creek Consol Oil	10	15 1/2	15 1/2	5,200	12 1/2	Jan	
Goldwyn Pictures	32	31	32	200	24	Aug	Sand Creek Producers	10	3 1/2	3 1/2	2,900	2 1/2	Feb	
Goodyear T & R, com. 100	32	31	32	200	24	Aug	Sapulla Refining	5	3 1/2	3 1/2	200	80c	Mar	
Preferred	66 1/2	66 1/2	66 1/2	100	64	Aug	Seaboard Oil & Gas	5	80c	80c	200	80c	Mar	
Prior preferred	75c	76c	76c	700	50	Aug	Shell Union Oil, com. w l	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	200	13 1/2	Aug	
Grant Motor Car	30 1/4	29 1/2	30 1/4	3,300	27 1/2	Aug	Preferred w l	10	96	96 1/2	450	95 1/2	May	
Hayes Wheel when issued	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1,500	80c	Feb	Stimms Petroleum	10	8 1/2	8 1/2	6,500	8 1/2	Jan	
Heyden Chemical	17	17	100	7 1/2	Feb	21	Sinclair Central	10	6 1/2	6 1/2	500	1 1/2	Mar	
Hudson Cos, pref.	12 1/2	12 1/2	13	1,000	3 1/2	Feb	South Petrol & Refining	10	23c	24c	4,000	18c	Aug	
Hud & Manb RR, com. 100	15 1/4	15	15 1/4	400	10 1/4	Jan	Southern States Cons Corp	14	13	14	5,800	12 1/2	June	
Imp Tob of Gt Brit & Ire 2 1/2	50 1/4	50 1/4	50 1/4	100	49	Mar	Southern States Oil	10	4 1/2	5	6,300	7 1/2	July	
Inland Steel	4 1/4	4	4 1/4	600	3 1/2	Aug	Spencer Petrol Corp	10	17 1/2	18c	7,000	3c	Jan	
International Rubb 100	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	100	9 1/2	Aug	Stanton Oil	5	2c	2c	3,000	1c	Mar	
International Carbon	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	300	15 1/2	Aug	Texas Eastern	10	52c	55c	167,400	40c	Jan	
Lake Torpedo Boat, pf. 10	78 1/2	78 1/2	79	75	60	Aug	Tidal Oil & Land	1	12 1/2	12 1/2	200	10	Jan	
Lehigh Power Securities	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	3,100	52 1/2	Aug	Tidal Ozone Oil	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	2,900	1	July	
Lehigh Valley Coal Sales 60	37	37	37	1,200	37	Aug	Non-voting stock	5	30	30 1/2	300	23	Jan	
Lima Locom full pd rets w l	2 1/4	1 1/2	2 1/4	2,200	75c	Feb	Turman Oil	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	2,900	1	July	
Part paid rets w l	20c	30c	2,000	10c	July	69c	Ventura Cons Oil Fields	5	5 1/4	4 1/2	16,700	2 1/4	Jan	
Lincoln Motor, Class A . 50	105	106	35	105	Aug	108	Wilcox Oil & Gas	5	50c	50c	2,400	50c	Aug	
Loomobile Co.	108 1/4	108	103	9,600	106	Aug	Woodburn Oil Corp	5	1 1/2	1 1/2	13,000	9c	Jan	
MacAnd & Forbes, com. 100	3	2 1/2	3	1,400	1 1/4	Apr	Oil & Gas	1	14c	15c	13,000	9c	Jan	
Maey (R) & Co, Inc, com. 100	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	300	2	Feb	Alaska Brit-Col Metals	10	2 1/2	2 1/2	700	1 1/2	Jan	
Preferred	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	5,500	11 1/2	Aug	Amer Com M & M	10	4c	4c	2,000	3c	July	
Merger Motors	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	1,400	10	June	American Exploration	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	800	1 1/2	May	
Messabi Iron Co	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	5,400	19 1/2	July	Atlanta Mines Co	10	1c	1c	1,000	1c	Aug	
Moon Motor Car	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	1,575	107 1/2	July	Belcher Division	10c	3c	3c	1,000	1c	Jan	
Morris (Philip) Co, Ltd. 10	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	30	83 1/2	Mar	Belcher Extension	10c	7c	7c	111,400	2c	Mar	
N Y Tel 6 1/2 % of w l . 100	1,700	1,700	1,700	5 1/2	Feb	16 1/2	Big Ledge Copper Co	5	10c	9c	46,000	8c	July	
Packard Motor Car, com. 10	30	30	30	33 1/2	Feb	59	Boston & Montana Corp. 25	1 1/2	99c	1 1/2	44,000	73c	July	
Preferred	48	48	48	100	33 1/2	Feb	Boston & Montana Dev	5	17c	16c	79,000	15c	July	
Peerless Trk & Mot Corp 50	4,000	4,000	4,000	40 1/2	Aug	42	Calumet & Jerome Philp. 1	21c	21c	22c	3,400	13c	Jan	
Phillips'nsn's, Inc., com. 41	100	100	100	600	100	Aug	Canada Copper Co	5	7c	6c	9c	400	1 1/2	July
Preferred	103	102	103	1,000	99	Mar	Canario Copper	10	31c	30c	53,000	19c	Jan	
Pub Serv Corp of N J, pf 100	12	12	12	12,100	12	Jan	Candalaria Silver	1	31c	30c	33c	84,000	19c	Jan
Radio Corp of America	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	5,200	13 1/2	Aug	Cash Boy Consolidated	1	3c	3c	2,000	4c	Feb	
Preferred	14	14	14	50	14	Aug	Combination Traction	1	3c	3c	2,000	1c	July	
Rep Motor Car	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	4,200	8 1/2	Aug	Consol Copper Mines	5	40c	40c	52c	13,900	20c	July
Repub Ry & Lt, com. 100	37	35 1/2	37	700	33	Apr	Certificates of deposit	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	1,300	2	Aug	
St Lawrence Feldspar	39c	32c	49c	109,000	30c	July	Consol Nevada-Utah	1	4c	4c	1,000	2c	Feb	
Seaboard Stores	23 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2	17,900	11	July	Copper Canyon	1	75c	83c	2,200	71c	Aug	
Southern Coal & Iron	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	400	3 1/2	Jan	Cork Province Mines	1	19c	19c	2,000	19c	Aug	
Standard Motor Constr. 10	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	300	17 1/2	Apr	Cortez Silver	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,800	2 1/2	June	
Stuts Motor Car	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	2,400	5	Aug	Cresson Con Gold M & M . 1	10	7 1/4	7 1/4	600	6 1/2	Jan	
Swift International	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	1,700	10	June	Davis-Petrol Mining	10	11c	13c	10,000	10c	Aug	
Technical Prod. Corp	29	29	29	400	20 1/2	Aug	Delaware Extension	1	2 1/2	2 1/2	3,500	82c	Feb	
Tenn Elec Pow, com. w l	7	6 1/2	7 1/2	1,800	3	Jan	Dolores Esperanza	5	2 1/2	2 1/2	2,000	2c	Mar	
Second preferred	66 1/2	66 1/2	66 1/2	65	65	Aug	El Solador Silver Mines . 1	1	9c	5c	22,000	2c	Mar	
Timken Detroit Axle	25 1/4	25 1/4	25 1/4	100	24 1/2	Aug	Ely Consolidated	10c	5c	5c	10,000	3c	Mar	
Tob Prod Exports Corp	56	58	200	44	Jan	59 1/2	Emma Silver	1	33c	32c	35c	72,000	15c	Jan
Todd Shipyards Corp	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	700	96c	Feb	Eureka Crosses	1	25c	25c	26c	11,000	10c	July
Torbenson Axle, com.	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	4,100	75c	Jan	Florence Silver	1	28c	28c	1,000	20c	June	
Union Carbide & Carbon	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	300	19c	Aug	Fortuna Cons Mining	1	25c	25c	26c	11,000	10c	July
United Profit Shar'g, new 1	6 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4	5,600	4 1/2	Jan	Gadsden Copper	1	19c	19c	15,500	8 1/2	Jan	
Un Retail Stores Candy	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	700	96c	Feb	Galema Mining	1	44c	44c	45c	7,000	24c	May
U S Light & Heat, com. 10	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	100	40	Jan	Gold Star Mining	1	1c	1c	11,000	1c	Aug	
Preferred	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	9,000	85c	Mar	Goldfield Bluebell	10						

Mining (Continued) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week Shares.	Range since Jan. 1.		
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	
Tonopah Mining.....	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	5,000	1 1/2	Jan 2	AUG
Tonopah North Star.....	60	56	56	6,000	2c	Feb 12c	AUG
Tri-Bullion S & D.....	90	90	12c	5,000	5c	Mar 26c	AUG
Tulare Copper Mines.....	3c	3c	3c	1,000	3c	Aug 30c	AUG
Tuolumne Copper.....	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	4,300	45c	Mar 1	May
United Eastern Mining.....	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	17,100	1 1/2	Apr 3 1/2	Jan
United Verde Extn.....	50c	27 1/2	28	500	27	Mar 30 1/2	Jan
United Zinc Smelting.....	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,000	7 1/2	May 5 1/2	May
Unity Gold Mines.....	300	3 1/2	3 1/2	1,000	2 1/2	May 5 1/2	Feb
Volcan Mining.....	15c	13c	16c	50,000	11c	July 55c	AUG
West Dome Cons.....	1 1/4	1	1 1/4	30,000	70c	Feb 1 1/4	Mar
White Caps Mining.....	10c	12c	10c	34,000	3c	Feb 13c	AUG
White Caps Extension.....	10c	1c	2c	2,000	1c	June 3c	APR
White Knob Cop. pref. 10c	1 1/2	99c	1 1/2	2,000	31c	May 1 1/2	AUG
Wilbert Mining.....	1	5c	8c	5,000	1c	Jan 15c	July
Yerrington Cons.....	50c	2c	3c	6,000	2c	Apr 5c	May
Yukon Gold Co.....	50c	90c	95c	2,200	80c	June 1 1/4	June

Standard Oil Stocks		All bonds prices are "and interest" except where marked	
Par.	81d	144	100 1/2
Anglo-American Oil new.....	19 1/2	19 1/2	100 1/2
Atlantic Refining.....	95	100	100
Preferred.....	118	118	100
Borne Strymer Co.....	400	415	100
Buckeye Pipe Line Co.....	50	98	99
Cheesebrough Mfg new.....	100	100	100
Preferred new.....	108	111	100
Continental Oil.....	137	142	100
Crescent Pipe Line Co.....	50	34	35
Cumberland Pipe Line.....	135	140	100
Curtis Pipe Line Co.....	100	90	92
Galea Signal Oil com.....	100	51	53
Preferred old.....	108	112	100
Preferred new.....	101	105	100
Illinois Pipe Line.....	164	166	100
Indiana Pipe Line Co.....	50	89	91
International Petrol. (no par)	22 1/2	23 1/2	100
National Transit Co.....	12.50	26	27
New York Transit Co.....	100	163	167
Northern Pipe Line Co.....	100	99	101
Ohio Oil Co.....	25	26	29 1/2
Standard Oil (Indiana).....	115	115 1/2	100
Standard Oil (Kansas).....	520	540	100
Standard Oil (Kentucky).....	25	26	30
Standard Oil (Nebraska).....	175	185	100
Standard Oil of New Jer.....	185	185 1/2	100
Preferred.....	116 1/2	117 1/2	100
Standard Oil of New York.....	449	452	100
Standard Oil (Ohio).....	155	160	100
Preferred.....	117	119	100
Swan & Finch.....	100	32	35
Union Tank Car Co.....	101	103	103
Preferred.....	108	110	100
Vacuum Oil.....	460	465	100
Washington Oil.....	10	22	27

Quotations for Sundry Securities.

Other Oil Stocks		Public Utilities	
Par.	81d	144	100 1/2
Atlantic Lobos Oil (no par)	9	9 1/2	100
Preferred.....	50	45	100
Gulf Oil.....	525	535	100
Humble Oil & Refining.....	232	238	100
Imperial Oil.....	25	115	116
Magnolia Petroleum.....	100	175	180
Merrill Oil Corporation.....	10	90	92
Mexican Eagle Oil.....	5	13 1/2	14 1/2
Salt Creek Producers.....	15 1/2	15 1/2	100

† Odd lots. * No par value. † Dollar per 1,000 marks. ‡ Ex-100% stock dividend. § Marks. ¶ Correction. † Dollars per 1,000 lire flat. ‡ Listed on the Stock Exchange this week, where additional transactions will be found. † New stock. ‡ When issued. ‡ Ex-dividend. ‡ Ex-rights. ‡ Ex-stock dividend.

* Per share. † Basis. ‡ Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. ‡ New stock. ‡ Flat price. ‡ Last sale. ‡ Nominal. ‡ Ex-div. ‡ Ex-rights. ‡ Ex-stock div.

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RAILROAD GROSS EARNINGS

The following table shows the gross earnings of various STEAM roads from which regular weekly or monthly returns can be obtained. The first two columns of figures give the gross earnings for the latest week or month, and the last two columns the earnings for the period from Jan. 1 to and including the latest week or month. The returns of electric railways are brought together separately on a subsequent page.

ROADS.		Latest Gross Earnings.		Jan. 1 to Latest Date.		ROADS.		Latest Gross Earnings.		Jan. 1 to Latest Date.	
Week or Month.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.		Week or Month.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	
Alabama & Vicksb.	June 281,735	247,211	1,575,000	1,508,223	Mississippi Central.	June 129,211	97,200	739,741	513,416		
Amer. Ry Express...	April 129,496	174,034	51,773,855	70,123,003	Mo & North Arkan.	June 76,953	---	115,262	---		
Akr Canton & Youngs	June 198,848	142,445	1,071,614	656,192	Missouri Kan & Tex	June 2,747,099	2,670,216	14,698,965	16,004,242		
Ann Arbor	1st wk Aug 95,966	106,800	2,912,645	2,815,145	Mo K & T Ry of Tex	June 1,816,892	2,017,792	10,008,850	13,200,106		
Ash Topeka & S Fe	June 1,552,458	1,485,026	83,407,793	80,200,123	Total system	June 4,669,393	4,840,601	25,391,496	30,329,242		
Banholo S Fe	June 574,661	737,824	3,471,000	4,133,565	Mobile & Ohio	June 8,663,836	8,554,333	48,624,436	52,400,955		
Buffalo & S Fe	June 1,892,718	2,437,915	9,994,276	14,011,192	Column & Greens.	June 126,183	96,258	714,658	769,812		
Atlanta Birm & Atl.	June 312,517	261,610	1,842,846	1,489,894	Monongahela	June 129,932	307,540	1,730,964	1,885,174		
Atlanta & West Pt.	June 207,363	196,055	1,147,323	1,254,772	Monongahela Conn.	June 155,420	51,769	392,895	370,065		
Atlantic City	June 467,594	448,789	1,874,969	1,805,238	Montour	June 21,802	144,361	348,006	803,784		
Atlantic Coast Line	June 5,571,036	4,955,101	37,095,580	36,732,035	Nevada-Cal-Oregon	1st wk Aug 6,332	9,897	149,437	200,158		
Baltimore & Ohio	June 17,680,615	16,316,024	96,230,150	96,230,951	Nevada Northern	June 46,078	14,440	186,150	207,743		
B & O Ch Term.	June 290,213	195,443	1,477,424	1,208,057	Newburg & Sou Sh	June 178,888	99,775	997,996	648,942		
Bancor & Aroostook	June 562,672	438,983	4,488,387	3,776,160	New York Great Nor.	June 213,954	217,405	1,267,449	1,260,648		
Belt Route Central	July 6,259	4,573	56,155	40,976	N O Texas & Mex.	June 197,823	209,565	1,310,005	1,385,215		
Bellefonte of Chicago	June 501,789	457,285	2,890,776	2,503,441	Neum S L & W	June 148,020	137,008	1,015,176	1,111,034		
Bessmer & L Erie	June 1,389,042	1,656,503	4,694,649	5,928,169	N L Browns & M	June 316,856	388,598	2,602,675	2,992,733		
Bingham & Garfield	June 23,625	11,425	85,380	106,495	New York Central	June 20,462,400	27,688,173	158,557,783	157,679,512		
Boston & Maine	June 6,523,383	6,440,900	37,848,387	37,149,810	Ind Harbor Belt	June 822,589	722,324	4,638,822	4,402,755		
Bklyn & D Term.	June 127,723	96,108	707,420	661,067	Lake Erie & West	June 836,905	774,517	4,585,921	4,454,359		
Buff Roch & Pittsb.	2d wk Aug 213,009	301,443	8,588,495	9,429,564	Michigan Central	June 7,224,128	6,331,525	37,437,749	34,484,225		
Buffalo & Susq.	June 68,622	130,268	731,749	1,435,486	Clev C & St L	June 7,613,750	6,942,887	40,829,638	39,537,766		
Canadian Nat Ry.	1st wk Aug 2,181,198	2,384,012	62,666,152	69,876,270	Chiclnat North	June 317,754	308,045	1,750,311	1,752,663		
Canadian Pacific	2d wk Aug 3,511,000	3,745,000	94,835,000	104,509,000	Pitts & Lake Erie	June 2,061,173	1,639,711	11,800,206	12,360,145		
Caro Clinch & Ohio	June 699,220	609,085	3,863,255	3,581,721	Tol & Ohio Cent.	June 4,015,900	922,950	3,684,921	4,994,529		
Central of Georgia	June 1,903,095	1,941,432	10,747,997	11,132,682	Kanawha & Mich	June 203,839	458,243	1,560,542	2,280,864		
Centra RR of N J.	June 3,443,405	4,426,928	23,199,980	25,149,836	N Y Chic & St Louis	June 2,606,879	2,209,246	14,222,570	13,120,306		
Cent New Eng Ind.	June 453,678	684,374	3,511,250	4,109,697	N Y Connecting	June 209,726	330,484	1,301,125	1,783,733		
Central Vermont	June 542,133	533,235	3,168,328	3,086,836	N Y N H & Hartf.	June 102,493	9,772,686	57,847,277	55,005,001		
Charleston & W Car	June 271,725	231,025	1,724,476	1,690,322	N Y Ont & Western	June 888,365	1,323,262	5,591,268	6,479,855		
Ches & Ohio Lines	June 8,370,114	8,594,712	44,172,839	41,883,146	N Y Susq & West.	June 324,241	458,992	1,975,049	2,157,441		
Chicago & Alton	June 2,306,082	2,580,080	14,132,672	14,467,083	Norfolk Southern	June 752,969	704,163	4,200,225	3,931,407		
Chic Burl & Quincy	June 1,308,475	1,334,850	74,935,952	78,379,915	North & Western	June 9,475,097	7,050,018	46,011,351	39,191,071		
Chicago & East Ill.	June 2,010,422	2,101,847	11,903,154	12,850,818	Northern Pacific	June 8,300,557	7,408,685	41,922,104	40,427,221		
Chicago Great West	June 2,038,290	2,004,693	11,323,144	11,659,886	Northwestern Pac.	June 719,158	834,554	3,557,585	3,690,774		
Chic Ind & Louisv.	June 1,358,551	1,286,639	7,757,916	7,313,189	Pennsylv RR & Co.	June 402,629,428	432,682,215	2,401,616	2,485,842		
Chicago Junction	May 292,669	409,419	2,045,955	2,042,576	Bluff Ches & Atl.	June 148,510	156,936	667,302	719,259		
Chic Milw & St Paul	June 1,553,554	1,235,001	7,156,775	67,709,580	Chic Lob & Nor.	June 100,082	94,519	519,111	530,080		
Chic & North West	June 1,866,322	1,586,185	67,660,620	67,606,358	Grand Rap & Ind	June 712,602	617,668	4,125,890	4,080,038		
Chic Peoria & St L	June 168,092	160,589	1,133,185	956,619	Long Island	June 2,917,001	2,792,777	13,964,420	12,767,154		
Chiceno River & Ind	June 594,994	1,109,855	56,053,682	62,313,356	Mary Del & Va.	June 107,654	113,033	483,500	539,666		
Chic R & Pacific	June 516,266	646,349	2,716,060	3,568,395	N Y Phila & Norf	June 659,842	621,100	3,483,385	3,072,357		
Chic R I & Gulf	June 2,466,833	2,145,519	13,066,561	13,046,969	Tol Poor & West	June 145,712	110,619	791,224	807,315		
Chic St P M & Om.	June 376,757	288,806	2,043,584	1,697,748	W Jersey & Seash	June 1,000,194	1,105,933	5,725,940	5,543,978		
Cinc Ind & Western	June 448,083	512,292	3,553,584	15,168,316	Pitts C & St L	June 8,910,749	9,942,514	47,251,417	48,177,641		
Colo & Southern	1st wk Aug 784,649	789,072	4,362,143	4,927,117	Pennsylv System	June 5,536,758	5,718,018	31,907,076	32,644,335		
Colo & Denver City	June 139,785	228,571	1,290,058	1,297,283	Pooria & Peikin Un.	June 29,845	125,121	501,051	870,612		
Colo & Brazos Val	June 89,779	102,300	571,445	786,343	Pere Marquette	June 3,304,993	3,151,644	18,207,976	17,052,939		
Wichita Valley	June 60,211	147,897	463,315	732,968	Perkionian	June 122,108	105,195	585,458	646,297		
Cumb V & Martin	June 2,296,018	3,724,608	18,806,420	22,411,297	Phila & Reading	June 5,673,491	7,215,001	38,260,119	42,321,725		
Delaware & Hudson	June 5,501,267	7,566,132	35,882,808	42,279,985	Pittsb & Shawmut	June 55,345	81,871	510,067	617,230		
Del Lack & Western	June 2,737,227	1,858,507	14,456,211	14,240,760	Pittsb Shaw & North	June 72,413	96,884	523,890	596,212		
Deny & Rio Grande	June 41,963	298,097	555,823	1,161,298	Pittsb & West Va.	June 228,343	367,276	1,391,143	1,146,662		
Denver & Salt Lake	June 19,563	127,363	815,311	916,795	Port Reading	June 92,507	157,734	998,840	1,206,703		
Detroit & Mackinac	June 904,632	678,245	4,477,923	2,655,536	Quincy Om & K C.	June 98,873	109,145	530,687	628,263		
Detroit Toi & Iron	June 310,025	222,784	1,809,151	1,204,187	Rich Fred & Potom.	June 960,332	792,254	5,407,035	5,397,355		
Det & Toi Shore L.	June 1,317,150	701,531	2,176,549	2,128,599	Rutland	June 234,919	254,390	1,505,620	1,510,122		
Dul & Iron Range	June 2,670,074	1,993,538	3,844,734	4,497,117	St Joe & Grand Id'd	June 224,919	254,390	1,505,620	1,510,122		
Dul Missabe & Nor.	June 162,810	117,016	2,379,697	2,318,534	St Louis San Fran.	June 7,566,589	6,406,079	39,420,419	39,950,387		
Dul Sou Shore & Atl	4th wk July 194,909	119,575	972,664	1,390,987	St Louis & Rio Gran.	June 104,424	145,122	955,052	832,494		
Duluth Winn & Pac	June 173,377	128,885	1,011,166	808,487	St L S F of Texas	June 141,489	154,121	780,826	855,767		
East St Louis Conn.	June 480,300	416,130	1,585,195	1,259,123	St Louis Southwest	June 1,449,634	1,351,086	8,351,238	8,994,988		
Eastern S S Lines	May 1,731,845	1,311,078	10,507,335	10,414,300	St L S W of Texas	June 634,760	594,587	3,438,201	3,613,713		
Elgin Joliet & East	June 1,066,440	1,025,721	5,209,396	6,003,017	Total system	1st wk Aug 436,253	451,620	10,733,580	10,720,561		
El Paso & Sou West	June 6,911,860	8,112,296	44,433,300	49,596,485	St Louis Transfer	June 62,456	88,057	370,574	566,072		
Eric Railroad	June 123,041	748,409	5,492,774	5,325,183	San Ant & Aran Pass	June 416,187	524,403	2,483,789	2,313,338		
Chicago & Erie	June 813,138	124,023	728,748	719,990	San Ant Uvalde & G	June 69,044	99,957	514,482	619,498		
N J & N Y RR.	June 110,479	111,833	8,065,238	8,295,665	Seaboard Air Line	June 1,670,199	3,056,717	22,426,507	22,178,211		
Florida East Coast	June 142,073	109,467	730,408	779,047	Southern Pac	June 3,536,758	3,718,280	33,906,310	31,967,339		
Fonda Johns & Glov	June 98,602	199,839	706,854	913,012	Southern Pacific Co	June 2,289,098	2,304,227	12,017,119	13,029,864		
Ft Smith & Western	June 421,356	412,195	2,367,734	2,639,296	Atlantic S S Line	June 883,427	761,680	5,635,528	5,519,320		
Galveston Wharf	June 138,050	127,938	665,104	691,403	Arizona Eastern	June 281,019	180,730	1,494,065	1,586,998		
Georgia Railroad	June 2,299,738	2,291,882	61,926,114	61,009,737	Galv Harris & S.	June 1,860,437	1,932,907	10,506,166	12,831,852		
Georgia & Florida	June 164,862	154,999	1,364,899	1,573,471	Hous & Tex Cen	June 1,094,774	1,074,835	6,990,226	6,071,872		
Grand Trunk Syst.	June 155,448	132,006	1,124,376	969,681	Hous & W Tex	June 281,942	240,560	1,413,013	1,353,630		
Atl & St Lawr.	June 553,815	362,982	2,536,005	1,792,541	Louisiana Western	June 310,701	298,168	2,108,193	2,097,288		
Ch Det Can G T Jct.	June 1,683,523	1,333,438	7,343,633	6,849,328	Morg La & Tex.	June 627,443	569,585	3,850,162	4,295,347		
Det G H & Midw.	June 9,242,241	8,448,603	42,730,195	41,903,787	Texas & New Or.	June 686,184	749,643	4,346,660	4,253,797		
Grand Trk West.	June 125,040	106,916	686,965	990,296	Southern Railway	3d wk July 2,768,738	3,057,919	90,998,449	91,128,745		
Great North System	June 417,466	306,017	2,259,011	2,049,296	Ala Great South	June 861,026	753,124	4,711,466	4,704,441		
Green Bay & West.	June 259,108	225,263	1,794,487	1,39							

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the first week of August. The table covers 14 roads and shows 7.57% decrease in the aggregate over the same week last year.

First Week of August.	1922.	1921.	Increase.	Decrease.
Ann Arbor	95,960	109,805		\$ 10,839
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh	202,305	301,433		99,138
Canadian National Railways	2,151,198	2,384,012		202,814
Canadian Pacific	3,255,000	3,473,000		388,000
Colorado & Southern	448,033	512,292		64,209
Grand Trunk of Canada				
Grand Trunk Western	2,300,131	2,146,136	153,995	
Detroit Grd Haven & Milw.				
Canada Atlantic				
Minneapolis & St Louis	283,945	332,482		48,537
Town Central				
Nevada California & Oregon	6,332	9,897		3,565
St Louis Southwestern	430,253	451,020		15,367
Texas & Pacific	561,078	685,466		124,388
Total (14 roads)	9,800,291	10,603,153	153,995	956,857
Net decrease (7.57%)				802,862

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:

Name of Road or Company.	Gross from Railway		Net from Railway		Net after Taxes	
	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
Baltimore Central RR	\$ 9,250	\$ 4,572	\$ 2,045	\$ 1,283	\$ 1,024	\$ 1,439
From Jan 1	50,155	40,970	9,746	11,558	8,926	12,065
Fonda Jones & Gloverville						
July	114,633	40,893	40,347	35,120	34,972	34,972
From Jan 1	794,487	779,047	323,114	327,849	282,688	218,815
Kansas City Southern System						
July	1,506,357	1,803,086	379,284	526,943	273,504	342,757
From Jan 1	11,216,734	12,859,406	2,827,662	3,438,616	2,077,144	2,349,314

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PUBLIC UTILITY CO'S.

Name of Road or Company.	Latest Gross Earnings.		Jan. 1 to Latest Date.	
	Month.	Current Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Adirondack Pow & Lt.	July	438,488	358,925	\$ 5,265,455
Alabama Power & Lt.	June	445,707	351,253	\$ 2,506,311
Amer Power & Light.	June	1935,950	1866,662	\$ 2,452,756
American Ry & Co.	March	1587,888	1598,786	\$ 4,717,101
Amer Water Wks Elec.	June	1638,301	1600,861	\$ 19,911,688
Appalachian Pow Co.	June	246,088	213,190	\$ 1,428,240
Arkansas Lt & Power	June	132,936	125,411	\$ 1,107,341
Asheville Pow & Light	June	74,765	72,641	\$ 871,359
Associated Gas & Elec	June	149,865	148,457	\$ 1,933,605
Atlantic Shore Ry.	March	20,259	20,715	\$ 58,667
Bangor Ry & Elec	June	115,958	105,226	\$ 1,457,502
Barcelona Tr Lt & P	June	3617,712	2012,550	\$ 22,515,219
Baton Rouge Elec Co.	June	50,983	45,562	\$ 470,301
Beaver Valley Trac.	June	49,565	32,187	\$ 312,368
Birmingham Lt H & P	June	84,946	67,663	\$ 980,522
Blackstone Val G & E	June	307,811	284,315	\$ 3,889,725
Braxillan Tr. Lt & P	June	10266900	14257000	\$ 92,515,000
Brooklyn Rapid Transit.	June	3017,256	2888,155	\$ 3454,093
Brooklyn City RR.	June	1044,852	1011,502	\$ 11,848,701
Brooklyn Heights (Sub)	May	8,218	6,150	\$ 36,466
Brooklyn Qn Co & Sub	May	232,157	228,558	\$ 1,067,298
Coney Isl & Brooklyn	May	269,566	251,853	\$ 1,109,733
Coney Isl & Graves	May	10,139	9,687	\$ 30,518
Nassau Electric	May	496,068	413,656	\$ 2,052,439
N Y Consolidated.	May	2074,260	1954,490	\$ 9,793,022
South Brooklyn.	May	99,299	74,213	\$ 438,470
Cape Breton Elec Co.	June	46,053	52,186	\$ 666,827
Carolina Pow & Light	June	154,959	130,102	\$ 1,791,711
Central Illinois Lt.	May	222,766	210,222	\$ 1,274,875
Central Miss Val Elec	June	43,123	41,565	\$ 534,492
Chattanooga Ry & Lt	June	125,931	111,845	\$ 1,461,798
City Gas Co. Norfolk	March	85,251	88,443	\$ 266,350
Cities Service Co.	July	1080,862	608,671	\$ 13,844,852
Citizens Trac & Sub.	June	76,946	75,724	\$ 472,466
Cleveland & East.	June	67,811	72,188	\$ 339,741
Colorado Power.	June	81,927	81,177	\$ 963,588
Columbia Gas & Elec.	June	1271,228	1198,746	\$ 10,756,412
Columbus Electric.	June	158,250	145,773	\$ 1,896,555
Com'w'th Pr. Ry & Lt	June	2541,829	2491,026	\$ 15,832,836
Connecticut Power.	June	188,774	112,204	\$ 1,617,512
Consumers Power Co.	June	1189,201	1095,801	\$ 7,261,780
Cumb Co Pow & Lt.	June	280,611	275,034	\$ 3,377,098
Dayton Power & Lt.	June	320,212	299,181	\$ 2,190,505
Detroit Edison Co.	June	1064,358	1728,216	\$ 12,876,744
Detroit United Ry.	March	1758,120	2084,196	\$ 4,960,099
Duluth-Superior Trac	June	137,368	148,552	\$ 849,457
Duquesne Lt Co subs	June	1279,245	1242,578	\$ 8,193,990
East St Louis & Sub	June	251,038	297,290	\$ 3,620,221
Eastern Shore Gas & Lt	June	45,231	39,422	\$ 273,323
Eastern Texas Elec.	June	156,024	131,810	\$ 1,683,682
Edison El H of Brock	June	99,711	93,471	\$ 1,312,945
El Paso Electric.	June	185,464	189,490	\$ 2,389,595
Elec L & Pow of Abington & Rockland.	June	25,913	27,762	\$ 358,178
Eric Lt Co & Subsid.	June	83,275	68,638	\$ 553,160
Fall Riv Gas Works.	June	83,978	85,778	\$ 1,003,610
Federal Lt & Trac Co	June	379,687	369,470	\$ 2,492,342
Ft Worth Pow & Lt.	June	193,458	192,836	\$ 1,206,594
Galv-Houston Elec.	June	987,438	321,689	\$ 3,453,652
Gen G & El & Sub Co	June	944,480	898,822	\$ 5,869,428
Georgia Ry & Power.	June	1170,184	128,730	\$ 1,456,948
Great Western Power	June	617,327	580,479	\$ 4,102,021
Harrisburg Railway	March	140,450	144,350	\$ 3,660,507
Havana El Ry. Lt & P	May	1087,918	1100,117	\$ 5,459,542
Haverhill Gas Light.	June	47,571	44,906	\$ 539,685
Honolulu Rap Trans.	June	80,062	79,717	\$ 478,705
Houghton Co El Lt.	June	41,056	39,878	\$ 550,350
Hudson & Manhattan	May	928,071	881,451	\$ 4,618,889
Hunting'n Dev & Gas	May	106,556	86,452	\$ 508,168
Hunting'n Dev & Gas	June	82,927	68,428	\$ 1,192,282
Idaho Power Co.	June	222,081	208,044	\$ 1,131,349
Illinois Traction	May	1753,198	1761,290	\$ 9,863,546
Indiana Power Co.	June	58,632	60,590	\$ 846,603
Indiana Service Corp.	May	247,986	238,617	\$ 1,225,052
Interborough Rap Tr	June	4322,480	4387,398	\$ 41,021
Kentucky Electric.	June	30,933	30,330	\$ 381,173
Kentucky Trac & Ter	June	147,052	147,430	\$ 1,592,294
Keystone Telephone.	July	140,920	143,177	\$ 967,088
Key West Elec Co.	June	19,438	21,483	\$ 249,514
Lake Shore Electric.	June	205,629	213,149	\$ 1,144,604
Lexington Utl & Ice.	June	103,074	113,088	\$ 1,099,114
Long Island Electric.	May	36,824	35,854	\$ 145,900
Lowell Elec Corp.	June	100,116	92,898	\$ 1,228,264
Manhat Bdge 3c Line	May	25,560	25,093	\$ 117,795

Name of Road or Company.	Latest Gross Earnings.		Jan. 1 to Latest Date.	
	Month.	Current Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Manhattan & Queens	May	36,973	33,337	\$ 148,766
Manila Electric Corp.	March	284,315	298,158	\$ 136,257
Market Street Ry.	June	814,563	763,569	\$ 4675,809
Metropolitan Edison.	June	211,825	209,075	\$ 1,374,772
Milw El Ry & Light.	June	1488,027	1433,005	\$ 18,640,964
Miss River Power Co.	June	259,423	221,700	\$ 2,826,957
Munic Serv Co & Subs	June	229,533	197,838	\$ 1,310,176
Nashville Ry & Lt Co	June	325,355	310,854	\$ 3,975,128
Nevada Power Co.	June	280,540	218,149	\$ 1,680,855
Nevada Calif Electric	June	473,806	348,316	\$ 1,703,372
New Eng Power Sys.	June	441,563	427,406	\$ 2,725,318
N J Pr & Lt Sub Cos.	June	46,940	33,770	\$ 315,100
N p't N & Hamp Ry.	June	47,593	240,283	\$ 97,293
New York Dock Co.	June	355,576	448,089	\$ 2,026,767
New York Railways.	May	825,369	807,633	\$ 3,774,287
8th Avenue RR.	May	111,653	108,772	\$ 507,115
9th Avenue RR.	May	44,091	48,246	\$ 218,941
Nor Caro Public Serv	April	98,862	94,094	\$ 407,619
N Y & Harlem.	May	140,035	148,498	\$ 675,560
N Y & Long Island.	May	54,064	54,849	\$ 224,673
N Y & Queens County	May	87,002	119,720	\$ 518,000
Nor Ohio Gas Corp.	June	761,204	699,843	\$ 4,459,235
Nor Ohio Trac & Lt.	June	752,120	690,635	\$ 4,405,803
Nor W Ohio Ry & Pow	June	41,698	38,223	\$ 496,274
Northern Texas Elec.	June	240,156	287,091	\$ 3,267,311
Ocean Electric.	May	39,793	23,281	\$ 94,525
Pacific Pow & Lt.	June	249,259	235,187	\$ 1,426,278
Paducah Electric.	June	43,674	41,826	\$ 340,616
Palmetto Power & Lt	June	46,352	44,655	\$ 578,261
Penn Central Lt & P.	June	190,960	183,078	\$ 1,203,222
Penn Edison & Sub.	June	196,877	197,008	\$ 2,470,542
Philadelphia Co and	June	988,202	652,907	\$ 7,342,073
Philadelph Gas Cos.	June	93,158	63,039	\$ 501,711
Philadelph Oil Co.	June	67,995	67,911	\$ 390,319
Phila Rapid Transit.	June	3825,734	3569,357	\$ 21,118,738
Pine Bluff Co.	July	81,184	75,776	\$ 448,549
Portland Gas & Coke.	June	268,011	262,337	\$ 1,710,519
Portland Ry. Lt & P.	June	326,856	315,862	\$ 9,505,387
Port St Pow & Lt.	June	785,174	751,571	\$ 10,138,080
Read Tr & Lt Co & Sub	June	239,558	249,005	\$ 1,436,604
Republic Ry & Lt.	June	643,386	565,694	\$ 1,474,159
Richmond Lt & RR.	May	67,888	68,250	\$ 301,669
Rutland Ry Lt & Pr.	June	45,946	43,676	\$ 583,489
St L Rocky Mt & Pac	June	423,634	277,037	\$ 1,522,444
Sandusky Gas & El.	June	58,290	48,312	\$ 404,339
Savannah Elec & Pow	June	133,551		\$ 1,083,291
Sayre Electric Co.	June	10,632	13,067	\$ 89,350
Second Avenue.	May	90,295	85,017	\$ 394,366
17th St Incl Plane.	June	3,550	4,200	\$ 20,892
Sierra Pacific.	June	73,304	76,521	\$ 887,501
Southern Calif Edison	June	1436,839	1375,812	\$ 7,870,569
City of Los Angeles	June			\$ 7,870,569
Wholesale Basts.	June	1406,465	1251,691	\$ 7,238,812
South Canada Power.	May	65,663	59,835	\$ 6,916,100
Southwest P & Lt Co	June	743,914	754,282	\$ 9,665,730
Tampa Electric.	June	138,608	138,145	\$ 1,755,007
Tennessee Power Co.	May	226,342	205,272	\$ 1,039,277
Tennessee Ry. Lt & P	June	570,837	558,256	\$ 2,881,441
Texas Electric Ry.	June	208,326	229,478	\$ 1,687,521
Texas Power & Light.	June	356,579	359,010	\$ 9,009,860
Third Ave Ry Sys.	June	1235,861	1225,484	\$ 7,009,860
Twin City Rapid Tran	June	793,612	844,590	\$ 6,998,654
United Gas & El Corp	June	976,477	895,414	\$ 6,272,910
Utah Power & Light.	June	549,094	519,609	\$ 3,350,371
Utah Securities Corp.	June	696,668	667,910	\$ 8,476,160
Vermont Hy-EI Corp	June	39,715	36,155	\$ 249,319
Virginia Ry & Power.	March	713,693	851,734	\$ 2,078,328
Western				

		Gross Earnings.	Net after Taxes.	Fixed Charges.	Balance, Surplus.
Interborough Rap Transit	June '22	4,322,480	1,467,272	1,827,989	-360,717
	'21	4,387,398	1,331,935	1,799,760	-407,825
Municipal Service Co. & Subsd	June '22	220,553	271,953	37,994	33,959
	'21	197,838	260,774	37,962	22,812
12 mos ending June 30	'22	2,538,503	922,041	466,532	455,509
	'21	2,625,429	2,728,591	447,694	280,897
Nashville Railway & Light	June '22	325,355	61,719	36,168	25,551
	'21	310,854	57,030	38,750	18,280
12 mos ending June 30	'22	3,975,128	995,528	449,223	546,305
	'21	3,743,143	676,799	468,280	208,519
N Y Consolidated RR	June '22	1,955,669	2,552,545	466,750	85,795
	'21	1,896,157	2,465,586	463,937	1,649
Penn Central Lt. & Pow & Subsd	June '22	190,960	66,488	30,109	36,379
	'21	183,078	71,360	29,244	42,116
12 mos ending June 30	'22	2,402,551	947,638	359,306	588,332
	'21	2,421,539	800,897	340,920	459,977
Pine Bluff Co	July '22	81,183	29,491	9,767	19,724
	'21	75,776	29,001	9,768	19,233
12 mos end July 31	'22	803,093	320,988	118,434	202,554
	'21	792,260	286,362	113,422	172,910
Portland Ry. Light & Power	June '22	836,856	244,554	178,623	65,931
	'21	815,862	236,818	175,637	61,181
12 mos ending June 30	'22	9,908,387	2,955,282	2,140,664	814,618
	'21	10,103,606	3,113,652	2,109,496	1,034,156

FINANCIAL REPORTS.

Illinois Traction Company.

(18th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1921.)

The annual report signed by President W. B. McKinley, Champaign, Ill., and H. E. Chubbuck, Vice-Pres. Executive, Peoria, Ill., is cited in full under "Reports and Documents" on subsequent pages of this issue. The usual comparative tables of income account and balance sheet were given in V. 115, p. 539.

United States Rubber Co., New York.

(Results of Operations First Six Months of 1922.)

Chairman C. B. Seger, New York, Aug. 14 1922, wrote:

Business of Company Subject to Seasonal Conditions.—The following statement is submitted with respect to the first 6 months of the calendar year 1922. Attention is again called to the fact that the business of this company, by reason of the nature of the commodities handled, is subject to seasonal conditions, and is necessarily conducted and must be considered on a yearly basis, and that, therefore, the results for any period of less than a year are not conclusive.

Net Sales.—The volume of business expressed in tonnage or units has shown a steady improvement since the close of last year. The net sales for the first six months of 1922 amounted to \$73,333,771, which is considered satisfactory in view of the lower level of selling prices compared with previous years resulting from changes in general business conditions.

Net Profits.—The net income for the 6 months ended June 30 1922, before interest, amounted to \$6,305,113; interest on the funded debt amounted to \$2,445,610, and all other interest amounted to \$808,585, making a total of \$3,252,195, thus leaving net profits for the period, after interest and all other charges, amounting to \$3,052,918.

Current Assets, &c.—The total current assets at June 30 1922 amounted to \$132,745,000, consisting of \$56,752,000 in cash and accounts receivable, and \$75,993,000 in inventories of finished goods and raw materials. Total current liabilities amounted to \$6,352,000, consisting of \$11,362,000 in current accounts payable, including acceptances for importation of crude rubber and accounts payable, and \$34,990,000 in notes and loans payable.

Reduction in Funded Debt.—Through the operation of sinking funds the company has retired, since Dec. 31 1921, \$790,000 of its 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5% gold bonds and \$180,000 of its 7 1/2% gold notes, thus making a reduction of \$970,000 in the funded debt.

Contractual Liabilities.—Contractual liabilities representing commitments for purchase of raw materials and supplies covered only current requirements, and as to prices were at or below current markets.

Final Surplus.—The company's surplus at June 30 1922 (exclusive of fixed surpluses of sub. co's) amounted to \$30,231,456.

Arrangement to Retire Notes.—The company has arranged to retire on Dec. 1 1922 all of its \$6,000,000 5-year 7% Secured Gold Notes due Dec. 1 1923, and in order to provide the funds for this purpose has completed arrangements for the sale of \$7,000,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5% gold bonds, Series "A," due Jan. 1 1947 (see offering by Kuhn, Loeb & Co. on a subsequent page), being part of the bonds now deposited as security for the 5-year 7% notes, which are to be retired. This will effect a reduction of \$70,000 in the annual interest charges.—V. 114, p. 1774.

United Paperboard Co., Inc.

(9th Annual Report—Fiscal Year ending May 27 1922.)

President Sidney Mitchell reports in brief:

This is the first annual report in the existence of the company showing a loss.

The demand for paperboard products during the year was not sufficient to operate our mills anywhere near their capacity, and prices were lower than the cost of production, and to such an extent that assuming mills could have operated continuously, it was more economical to assume a shut-down expense than a very high operating loss. This policy was followed up to a point where it did not affect our customers dependent upon us.

The portion of your mill at Peoria, Ill., which was destroyed by fire has been rebuilt with many additional improvements, both as to buildings and equipment.

Inventories taken at cost or market value, whichever was lower.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING:

	May 27 1921-22	May 28 1920-21	May 31 1919-20	May 31 1918-19
Mill earnings	loss \$155,559	\$731,041	\$1,864,731	\$686,170
Taxes and insurance	95,070	101,600	224,377	106,107
Administration expenses	130,726	115,117	99,019	93,423
Net earnings	loss \$381,355	\$514,324	\$1,341,334	\$486,640
Other income	—	49,229	8,722	18,722
Total net earnings	loss \$381,355	\$563,553	\$1,350,056	\$505,362
Interest charges	—	\$6,885	\$10,046	\$17,251
Depreciation	100,000	100,000	500,000	300,000
Preferred divs. (6%)	—	88,140	94,633	94,616
Common divs.	—	(4%) 367,278	(2) 183,636	(1) 91,811
Balance, surplus	def \$481,355	\$1,250	\$561,741	1,684

BALANCE SHEET.

	May 27 '22	May 28 '21	May 27 '22	May 28 '21
Assets—				
Real estate, plants, equipment, &c.	10,533,125	10,284,783	1,327,871	1,500,000
Treasury stock	—	2,058,529	10,955,000	12,000,000
Other securities	350,018	486,868	130,011	362,808
Cash	198,102	422,474	—	—
Notes & accts' rec'd.	486,102	567,966	342,683	343,519
Insurance fund	—	364,437	—	—
Mdse. & supplies	698,901	874,042	104,310	101,181
Deferred charges	25,990	79	335,434	774,719
Suspended assets	8,071	23,049	—	—
Total	12,301,209	15,082,227	12,301,209	15,082,227
Liabilities—				
Preferred stock	—	—	—	—
Common stock	—	—	—	—
Accts. payable	—	—	—	—
Contracts for im- prov'ts & replac.	—	—	—	—
Reserve for accrued interest, &c.	—	—	—	—
Surplus	—	—	—	—

—V. 114, p. 406.

Pullman Company, Chicago.

(Results for June and Six Months ending June 30 1922.)

The I.-S. C. Commission reports car-operating results of the Pullman Service (not including the car manufacturing business) for the month and six months ending June 30, as follows:

	1922—June	—1921.	1922—6 Mos.	—1921.
Sleeping car total revs.	\$6,452,544	\$5,965,551	\$31,450,350	\$32,678,665
Sleeping car total exps.	5,405,586	4,670,477	30,865,856	33,486,016
Net revenue	\$1,046,968	\$995,073	\$584,494	def \$807,951
Auxiliary oper., net rev.	4,285	def 2,021	55,322	29,662
Total net revenue	\$1,051,253	\$993,052	\$639,816	def \$778,289
Taxes accrued	270,367	272,138	1,628,470	1,637,755
Operating income	\$780,886	\$720,913	def \$98,654	def \$2,416,044
Statistics of Car Oper.				
Berth (revenue pass.)	\$1,914,271	\$1,776,285	\$9,193,569	\$9,575,204
Seat (revenue pass.)	1,072,270	997,892	5,729,078	5,794,226
Total revenue pass.	\$2,986,541	\$2,774,177	\$14,922,647	\$15,369,430
No. of non-revenue pass.	53,573	48,343	294,142	277,513
Rev. pass. per car p. day	1,327	1,363	1,218	1,268
Revenue per berth pass.	\$3.24	\$3.13	\$3.25	\$3.21
Revenue per seat pass.	\$0.75	\$0.77	\$0.74	\$0.75
Car miles per car day	33,517	32,446	32,830	32,436

—V. 114, p. 1898, 1778.

Procter & Gamble Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.

(Annual Report—Fiscal Year ended June 30 1922.)

Pres. Wm. Cooper Procter, Cincinnati, O., Aug. 15, reports in brief:

Our total volume of sales amounted to \$105,655,386. The net earnings on the fiscal year just ended, after making adequate provision for depreciation losses, taxes, etc., amounted to \$7,340,327.

With the close of the fiscal year June 30 1922, we feel that our company has passed the most acute phase of that period of readjustment and reconstruction which has so disturbed business conditions throughout the country during the past three years.

The volume of our soap business shows a satisfactory increase over the previous year, whereas, our oil business, on account of the general lowering of prices of all fats, taken in conjunction with a short cotton crop, shows a decrease.

VOLUME OF BUSINESS AND NET EARNINGS YEARS END. JUNE 30.

	1921-22.	1920-21.	1919-20.	1918-19.
Volume of business, incl. subsidiary cos.	\$105,655,386	\$120,019,727	\$188,800,668	\$193,392,044
Operating profit (see V. 113, p. 845)	—	3,729,559	—	—
Net earn. aft. prov. for deprec. losses, taxes (incl. Fed. taxes) & in 1919-20 reduction in value of inventories	7,340,327	not stated	4,191,057	7,325,532

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Real estate, bldgs., machine plant & equipment	35,677,800	34,494,886	Common stock	21,341,672
Good-will, patents, licenses, &c.	2,883,055	2,883,055	Preferred stocks	12,181,100
Mdse. & mat'l.	24,355,355	24,819,056	7% Ser. G notes	5,000,000
Debtors & bills rec.	5,945,030	7,602,581	Notes payable	2,000,000
Other investments	1,413,336	2,391,938	Accts. payable	884,646
Loans against sec'y	4,701,098	3,248,821	Deprec. of bldgs., plants, mach. &c.	1,571,945
Deferred charges	1,301,009	1,343,838	Misc. res. (incl. tax)	3,288,155
			Sur. & undiv. prof't	1,645,485
Total	78,772,747	80,543,398	Total	78,772,747

x Called for payment Sept. 1 at Guaranty Trust Co., New York, at 100% and int.—V. 115, p. 553.

Pacific Development Corporation, New York City.

(5th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1921.)

Pres. Edward B. Bruce, N. Y., Aug. 15, reports in subst.:

Capitalization.—There has been no change in the stock during the year, the total amount of stock issued Dec. 31 1921 being 321,905 shares of no par value.

1921 Earnings and Balance Sheet.—On the basis of a consolidated statement it has been considered necessary, after absorbing the reserve set up on Dec. 31 1920, to write off an additional \$6,547,239, making the net worth of the corporation on Dec. 31 1921 \$952,761. This additional loss, over and above the loss taken on the Dec. 31 1920 balance sheet, is due almost entirely to the very heavy losses which the Philippine and Chinese subsidiaries have had to take as a result of the further fall in commodity prices and the depression which has continued in both countries and from which neither country has as yet emerged.

Inventories have been written down to replacement or local market, whichever was lower, and what is believed to be ample provision for bad and doubtful debts has been made.

As reported in the 1920 annual report, since the collapse of commodity prices and general depression of 1920 the corporation has concentrated its activities in an endeavor to maintain its oriental trade and all other activities of the corporation have been suspended so far as new business is concerned, although continued effort and heavy expense have been necessary in connection with the liquidation of old business.

Present Active Subsidiaries.—The present active subsidiaries are Pacific Commercial Co., operating in the Philippine Islands, having discontinued its activities on the mainland of Asia and in Australia; Andersen, Meyer & Co., Ltd., operating in China; the United States Pacific Co., Inc., operating as a service company for these two companies in the United States, and W. G. Pratt & Co. Ltd., of London, operating as a service company for these companies in Europe.

Chinese Government Loan.—Of the other activities of the corporation, the most serious problem is presented in connection with the \$5,500,000 loan made in 1919 to the Chinese Government. Against this loan the corporation has loans outstanding of \$4,900,000. The loan became due on Dec. 1 1921, was extended to June 1 1922 on payment of interest by the Chinese Government, and on June 1 1922 the Chinese Government defaulted both on principal and on interest.

Civil War in China.—During the entire period of 1921 and up to date in 1922, civil war has been going on in China in more or less aggravated form, which culminated in the spring of 1922 in the campaign between the armies of Wu Pei-fu and Chang Tso-lin. This situation has not only completely demoralized the Chinese Government but has had a paralyzing effect on trade throughout China.

While it is too early to make any definite statement as to the results of the civil war in China, it is the general belief of those best informed on the Chinese situation, and which is shared by this corporation, that substantial progress has been made within the last few months in unifying China and providing it with the essence of a strong central Government. The officials now in power seem to be giving earnest consideration to an endeavor to bring order out of the chaos of Chinese Government finance and conversations are now in progress looking toward an effort on the part of the Chinese Government to relieve the corporation of the necessity of further carrying its overdue obligations from the Chinese Government.

Hartmann Bros.—The final liquidation of the losses incurred in connection with the Hartmann Bros. business will be slow and difficult and the exact outcome of this liquidation will depend very largely upon the response of foreign debtors of the company whose ability to pay will depend more on the future progress of their business than on their present financial strength.

Pacific Commercial Co.—The position of this company on Dec. 31 1921 was as follows: After writing down of inventories to market or replacement,

whichever was lower, and making suitable reserves for bad and doubtful accounts, the net worth was \$988,460. The corporation's proportionate ownership of this company amounts to \$808,073. In addition to this net worth, it is our belief that there is a substantial hidden value in the Pacific Commercial Co. The company owns valuable office and warehouse properties in the Philippines. An appraisal recently made shows a value in these properties of \$1,075,000 in excess of the value at which they are carried on the books. Aside from these tangible values there is a very substantial value in the good-will of the Pacific Commercial Co. which has shown a profit in every year except 1921 and 1922. The company has received loyal support from its banking connections and its regular trade is being carried forward on a basis which it is believed will allow it to break even if not to show a small profit for 1922.

Andersen, Meyer & Co., Ltd.—The losses suffered by this company have been much heavier than anticipated, due to the stagnation of business throughout China as the result of the civil war. These losses have been exclusively incurred in connection with the general import and export business, and on its machinery, engineering and contract business the company has even in 1921 made substantial profits. Without taking into consideration any profits on engineering business not completed, the net worth of the company on Dec. 31 1921 was approximately \$500,000 and it had on its books on April 1 1922 approximately \$12,000,000 worth of business taken at a substantial margin of gross profit.

The demand for machinery in China in connection with industrial development of that country has kept up surprisingly well in spite of the general depression there and is likely to show a large expansion with the return of stable conditions. Andersen, Meyer & Co.'s position in China is such that the company is assured of a substantial participation in any increased business which is offered.

Both the **United States Pacific Co. Inc.** and **W. G. Pratt & Co. Ltd.** are substantially liquidated and in a position to render the necessary service in the United States and Europe for our Oriental trading subsidiaries.

Oriental Trade—Negotiations and Arrangement with Creditors.—It is the opinion of the directors that the Oriental trading business of this corporation should be continued and negotiations are in progress looking toward the strengthening of the financial position of the corporation and suitable arrangements with its creditors which will enable the corporation to carry this business forward. We regret that these negotiations have not as yet reached the point where they may be definitely stated in this report. However, this report will be supplemented by a further report on the completion of these negotiations.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Net profits sub. cos. after estimated war taxes—	Not shown	Not shown	\$1,331,452	*\$1,606,660
Divs., &c., incl. Pacific Development Corp.—	\$514,779	\$701,233	\$697,718	\$627,299
Expenses, &c.—	681,148	447,187	244,509	281,095
Dividends, &c.—		(6%)490,370	(7 3/4)443,025	(7)330,391
Balance, surplus,—def. x\$166,369 def.\$236,324			\$40,184	\$15,813

* Net loss for 1921, \$166,369; add bad debts and other losses written off subsidiary and affil. cos., \$13,306,039 (consisting of current accts., \$3,328,711; investments, \$9,844,817; accts. rec., \$43,087; employees' stock subscriptions, \$89,423); deduct reserve Dec. 31 1920, \$8,893,668; misc. adjustments, \$26,502; leaving a deficit at Dec. 31 1921, \$8,547,239.

* This figure is given in place of \$1,738,905, due to the fact that in the preparation of the 1918 figures the amount of excess profits taxes payable was underestimated by \$130,245.

a In 1920 the November dividend was omitted (see V. 111, p. 1667).

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

1921.		1920.		1921.		1920.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Investments, a	3,365,188	10,233,802	Capital stock, d	7,500,000	7,500,000		
Chin. Amer. Bank of Commerce	735,250	735,917	Notes payable	5,101,087	83,000,000		
Misc. Investments	42,696	64,122	Joint notes payable		2,359,334		
Rep. of China note	5,005,000	5,005,000	Loan payable	14,000,000	5,000,000		
Advances	68,430	68,430	Accrued interest	62,956	33,250		
Due from sub. cos.	3,857,523	4,149,360	Due to subsidiary companies	37,706	14,630		
Accrued int. receiv.	136,667	27,500	Accounts, &c., payable	93,043	717,406		
Notes & accts. rec.	70,083	109,057	Reserve		26,898,668		
Furniture & fix'ts	4,291	4,291					
Subs. to cap. stock		c1,609,700					
Cash	168,181	692,994					
Imp't. stk. subser.	47,636	165,665					
Deferred charges	18,065	302,498					
Deficit	6,247,239						
Total	20,004,125	23,163,953	Total	20,004,125	23,163,953		

a Investments at cost include the capital stock of the following companies: W. G. Pratt & Co. Ltd., \$43,306; Sun Cheong Milling Co., \$315,000. Subsidiary companies, the capital stocks of which have been deposited as collateral security for notes payable (see contra): Andersen, Meyer & Co., Ltd., \$522,030; International Vegetable Oil Co., \$1,424,242; Pacific Commercial Co., \$803,073; United States Pacific Co., \$257,537.

b Note of Republic of China, \$5,500,000, deposited as collateral to loan. c Due Jan. 10 1921, since received. d Capital stock of no par value: Authorized, 500,000 shares; issued or issuable, 321,905 shares; declared value, \$7,500,000. e Secured by capital stocks of subsidiary companies and Chinese-American Bank of Commerce and Prof. stock of the International Vegetable Oil Co. and note \$1,500,000. f Note of Republic of China for \$5,500,000 deposited as collateral. g Represents difference between old capital stock and declared value of capital stock of no par value, \$6,985,550, less \$86,882 transferred from surplus account.—V. 114, p. 2725.

Skelly Oil Co., Tulsa, Okla.

(Semi-Annual Report—Six Months ended June 30 1922.)

Pres. W. G. Skelly, Tulsa, Okla., Aug. 5, reports in subst.:

Results.—The business and earnings improved progressively during the half-year. Net earnings for the period available for surplus and reserves, were \$2,558,581, which figure is 7 1/2% greater than the corresponding earnings of \$1,489,892 in the first six months of 1921. Of these net earnings of \$2,558,581, available for surplus and reserves, the first half of 1922, we have allocated \$1,608,912 to the various reserve accounts in which provision is made for depletion, depreciation and the like, leaving a clear net surplus of earnings, after all costs, losses, expenses, depreciation, depletion and charges of every kind, of \$1,100,589 for the half-year period under review.

Nearly two-thirds of the net earnings of \$2,558,581 accrued during the last three months of the half-year, the accrual by quarters of the year having been:

First quarter (Jan., Feb. & March).....\$868,128
 Second quarter (April, May & June).....1,690,453
 while the months of May and June successively established new high records of monthly net earnings, the May figure having been \$638,363, and the June figure \$704,056.

Business Expanding.—The business is thriving and expanding at an unprecedented rate and with fine energy in every department. This is well exemplified by the growth of the business in the department of crude oil production. Net production of crude oil in June averaged 10,638 barrels per day, which was a new high monthly record for the company, and was in contrast with a net daily average of 7,785 barrels in the year 1921, and 4,350 barrels in the year 1920. Preliminary reports in hand for July indicate that daily average net production of oil in that month has exceeded 11,000 barrels, again establishing a new high mark.

Gasoline Manufacturing Plants.—The other departments are equally thriving. Our four casinghead gasoline manufacturing plants are operating with efficiency and profit. We are now projecting the installation of two, and possibly three, additional plants, all in Oklahoma, at places where we have under ownership and control adequate volumes of casinghead gas of high gasoline content.

Refining & Marketing.—Our refining and marketing interests are doing a large and increasing business. Our Midland Refinery at El Dorado, Kan., and our Norox refinery at Burkburnett, Tex., are operating at capacity, which means the refining of approximately 7,500 barrels of crude oil daily. Being modern and efficient, and being served by their own system of pipe lines for the transportation of their crude material and by their own fleet of 415 tank cars for the movement of their refined

products, our refineries are making a very substantial contribution to the aggregate of the company's earnings.

A large part of our refined products is now being marketed through our own system of filling stations and bulk stations, direct to the consuming public in 73 cities and towns in the States of Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas. Too much emphasis cannot be laid upon the importance of these refining and marketing interests in the corporate structure of the company, because they form a reliable stabilizer of the business, and a constant and active factor of strength and safety. With them, our cycle of activity in the industry, from the production of crude oil to the retail sale of the refined product to the consumer, is complete.

Recent Price Reduction Transitory.—We regard the recent reduction in the base price of Mid-Continent crude oil as an event of superficial and transitory significance. Our belief is that this "depression" is a flurry on the surface and will be of short duration, because fundamentally the position of the petroleum industry now is stronger than it has been in many years. The severe depression that came upon the oil industry in Jan. 1921 and lasted during the greater part of that year, was real and basic; but now the trouble is altogether superficial, consisting merely of temporary flush production and importation of crude oil in excess of immediate requirements.

The insatiable demand of ever increasing consumption, and the current loss of a quarter of a million barrels per day of light oil production in Mexico as the result of the intrusion of salt water into the Toteeco-Cerro Azul pool, and the fact that domestic production (which, without imports lacks now upwards of 100,000 barrels per day of meeting the domestic demand) will decline as the result of the curtailment of drilling that always attends a reduction in the price of the product—all these conditions make for underlying strength in the position of the oil industry, and warrant our characterization of the present "depression" as a flurry on the surface.

Effect of Cut in Price on Current Earnings.—The current earnings will be somewhat affected temporarily by his marking down of the crude oil price, but it is doubted whether the company will sustain any permanent loss on this account. We shall renech to a reasonable degree on our immediate drilling program in the face of the lowered crude oil market, and while that again halts our normal increase of income, and that we are not losing the oil but are keeping it in the ground, and are merely holding it back for production and sale upon a better market; and, therefore, it can reasonably be said that the loss we sustain for the time being from this cause is apparent rather than real, and will be later turned into a profit.

We intend to store a large quantity of oil in steel tankage, the amount depending mainly upon the duration of the depression in the crude market. We are prepared and disposed to run as much oil into storage as the economic situation may seem to require and justify, and on whatever oil we store we shall reap a handsome profit. The company is in very strong position to meet the exigencies of the situation as they exist now, or as they may hereafter develop, and to turn them to its profit and advantage.

Cash Position, &c.—We have large lines of banking credit that are clear and open for utilization if we should find it profitable to use them. We have \$1,000,000 of cash on hand; our current position is clean and clear, with all permissible cash discounts taken, while our current assets exceed our current liabilities in the ratio of more than 2 1/2 to 1.

Listing of Stock.—This stock has been formally listed on the New York Stock Exchange, and trading began July 27 1922.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND SURPLUS.

	6 Mos. 1922.	Cal. Year 1921.	6 Mos. 1922.	Cal. Year 1921.
Gross earnings	6,657,178	12,160,344		
Costs, oper. exp. & losses	3,742,258	8,185,072	Net surplus	1,100,589 def\$338,056
			Prev. sur. adj.	189,716 1,027,428
Net oper. earnings	2,914,921	3,975,272	Total surplus	¥1,290,305 1,289,371
Interest & taxes	205,419	323,975	Deduct—	
Net earnings	x2,709,502	x3,651,298	Skelly Oil Co.'s cash div.	300,000
Deduct reserves—			Inland Oil Co.'s cash div.	25,404
Depletion	929,265	1,424,550	Inland Oil Co.'s stock div.	338,700
Depreciation	609,767	1,227,061		
Taxes & license	50,538	84,000		
Doubtful accts.	19,405	46,590		
Amortization	417	27,638		
Development		1,179,516		
Total	1,608,912	3,989,354	P. & L. surplus	¥1,290,305 ¥625,268

x The interest of Skelly Oil Co. in the net earnings of \$2,709,502 and \$3,651,298 is \$2,558,581 and 3,347,743 respectively, while the interest of the minority stockholders of subsidiary companies in same is \$150,921 and \$303,555, respectively.

y The interest of Skelly Oil Co. in the surplus of \$1,290,305 and \$625,268 is \$1,221,967 and \$625,367 respectively, while the interest of the minority stockholders of subsidiary companies in same is \$68,338 and a deficit of \$3,099 respectively.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30 1922 AND DEC. 31 1921.

June 30 '22		Dec. 31 '21		June 30 '22		Dec. 31 '21	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Prop., pt' & equip	31,792,816	28,347,679	Capital stock	18,339,030	18,339,030		
Other investments	994,349	670,367	Cap. stk. of sub. cos. owned	687,135	831,205		
Cash	916,382	2,286,904	7 1/2% Mlge. bonds	3,353,000	3,500,000		
Accts. & bills rec.	2,747,523	2,300,919	Accts. & bills pay.	2,203,724	1,709,369		
Merch (crude & refined oil)	853,054	352,574	Accrued interest	21,260	22,551		
Mat'l & supplies	744,630	791,901	Acrr. ar. prod. tax	29,757	287		
Cash adv. for drill. & undev. leases, &c.			Deferred notes	1,545,963	508,503		
Treasury stock	453,538	689,308	Conting. liabilities	213,221	197,389		
Sinking fund	48,150		Deferred credits	74,786	61,528		
Deferred charges	596,081	290,660	Surplus owned by Skelly Oil Co.	1,221,967	628,367		
			Surplus owned by min. st'kholders	68,338	def\$3,099		
Total	38,977,344	35,729,413	Reserves	x11,239,162	9,934,284		

Note.—Inter-company current obligations, aggregating \$368,340, omitted. x Reserves are as follows: For development, for depletion, and for depreciation, \$10,685,802; taxes and license, \$145,815; doubtful accounts, \$64,933; tank car rentals, \$28,250; amortization of facilities, \$288,224; amortization of undeveloped leases, \$26,638.—V. 115, p. 554, 317.

Certain-Teed Products Corporation.

(Semi-Annual Report—6 Mos. ended June 30 1922.)

President Geo. M. Brown, New York, reports in brief: Business was very slow in practically all lines at the beginning of the year, but general improvement followed and all plants, with one exception, have been working at capacity since about June 15. Our total volume for the six months was very creditable. The gross and net margins, however, were below normal percentage due to competitive selling and cost conditions. We expect to regain a normal condition in these items during the second half of the year. There were no inventory readjustments necessary as the price contracts are at or below the present market.

Our financial statement is in a very satisfactory condition, the ratio of current assets to current liabilities being 3.41 to 1.

In accordance with sinking fund requirements \$120,000 1st Pref. stock was purchased and canceled as of April 1, making a total of \$620,000 retired to date. The records of the Preferred stocks show that the original 8% Preferred stock (of the General Roofing Manufacturing Co.) was exchanged in Jan. 1909 on the basis of \$114 29 per share, and a new 7% Pref. stock was issued which was called at \$115 per share in 1917 at the time of the formation of the present company and the issuance of the Preferred stocks now outstanding. The present 1st Pref. is callable at \$120 and the 2d Pref. at \$110. We have an unbroken record of prompt payment on regular dividend dates of all dividends on both 1st and 2d Pref. stocks of the outstanding issues.

The records of the Common stock show that the Common stock of the General Roofing Manufacturing Co. was an unusually profitable investment for its holders and the present outstanding Common stock has paid since its issue in 1917 a total of \$9 per share in cash and in addition has put into surplus \$13 50 per share. This is equivalent to \$4 09 per share average earnings yearly on the present outstanding Common stock. The last

half of each year is generally our best earning period, and for the 12 months' period ending June 30 1922, the net earnings, after all expenses and adjustments, were \$4.63 per share on the Common stock.

The big demand for buildings and repairs with the present active conditions of the business, coupled with the fact that we have our expense accounts within our budgets and no further adjustments in prospect, lead us to believe that the company's outlook is very satisfactory.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR STATED PERIODS.

Period—	6 Mos. end.		Calendar Years	
	1922	1921	1920	1919
Operating profit.....	\$1,605,192	\$3,620,091	\$5,116,771	\$3,637,125
Other income.....	10,511	38,676	98,313	29,735
Gross income.....	\$1,615,703	\$3,658,767	\$5,215,081	\$3,666,860
Less—Selling, adm., general expenses and int.....	\$1,316,570	\$2,885,055	\$3,031,054	\$2,562,261
Federal taxes.....	35,700	43,000	126,444	205,000
Add'l Fed. taxes, '17-18.....	-----	-----	-----	6,544
Deprec'n of inventory.....	-----	315,598	622,032	-----
1st Pref. divs..... (3 1/2%)	126,000	(7)211,750	(7)219,188	(7)225,750
2d Pref. divs..... (3 1/2%)	93,625	(7)187,250	(7)147,875	(7)134,750
Common dividends.....	-----	-----	(\$4)392,000	-----
War donations, &c.....	-----	-----	5,904	28,120
Empl. stock pur. plan.....	-----	-----	37,331	30,146
Balance, surplus.....	\$43,809	\$16,114	\$63,252	\$474,289

a Other income is after adding in 1922 \$7,350 and in 1921 \$16,717 for squary surplus adjustments credit.

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET.

Assets—	June 30 '22. Dec. 31 '21.		Liabilities—	June 30 '22. Dec. 31 '21.	
	\$	\$		\$	\$
Land, bldgs., &c., less deprec'n.....	4,729,028	4,749,310	1st Pref. 7% stock.....	3,540,000	3,800,000
Water pow. rights.....	259,630	239,630	2d Pref. 7% stock.....	2,675,000	2,675,000
1st Pref. stk. sk. fd.....	-----	1,151	Common stock.....	2,730,000	2,730,000
Good-will, trade-marks & patents.....	3,916,301	3,916,301	Purchase money obligations.....	1,540,000	1,540,000
Invest. in oth. cos.....	75,775	88,538	Fed. taxes (1922).....	35,700	-----
Exp. paid in adv.....	117,952	62,988	Notes payable.....	420,000	-----
Employees' stock purchase accts.....	655,740	639,175	Accounts payable.....	501,406	632,058
Inventories.....	1,606,145	1,775,244	Fed. tax for 1921.....	21,903	53,110
Cash.....	493,641	359,331	Acct. local taxes.....	5,474	-----
Notes receivable.....	49,264	67,342	Divs. payable on pref. stocks.....	198,763	99,313
Accts. receivable.....	1,540,112	1,158,006	Surplus.....	1,821,344	1,777,535
Total.....	13,389,589	13,157,015	Total.....	13,389,589	13,157,015

x Common stock (no par value) at value declared under the laws of Maryland or at issue price. y Purchase money obligations with respect to purchase of capital stock, business and good-will of Thomas Potter, Sons & Co., Inc., Philadelphia, maturing in equal annual installments from 1925 to 1931.—V. 115, p. 763.

Stewart-Warner Speedometer Corp. and Subsidiaries.
(Semi-Annual Report—Six Months Ended June 30 1922.)

RESULTS FOR STATED PERIODS.

Period Ending—	6 Mos		Calendar Years	
	1922	1921	1920	1919
Profit & income (see note).....	\$1,222,050	\$1,106,573	\$3,092,384	\$3,161,634
Adjust. of inventories, &c.....	-----	-----	383,912	-----
Dividends received.....	-----	-----	Cr. 79,267	-----
Federal taxes.....	265,526	67,000	517,544	368,341
Dividends paid.....	579,373	1,172,105	1,674,267	900,000
Surplus net income.....	\$1,277,151	def \$132,532	\$615,927	\$1,893,293
Deduct—Adjust. of claims against U. S. Govt.....	-----	-----	-----	deb. \$829,719
Adj. in re royalties & tax. Adj. of 1919 depr. prov.....	-----	deb. \$410,079	-----	-----
Add—Previous surplus.....	7,652,200	8,041,938	deb. \$88,444	6,450,880
Approcn from appraisal.....	-----	137,908	7,514,454	-----
Total unapprop surp.....	\$8,929,351	\$7,637,235	\$8,041,937	\$7,514,454

Note.—'Profits and income' are shown, 'after deducting all manufacturing, selling and administrative expenses, including adequate provisions for discounts and losses on doubtful accounts, depreciation on plant equipment, &c.'

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30 1922 AND DEC. 31 1921.

Assets	June 30 '22. Dec. 31 '21.		Liabilities	June 30 '22. Dec. 31 '21.	
	\$	\$		\$	\$
Lands, bldgs., &c.....	5,664,719	5,792,176	Common stock.....	12,844,422	12,459,127
Pat'ts, trade-mks., trade names, &c.....	10,731,725	10,602,159	Preferred stock.....	627,500	280,200
Cash.....	927,341	465,460	8% conv. gold notes.....	1,667,000	2,000,000
U. S. stks. of indeb.....	2,002,945	1,253,125	Def. llab. in re of Van Slieden Inv.....	424,752	501,744
Funds on call.....	75,000	475,000	Federal taxes.....	265,326	67,000
Marketable securis.....	755,898	873,690	Acct's & vouch. pay.....	472,218	324,373
Accounts & notes receivable.....	2,439,029	1,475,011	Wages, comm., roy. alitts, &c., acct'd.....	277,611	600,561
Inventories.....	2,177,880	2,625,431	Surplus.....	8,929,351	7,637,235
Deferred charges.....	177,843	308,188	Total.....	24,952,381	23,870,240

a Common stock issued, 479,385 shares of no par value. b 8% Cum. Prof. of Stewart Mfg. Corp. outstanding. c Lands, buildings, machinery and equipment balance at March 31 1922, \$7,983,637; additions since (net), \$81,092; total, \$8,064,729; deduct. reserve for depreciation, balance Mar. 31 1922, \$2,280,328; provided out of profits for 3 mos. ending June 30 1922, \$119,682; leaving as shown above, \$5,664,719.—V. 115, p. 554, 445.

Royal Dutch Company for the Working of Petroleum Wells in Netherlands India.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1921.)

The managing directors, The Hague, June 1922, report in brief:

Trading Results.—As already set forth above, the results of the trade have been satisfactory in spite of numerous unfavorable factors. The profit amounts to fl. 104,098,178, which amount admits of a payment of 4% on the preference shares, 4 1/2% on the priority shares and 3 1/2% on the ordinary shares [of which 15% was paid ad interim in Jan. 1921 and 16% is payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 19].

Year 1921 Unfavorable for Company.—A year such as 1921 could not possibly have been favorable for our company. The world, impoverished and disorganized, which for its recovery, needed nothing so much as universal reconciliation and co-operation, has been kept in a state of confusion, in which peace in the actual sense of the word has been totally lacking. Industry and shipping have been in a condition of great depression; prices and freights declined; entailing losses which resulted in the rapid disappearance of the abnormal profits made during the war. Rates of exchange so declined as a result of which entire nations lost the greater part of their purchasing power in the world's market.

Development of the Djambi Fields.—On April 29 1921 the Second Chamber passed the bill relating to the development of the Djambi fields; on July 1, the first Chamber ratified this decision and on July 5 1921 the bill was signed. It now remains for us to show that the confidence reposed by the State in co-operation with our companies has not been misplaced.

Duties on Petroleum Products Exported from Dutch East Indies.—A question which has of late caused us a great deal of anxiety is that with regard to the duties on petroleum products exported from Dutch East Indies.

Following upon a considerable increase which was introduced on May 1 (up to fl. 7.50 per ton for light and fl. 1.50 for heavy products) a still more drastic increase of this pernicious taxation appeared to be contemplated both in the Netherlands and in the Dutch East Indies. The "Volksraad" (National Council), constituted as it then was, adopted a motion the object of which was to use the petroleum industry as a means of meeting the immense

deficit in the colonial budget, and the Dutch East Indian Government was actually in favour of this idea.

The Minister of the Colonial did not go so far as that, but still he included petroleum amongst those products on which, according to his proposal, the export duties could be raised by 25%. Objections were raised not only by us but from numerous other quarters, but all this was not sufficient to prevent the Second Chamber passing the bill, albeit with the smallest possible majority. Fortunately the First Chamber refused to ratify it and, supported by members of nearly all political parties, adopted a motion deprecating all these export duties and all special taxes on particular industries, and recommending that they be repealed before the end of the year. The Government finally expressed their full agreement.

Commission To Advise Government.—An important step in the right direction is seen in the appointment of a permanent commission whose task it is to advise the Government on all petroleum matters. Entering into an idea expressed in the First Chamber that competent men outside political circles should give their opinion in regard to the question of export duties, the Minister of the Colonies appointed on March 8 1922 a committee of 6 members, consisting of the three members of the Board of directors of the Netherlands Indian Mineral Oil Co., appointed by the Government, viz: H. J. E. Wenckebach, Dr. J. Limburg and Ir. E. Middelberg, and further Drs. R. J. H. Patijn, J. B. van der Houven van Oordt and A. van Rijkvorsel, to whom Mr. C. C. P. Vigelius was assigned as Secretary, it being intended that this committee should be of a permanent character.

Industrial Council for Netherlands India.—Our East Indian business is still of sufficient importance for us to have warranted our entertaining a suggestion emanating from groups of other Dutch East Indian concerns to the effect that all engaged in any branch of business there should closely co-operate and that an organ should be founded in which their mutual interests could be studied, discussed and promoted. Their object was chiefly the protection of their interests in matters of legislation, taxation and labor.

The outcome of that idea was, that an association was formed in the second half of 1921, under the name of Industrial Council for Netherlands India, which, with one or two exceptions, practically all enterprises of these associations of enterprises of any importance operating there joined; these included industrial and agricultural enterprises as well as shipping, railway and tram companies, banking houses and export and import firms. Much influence for the good of which we are also represented.

New Fields.—Among the most important events of last year with regard to production may certainly be mentioned the discovery of new and rich oil fields in the United States and the amalgamation, after lengthy negotiations, of our North American interests with those of the Union Oil Co. of Delaware, which rendered it possible to increase the production available to us in the United States to double the former quantity and by which we have entered into close co-operation with a group of American oil interests and have established our business in that country on a still firmer footing. (Compare Shell Union Oil Corp. in V. 114, p. 637, 745, 2125 and 2,726)

Two facts worthy of mention are the increase of the production of the "Corona" our subsidiary company in Mexico, which for 1921 amounted to three times that of the previous year and the completion of our pipe lines there.

Special mention should also be made of the considerable increase of production in Sarawak (in that part of N. W. Borneo which is not Dutch) which was all the more welcome as it coincided with the increase of the Dutch East Indian export duties.

The result of our geological investigations in various countries was negative, in so far that prospects did not appear to be sufficiently favorable to justify the commencement of permanent operations. On the other hand we have acquired valuable concessions in the Argentine Republic and elsewhere in South America.

As regards Russia, we shall have to await political developments before we can again enter into possession of our former properties; all the rumors to the effect that special agreements have been made by our group with the Soviet Government, which have not always been spread with the purest motives, are without foundation.

Refineries.—Our refineries in various countries have been improved and enlarged; in Mexico the new refinery with a capacity of over 45,000 barrels a day, has been put into operation.

Improving Method of Treating Oil.—Various new methods were studied and some put into operation. We also participated to the extent of one half in the capital and the management of a company established at The Hague, viz: the International Bergen Co., who have acquired from a German group the patent rights for a new process of obtaining light products from heavy hydro-carbons by means of high pressure and the introduction of hydrogen and of converting coal into motor fuel. This work is still for the greater part in an experimental stage and no decisive opinion can yet be expressed as regards its profitability would have upon our business if we are successful in achieving on a commercial scale the results which have already been obtained with our experimental plant.

Transportation.—During the past year we have also not been inactive as regards the transportation of our products: the tonnage of our fleet has been increased by more than 100,000 tons and with the exception of a few months at the beginning of the year, when, in consequence of the general depression, we were obliged to lay up a few vessels, we have been able to keep our fleet continuously and successfully employed. The serious decline in the freight market was an unfavorable factor, affecting us more because we had a considerable number of charters running which had more taken out in 1920 at the much higher rates than ruling. By far the greater part of these charters have now expired.

Distribution.—The distributing branch of our business was extended during the period under review especially in Europe. As regards countries outside Europe the retail trade in California especially was energetically developed.

Dutch East Indies, &c.—During 1921 5 new concessions of minor importance were granted.

The passing of the Bill creating a community of interests between the Dutch East Indies Indian Government and De Bataafsche Petroleum Maatschappij with regard to the oil fields in Djambi, led to the formation of the "Nederlandsch-Indische Aardolie Maatschappij" (N. I. A. M.) on Dec. 14 1921.

Owing to the important increase of the export duties on petroleum products which took effect on May 18 1921, the great plans for increasing the production could for the greater part not be executed. On the contrary, the activities on fields where a smaller and thus more costly production was anticipated, had to be curtailed or even stopped; some of these fields which under the circumstances were no longer profitable were surrendered.

Owing to the extension of our activities commenced before the export duties were increased, we are this year again able to report a record figure for the total production in spite of the curtailment above mentioned.

	1921	1920
Sumatra.....	564,717 KG. ton	496,351 KG. ton
Borneo (excl. Tarakan).....	741,573 "	744,119 "
Tarakan.....	695,313 "	711,009 "
Java.....	244,655 "	311,677 "
Ceram.....	48,980 "	20,980 "
Total.....	2,295,538 KG. ton	2,284,136 KG. ton

Pipe Lines.—The crude oil pipe lines and the tank installation of the Balki Papa Administration were extended where necessary. At the end of the year under review a beginning was made with the laying of a 100KM. 6" gas-line from the drilling field Loentar to Pladjoe, which will make it possible in future to use gas instead of residue in the factory.

Sarawak.—The exploration and exploitation of the fields of the "Sarawak Oilfields, Ltd." was vigorously extended during the past year, with the result that the production considerably increased and continues to do so. Production amounted to 199,858 E. tons against 144,412 E. tons in 1920. Production amounted to 181,231 E. tons against 148,901 E. tons in 1920.

Properties in European Countries.

Russia.—No alteration has been taken place as regards to the position of the interests of the companies formerly operating in Russia and controlled by us.

According to unofficial reports, the Soviet Government are producing oil on the fields to which reference is made above and treating this oil as well as the stocks left in storage in 1917 at the refineries at Baku and Grozny. The bulk of the products obtained will no doubt be consumed in Russia itself, while only a small portion finds its way to the world market via the Black Sea ports.

Rumania.—As far as Rumania is concerned the year 1921 has not seen as much work of reconstruction as for the good of the oil industry in that country might have been desirable.

The considerable depreciation of the Rumania currency greatly hampered the purchase of the necessary drilling materials, whilst the slow progress in recovery is chiefly to be attributed to the inadequate supply of electric power.

Nether the question of the indemnification for the properties destroyed in 1916 nor the taxation problem has yet been definitely arranged. Nevertheless, the general crude oil production showed some increase, which, however, just as in the previous year, is due to a few gushers having come in.

The production of the Astra Romana fields amounted to 333,645 KG. tons as compared with 327,891 KG. tons in 1920. The quantity treated during 1921 shows an increase of no less than 67% as compared with 1920. This increase is attributable to the fact that the considerable reduction of the export duties resulted in a brisk export trade which rendered it unnecessary for the Astra to dispose of a considerable portion of their crude oil production, as had been the case in 1920, owing to lack of storage capacity.

Poland.—In Poland we have an interest in the production of the "Nafta," an affiliated company of the Nederlandsche Phootgen, which moreover possesses refineries and distributing organizations both in Poland and in some of the States which formerly constituted the Austrian Monarchy.

Yugo-Slavia.—The exploration boring on the vast territory on which we have obtained exploration licenses, has not yet reached the depth at which oil may be anticipated. Operations are proceeding energetically.

Properties In North America.

Amalgamation.—The amalgamation of the greater part of our interests in the United States and those of the Union Oil Corp. of Delaware, as well as of the formation of the Shell Union Oil Corporation, was fully concluded. (Compare V. 114, p. 637, 745, 2,125, 2,726.)

In May of this year the production of the combine had already reached a total of over 35,000 barrels a day in California and of 13,000 barrels a day in the Mid Continent territory, the total daily production thus amounting to over 48,000 barrels, exclusive of a production of 3,000 barrels held in reserve for the future in view of the condition of the market.

Mid Continent.—The *Roazana Petroleum Corp.* has considerably strengthened its position in the Mid Continent by entering into two agreements for the joint exploitation of fields which were already partly productive and partly still being explored.

They succeeded in appreciably increasing the production of the former and in proving paying production on the latter.

The above mentioned amalgamation with the Union of Delaware resulted in a considerable extension of our Group's territory in the Mid Continent. During 1921 the main pipeline from Cushing to St. Louis belonging to the *Osark Pipeline Corp.*, transported less crude for outside companies but more of our own production as compared with the previous year. The feed lines from Waurika to Healdton and Healdton-Cushing gave satisfactory results during the year under review.

California.—During the past year the *Shell Co. of California*, have considerably increased their reserve production territory by the acquisition of producing and exploration fields as well as by taking over the territories of the Union of Delaware.

It is an important fact that new borings on the fields brought in by our own organization and on those taken over from the Union of Delaware have proved these fields to be of far greater value than was supposed when the combine was formed.

At the end of 1921 the exploitation of 3 wells had already been started in the Los Angeles territory, in the field of Signal Hill opened up by the Shell Co. of California, while several even richer wells have since been struck in this area. At present the production of this field is 17,500 barrels a day.

In view of the large stock of crude oil and products and in connection with the position of the market, the production of the Coalinga field was for the time being considerably reduced to cover immediate requirements.

The Shell Co. of California sells direct to the consumers through its selling and distributing organization.

In order to meet the growing demand for products the distributing facilities in the second half of the year under review were being considerably increased by building a great number of Sales Depots.

Operation of the fleet of tankers formerly belonging to the Shell Co. of California, and recently transferred to the Asiatic Petroleum Co. of Delaware, is seriously hampered by the onerous regulations of the American Shipping Act, which excludes these vessels from the American coasting trade.

This opposition on the part of the American authorities affects us all the more, since we have also been refused permission to sell these vessels to a foreign company.

Two vessels were laid up for a short time.

New Orleans Refining Co.—The extension of the refinery of the New Orleans Refining Co. at Goodhope, near New Orleans, where exclusively Mexican Crude is treated, was completed.

Properties In Mexico.

Although the development of the industry has been seriously impeded by legislation and administrative decrees the petroleum production showed a considerable increase during 1921 and reached 200 million barrels, i. e. about a quarter of the world's production.

As a result of the more peaceful conditions in the interior of Mexico our affiliated companies have been able to extend their exploration work.

The business of the Dutch Co., Petroleum Maatschappij "La Corona," was transferred in 1921, to a new Mexican company, "Cla. Mexicana Holandesa La Corona."

The territory owned or leased by the company has been largely increased during 1921. Several borings outside our old Panuco fields became productive and, up to the end of the year, produced a quantity of 5,355,000 barrels of light oil.

In July 1921 the Zacamixtle field, where the various companies were feverishly active during the year, showed traces of salt water and soon afterwards nearly all the wells had to be closed in. Since then the Corona has been the only company with a large production of light oil from this field, from which they have already obtained 8,500,000 barrels. On a newly developed field, Chiconello, N. E. of Zacamixtle, a gusher was struck yielding a daily production of 10,000 bbls.

On the plot Casallao, north of Panuco, the first well drilled produced a daily quantity of 5,000 barrels.

Production of the Corona in 1921 amounted to 12,863,000 barrels against 4,266,000 in 1920.

On Dec. 31 1921 the stock of crude oil in steel storage amounted to rather more than 5,265,000 barrels as against 919,000 barrels on Dec. 31 1920.

The two pipelines for the transport of the Zacamixtle oil to Choyal have been completed and have both been put into operation, whilst the new tank farm in the neighborhood of Choyal, on the Panuco river near Tampico, was likewise finished. Pipelines, pumping stations as well as the storage installations fully come up to expectations. At the end of the year under review the refinery at Choyal started treating our considerable stocks of light oil, at the rate of 30,000 barrels per day, which has since been increased to over 45,000 bbls. Pipeline installations and shipping facilities are now capable of handling about 3,000,000 barrels per month.

Mexican Eagle Oil Co., Ltd. (El Aguila).—During the year under review the total crude oil deliveries to the storage installations amounted to 38,665,000 barrels. The daily pumping capacity was increased from 110,000 bbls. to 150,000 barrels.

The refineries are now able to treat 130,000 barrels daily. The scheme for the construction of steel storage has been carried out, the storage capacity thus having been increased from 5,500,000 barrels to 12,000,000 barrels.

Venezuela, Curacao, Trinidad and South Africa.

Venezuela—Caribbean Petroleum Co. During 1921, as a result of the delivery of a number of vessels which we had ordered with a view to extending the transporting capacity, it was possible considerably to increase the production.

The production amounted to 241,130 KG. tons against 78,570 KG. tons in 1920.

The refinery at San Lorenzo was continuously in operation, which enabled us to supply the greater part of the petroleum products consumed in Venezuela.

In spite of the general depression which was also strongly felt in Venezuela, the Company's business showed a marked improvement.

Curacao.—Thanks to the increased crude oil supplies from Venezuela, the refinery could be kept in operation fairly regularly, and it was even decided to extend the factory so as to be able to turn out various new products.

Trinidad.—At the request of the United British West Indies Petr. Syndicate, De Bataafsche Petroleum Mij. took over, as from May 1 1921, management of the fields of the companies belonging to the above Syndicate. The wells which have so far been drilled under our supervision have, on the whole, failed to give the results anticipated.

The quantities produced were: 51,970 E. tons in 1921 against 49,500 E. tons in 1920.

In the remaining part of South America, where we have up to this time not yet operated, extensive exploration fields were acquired by us.

South Africa.—A geological expedition was sent out to South Africa (The Transvaal) in order to examine the oil-shale deposits occurring there. Under the present circumstances plans for further exploration and exploitation of the fields offered will probably have to be abandoned.

Further the Societe pour l'Exploitation des Petroles in which we are interested possesses a great number of "permis de recherche" in Tunis. On none of these fields have drilling operations yet been started.

Fleet and Freights.—The decline in freight rates of the general carrying trade as well as the fall in the tank freights has continued during 1921.

We regret to state that as yet there is by no means a proportionate decrease in the working expenses. On the contrary, owing to the high wages and large outlays for repairs, working expenses are still such as to make it advisable to lay up some of our oldest vessels.

Having made several long-time charters at the old rates, which had not yet expired, we were not yet in a position to derive the full benefit of the decline in freight rates as far as the outside tonnage was concerned. As a result of the delivery of a number of new vessels, the carrying capacity of our fleet increased considerably, the total tonnage at the disposal of our group at the end of 1921 amounting to 1,144,000 tons.

Prices.—The fall in prices which commenced in the beginning of the past year, still continued in the course of 1921 owing to there being no improvement in the general economic conditions and also to a further decline in freight rates.

(Signed by H. W. A. Deterding, General Managing Director; J. E. F. De Kok, B. C. De Jonge and J. Th. Erb, Managing Directors.)

The annual comparative tables of income account and balance sheet were given in V. 115, p. 655, 769.

Montreal Light Heat & Power Consolidated.
(Fifth Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1921.)

Pres. H. S. Holt, Montreal, Jan. 19 1922 reports in subst.:

Revenue.—The recovery is gratifying so far as it goes, but we continue to suffer in our Gas Department, where the revenues are still insufficient to adequately meet expenses. The principal trouble is that the rate for gas is too low, but it is to be hoped that improved conditions will enable us to carry on without increasing the present rate.

The costs for equipment, supplies and labor are still abnormally high. Taxation is more burdensome than ever and is in certain respects discriminatory.

The company enjoys an unrivalled position for minimum rates in respect of both gas and electricity throughout the continent of America—notwithstanding we are farther afield than others from raw materials, and have a climate adverse to operating conditions.

Dividends.—Quarterly dividends have been paid on the stock at rate of 5%.

Bonds.—There was redeemed during the year \$486,667 of matured bonds of Montreal Gas Co., \$34,000 Montreal Light Heat & Power Co., Lachine Division and \$24,000 Provincial L. H. & Power Co., sinking fund bonds. We issued \$487,000 of Montreal Light Heat & Power Co. Collateral Trust 4½s, due 1932 (against retirement of the Gas Co. bonds) and added the same to those in our investment securities account available for sale.

Additions, &c.—The additions to the LaSalle Gas Works and the installation of the two additional hydro-electric units with the accompanying extensions to power and transformer houses at Cedars and transmission system have been completed, except for the generators, which should be completed within the next two months. With this installation the Cedars plant is complete for 160,000 h. p. with provision for 60,000 h. p. additional capacity involving hydro-electric equipment only.

In 1922 we shall have considerable capital outlay for cables to equip the underground conduit system as extended, etc.

Properties.—There was expended during the year on maintenance account \$607,886, and we appropriated \$1,328,997 for depreciation and renewal reserve, a total of \$2,026,883. An amount of \$873,438 was charged to depreciation account to partially take care of depreciated and discarded plant by our various subsidiary companies, whose securities we hold.

INCOME ACCOUNT YEARS ENDING DEC. 31 1921 AND 1920 AND APRIL 30 1919 AND 1918.

Years ended—	Dec. 31 '21.	Dec. 31 '20.	Apr. 30 '19.	Apr. 30 '18.
Gross revenue	\$13,289,965	\$12,748,410	\$10,939,272	\$10,390,684
Expenses and taxes	6,549,933	6,810,287	5,357,493	4,767,869
Deprec. & renewal res'v	1,328,996	1,055,167	943,927	1,039,069
Fixed charges	1,188,293	1,078,450	1,032,670	995,022
Net earnings	\$4,222,742	\$3,804,506	\$3,605,182	\$3,588,724
Dividends (5%)	3,227,689	(5)3,220,739	(4)2,562,291	(4)2,556,025
Pension fund	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Balance, surplus, subject to income tax	\$975,053	\$563,767	\$1,022,891	\$1,012,699

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

	1921.	1920.	1921.	1920.
Assets—	\$	\$	\$	\$
Property	223,767	223,767	Capital stock	64,558,800
Cash	2,338,507	2,222,325	Accounts payable	1,691,928
Investments	4,273,839	4,642,633	Customers' depos.	342,182
Bills receivable	186,196	228,543	Accrued interest	44,130
Accts' receivable	1,142,688	1,532,926	Dividend accrued	
Advances	6,751,893	4,712,486	(not declared)	537,948
Stocks, bonds and interest in other companies	62,896,361	63,495,650	Insurance reserve	491,956
Stores	315,287	323,632	Contingent reserve	374,304
Coal, tar and coke	1,290,079	924,583	Deprec'n reserve	7,234,234
			Suspense account	692,214
			Surplus	3,435,891
Total	79,418,588	78,306,534	Total	79,418,588

a Subject to income taxes.—V. 115, p. 315.

Union Stk. Yds. Co. of Omaha, Ltd. (So. Omaha, Neb.)
(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1921.)

Statistics—No —	Calendar Years			No. 30-
	1921	1920	1919	Nov-18.
Receipts of stock—Cattle	1,340,492	1,524,121	1,874,996	1,993,366
Calves	98,084	78,678	100,240	
Hogs	2,665,276	2,708,482	3,179,116	3,429,333
Sheep	2,752,362	2,890,745	3,789,188	3,385,696
Horses and mules	6,779	18,751	25,201	22,212
Shipments—Cattle	545,510	644,363	765,561	812,116
Calves	60,056	37,201	51,083	
Hogs	691,865	709,977	648,283	885,970
Sheep	1,014,928	1,467,392	2,128,009	1,891,565
Horses and mules	4,851	16,619	22,600	20,139
Gross earnings	\$2,846,095	\$3,732,791	\$4,108,295	\$3,710,180
Gross expenses	2,220,190	3,078,302	3,301,472	2,911,345
Net earnings	\$625,906	\$654,489	\$806,823	\$798,835
Dividends (8% p. a.)	599,704	599,704	599,704	599,704
Balance, surplus	\$26,202	\$54,785	\$207,119	\$199,131

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

	1921.	1920.	1921.	1920.
Assets—	\$	\$	\$	\$
Real estate & plant	10,104,734	10,021,345	Capital stock	7,496,300
Accounts receiv'le	85,118	108,578	Bonded debt	700,000
Inventories	148,092	223,464	Deprec'n reserve	1,435,371
Investments	561,152	422,839	Accounts payable	11,556
Deferred charges	51,548	19,001	Contingent res'v.	7,163
Cash	58,556	15,426	Reserve for taxes	110,491
			Surplus	1,251,289
Total	11,012,169	10,810,643	Total	11,012,169

—V. 112, p. 2532.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS.

RAILROADS, INCLUDING ELECTRIC ROADS.

The following news in brief form touches the high points in the railroad and electric railway world during the week just past, together with a summary of the items of greatest interest which were published in full detail in last week's "Chronicle" either under "Editorial Comment" or "Current Events and Discussions."

Strike Matters.—See "Current Events" in this issue and the daily newspapers.

Canadian Railroads Cut Wages of Shopmen.—Semi-monthly wages of 37,000 shopmen cut about \$200,000 Aug. 15, in spite of threats to strike. "Post" Aug. 5, p. 1.

Average Street Car Fare 7.37 Cents.—American Electric Railway Association reports average for 275 cities in United States, 140 cities charging 10 cents, 28 five cents, while remainder charge various amounts from 5 to 9 cents, transfer extra.

Cars Loaded.—Loading of revenue freight totaled 851,351 cars during week ended Aug. 5, compared with 859,733 cars during preceding week, or a reduction of 8,382 cars. This was an increase of 65,173 cars over the corresponding week last year, but a decrease of 84,379 cars under the same week in 1920.

Principal changes compared with the week ending July 29 were: Coal, 79,246 cars, increase 2,872 (a decrease, however, of 66,849 cars compared with the same week last year, and a decrease of 119,483 compared with the corresponding week two years ago); ore, 66,218 cars, increase 2,071; merchandise and miscellaneous freight (including manufactured products), 556,528 cars, decrease 9,101; grain and grain products, 58,512 cars, decrease 658; live stock, 26,507 cars, decrease 597; coke, 8,442 cars, decrease 670; forest products, 55,898 cars, decrease 2,399.

Idle Cars.—On July 31 there were 174,927 serviceable freight cars, a decrease of 28,395 cars since July 23.

Idle coal cars (compared with week ended July 23) totaled 131,267 cars, decrease 10,163; box cars, 21,367 cars, decrease 13,778; coke cars, 3,933 cars, increase 323; stock cars, 7,402, decrease 1,814.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle," Aug. 12.—(a) Railroad gross and net earnings for month of June, p. 696-699. (b) Developments in railway shopmen's strike, p. 715. (c) President Harding's telegrams to Messrs. Cuyler and Jewell calling for submission of seniority dispute to U. S. Railroad Labor Board, p. 719. (d) Resolution of U. S. Railroad Labor Board, inviting carriers and strikers to hearing on seniority issue, p. 719. (e) Railway executives to reply Aug. 12 to President Harding's proposal for reference of seniority issue to U. S. Railroad Labor Board, p. 720. (f) Secretary of Commerce Hoover's statement regarding reports of pressure on bankers in railroad strike conference, p. 720. (g) Robert S. Binkerd, Assistant to Chairman of Association of Railway Executives, explains seniority rights of railroad workers, p. 720. (h) Pension privileges not involved in seniority issue—the Pennsylvania case, p. 721. (i) Association of Railway Executives' reply to charges of bad equipment, p. 721. (j) National Industrial Traffic League endorses action of Association of Railway Executives in strike situation, p. 721.

(k) Atlantic Coast Line RR. on conditions existing on its lines, p. 721. (l) Death of Glenn E. Plumb, p. 721. (m) American Petroleum Institute urges substitution of "petroleum and its products" for "fuel oil" in I-S. C. C. priority orders, p. 722. (n) S. M. Felton says labor leaders in shopmen's strike reserve right to strike in future—seniority issue, p. 722. (o) Gompers proposes inquiry into reports of railroad wrecks, p. 722. (p) Analysis of Federal control of railroads, p. 723. (q) Bill for Federal incorporation of National Railway Service Corporation, p. 723.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co.—Respite on New Cars.

The Transit Commission has suspended its order requiring the company to improve the service on its lines by the addition of 100 trains daily. This order was to have become effective Aug. 15, but because of the coal shortage the Commission was of the opinion that it would not be wise for the company to operate more cars at the present time. The order is suspended until Sept. 18 unless the Commission at an earlier date finds the situation improved. Then two weeks' notice will be given to the company.—V. 115, p. 642, 435.

Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Ry.—Bonds Called.

Certain 4½% Equip. Trust bonds, series F, due April 1 1927, aggregating \$137,000, have been called for payment Oct. 1 at par and int. at the Guaranty Trust Co., trustee, 140 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 115, p. 72.

Central R.R. Co. of New Jersey.—Denies Charges.

The dismissal of the petition of Isaac T. and Mary T. W. Starr in the Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre coal case was asked Aug. 11 by the company in filing an answer in the U. S. District Court at Phila. to the Starr allegations that the stock of the coal company had been sold to the Reynolds syndicate at a price less than that bid by another company. The railroad denied in its answer that it had refused to give prospective bidders information or that Robert W. De Forest had refused Duncan Holmes copies of the report or other information.—V. 115, p. 644, 182.

Chicago Aurora & Elgin RR.—Int. & Sink Fund.

The interest due April 15 1922 on a 22-months' contract governing V. 115, p. 307, 1st 5¢ of 1941 has been deposited with the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee. There has also been deposited \$50,000 for the sinking fund with the trustee, which has been instructed to call for offers of bonds to be retired. The arrangements were effected by the Chicago Aurora & Elgin RR., which has been in possession of the property since July 1 1922, and announces its intention to meet all future interest payments promptly.—V. 114, p. 2716.

Chicago Elevated Rys.—New Wage Contract.

Officials and employees have signed a 22-months' contract governing wages. Until May 31 1923 the agreement is cancellable on 30-days' notice by either signatory and unless made void before that time runs until May 31 1924. It provides for a horizontal reduction of 10c. an hour in wages and does not alter working conditions.

The company intends to apply to the Illinois Commerce Commission for permission to reduce fares in proportion to the wage cut of 10c. an hour accepted by the trainmen.—V. 115, p. 759, 644.

Chicago & Indiana Coal Ry.—Cincinnati Indianapolis & Western RR. May Purchase Part of Road.

See that company below.—V. 115, p. 307.

Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee RR.—Equip. Trusts Offered.

Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and National City Co., are offering at prices ranging from 95.42 and div. to 100.47 and div., to yield from 5¼% to 6¾% according to maturity, \$500,000 6% Equip. Trust Gold Certificates Series C-1 (Philadelphia plan).

Dated July 1 1922. Payable serially \$50,000 July 1 1923 to 1932. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Divs. payable J. & J. in Chicago or New York without deduction for normal Federal income taxes not in excess of 2%. Penna. 4 mills tax refundable. Red. all or part on 30 days' notice at 101 and div. for certificates having more than 5 years to run from date of redemption and at 100½ and divs. for certificates having 5 years or less to run. Northern Trust Co., Chicago, trustee.

Issuance.—Authorized by the Illinois Commerce Commission and the Wisconsin RR. Commission.

Security.—Certificates will represent about 75% of the cost of new cars, as follows, including their electrical and other equipment: 15 Merchandise dispatch motor cars, 12 single truck motor safety cars, 7 interurban passenger motor cars, 2 observation parlor cars, 2 light-weight passenger motor cars, 1 interurban dining motor car, 1 line motor car.

The company owns and operates the electric railroad extending through a succession of cities and towns along the shore of Lake Michigan from Evanston, Ill., to Milwaukee, Wis., including a branch line to Area, Ill. By lease and trackage agreements the company renders a complete interurban service between its centrally located terminal stations in the business centres of Chicago and Milwaukee.

New Line to Lake Geneva.

The company Aug. 12 put into service a line connecting Chicago and Milwaukee with Lake Geneva by way of Kenosha. Passengers go to Kenosha over the main line where they take an omnibus to Lake Geneva, 31 miles. There are three busses, making 8 trips each way a day.—V. 114, p. 1062.

Chicago Union Station Co.—Guaranty Not Applicable.

The I-S. C. Commission has rendered a decision that the provisions of Section 209 of the Transportation Act providing for the guaranty for the 6 months' period of 1920 are not applicable to this company on the ground that its revenues were covered by those of the tenant lines. The property was operated during the guaranty period by the Pennsylvania RR. as agent for the tenant companies.—V. 115, p. 542, 72.

Cin. Indianap. & Western RR.—Bonds Authorized.

The I-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to issue not exceeding \$1,000,000 1st Mtge. 5% gold bonds, to be sold at not less than 70 and int., and the proceeds used for corporate purposes. The report of the commission says in part:

The applicant states that no contracts for the sale or underwriting of the bonds have been entered into, but it proposes to sell them at the best price obtainable, not less than 70 and interest. On this basis the applicant would realize proceeds of approximately \$700,000 on which the annual cost to it would be approximately 7.28%. It is further stated by the applicant that it is vitally necessary that the bonds be sold in order to provide working capital and to meet past due and maturing obligations in the amount of \$1,086,088. Funds necessary for these purposes in excess of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be provided by the applicant from other sources. Included in the obligations to be liquidated is an amount of \$137,500 which the applicant has contracted to pay as the purchase price for approximately 25.76 miles of the Chicago & Indiana Coal RR. Our authorization of the issue and sale of bonds in this proceeding is not to be construed as approval of the acquisition by the applicant of this mileage.—V. 115, p. 70, 307.

Dayton Toledo & Chicago RR.—Would Buy Railroad.

Business men from practically every city along the route of the road, running between Dayton and Delphos, have signified their intentions of purchasing the road at receiver's sale in Dayton Aug. 24. A court order ordered operations of the road suspended July 31, due to continued losses. It is stated that \$300,000 would be necessary to purchase the road.—V. 115, p. 542.

Eastern Massachusetts Street Ry.—Status, &c.

Hayden, Stone & Co., in their market letter Aug. 11, say in brief: "The recovery of the company has been one of the remarkable features of the improvement in public utility earnings. Organized in 1919, to succeed the hopelessly bankrupt Massachusetts Electric Companies and Bay State Street Railway, the management of the new corporation was placed in the hands of five public trustees, appointed by the Governor of Massachusetts, who in the short space of three years have not only restored the credit of the company, but have brought it to a point where dividends are being paid on two classes of Preferred stock, and a sizable balance is being earned on the Common stock.

The public trustees are to manage the property for ten years from Jan. 15 1919, and are to have absolute power to fix rates and fares, so as to produce an income sufficient to pay all expenses, interest, Preferred dividends and 6% on the Common stock.

The record of earnings since the public trustees took control has been as follows:

	6 Months June 30 '22	Calendar Years— 1921	1920	6 Months Dec. 31 '19
Total revenue	\$5,252,803	\$11,318,264	\$13,195,275	\$7,953,779
Expenses & taxes	3,962,690	8,802,953	12,267,665	7,179,861
Gross income	\$1,290,113	\$2,515,411	\$927,610	\$773,918
Interest & rents	783,921	1,623,021	1,588,145	826,467
Net income	\$506,191	\$892,390	def\$660,535	def\$52,549

Eastern Texas RR.—To Cease Operations.

The company has been granted authority to discontinue operations and dismantle its tracks in a decision handed down in the Federal Court at Austin, Tex.—V. 113, p. 1772.

Fonda Johnstown & Gloversville RR.—Bonds Auth.

The I-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to issue not exceeding \$550,000 1st Consol. Gen. Ref. Mtge. 4½% said bonds, to be sold at not less than 75 and int., or said bonds or any part thereof, to be pledged and repaid, from time to time until otherwise ordered, as collateral security for any note or notes which may be issued under paragraph 9 of section 20a of the Inter-State Commerce Act.

The report of the Commission says in brief: The applicant represents that the \$200,000 bonds of the company, which matured on April 1 1921, remain unpaid and are still outstanding. Of the \$350,000 bonds of the Cayudutta Electric RR. which mature on Oct. 1 1922, \$11,000 have been paid and retired out of funds received through the sale of certain real estate.

The applicant now proposes to issue and sell or pledge \$550,000 of the refunding bonds above for the purpose of paying and retiring the bonds which matured April 1 1921, and those which mature Oct. 1 1922, and to reimburse the applicant's treasury for expenditures made in retirement of the \$11,000 of the Cayudutta bonds which have already been retired.

The applicant represents that no negotiations or contracts pertaining to the sale of the bonds have been had or entered into, and that it will sell the bonds at the best possible price, but in no event at less than 75 and interest. In the event that it is impossible for the applicant to dispose of the bonds at a favorable figure, it proposes to pledge them as collateral security for any note or notes which it may issue within the limitations of paragraph (9) of section 20a of the Inter-State Commerce Act. See V. 115, p. 436.

Grand Trunk Ry.—Resignation—New Officer.

Major Graham Bell, Deputy Minister of Railways, has been elected a director and W. D. Robb has been appointed ranking V.-Pres. & Gen. Mgr., succeeding Howard G. Kelley, who has resigned as director and President.—V. 115, p. 436.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—Deposits Go On.

Although the time set for making deposits of Interborough-Manhattan securities under the plan for a readjustment of these companies expired Aug. 15, deposits are still being accepted by all the committees. Approximately 90% of the Interborough-Metropolitan 4½% Collateral Trust bonds, about 85% of the Manhattan stock, 65% of the Interborough 5% bonds and 70% of the Secured Convertible gold notes have been deposited.—V. 115, p. 759.

International & Great Northern Ry.—Charter Granted.

Amendments to the charter, changing the name of the company to International-Great Northern Ry., have been approved by Attorney-General Keeling of Texas.

W. F. Woodul, Houston, has been elected President of the reorganized company and R. E. Williams, Houston, has been chosen Sec.—V. 115, p. 759.

International Rys., Buffalo.—Jitneys Allowed.

Justice Kruse of Olean Aug. 14 granted an automatic stay in the case of the company against the Jitney Owners' Association which permits jitneys to operate in Buffalo until the case is argued before the Appellate Division. The Appellate Division does not meet until Sept. 29. Justice Pooley Aug. 7 issued an order directing the removal of the jitneys from the streets. The lines of the company have been tied up since July 1 owing to a strike.

In the opinion Justice Kruse says: "This stay is not a license for unlawful jitney service, nor does it lessen the duty of the Mayor to enforce the law. It merely suspends during the pendency of the appeal the specific directions contained in the mandamus order, leaving the Mayor unhampered in the discharge of his official duties, which he has sworn faithfully to discharge."—V. 115, p. 759, 183.

Kansas City Mexico & Orient RR.—Increase in Rates.

Transcontinental and other railroads connecting with this line were ordered Aug. 14 to increase that road's proportion of joint freight rates by amounts ranging from 15 to 30%. The I-S. C. Commission, which has joined with State Railroad Commissions in trying to prevent the company from suspending service, declared that the increased revenues for the carrier were necessary and reasonable.—V. 115, p. 183, 73.

Kansas City Northwestern RR.—Plan Electric Cars.—

It is reported that business men living in towns along this line, which suspended operations Nov. 1 1919, are considering operating electric cars over the road.—V. 114, p. 738.

Kansas Oklahoma & Gulf RR.—Extension.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to construct an extension 6½ miles long in Cherokee County, Kan., but has denied permission to retain excess earnings.—V. 114, p. 2013.

Kansas & Oklahoma Southern Ry.—Securities Auth.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company (1) to issue \$310,000 of promissory notes bearing interest at a rate not exceeding 7½% per annum and maturing not later than two years after date, the proceeds to be used for construction; and (2) to pledge \$310,000 1st Mtge. bonds as collateral security therefor. The company proposes to construct and operate 10 miles of railway line extending northwestward from Vinita, Okla.

Lake Erie & Western RR.—Control by Nickel Plate.—

The I.-S. C. Commission Aug. 12 approved and authorized the acquisition by the New York Chicago & St. Louis RR. of control of the property by means of an operating contract. Report of Commission says in brief: "The Nickel Plate owns and operates a line of road extending from Buffalo to Chicago. At both termini it interchanges a large volume of through traffic, much of which moves over its entire line. The Western owns and operates 950 miles of main line track in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. A portion of this mileage, in Indiana, is owned by the Fort Wayne Cincinnati & St. Louis RR., the entire capital stock of which is owned by the Western. The principal termini of the lines of the Western are Peoria, Ill., Indianapolis, Ind., Michigan City, Ind., and Sandusky, O.; at Peoria traffic may be interchanged with the Burlington, Rock Island, Alton, Minneapolis & St. Louis, and Toledo Peoria & Western lines. The Nickel Plate and the Western are under common control and have certain common officers and directors. The properties do not parallel or compete with each other, and the only points of physical contact between them are Peoria, O., and Fort Wayne and Argos, Ind.

"The applicants have entered into a contract, subject to our approval, providing for the control by the Nickel Plate of the operation of the Western for a period ending Dec. 31 1923, unless sooner terminated by mutual agreement. This contract provides that the railroads and properties of the parties hereto shall be operated, managed and controlled by the Nickel Plate and all receipts, income, disbursements, expenses and charges of every kind shall, as of Dec. 31 in each year, be divided between the parties hereto on the same basis as nearly as may be determined as such income and expenses would have been divided under separate operation and management of the properties."

"The contract further recites that 'the intention of this agreement is to secure the unified control and management by the Nickel Plate company of all the lines, property and business now owned or controlled by both companies parties hereto.'"—V. 115, p. 308.

Lehigh Valley RR.—Offer to Cede Morris Canal & Banking Co. to State of New Jersey.—

The company has submitted its views on how the Morris Canal should be disposed of to the New Jersey State Commission authorized by the 1922 Legislature to negotiate in an endeavor to abandon the canal. The Newark "News" Aug. 10, states in brief:

The company wants to hold on to four parcels of the canal property valued by it at \$5,056,200, and estimates that the State's interest in these is worth \$298,112, this being the amount the State would have to put out at 6% compound interest, in order to earn by 1974 the value of the parcels.

The intent of the company, under the plan it submits, is to retain these four parcels forever, giving the State in return the remainder of the canal property, valued by it at \$17,672,081. This is made up of physical valuation of \$2,500,000; water rights estimated at a minimum of \$12,500,000, and stock, bonds and scrip valued at par at \$2,672,080 50.

The company intends to retain what is known as the Big Basin property in Jersey City, valued by the company at \$2,793,275, its assessed valuation; the Little Basin property, also in Jersey City, valued by the company at \$2,208,800; a strip along the east bank of the Hackensack River containing 65.1 acres estimated to be worth \$976,500, and the Phillipsburg terminal, said to be worth \$75,000.

In consideration of retaining these four tracts, the company offers to surrender 93 miles of canal property, all the 9,921 shares of consolidated stock owned by the company in the Morris Canal & Banking Co., and 11,399 shares of preferred stock, \$500,000 bonds of the canal company owned by the company, and \$42,081 preferred scrip of the canal company owned by the company.

There are 329 shares of consolidated stock and 351 shares of preferred stock in the Morris Canal & Banking Co. owned by others than the railroad company.

The properties the company would retain, in which it claims the State has an interest of only \$298,112, and their estimated worth, are as follows:

Big Basin	\$2,793,275
Little Basin	1,211,425
Land between basins and Hackensack River	976,500
Land at Phillipsburg	75,000
Total	\$5,056,200
The properties the company would give the State in return, with their estimated value, are:	
Water rights	\$12,500,000
Other real property	2,500,000
Company shares	2,132,000
Company bonds	500,000
Company scrip	40,081
Total	\$17,672,081

—V. 115, p. 74.

Manhattan Railway Co.—Deposits Still Accepted.—

See Interborough Rapid Transit Co. above.—V. 115, p. 759, 543.

Mexico Tramways Co.—Interest.—

On and after Sept. 1 1922, Coupon No. 19, dated March 1 1916, detached from the General Bond, 1st Mtge. 50-Year 5% Gold Bonds, will be paid at the Bank of Montreal, Toronto, Montreal or London, Eng., or at the agency of the Bank of Montreal, New York, N. Y., at the holder's option.—V. 114, p. 854.

Midland Valley RR.—Interest on Bonds.—

The directors have determined and declared that for the year ended June 30 1922 5% has been earned and is payable upon the adjustment mortgage, Series "A" bonds, and will be paid upon presentation of Coupon No. 6 at Fidelity Trust Co., Philadelphia, on or after Sept. 1. Interest of 5% will also be paid on the adjustment mortgage, Series "B" bonds, upon presentation of Coupon No. 2.—V. 114, p. 2116.

Minneapolis & St. Louis RR.—To Issue Pref. Stock—

Interest Rate to Be Raised on Ref. & Ext. Bonds from 5% to 6%.

An increase in interest rate from 5% to 6% on its Ref. & Ext. Mtge. bonds and authority to create a new issue of Pref. stock are asked by the company of the I.-S. C. Commission.

The road is planning to modify its existing mortgage of 1913, through a supplemental mortgage, and issue the bonds as occasion requires for additions, betterments and equipment payments.

It is also planned to authorize an issue of \$2,500,000 7% Cumul. Pref. stock (par \$100) in exchange for a like amount of the 5% Ref. & Ext. Mtge. bonds. The management is to apply 20% of the net surplus revenue each year after interest charges and taxes and depreciation to the retirement of the outstanding Preferred shares.

The application states that of \$1,300,000 bonds now in the hands of the public, the holders of a majority have offered to exchange them for a like amount of the proposed Preferred stock. Through this operation there is to be placed in the treasury of the railroad \$2,500,000 5% bonds, which are then to be reissued as 6s.—V. 114, p. 2785.

Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste Marie Ry.—Dividend.

Judge Booth in Federal Court at Minneapolis Aug. 15 issued a restraining order directing that the dividend of 2% on the Common stock declared last March cannot be paid until the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals passes

on the legality of the issue. This means that no dividend will be paid at least until Dec. 4, when the Circuit Court meets in St. Louis.

Judge Booth issued his order following a notice of an appeal by the Continental Insurance Co. and the Fidelity Fire Insurance Co. from the decision that the directors were within their rights in voting the dividend.—V. 115, p. 759, 74.

Missouri Kansas & Texas Ry.—Reorganization.—

The plans for the reorganization of the road were presented Aug. 14 to the I.-S. C. Commission for approval.—V. 115, p. 759, 543.

Monmouth County (N. J.) Electric Co.—Sale.—

For the second time since March 1 1922, when the company ceased business, the tracks, rolling stock, wires, real estate, &c., were sold at public auction Aug. 8 by order of the U. S. District Court. At the first sale, held May 31 last, the property brought \$33,000, and when it lacked confirmation, R. L. Marshall, New York, offered \$36,000. The court ordered a resale and Aug. 8 it brought \$42,000.

The real estate brought \$18,000. The tracks, wires, copper and poles brought \$15,600, the purchasers of the latter being Samuel Altman, Long Branch, and E. Gelb & Son, Newark.

Gelb & Son paid \$4,200 for the tracks between Mecca Inn, Red Bank, and Long Branch, and \$8,500 for the copper and overhead wires, 21 miles of feed wire and 10 miles of copper wire. Altman paid \$2,600 for the Red Bank loop and \$1,400 for the Rumson branch of the road.

The road originally cost about \$1,000,000. The stockholders (\$325,000 outstanding) will lose all. The holders of the \$16,500 receivers' certificates will share first in the receipts. There are also \$500,000 1st mtge. 4s Due April 1 1951, outstanding. All the municipalities will lose their tax charges, which will total more than the sale receipts.—V. 115, p. 74.

Monongahela Power & Ry.—Stricken from the List.—

The New York Stock Exchange has stricken the common stock from the list. A substantial controlling interest in the company was recently acquired by the West Penn Co. (formerly the West Penn Traction & Water Power Co.). See V. 114, p. 2116, 2718, 2823; V. 115, p. 435.

New Orleans Ry. & Light Co.—Sale.—

G. H. Dahl, of Chase National Bank, New York, was the sole bidder for the property when it was offered at public sale at New Orleans Aug. 17. The purchase price was \$14,500,000. Mr. Dahl acted in behalf of the reorganization committee.

Charles K. Beahm, New York, bid \$620,000 for the \$958,000 4½% bonds of the company and got them as the sole bidder. See reorganization plan in V. 114, p. 2823.—V. 115, p. 544, 308.

New York Chicago & St. Louis RR.—Bonds Authorized.

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$8,663,000 2d & Imp. Mtge. 6% bonds. The bonds included consist of the following: Series A, dated May 1 1918, \$2,044,000; Series B, dated Nov. 1 1921, \$3,027,000; Series C, to be dated Nov. 1 1921, \$1,973,000; Series D, to be dated May 1 1922, \$1,619,000.

The proceeds of the \$2,044,000 of Series A bonds and \$3,027,000 of Series B bonds will be used to pay off and discharge a note for \$1,000,000 issued by the company to the Director-General of Railroads and for reimbursing the treasury for expenditures for additions and betterments to road and equipment and retirement of funded debt, made prior to Sept. 30 1921, from income or other moneys not procured by the issue of stock, bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness.

Part of the proceeds of \$1,973,000 of Series B bonds and \$1,619,000 of Series C bonds will be used to reimburse the treasury for expenditures of \$598,783 for additions and betterment to its property and \$289,000 for the retirement of funded debt made between Oct. 1 1921 and April 30 1922 from income or other moneys in the treasury. The remaining proceeds are to be similarly used in reimbursement of expenditures made and to be made from May 1 1922 to Jan. 1 1923, consisting of \$2,484,354 for additions and betterments to road and equipment and \$240,000 for retirement of funded debt. The details of the expenditures are set forth in the application.

The company represents that no contracts, underwriting or other arrangements have yet been made for the sale of these bonds. It proposes to sell them at the best price available, but in no event at less than par.

Operating Contract of Lake Erie & Western RR. Approved.—

See Lake Erie & Western RR. above.—V. 115, p. 308.

Ogdensburg (N. Y.) Street Ry.—Receiver.—

J. R. Kelly, Pres. of the St. Lawrence County Savings Bank, Ogdensburg, N. Y., has been appointed receiver by Supreme Court Justice J. C. Craspe, on application of the trustee for the \$150,000 1st mtge. 6s, due 1925.—V. 103, p. 494.

Ohio Electric Railway.—Sale.—

The company, including the holdings in Lima, O., was sold at public auction Aug. 15 for \$2,000,000 to Thomas Newhall, Philadelphia, representing the bondholders. The holdings include the street car system in Lima, the power and electric light plants of that city and the interurban line operating between Toledo and Lima.—V. 115, p. 437.

Pennsylvania RR.—To Lease Lines.—

The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to lease the railroad and property of the following roads for 999 years from Jan. 1 1921: Toledo Columbus & Ohio River RR., Cleveland Acton & Cincinnati Ry., Cincinnati Lebanon & Northern Ry., Pittsburgh Ohio Valley & Cincinnati RR., Englewood Connecting Ry., South Chicago & Southern RR., Wheeling Terminal Ry., Ohio Connecting Ry., Indianaapolis & Frankfort RR. and Louisville Bridge & Terminal Ry.—V. 115, p. 760, 645.

Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co.—How Proceeds from Certificate Sale Will Be Applied.—

The company has issued the following statement covering the recent sale of \$2,150,000 equipment trust (V. 115, p. 760):

P. R. T. Equipment Trust series "F" was created primarily for the purpose of providing funds for the purchase of the cars, power equipment, track extensions and other facilities leased to P. R. T. by the United States Government during the war.

Series "F" will cover 500 near side or center exit cars and all or part of the 210 Government cars furnished during the war. All of these 710 cars are now in operation on the lines of P. R. T.

The proceeds of the \$2,150,000 Equipment Trust certificates now sold will be applied approximately as follows:

To retire Equipment Trust certificates now outstanding against the 500 near side or center exit cars	\$500,000
For the purchase from the United States Government of 100 cars (out of the total of 210) power equipment, track and other facilities	1,200,000
Available for further improvements and additions to property	450,000

Survey of Company's Position by President Mitten.

In response to a recent inquiry from a prominent Philadelphia stock brokerage house, Pres. T. E. Mitten, made a comprehensive survey of the traction corporation's situation. The statement says:

"P. R. T. is a public utility operated under Public Service Commission Law, which provides, in effect, a service at cost plan, under which a fair return upon the property used and useful is provided, with extra allowance for efficiency."

"P. R. T., to insure continued payment of its 6% dividend requires not only the authority of the P. S. Commission to meet the distribution, but must also continue, by economic accomplishment, to produce the requisite net income, as any further increase in fare would be followed by decreased patronage."

"P. R. T., appearing before the P. S. Commission in valuation proceedings, has shown a present reproduction cost far in excess of the amount required to justify a continuation of the present dividend."

"P. R. T. employees own 60,000 shares of P. R. T. stock out of a total issue of 600,000 shares. P. R. T. employees have agreed that the last 10% of their wages shall be paid to them only after 6% dividends are earned upon P. R. T. stock. 10,000 P. R. T. employees are co-operating for efficiency in operation, which evidences the fact that the interest of the public would not be best served by such a valuation as would interfere with continued dividends."

"P. R. T. gross revenues, with existing rate of fare, meet the present revenue requirements, and, under the statement heretofore made, the amount collected must, under the law and the facts, be continued in order to provide for operating expenses, reserve for depreciation, taxes and a fair return on the used and useful property. The valuation decision

will, it is believed, fully recognize these facts, and be such as to justify P. R. T. acceptance, otherwise final determination can be reached only after appeal and judgment of the courts. Meantime, the present fare is, under the law, assured of continuance.

Replying more specifically to your inquiry as to the continuation of the present fare, it must be understood that the present 7-cent cash, 4 tickets for 25 cents fare, is 25% lower than the 10-cash-3 tickets for 25 cent fare now in force at Pittsburgh, where property values have already been determined by the Commission.—V. 115, p. 760, 437.

Pittsburgh Railways.—Reorganization Postponed.

The Pennsylvania P. S. Commission has extended the time for reorganization, as provided for in agreement between the city, Pittsburgh Railways and Philadelphia Co., until Nov. 1. This action was taken at request of the companies and city in order to consummate plans under agreement.—V. 115, p. 760.

Point Loma RR. (Calif.).—Merger Proposed.

See San Diego Electric Ry. below.—V. 97, p. 365.

St. Louis & Jennings Ry.—Foreclosure.

Foreclosure proceedings against the company were begun in the Circuit Court at Clayton Aug. 7 by the Union Trust Co., St. Louis, who holds in trust a portion of the company's 1912 15-year bonds, interest on which the petition alleges has been due over six months.—V. 114, p. 307.

St. Louis Southwestern Ry.—Temporary President.

Daniel Uptegrove, general solicitor, has been appointed President temporarily, until the selection of a permanent President, succeeding the late J. M. Herbert.—V. 115, p. 641, 760, 754.

San Diego Electric Ry.—Proposed Purchased.

The company has petitioned the California Railroad Commission for permission to purchase the properties of the Point Loma RR. and to issue to the latter in payment \$100,000 of its capital stock at par, and in addition to pay \$20,000 in cash. The capital stock of both roads is owned by the J. D. & A. B. Sprackles Securities Co. and the Point Loma RR. has been operated by the San Diego company under lease.—V. 113, p. 2186.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.—Equipment Trusts.

The I-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to assume obligation and liability in respect of \$3,009,980 of equipment trust certificates to be issued by Chase National Bank, New York, under an equipment trust agreement dated Aug. 1 1922; \$2,450,000 of said certificates to be sold at not less than 97.02, and \$559,980 of deferred certificates to be sold at par, in connection with the procurement of certain equipment.

The report of the Commission says in part: "The applicant also proposes to sell to the Seaboard Equipment Co., an affiliated company, free from all liens, 1,000 steel underframe ventilated box cars which the applicant states are in bad order and require rehabilitation to fit them for service. The equipment company proposes to purchase the cars at a price of \$1,060 each, and it has arranged to have them rehabilitated at a cost of \$545 per car. These cars, after rebuilding, are intended to be sold at \$1,605 each, to a nominal vendee, who, as vendor, is to sell and deliver them to the trustee under the proposed trust agreement, so that they will become a part of the trust equipment.

"The deferred certificates will be issued by classes: Class A for \$196,100; Class B for \$39,000; Class C for \$220,380; and Class D for \$104,400. They will be payable on demand after Aug. 2 1937, and will not be entitled to dividends. The deferred certificates will be subordinate in all respects to the \$2,450,000 certificates (see offering in V. 115, p. 184) and in addition to being a junior lien on the new equipment proposed to be acquired, will be, as to the respective classes, a junior lien on specific units of rebuilt equipment, as set forth in the agreement.

"The applicant will endorse on the \$2,450,000 trust certificates, but not on the deferred certificates, its unconditional guaranty of the payment of the principal and dividends thereon when the same shall become payable.—V. 115, p. 645, 184.

Southern Pacific Co.—To Abandon Branch Line.

The I-S. C. Commission Aug. 9 issued a certificate authorizing the company to abandon a branch line of railroad in Elko County, Nev. The line in question extends from Tulasco to Metropolis, a distance of 7,889 miles. The line is owned by the Central Pacific Ry. and has been operated by the Southern Pacific as lessee since 1911. The directors of the Central Pacific Ry. have approved the abandonment.—V. 115, p. 646, 309.

Tennessee Electric Power Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.

Bonbright & Co., Inc., are offering at 90 and int., to yield over 7 3/4%, \$3,000,000 7% Cumul. 1st Pref. (a. & d.) stock (see advertising pages).

Data from Letter of Chairman C. B. Cobb, New York, Aug. 8.

Company.—Recently incorporated and owns or controls through subsidiary companies one of the most extensive and important systems of properties in the United States engaged in the generation, transmission and distribution of electric energy, largely from water power. More than 80% of the aggregate net earnings is derived from the electric light and power business, and during the past four years the hydro-electric stations have supplied 96% of the total electrical output of the system. The steam plants of the system are largely held in reserve for operation at periods of peak load and to assure at all times continuity of service. The field of operations includes practically the entire central and eastern portions of Tennessee, extending nearly 200 miles from east to west and 100 miles from north to south, with an estimated population of over 450,000.

Properties.—The properties constitute one inter-connected system, and include:

(a) Through direct ownership, property and rights of Chattanooga & Tennessee River Power Co., embracing the Hales Bar hydro-electric station, with an installed capacity of 50,000 h. p. on the Tennessee River, and duplicate high tension steel tower transmission lines to Chattanooga, which property has been operated heretofore under lease.

(b) Through direct ownership, all the property and rights of the Tennessee Power Co., including 3 hydro-electric stations with an aggregate installed capacity of 58,000 h. p., a steam station of 20,000 h. p. capacity, and an extensive system of transmission lines connecting these stations with each other and with the various markets served.

(c) Through direct ownership, all the property and rights of the Chattanooga Railway & Light Co., including an electric light and power distribution system together with the city railway lines in Chattanooga.

(d) More than 99% of the entire issued and outstanding Common stock, over 41% of the outstanding Preferred stock (which proportion it is expected will be increased substantially), and \$1,861,000 bonds of Nashville Ry. & Light Co., which owns and operates without competition an electric light and power distribution system and electric railways in and around Nashville.

Capitalization Outstanding with Public as of July 22 1922.

Common stock	165,000 shs.
2d Pref. stock, \$50.00 year per share, non-cumulative	50,000 shs.
First Preferred stock 6% Cumulative (par \$100)	\$3,283,800
First Preferred stock 7% Cumulative (par \$100)	6,000,000
First and Refunding Mtge. Gold Bonds, Series A, 6%, due 1947	16,965,100
Divisional Lien Bonds	12,990,500
Nashville Railway & Light Co. 5% Preferred stock	1,458,800

* Not including \$1,458,800 reserved for exchange in the future for a like amount of Nashville Railway & Light Co. 5% Pref. stock outstanding with the public.

Earnings (Entire System) Years End.	Dec. 31 '20	Dec. 31 '21	June 30 '22
Gross earnings	\$7,422,864	\$7,526,194	\$7,625,206
Net, after oper. exp., incl. maint. & tax	\$2,860,458	\$3,400,264	\$3,582,026
Annual int. charges on \$29,955,600 outstanding bonds and annual divs. on \$1,458,000 Nashville Ry. & Light Co. 5% Preferred stock not yet acquired			1,745,871

Balance for dividends, depreciations, &c.	\$1,836,155
Annual dividend requirements on \$6,000,000 7% 1st Pref. stock and \$3,283,800 6% 1st Pref. stock.	\$617,028
Compare also V. 115, p. 760, 545, 309.	

State Belt Electric St. Ry., Pen Argyl, Pa.

Judge William McKeen, at Easton, Pa., recently authorized Oscar J. Mutchler, receiver, to issue \$21,000 of receivers' certificates to cover the cost of paving certain streets in Pen Argyl and Bangor.

A reorganization of the company has been proposed and the court has directed those interested to submit the plan signed by Oct. 2, otherwise the receiver will be directed to offer the property at public sale.—V. 114, p. 1288.

Union Terminal Co. of Dallas.—Extension of Notes.

The I-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to enter into agreements with the holders of \$550,000 5% unsecured notes, or any part of the principal amount thereof remaining unpaid at the present date of maturity, for the extension of the maturity date of said notes from Oct. 10 1922 to Oct. 10 1923 and for the payment of interest thereon at a rate not exceeding 6% per annum from Oct. 10 1922 until paid.—V. 113, p. 418.

United Light & Railway Co.—Dividends.

The company has declared an initial dividend of 1 1/2% on the Participating Preferred stock, and the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% on the 1st Preferred stock, both payable Oct. 2 to holders of record Sept. 15.—V. 115, p. 761.

Virginian Ry.—Virginian & Western Ry. Bonds Authorized.

The I-S. C. Commission Aug. 3 granted authority: (1) To the Virginian & Western Ry. to issue not exceeding \$1,500,000 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, Series A, said bonds to be sold at not less than 95, and the proceeds to be applied in part payment of advances for capital purposes, made by the Virginian Railway, or in case they cannot be sold at that price, said bonds to be delivered to that company at not less than 95 for said purpose. (2) To the Virginian & Western Ry. to issue a temporary bond or bonds in an amount not exceeding \$1,500,000, pending the preparation of the aforesaid bonds in definitive form. (3) To the Virginian Ry. Co. to assume obligation and liability, as guarantor, in respect of said bonds.

The Western company was incorporated in W. Va. Dec. 16 1919 under the name of the Virginian-Wyoming Ry. All of its \$50,000 capital stock except shares qualifying directors, is owned by the Virginian, which has filed application with the I-S. C. Commission for an order approving and authorizing the acquisition by it of the control of the line of the Western through the lease of the latter's property, rights, and franchises for a term of 999 years.—V. 115, p. 184, 75.

Wisconsin-Minnesota Light & Power Co.—Rate Decis.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court, in a recent decision, held that interconnected general and transmission systems cannot be treated as a unit for purposes of fixing rates for electrical energy. The Court in its decision holds against the Wisconsin RR. Commission in favor of the City of Eau Claire. (Compare also "Electrical World," July 29, p. 219, 220).—V. 114, p. 2719.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

The following brief items touch the most important developments in the industrial world during the past week, together with a summary of similar news published in full detail in last week's "Chronicle" either under "Editorial Comment" or "Current Events and Discussions."

Steel and Iron Production, Prices, &c.

The "Iron Age," Aug. 17, says: "Output.—The steel industry has suffered fresh losses in output in the past week, and there are indications that further crippling of blast furnaces and steel works will come before there is a turn for the better. More price advances and other aspects of a scarcity market have developed.

"From a 65 to 70% steel output last week the Steel Corporation is now down to about 60%, and independent companies probably are not above 50% on the average.

"As in other weeks, blast furnaces are more seriously affected than steel works, and at least 13 furnaces have stopped in the second week of August—four in the Pittsburgh district, four at outside points in Western Pennsylvania, three in Eastern districts, one at Cleveland and one at Milwaukee.

"Whatever the mining resumption arranged at Cleveland may amount to, the steel industry is counting on little or no help from this source for weeks. Not only has the railroad strike caused the recent throttling of pig iron and steel production, but it is certain that when that strike ends the increased car and fuel supply will be turned into other than iron and steel channels.

"Market changes of the week reflect the general belief of producers that for most if not all of the remainder of the year a rationing of steel supply will be the order. At Pittsburgh the mill schedules of the Carnegie Steel Co. have gone to a priority basis in which the order of preference is food containers, agricultural works, the oil industry and railroad car works.

"Prices.—Among important price developments is the opening of books of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Co. for fourth quarter business in sheets at 2.50c. base on blue annealed, 3.35c. for black and 4.35c. for galvanized—an advance of \$2 per ton for the first named and \$4 for black and galvanized.

"An independent wire company has gone to \$2 60 per keg for nails and to \$2 35 for plain wire, or \$4 and \$2, respectively, above Steel Corporation prices.

"Several independent makers of standard pipe have advanced prices \$6 per ton black and \$4 per ton galvanized. The Steel Corporation and one independent are still on the old basis. Inquiry for line pipe includes 100 miles of 8, 10 and 12-inch, and several thousand tons of 12-inch and 16-inch.

"Apart from the Steel Corporation nearly all producers of plates, shapes and bars have advanced those products, 2c. now being common for early delivery, with a range up to 2.25c. on urgent business.

"Prices recently ruling on semi-finished steel now apply to such shipments as are being made on contracts. The small sales current are at \$2 to \$2 50 above the \$35 level on billets and sheet bars and the \$40 level on forging billets and wire rods.

"In view of the tight mill situation, it is not surprising that warehouse prices have gone up in response to the piecing-out demand that is coming from all directions.

"In the further advance of pig iron prices, due to inadequate supply of coke, foundry grades have taken the lead and in nearly all important centres have been marked up from \$1 to \$3 per ton. Basic and Bessemer have remained nearly stationary and a few transactions have been recorded at \$1 below recent quotations. Important sales of the week include 7,000 tons of foundry iron to the Pennsylvania RR., 4,000 tons of copper-free low phosphorus to a wire company, and 6,000 tons of copper-bearing low phosphorus. Importers have contracted for large tonnages of foreign pig iron.

"In view of the increasing scarcity at home, but consumers in this country are disposed to be conservative about import orders.

"The movement of iron ore shows improvement. The Great Northern, perhaps the most seriously affected by the rail strike, is now carrying about 90% of the normal amount. Stocks of ore on Lake Erie docks increased 2,341,968 tons in July and on Aug. 1 stood at 7,396,842 tons.

Railroad Orders.—Buying of railroad cars still largely gives place to contracting for car repairs, but three Western roads are expected shortly to cover for 6,500 new cars. Inquiries for 100 locomotives have appeared and orders for 20 locomotives have been placed.

Other Orders.—The sustained activity in fabricated steel work is shown in the figures for the last three weeks. Some 45,500 tons in 62 jobs, not including large oil tank business, were put under contract as compared with 46,700 tons for 61 jobs for the corresponding weeks a month ago.

"The Standard Oil Co. has ordered 46 oil storage tanks in addition to the 33 reported last week, and about 31,000 tons of steel will be required for all the tank work just placed."

Coal Production, Prices, &c.

The U. S. Geological Survey Aug. 12 1922 reported in brief as follows: "The 19th week of the strike (Aug. 5-12) opened with a decided increase in production. Returns so far received indicate an output of soft coal of about 4,800,000 net tons, or 500,000 tons more than the week before.

The increase is due to gradual improvement in traffic conditions on the railroads serving non-union fields, and also, but only in a very small way, to increased production in fields hitherto throttled by the strike. Despite this increase in bituminous coal output, the 19th week finds production still about 550,000 tons below the level reached before the shopmen's strike.

"Production of anthracite in the 19th week will be less than 30,000 tons. The total output of all coal, anthracite and bituminous, therefore, in round

numbers is 4,880,000 tons; in the corresponding week of 1921, 7,771,000 tons of bituminous and 1,772,000 tons of anthracite were produced, making a total of 9,543,000 tons; and the year before that the total of all coal produced was 12,232,000 tons. The present rate of output is, therefore, about 5,000,000 below normal.

Estimated United States Production in Net Tons.

Table with columns for Coal, Anthracite, and Beehive Coke, showing production in net tons for 1922 and 1921 across various weeks.

The "Coal Trade Journal" Aug. 16 says in brief: "Price changes in the spot market during the week were more moderate in range, except in the case of maximum quotations on Western Kentucky coals, which showed a decided drop. Comparing quotations with the preceding week, 58.33% of the prices listed showed changes. Of these changes, advances constituted 64.28%. The average advance was 78.8 cents per ton, while the average reduction was 98.3 cents. Advances were made in pool mine and pier prices and in Connellsville and Fairmont minima, while reduction struck the maxima in West Virginia and Kentucky.

The fact that so many industrial buyers were marking time in hope that the Cleveland negotiations would end in a wage agreement and general resumption of mining is the only reason why markets west of Pittsburgh were less feverish. In the East, generally speaking, there was a strong disposition to dismiss the Cleveland parleys as negative, particularly after the mid-week turn. Several cargoes of British coal arrived at the seaboard, but future trading was more quiet. Business at the Virginia piers showed little change. The gravity of the situation in the Northwest increased, and many industrial suspensions are forecast in that territory. Virginia manufacturers are also beginning to feel the pinch, while railroad confiscation has hit the steel trade in the Pittsburgh-Youngstown areas. Lake cargo dumpings up to Aug. 7 totaled only 4,406,067 tons, as compared with 13,699,762 last year. 7,049,707 tons in 1920 and 13,478,875 in 1919.

Coal Miners in Nova Scotia Strike.—More than 12,000 miners out, almost every important coal mine closed. Miners demand same wages as in 1921, operators firm for 20% decrease. "Boston Financial News" Aug. 16, p. 3.

Oil Production, Prices, &c.

Estimates of Daily Average Crude Oil Production.—The American Petroleum Institute estimates daily average gross crude oil production in the United States as follows:

Table showing oil production in barrels for various states (Oklahoma, Kansas, North Texas, etc.) for 1922 and 1921.

Further Reductions in Price of Gasoline.—Standard Oil Co. (Louisiana) announced second cut of 1c. a gallon, making tank wagon price 19c, and filling station 21c, a gallon. Other distributors in the district also reduced the price. "Post" Aug. 15, p. 10.

Export Gasoline Price Cut.—The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey reduced price of export gasoline 1/2c, a gallon. Navy specification for export now 18c, a gallon. "Financial America" Aug. 16.

Senate Committee Investigation on Oil Industry.—Senate Manufactures Committee will hear heads of various large oil companies in special inquiry into territorial and price-fixing agreements. "Times" Aug. 15, Sec. 2, p. 2.

Fuel Oil Used in Ohio Steel Industry.—From 80 to 90 cars of Oklahoma and Texas oil are entering Youngstown, O., daily, since equipment for burning oil has been placed in steel plants. "Times" Aug. 15, p. 1.

Senate Rejects Tariff Amendment to Increase Oil Duty.—"Times" Aug. 17, p. 1.

Prices, Wages and Other Trade Matters.

Commodity Prices.—Wholesale cash prices in New York reached the following high points during the week ended Aug. 17: Wheat, Aug. 11, 1.22 1/2; corn, Aug. 17, 18 1/2; flour, Aug. 11, 12 and 14, 7.50; lard, Aug. 11 and 16, 11.55; iron, Aug. 17, 34.00; steel billets steady at 35.00; lead, Aug. 14, 5.90; tin, Aug. 16, 32.75.

Further Reductions in Automobile Prices.—In addition to price cuts noted Aug. 5 and Aug. 12, the following changes have been made: Auburn Automobile Co. (touring, \$1,475; sport, \$1,895; sport with extras, \$1,995; 7-pass. touring, \$1,545; sedan, \$2,345); Jordan Motor Car Co. (\$300 reduction on closed models), and Stutz Motor Car Co. (from \$200 to \$500 on all models).

Wage Increase Refused Scranton Printers.—Demand for \$2 a week increase refused, W. J. Tracy, Chairman of State Board of Arbitration, ruling that present scale should not be disturbed. "Times" Aug. 16, p. 10.

Newsprint Price Advances.—International Paper Co. advances price \$5; \$50 a ton now quoted for Sept. 1 transient business. "Boston Financial News" Aug. 11, p. 7.

Mexican Silver Mining Booms.—Price of 70c, an ounce makes mining profitable. Profit of 10c, an ounce causes opening of many mines, some of which have been closed for 10 years. China and India are the principal buyers. "Post" Aug. 17, p. 14.

More Trouble in New England Shoe Industry.—About 4,000 stitchers walk out because they did not receive back pay on certain kinds of work, causing 7,000 other shoe workers to be idle. Nearly 12,000 workers will be forced to quit if stitchers do not return at once. "Boston News Bureau" Aug. 18, p. 12.

Sugar Prices.—The Federal Sugar Co. announced a reduction of 35 points in price of refined sugar; price now 6 7/8c, less 2% cash. "Finan. Amer." Aug. 18, p. 12.

Textile Strike.—(a) At Lawrence, Mass., picketing continues aggressively. (b) Pacific Mills have 1,600 at work (normal, 8,000), gain of about 100 in ten days. (c) Arlington Mills (closed March 27 without a wage cut) now have about 1,000 at work at old wage scale (normally employs 6,500). (d) Monomac Spinning Co. is operating at two-thirds capacity, Acadia at 35% and Katama at 25%; Methuen Cotton Mills (closed 26 weeks on account of strike) opened Aug. 14 on 20% reduction in wages basis. (e) Edwin F. Greene, Treasurer of Pacific Mills, in letter to American Legion at Lawrence, on Aug. 11, stands firm for 20% wage cut pending arbitration in October. (f) On Aug. 17 Pacific Mills announced through the press that mills will reopen Oct. 1 on old wage scale basis, retroactive to Sept. 5 for the operatives who return at once. (g) The American Woolen Mills at Lawrence will shut down for ten days beginning Aug. 26, to take stock, affecting 15,000 workers. (h) At Lowell and Fitchburg, Mass., steady gains prevail. (i) Lowell Bleachery will cut wages 12 1/2% on Aug. 21. (j) The Co. at Ware, Mass., will reopen Aug. 21.

(k) At Manchester, N. H., the Amoskeag Mfg. has 2,000 at work (normal 15,000); looms in its Canal St. building were opened Aug. 15 for the first time since strike started in February. (l) Great Falls Mfg. at Somersworth has about 200 out of 1,800 at work; Nashua Mfg. Co. at Nashua, N. H., has about 50% of normal 3,800 at work; Pacific Mills at Dover have very few working.

(m) In Rhode Island consistent gains in operation are reported.

(n) A joint conference of the United Textile Workers' and the American Federation of Textile Workers' representatives scheduled for Aug. 23 at Lawrence, Mass.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Aug. 12.—(a) Progress of the coal strike, (editorial), p. 605. (b) Conference of miners and operators of central competitive field at Cleveland begins work on new wage scale, p. 713. (c) Secretary of Labor Davis's statement on the Cleveland coal conference, p. 714. (d) Statement on Cleveland coal conference by A. M. Ogle, President of National Coal Association, p. 714. (e) Government survey showing effect on production of President Harding's invitation to resume mining operations, p. 714. (f) Fuel Distributor Spencer's letter to governors urging co-operation, p. 715. (g) Governor McCray of Indiana, makes new withdrawal troops from mines, p. 715. (h) Illinois coal operators make new wage proposal to miners, p. 715. (i) A. M. Ogle, President National Coal Association, opposes plan submitted at Cleveland conference, p. 716.

(j) Illinois coal operators reject invitation to coal conference for second time, p. 716. (k) H. E. Friend, President of a coal company in New Haven and New York, will bring test case to determine Government's authority to regulate coal distribution, p. 716. (l) New York banks form syndicate to finance coal shipments, p. 716. (m) Governors of five States (Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Wisconsin and Iowa) favor Government operation of mines and railroads—send resolution to President Harding, p. 716. (n) Conference at Washington and Harrisburg to curb coal prices in Pennsylvania, p. 717. (o) Separate settlement of anthracite coal strike urged by operators at conference with President Harding, p. 717. (p) Trade acceptances in Mexico, p. 706. (q) Extension of time sought in marketing of unsold portion of Yugoslavia bonds, p. 707. (r) Offering of First Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank bonds, p. 708. (s) Organization of Atlanta Joint Stock Land Bank, p. 708. (t) Offering of \$500,000 5% bonds of Minneapolis Trust Joint Stock Land Bank, p. 708. (u) Organization of Bank of Central and South America to carry on business of Mercantile Bank of the Americas, p. 708. (v) Liquidation of assets of Foreign Credit Corporation, p. 708. (w) Advances approved by War Finance Corporation for agricultural and livestock purposes, p. 709. (x) Repayments to War Finance Corporation account of agricultural and livestock purposes, p. 709. (y) Guaranty Trust Co. resells control of Stutz Motor Co. stock, formerly owned by Allan A. Ryan, to C. M. Schwab and associates, p. 709. (z) Failure of H. J. Hanes & Co., dealers in securities, 11 Stone St., N. Y. (aa) Subscriptions to U. S. Treasury notes—exchange of 4 1/4% Victory notes, p. 711. (bb) Minority report of Senate Committee on Agriculture urging acceptance of Henry Ford's offer for Muscle Shoals, p. 711. (cc) Standards for bread recommended by U. S. Department of Agriculture, p. 712. (dd) American producers of Cuban sugar say continuance of emergency tariff is not warranted, p. 713. (ee) Argentine wool clip reported lowest in 20 years, p. 713.

American Bosch Magneto Co.—Business Improved.

The company reports that it had larger billings in July than in June and that branch house business was the second largest in the company's history. Current earnings are now running at the rate of 50 a share on the stock and next year promises even better, judging from orders now on hand. It is stated. The improvement in business, which began only three months ago, is significant in that it reflects the sustained demand for motor cars, the season for which is advancing further than it did last year.—V. 115, p. 648, 434.

American Brake Shoe & Foundry Co.—Bonds Called.

All of the outstanding 1st mtge. 50-year 5% gold sinking fund bonds, due March 1 1922, have been called for payment Sept. 1 at par and interest at the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., 16 William St., N. Y. City.—V. 114, p. 1530.

American Cyanamid Co.—Report.

Table showing financial data for American Cyanamid Co. for years ending June 30, 1921-22, 1920-21, 1919-20, and 1918-19. Includes gross sales, freight allowances, net sales, total sales, cost of sales, selling & gen. expenses, net profit on sales, miscellaneous income, total income, and net income.

This includes dividends on the Pref. stock for two years, June 30 1918 to June 30 1920, clearing up all accumulations.—V. 114, p. 2827, 1893.

American Hominy Co.—To Pay July 1 Coupons.

The company has announced that it will pay off upon presentation at the office of the Bankers Trust Co., 14 Wall St., N. Y. City, the coupons upon its bonds which fell due July 1.—V. 115, p. 185.

American Locomotive Co.—Orders.

The company has received an order from the Union Pacific system for 55 mountain type locomotives of 345,000 pounds each and 10 mallet type locomotives of 495,000 pounds each.—V. 114, p. 2110.

American Rolling Mill Co.—Plant Expansion.

The company, which some time ago acquired the properties of the Ashland Iron & Mining Co., Ashland, Ky., is contemplating extensive additions to its Ashland works. The proposed extensions, it is said, will cost in the neighborhood of \$6,000,000.—V. 115, p. 762.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Company Will Take Up \$35,000,000 Note Issue Due Oct. 1 Without Any New Financing—Declares Regular Dividend.

Officials of the company stated Aug. 15 that the company will handle its Oct. 1 note maturity, amounting to approximately \$35,000,000, without any new financing. Originally the issue was \$50,000,000, but through purchases in the open market, this figure has been cut to around \$35,000,000. At the present time the company has approximately \$80,000,000 of cash or cash equivalents in its treasury, as against approximately \$59,000,000 on Dec. 31 1921. Many of the sub-companies have repaid advances from the parent company this year after arranging financing of their own. The New England and New York Telephone Companies were among such subsidiaries.

After taking care of its Oct. 1 note maturity, the company will have no issues coming due until the \$10,000,000 5-year 6% notes Feb. 1 1924. The balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1920 showed bonds, notes and net advances to associated companies amounting to \$190,549,044, as compared with \$165,238,355 on Dec. 31 1921. The directors Aug. 15 declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2 1/4%, payable Oct. 16 to stock of record Sept. 20.

More than 9,000 Subscribers Ask for \$5,500,000 of Stock.

Over 9,000 subscribers in amounts from 1 to 20 shares have applied for more than \$5,500,000 stock under the plan just completed which offered American Tel. & Tel. stock to those applicants for New York Telephone Pref. stock who did not get their allotments. The applicants for the recent offering of \$25,000,000 New York Telephone Pref. stock who did not get their full subscriptions were offered American Tel. & Tel. at the market to be paid for on the same installment plan. Of the 55,000 shares of American Telephone sold 45% are fully paid for. The Philadelphia Stock Exchange has admitted to the regular list \$1,027,200 additional capital stock, issued \$111,300 in exchange for \$116,300 Conv. 4 1/4% Bonds due 1925, \$298,500 in exchange for \$298,500 7-Year 6% Conv. bonds due 1925, canceled and stricken from the list; and \$617,400 account of 100,000 shares to be issued to employees under resolution of directors, adopted Feb. 14 1922, to be listed upon official notice of issuance and pay money in full, making the total amount of stock listed \$582,827,500, and reducing the amount of Conv. 4 1/4% Bond to \$9,875,500, and the amount of Conv. 6% listed to \$20,080,000.—V. 115, p. 762, 648, 311.

American Tobacco Co.—Complaint Filed.

The Federal Trade Commission has issued a complaint against this company, one of the largest manufacturers and distributors of tobacco products in the United States, with its main office in Jersey City, N. J., and the Chicago Tobacco Jobbers' Association, a corporation consisting of Chicago tobacco jobbers, who deal, in large part, in the products of the American Tobacco Co.

The members of the Chicago Tobacco Jobbers' Association, the complaint alleges, entered into an agreement among themselves to fix uniform prices at which tobacco products handled by them should be re-sold, and refused to sell such products to sub-jobbers and retailers who would not agree to sell at such fixed prices. These agreements, the complaint states, were entered into at the suggestion and direction of the American Tobacco Co., which company in various ways assisted the Chicago Tobacco Jobbers' Association in the enforcement of their price-fixing agreements.

The company has officially stated that it intends to defend the complaint made by the Federal Trade Commission and will file its answer within the limit of one month allowed.—V. 114, p. 2828, 2721.

Armour & Co.—Merger Rumors.

It is reported that negotiations looking to the consolidation of Armour & Co. and Wilson & Co. are under way. Nothing has been decided, it is said, and no prediction can be made, as such merger must have the consent of courts, Department of Agriculture and Department of Justice.—V. 114, p. 2473.

Atlantic Gulf & Pacific Steamship Corp.—Receivership.

W. Bernard Duke, Pres., and L. Vernon Miller, have been appointed receivers. The appointment of the receivers followed the libelling of six ships was \$9,314,137, of which \$1,950,000 has been paid. The rest is in notes. Four of the company's ships were seized in American ports on Aug. 12, the Charles H. Cramp, at Providence; the Liberator and Cape Henry, at Baltimore, and the Henry S. Grove, at Tacoma, Wash. Two will be seized when they reach port are the Cape Romain and the West Haven. See also V. 111, p. 1086.

Atlantic Tar & Chemical Works, Ltd., of Bayway, Elizabeth, N. J.—Trustee of Bonds.

The Equitable Trust Co., New York, has been appointed trustee for the issue of \$500,000 1st mtge. sinking fund bonds.

Atlas Powder Co.—Stock All Sold.

The 32,000 shares of Common stock offered to stockholders on Aug. 2 last at \$127.50 a share have been sold, according to an announcement made by Gillespie, Meeds & Co. and Laird & Co., underwriters.—V. 115, p. 649, 311.

Babson Park Co.—Annual Report.

The company reports for the year ended Dec. 31 1921 total income of \$76,774; expenses, \$30,856; net income for 1921, \$45,908; dividends paid in 1921, \$6,769; balance, surplus, \$39,139; previous surplus, \$4,359; total surplus, \$43,498; provision for dividend Jan. 1 1922, \$6,126; accrued dividends, \$231; total profit and loss surplus, \$37,602. The balance sheet as at Dec. 31 1921 shows: Current assets, \$8,386; Liberty bonds (4th 4 1/2% at cost), \$15,000; fixed assets, \$335,192; total assets, \$388,549; current liabilities, \$6,897; reserve for storm damages, \$1,000; preferred stock, \$205,050; common stock, \$138,000; surplus, \$37,602; total liabilities, \$388,549.

Baldwin Locomotive Works.—Business on Hand.

As of June 30 last unfilled orders were divided into 27% foreign and 73% domestic business. On Aug. 14 the division was 18% foreign and 82% domestic. The larger percentage of domestic business was due to the fact that since July 1 the company took on \$6,000,000 additional domestic orders, while foreign business has not kept up in like proportion (Phila. "News Bureau").

The company has received an order for 30 Milked engines from the Erie RR. The value of the order is about \$1,500,000.—V. 115, p. 763, 311.

Becker Steamship Co.—Bonds Offered.—Cleveland Trust Co., Richards, Parish & Lamson and Otis & Co. are offering at par and int. \$1,000,000 1st Mtge. 6 1/2% Sinking Fund gold bonds. Dated July 1 1922. Due July 1 1932.

Beech Nut Packing Co.—Report.

Income Account for Six Months Ending June 30 1922.

Net profits (without provision for 1922 Federal tax)	\$961,563
Earned surplus Jan. 1 1922	5,258,159
Total surplus	\$6,219,722
Dividends: Cash, \$107,774; stock, \$4,000,000	4,107,774
Profit and loss surplus	\$2,111,948

Balance Sheet June 30 1922.

Assets	Liabilities
Real est., bldgs., &c. (less reserve)	Preferred stock
\$2,807,210	\$1,124,500
Due from affiliated corp.	Common stock
34,707	5,000,000
Inv. in bks., trust cos., &c.	Short term notes (May 1 1924 and 1925)
302,070	735,000
Invest. in affiliated corp.	Short term notes (1923)
1,174,342	243,000
Inv. in real estate loans	Accounts payable
40,474	41,156
Patents & copyrights	Accruals (incl. Fed. taxes)
1,332	204,093
Cash in banks & on hand	Deferred credits
1,034,160	15,388
Government securities	Res. for ins. on employees
204,185	59,555
Accounts & notes receiv.	Res. for advertising
733,668	55,288
Inventories	Miscellaneous reserves
3,244,898	7,747
Deferred charges	Surplus
126,834	2,218,173
Total	Total
\$9,703,879	\$9,703,879

—V. 115, p. 763, 312

Best Clymer Manufacturing Co.—Sale Ordered—New Company to Be Formed.

See Temtor Corn & Fruit Products Co. below.—V. 114, p. 931.

Bethlehem Steel Corp.—Details of Lackawanna Steel Co. Merger—Upon Consolidation Corporation Will Have \$77,000,000 Pref. Stock and \$82,608,500 Common Stock.

The details of the merger of the Lackawanna Steel Co. with the Bethlehem Steel Corp. were made public Aug. 17 by both companies. Under the proposed merger there will be a re-adjustment of the capital stock of the Bethlehem company, subject to the approval of the stockholders Sept. 18, calling for the retirement of all classes of stock now outstanding and exchanging them for new preferred and new common stock, all of which will have full voting power. Members of the board of directors (whose holdings consist principally of Preferred and Common shares, with full voting power) and other large stockholders have approved the plan outlined below:

Data from Letter Signed by Chairman C. M. Schwab and President E. R. Grace, Aug. 17.

The Lackawanna Purchase.—The primary purpose of the meeting is to submit to the stockholders for their approval and necessary action the purchase by a subsidiary of your corporation of the properties of Lackawanna Steel Co., of which public announcement was made some weeks ago (V. 114, p. 2245). The consummation of this purchase has been deferred pending the outcome of an investigation by the Attorney-General of the United States made at the request of the United States Senate. After a full investigation the Attorney-General made his report to the Senate (V. 115, p. 602), in which he said:

"I am unable . . . to find in the exhaustive investigation I have made any reasonable warrant for asserting that the public will suffer if this consolidation is consummated. I am persuaded that the motive which prompts the Bethlehem to acquire the Lackawanna plant is the sole desire to secure greater efficiency and economy in the production, handling and distribution of steel products, and that the thought of acquiring a monopoly or of enhancing the prices was never present. The whole transaction from beginning to end impresses me as being thoroughly clean, honest and straightforward."

The fact that a formal complaint by the Federal Trade Commission is pending would seem to furnish no reason for further delaying the call of the

meeting of stockholders to act upon the proposed purchase, the legality of which is supported by the opinions of counsel for both companies.

Under the contract of purchase the consideration to be paid for all the properties of the Lackawanna company, in addition to the assumption by Bethlehem of the existing liabilities and obligations of the Lackawanna company, is \$108,500 in cash and a par amount of the capital stock of your corporation equal in par value to the outstanding stock of the Lackawanna company. The new Bethlehem stock thus to be issued is divided as follows:

7% Non-Cumulative Preferred stock	\$12,500,000
Class B Common stock	22,608,500
Total	\$35,108,500

Reasons for Acquisition.—There are several reasons why the acquisition of the properties of the Lackawanna company is exceptionally advantageous to your corporation.

The Lackawanna company has an ingot capacity of approximately 1,800,000 tons per year, which will admirably supplement and enlarge the operations of your corporation. It controls and operates valuable ore properties in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin, from which it obtains substantially all the ore that it uses in its furnaces, and important coal mines in Pennsylvania, which supply a very large part of its coal requirements.

The Lackawanna company has a large capacity for the production of merchant steel bars, for the production of which there is no capacity at any of the Bethlehem plants.

The location of the Lackawanna plant near Buffalo upon the Great Lakes will enable your corporation to reach not only the immediately tributary territory in Northern and Western New York, but also important markets in the Middle West and Canada, in which, because of the factor of freight rates, your corporation has heretofore been at a great disadvantage in competition with the steel mills of the Pittsburgh, Youngstown and Chicago districts.

Provision for Additional Financing.—While no additional financing is required in connection with the Lackawanna purchase, it will eventually be wise to spend from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 in improving and enlarging the Buffalo plant. Your board prefers to raise this money and be in a position to meet other future capital needs through the sale of stock instead of bonds. Your corporation is advised by its bankers that it should be in a position to offer Cumulative 7% Preferred stock, instead of the present Non-Cumulative 7% Preferred stock. Your board therefore recommends the authorization of \$15,000,000 of new 7% Cumulative Preferred stock.

Strengthening Financial Structure of Corporation.—Your board has become convinced that it will be to the advantage of the stockholders and greatly strengthen your corporation in meeting future capital requirements if its financial structure can be simplified by consolidating its entire outstanding stocks into two classes, viz.: 7% Cumulative Preferred stock with full voting powers, and Common stock with full voting powers.

Argument seems to be unnecessary to show the advantages of the substitution of this simple financial structure in place of the present capitalization involving four classes of stock, to which a fifth class would be added by the creation of the proposed new 7% Cumulative Preferred stock.

Proposed Offer to Stockholders to Exchange Their Holdings.

(1) The existing \$30,000,000 of 8% Cumulative Convertible Preferred stock to be exchangeable for new 7% Cumulative Preferred stock, for a limited period on the basis of \$115 in new stock for each share of the old stock, and thereafter, until the privilege shall be terminated by the directors, on such basis, not exceeding that specified, as shall be fixed by it.

(2) The existing \$15,000,000 of 7% Non-Cumulative Pref. stock (and the additional stock of that class to be issued in connection with the Lackawanna purchase) to be exchangeable for new 7% Cumulative Preferred stock, for a limited period which may be extended by the board, \$ for \$.

(3) The existing Class B Common stock (and the additional stock of that class to be issued in connection with the Lackawanna purchase) to be exchangeable for Common stock with full voting powers, \$ for \$.

It is proposed that a sufficient increase in the capita. stock shall be authorized to accomplish the purposes above stated and provide an additional amount of Common stock of approximately \$38,000,000, to be available for use, in the discretion of the directors, in the payment of stock dividends and for any properties that may be acquired.

Upon the consummation of the Lackawanna purchase, the sale for capital purposes of \$15,000,000 of the new 7% Cumulative Preferred stock and the consolidation of the existing class of stock as above proposed the outstanding capital stock of your corporation would be as follows:

7% Cumulative Preferred stock	\$77,000,000
Common stock	\$2,608,500

[See also Lackawanna Steel Co. below.]—V. 115, p. 548.

Bolton Square Improvement Co., Cleveland.—Bonds Offered.—Tillotson & Wolcott Co., Cleveland, are offering, at par and interest, \$400,000 1st Mtge. Leasehold 7% Gold Bonds. A circular shows:

Dated Aug. 1 1922. Due serially Aug. 1925 to Aug. 1931. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Int. (P. & A.) payable at Guardian Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland, trustee, without deduction for Federal income tax up to 2%. Pennsylvania 2 mil. interest refunded. Callable at 103.

Quantity.—Principal and interest unconditionally guaranteed by the J. L. Freese Co., by endorsement.

Security.—Bonds are secured by a first and closed mortgage on the leasehold estate in property at the northeast corner of Carnegie Ave. and East 89th St., Cleveland. Property consists of land having a frontage of 193 ft. on Carnegie Ave. and a frontage of 102 ft. on East 89th St., an apartment building known as Hart Hall, containing eight suites of seven rooms each, occupying the easterly portion of this land, and a modern fireproof eight-story and basement apartment hotel to be erected on the corner, to contain 128 suites from one to three rooms each. Six stores are in contemplation on the ground floor.

This property is held under a 99-Year lease calling for annual ground rent only \$7,500 per year, and containing an option to purchase the fee any time until 1935 at \$125,000, or at the same value upon which the lease is based.

Borden Farm Products Co.—Preferred Stock Called.

All of the outstanding 7% first preferred stock, aggregating about \$417,700, has been called for payment Sept. 15 at par and dividend by the Borden Co. The latter company owns the entire common and 6% preferred stock of the Products company.—V. 115, p. 312.

Boston Consolidated Gas Co.—Earnings.

In connection with the listing of the 60,000 shares of Preferred stock on the Boston Stock Exchange the company submits the following income account for the six months ended June 30 1922. Total income, \$5,542,468; total expenses (incl. taxes), \$4,369,625; net income, \$1,172,843; deductions, \$235,361; balance, \$937,482; dividends, \$610,095; surplus for period, \$327,383.—V. 115, p. 649, 312.

Brier Hill Steel Co.—Merger Rumors.

A dispatch from Youngstown, O., Aug. 12, states that a merger of the Mahoning Valley independent steel manufacturers, to include the Brier Hill Steel Co., the Trumbull Steel Co. and other smaller interests, is now being considered by officials and leading stockholders in the companies which will be consolidated should the necessary financing be accomplished. Efforts to interest the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. in the proposed merger have so far been unavailing, according to the reports.—V. 115, p. 77.

(J. G.) Brill Co., Philadelphia.—Business Picking Up.

A published statement pronounced correct for the "Chronicle" states: Operations at car building plants of the company have been steadily increasing since the early months of the year and are now on a larger basis than at any time since the slump following the termination of the war. At the main plant in Philadelphia operations are now about 60% of capacity. Two months ago they were approximately 50% and early in the year about 25%. Operations at the shops at St. Louis have been ranging around 50%, and at the Springfield, Mass., plant they have expanded to about the same basis. Within recent weeks there also has been an increase in activity at the Cleveland works. Orders for new street railway equipment have been coming in fairly regularly of late. Within a few days the company received an order for 100 cars for the Detroit Railways. These cars will be built at the Cleveland plant. In addition to demand for new equipment the company is doing a comfortable business in replacements.

Repair work of various kinds has been coming in at some of the plants. Shops at Springfield are working on a repair order for the Boston & Maine and further expansion of the force may be necessary there shortly.

Company is experiencing a steady demand for its "Birney" one-man safety car. Experiments by steam railroads in the use of gasoline propelled

cars for short lines have resulted in the placing of orders for a number of cars of this type. More than 24 of these cars are being built at Philadelphia and numerous inquiries are coming in for others.
The company also reports a somewhat more encouraging outlook for foreign business.—V. 115, p. 763.

British-American Tobacco Co.—Interim Dividend.
An interim dividend of 4% on the Ordinary stock has been declared payable Sept. 30 free from British income tax.—V. 115, p. 78.

California Petroleum Corp.—Earnings (Incl. Sub. Cos.).

Six Mos. end. June 30—	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Gross earnings	\$1,332,345	\$3,920,181	\$2,823,013	\$2,259,440
Operating expenses	1,940,241	1,457,358	1,001,816	664,112
Net earnings	\$2,393,104	\$2,462,823	\$1,821,197	\$1,595,327
Depreciation	\$422,674	\$318,024	\$279,588	\$239,830
Prov. for depletion, &c.	445,086	219,459	136,082	172,171
Bond interest	25,564	25,472	41,912	45,337
Subsidiary co's share	\$111,708	99,047	12,736	2,013
Res. for Fed. taxes, &c.	100,570	379,184	232,721	128,568
Preferred dividends—(3 1/4%)	\$53,550	\$361,271	\$392,456	(8)987,442
Other reserves			88,823	75,328
Balance, surplus	\$842,233	\$1,060,367	\$616,879	def\$55,364

a Represents provision for redemption of preferred stock and bonds of subsidiary companies. The total unappropriated surplus as of June 30 1922 aggregated \$4,213,889 after crediting the adjusted surplus of Jan. 1 1922.—V. 114, p. 2363, 1403.

Calumet & Chicago Canal & Dock Co.—New Control.
A syndicate, the directorate personnel of which includes O. P. Van Swearingen and M. J. Van Swearingen, Cleveland, O.; W. S. Hayden and Otto Miller, Hayden, Miller & Co., Cleveland, O.; Frank O. Wetmore, Pres. First National Bank, Chicago; Ralph Van Vechten, V.-Pres. Continental & Commercial National Bank, Chicago, and Charles H. Waeker, Pres. of Chicago Heights Land Association and Chairman Chicago Plan Commission, has purchased 90% of the 25,000 shares of the stock of the company at \$75 a share, or \$1,875,000. The purchase of this stock was made through Paine, Webber & Co.

Balance Sheet.—Balance sheet as of June 1 1922 follows: Assets—Real estate, valuation for inventory, \$2,772,626; treasury stock, 8,469 shares at cost, \$478,587; U. S. Liberty Loan bonds, \$1,000, par, \$997; contracts for sale of land, \$91,407; deposit for water pipe extensions, \$11,997; notes receivable, \$29,720; taxes due from customers, \$2,151; 6s Forest Preserve bonds, par \$1,000, \$30,767; cash on hand, \$12,543. Offset by liabilities of capital stock, \$3,375,690; profit and loss, \$55,194; total, \$3,430,794.—V. 115, p. 440.

Canadian Car & Foundry Co., Ltd.—Car Orders.
The Toronto Transportation Commission has placed with the company an order for 50 street cars of the Peter Witt type, together with an order for 100 modern trailers without motors.—V. 113, p. 2717.

Cape Fear Packing Co.—Receiver's Sale.
E. K. Bryam announces that he will dispose of private sale either separately or together the two properties of this company situated at Wilmington, N. C. Properties valued at about \$700,000.

Carson Hill Gold Mining Co.—Earnings—Tenders.
The net profits of the company and subsidiaries, before depletion and depreciation charges and reserve for Federal income taxes, for the second quarter of 1922, amounted to \$94,838. The sinking fund requirements for the period amounted to \$30,000.
The First National Bank, Boston, trustee, will, until Aug. 25, receive bids for the sale to it of 7% Convertible gold notes, due March 1 1927, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$50,000.—V. 115, p. 78.

Central Leather Co.—Bank Loans Reduced.
A current report believed by the "Chronicle" to be based on fact, states that the company has reduced its bank loans by \$1,500,000, bringing them down to \$6,000,000 as compared with \$8,500,000 at Jan. 1 1922. Business in July was good and considerable business was booked at advancing prices.—V. 115, p. 648.

Central Mutual Telephone Co. of Iowa.—Bonds Offered.
—United States Trust Co., Omaha, Neb., are offering, at 98.90 and int., to yield 6.60%, \$115,000 6 1/2% 1st Mtge. (closed) 20-Year Gold Bonds. A circular shows:

Dated July 1 1922. Due July 1 1942. Int. payable J. & J. 1 at United States Trust Co., Omaha, trustee. Not redeemable prior to 1927; redeemable 1928 to 1932 at 107 1/2%; from 1933 to 1937 at 104%; from 1938 to 1942 at 101 1/2%.
Company.—Organized in 1903. Has operated continuously and successfully telephone toll lines and exchanges in Calhoun County, Iowa, and vicinity. Population served, about 18,000. The company is at present operating over 560 miles of telephone lines, serving 3,248 subscribers. Company maintains very satisfactory connections with the Northwestern Bell Telephone Co., and other independent companies, thus insuring their subscribers a nationwide telephone service.
Earnings.—During the past four years net earnings have been over three times the annual interest requirement of this issue.
Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding.
Common stock \$195,000 \$150,000
Preferred stock 55,000 39,000
First Mortgage 6 1/2%, due 1942 (closed) 115,000

Cerro de Pasco Copper Corp.—Production (in Pounds).
1922—July—1921. Increase. 1922—7 Mos.—1921. Increase.
6,132,000 4,346,000 1,786,000 37,360,000 30,580,000 6,774,000
—V. 115, p. 549.

Chandler Shipbuilding Co., San Pedro Harbor, Cal.
The property of the company at San Pedro Harbor has been acquired by the Pacific Coast Berar Co., San Francisco, to be used as a refinery. The proposed plant will cost about \$1,000,000 and will include a power house, machine shop and other buildings.

Chicago Railway Equipment Co.—Recapitalization—Offer to Purchase Stock.
The shareholders will vote Sept. 9 on changing the capital stock from \$3,000,000, par \$100, into \$3,000,000 Pref. stock, par \$100, and 60,000 shares of Common stock of no par value, and on increasing the number of directors from 7 to 9.
Data from Letter of President E. B. Leigh, Chicago, August 9.
If the amendments are adopted by the shareholders it will mean that the new capitalization of the company will be \$3,000,000 7% Cum. Pref. stock, par \$100, and 60,000 shares Common stock, no par value.
Under this capitalization the shareholders will receive for each share held by them one share 7% Cum. Pref. stock plus 2 shares Common stock (no par value).
Arrangements have been effected through an underwriting syndicate by which the company will give the shareholders the privilege of receiving \$40 per share in cash in lieu of each share of Common stock, no par value, as they may elect. It will be necessary, however, for each shareholder to stipulate on or before Sept. 9 1922 how much cash they desire to take in lieu of Common stock at the rate of \$40 per share.
Under the foregoing basis the present shareholders will receive for each share of stock held by them the equivalent of \$180 per share either in all stock or part stock and part cash.
This is giving effect to the full book value of the company as of Dec. 31 1921, which was approximately \$5,400,000, including "good will and patents," amounting to \$768,000. It is believed, however, that a reappraisal of the company's property will fully offset this latter amount.
If the stockholders approve the amendments proposed, the contract with the underwriting syndicate will provide that the whole of the Pref. stock may be called at \$108 and dividends at any time upon 90 days' notice; that no mortgage lien shall be placed upon the property without the consent of at least 75% of the Pref. stock. The underwriting fee will be \$1 per share on the Common stock. It will require an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of all the outstanding shares to put into effect the amendments and plan proposed.—V. 114, p. 1656.

Chickasaw Refining Co., Ardmore, Okla.—Reorganization Plan—Common Stockholders' Equity Entirely Eliminated.

The stockholders on Aug. 3 voted to reorganize by the incorporation of a new company (incorp. in Delaware Aug. 15), with an authorized capital of 100,000 no par value shares capital stock. A brief outline of plan follows: The stockholders voted to issue to the (\$1,060,000) Preferred stockholders of the Chickasaw Refining Co. one share of the stock of the new corporation for 5 shares of the old Chickasaw Refining Co. Pref. stock, all the (\$1,420,555) Common stock of the Chickasaw Refining Co. to be eliminated entirely. Each Preferred stockholder is given an option to purchase additional shares of stock, of no par value, in the new corporation at \$2 25 per share, equal to the number of shares received by such stockholder in exchange for the Preferred stock. The remaining stock in the new corporation is to be offered to former Preferred stockholders and the public, subject to prior allotment.
W. E. Shock and associates of St. Louis, Mo., agrees to furnish all the working capital necessary to put the Chickasaw Refining Co. into operation by Sept. 15 1922, and agrees (1) that the new corporation shall assume all the indebtedness of the Chickasaw Refining Co., the unsecured claims to be paid out of the earnings before any dividends are paid to the shareholders; (2) to secure the renewal of the car trust mortgage notes aggregating \$350,000, for 7 years, with a reduction in the annual interest rate from 8% (as paid at present) to 6%, and to pay the accrued interest on the car trust mortgage notes, now in default, in the amount of \$42,000. (The company owes the aggregate sum of \$617,000 which is past due and unpaid.)—V. 111, p. 1186.

Chief Consolidated Mining Co.—Dividend Increased.
A quarterly dividend of 10 cents per share was paid on Aug. 1 amounting to \$88,403, as compared with 5 cents a share paid each quarter since Feb. 1921, when the dividend was reduced from 10 cents per share.—V. 113, p. 2083.

Cities Service Co.—Back on Cash Basis.—In compliance with the plan announced in June, the directors have placed the Pref. "B" stock back on a cash dividend basis.

The board of directors has declared the regular 1/2 of 1% monthly dividend, payable in cash Oct. 1 to stockholders of record Sept. 15. At the same time 1/2 of 1% in cash was declared on the Pref. stock, and the regular dividends of 1/2 of 1% on the Common stock, payable in scrip, and 1 1/4%, payable in stock scrip, were declared as of the same date.
The earnings statement for the 12 months ending July 31 1922 showed continued improvement in net earnings. Net to Common stock for the period was \$6,340,786, which was the equivalent of \$13 63 a share earned on the average amount of Common stock outstanding, which compared with \$5,979,003, or \$12 86 a share on the average amount of Common stock outstanding in the 12 months ending June 1922. Gross earnings for the 12 months' period ending last month were \$13,844,852, which compared with \$13,482,661 in the period ending with June. There was also a decrease in expenses as compared with the preceding period.—V. 115, p. 649, 447.

Citizens' Electric Co., Battle Creek, Mich.—Stock Issue for Purpose of Extending Corp. Life of Co. Disapproved.
An application of the company for permission to issue stock for bond retirement has been refused by the Michigan P. U. Commission, which held that the obvious purpose of the stock issue was to increase the voting power of the majority stockholders so that they could extend the corporate life of the company against the wishes of the minority stockholders, who wished its affairs wound up at the approaching expiration of its charter.

Coca-Cola Company.—Earnings.

Results for the Quarter and Six Months ending June 30,	1922—3 Mos.	1921.	1922—6 Mos.	1921.
Gross receipts	\$6,906,131	\$8,868,605	\$10,171,219	\$14,908,045
Mfg. & gen. expenses	4,097,088	7,461,036	6,355,271	12,661,780
Interest, discount, &c.	53,118	236,354	94,967	447,003
Net inc. bef. Fed. taxes	\$2,755,925	\$1,170,315	\$3,721,040	\$1,804,263

—V. 115, p. 187.

Consolidated Cigar Corp.—Earnings.
Net earnings of the company after all deductions and charges, including taxes, in June were approximately \$150,000, as against \$26,600 in June 1921. The net profits for the first six months amounted to \$451,436, as against \$172,342 in the first six months of 1921.—V. 115, p. 764, 650.

Consolidated Coppermines Co.—Deposits.
Approximately 99% of the outstanding bonds have been deposited with the New York Trust Co. in accordance with the plan of reorganization. A majority of the stock and over 90% of the notes have also been placed in the hands of the depository.—V. 115, p. 650, 441.

Consolidated Water Power & Paper Co.—Extensions.
Plans have been announced by the company for extensions and improvements to its local paper at Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., recently acquired from the Kamauistiquita Paper & Pulp Co. (V. 114, p. 953). The cost of the proposed work is estimated at \$1,000,000. The name of the local company is known as the Thunder Bay Paper Co. George W. Mead, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., is Pres. and Gen. Manager.—V. 114, p. 952.

Cucharas Land & Water Corp.—Sale.
Sam E. Thomas, Sheriff, will sell the entire property on Sept. 12 at Pueblo, Colo., to satisfy a mortgage dated Jan. 1 1915 given by the Bankers Trust Co. The amount due is approximately \$1,170,575.

Dayton Coal, Iron & Railway.—Validity of Bonds.
Federal Judge E. T. Sanford has upheld the validity of the \$450,000 bond issue owned by the Bank of Scotland, the Commercial Bank of Scotland and the Central Trust Co., New York. Validity of these bonds has been the subject of attacks for the past ten years. The decision marks the latest step in the long-drawn-out litigation between the bondholders and creditors of the company. The case was first tried in the State courts, resulting in a decision by the Supreme Court upholding the bonds' validity. Then, when the company went into bankruptcy, the matter was carried into Federal courts. About 4 years ago the case was heard by Judge Sanford, whose decision was not made until Aug. 1.—V. 107, p. 2289.

Des Moines (Iowa) Gas Co.—Contract.
The company has awarded a contract for installing the foundations and supervising the erection of a 2,500,000 cu. ft. gas holder to the U. G. I. Contracting Co., Philadelphia.—V. 115, p. 187.

Dome Mines Co., Ltd., Toronto.—Production.
The company's production in July was valued at \$335,254, as compared with \$351,531 in June last. In the seven months ended July 31 production was valued at about \$2,280,000.—V. 115, p. 157.

Durant Motors, Inc.—Prices Fixed Till August 1923.
Pres. W. C. Durant announces that Durant prices have been guaranteed until Aug. 1 1923. This guarantee is made to distributors and dealers.—V. 115, p. 650, 764.

Eastern Steel Co.—Purchase Postponed.
Action, it is stated, has been postponed by the company as to whether it will exercise its option to purchase the two blast furnaces of the Warwick Iron & Steel Co., Pottstown, Pa., which is now operating under lease. This proposition recently has been before the company for consideration.—V. 115, p. 79.

East St. Louis & Interurban Water Co.—Bonds Offered.
—Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., are offering at 95 and int., to yield 6.45%, \$456,500 1st Mtge. & Ref. 6% gold bonds, Series "B," of 1917, due July 1 1942.

Issuance.—Authorized by the Illinois P. U. Commission.
Data from Letter of Pres. M. F. Riley New York, June 9.
Company.—Supplies water for all purposes, without competition, in the cities of East St. Louis, Granite City, Venice and Belleville, Ill., and in the villages of Lovejoy, Madison, National City, Fairmont City and Swansea, Ill. Was incorporated in Illinois Aug. 15 1916 as a consolidation of the City Water Co. of East St. Louis and Granite City and the Belleville

Water Supply Co. The properties have been successfully operating in all of these cities from 28 to 36 years.

Capitalization After This Financing.—Authorized, Outstanding. First Mortgage & Refunding gold bonds, due 1942, \$4,333,500

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include First Preferred stock (\$1,100,000), Second Preferred stock (450,300), Common stock (4,750,000), and Authorized issue limited by the restrictions of the trust deed.

Security.—Secured by a direct first mortgage on the water works system in Belleville, Ill., and by a mortgage on all other property, subject only to outstanding bonds of predecessor companies, of which \$2,235,000 (91%) are deposited under the 1st Mtge. & Ref. bonds.

Earnings Years ended March 31.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount for years 1922 and 1921. Rows include Gross income from all sources and Oper. exp., incl. maint. (over 4% of gross op. rev.), taxes, &c.

Net income \$428,786 \$375,868. Annual Int. on \$4,545,000 bonds now outstanding (including this issue) requires 241,815

Franchises.—The principal franchises under which company operates extends to July 6 1944. Other franchises extend as follows: Belleville, June 4 1932; Granite City, April 17 1947; Venice, April 24 1947, and Madison, April 17 1947.—V. 113, p. 298, 423.

Empire Gas & Fuel Co.—Buys Crude Oil for Storage.

Henry L. Doherty announced Aug. 14 that the company (one of the largest producers and refiners in the mid-continent field) is beginning the purchase of crude oil in addition to the storage of the company's own production wherever it is practicable.

The recent cut in crude oil was not surprising to any thinking oil man, for conditions have been such for many months as would justify a drastic cut. I am glad to say that the subsidiary petroleum producing and refining properties of the Cities Service Co. are in an enviable position.

The chief reason for the cut in price has been the heavy production due to an unprecedented record of discoveries during the past two years and the large importation of Mexican light crudes. Mexican production is falling off at such a rapid rate as to indicate that this factor will soon represent a negligible quantity.

World consumption of petroleum is bound to continue to increase with great rapidity, and nothing short of new and improbable discoveries will prevent an early inroad upon the stocks which are now being stored.

It has been the policy for the past 18 months for the Cities Service Co. to hold back production so that it will have the oil reserves of its own producing subsidiaries underground rather than on the surface where artificial storage must be provided.—V. 115, p. 550, 442.

European-American Tobacco Co.—Being Formed.

It was reported this week that arrangements are being made for the organization of a company of the above name with a capital of \$1,800,000. The company, it is said, will be a consolidation of three companies, one of which is a former subsidiary of the old American Tobacco Co.

Excelsior Shoe Co., Portsmouth, O.—Stock Offered.—Westheimer & Co., Cincinnati, are offering \$200,000 7% Cumul. Prior Pref. (a. & d.) stock and 20,000 shares no par value Common stock at the following prices: Pref. at 100 and div.; Common at \$20 per share.

Data from Letter of President J. E. Williams, Portsmouth, O., June 30 Company.—Organized in 1889 Plant located at Portsmouth, O. Company manufactures boys', men's and women's shoes, sold direct to the retail trade.

Capital Stock—\$200,000 7% Cumul. Prior Pref. stock, callable at 110 and div.; \$300,000 7% Cumul. Pref. stock; 57,000 shares of no par value Common stock, of which 55,615 shares are to be presently issued.

Earnings Record.—Increase over a period of more than 20 years. Average operating profit (1901-1921) shows 505% over dividend requirements of Prior Pref. stock, or more than 6 times. Average annual operating earnings last 6 years ending March 27 1922 show about 15% on Common stock at issue price.

Dividends.—It is proposed to pay 8% on the issue price of the Common stock (dividend dates J. & J.) with extra dividends from time to time as conditions warrant, and 7% on the Prior Pref. stock (dividend dates Q-J).

Assets.—Net tangible assets equal \$767 54 per share of Prior Pref. stock. Net quick assets equal \$443 69 per share of Prior Pref. stock to be presently issued. Book value of Common stock, to be presently issued, \$21 03 per share.

Famous Players-Lasky Corp.—Consolidated Statement.

The corporation in its consolidated statement (which includes the earnings of subsidiary companies owned 90% or more) reports for the six months ended July 1 1922 net operating profits of \$2,018,337 after deducting all charges and reserves for Federal income and other taxes.

After allowing for payment of dividends on the Preferred stock, the above earnings are at the annual rate of \$15 93 on the 206,834 shares of Common stock outstanding in the hands of the public.—V. 115, p. 188.

Ford Motor Co.—Settlement, &c.

The company has paid \$744,292 to Aetna Casualty & Surety Co. of Hartford, Conn., as reimbursement for \$600,000 paid to the Woodward Hotel Co., New York, under appeal bond issued by Aetna company as surety for the Ford Motor Co. in litigation between the latter and Woodward Hotel Co.

Dispatches from Monterey, Mexico, state that Henry Ford has had two sets of representatives in Mexico. One investigated sites for an automobile and tractor plant and the other studied iron ore and coal supplies. Torreon, Saltillo and Tampico are under consideration for manufacturing, according to the dispatches.—V. 115, p. 764, 651.

General Asphalt Co.—Statement for Six Months ended June 30 1922.

The balance sheet of the company and subsidiaries combined, covering operations for the first 6 months of the current year, will show a loss of about \$272,000—\$63,000 of which covers charges to earnings toward the retirement of the debentures of the New Trinidad Lake Asphalt Co., Ltd., the remaining \$209,000 being a trading loss for the 6 months.

While complete returns for the year cannot be known until March or April of next year, the business of the company during the first few months of the present year was somewhat better than for the previous year, although prices obtained for manufactured products were severely competitive and until recently have not carried full overhead charges.

At the last annual meeting, May 17, the President stated that the results for the first few months of the present year were considerably better than the very bad results of the previous year. It was anticipated, therefore, that at the end of 1922 the showing would be better than it was for 1921, but it probably will not be normal.

The Venezuelan oil development, in which the asphalt company is interested, is producing sufficient oil to meet present market necessities and

that field will undoubtedly be able to increase its output as circumstances warrant. The falling off in the supply of Mexican oil indicates the possibility of an increased market for Venezuelan oils; it also indicates the possibility of better prices both for crude oil and products in the not distant future.—V. 114, p. 2246, 2122.

General Petroleum Corp.—To Reduce Par of Stock.

The stockholders will vote Sept. 14 on reducing the par value of the pref. and common shares from \$100 to \$25 per share and increasing the number of authorized preferred shares from 32,122 shares to 128,488 shares, and the number of authorized common shares from 467,878 shares to 1,871,512 shares.—V. 114, p. 527.

Globe Steel Tubes Co.—Bonds Offered.—First Trust

& Savings Bank and Stevenson Bros. & Perry, Chicago, are offering at 99 and int., to yield over 6%, \$1,200,000 1st Mtge. 6% Sinking Fund Gold bonds. Dated July 1 1922; due July 1 1937.

Godchaux Sugars, Inc.—Report, Year Ended June 30 '22.

Profit from operations \$645,980. Deduct—(a) Admin. exp., \$180,018; (b) deprec. of agricultural equipment, \$32,413; (c) int. & bond exp., \$289,150. 501,581

Dividends on 1st Preferred stock 218,481. Deficit \$74,082. Previous surplus \$3,481,288. Balance, surplus, June 30 1922 \$3,407,206.—V. 113, p. 2621.

Gray & Davis, Inc.—Stock Rights.

Holders of Common stock of record Aug. 22 will be offered the right to subscribe at par until Sept. 7 to Preferred stock (par \$100) represented by voting trust certificates to the extent of 7500-16182 of a share for each share held. Compare V. 115, p. 651, 766.

Gulf Oil Corp.—Rumors of Stock Dividend.

According to reports in the financial district this week, the directors will declare a 200% stock dividend in the near future. Announcement is expected to be made at the time action is taken on the next quarterly dividend on the capital stock. It was also stated that the directors contemplate splitting the present stock of \$100 a share par value into stock of \$25 a share par, so that after the stock dividend is declared the stockholders will have 12 shares of new stock for each share now held.—V. 115, p. 313, 188.

Hershey Chocolate Corporation.—Tenders.

The National City Bank, New York, trustee, will until Aug. 30 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Lien 7 1/4% 10-Year Sinking Fund gold bonds to an amount sufficient to absorb \$125,052.—V. 114, p. 2365.

Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, Ltd.—Arrangements for Lease of Water Power—Dividend Rate May Be Incr.

The company has completed arrangements for lease of a water-power site on the Abitibi River and will start construction of the plant by Sept. 1 with a capacity of 20,000 h.p. This will cost \$3,500,000 and take one year to get into operation.

President N. A. Timmins is quoted as saying that the directors have only delayed taking action to increase the dividend rate pending the settlement of the power situation. As to the amount by which the dividend will be increased, he would make no statement, but said that under present conditions the company was earning double the prevailing rate of distribution.—V. 114, p. 2830.

Holt, Renfrew & Co., Ltd., Montreal.—Bonds Offered.

Harris, Forbes & Co., Ltd., Montreal, are offering at 98 1/2 and int. yielding about 6.67% \$600,000 6 1/2% 1st Mtge. Sinking Fund Gold Bond, Series "A."

Dated Aug. 1 1922. Due Aug. 1 1937. Callable as a whole, except for the sinking fund, on 60 days' notice, on Aug. 1 1927, at 105 and int. and on any subsequent int. date at premium decreasing 1/4 of 1% each 6 months. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c*). Int. payable in gold in Quebec, Montreal, Toronto or Winnipeg. Montreal Trust Co., Trustee.

Data from Letter of V.-Pres. R. S. Coltart, Montreal, August 1 1922.

Company.—Business originally established in Quebec in 1837. Is the largest of its kind in Canada. Although its stores in the retail trade districts of the cities of Quebec, Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg carry other lines, it is as far manufacturers and retailers that the Company is known throughout Canada and to a large extent in Great Britain and the United States.

Capital after this issue: Authorized, Outstanding. Common stock \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000. Preferred 7% Cumulative stock 1,000,000 1,000,000. 6 1/2% 1st Mtge. Sinking Fund Bonds (this issue) 1,000,000 600,000.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be employed to redeem outstanding bonds, to reimburse the company for capital expenditures and to provide additional working capital.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage provides for a sinking fund commencing operation Aug. 1 1923, of 2% per annum of the largest aggregate amount of these bonds at any time outstanding, including bonds previously retired by the sinking fund, plus an amount equal to the interest which would have been payable on all bonds previously retired by the sinking fund, payable semi-annually and to be applied to the redemption of bonds.

Earnings.—After charging inventory depreciation against earnings, Company showed for the year ended Jan. 31 1922, net earnings, after plant depreciation, equivalent to 4 times and for the past six years, average net earnings equivalent to about 5 1/4 times the annual int. charges on these bonds.

Humphreys Oil Co.—Dividend No. 2.

A dividend of 5% has been declared on the capital stock, payable Sept. 15 to holders of record Aug. 31. An initial payment of like amount was made June 15 last.—V. 115, p. 551.

Hydro United Tire Co., Philadelphia.—Receivers.

Upon complaint of Wm. N. Albee Co., U. S. Judge Dickenson has appointed John P. Hill and Ephraim Lederer receivers.

Indianapolis Athletic Club Realty Co.—Pref. Stock.

City Trust Co., Fletcher American Co., Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Peoples State Bank, Becker & Overman and Jewett & Co., Indianapolis, are offering at par and div. \$900,000 6 1/2% 1st Pref. (a. & d.) stock, dated Aug. 1 1922. Due serially July 1 1925 to 1938. Int. payable Q-J. Callable at 105 and div., prior to July 2 1927, thereafter and prior to July 2 1930 at 103 and div.; thereafter and prior to maturity at 102 and div.; upon 60 days' notice. Security Trust Co., Indianapolis, Ind., registrar and transfer agent. First dividend payable Jan. 1 1923.

Capitalization: Auth. & Outstanding. 1st Preferred stock \$300,000. Second Preferred stock 300,000. Common stock 600,000.

Secured by the leasehold property at the southwest corner of Meridian and Vermont streets, together with a modern 10-story Hotel Club Building, with furnishings, occupying the entire site. The building contains 154 sleeping rooms and will be equipped in the most modern and convenient manner.

The building has been leased to the Indianapolis Athletic Club for a period of years at sufficient annual rental to cover all fixed charges, including serial maturities of the Preferred stock.

Intercontinental Rubber Co.—Financing Plan.

Mention was made in these columns (V. 115, p. 652) of the proposed plan to finance the requirements of the company on which the stockholders are to vote Sept. 12.

Data from Letter of President George H. Carnahan, July 28.

Principal Assets, &c.—The principal assets of company are the securities of its several subsidiary companies. The important older subsidiary companies are engaged in the production and manufacture of rubber from the

guayule shrub in Mexico, and prior to the period of political unrest in that country these operations were very profitable, permitting the retirement from earnings of the entire issue of Preferred stock, together with the payment of all accumulated dividends thereon, the initiation of dividends on Common stock, and the investment of substantial sums in the acquisition and development of new properties. Even after the Mexican revolution assumed serious proportions in 1911, operations of company were profitable until very recently, when, because of the unprecedented depreciation in the rubber market, business was conducted at a net loss.

Analysis of Earnings.—An analysis covering the full period of company's operations shows that total earnings, before deductions for Federal income taxes and for extraordinary expenditures, and including \$1,311,188 accumulated earnings of the companies merged in 1909, are \$10,438,800. Of this sum \$6,693,389 was paid out in dividends and in retiring Preferred stock, and \$3,361,353 was invested in rubber properties, and in experimental and development work. Total of all depreciation and losses on Mexican properties, including shut-down expenses, was \$378,071, which, together with an investment of \$440,700 in a nitrate enterprise, and payment of Federal income taxes of \$128,262, absorbed the balance of earnings and resulted in decreasing its working capital by \$1,562,975.

Subsidiary Companies.—In view of the then situation in Mexico, the management a number of years ago turned its attention to new developments in the United States and abroad. Three new subsidiary companies were organized in connection with these enterprises.

(1) **Continental Plantation Co.**—Formed to engage in the production, manufacture and sale of plantation rubber in the Dutch East Indies. In 1917 acquired from the Dutch Government 22,295 acres in Sumatra under lease running for 75 years with a 50-year renewal privilege. Development of this property was commenced promptly and has been continued. Over \$1,500,000 has already been expended in the development of the property. 1,700 acres will be ready for tapping in 1923, and the total area now planted (4,000 acres) will come into bearing within the next three years. This property should eventually become one of the most valuable in the Dutch East Indies, and with a return of normal conditions in the rubber market should prove to be a source of substantial profit to the company.

(2) **Agricultural Products Corp.**, and (3) **Rubber Exploration Co.**—Through these agencies, the management has during the past 12 years explored foreign countries to discover new sources of guayule or other rubber-bearing plants, and has carried on extensive experimental operations in Mexico, in Arizona and in California to develop or discover a means of propagating guayule, many previous efforts to this end made by company and others having resulted in failure. Additional natural sources of wild shrub have not been discovered, but the substantial investment in research and experimentation has produced most satisfactory results.

Mexican Properties, &c.—Company has retained all of its Mexican properties in the expectation that crude rubber prices and conditions in Mexico would become sufficiently stabilized to permit a return to large and profitable operations in that country. Properties include 1,800,000 acres of land on the Cedros Ranch in Zacatecas and real estate and factory buildings in Torreon. At the Torreon plant there have been developed improved processes of manufacture, which were operated on a commercial scale for the first time this year, resulting in the production of 615,000 lbs. of dry commercial rubber at a delivered cost substantially less than any previously attained in the history of the industry. As the profitable manufacture of rubber from the guayule shrub requires a reasonable proximity to raw material, it is proposed to erect at once an additional manufacturing unit on the Cedros property, which will double company's productive capacity under the new and improved process, bringing it up to 2,400,000 lbs. of dry rubber for each campaign of six months' duration. As certain machinery and material is already available at the Torreon plant for this Cedros unit, it can be completed promptly and at a minimum cost.

Funds for Development, &c.—Company has continued consistently its course of carefully planned development, and while it has maintained a satisfactory current cash position, the time has now arrived when funds must be found to continue the development program to which it is committed, and also to carry the company over the period of readjustment of the rubber industry.

To meet the present needs for development and properly maintain the properties, approximately \$275,000 of new capital is now needed. This amount is required principally for the additional manufacturing facilities in Mexico and for the maintenance of the property in Sumatra. For these purposes and the development of the manufacture of rubber from cultivated guayule shrub in the U. S., it is estimated that approximately \$2,750,000 will be required during the next two or three years.

Unless provision for this additional capital is made in the near future (as outlined below), directors are of the opinion that the company will face a critical situation, threatening seriously the value of your properties.

Summary of Plan for Financing Company's Requirements.

New Company.—A new company will be formed with an authorized capital of 60,400 shares without par value.

Transfer of Property, &c., to New Company.—The Intercontinental Rubber Co. will transfer to the new company in exchange for 31,370 shares of stock the following property:

(a) All shares of stock in (or v. t. c. representing the same) and all obligations and indebtedness of the subsidiary companies of the old company owned by the latter.

(b) An exclusive license or license, to use without payment of royalties any and all patents, patent rights, trade-marks, trade-names and processes owned by the old company, also all data, statistics and reports relating to the experimental work which the old company or its subsidiary companies have been carrying on.

The new company, as a further consideration for such transfer, will reimburse the old company for all advances made by the latter to its subsidiaries from June 30 1922 to the date of such transfer.

Convertible Collateral Trust Notes of New Company.—As soon as practicable after the acquisition by the new company of the properties of the old company, the new company will authorize \$2,903,000 Convertible Collateral Trust notes, of which \$290,300 Series A are to be presently issued.

Series A Notes.—The Series A 7% notes to be dated Oct. 1 1922, due Oct. 1 1923, to be red. on any int. date, with int. to date of redemption, at 11%, until and incl. April 1 1925, and thereafter at a redemption price decreasing 1% every six months until and incl. April 1 1932, when such price will be 101.

The remaining notes to be substantially of like tenor, except that they are to bear interest at such rate not exceeding 7%, and to be redeemable at such price not less than par and int. as directors shall determine.

Options to Note Holders.—Every holder of a Convertible Collateral Trust note to be entitled to the following options: (1) To convert such note on any int. date on 10 days' notice into no par value stock of the new company at rate of one share of stock for each \$100 of notes held.

(2) To subscribe for and take at the issue price (unless the same shall exceed par and interest, in which case the noteholder may subscribe at par and interest), such portion of any issue of notes made after the issuance of the Series A notes as the principal amount of the notes (of whatever series) then held by such holder shall bear to the aggregate principal amount of notes theretofore issued, whether then outstanding or not.

(3) To purchase from the new company at any time after Oct. 1 1924, at \$100 a share, such proportion of the stock as may at the time of exercising the option remain unissued (after reserving the number of shares necessary for the conversion of the notes outstanding) as the amount of the notes then held by such holder shall bear to the aggregate amount of notes theretofore issued, provided new company shall not, prior to Oct. 1 1924, sell or otherwise dispose of such unissued stock except for the purpose of and under such conditions as will insure redemption of all notes then outstanding.

Security for Notes.—New company will mortgage and pledge to Guaranty Trust Co., New York, its entire shares of stock (or v. t. c.) of subsidiaries of old company, excepting \$10,000 stock of Continental Plantation Co. not owned by old company, and all mortgages, notes and other obligations and debt of such subsidiaries owned by the new company at the time of the execution of the trust agreement.

(1) All of the outstanding shares of stock (or v. t. c.) of subsidiaries of old company, excepting \$10,000 stock of Continental Plantation Co. not owned by old company, and all mortgages, notes and other obligations and debt of such subsidiaries owned by the new company at the time of the execution of the trust agreement.

(2) All shares of stock of such subsidiaries which may be issued and all other bonds, obligations and debt of any of such companies which may be acquired by new company after the execution of said trust agreement.

(3) All shares of stock of any company which shall be owned by the new company other than the companies referred to in (1) above, a majority or more of the capital stock of which shall be owned by the new company; also all mortgages, notes, obligations and debt of any such last mentioned companies at any time acquired.

(4) All property of every nature acquired by the new company by the use of any of the notes or their proceeds or for the cost of which the new company shall be reimbursed in whole or in part from proceeds of such notes.

(5) All property of every nature acquired by the new company from any of the companies referred to in (1) and (3) above, not including (so long as

there shall be no default in the notes or the trust agreement) dividends paid from the net earnings upon the stocks of such companies, and rubber or other manufactured products.

(6) All letters patent, patent rights, patent licenses, &c., owned by the new company.

Voting Trust.—All of the shares of stock of the new company which shall be issued in exchange for the properties of the Intercontinental Rubber Co., and all shares of stock acquired by the holders of notes upon conversion, &c., to be deposited in a voting trust (of 5 trustees) to continue for ten years from the date of the formation of the trust.

Offer of Notes to the Stockholders.—Series A notes amounting to \$290,300 to be first offered by the new company for subscription at par and interest to the stockholders of the old company, each stockholder to be given the right to subscribe for his proportionate share of the notes so offered. As notes are to be issued only in denom. of \$1,000, \$500 and \$100, a stockholder having the right and desiring to subscribe for a fractional part of a note is to receive scrip exchangeable with other scrip aggregating a sum equal to principal amount of a note of one of the denominations mentioned.

Scrip, if not exchanged for a note, to be payable at maturity of the notes and to bear interest at the rate of 7% per annum. Such interest, however, to be payable only on the surrender of the scrip in exchange for a note, or upon the payment of the principal of the scrip. Series A notes to be at all times reserved from issue to the amount of the scrip at the time outstanding. All scrip to be secured, principal and interest, equally with the notes, and the principal thereof to become due on the same terms and conditions, but the holders of scrip are not to be entitled to any options referred to above.—V. 115, p. 652, 766.

(The) International Nickel Co.—Balance Sheet.

The comparative income account for the quarter ending June 30 was given in V. 115, p. 766.

Assets—	June 30'22		Mar 31'22		Liab. lites—	June 30'22		Mar 31'22	
	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$
Property.....	50,481,560	49,761,055	Preferred stock.....	8,912,600	8,912,600				
Investments.....	560,409	558,485	Common stock.....	41,834,600	41,834,600				
Inventories.....	7,908,012	9,340,599	Acc'ts payable and						
Acc'ts & bills rec.....	828,091	776,149	tax reserves.....	537,737	688,810				
Advances.....	184,749	144,890	Prof. div. payable.....	133,689	133,689				
Gov't securities.....	100,000	100,000	Accident insur. &						
Loans on call.....	1,013,000	1,013,000	conting' reserve	867,111	865,413				
Cash.....	1,032,491	756,774	Surplus.....	9,822,576	10,015,840				
Total.....	62,108,313	62,450,952	Total.....	62,108,313	62,450,952				

—V. 115, p. 766.

Invincible Oil Corp.—Standard May Buy.

According to reports in the financial district, negotiations are pending between certain interests associated with the company and representatives of one of the Standard Oil group with a view of obtaining by the latter company an option on 250,000 shares of stock of the Invincible company.—V. 115, p. 652.

Island Oil & Transport Corp.—Deposits Asked.

Charles T. Brown, Chairman of the stockholders' protective committee, in a letter to the holders of the voting trust certificates requesting deposits of stock, states that the voting trust expired on Aug. 1. The letter further states:

Deposits either of voting trust certificates or the exchanged stock will be accepted by the depository, Mechanics & Metals National Bank, New York (the Lincoln Trust Co. having been absorbed by the Mechanics) until Sept. 1 next, and thereafter only at the discretion of the committee.

While the committee is not as yet able to announce any definite plan for the rehabilitation of the properties, it desires to state that it has been active in seeking a basis for a plan of reconstruction and hopes to have some proposal looking toward reorganization to communicate in the not far distant future.

The report of the receivers for the five months ended May 31 shows a net income from operation of \$280,248. If, however, interest charges, discounts and depreciation are deducted, there remains a deficit for the period of \$12,883. The earnings of the refineries which company controls through stock ownership are not included in this statement.

It becomes more and more evident that if the property is to be returned to the security holders, concerted action is most important.—V. 115, p. 652, 551.

Jones Bros. Tea Co., Inc.—July Sales.

1922—July—1921	Decrease.	1922—7 Mos.—1921.	Increase.
\$1,415,872	\$1,417,666	\$1,794	\$10,021,729
			\$9,974,851
			\$46,878

—V. 115, p. 443.

Kansas & Gulf Co.—New Officer.

George McIntyre has been elected Gen. Production Supt.—V. 114, p. 2830.

Lackawanna Steel Co.—Terms of Merger with Bethlehem Steel Corp.

In connection with the proposed merger with the Bethlehem Steel Corp. (see that company above), on which the stockholders will vote Sept. 18, Chairman Moses Taylor, in a letter to the stockholders Aug. 17, says in subst.:

Sale to Bethlehem.—The directors have agreed, subject to your consent, to sell to a New York subsidiary of Bethlehem Steel Corp., all the properties and assets of the company for a consideration to be paid in the 7% Non-Cumul. Pref. stock and Class B Common stock of Bethlehem Steel Corp.

Reasons for Merger.—The board has been of the opinion that, for the successful future operation of the company and to enable it to keep abreast of modern conditions in the industry, it is necessary that the company should have a greater diversity of product than at present. With this end in view, the board has been giving careful consideration to the question of raising new money for the construction of new plants for the manufacture of commodities which the company does not now make, or joining forces with some company already having such facilities. It was apparent that, if the company were itself to construct the new plants, no return to the stockholders could be realized from the capital to be invested therein until such plants were completed and in successful operation. Consequently the offer of Bethlehem came as a happy solution, because each of the two companies has certain facilities not enjoyed by the other and which admirably supplement each other.

Terms of Merger.—The agreement provides that, in addition to assuming all the indebtedness, liabilities and obligations, of Lackawanna, the purchaser shall pay for said properties and assets an amount of stock of Bethlehem Steel Corp. equal to the outstanding stock (all Common) of Lackawanna Steel Co., to wit, \$35,108,500. This stock so to be delivered was to consist of 40% (or \$14,043,400) in 7% Non-Cumulative Preferred stock and 60% (or \$21,065,100) in Class B Common stock, with an option to the purchaser to reduce the amount of the Preferred stock so to be delivered by \$1,543,400 and to increase the amount of the Class B Common stock by the like amount, with a cash adjustment of \$308,680. The purchaser has elected to exercise the option (see Bethlehem Steel Corp.).

As a part of the transaction Lackawanna Steel Co. will be dissolved. Provision has been made for the expenses of the transaction so that the entire consideration to be paid for the properties and assets of the company will be distributed among its stockholders in proportion to their interests therein. Consequently upon the consummation of the transaction the holder of 100 shares of stock of Lackawanna, of the aggregate par value of \$10,000, will receive (and at the like rate for a number of shares greater or less than 100): \$3,569.39, par value, in said Preferred stock; \$6,439.61, par value, in said Class B Common stock, and \$87.92 in cash.

In lieu of fractional interests in shares of Bethlehem stock so deliverable scrip certificates will be issued, each exchangeable, when presented with similar scrip certificates aggregating \$100 or any multiple of \$100, for stock certificates of the same class to the like aggregate par value, and until so exchanged bearing no dividends and having no voting power.—V. 115, p. 551.

Laclede Gas Light Co.—Income Account.

Period—	6 Mos. end		Calendar Years	
	June 30 '22	1921	1920	1919
Gross earnings.....	\$4,000,295	\$7,137,481	\$6,533,507	\$5,531,710
Operating expenses, incl. maintenance and taxes.	2,418,801	5,201,285	4,021,875	3,346,881
Replacements & conting.	200,000	400,000	569,349	309,732
Interest and discounts.....	856,643	1,740,141	1,689,339	1,608,373
Preferred dividends..... (2 1/2%)	62,500	(5)125,000	(5)125,000	(5)125,000
Common dividends.....				(134)187,250

Balance, sur. or def., sur. \$462,351 def. \$328,945 sur. \$137,027 def. \$45,526

Balance Sheet June 30 1922 and Dec. 31 1921.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, comparing June 30 '22 and Dec. 31 '21. Assets include Plant & investm't, Cash, Accts. receivable, etc. Liabilities include Common stock, Preferred stock, etc.

Loose-Wiles Biscuit Co.—Plea Denied.— See National Biscuit Co. below.—V. 114, p. 2585, 1069.

(R. H.) Macy & Co., N. Y. City.—Pref. Stock Sold.— Lehman Brothers, New York, have sold at 103 1/4 and div. \$6,000,000 7% Cum. Pref. (n. & d.) stock. (See adv. pages.)

Redeemable, all or part, at 115 and dividends. On or before Aug. 1 1923 and annually thereafter, from out of surplus and net earnings, at least 3% of the largest amount of the Pref. stock that shall have been at any one time outstanding shall be acquired by the company by redemption or by purchase at not to exceed 115 and dividends.

Listing.—Application has been or will be made to list both the Pref. and Common stock on the New York and Chicago Stock Exchanges.

Data from Letter of Pres. Jesse Isidor Straus, N. Y., Aug. 14 1922.

History.—In 1858 Rowland H. Macy started the business in a small store on 6th Ave., near 14th St., to deal in small wares and notions. In 1871 Isidor and Nathan Straus established a wholesale house, dealing in china, glass and kitchenware, and induced Mr. Macy to permit them to open departments for the retail sale of these commodities. The venture proved entirely successful. In 1877 Charles B. Webster succeeded to the business. In 1888 Mr. Webster invited Isidor and Nathan Straus to become general partners. Under their guidance and due to their energy the business grew greatly in volume. The 14th St. store becoming too small in 1901-02 the business was moved to its present site at 34th St. Since its move to its present location Macy's has grown more rapidly in importance in the community and in sales than perhaps any other retail store in the country. Now it has again become necessary materially to enlarge quarters.

Sales.—The sales for the last year at 14th St. were slightly less than \$10,000,000; the sales for the first year at 34th St. were about \$12,000,000; the sales for the year ended Jan. 28 1922 were \$16,671,763. As far back as there are records, each year's operations have yielded profits.

Management.—The present management, which has conducted the business since 1914 and will continue to exercise control, was trained by Isidor Straus, who died in 1912, and Nathan Straus, who retired in 1914. It is the practice of those who direct the business—that is, Jesse Isidor Straus, Pres.; Percy S. Straus, V.-Pres., and Herbert N. Straus, Sec.-Treas.—to consult with and take counsel from our executives.

Stock for Organization.—We would remind you of our desire to reserve a block of stock for offer to members of our organization.

Depositors' Account Department.—This system is adapted only to a house selling exclusively for cash. It is notable that we are among the very few and are the largest in the United States that adhere strictly to this cash policy. This depositors' account department was started in 1902 to provide facilities for those who objected to paying at the time of purchase or delivery. Under this plan patrons may place on deposit such sums as they desire, large or small, and refer purchases to the deposit for payment. This department is maintained as a separate organization distinct from this corporation.

Advertising.—We are large but not extravagant advertisers and endeavor constantly to tell our story simply and convincingly.

Sales & Profits.—As certified by Touche, Niven & Co., public accountants, for the 3 years ended Jan. 28 1922, the annual net sales were, and computed on the basis of 1922 Federal tax rates, the annual net profits would have been as follows:

Table with columns for Year ended, Net Sales, and Net Profits. Rows for January 31 1920, January 29 1921, and January 28 1922.

Sales for the six months ended July 29 1922, as certified were \$22,223,227, compared with \$21,470,468 for the corresponding period in 1921. Approximate net profits before deduction for Federal income taxes for the six months are estimated at \$1,449,000, compared with net profits, before taxes, of \$1,283,271 for the corresponding period in 1921.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Jan. 28 1922—Amended by Proposed Recapitaliza'n

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, comparing Jan. 28 '22 and Dec. 31 '21. Assets include Cash, Marketable securities, Misc. loans & accts. receiv., etc. Liabilities include Preferred stock, Common stock, Accounts payable, etc.

The stockholders will vote Aug. 31 on various proposals involved in the plan for readjusting the capitalization, the more important provisions of which are on increasing the number of shares of stock from 380,000 to 450,000. Of the latter amount 100,000 shares will be Preferred, par \$100 each, and the balance will consist of 350,000 shares of Common stock of no par value. The stockholders will vote also on increasing the number of directors from 5 to 9.—V. 115, p. 767.

Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Co.—Earnings.—

The company reports for the six months ended June 30 1922 gross earnings of \$718,967; operating expenses, maintenance, depreciation and taxes, \$552,799; bond interest, \$80,000; surplus, \$86,168, comparing with a surplus after interest of \$67,258 in the corresponding period last year.—V. 115, p. 189.

Marlin-Rockwell Corporation.—Balance Sheet.—

The income account for the six months ending June 30 1922 was given in V. 115, p. 767.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, comparing June 30 '22 and Dec. 31 '21. Assets include Cash, Notes, accept. and accts. receivable, etc. Liabilities include Notes & accts. pay., Syndicate loan, etc.

* Notes and trade acceptances receivable in 1922 amount to \$159,254; accounts receivable, \$582,255; totaling \$741,509; less reserve for doubtful accounts, \$170,878. y Capital stock, no par value; issued, 81,136 shares, less 129 shares held in treasury; leaving outstanding 81,007 shares.—V. 115, p. 767.

Matachewan Power Co., Ltd.—Bonds Offered.—General Securities Corp., Ltd., Toronto, are offering at 95, with a bonus of 20% of Common stock, \$450,000 1st Mtge. 7% 15-Year Sinking Fund Gold bonds.

Dated Aug. 1 1922. Maturing Aug. 1 1937. Interest payable at Standard Bank of Canada, Toronto, or Montreal, New York or London. Denom. \$100, \$500, and \$1,000 (c). Red. after Aug. 1 1927, at 105 and interest. Trustee, Montreal Trust Co.

Table with columns for Capitalization, Authorized, and Issued. Rows for Common stock (par \$10) and 1st Mtge. Sinking Fund bonds.

Data from Letter of Pres. Robert Fennell, Toronto, July 24.

Company.—Incorp. under the Ontario Companies Act, for purpose of developing and furnishing hydro-electric power for the mining and pulp and paper industries in northern Ontario. Has a lease from the Provincial Government of certain land and land covered with water at Indian Chutes on the Montreal River in the Townships of Farr, Smythe, Willison and Kimberley, all in the District of Timiskaming, containing about 273 acres. It is estimated that these two water power sites (at Indian Chutes, and Big Bend) have an ultimate capacity of 12,000 h. p.

Sinking Fund.—Company will pay the trustee on Aug. 1 1925, and annually thereafter, a sum equal to 4% of the face value of all bonds at any time issued and certified by the trustees. Such sinking fund shall be used in the purchase of bonds in the open market or by private sale at a price not exceeding 105 and interest.

Earnings.—The estimated net profit for year available for interest on the above bonds is \$235,217. The present offering of bonds is limited to cover the cost of the installation of the first unit.

Mercer Motor Co.—Capital Increase.—

The company has filed notice of an increase in Capital from \$20,000,000 to \$70,000,000.—V. 114, p. 2476.

Michigan State Telephone Co.—Rate Decision.—

Federal Judge Arthur J. Tuttle, in an opinion handed down Aug. 9, ruled that a hearing by three Judges of the application of the company for an interlocutory injunction restraining the enforcement of an order of the Michigan P. U. Commission establishing a new and lower schedule of telephone rates will be unnecessary and that he alone will hear the application. The company in asking for the injunction declared the rates ordered by the Commission were confiscatory and as such were in violation of the Constitution.—V. 115, p. 654.

Middle West Utilities Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Period ending June 30 1922-6 Mos.—1921, 1922-12 Mos.—1921, Gross earnings, Operating costs, etc.

Net earnings \$4,213,563 \$3,432,076 \$8,168,391 \$6,380,194 —V. 115, p. 552, 444, 178.

Mohawk Mining Co.—Copper Production (in Lbs.).—

The company in July last produced 741,672 lbs. of copper, compared with a production of 866,074 lbs. in June last.—V. 114, p. 2724.

Morris Canal & Banking Co.—Offer of Lehigh Valley RR.

See that company under "Railroads" above.—V. 111, p. 1284.

National Biscuit Co.—Plea Denied.—

The Federal Trade Commission Aug. 11 denied the plea of this company and the Loose-Wiles Biscuit Co. that a complaint recently filed against both companies by the Commission charging price discrimination be dismissed.—V. 115, p. 444.

National Candy Co.—No Action on Common Dividend.—

The directors have declared the regular semi-annual dividends of 3 1/4% on the 1st and 2d Pref. stock, payable Sept. 13 to holders of record Aug. 22. The directors voted to defer consideration of the semi-annual dividend on the Common stock until the adjourned meeting Sept. 15. In a letter to the stockholders it is indicated that if by that time the coal and railroad strikes have reached a satisfactory settlement the usual semi-annual dividend of 2 1/2% on the Common stock will be paid.

National Gloaz & Suit Co.—Business Increasing.—

August business is running about 25% ahead of last year. Fall and winter catalogue is now being sent out to customers at rate of 115,000 copies a day. The edition for the United States contained 420 pages and comprises 3-000,000 copies. The company has devoted a great deal of attention in last few years to development of its foreign business, largely in Cuba, Porto Rico, Mexico, Canal Zone, Philippines and Hawaii. The catalogue for the foreign business is printed in both English and Spanish. There are about 75,000 customers outside the United States.—V. 115, p. 654.

New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co.—Earnings.—

The income for six mos. ending June 30 1922 was given in V. 115, p. 768.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, comparing June 30 '22 and Dec. 31 '21. Assets include Plant investment, Lib. hd. & misc. inv., Cash, etc. Liabilities include Capital stock, Prem. on stock, 1st Mtge. bonds, etc.

Total 12,134,822 12,135,548 Total 12,134,822 12,135,548 —V. 115, p. 767.

Newport Co., Carrollville, Wis.—Bonds Sold.—Dillon,

Read & Co., New York, have sold at 98 1/4 and int., to yield 7.20%, \$3,000,000 1st Mtge. 7% 10-Year Sinking Fund gold bonds. (See advertising pages.)

Dated Sept. 1 1922. Due Sept. 1 1932. Int. payable M. & S. in New York and Cleveland. Denomination \$1,000 and \$500. Callable as a whole at 105 and int., or in part by lot for the sinking fund at 103 and int., on any int. date. Auth., \$5,000,000. Penn. 4 mill tax refunded. Union Trust Co., Cleveland, trustee.

Data from Letter to Bankers from J. W. Shaffer, President of the Co.

Company.—Company's chemical works are situated at Carrollville, Wis., 13 miles from Milwaukee, upon a site of approximately 300 acres, with frontage of 5,000 feet on Lake Michigan. Is serving the color demands of the textile industry, including woolen, cotton and silk; also manufactures of paper, leather, paint, varnish and ink, together with many other industries. Is also engaged in the manufacture of heavy industrial chemicals and pharmaceutical products in no way dependent in their demand upon the color consuming trades. Basic raw materials used at the Carrollville plant are largely received from the by-products coke oven plant located at Milwaukee of Milwaukee Coke & Gas Co., which is controlled by Newport Co. through stock ownership.

Company is the largest successful producer of wood distillates in the South, with plants located in the City of Pensacola, Fla., and at Bay Minette, Ala., which have been in successful operation for many years.

Monthly producing capacity is now 3,000,000 pounds of intermediates, 1,000,000 pounds of colors and 7,000,000 pounds of heavy chemicals. The wood distillate plants have a normal daily capacity of about 80,000 pounds of rosin, 1,850 gallons of turpentine and 1,250 gallons of pine oil. The company has at present 900 employees and its gross sales are now at the rate of \$4,500,000 per annum.

Earnings.—Net profits available for interest and depreciation for the 5 1/2 years ended June 30 1922, after deducting Federal taxes, averaged \$874,710 per annum, or over 4 times the annual interest requirements on these bonds. Net profits for the first six months of 1922 and including the earnings of Milwaukee Coke & Gas Co. applicable to the stock holding in

that company are \$358,289, or at the rate of approximately \$716,000 per annum.

Pledged Control.—Company will pledge with the trustee as additional security for these bonds the stock control of Milwaukee Coke & Gas Co. This stock, carried by the company at its par value of \$875,750, has a book value of approximately \$3,200,000.

Additional Common Stock Investment.—Company sold in May 1922 to stockholders an additional amount of Common stock, at a substantial premium over par, for \$1,000,000 cash and the proceeds have been invested in the business.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to refund \$2,500,000 1st Mtge. 3-Year 6% gold bonds maturing Sept. 1 1922, and to provide additional working capital.

Balance Sheet June 30 1922, Adjusted to Give Effect to Present Financing

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Real estate and plants.....	\$8,327,045	First Mortgage bonds.....	\$3,000,000
Formulas and processes.....	404,293	Prior Common stock.....	2,801,100
Investments.....	1,219,018	Common stock.....	912,198
Current assets.....	3,433,467	Current liabilities.....	446,884
Miscellaneous and deferred assets.....	400,000	Miscellaneous liabilities.....	271,886
		Reserves.....	3,693,142
		Capital surplus.....	2,150,091
		Earned surplus.....	508,591
Total (each side).....	\$13,783,892		

Sinking Fund.—Trust indenture will provide for a minimum annual sinking fund, beginning 1924, of \$200,000, or, when greater in amount, of 25% of net income after fixed charges, depreciation and charges on the company's Prior Common stock, all as defined in the trust indenture, to be applied semi-annually to the purchase of bonds of the present issue if obtainable at or below 103 and int., or, if not so obtainable, to their call by lot at that price.—V. 109, p. 1058.

New York Air Brake Co.—To Readjust Capital

It is understood that the company intends to readjust its capital structure and will also do some new financing which will be handled by Dominick & Dominick and Edward B. Smith & Co. Details of the plan are not yet available.

Concerning the plan, the New York "Times" says: "A reorganization of the capital structure is under way, in which the present capital stock will be retired and new Common stock, without par value, will be issued, as well as a series of Class A Preferred. Details of the offering to stockholders will be announced with the next few days. The new Common issues will be without nominal or par value, and will be issued in approximate ratio to the present \$10,000,000 outstanding Common stock, of \$100 par value. Stockholders will be offered the new for the old, share for share, getting in addition the right to subscribe, at a price to be fixed, at approximately \$50 per share, of new Class A Preferred stock. The success of the plan will raise approximately \$5,000,000 of new capital. It will give the corporation the opportunity to retire its bank loans, which amount to approximately \$4,500,000, the balance to be added to working capital."—V. 114, p. 1058.

New York-Naples Steamship Co.—Receiver.

Judge Mayer of the U. S. District Court has appointed Wm. Henkel receiver for this company, with offices at 150 Broadway, N. Y. City.

New York Telephone Co.—Telephone Rate.

According to a statement by Frank J. Cregg, Corporation Counsel of Syracuse, the prosecution of the people's case before the P. S. Commission at Albany for a reduction in telephone rates has collapsed. Mr. Cregg said that the Attorney-General's office, which is in charge of the proceedings against the company, has shifted the burden to the cities of the State in a half-hearted way that means defeat. The appraisals of the telephone property through the State, which are exorbitant and unjust to telephone subscribers, will stand, Mr. Cregg said, with the result that telephone rates will be fixed on a general property valuation favorable to the telephone company at the cost of the subscribers.—V. 115, p. 654, 444.

Ohio Bell Telephone Co.—Proposed Acquisition.

The company has asked the I. S. C. Commission for authority to acquire the property of the Springfield-Xenia Telephone Co. of Xenia, O.—V. 114, p. 86.

Ohio Steel Products Co.—To Sell Plant.

The plant of the company at Mineral Ridge, it is reported, will be sold to satisfy creditors claims.

Ohio Oil Co.—Extra Dividend of 75 Cents.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 75 cents per share on the stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 25 per share, both payable Sept. 30 to holders of record Aug. 26. Extra disbursements have been made as follows: June 1922, 75 cents; March 1922 and Dec. 1921, \$1 75 each; Sept. 1921 none; June 1921, \$1 25; March 1921, \$2 75; Sept. and Dec. 1 1920, \$4 75 each; March and June 1920, \$2 75 each; Dec. 1919, \$4 75; Sept. 1919, \$2 75; March 1919 to June 1919, incl., \$4 75 quarterly.—V. 115, p. 315.

Pacific Coast Borax Co.—Acquisition.

See Chandler Shipbuilding Co. above.—V. 105, p. 1527.

(J. C.) Penney Co.—July Sales.

	1922—July—1921.	Decrease.	1922—7 Mos.—1921.	Decrease.
\$3,202,137	\$3,289,997	\$87,859	\$22,912,973	\$23,880,847
				\$967,874

Pennock Oil Co.—Earnings.

	Results for Quarter and Six Months ending June 30.		1922—6 Mos.—1921.	
	1922—3 Mos.—1921.	1922—6 Mos.—1921.	1922—3 Mos.—1921.	1922—6 Mos.—1921.
Net productions (bbls.).....	100,583	103,072	211,443	209,988
Gross from oil sales.....	\$214,996	\$144,873	\$453,245	\$365,887
Oper. & gen. expense.....	71,828	95,124	138,679	181,189
Net from oil sales.....	\$143,167	\$49,749	\$314,566	\$184,698
Gas & gasoline sales.....	6,440	17,599	11,026	37,388
Miscell. sales & interest.....	4,036	24,873	14,436	44,640
Gross income.....	\$153,643	\$92,221	\$340,029	\$266,727
Sundry reserves.....	15,000	15,000	30,000	30,000
Net before prov. for depl., depr. & Fed. tax.....	\$138,643	\$77,221	\$310,029	\$236,727

—V. 114, p. 2125, 955.

Pennsylvania Water & Power Co.—Bonds.

The company has taken down and placed in its treasury \$850,000 1st Mtge. 5% bonds. The bonds are not now being offered for sale.—V. 115, p. 316.

Philipsborn's, Inc., Chicago.—Pref. Stock Sold.

Dillon, Read & Co. and A. G. Becker & Co. have sold at 100 and div. \$2,500,000 7% Cumulative Pref. (a. & d.) stock. [Subscriptions for a block of common stock at \$40 per share were also received.]

Convertible at holder's option into Common stock at the rate of two shares of Common stock for one share of Preferred stock on or before Aug. 14 1927. Red. in whole on and after Aug. 15 1927 and in part for the sinking fund on and after Feb. 15 1928 at 110 and div. Divs. payable Q.-P. It is expected that applications will be made to list both the Preferred and Common stocks on the New York and Chicago stock exchanges.

Sinking Fund.—Beginning Aug. 15 1923, a semi-annual sinking fund will purchase each year \$75,000 Pref. stock in the market if obtainable at or below 110 and div., and on and after Feb. 15 1928 such amount of stock if not so purchasable will be called by lot at 110 and dividend.

Data from Letter of Pres. Martin M. Philipsborn, Chicago, Aug. 11.

Company.—Incorporated in Delaware. With its predecessor, Philipsborn's, Inc., has been for 32 years in the business of retailing by mail women's, men's and children's wearing apparel and accessories, piece goods, &c. Merchandise is bought directly from manufacturers and sold directly to consumers. Of orders received 97% are accompanied by cash. Company has no investment in manufacturing plants or branches.

The company's rapid growth to the present position of being one of the largest mail order houses in its field has been achieved since the business was

incorporated in 1915. At that time the company had outstanding capital stock of \$200,000. The capital in the business has been steadily increased since that time by the reinvestment of earnings. Since 1915 company has expanded, and charged directly to operation, approximately \$7,000,000 for publicity in the form of magazine advertising and catalogue distribution.

Capitalization (After This Financing)—
 7% Cumulative Preferred stock..... Authorized..... \$2,500,000 Issued..... \$2,500,000
 Common stock (\$5 par value)..... 300,000 shs. 250,000 shs.
 6% Mortgage Loan bonds..... \$655,000 \$655,000
 The 50,000 shares of Common stock, authorized but not issued, are reserved for Preferred stock conversion.

Sales and Profits—Years ended Dec. 31.

Year ended	Net Sales	Profit Before Taxes	Net Profits Before Fed. Taxes, but After Taxes at 1922 Rate	Number of Customers
Dec. 31—				
1915.....	\$1,642,889	\$94,675	\$93,962	330,000
1916.....	2,485,721	108,557	105,553	429,000
1917.....	4,540,673	300,024	262,521	524,000
1918.....	6,305,703	629,159	550,514	826,000
1919.....	9,116,552	1,042,762	912,417	1,052,000
1920.....	14,171,944	1,326,314	1,160,525	1,412,000
1921.....	21,243,303	1,254,921	1,098,556	2,089,000

Net sales for the first six months of 1922 were \$10,732,713. In the month of July 1922 our sales increased 198% over the same month last year. In the past five years, cash dividends of approximately \$1,900,000 and substantial stock dividends have been paid. In 1921, \$2 50 a share was paid on approximately 237,000 shares of Common stock then outstanding.

Balance Sheet as of June 24 1922 (Adjusted to Give Effect to Present Financing)

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Land, bldgs., mach., equip.....	2,533,598	7% Preferred stock.....	2,500,000
Patents.....	5,000	Common stock.....	1,250,000
Inventories.....	1,689,124	6% Mortgage Loan bonds.....	690,000
Accts. & notes receivable.....	115,415	Trade and other creditors.....	178,192
U. S. Liberty bonds.....	501,519	Wages, salaries & comm.....	78,304
State, county & munic. bds.....	50,833	Int. accr. on mtge. loan.....	20,010
Cash.....	268,087	Real est., &c., taxes accr.....	19,179
Amt. due from employees' stock subscriptions.....	60,772	Dividends payable.....	136,325
Deferred charges.....	531,661	Provision for Fed. taxes.....	169,640
Total (each side).....	5,776,010	Amounts due customers.....	297,802
		Surplus.....	406,559

Since June 24 1922, \$35,000 of the bonds have been retired. No value has been placed on the company's good-will, trade names, nor on the customer list, which since Dec. 31 1921 has increased to approximately 2,500,000 names, which are considered in the trade to have a value of \$6 a name or over.

Listing.—The New York Curb Exchange has admitted to trading the preferred and common stock "when issued." Application will be made to list the stock on both the New York and Chicago stock exchanges.

Pierce Arrow Motor Car Co.—Bank Loans.

It is learned that the group of banks which holds the \$7,900,000 of bank loans is inclined to be lenient with the corporation and not crowd it for payment because of a feeling that the company ultimately will be in a position to meet its obligations without difficulty and emerge from the present situation as a growing and progressive organization. It was pointed out Aug. 16 that as a result of the recent price reduction a large volume of orders has been received and the company within a comparatively short time is expected to be in the midst of much larger production than at any time since the depression in the motor trade.

Furthermore it is stated that the banks feel that "it is up to the stockholders" to formulate some sort of a plan that will effect the necessary relief to the company and while there has been no extensive discussion along these lines, still the matter is said already to have received some consideration ("Financial America").—V. 115, p. 655.

Pittsburgh Electric & Mfg. Co.—Receivership.

Judge Robert M. Gibson, in the U. S. District Court at Pittsburgh, has appointed the Real Estate Trust Co. receiver. An equity suit filed by the New York Insulated Wire Co.

Platt Valley Telephone Co., Scottsbluff, Neb.—Bonds Offered.

United States Trust Co., Omaha, are offering at par and int. \$165,000 6½% 1st Mtge. 20-year gold bonds, Series "A". A circular shows:

Dated Aug. 1 1922. Due Aug. 1 1942. Int. payable F. & A. at U. S. Trust Co. trustee. Not red. prior to Aug. 1 1927. Red. in 1927, to 1932 at 105; 1932 to 1937 at 103; 1937 to 1942 at 102.

Company.—Has operated successfully and profitably since incorporation in 1903. Number of subscribers increased from 75 subscribers in 1903 to 3,616 subscribers in 1922. Now operates 600 miles of toll rural and city pole lines, together with 11 modern telephone exchanges.

Capitalization.—Authorized Common stock, \$500,000; issued, \$250,000; authorized 1st mtge. bonds, \$500,000; now issued, \$165,000.

Earnings.—Average net income during past 2 years, after depreciation, was over 2½ times the annual interest requirements of these bonds. Net earnings for 4 months of 1922, which denote an annual net earnings for this year of approximately \$40,000, equivalent to 3.7 times the annual interest requirements of this issue.

Through reciprocal contracts with the Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. and the Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Co., the entire lines of the Bell system are available to subscribers.

Insurance.—Approved by the Nebraska State Railway Commission. **Purpose.**—Proceeds are to be used for the payment of \$100,000 bonds now outstanding and to provide funds for necessary additions and betterments.—V. 81, p. 1668.

Poland Paper Co.—Bonds Called.

One hundred and twenty-five (\$62,500) 1st Mtge. 7% bonds, due Sept. 8 1930, have been called for payment Sept. 8 at par and int. at the New England Trust Co., trustee, 135 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.

Pressed Steel Car Co.—Sub-Companies.

The company has incorporated in Illinois the *Pressed Steel Car Co. of Illinois*, capitalized at \$5,000, and the *Koeppl Industrial Car Equipment Co.*, also capitalized at \$5,000.—V. 114, p. 731.

Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois.—Notes Called.

The company has given notice that it will pay its Collateral Gold notes, Series C, maturing Sept. 1 1922, at the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, agent, Chicago, Ill.—V. 115, p. 444.

Pullman Co.—Manufacture of Automobile Bodies.

The management has decided to establish permanently a department for the manufacture of automobile bodies, and will endeavor to develop and expand this branch of the business. This is not a new departure, as the company has been making bodies for the Packard Motor Car Co. for some time.—(Chicago "Economist.")—V. 114, p. 1898.

Rand Mines, Ltd.—Dividend.

Bankers Trust Co., New York, as depositary of certain ordinary sterling shares, has received dividend No. 38 of 20% and is paying to holders of its certificates for "American" shares (each such certificate representing 2½ deposited Ordinary shares), 55 cents per "American" share, the equivalent of such dividend at the current exchange rate. The dividend will be paid on Aug. 24 1922 to holders of record of "American" shares on Aug. 19 1922.—V. 115, p. 768, 316.

Reliance Coke Co.—Merger.

See Reliance Coke & Furnace Co. below.—V. 108, p. 885.

Reliance Coke & Furnace Co.—Merger.

With a combined capital of \$2,400,000 the Reliance Coke Co. (V. 108, p. 885), the *Clare Furnace Co.* and the *Ella Furnace Co.*, have merged under the above name. Officers are as follows: Pres., E. W. Mudge; V.-Pres. & Treas., C. H. Ferree; and Sec., Robert G. Campbell. Edmund W. Mudge & Co., 514 Frick Building, Pittsburgh, are sales agents. The *Clare Furnace Co.* operates the *Clare blast furnace* at Sharpville, Pa., and the *Ella Furnace Co.* the *Ella furnace* at West Middlesex, Pa. The *Reliance Coke Co.* operates beehive ovens at Denbo, Pa.

Republic Motor Truck Corp.—Financial Reorganization.

O. H. Poppenhausen, representing the bankers' committee, and M. N.

Buckner, representing the noteholders' committee, announce that an agreement has been reached between representatives of noteholders' committee, bankers and other creditors, with bankers under which ample working capital will be provided for carrying on the business. Details of the plan providing for a readjustment of the company's capitalization are now being worked out, and will be announced shortly.

Mortimer N. Buckner, Chairman of the New York Trust Co., representing the noteholders, said that the plan agreed upon "would place the company in a strong financial position and assure its safe and continued operation."—V. 114, p. 2249.

Rossia Insurance Co. of America.—Capital Stock Sold.—Kidder, Peabody & Co. and Hitt, Farwell & Park have sold at \$95 per share 48,000 shares capital stock (par \$25). See advertising pages.

Data from Letter of Pres. Carl F. Sturhahn, Aug. 15.

Company—Is engaged in writing fire and marine re-insurance exclusively. It is the largest and strongest domestic re-insurance company operating in the United States. The company is chartered in Connecticut and is authorized to write insurance in every State of the Union requiring a license for re-insurance.

Company succeeded in 1919 to the insurance business of United States Branch of Insurance Co. Rossia of Petrograd, which was established in the United States in 1904. In the 18 years since the company and its predecessor have been in business it has received in premiums more than \$111,000,000. Its total assets have increased from \$1,098,362 at the end of 1904 to \$9,544,023 on June 30 1922.

Earnings—In the 18 years ended Dec. 31 1921, which included the years of the Baltimore and San Francisco conflagrations, the underwriting operations of company and its predecessor resulted in a total net profit of \$1,514,774. During the same period the income from its investments, which now have a value in excess of \$8,500,000, totaled \$4,167,562.

For the 10 years, Dec. 31 1912 to Dec. 31 1921, the total net profits from all sources have averaged \$432,140 per annum, and for the 5 years ended Dec. 31 1921, they have averaged \$593,448, of which an average of \$444,837 per annum was derived from investment income alone.

Dividends on the 48,000 shares of stock to be presently outstanding, at the initial contemplated rate of \$6 per annum, will require \$288,000 a year.

Asset Values—The assets consist principally of the highest grade bonds in which the capital, surplus and reserve funds are invested. As of June 30 1922, total assets were \$9,544,023, of which \$8,798,257 were represented by securities at their market value and cash. On that date the total capital and surplus was \$3,379,828, in addition to which there was an estimated value in the premium reserve accruing to the stockholders of 33 1-3% of the premium reserve, or \$1,520,000. These figures indicate a total liquidating value of \$4,899,000, or more than \$102 per share.

Financial Statement as of June 30 1922 (Adjusted to Reflect Change in Capital).

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash	\$516,861	Res. for unearned prem.	\$4,562,838
Bonds & stks. (mkt. val.)	8,281,397	Res. for unpaid losses	1,601,357
Real estate	290,000	Capital	1,200,000
Accts. due from cos.	354,036	Surplus	2,179,828
Accr. int. & miscel.	101,729		
Total	\$9,544,023	Total	\$9,544,023

Royal Dutch Co.—New Managing Director.—Dr. August Phillips, former Netherlands Minister to the U. S., has been elected managing director to succeed H. Collin, who resigned April 1.—V. 115, p. 769.

Royal Worcester Corset Co.—Stock Offered.—Geo. A. Fernald & Co., Boston, Andrew J. B. Adams, Bonney & Moor and Merchants Securities Corp., Worcester, Mass., are offering at \$130 per share 500 shares of capital stock. A circular shows:

Company—Is the largest manufacturing concern of its kind in the world. Products, consisting of corsets, girdles, children's waists, etc., and have a worldwide distribution, being sold in practically every country in the Eastern and Western Hemispheres. Sales offices are maintained in New York, Chicago and San Francisco. Business established in 1861. Plant consists of a modern brick structure, occupying an entire city block and equipped with the latest appliances for efficient production. Company never had a strike during its 61 years of continuous operation.

Dividend Record Since 1910.

1910	50%	1913	20%	1916	12%	1919	22%	1921	10%
1911	43 1-3%	1914	26 1-2%	1917	24%	1920	20%	and 1922	4%
1912	17%	1915	15%	1918	19%	200% stk div.			

Balance Sheet as of Dec. 31 1921.

Assets		Liabilities	
Real estate	\$598,394	Capital stock	\$2,400,000
Machinery	80,840	Accounts payable	91,769
Merchandise	1,752,398	Notes payable	785,000
Furniture, fixtures, tools, autos, trucks and teams	51,533	Surplus	97,122
Accounts receivable	615,952		
Cash	158,299		
Securities	116,475	Total (each side)	\$3,373,891

Directors: David Hale Fanning, Pres.; Edwin J. Seward, Treas.; Ernest P. Bennett, Manager; Frank R. Batchelder and Walter F. Brooks.

Savannah Sugar Refining Corp.—New Director.—William Fellowes Morgan (Pres. Merchants Association) has been elected a director.—V. 112, p. 660.

Schulte Retail Stores Corp.—July Sales.—1922—July—1921. Increase. 1922—7 Mos.—1921. Increase. \$1,836,729 \$1,610,126 \$226,603 \$11,985,792 \$11,132,278 \$853,514

Pres. David A. Schulte has announced that the company owns a controlling interest in the American business of Alfred Dunhill, the London tobacconist. The Dunhill firm recently opened a New York store on the southwest corner of Fifth Ave. and 43d St., and is the first bearing the Dunhill name opened outside of London.—V. 115, p. 316.

Schuster Realty Co., Cleveland.—Bonds Offered.—The Milliken & York Co., Cleveland, are offering at par and int. \$200,000 7% 1st Mtge. Fee & Leasehold gold bonds. Date July 15 1922. Due serially July 1925 to 1934. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 and \$100 (cs). Int. payable J. & J. at Union Trust Co., Cleveland, trustee without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Company will remit Pa. 4-mill tax. Red. at any int. date at 103 and int.

Properties securing mortgage consist of the following: (a) Southwest corner East 4th St. and Huron Road, improved with 4-story brick building and basement covering entire lot and modern equipment; leasehold estate for 99 years beginning April 1 1912. (b) 2214 East 4th St., adjoining above property; improved with 4-story brick bldg. and basement with all modern improvements; owned in fee simple. (c) 2265 Ontario St.; improved with 5-story brick building and basement; leasehold estate running for 54 years from April 1 1920 with renewal privilege and purchase option. (d) Southwest corner of St. Clair Ave. and East 64th St.; improved with 2 1/2-story frame building and 40x100 feet brick building; owned in fee simple.

Sears, Roebuck & Co.—Payment of Notes.—An official statement says:

The company will for the time being make no decision with regard to anticipating payment of the 1923 notes, but it is admitted that some change in plans may be made, unless general labor conditions improve shortly. The \$16,500,000 7% 1922 notes, of course, will be paid on maturity Oct. 15. [There are approximately \$33,297,200 notes outstanding of an original issue of \$50,000,000.]—V. 115, p. 655.

Shell Union Oil Corp.—Status, &c.—In connection with the offering of 139,000 shares of no par value Common stock to stockholders of Union Oil Co. of Delaware, a circular letter from Pres. Brookmire affords the following (compare also V. 114, p. 637, 2125):

Company—The Shell Union Oil Corp. constitutes a consolidation of substantially the entire interests of the Royal Dutch Shell Co. and of the Union Oil Co. of Delaware in the Mid-continent and California fields. It is one of the largest operations in the oil industry of the United States.

Through its subsidiary companies it owns and operates oil properties in the California and Mid-continent fields having a total at this date in excess of 68,000 barrels per day, which is an increase of over 26,000 barrels per day since Jan. 1 1922. Its total refining capacity is 48,000 barrels per day, which is being substantially increased. It has 752 miles of pipe line. It also has complete facilities on the Pacific Coast for the distribution of its products to the ultimate consumer.

The corporation owns the entire outstanding capital stocks of the following corporations: Shell Co. of Calif., Roxana Petroleum Corp., Ozark Pipe Line Corp., Matador Petroleum Co., and an option to purchase two-thirds of the Common stock of Central Petroleum Co., the equity and earnings applicable to which two-thirds interest have been included in the following statement of earnings and financial condition:

Earnings—The following is a statement of earnings for the four years ending Dec. 31 1921, which includes: (1) For the years 1918 and 1919 earnings of only the Royal Dutch-Shell properties; (2) for the years 1920 and 1921 earnings of the Royal Dutch-Shell properties, the combined properties of the Union Oil Co. (Del.), equity in the earnings of the Central Petroleum Co. and dividends from the Union Oil Co. of California.

	Profits after Federal Taxes	Deprec. Deplet. & Drilling Chgs.	Net Profits.
Year ended Dec. 31—			
1918	\$11,603,584	\$8,952,512	\$2,651,072
1919	11,763,653	7,815,538	3,948,115
1920	25,455,050	12,142,624	13,312,426
1921	17,867,452	13,026,984	4,840,468
Total for 4 years	\$66,689,730	\$41,937,658	\$24,752,081
Average per year	16,672,434	10,484,414	6,188,020

Earnings First Six Months of 1922. Profits before depreciation, depletion and drilling charges—\$10,114,415. Depreciation, depletion and drilling charges—4,808,494.

Net profits (subject to Federal taxes) \$5,305,921. The month of June includes estimated income based on month of May for Roxana and Ozark.

The Shell Union Oil Corp. also owns 26.17% of the capital stock of Union Oil Co. of California. (The pro forma balance sheet of the consolidated properties was given in V. 114, p. 425.) See also Union Oil Co. of Delaware below.—V. 115, p. 769, 553.

Southern Cities Utilities Co.—Earnings.—Earnings Statement for Ten Months ending June 30 1922.

Gross earnings	\$1,525,009	10 mos. interest on Southern Cities Util. 8% notes out.	\$9,173
Oper. exp., maint., &c.	1,020,113		
Net earnings	\$504,895	Surplus avail. for pf. divs.	\$241,063
Int. on bonds & divs. on stock of sub. companies	254,659	Div. on Pref. stock	41,992
Avail. for So. Cities Util.	\$250,237	Balance for sinking fund, depreciation, &c.	\$199,072

Standard Milling Co.—To Erect New Plant.—The company, through the Harrison S. Colburn Co., has negotiated a lease from the Erie R.R. of property in Jersey City, located on Pavonia Ave., across the street from the Hudson Tubes station and the Jersey City passenger terminal and ferries of the Erie R.R., and close to the entrance to the new vehicular tunnel. The company proposes to erect a storage warehouse six stories high, completely equipped with the latest handling machinery and new labor-saving devices.—V. 114, p. 1543.

Standard Oil Co., New York.—Stock Dividend Rumors.—Rumors were again current in the financial district this week that the directors will soon declare a 50% stock dividend and split up the present stock of \$100 a share par value into units of \$25 a share, distributing these to the U. S. Shipping Board and the Shooters Island Shipyard Co.

Standard Shipbuilding Corp., Shooters Island, N. Y. A suit to foreclose a mortgage for \$1,337,000 on land on Shooters Island was filed in the U. S. District Court in Newark Aug. 10 by the U. S. Government against the Emergency Fleet Corp., the Standard Shipbuilding Corp., the U. S. Shipping Board and the Shooters Island Shipyard Co. Federal Judge Edwin L. Garvin in the U. S. District Court, Brooklyn, Aug. 17 approved the sale by the receivers of the corporation's plant on Shooters Island to the Shooters Island Co., with the exception of one small parcel of land. The purchase price for the plant named in Judge Garvin's order is \$400,000.—V. 115, p. 445.

Standard Textile Products Co.—Bonds Authorized.—The stockholders Aug. 15 approved the creation of \$10,000,000 6 1/2% 20-year bonds. Of the total \$6,500,000 will be issued, it is stated, of which refunding will absorb \$3,100,000. See V. 115, p. 554.

Star Motors, Inc.—Incorporated.—This company, a subsidiary of the Durant Motors, Inc., was incorporated in Delaware July 22 1922 with a stated capital of \$100,000,000 (presumably 100,000 shares of no par value).

The following were incorporated in Delaware Aug. 11: Star Motor Co., South Dakota, manufacturer aut. mobiles, capital \$2,500; Incorporators, H. F. Ickermann, New York; Carroll Downes, Nazareth, Pa.; W. C. Durant, Deal, N. J.

The same incorporators are in separate charters given, with \$2,500 capital each, to the Star Motor Co. of Illinois, of Connecticut, of Louisiana, of Kentucky, of Ohio, of Oklahoma, of Pennsylvania, of South Carolina, of North Dakota, of Tennessee, of Texas, of Utah, of Vermont, of Washington, D. C., of West Virginia, of Minnesota, of Mississippi, of Missouri, of Montana, of New Jersey, of Nebraska, of New Mexico, of New Hampshire, of Kansas, of Wyoming, of Wisconsin, of Delaware, of Florida and of Georgia.

Stutz Motor Car Co. of America.—Allan A. Ryan Not Interested in Company—Prices Reduced, &c.—Eugene V. R. Thayer, who is identified with Charles M. Schwab and associates in the taking over of the controlling interest in the company, has stated that Allan A. Ryan is not interested in the company and that he will not become associated with it in the future.

Reductions in the price of the car were announced Aug. 11. The reductions amount to \$300 on coupes and roadsters, \$350 on six-passenger touring cars and \$200 on four-passenger open cars. Charles M. Schwab is quoted as saying: "We regard the Stutz as a valuable property, one that has potential possibilities which recommend it as deserving of the very best thought and effort that can be put forward in its behalf. We are going to develop Stutz along sound, substantial lines. We intend to make it attractive to the trade."

"Although the Stutz company has never been embarrassed so far as its finances are concerned, and at present is in one of the healthiest conditions of any company in the business, in order to enable it to go forward at once with the development that we have planned for it, substantial finances have been provided which will be placed at the disposal of its executives to carry on their work."

"Though I have been associated in my career with some motor car enterprises from a different angle, this is the first time that I have applied myself actively to the management of a company."—V. 115, p. 770, 656.

Temtor Corn & Fruit Products Co.—Reorganization Plan.—The protective committee for the holders of 137,500 shares Class A and 55,000 shares Class B capital stock has announced a plan of reorganization for the company outlined briefly as follows:

Sale Ordered.—The Temtor Corn & Fruit Products Co. (V. 114, p. 741) and the Best Glymer Mfg. Co. (V. 114, p. 951) have been in the hands of receivers for about 6 months. The court has ordered both properties sold, the date of sale of the Best Glymer properties being set for Aug. 24 and for the Temtor properties Sept. 18.

Liquidation Forced.—The committee representing the Class A stockholders of the Temtor company have endeavored to arrange a plan of reorganization which would protect all of the various interests involved, but have been unable to reach any satisfactory agreement with the bank creditors who have forced the liquidation of the companies in an effort to satisfy their debts.

In order to protect the stockholders' interests it is therefore necessary to effect a reorganization of the two properties through the sale of the properties in co-operation with interests representing 1st M. bonds of Temcor Co. Trustee of Bonds to Purchase Properties.—The Mercantile Trust Co., as trustee of the \$1,500,000 1st M. & Coll. Trust 8% bonds (secured by a 1st M. on the physical assets of the Temcor company and \$1,000,000 notes of the Best Clymer Co.) is prepared to purchase the physical assets of these two companies at the forthcoming sales for the protection of the bondholders. Subject to such purchase, the Mercantile Trust Co. as depository of a large amount of cash, as well as the holder of a very considerable number of the bonds, has agreed with the committee to co-operate in effecting a reorganization of Temcor company. Under the proposed plan the stockholders are to be allowed to participate and to protect their equity in the company's plant and physical assets, including the glucose plant at Granite City, Ill.

New Company to Be Formed.—In accordance with this plan, the Mercantile Trust Co. will recommend to all the holders of the bonds that they turn over the physical assets, including the Granite City plant, to a new company (The Midwest Corn Products Co.) to be organized for the purpose.

Bondholders to Accept Bonds and Cash of New Company.—The bondholders are to take in payment for the property and assets \$800,000 new 1st M. 8% bonds and \$200,000 in cash. The bonds to be secured by an indenture providing among other things, for a sinking fund equal to the difference between \$30,000, the amount to be paid to the trustee yearly, and the amount necessary to pay the interest on the outstanding bonds.

Capitalization of New Company.

1st M. 8% 15-year bonds	to be paid when and if earned)	\$800,000
2d M. 7% 20-year bonds (int.	to be presently issued under the plan of reorganization for cash or other quick assets)	800,000
7% Prof. Non-cum. stock, authorized, \$1,000,000; to be presently issued under plan		685,000
Common stock (no par value, authorized, 300,000 shares), to be presently issued under plan		275,000 shs.

What Temcor Stockholders Will Receive.—Temcor A stockholders are offered the right to pay an amount equal to \$5 on each share of stock held by them, and for such payment they will receive the following securities in the new company: (a) 100% of such cash paid in 7% 20-year 2d M. bonds; 100% of such cash paid in 7% Prof. stock, and 2 shares of no par value Common stock of the new company for each share of old stock held by them.

(b) Temcor A stockholders not subscribing to the above securities will be given one share of new no par value Common stock in exchange for each share of Temcor A stock held by them.

(1) Class B stockholders may enter subscriptions on the same basis as the Class A stocks, but the securities as above will only be delivered to them pro rata against the payment of \$5 on the old Class B stock from and out of such securities as may not be taken by the Class A stockholders.

(2) Class B stockholders not subscribing will receive one-quarter of a share of new no par value Common stock in exchange for each share of Class B stock held by them.

Any securities not subscribed to by the stockholders will be held in the treasury of the new company to be used for future needs.

Payments.—Payments may be made at the depositories named below up to Sept. 4 1922, and no further subscriptions will be received after that date except at the discretion and with the consent of the undersigned committee. Stockholders having deposited their stock with the committee should send the depository's receipt for their stock together with their payment of \$5 a share to the issuing depository, who will stamp the receipt evidencing the payment and will return this stamped receipt pending the delivery of the new securities if and when the plan goes into effect.

Stockholders who have not as yet deposited their stock with the committee are requested to do so promptly and to make their subscriptions for the new securities with any one of the depositories.

New Company to Take Over Best Clymer Properties.—It is proposed to form a new company to take over the Best Clymer properties and operate these separate from the glucose plant at Granite City. The committee expects to arrange so that the Temcor A and B stockholders will have an opportunity to subscribe to the new securities issued in connection with the reorganization of the Best Clymer properties and so protect their equity in that situation.

Committee.—Samuel L. Fuller, Chairman; Paul H. Davis, Hume Lewis, Harry Potter, and G. E. Hendee, Sec.; 14 Wall St., New York, and Shearman & Sterling, counsel; 55 Wall St., New York.

Depositories.—Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., New York; Central Trust Co., 125 W. Monroe St., Chicago; Mississippi Valley Trust Co., St. Louis, and International Trust Co., Denver, Colo.—V. 114, p. 956.

Tobacco Products Corp.—Exchange of United Retail Stores Corp. Stock.

According to preliminary figures, all but 105,000 shares of the 793,000 outstanding United Retail Stores stock have been exchanged for the new Tobacco Products stock. The majority of the holders of United Retail Stores elected to take one-half Class A and one-half ordinary Common Tobacco Products for their holdings of Retail. Some of the larger holders of the latter stock, however, took all Tobacco Products Common. Rights to convert expired Aug. 15 (see V. 114, p. 91).

Under the new arrangement, Tobacco Products will receive approximately \$2,800,000 a year in dividends from its holdings of 8% United Clear Stores Co. stock, which came to Tobacco Products in exchange for Retail Stores stock. This dividend is in addition to the earnings of Tobacco Products. The annual requirements for dividends on the new Class A stock of Tobacco Products are \$3,080,000. This leaves a balance of \$400,000 a year to be taken out of the earnings of Tobacco Products, which is now paying 6% on the old Common. (See also United Retail Stores Corp. below.)—V. 115, p. 554, 317.

Torrington Co. of Conn.—To Retire Preferred Stock.—The company has voted to retire the entire Preferred capital stock (par \$25) at \$31 25 per share.—V. 115, p. 191.

Union Oil Co. (Del.)—Right to Subscribe to Stock in Shell Union Oil Corp.—Further Distribution of Shell Stock Proposed as Stock Dividend.—The company is offering 139,000 shares of Common stock (no par value) of Shell Union Oil Corp. for subscription at \$12 per share to the holders of record Aug. 30 at the rate of one share of Shell Common stock for each 10 shares of Union stock held.

Stockholders may subscribe for more than their pro rata share of the shares, and the shares of such stock not subscribed for by reason of stockholders not taking their entire pro rata share will be allotted proportionately to stockholders subscribing for more than their pro rata share.

Subscriptions must be made in full in New York funds at Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, New York, at or before 3 p. m. on Sept. 18 1922.

A dividend of 25 cents per share has been declared upon each share of Shell Common stock, payable Sept. 30 to stockholders of record Sept. 20.

Data from Letter of Pres. James H. Brookmire, New York, Aug. 17. Because Union Oil Co. has been unable to sell its two 10,000-ton tankers, and there appears to be no likelihood of a sale thereof on advantageous terms in the near future, Union Oil Co. in order to pay the balance of its bank loans has decided to offer to its stockholders 139,000 shares of Common stock (no par value) of Shell Union Oil Corp. at \$12 a share.

This entire offering has been underwritten without commission or cost to Union Oil Co. at \$12 per share. The portion of the dividend (mentioned above) receivable by Union Oil Co., except so much thereof as is payable in respect to said 139,000 shares, will be retained by Union Oil Co. in its treasury.

It is intended at an early date after the completion of the sale of these shares to make a distribution to each stockholder of Union Oil Co. of 1 1/2 shares of Common stock of Shell Union Oil Corp. for each share of stock of Union Oil Co. held by him.

After the application of the proceeds of the sale of 139,000 shares of stock to the liabilities of Union Oil Co. there will remain certain liabilities for taxes and other obligations, the exact amount of which cannot now be fixed but which it is confidently expected will be substantially less than the amount which should be realized from the sale of the two 10,000-ton tankers and other assets of Union Oil Co. not yet disposed of; so that on the final dissolution of Union Oil Co. there may be a cash dividend payable to the stockholders in addition to the distribution of the Common stock of Shell Union Oil Corp. above referred to.

The N. Y. Curb Exchange has admitted to trading Shell Union Oil Corp. Common stock "when issued." (See also Shell Union Oil Corp. above.)—V. 114, p. 637, 555.

United Iron Works, Inc.—Balance Sheet May 31.

Assets—	1922.	1921.	Liabilities—	1922.	1921.
Land, bldgs. & equip.	\$2,102,841	\$2,069,507	Preferred stock	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Cash	92,826	89,378	Common stock	2,067,250	2,055,000
Accts. & notes rec.			Notes payable		
(less reserve)	481,550	471,570	Banks	493,260	645,500
U. S. bonds		45,705	Trade	70,290	148,529
Railroad claims	5,699		Accounts payable	301,187	150,220
Advances	12,707	19,069	Bonds	1,474,500	1,533,500
Uncompleted contr'ts	35,155	105,309	Surplus		211,751
Inventories	1,183,956	1,554,665	Deficit (sub)	128,387	
Employees' notes	1,555	19,423			
Prepaid items	14,398	67,361			
Cash in sinking fund	4,912	3,723			
Investments	16,755	17,311			
Unamort. bond disc.	44,065				
Good-will	1,350,000	1,350,000			
			Total (each side)	\$5,346,604	\$5,813,145

United Retail Stores Corp.—Exchange of Stock for Tobacco Products Corp.—May Be Dissolved—Sale of Holdings in Montgomery, Ward & Co.

The preliminary tabulation shows that Tobacco Products Corp. has acquired 688,000 shares of total of 793,000 shares of United Retail Stores, leaving approximately 105,000 shares outside Tobacco Products' treasury. (See Tobacco Products Corp. above.)

It was announced Aug. 15 that the corporation has sold approximately 75,000 shares of the capital stock of Montgomery, Ward & Co. to a syndicate headed by the Guaranty Co. No public offering of the stock will be made, it was said, as it already has been disposed of to banking and individual interests.

The price was not made public locally, but advices received from Chicago declare that the stock was taken over at between \$20 and \$22 a share. United Retail Stores is understood to have originally held 175,000 shares of the stock. Some of this has been disposed of heretofore and the amount actually held at present is not known.

In connection with the merger of the United Retail Stores Corp. with the Tobacco Products Corp., it is intimated that, after the plan has been adopted, the United Retail Stores, which was just a holding corporation, owning principally the stock of the United Clear Stores Co. of America, United Retail Candy, Gilmer, Inc., and others, would be dissolved by its new owners.—V. 115, p. 555, 191.

United States Rubber Co.—Bonds Sold.—Kuhn, Loeb & Co., New York, have sold at 90 1/2 and int., to yield about 5.72%, \$7,000,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5% Gold Bonds Series "A," due Jan. 1 1947. (See advertising pages.)

Purpose.—Proceeds are to be used to retire \$6,000,000 5-year 7% Secured Gold notes which will be called for redemption Dec. 1 1922.

Security.—Bonds are direct obligations of company and are secured on all the properties owned or controlled by the company either by direct mortgage, or by pledge of mortgage bonds of the companies owning or controlling same, or by pledge under the mortgage, or under the mortgages securing the mortgage bonds so pledged, of shares of stock of the companies owning or controlling the same, with a covenant not to permit mortgages thereupon, excepting only \$2,600,000 Canadian Consolidated Rubber Co., Ltd., 6% bonds due in 1946 for the retirement of which 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds may be issued.

Company.—Directly or through subsidiaries is engaged in the manufacture of rubber goods of all kinds. Business is well balanced, including rubber footwear, pneumatic and solid rubber tires and tubes for automobiles, trucks and other vehicles; mechanical goods and druggists supplies, insulated wire and practically all other goods that are made from rubber, there being over 50 factories situated in the United States and Canada.

The company owns large rubber plantations from which it obtains direct a substantial part of its crude rubber requirements.

Capitalization.—Company has at present outstanding \$65,110,000 of 8% Preferred stock, on which dividends are being paid regularly, and \$81,000,000 of Common stock. There are at present outstanding \$56,761,800 of Series "A" 5s, also \$9,000,000 Series "A" 5s (of which the present issue is part) deposited as collateral for the \$6,000,000 7% notes due in 1923, and \$24,525,000 of Series "B" 6% bonds deposited as collateral for \$19,620,000 7 1/2% notes due in 1930.

Sinking Fund.—On Jan. 1 of each year company is to pay to the trustee as a sinking fund 1% in cash upon the face value of the bonds of this issue plus the amount retired by the sinking fund. Bondholders shall be invited to tender Series "A" bonds for sale to the sinking fund, and the trustee shall accept the bonds tendered at the lowest price, not exceeding 105 and int., to the extent of the moneys in the sinking fund available for bonds of Series "A," but to the extent not procurable at or below 105 and int. upon such tenders (or thereafter during the year in the market), the company shall be relieved of its obligation for that year in respect to the sinking fund applicable to Series "A" bonds and any balance remaining in the sinking fund for such bonds at the end of the year shall be credited upon the sinking fund for such bonds for the following year or years.

Listing.—Bonds of this issue are now listed on the New York Stock Exchange and application will be made in due course to list these additional bonds.

The statement of operations for the first six months of 1922 are given under "Annual Reports" above.—V. 114, p. 1774, 1646.

United States Tobacco Co.—Permanent Certificates.

The company Aug. 10 announced that the transfer agent, Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., 22 William St., New York, is in position to exchange old Weyman-Bruton Co. certificates, or temporary certificates, for U. S. Tobacco Co. for the new U. S. Tobacco Co. certificates. Dividends will, in future, be declared in the terms of the new U. S. Tobacco Co. certificates.

The old Weyman-Bruton Co. certificates are not now dealt in on the New York Stock Exchange and all Stock Exchange quotations are on the new U. S. Tobacco Co. certificates.

Weyman-Bruton Co. Preferred certificates, par \$100, are to be exchanged share for share into U. S. Tobacco Co. Preferred certificates, par \$100. Each share of Weyman-Bruton Co. Common stock, par \$100, is to be exchanged for 4 shares of U. S. Tobacco Co. Common stock no par value.—V. 114, p. 2588.

Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co.—To Pay Bonds.

The company has given notice that holders of its 16-year 6% sinking fund convertible gold debentures, due May 15 1924, can receive payment at par and int. by presenting the bonds with all unmatured coupons to Equitable Trust Co., New York; also that holders of its 12-year 7 1/2% sinking fund gold debentures, due Nov. 1 1932, can receive payment for the latter bonds at 105 and int. by presenting them to the Guaranty Trust Co. The company announced that it is prepared to pay par and int. to holders of its 15-year 5% gold bonds, due Dec. 1 1923, who desire to turn them in. Funds for the paying off of the above issues were derived from the sale of \$12,500,000 7 1/2% conv. bonds (V. 115, p. 555) and \$25,000,000 1st Mtge. 7s (V. 114, p. 2251).—V. 115, p. 756, 770.

Western Electric Co., Inc.—Bonds Called.

All of the outstanding 5-year 7% Convertible Gold bonds, dated April 1 1920, have been called for payment Oct. 1 at 102 and int. at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. City, or at the offices of Lee, Higginson & Co., Boston and Chicago.

The right to convert the bonds into 7% Cumulative Preferred stock will terminate on Sept. 21.—V. 115, p. 656.

Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.—Business Increase.

A published statement understood by the "Chronicle" to be correct states: The Company continues the steady increase in current year's business with July bookings at annual rate of about \$140,000,000. Despite strikes, interrupted coal movement and temporary let-up in certain industries, Company, reflecting situation in electrical field, booked twice as much business in first 10 days of August as in corresponding July period.

Company is running ahead of schedule on manufacture of apparatus to fill the contract for electrification of Chilean State railways. Company has made arrangements for shipping this apparatus from points where ample boat capacity is assured.—V. 115, p. 771.

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ILLINOIS TRACTION COMPANY

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS TO THE SHAREHOLDERS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31 1921.

To the Shareholders

of the Illinois Traction Company:—

The Board of Directors present herewith the Eighteenth Annual Report of your Company which includes Balance Sheet, Statement of Receipts and Expenditures, and other Statistics, for the year ending December 31, 1921, together with reproduction of photographs which show some of the more important power plants, gas plants and other property.

The showing for the year as a whole may be regarded as highly satisfactory, particularly as to gross and net earnings which are the highest in the Company's history.

Gross Earnings amounted to nearly \$22,500,000, an increase over 1920 of \$1,250,000, or nearly six per cent. Operating Expenses and Taxes increased four per cent and of this amount increased taxes of nearly \$300,000 are responsible for approximately one-half. Net earnings from operation are \$6,500,000, an increase over over eleven per cent.

There has been a continuance of the recession from the high prices for labor and materials which reached their apex in the middle of 1920.

Because of the stocks of material carried over from the high cost period the full benefit of declining prices is not reflected in expenditures for this purpose and on this account expenditures for materials and supplies show an increase of \$330,225.46. On the other hand wages are reduced \$233,410.48. Also, notwithstanding an increased generation of electrical energy there is a net saving in the cost of steam coal amounting to \$170,000, which is wholly due to improved efficiency practices in the generating stations. In fact the saving on coal due to efficiency was \$320,000, but there was an increase in coal consumed and an increase in the cost per ton which reduced the above saving to \$170,000.

In this connection it will be interesting to note that at all generating stations, including condensing, part condensing, and non-condensing, the average of pounds of coal per kilowatt hour generated has been reduced from 5.77 in 1916 to 4.41 in 1921. Also in this period the number of kilowatt hours generated shows an increase of sixty per cent and the tons of coal consumed was increased only twenty-two per cent.

The average physical condition of the properties is excellent. There was expended for maintenance and written off for depreciation over nineteen per cent of the gross earnings, or nearly \$4,500,000.

The basic conditions upon which the company's rates are predicated have continued without material change throughout the year so that while no substantial increases in rates have been sought, or allowed, on the other hand no decreases in rates were justified and no reductions were made.

The receipts from passenger transportation show less than in the previous year and this is true both of the Interurban Lines and the City Lines. The number of passengers carried on the Interurban Lines decreased approximately fourteen per cent and on the City Lines approximately ten per cent. However the receipts from freight traffic which has shown a substantial growth from year to year, increased approximately nine per cent and the revenue from this source now exceeds thirty-five per cent of the total train receipts.

In connection with financing major improvements the practice of selling the securities of the subsidiary companies directly to the consumers and the public was considerably enlarged upon during this year and with highly satisfactory results. Such offerings as were made of notes, bonds and stocks, were readily absorbed by the several communities and it is anticipated that those who have a financial interest in the local utility company will help bring about a closer relationship between the utility company and the community generally, and will evince more interest in public utility affairs from a new viewpoint.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. McKINLEY, President.

H. E. CHUBBUCK, Vice-President Executive.

ILLINOIS TRACTION COMPANY
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES YEAR ENDING DEC. 31 1921.

<i>Gross Earnings from Operation—</i>	
Electric Light and Power	\$8,139,355 76
Interurban Lines	7,161,772 81
City Lines	4,564,507 76
Gas	1,555,134 50
Heat	498,039 12
Water	19,032 31
Miscellaneous	663,052 63
Total Earnings	\$22,600,894 89
<i>Expenses and Taxes—</i>	
Operating Expenses	\$11,950,260 21
Maintenance	2,937,391 69
Taxes	1,200,963 57
Net Earnings from Operation	\$16,088,615 47
<i>Less Fixed Charges—</i>	
Interest Charges, &c.	\$3,386,514 92
Bond Discount Amortized	135,865 90
Surplus Available for Depreciation and Dividends	\$2,989,898 60
<i>Dividend on Preferred Stocks—</i>	
Subsidiary Companies	\$880,445 00
Illinois Traction Company	437,370 00
Balance	\$1,317,815 00
Appropriated for Depreciation	\$1,672,083 60
Balance Surplus Year 1921	1,504,037 97
Surplus December 31 1920	\$168,045 63
<i>Less: Miscellaneous Charges</i>	
	\$1,245,457 56
	24,925 87
Surplus as shown on Balance Sheet	\$1,220,531 69
Certified correct,	\$1,388,577 32

B. E. BRAMBLE, General Auditor.

The President and Shareholders of the Illinois Traction Company
Champaign, Illinois:

Gentlemen:—We hereby certify that the foregoing statement in our opinion exhibits correctly the financial position of your Company as at December 31st, 1921, as shown by the books of account.

The securities covering the investments of the Company have been verified by personal inspection of Trustees' certificates. The Cash and Bank balances have been verified. The value of Stores and Supplies have been substantiated by signed inventories. The disbursements during the year have been verified by satisfactory vouchers.

P. S. ROSS & SONS, Chartered Accountants.

Montreal, Canada, March 20th 1922.

COMBINED STATEMENT OF SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES CONTROLLED BY ILLINOIS TRACTION COMPANY.
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31st DEC. 1921.

<i>Assets—</i>	
Property and Investments	\$105,199,875 85
Cash and Bonds in Sinking Fund	2,668,112 33
Bond Discount, &c.	1,530,205 11
Accounts and Notes Receivable	2,110,343 10
Stores on Hand	1,440,413 23
Cash	74,762 02
Liabilities—	\$113,723,711 64
Capital Stocks—Common	\$26,612,700 00
Capital Stocks—Preferred	15,759,000 00
Bonds	55,926,500 00
Notes Payable	1,955,500 00
Accounts Payable	1,484,605 50
Accrued Interest and Dividends	750,228 87
Accrued Taxes	1,097,344 99
Due to Illinois Traction Co.	3,085,167 26
Miscellaneous Reserves and Deposits	325,794 27
<i>Reserve for Depreciation:</i>	
Balance 31st December 1920	\$4,238,185 95
Appropriated for year 1921	1,504,037 97
Expended for Renewals	\$5,742,223 92
Balance 31st December 1921	237,959 64
Surplus	\$5,504,234 28
Surplus	\$1,239,636 47
Surplus	\$113,723,711 64

ILLINOIS TRACTION COMPANY
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31st DEC. 1921.

<i>Assets—</i>	
Stocks and Bonds of Subsidiary Companies	\$22,501,894 67
Advances made to Subsidiary Companies	3,085,167 26
Accounts and Notes Receivable	138,801 41
Stores on Hand	268,741 11
Discount on Bonds	100,061 75
Cash	211,445 09
Liabilities—	\$26,289,111 29
Capital Stock—Common	\$12,331,000 00
Capital Stock—Preferred	7,289,500 00
Debentures	4,562,000 00
Accounts and Notes Payable	654,759 03
Accrued Interest on Bonds	63,274 94
Surplus Account	1,388,577 32
Surplus	\$26,289,111 29

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES OF ILLINOIS TRACTION COMPANY SHOWING RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR YEARS 1914 TO 1921.

	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921
EARNINGS:								
Interurban Lines	\$3,026,635.54	\$3,559,028.03	\$3,969,836.00	\$4,609,895.59	\$4,740,079.29	\$5,930,523.40	\$7,175,660.71	\$7,161,772.81
City Lines	3,021,859.55	2,871,035.35	3,110,811.18	3,198,056.49	3,351,256.21	3,997,348.55	4,673,948.89	4,964,607.76
Gas	877,982.40	905,702.79	923,642.11	1,035,169.29	1,282,103.75	1,074,947.37	1,248,665.62	1,555,134.50
Electric Light and Power	3,002,378.13	3,325,410.62	3,689,851.58	4,295,501.31	4,887,743.07	5,733,746.40	6,977,211.96	6,139,355.76
Heat	314,640.22	317,579.84	341,379.58	383,092.02	412,779.26	487,531.07	529,074.51	498,039.12
Water	14,385.69	14,215.86	14,476.25	15,151.55	15,636.06	15,815.48	17,857.20	19,032.31
Miscellaneous	254,972.73	195,022.21	492,450.38	504,004.10	571,405.41	516,671.72	728,411.97	663,052.63
Total Gross Earnings	11,112,354.26	11,187,994.70	12,566,447.17	14,040,870.35	15,261,005.05	17,756,583.99	21,350,830.86	22,600,894.89
Operating Expenses and Taxes	6,587,402.64	6,657,569.14	7,489,797.34	9,149,176.26	10,965,938.20	12,544,180.99	15,496,601.94	16,088,615.47
Net from Operating	4,525,291.62	4,530,425.56	5,076,649.83	4,891,694.09	4,294,066.85	5,212,403.00	5,854,228.92	6,512,279.42
Interest on Bonds, etc.	3,290,786.59	3,268,607.01	3,603,417.34	3,719,541.32	3,880,261.04	3,940,304.59	4,107,927.24	4,266,969.92
Available for Depr. Div., etc.	1,234,605.03	1,261,818.55	1,473,232.49	1,172,152.77	413,743.81	1,272,098.41	1,746,301.68	2,245,319.50

ILLINOIS TRACTION COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EARNINGS, EXPENSES AND TAXES, 1904 TO 1921, SHOWING NET EARNINGS FROM OPERATION.

Year—	Gross Earnings.	Expenses.	Taxes.	Net Earnings.
1904—	\$980,851.16	\$514,737.23	\$23,849.18	\$442,264.75
1905—	1,590,470.75	852,442.84	76,422.56	711,605.35
1906—	3,198,132.51	1,800,344.34	48,554.16	1,359,234.31
1907—	3,779,187.17	2,065,423.77	63,063.80	1,650,699.60
1908—	4,098,820.59	2,271,145.06	82,978.76	1,744,496.77
1909—	4,752,082.36	2,628,193.44	120,875.90	2,003,013.02
1910—	6,106,250.30	3,442,091.51	165,931.87	2,498,226.92
1911—	6,902,221.01	3,951,569.57	182,071.22	2,768,580.22
1912—	7,415,647.13	4,100,459.05	252,754.65	3,062,433.43
1913—	7,948,097.51	4,325,569.50	287,766.62	3,334,761.39
1914—	11,112,854.26	6,169,019.63	418,443.01	4,525,391.62
1915—	11,187,994.70	6,229,121.69	428,447.45	4,530,425.56
1916—	12,556,447.17	7,047,277.86	422,519.48	5,076,649.83
1917—	14,040,870.35	8,419,516.37	729,659.89	4,891,694.09
1918—	15,261,003.05	10,323,505.81	643,492.29	4,294,004.85
1919—	17,756,583.09	11,906,291.20	637,889.79	5,212,403.00
1920—	21,350,830.86	14,591,231.61	908,370.33	5,854,228.92
1921—	22,600,894.89	14,887,651.90	1,200,963.57	6,512,279.42
	\$172,459,040.06	\$105,325,592.38	\$6,661,054.63	\$60,472,393.05

Warwick Iron & Steel Co.—Option Postponed.—

See Eastern Steel Co. above—V. 115, p. 84.

Weber Electric Power Co., Ellsworth, Kan.—Offering.

Guaranty Trust Co. of Kansas City, Mo., are offering at par and int. \$150,000 2-year 1st Lien Coll. Trust Conv. 7% notes. Dated July 1 1922. Due July 1 1924. Int. payable J. & J. at the Guaranty Trust Co. of Kansas City. Red. at any time on 60 days' notice at par and int. plus a premium of 1/4 of 1% for each six months or fraction thereof of unexpired life. Denoms. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (e). Normal Federal income tax up to 2% payable by company. Fidelity National Bank & Trust Co., Kansas City, Mo., trustee.

Convertible at option of holder at par and int. into 1st Mtg. S. F. 6% bonds at 95 for the bonds. Conversion may be made at any time before maturity or redemption.

Data from Letter of John Weber, President, Ellsworth, Kan., July 15. Company.—Owns a modern steam generating plant located at Ellsworth, Kan., installed capacity 750 kilowatts and maintains an additional reserve plant of 400 kilowatts capacity. Has system of high-voltage transmission lines totaling 95 miles, of which 49 m. owned by company and 46 m. additional have been constructed under the supervision of the company by some of the towns which it serves, and the company has contracted with these towns for the purchase by it of said lines.

Security.—Secured by collateral deposited with trustee of 1st Mtg. 15-yr. sinking fund 6% Series "A" gold bonds maturing April 1 1937, equal to 120% of the total amount of notes at any time issued and outstanding.

Earnings.—Net earnings for year ending May 31 1922, \$23,350. which is nearly 2 1/2 times the annual interest on notes.

Purpose.—To retire bank loans and other current debt.

Capitalization—

	Authorized.	Issued.
Common stock	\$150,000	\$118,500
Preferred stock	100,000	23,400
1st Mtg. bonds, due Jan. 1 1937	240,000	\$180,000
1st Lien Collateral Trust Convertible Notes	200,000	150,000

* All deposited as security for the notes.

Wickwire-Spencer Steel Corp.—Report.—

Period—	1st Quarter	2d Quarter	Six Mos.	Year
	1922.	1922.	1922.	1921.
Sales	\$4,204,472	\$4,556,744	\$8,761,216	\$12,153,552
Cost of sales	3,591,251	3,854,105	7,415,356	11,540,975
Admin. & selling expense	306,810	237,295	544,105	1,274,838
Miscellaneous charges	375,800	322,906	698,706	956,582
Miscellaneous credits	81,816	45,596	127,411	138,381

* Net income \$42,427 \$188,033 \$230,461 \$1,480,462

* Net income is shown before deducting depreciation and bond interest.

Balance Sheet June 30 1922 and Dec 31 1921.

Assets—	June 30 '22	Dec. 31 '21	Liabilities—	June 30 '22	Dec. 31 '21
Real est., mach., &c.	20,882,110	20,721,426	Preferred stock	7,681,800	7,681,800
Patents, &c.	1,794,517	1,887,352	Common stock	1,250,000	1,250,000
Cash	1,345,948	714,199	do Class A	400,000	400,000
Notes receivable	57,963	83,866	Bonds	13,225,000	13,228,000
Accounts receiv'le	1,898,170	1,491,759	Other reserves	60,000	-----
Trade acceptances	32,842	-----	Res. for bad debts	-----	-----
Inventories	5,461,225	7,180,638	&c.	60,358	-----
Advances, &c.	665,920	1,053,138	Mortgages	34,500	34,500
Stock in mfg. cos.	559,166	-----	Deferred liability	1,900,000	2,000,000
Misc. investments	59,211	241,941	Accrued accounts	30,540	123,744
Mtge. notes & misc.	444,693	454,947	Sundry acc'ts pay.	150	184,264
Deferred charges	249,982	255,768	Accounts payable	702,294	718,264
			Notes payable	4,180,000	4,180,000
			Surplus	3,834,104	4,203,463
Total	33,451,747	34,004,035	Total	33,451,747	34,004,035

The company has leased for a term of years over one-half of the tenth floor of the Liggett Building, 42d St. and Madison Ave. To the new quarters, which will be ready about Sept. 1, the corporation will move their present office in Worcester, Mass.; also their office now at 120 Broadway—V. 115, p. 771.

Wilson & Co., Inc.—Merger Rumors.—

See Armour & Co. above—V. 114, p. 2588, 2494.

Wolverine Copper Mining Co.—Production.—

The company in July last produced 304,489 lbs. of copper, compared with 296,596 lbs. in June—V. 115, p. 771.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Goodell, Willis & Co. have opened offices at 30 East 42d St., and will offer its first issue of mortgage bonds soon. The firm will specialize in this class of security. It succeeds the firm of R. H. Goodell & Co. The plans of the corporation include the financing of residential, industrial and commercial properties. Benjamin E. Smythe, formerly Vice-President of the Liberty National Bank and one time President of the New York State Bankers' Association, is Chairman of the Directors; R. H. Goodell is President; H. L. Crowley, of Farnham, Brands & Crowley, Vice-President; and W. A. Fleming, of W. A. Fleming & Co., Treasurer.

—Fellows, Davis & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, have issued a circular analyzing the Missouri Pacific Railroad Co. with special reference to the position of its various securities.

—Bankers Bulletin, Inc., 40 Exchange Place, New York now issue a daily investment bulletin service which will be sent on free trial to those interested.

—George E. Barrett, formerly manager of sales of Bonbright & Co., Inc., has joined the investment house of Robert C. Mayer & Co., in similar capacity.

—The Central Union Trust Co. of New York has been appointed trustee of an issue of \$25,000,000 Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes 40-year 8% secured external gold bonds dated May 1 1922 and due May 1 1962.

—Ralph C. Morgan announces a change of address from 63 Wall St. to 160 Broadway, in care of Lage & Co.

—Wm. Ferguson and Willis W. Clark have become members of the Boston house of Moore & Cabot.

The Commercial Times.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, Aug. 18 1922.

Trade prospects brighten owing to the improved labor outlook in this country. Not that there has been any great increase in business; it is too early for that. But the mining of soft coal is about to be resumed on a considerable scale. This, it is hoped and believed, will prove to be the entering wedge to end the whole trouble. The President in an address to Congress asks for measures to strengthen the Railroad Labor Board; it needs larger powers, in his estimation. Many believe that its orders should be made mandatory. Coal continues to be imported on a large scale from Great Britain and it looks as though this will be the case for some time to come. The President asks for a National Coal Agency to regulate the trade in the domestic product. Measures of some sort should be taken to prevent a recurrency of the lamentable conditions which have recently existed in so many branches of trade because the supply of fuel has been cut off or threatened. Some 50 blast furnaces in the iron trade have had to stop simply because coal miners would not get in line with iron and other workers who have accepted the situation, taken lower wages and in a way done their share towards bringing about a readjustment of business in this country, following the abnormal conditions brought about by the war. In many lines of manufacture business has been profoundly disturbed. This state of things is intolerable. The facts of the case should be faced. Is the business of the country to be upset at the will of a mere fraction of the population in the future as it has been in the recent past? If it can be, it argues an imperfect state of civilization on this continent, and the failure of the people to recognize that no man or any body of men has the right to inflict suffering upon nine-tenths of the population by withdrawing the supply of so necessary a thing as fuel, simply to gain selfish and at the same time unreasonable ends. It may be that if this whole matter is thoroughly threshed out the experience will have been worth its cost, heavy as that has undoubtedly been and must continue to be until the whole trouble is over.

Meanwhile there is the railroad strike. The prospects of an early settlement are better than they were a week ago. At least that much must be said. Marooning passengers on the Santa Fe Railroad in a far Western desert with the thermometer up to 113 outdoors and 130 in the cars is something of which the country at large read with amazement and disgust. And dynamiting West Shore trains is another regrettable thing that will not soon be forgotten. Cases of strike disorders for that matter are still numerous. There is an earnest desire on the part of the commercial community of this country that resolute measures be taken wherever it is possible to put an end to the machinations of the more radical labor group which is supposed to aim at a unionization of labor in all branches of trade and the nationalization of the railroads of this country, something which would imply by strictly logical inference, the ultimate nationalization of all industries, a thing which the American people simply will not stand.

Meanwhile, as already intimated, there are some signs of improvement in business, though it is too early for anything marked. Fuel will have to become more plentiful; transportation facilities will have to become normal, or something like it, before any great increase in transactions can be expected. Wheat declined below \$1, owing to good weather and excellent crop prospects. Cotton advanced, owing to reports of drouth in Texas and heavy rains in Atlantic States. It is 7c. a pound higher than a year ago. Wool is somewhat firmer. Dry goods have on the whole been quiet. Bank clearings have shown a gain. The stock market has exhibited no small strength and money has declined to 3% on call. Taking the country as a whole, the situation on its own merits is not unfavorable. That is to say, with prospects of unrestricted coal and transportation, business shows a tendency to increase.

A feature of the week was a decline in the price of wheat to below \$1 a bushel in the Chicago market. Uncertainty over the railroad strike outlook, adverse foreign financial

conditions and favorable weather for the crop, largely accounted for the fall. The price is now nearly 25c. a bushel lower than a year ago.

"It is an ill wind that blows nobody good." The big coal exports from Great Britain to the United States, due to the American strike, tend to strengthen sterling exchange. Cardiff reports that United States and Canadian orders are keeping coal prices firm. Despite the holiday last week, the coal exports to North America were 115,000 tons, it seems, exclusive of bunkers, and are expected to exceed 200,000 tons this week, making a total of 500,000 tons in four weeks and likely soon to exceed pre-war records. American orders are already extending into October. Hull coal exporters are urging the need of a three-shift system for the purpose of relieving the dock congestion there, consequent upon the larger trade being done, especially with America. South Wales coal quotations are as follows: Best Admiralty, 31s. to 32s.; Bunker smaller, 22s. 6d. to 23s.; cargo smalls, 18s. to 21s. The Bureau of Railway Economics says that railroads of this country buy and use 29.8% of the bituminous output and 5.9% of the anthracite coal output, also 11.8% of petroleum production, largely fuel oil consumed by oil burning locomotives. Railway consumption of fuel oil is nearly half the total fuel consumption of the country. The railroads also take 30 to 40% of the iron and steel output of the United States, more than 25% of the lumber and timber cut, fully 20% of the copper and brass output and varying percentages of the output of other metals, cement, cotton, ballast, etc.

Providence, R. I., wired that with the textile strike in the Blackstone Valley entering its 13th week, everything is reported as quiet and more of the operatives returning to work. At the Lonsdale Mills many operatives, including overseers and second hands, are at the two mills. The Lincoln Bleachery reported that the company has all the help it needs. Substantial gains in the number of operatives returning to work in the Pawtuxet Valley are also reported, particularly in the cotton and fustian departments of the Crompton velvet and corduroy mill. Gains were also reported at the Pontiac, Royal Valley Queen and Centreville mills of the B. B. & R. Knight, Inc. At Worcester, Mass., the Graham & Knight Manufacturing Co., belt makers, has increased its working force from 700 to 1,200 at the local plant, and its new tannery in St. Louis is reported to be running at 75% of capacity. At Lawrence, Mass., on Aug. 16, the Pacific Mills Co. announced that beginning Oct. 1, it would restore the rate of wages that existed prior to March 27. Employees who return immediately will work under a 20% wage cut until Oct. 1. The result, it seems, is uncertain. The Amoskeag mill at Manchester, N. H., has 4,001 looms in operation, with over 2,375 workers employed. At Lowell, Mass., a wage cut of 12½% became effective Monday at the plant of the Lowell Bleachery Co. General business depression is assigned as the reason for it. About 500 are affected. Whether a strike will result or not is uncertainty. Labor officials, it is intimated, are expected to start one if possible.

At Lynn, Mass., on Aug. 16, 4,000 shoe stitchers employed in about 75 Lynn shoe factories walked out. They appointed a committee to inform their employers that unless they receive back pay, extending over a period of several weeks, the strike would be continued indefinitely. The stitchers' controversy with the employers involved new work on which there had been no wage agreement. They continued to accept wages at the old scale, asserting that back pay was still due them.

Manchester cables that never since the Civil War in America has the question of raw cotton supplies been so seriously considered in Lancashire as now. The Indian Government preliminary forecasts show the smallest jute acreage figures on record.

A hot wave has gripped New York this week and the thermometer rose on Thursday to 91. The city parks were thrown open to the people to pass the night there. It was very hot at the West. It was 96 at Springfield, Ill.; 92 at Chicago. Some relief is promised. St. Paul wired to-day: "Cooling breezes early to-day brought welcome relief to the Northwest from the heat wave of the past week, during which the mercury hovered around the 90 mark. From a maximum of 95 late yesterday the temperature had dropped

to 70 this morning." Curiously enough, while New York sweltered to-day, in San Francisco people journeyed to work in overcoats and furs. A steady trade wind from the Pacific sent the mercury down in San Francisco, the highest point being 65 and the lowest 54. Other Pacific coast cities were warmer, however. Los Angeles reported 76 degrees, while at Seattle the mercury climbed to 80 and San Diego reported 72.

LARD quiet; prime Western, 11.55@11.65c.; refined to Continent, 12.55c.; South American, 12.80c.; Brazil, in kegs, 13.80c. Futures declined. England has bought very little steam lard. September showed weakness, although it is true that packers have been buying October. And hogs at times have been advancing. Also the stock of product in Chicago has decreased within a fortnight about 10,300,000 pounds. But cash trade in the main has been light and prices have had a downward drift here and in Liverpool. Later, although hogs fell, a rather large decrease in stocks at Chicago acted as an offset. Also on the 16th inst. 250,000 pounds of lard were sold or export. The Cincinnati "Price Current" said: "Basing the number of hogs on farms to be fattened for the fall market at this time last year at 100, the estimated percentage comparison being fattened for market this year is as follows: Ohio, 96; Indiana, 99; Illinois, 118; Missouri, 102; Iowa, 102; Minnesota, 96; North Dakota, 110; South Dakota, 98; Nebraska, 107; Kansas, 95, and Oklahoma, 92." To-day futures dropped 10 to 13 points and are 28 to 48 points lower than last Friday.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
September delivery cts.	10.72	10.72	10.70	10.72	10.65	10.52
October delivery	10.77	10.75	10.75	10.80	10.72	10.62
January delivery	9.02	8.90	8.95	9.00	9.02	9.02

PORK quiet; mess, \$26 50@28; family, \$28@29; short clear, \$22 50@27. Beef, dull; mess, \$11 50@12; pocket, \$12@13; family, \$14@15; extra India mess, \$23@24; No. 1 canned roast beef, \$2 25; No. 2, \$3 20; 6 lbs., \$15. Cut meats also quiet; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 18¼@20¼c.; pickled bellies, 10 to 12 lbs., 18c. Butter, creamery extras, 28@36¼c. Cheese, flats, 15@22c. Eggs, fresh gathered extras, 18@32c.

COFFEE on the spot, lower; No. 7 Rio, 9¼@10c.; No. 4 Santos, 14¼@14¾c.; fair to good Cucuta, 14¼@14½c. Futures have fluctuated within very narrow limits and the situation has been devoid of features of very striking interest. Now and then there has been a brief upturn, but the opportunity was seized upon by some of the longs to sell out, owing partly to the disturbed political situation in Europe. Also those who have been looking for higher prices now see that consumers are disposed to buy only on a moderate scale and in fact as a rule very sparingly. Cables have disclosed nothing to change the situation materially, being rather irregular on the whole, within comparatively narrow limits. At one time Rio advanced 100 to 150 reis and Santos 100 to 125 reis. That was on the 14th inst. The next day Rio advanced 25 to 50 reis and Santos was unchanged. In other words, there has been nothing exciting in the Brazilian news. Some Santos advices declare that total receipts up to the end of the season are not likely to exceed 6,750,000 bags. At one time early in the week there was talk of low temperatures in Sao Paulo. But these seemed to have occurred in the mountainous district of Avare, where as low as 35 degrees was reported. In most parts of the State, however, the range was 51 to 80 degrees. There is a notion here that "long" lines held by the Continent are being gradually sold out, as Continental exchange declines. To-day prices were slightly higher, and show an advance for the week of 6 to 8 points.

Spot (unofficial) 9¼ December 9.27@9.28 | May 9.27@nom
 September 9.26@9.27 | March 9.27@nom | July 9.22@9.23

SUGAR.—Spot raws were quiet early in the week. A refiner bought 10,000 to 20,000 bags of Cuba from store at 5.30c., delivered, equal to 3 11-16c. c. & f. There were rumors that Cuba had sold at 3¼c. c. & f., second half August, early September shipment, but they were not confirmed. To-day prices declined and 18 to 20 points lower than last Friday.

Spot (unofficial) 5.15 | December 3.65@3.66 | March 3.37@3.38
 September 3.47@3.48 | May 3.48@3.49

OILS.—Linseed quiet but steady. Occasionally a good-sized inquiry was reported, but business in the main was confined to small lots. Stocks are of moderate proportions. A much keener interest is reported in the distant contracts. Paint and varnish manufacturers do not show any inclination to enter the market for the present. They are believed to have covered their needs for a couple of months or so. Yet, on the other hand, linoleum makers are more interested. English oil of late has also been quiet. Tanks, 84c.; August carloads, 88c.; less than carloads, 91c.; 5 bbls. or less, 94c. Coconut oil, Ceylon bbls., 8¼@8¾c.; Cochin, 9¼@9¾c. Corn, crude, bbls., 9¾c. Olive, \$1 15@1 20. Lard, strained winter, N. Y., 11¾c.; extra, 9¾c. Cod, domestic, 55c. nom.; Newfoundland, 55@57c. Spirits of turpentine, \$1 20@1 21. Rosin, \$6 to \$8. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, 30,000, including switches. Prices closed as follows:

Spot 10.00@ — | Oct. 8.89@8.92 | Jan. 7.86@7.87
 Aug. 9.80@ — | Nov. 7.89@7.92 | Feb. 7.87@7.89
 Sept. 9.75@ 9.80 | Dec. 7.86@7.87 | March 7.97@7.98

PETROLEUM products have been in poor export demand of late. In fact no cargoes sales have been reported for some time. Prices as a rule are rather easier. And reports were current on the 16th inst. that refiners were about to cut the export price of gasoline and kerosene 1/2c. per gallon. Domestic business is a little better for gasoline, but a further cut in prices is believed to be inevitable. Although quite a little cased gasoline is being sold for export, domestic business is light. Kerosene has been rather firmer. There is a little better demand, while on the other hand sellers are not pressing sales. Gas oil quiet. Export demand is small, and buyers are taking only what they need. Stocks are large. The outlook for bunker oil is brighter and the demand is more active. The belief is prevalent that regardless of the settlement of the strikes, there will be a heavy demand for oil owing to the conversion of coal burning plants to fuel oil burners. New York prices: Gasoline, cargo lots, 31.25c.; U. S. navy specifications, bulk, per gallon, 18c.; naphtha, cargo lots, 20.50c.; 63-66 deg., 23.50c.; 66-68 deg., 24.50c.; Kerosene, cases, 15c. Refined petroleum, tank wagon to store, 13c.; motor gasoline to garages (steel barrels), 25c. The Finance Committee was sustained by a vote of 45 to 9 by the Senate in its stand in placing oil on the free list.

Pennsylvania.....	\$3 00	Lima.....	\$1 98	Coriscana, heavy.....	\$0 65
Corning.....	1 75	Indiana.....	2 03	Electra.....	1 50
Cabell.....	1 86	Princeton.....	1 77	Strawn.....	1 50
Somerset.....	1 65	Illinois.....	1 77	Ranger.....	1 50
Somerset, light.....	1 90	Kansas and Okla- homa.....	1 25	Moran.....	1 50
Ratland.....	1 00	Coriscana, light.....	1 10	Healdton.....	0 75
Wooster.....	2 10			Mexia.....	1 25

RUBBER quiet and lower. Sales in small quantities are about the business being done. Tire manufacturers' stocks are of such proportions as to preclude their entering the market possibly for some time to come. And dealers are holding off awaiting further developments, believing that in the not distant future the situation will improve. According to a report from Amsterdam a contract was entered into by the General Rubber Co. of New York with the Anglo-Dutch plantations whereby a supply of 2,250 tons of raw rubber a year is involved. London on the 15th inst. declined to a new low record, selling down to 7d. Smoked ribbed sheets and first latex crepe spot, 13 1/2c.; Sept. 14c.; Oct.-Dec., 14 1/2c., and Jan.-Mar., 14 1/2c. Para, up-river fine, 19 1/2c., coarse, 13 1/2c. Later the market reacted to the lowest price seen this year, i.e., 13 1/2c. a pound. The high price reached early this year was 22c. a pound. The decline was attributed largely to the big supplies. And production continues on a large scale, as a result of the failure of attempts on the part of leading producers to get all growers to curtail production. London on the 17th inst. reported a dull and weak market, the commodity being quoted at 6 1/2c., a new low record.

HIDES have latterly been firm with a moderate or light demand for common dry hides. The supply has fallen off noticeably. Colombia sold recently, it is said, at 20c. for Bogota; Savannilla at 18c., Santa Marta, 18 1/2c. Bogota quotations range from 19 to 20c. Frigorifico hides were reported rather weaker at 17 1/2c. Packer hides have been dull; quoted 13 to 25 1/2c. A sale of 4,000 Frigorifico steers was reported to a United States buyer at \$46 50, which is approximately equivalent to 18 1/2c. c. & f. Bogota were quoted at 19 to 20c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS have been rather more active with cable communication better. Westbound coal rates have naturally declined as prospects pointed to an early ending of the coal strike in the United States. At one time prompt steamers were in pretty good demand. September rates weakened. The report that the steamer Tonjer had been reclaimed by her owners has been denied at the office of her charterers. They state that the steamer is now loading at and will leave Cardiff within a week for Philadelphia or New York. Later coal rates were lower.

Two more ships were on the 16th inst. fixed by the United States Shipping Board for coal from the United Kingdom at the rate of 10s. The vessels were the Eftna and the Aquarius, each of 10,000 tons, for early Sept. loading. Fixing of these vessels, it was announced, makes a total of 65, which have been put under charter since the move to use Shipping Board tonnage since the threatened coal shortage began. The settlement of the coal strike still leaves the railroad situation untouched. That makes coal imports imperative.

Charters included grain from Gulf to west coast of Italy, Oct., 4s 3d.; from Atlantic range to Continent Sept. 5 with options 11c.; coal from Little Bras d'Or, Canada, to Portland, Me., or Boston, August, \$1 45; grain from the Gulf to Bari, Sept. 4s, 4 1/2d.; time charter, one round trip in West Indies trade, \$1 10 prompt delivery; grain from Montreal to Bordeaux-Hamburg range, Sept., 12 1/2c.; grain from Montreal to Antwerp-Hamburg range, Sept., 12c.; westbound coal, 3,816-ton steamer, 10s. Sept.; 4,009-ton steamer, 10s. Sept.; time charter one round trip west coast of South America (1,203-ton steamer), \$1 15; grain from Baltimore to Archangel, prompt, 25c.; from Montreal to Denmark, Sept. 17c.; sulphur from Sabine to Three Rivers, prompt \$3 75; lumber from Campbellton to New York, prompt \$6.

TOBACCO has been steady with a fair demand if not very much actual business. It is said that some buyers are awaiting further news about the crop. Thus far it has been favorable. The last Government report made that plain. But many prefer to await final and definite information on the matter. It looks as though the yield will be very large. That seems an unavoidable inference from the latest official reports. And it is significant perhaps that in some parts of the country the demand is said to be disappointing. Some seem to be looking for lower prices because of a bountiful crop.

COPPER unchanged at 14c. for electrolytic. Business is only fair. The feature of the week was an advance in London on the 16th inst. of 5s. on all descriptions. A few consumers are making inquiries for first quarter of next year, but not many, if indeed any, companies are inclined to do business so far ahead. October is about as far as producers will quote. The trade as a rule is making time awaiting the settlement of the strikes, which is not believed to be far off. Yet it is true the strikes have not affected copper to the same extent as steel. Sales thus far in August are said to be much better than in the same month last year. And there is little apprehension of over-production which was so loudly talked about in April.

TIN more active and higher. Spot, 32 3/4c. London also has advanced. A significant factor in the advance here was the large Straits shipments, which amounted to 3,300 tons for the first half of August, which gives color to predictions of 6,000 and 7,000 tons for the month. And the possibility of an early settlement of the coal strike was another contributing factor in the rise. Lead, like most other metals, has been quiet, awaiting the settlement of the coal and railroad strikes. Spot New York, 5.85@5.90c.; East St. Louis, 5.52 1/2@5.55c. Receipts last week were 91,290 pigs against 50,240 in the previous week; since Jan. 1 they were 2,571,000 pigs against 1,479,590 last year. Zinc quiet and lower. Spot New York, 6.50@6.55c.; East St. Louis, 6.15@6.20c. According to the American Zinc Institute, stocks of slab zinc fell off 958 tons during July.

PIG IRON has been rising on coal and rail strike conditions, with a steady demand. Sales were made at \$32, Buffalo; foundry at \$29 50; Valley at Pittsburgh. Eastern Pennsylvania is quoted at \$30 to \$31; Southern, \$20 to \$24. Prices, it is stated, continue to rise in the north. Chicago prices have latterly advanced \$1 per ton to \$30 for spot iron and \$29 for future shipment. The sluggishness of Southern iron prices arrests general attention, having advanced only \$2 per ton during the same period that Northern prices moved up \$8. Nor has foreign iron advanced as rapidly as domestic iron. Scotch iron has sold at \$25 75 per ton c.i.f. New York, which represents the "low" with \$29 the "high." Here is a swing of \$3 25. Scotch iron prices at the furnace are slightly lower, but a small advance in freight rates has made the net change a small advance. Meanwhile the demand varies with strike reports. If bad, demand increased; if hopeful, it fell off. Some think with the end of the railroad strike a real change for the better in the matter of coal supplies, the demand for pig iron will fall off sharply. Meanwhile prices for coke in the East are to all intents and purposes nominal. Many agents despair of getting any for the near future. The range on foundry coke is put at from \$14 to \$17 Connellsville.

STEEL has advanced on sheets. Fifty blast furnaces have banked in a month owing to coal and rail strikes. In a week 10 blast furnaces have closed down. More steel making and mill capacity has been lost. Production now down to 60%, against 65 to 70% last week will, it is feared, suffer still more for a time despite the ending of the soft coal strike. It is not expected to relieve the situation in a trice. Besides perhaps not all the coal operators will concur in the Cleveland agreement. Formidable things, too, in the way of a return to normal conditions are the railroad strike, car shortage and coal priorities. Mills prices are advancing under the spur of decreasing output and rising producing costs. Meanwhile of reinforcing bars the sales of late have been the largest of many weeks past. They comprise some 12,000 tons to Buffalo, New York, and Seattle. Rail steel bars are up \$2 per ton; now \$1 90 at mill. Sheets and tinplates are higher at Pittsburgh. Advances there for the fourth quarter bring prices up to a parity with independents at 4.35c. for galvanized sheets and 3.35c. for black. The leading interests new price is 2.50c. base on blue annealed; independent, 2.60c. to 2.85c. A further advance in the price of cold and hot rolled strip steel in line with the other advances, is predicted in some quarters of Pittsburgh. At Youngstown sheets are up. Yet sheets were 3.35c., 4.35c. and 2.50c., base, respectively, for black galvanized and blue annealed compare with actually prevailing 3.50c., 4.50c. and 2.60c. quotations with some makers.

WOOL has been in fair demand and steadier. Striking events seem likely to be wanting until the foreign auctions are resumed in the first week of September or about three weeks from now. Cable dispatches from Adelaide, South Australia, state that the opening sale of the next wool season has been fixed for Sept. 22. London cabled Aug. 16 that the British-Australian Wool Realization Association states that in the seven months ended July 31 its disposals of wool aggregated 671,000,000 bales, leaving stocks at the end of July 1,219,000 bales, these including 623,000 Australian crossbreds and 162,000 merinos. One-half of the Australian wool and the whole of the New Zealand and South African grades belong to the British Government.

COTTON.

Friday Night, Aug. 18 1922.

THE MOVEMENT OF THE CROP, as indicated by our telegrams from the South to-night, is given below. For the week ending this evening the total receipts have reached 33,716 bales, against 24,012 bales last week and 32,031 bales

the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1922 68,531 bales, against 211,541 bales for the same period of 1921, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1922 of 143,010 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	2,079	5,017	6,099	4,032	1,720	1,434	20,387
Houston	—	1,034	—	—	—	—	1,034
New Orleans	330	1,061	1,272	830	194	310	3,997
Mobile	—	127	23	15	29	99	293
Savannah	374	676	1,199	530	854	1,010	4,643
Brunswick	—	—	—	—	—	515	515
Charleston	287	26	—	47	100	12	474
Wilmington	55	33	29	60	5	13	195
Norfolk	54	298	116	103	50	62	683
Boston	—	885	246	297	31	86	1,495
Totals this wk.	3,179	9,107	8,986	5,914	2,989	3,541	33,716

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1922 and stocks to-night, compared with the last year:

Receipts to Aug. 18.	1922.		1921.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug. 1 1922.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1 1921.	1922.	1921.
Galveston	20,387	39,325	48,371	109,825	68,912	239,966
Texas City	—	—	445	1,706	390	14,372
Houston	1,034	1,034	—	7,897	—	—
Port Arthur, &c.	—	—	376	1,155	—	—
New Orleans	3,997	12,659	18,553	42,357	54,520	443,768
Mobile	293	644	1,752	5,538	816	16,485
Pensacola	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jacksonville	—	65	21	273	1,333	1,534
Savannah	4,643	7,356	8,231	20,074	43,197	121,955
Brunswick	515	765	—	310	1,790	1,068
Charleston	474	1,201	407	1,665	51,764	200,859
Georgetown	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wilmington	195	556	178	3,964	12,345	31,490
Norfolk	683	2,411	4,181	10,386	34,058	91,714
N'port News, &c.	—	—	78	104	—	—
New York	—	—	374	1,439	81,183	152,451
Boston	1,495	1,652	105	2,126	9,807	10,052
Baltimore	—	699	895	1,604	1,516	1,404
Philadelphia	—	164	80	1,118	4,611	6,577
Totals	33,716	68,531	84,050	211,541	366,242	1,333,695

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Galveston	20,387	48,371	19,871	19,711	30,959	30,969
Texas City, &c.	—	824	1,141	—	274	147
New Orleans	3,997	18,553	7,126	7,588	7,377	8,805
Mobile	293	1,752	338	521	206	2,162
Savannah	4,643	8,231	1,611	14,277	3,816	16,107
Brunswick	515	—	—	3,000	1,500	4,000
Charleston	474	407	582	1,355	400	807
Wilmington	195	178	9	508	—	97
Norfolk	683	4,181	1,410	2,186	1,349	5,605
N'port N., &c.	—	78	136	—	87	89
All others	2,520	1,475	2,616	1,610	1,933	6,428
Total this wk.	33,716	84,050	34,840	50,756	47,901	75,216
Since Aug. 1.	68,531	211,541	85,559	195,530	129,248	196,914

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 62,142 bales, of which 15,660 were to Great Britain, 12,150 to France and 34,332 to other destinations. Exports for the week and since Aug. 1 1922 are as follows:

Exports from—	Week ending Aug. 18 1922.				From Aug. 1 1922 to Aug. 18 1922.			
	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	3,817	10,338	11,554	25,709	3,817	10,338	13,172	27,327
Houston	1,034	—	1,034	2,068	1,034	—	1,034	2,068
New Orleans	9,200	1,378	1,950	12,528	9,200	5,632	9,228	24,060
Mobile	—	—	—	193	—	247	1,624	2,068
Savannah	—	—	1,600	1,600	—	—	6,831	6,831
Norfolk	—	—	—	800	—	—	184	984
New York	1,609	434	18,460	20,503	8,169	2,821	34,669	45,659
Boston	—	—	50	50	—	—	50	100
Los Angeles	—	—	350	350	—	—	350	350
San Fran.	—	—	368	368	—	—	368	368
Total	15,660	12,150	34,332	62,142	23,315	19,038	60,476	108,829
Total 1921.	5,909	525	59,106	65,540	20,459	2,934	176,176	199,569
Total 1920.	14,018	200	28,520	42,738	34,075	8,917	59,591	102,583

In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named.

Aug. 18 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Ger-many.	Other Cont'n.	Coast-wise.	
Galveston	2,521	600	4,000	5,889	2,500	15,510
New Orleans	247	—	1,841	6,831	31	8,950
Savannah	—	—	—	—	500	45,570
Charleston	250	200	650	1,200	300	42,697
Mobile	143	—	—	—	—	49,164
Norfolk	—	—	—	—	—	673
Other ports	3,000	200	2,200	500	—	34,058
Total 1921	6,161	1,000	8,691	14,420	3,331	33,603
Total 1922	26,023	21,295	53,297	26,527	2,748	129,891
Total 1920	11,955	6,033	2,590	6,727	2,945	30,250

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been on a fair scale at higher prices. Many people were disposed for a time to feel their way, or in other words, await developments. But for one cause or another, chiefly because of dry weather in Texas and undesirable rains in the central and eastern belts, especially the eastern, prices have latterly advanced sharply. The market was oversold. Recently the tenor of the crop news improved, whereupon everybody jumped to the conclusion that the price was going down. Predictions were even heard of 15 cents. And everybody sold here and in New Orleans and Liverpool. Longs were driven out. The technical position was strengthened. And then came persistent

reports of drouth in Texas, Atlantic rains, and finally, to cap the climax, the settlement of the soft coal strike. The effect, considering the comparative narrowness of the market, was very marked. On Tuesday afternoon it might have been almost electrical, certainly the price ran up 50 points on the announcement that the coal trouble was over. On Thursday it advanced 95 to 107 points. And although weevil has been checked in Texas by hot dry weather, that has not been the case, it is declared, in other parts of the belt. In the eastern section of the great cotton country, according to many reports, the weevil has done considerable harm. And even in Texas boll worm and caterpillars are said to have injured the crop not a little.

And Liverpool has latterly been stronger, with Manchester buying and trade calling to a certain extent. Also, there was a good speculative demand there for Brazilian cotton, and a larger business in American. Shorts in New York and New Orleans covered freely. Spot people, Japanese and New Orleans interests have bought. Some prominent New Orleans operators are understood to have covered cotton on a large scale which they put out earlier in the week on the gloomy news then current about European politics, depression in Liverpool, strikes in this country, dulness of general trade, etc. They were made more or less uneasy by a report the other day of 66.7 for the belt, showing a decrease for the half month of 6.6%, whereas the 10-year average decrease for the whole month of August is 7.7%. Some are now predicting a bullish September report, extremists mentioning even something somewhere in the vicinity of 60. This, however, is given merely for what it is worth, as an indication of the drift of opinion. The average condition on Aug. 25 for 10 years is 65.3%. And it will be remembered that the last (July) Government report was 71.2%. The consumption in the United States as stated by the Census Bureau for July was 458,548 bales, against 507,809 bales in June and 410,142 in July last year. The quantity on hand in consuming establishments is down to 1,215,103 bales, against 1,332,383 on June 30 and 1,111,147 on July 31 last year. The quantity held in public storage and at compresses on July 31 was only 1,488,083 bales, against 1,936,025 bales on June 30 and 3,723,213 on July 31 1921.

But one thing is remarked, namely the buying has been mostly to cover shorts. This has naturally tended to weaken the technical position. People as a rule are disinclined to take the aggressive on the bull side, mainly because of the dulness of trade at home and abroad, the steady fall in the German mark, now down to the lowest ever known, the dispute between England and France on the German reparations question, the fact that the railroad strike in this country has not been settled, and finally, the slowness of trade in Worth Street and at Fall River. And some rain has been falling in Texas. In some parts of that State the conditions are distinctly good. Insects are less active. According to the official report, they have done little damage. The growth was very good, it was stated, in South Carolina, and fruiting fairly satisfactorily, whatever may be said of conditions in some other parts of that State. In other words, the size of the crop has not yet been determined. Not a few believe that conditions during the next few weeks may lead to a crop that will surprise some of the pessimists. Meantime the South is a steady seller. There has been no active spot demand. The basis in parts of the South, at least, are reported irregular or erratic. And some look for considerable increase in hedge selling before long.

Later in the week prices advanced sharply, i. e. on the 17th inst., 100 to 107 points on alleged drouth in Texas, eastern belt rains, rising Liverpool prices, buying by New England and Southern mills, especially of December and January. Wall Street bought, it is said, fully 50,000 bales. Southern hedge selling seemed to be only moderate. The Department of Commerce puts the carry-over in the United States from last season at only 2,818,168 bales. To-day prices declined 6 to 15 points. They show an advance for the week, however, of 45 to 49 points. Spot cotton closed at 21.90c. for middling, an advance of 50 points for the week.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the Aug. 17 quotations of the ten markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, are the differences from middling established for deliveries in the New York market on Aug. 24.

Middling fair	1.81 on	*Middling "yellow" tinged	1.55 off
Strict good middling	1.38 on	*Strict low mid. "yellow" tinged	2.28 off
Good middling	.94 on	*Low middling "yellow" tinged	3.10 off
Strict middling	.51 on	Good middling "yellow" stained	1.25 off
Strict low middling	.56 off	*Strict mid. "yellow" stained	2.18 off
Low middling	1.25 off	*Middling "yellow" stained	3.03 off
*Strict good ordinary	2.13 off	*Good middling "blue" stained	1.38 off
*Good ordinary	3.03 off	*Strict middling "blue" stained	2.13 off
Strict good mid. "yellow" tinged	.53 on	*Middling "blue" stained	2.95 off
Good middling "yellow" tinged	.03 on	*These ten grades are not deliverable upon future contracts.	
Strict middling "yellow" tinged	.54 off		

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Aug. 5 to Aug. 11—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling uplands	21.05	20.50	20.85	20.95	22.00	21.90

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

1922	21.90c.	1914	12.00c.	1906	10.10c.	1898	5.88c.
1921	13.00c.	1913	11.80c.	1905	10.75c.	1897	8.00c.
1920	35.00c.	1912	11.80c.	1904	10.65c.	1896	8.44c.
1919	30.55c.	1911	12.50c.	1903	12.75c.	1895	7.56c.
1918	25.70c.	1910	15.90c.	1902	9.00c.	1894	7.00c.
1917	25.65c.	1909	12.80c.	1901	8.00c.	1893	7.31c.
1916	14.40c.	1908	10.40c.	1900	10.00c.	1892	7.19c.
1915	9.35c.	1907	13.25c.	1899	6.19c.	1891	7.94c.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks, as well as the afloat, are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday), we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Stock at Liverpool.....bales.	733,000	1,050,000	957,000	766,000
Stock at London.....	2,000	12,000	13,000	13,000
Stock at Manchester.....	58,000	78,000	110,000	97,000
Total Great Britain.....	791,000	1,130,000	1,079,000	876,000
Stock at Hamburg.....	33,000	17,000	---	---
Stock at Bremen.....	179,000	281,000	72,000	---
Stock at Havre.....	128,000	141,000	141,000	168,000
Stock at Rotterdam.....	11,000	12,000	20,000	4,000
Stock at Barcelona.....	75,000	101,000	60,000	58,000
Stock at Genoa.....	38,000	21,000	80,000	46,000
Stock at Ghent.....	8,000	28,000	20,000	---
Stock at Antwerp.....	1,000	---	---	---
Total Continental stocks.....	473,000	601,000	373,000	276,000
Total European stocks.....	1,264,000	1,731,000	1,452,000	1,152,000
India cotton afloat for Europe.....	90,000	44,000	110,000	26,000
American cotton afloat for Europe.....	129,000	193,427	144,693	420,004
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat for Europe.....	69,000	44,000	57,000	51,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	203,000	261,000	70,000	142,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	569,000	1,116,000	1,288,000	1,022,000
Stock in U. S. ports.....	366,242	1,333,695	791,769	1,013,306
Stock in U. S. interior towns.....	341,519	1,048,597	794,609	658,319
U. S. exports to-day.....	16,354	6,831	18,124	---
Total visible supply.....	3,331,761	5,788,073	4,624,902	4,502,753

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

American—				
Liverpool stock.....bales.	398,000	652,000	621,000	551,000
Manchester stock.....	43,000	63,000	95,000	69,000
Continental stock.....	379,000	529,000	304,000	246,000
American afloat for Europe.....	129,000	193,427	144,693	420,004
U. S. port stocks.....	366,242	1,333,695	791,769	1,013,306
U. S. interior stocks.....	341,519	1,048,597	794,609	658,319
U. S. exports to-day.....	16,354	6,831	18,124	---
Total American.....	1,656,761	3,836,073	2,667,902	2,965,753
East Indian, Brazil, &c.—				
Liverpool stock.....	335,000	398,000	336,000	215,000
London stock.....	15,000	15,000	12,000	13,000
Manchester stock.....	15,000	15,000	15,000	38,000
Continental stock.....	94,000	72,000	69,000	30,000
India afloat for Europe.....	90,000	44,000	110,000	26,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat.....	69,000	44,000	57,000	51,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	203,000	261,000	70,000	142,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	869,000	1,116,000	1,288,000	1,022,000
Total East India, &c.....	1,675,000	1,952,000	1,957,000	1,537,000
Total American.....	1,656,761	3,836,073	2,667,902	2,965,753

Total visible supply..... 3,331,761 5,788,073 4,624,902 4,502,753

Middling uplands, Liverpool.....				
	13,250	8,474	24,824	19,054
Middling uplands, New York.....	21,905	13,006	34,256	31,506
Egypt, good, sskel, Liverpool.....	20,254	17,504	71,004	32,500
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool.....	13,004	10,004	44,004	29,504
Broad fine, Liverpool.....	11,854	8,554	19,604	18,354
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool.....	12,754	8,554	20,854	18,604

Continental imports for past week have been 56,000 bales.

The above figures for 1922 show a decrease from last week of 137,974 bales, a loss of 2,456,312 bales from 1921, a decline of 1,293,141 bales from 1920 and a falling off of 1,170,992 bales from 1919.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding periods of the previous year—is set out in detail below:

Towns.	Movement to Aug. 18 1922.				Movement to Aug. 19 1921.			
	Receipts		Shipments, Aug. 18.	Stocks, Aug. 18.	Receipts		Shipments, Aug. 19.	Stocks, Aug. 19.
	Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.		
Ala., Birmingham.....	164	160	8	783	212	519	148	4,156
Eufaula.....	90	90	240	2,963	10	16	---	4,168
Montgomery.....	139	389	201	11,246	698	1,673	800	25,091
Selma.....	41	56	240	1,541	156	389	167	14,996
Ark., Helena.....	5	5	157	5,572	25	268	758	5,234
Little Rock.....	116	611	445	15,491	2,116	5,346	4,226	44,029
Pine Bluff.....	42	474	992	22,556	---	---	---	---
Ga., Albany.....	81	96	101	1,190	12	32	201	51,436
Athens.....	60	385	1,700	13,725	795	1,971	1,370	21,597
Atlanta.....	1,040	2,526	1,897	9,373	2,432	5,799	3,760	21,224
Augusta.....	3,264	6,451	3,660	50,099	4,860	10,920	6,921	93,500
Columbus.....	1,040	1,500	574	6,800	---	2,500	11,318	---
Macon.....	120	1,217	86	6,838	417	966	1,022	11,349
Rome.....	27	3,075	200	5,734	---	760	300	6,120
La., Shreveport.....	---	---	---	3,800	---	1,000	62,957	---
Miss., Columbus.....	---	---	---	393	---	---	---	1,425
Clarksdale.....	15	212	117	9,504	---	700	200	36,000
Greenwood.....	5	127	495	5,592	149	338	1,118	27,151
Meridian.....	18	74	290	1,087	109	289	179	12,160
Natchez.....	---	6	197	1,369	7	41	450	4,244
Vicksburg.....	7	35	141	2,786	12	37	438	8,096
Yazoo City.....	3	9	151	3,967	52	299	527	5,566
Mo., St. Louis.....	4,193	15,531	4,228	12,408	17,229	45,396	18,977	30,003
N. C., Greensboro.....	635	1,406	427	6,587	107	429	302	6,053
Raleigh.....	24	149	50	31	161	252	150	284
Okl., Altus.....	15	90	18	810	359	851	980	8,001
Chickasha.....	14	175	152	300	1,700	2,552	1,103	7,473
Oklahoma.....	33	129	541	2,810	---	---	---	13
S. C., Greenville.....	1,190	6,154	3,571	11,820	1,890	8,361	4,474	17,225
Greenwood.....	---	---	---	8,654	192	292	427	7,507
Tenn., Memphis.....	2,947	10,034	4,795	56,291	8,472	21,393	14,845	239,093
Nashville.....	---	---	---	101	276	---	---	1,430
Texas, Abilene.....	---	---	---	54	---	---	---	830
Brenham.....	112	176	68	2,622	83	242	100	3,526
Austin.....	259	259	346	100	34	108	---	1,222
Dallas.....	61	187	146	4,265	920	4,698	4,636	28,821
Honey Grove.....	---	---	---	110	---	---	---	3,800
Houston.....	26,326	51,392	17,432	47,944	47,724	119,799	43,601	205,367
Paris.....	321	355	357	224	156	402	126	6,161
San Antonio.....	950	950	834	305	---	---	---	760
Fort Worth.....	101	368	295	1,889	1,467	3,394	1,867	13,576
Total, 41 towns.....	43,304	104,842	45,103	341,519	92,165	238,552	117,733	1,048,598

The above totals show that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 4,207 bales and are to-night 707,078 bales less than at the same period last year. The receipts at all the towns have been 48,801 bales less than the same week last year.

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Aug. 12.	Monday, Aug. 14.	Tuesday, Aug. 15.	Wed'day, Aug. 16.	Thurs'day, Aug. 17.	Friday, Aug. 18.	Week.
August—							
Range.....	20.45	19.92	20.26	20.40	21.40	21.35	---
Closing.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
September—							
Range.....	20.75	20.12	20.45	20.55	21.55	21.50	---
Closing.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
October—							
Range.....	20.80-728	20.20-80	20.08-61	20.57-95	21.01-77	21.64-123	20.08-123
Closing.....	20.80	20.22-25	20.56-60	20.70-72	21.70-77	21.64-68	---
November—							
Range.....	---	20.40	---	---	---	---	---
Closing.....	20.77	20.22	20.58	20.71	21.71	21.63	---
December—							
Range.....	20.75-728	20.22-79	20.12-62	20.56-98	21.05-75	21.61-123	20.12-123
Closing.....	20.75-80	20.22-25	20.60-62	20.72-76	21.73-75	21.63-67	---
January—							
Range.....	20.62-712	20.10-63	20.00-50	20.43-84	20.90-760	21.45-705	20.00-705
Closing.....	20.62-65	20.14-14	20.47-50	20.60-62	21.55-60	21.47	---
February—							
Range.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Closing.....	20.65	20.14	20.48	20.61	21.56	21.47	---
March—							
Range.....	20.68-718	20.16-63	20.02-50	20.47-85	20.91-765	21.47-705	20.02-705
Closing.....	20.68-72	20.16	20.50	20.62-65	21.59-65	21.48	---
April—							
Range.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Closing.....	20.60	20.08	20.42	20.58	21.50	21.44	---
May—							
Range.....	20.57-708	20.00-55	20.01-41	20.38-70	20.90-760	21.40-700	20.00-700
Closing.....	20.57	20.00-05	20.35-41	20.55-60	21.55-60	21.40	---
June—							
Range.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Closing.....	20.50	19.95	20.30	20.50	21.30	21.33	---
July—							
Range.....	---	---	19.95-97	---	---	---	---
Closing.....	20.42	19.98	20.22	20.42	21.42	21.27	---

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MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

	Spot, Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr't.	Total.
Saturday.....	Quiet, 35 pts. dec.	Barely steady..	---	---	---
Monday.....	Quiet, 55 pts. dec.	Steady.....	---	---	---
Tuesday.....	Steady, 35 pts. adv.	Steady.....	---	100	100
Wednesday.....	Steady, 10 pts. adv.	Barely steady..	---	---	---
Thursday.....	Steady; 105 pts. adv	Strong.....	---	---	---
Friday.....	Quiet, 10 pts. dec.	Barely steady..	---	---	---
Total.....				100	100

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

Aug. 18—	—1922—		—1921—	
	Shipped	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton markets for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Aug. 12.	Monday, Aug. 14.	Tuesday, Aug. 15.	Wednesday, Aug. 16.	Thursday, Aug. 17.	Friday, Aug. 18.
August	20.05 bid	19.40 bid	19.71 bid	19.95 bid	20.88 bid	20.85 bid
September	20.45-20.49	19.80-19.82	20.11-20.12	20.35-20.38	21.28-21.34	21.25-21.28
October	20.37-20.40	19.75-19.77	20.09-20.10	20.33-20.35	21.28-21.32	21.21-21.22
November	20.31	19.61-19.64	20.03-20.05	20.37	21.22-21.25	21.15
December	20.21	19.60	19.97	20.25	21.17	21.05 bid
January	20.15	19.50	19.83	20.11	21.03	20.90
February						
March						
April						
May						
June						
July						
Trade	Spot	Quiet	Quiet	Steady	Quiet	Steady
	Options	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Brlly Steady

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph from the South this evening denote that the weather was generally cool in the central and eastern districts of the cotton belt and nearly normal in the western districts. There are reports of excessive rainfall in some of the eastern sections, but in the central districts rainfall has been only moderate, and west of the Mississippi there are some localities where rainfall would be beneficial to late planted cotton. The week has been generally favorable for the growth of cotton, and in Texas the indications point to a large crop.

Texas.—Cotton has made poor to very good progress, depending on local rainfall. Some complaints of shedding and premature opening. Picking and ginning are making very good progress. There has been little complaint of weevil.

Mobile.—Temperatures have been somewhat below normal but cotton has made satisfactory progress. Damage from weevil is slight. A few localities report shedding. Gins are busy but the movement from plantations is slow.

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer		
Galveston, Tex.	1 day	0.46 in.	high 85	low 76	mean 82
Arlene		dry	high 96	low 68	mean 82
Brenham	1 day	0.55 in.	high 92	low 72	mean 82
Brownsville	1 day	0.40 in.	high 96	low 72	mean 84
Cornus Christi	1 day	0.16 in.	high 88	low 76	mean 82
Dallas	1 day	0.10 in.	high 91	low 68	mean 80
Henrietta	1 day	0.12 in.	high 92	low 68	mean 85
Kerrville	1 day	dry	high 95	low 56	mean 75
Lampasas	1 day	0.31 in.	high 101	low 61	mean 81
Longview	2 days	0.80 in.	high 93	low 64	mean 81
Luling	1 day	0.04 in.	high 98	low 69	mean 84
Nacogdoches	1 day	0.02 in.	high 96	low 62	mean 79
Palestine	2 days	0.07 in.	high 92	low 66	mean 79
Paris	2 days	0.19 in.	high 98	low 62	mean 80
San Antonio	2 days	0.22 in.	high 96	low 68	mean 82
Taylor	2 days	0.82 in.	high 98	low 68	mean 82
Weatherford	1 day	0.84 in.	high 98	low 65	mean 82
Ardmore, Okla.	1 day	0.12 in.	high 95	low 66	mean 81
Altus		dry	high 101	low 67	mean 87
Muskogee	3 days	1.17 in.	high 99	low 64	mean 82
Oklahoma City	1 day	0.02 in.	high 95	low 69	mean 82
Brinkley, Ark.	3 days	3.76 in.	high 94	low 50	mean 72
Eldorado	3 days	0.38 in.	high 95	low 65	mean 80
Little Rock	3 days	0.58 in.	high 92	low 68	mean 80
Pine Bluff	3 days	0.53 in.	high 96	low 63	mean 79
Alexandria, La.	2 days	0.80 in.	high 94	low 66	mean 80
Amite	3 days	1.25 in.	high 90	low 62	mean 76
Shreveport	4 days	0.12 in.	high 92	low 70	mean 81
Okolona, Miss.	1 day	0.06 in.	high 97	low 58	mean 77
Columbus		dry	high 96	low 61	mean 79
Greenwood	5 days	0.90 in.	high 95	low 58	mean 77
Vicksburg	3 days	1.02 in.	high 87	low 67	mean 77
Mobile, Ala.	5 days	1.39 in.	high 90	low 68	mean 80
Decatur	1 day	0.03 in.	high 88	low 57	mean 73
Montgomery	4 days	0.81 in.	high 88	low 67	mean 78
Selma	2 days	0.24 in.	high 95	low 66	mean 81
Gainesville, Fla.	7 days	2.15 in.	high 89	low 68	mean 79
Madison	3 days	0.13 in.	high 90	low 69	mean 79
Savannah, Ga.	4 days	1.41 in.	high 86	low 70	mean 78
Athens	2 days	0.32 in.	high 89	low 64	mean 77
Augusta	5 days	1.28 in.	high 86	low 68	mean 77
Columbus	4 days	1.18 in.	high 92	low 69	mean 81
Charleston, S. C.	7 days	1.91 in.	high 85	low 70	mean 78
Greenwood	2 days	0.86 in.	high 83	low 65	mean 74
Columbia	4 days	0.50 in.	high 88	low 68	mean 78
Conway	4 days	2.07 in.	high 84	low 66	mean 75
Charlotte, N. C.	3 days	0.63 in.	high 84	low 66	mean 73
Newbern	6 days	1.52 in.	high 88	low 65	mean 77
Weldon	6 days	2.87 in.	high 90	low 65	mean 78
Dyersburg, Tenn.	1 day	0.30 in.	high 91	low 59	mean 75
Memphis	1 day	0.04 in.	high 90	low 64	mean 77

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of the rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

	Aug. 18 1922.	Aug. 19 1921.
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge 5.4	4.3
Memphis	Above zero of gauge 7.8	11.2
Nashville	Above zero of gauge 7.4	10.2
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge 6.3	8.7
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge 12.1	14.1

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Week ending	Receipts at Ports.			Stocks at Interior Towns.			Receipts from Plantations		
	1922.	1921.	1920.	1922.	1921.	1920.	1922.	1921.	1920.
June 2	113,448	116,803	37,888	715,192	1,456,790	1,044,433	46,444	76,936	15,911
9	94,570	109,659	39,277	66,798	1,423,858	1,025,745	45,767	76,727	20,589
16	70,575	113,556	30,151	627,483	1,374,665	1,011,260	31,240	64,363	15,666
23	75,711	100,180	23,204	588,332	1,339,017	988,400	36,580	64,512	350
30	72,514	103,323	27,337	540,737	1,292,350	970,557	24,919	57,162	9,485
July 7	56,184	100,186	24,959	498,935	1,240,354	957,497	14,382	47,684	11,890
14	41,564	83,955	23,481	458,839	1,206,730	933,790	1,468	50,357	---
21	31,697	98,434	27,207	433,178	1,157,547	894,410	6,036	49,245	---
28	34,393	98,712	26,945	338,830	1,129,231	871,707	1,876	49,396	4,248
Aug 4	32,031	86,944	24,820	355,159	1,069,238	842,646	---	56,951	---
11	24,012	74,894	32,509	345,726	1,074,163	808,327	14,579	49,821	---
18	33,716	84,050	34,840	341,519	1,048,597	794,609	29,509	58,482	21,122

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1922 are 44,088 bales; in 1921 were 142,900 bales, and in 1920 were 20,227 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 33,716 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 29,509 bales, the balance going to increase stocks at interior towns. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 58,482 bales and for 1920 they were 21,122 bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.

Cotton Takings. Week and Season.	1922.		1921.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Aug. 11	3,469,735	3,760,451	5,919,249	6,111,250
Visible supply Aug. 1		3,760,451		6,111,250
American in sight to Aug. 18	126,901	318,091	151,199	415,837
Bombay receipts to Aug. 17	20,000	54,000	40,000	120,000
Other India shp'ts to Aug. 17	6,000	16,550	3,000	5,000
Alexandria receipts to Aug. 16	2,800	5,800	4,000	14,000
Other supply to Aug. 16*	66,000	614,000	6,000	17,000
Total supply	3,631,436	4,168,892	6,123,448	6,683,087
Deduct—				
Visible supply Aug. 18	3,331,761	3,331,761	5,788,073	5,788,073
Total takings to Aug. 18 a	299,675	837,131	335,375	895,014
Of which American	211,675	621,581	246,375	663,014
Of which other	88,000	215,550	89,000	232,000

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces the total estimated consumption by Southern mills since Aug. 1, 248,000 bales in 1922 and 201,000 bales in 1921—takings not being available—and aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 589,131 bales in 1922 and 694,014 in 1921, of which 373,581 bales and 462,014 bales American. b Estimated.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1 for three years, have been as follows:

Aug. 17. Receipts at—	1922.		1921.		1920.			
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.		
Bombay	20,000	54,000	27,000	82,000	18,000	58,000		
For the Week.								
Exports	Great Britain	Continent	Japan & China	Total	Great Britain	Continent	Japan & China	Total
Bombay—								
1922	2,000	5,000	67,000	74,000	2,000	22,500	98,500	123,000
1921	---	13,000	50,000	63,000	---	13,000	85,000	103,000
1920	---	14,000	12,000	26,000	3,000	48,000	18,000	69,000
Other India—								
1922	---	6,000	---	6,000	---	16,550	---	16,550
1921	---	2,000	---	2,000	1,000	2,000	---	3,000
1920	2,000	10,000	---	12,000	3,000	16,000	2,000	21,000
Total all—	2,000	11,000	67,000	80,000	2,000	39,050	98,500	193,550
1922	---	15,000	50,000	65,000	1,000	20,000	85,000	106,000
1921	---	15,000	50,000	65,000	1,000	20,000	85,000	106,000
1920	2,000	24,000	12,000	38,000	4,000	64,000	20,000	90,000

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 7,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record an increase of 17,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show an increase of 33,550 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—We now receive a weekly cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years.

Alexandria, Egypt, Aug. 16	1922.	1921.	1920.
Receipts (cantars)—			
This week	14,000	38,000	---
Since Aug. 1	29,000	88,000	3,600
Exports (bales)—			
To Liverpool	3,000	3,000	---
To Manchester, &c.	4,000	2,750	50
To Continent and India	4,000	2,350	600
To America	1,000	1,750	700
Total exports	8,000	6,850	1,850

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Aug. 16 were 14,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 8,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market for both yarn and cloth is steady. Demand for both yarn and cloth is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

June	1921-22.						1920-21.					
	32s Cop Twt.	32s Cop Twt.	32s Cop Twt.	32s Cop Twt.	32s Cop Twt.	32s Cop Twt.	32s Cop Twt.	32s Cop Twt.	32s Cop Twt.	32s Cop Twt.	32s Cop Twt.	
16	19 1/2	@ 21.0	16 1/2 @ 16 9	12.78	16.4	@ 19 1/2	16 0	@ 17 0	7.47			
23	20 1/4	@ 21 1/4	16 3 @ 16 10 1/2	13.59	16 1/2	@ 19 1/2	16 0	@ 17 0	7.00			
30	20 1/4	@ 21 1/4	16 1 1/2 @ 16 10 1/2	13.08	17	@ 19	15 9	@ 18 2	7.25			
July 7	21	@ 22 1/2	16 3 @ 16 10 1/2	13.50	17 1/2	@ 19 1/2	15 9	@ 17 3	7.84			
14	20 1/2	@ 21 1/2	16 0 @ 16 7 1/2	13.05	17 1/2	@ 19 1/2	15 9	@ 17 0	8.19			
21	19 1/2	@ 21 1/4	16 0 @ 16 5	13.60	17	@ 19	15 9	@ 17 0	8.28			
28	19	@ 21	15 4 @ 16 2	13.19	17	@ 17	15 9	@ 17 0	7.88			
Aug 4	19 1/2	@ 21.0	15 8 @ 16 3	13.01	16 1/2	@ 19	15 9	@ 17 0	8.49			
11	18 1/2</											

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 62,142 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

Destination	Ship	Date	Tonnage	Bales
NEW YORK	To Bremen	Aug. 11—Orduna	699	President Harding, 3,125
	To Japan	Aug. 12—Koyo Maru	2,000	Aug. 11—(?) 9,948
	To Liverpool	Aug. 11—Cedric	780	Aug. 16—Carmania, 829 1,609
	To Havre	Aug. 14—Roussillon	326	500
	To Antwerp	Aug. 11—Zeeland	150	225
	To Venice	Aug. 14—Belvedere	800	800
	To Genoa	Aug. 14—City of St. Joseph	1,738	1,738
	To Bordeaux	Aug. 16—Collamer	108	103
GALVESTON	To Gothenburg	Aug. 11—Delaware	587	1,387
	Aug. 12—Stureholm	800	100	
	To Christiania	Aug. 11—Delaware	100	2,500
	To Barcelona	Aug. 12—Cadiz	2,500	3,277
	To Liverpool	Aug. 15—Cripple Creek	3,277	540
	To Manchester	Aug. 15—Cripple Creek	540	10,338
	To Havre	Aug. 15—Hedra	10,338	500
	To Antwerp	Aug. 15—Hedra	500	819
	To Ghent	Aug. 15—Hedra	819	2,800
	To Venice	Aug. 15—Casey	2,800	500
	To Rotterdam	Aug. 15—Noocalula	500	2,898
	To Bremen	Aug. 15—Noocalula	2,898	50
	To Copenhagen	Aug. 15—Svanhild	50	
NEW ORLEANS	To Liverpool	Aug. 12—Nessian	4,499	8,749
	Aug. 14—Explorer	2,411—West Cressy	1,830	451
	To Manchester	Aug. 14—West Cressy	451	1,378
	To Havre	Aug. 14—Carplaka	808	100
	Aug. 17—De la Salle	570	60	
	To Antwerp	Aug. 14—Carplaka	100	1,127
	To Rotterdam	Aug. 15—Janelw	60	450
	To Bremen	Aug. 15—Nobles	1,127	213
	To Gothenburg	Aug. 15—Delaware	450	1,600
	To Christiania	Aug. 15—Delaware	213	50
SAVANNAH	To Japan	Aug. 11—Calcutta Maru	1,600	1,034
BOSTON	To Hamburg	Aug. 2—Maryland	50	368
HOUSTON	To Liverpool	Aug. 12—Cripple Creek	1,034	350
SAN FRANCISCO	To Japan	Aug. 12—President Cleveland	368	
SAN PEDRO	To Japan	Aug. 12—Elkridge	350	
Total				62,142

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Barrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

Destination	High Stand. Density	Std. Density	High Stand. Density	Std. Density
Liverpool	.25c	.40c	.55c	.65c
Manch'r	.25c	.40c	.35c	.42½c
Antwerp	.22½c	.37½c	.35c	.42½c
Ghent			.50c	.65c
Havre	.27½c	.42½c	.75c	.90c
Rotterdam	.22½c	.37½c	.40c	.55c
Genoa	.32½c	.37½c	.50c	.65c
Christiania	.37½c	.60c	.50c	.65c
Bombay	.55c	.65c		
Vladivost'k				
Gothenb'g	.30c	.35c		
Bremen	.22½c	.35c		
Hamburg	.22½c	.35c		
Piraeus	.60c	.75c		
Salonica	.60c	.75c		

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	July 28.	Aug. 4.	Aug. 11.	Aug. 18.
Sales of the week	20,000	21,000	22,000	25,000
Of which American	14,000	12,000	14,000	18,000
Actual export	5,000	1,000	3,000	5,000
Forwarded	63,000	48,000	64,000	53,000
Total stock	827,000	755,000	759,000	734,000
Of which American	473,000	427,000	428,000	398,000
Total imports	38,000	17,000	68,000	29,000
Of which American	24,000	4,000	45,000	11,000
Amount afloat	126,000	156,000	101,000	98,000
Of which American	63,000	69,000	26,000	32,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot	Saturday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Market, 12-15 P. M.		Quiet.	Quiet.	Quiet.	Moderate demand.	Quiet.
Mid. Upl'ds		12.33	12.23	12.27	12.70	13.25
Sales	HOLIDAY	5,000	7,000	6,900	5,000	6,900
Futures, Market opened		Quiet, 27¢ 37 pts. decline.	Steady, 16¢ 11 pts. adv.	Quiet, 4¢ 10 pts. decline.	Firm, 7¢ 28 pts. advance.	Firm, 39¢ 43 pts. advance.
Market, 4 P. M.		Quiet, 33¢ 44 pts. decline.	Steady, 4 pts. dec. to 12 pts. adv.	Steady, 6¢ 12 pts. advance.	Steady, 17¢ 40 pts. advance.	Steady, 42¢ 46 pts. advance.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Aug. 12 to Aug. 18.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	12½ 12½	12½ 4:00	12½ 4:00	12½ 4:00	12½ 4:00	12½ 4:00
	p. m. p. m.	p. m. p. m.	p. m. p. m.	p. m. p. m.	p. m. p. m.	p. m. p. m.
August	d. d.	d. d.	d. d.	d. d.	d. d.	d. d.
September	11.78 11.71	11.68 11.81	11.72 11.87	12.15 12.27	12.70 12.73	12.55 12.57
October	11.67 11.61	11.60 11.73	11.63 11.79	12.03 12.15	12.55 12.57	12.41 12.43
November	11.58 11.52	11.49 11.63	11.53 11.69	11.89 12.00	12.41 12.43	12.33 12.35
December	12.52 11.47	11.43 11.53	11.47 11.62	11.78 11.89	12.30 12.33	12.28 12.30
January	11.46 11.4	11.36 11.47	11.45 11.59	11.74 11.84	12.25 12.28	12.18 12.20
February	11.45 11.39	11.33 11.44	11.36 11.53	11.64 11.74	12.15 12.18	12.12 12.15
March	11.44 11.39	11.32 11.43	11.35 11.52	11.62 11.72	12.13 12.19	12.11 12.14
April	11.41 11.3	11.25 11.39	11.33 11.45	11.58 11.66	12.06 12.11	12.04 12.06
May	11.38 11.32	11.25 11.37	11.29 11.47	11.54 11.62	12.01 12.06	11.99 12.00
June	11.35 11.27	11.20 11.28	11.24 11.39	11.48 11.56	11.95 12.00	11.93 12.00
July	11.32 11.20	11.15 11.22	11.18 11.34	11.43 11.51	11.90 11.95	11.88 11.90

BREADSTUFFS.

Friday Night, Aug. 18 1922.

Flour has been much of the time quiet and unsettled, as might have been expected, with wheat declining and finally falling below a dollar. Prompt shipment flour has been most wanted and has commanded far better prices than later deliveries, owing to railroad uncertainties. Premiums have been the rule. Yet it is hoped and believed that the railroad strike will soon go the way of the coal strike. In other words, an early settlement is hoped for. Meantime distant deliveries have been in some cases 50c. to \$1 cheaper than

prompt flour. Some special brands of spring wheat are said to have sold for September delivery. As to export trade, there has been a fair demand. The American Relief Association was expected to make purchases on a pretty good scale. Semolina has been sold fairly for export to Northern Europe. Some exporters are hopeful of a very much better trade with Europe later on. It is pointed out that prices are falling early in the season. Large contracts have not this year been made by exporters at high prices, only to find the ground giving way under them later—surely not a pleasant experience for them. In this respect exporters think the outlook is more promising from their standpoint than it was a year ago, when wheat was about 25c. higher and with flour prices to correspond.

Later in the week prices were irregular. Forward shipments were much lower than prompt, especially for spring wheat brands. Some are awaiting a settlement of the railroad strike, the consequent increase in the receipts of wheat and inferentially lower wheat and flour prices.

Still later in the week the home demand increased and with higher wheat, flour became more steady.

Wheat declined on good crop reports, a fall in marks, disturbed European politics and increasing visible supply, declining prices in Liverpool and heavy selling. On the 14th inst. Liverpool dropped 1½d. to 3d. on futures. Cash wheat fell sharply in both Liverpool and London. Cash wheat weakened in the Northwest, September here broke through the dollar mark. Outside interest has been lacking. The American visible supply increased last week 4,163,000 bushels, against 4,910,000 in the same week last year. This brings the total up to 26,596,000 bushels, against 39,477,000 a year ago. The financial situation in Europe has come in for a good deal of discussion, and the outlook in the main is considered unfavorable. German marks have got down to a new "low." The repatriation snarl between England and France has grown worse rather than better. The conference in London broke up in a disagreement. The tone in Berlin has been gloomy; that in London hardly less so. Liverpool prices have kept on declining.

On Wednesday wheat advanced on export buying, covering of shorts with the coal strike settled, the railroad labor situation seemingly brighter and the stock market up. Millers were buying more freely. Some foreign crop reports were generally rather unfavorable. A decrease of 17,662,000 bushels in the world's available supply was in sharp contrast with an actual increase in the same time last year of 1,115,000 bushels, a difference of 18,777,000 bushels. On the other hand, cash wheat premiums collapsed late in the day, winter wheat going to 1c. and new spring wheat to 5 to 8c. Export sales on Wednesday were estimated at 800,000 bushels, principally to Italy, France and Switzerland. Offerings, it is said, were made to Greece on about 1,500,000 bushels of Manitoba for acceptance on Friday. The Greek Government reserved, of course, the right to reject them if so minded. Importing countries, it is pointed out, should be taking from 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 bushels daily at this time of the year. Foreign buyers call attention, however, to the fact that conditions at the present time do not favor buying on such a scale. Foreign politics and foreign exchange are far from encouraging.

On the 17th inst. prices rallied in an oversold market. They advanced despite a drop of 1d. to 2d. in Liverpool and gloomy news about European politics. Corn advanced and this helped wheat to a certain extent. Export sales of wheat were 700,000 bushels. The Greek Government is expected to take about 1,400,000 bushels of Manitoba. Also, receipts fell off sharply; cars are scarce. It is believed, however, that the railroad strike will soon end; that will mean a big crop movement in the United States and Canada. But on the 17th inst. prices advanced 2 to 2½c. in Chicago. Cash prices were up roughly 2 to 4c. at Minneapolis and 1½ to 2½c. at Winnipeg.

In the United Kingdom the weather has improved and harvesting is now general. In Czechoslovakia the cereal outturn this season is lower than a year ago. In Finland, according to an official statement, the new wheat crop has appreciably improved. However, the crops are less favorable than last year. In Germany the weather generally has been fine and favorable, with warm sunny days. Harvesting is progressing and the yield will be greatly enlarged from first estimated. In France good progress is being made with the harvest of the new crops. In Sweden an official report gives the new wheat and rye as under average. In Italy wheat is of good quality, but the outturn will be smaller than last year. In Manchuria new crops are turning out to be much better than at first expected. The prevailing prices, however, are above the export level.

To-day prices fell 2¼ to 2½c., and are 4 to 4½c. lower for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
September delivery in elevator cts.	104 $\frac{3}{4}$	101 $\frac{3}{4}$	100 $\frac{3}{4}$	101	103	100 $\frac{3}{4}$
December delivery in elevator	103 $\frac{3}{4}$	102 $\frac{3}{4}$	101 $\frac{3}{4}$	102 $\frac{1}{2}$	104 $\frac{1}{2}$	101 $\frac{3}{4}$
May delivery in elevator	108 $\frac{3}{4}$	107	107	107 $\frac{1}{2}$	109 $\frac{1}{2}$	107

Indian corn declined at one time with wheat, but only about a cent. It resisted pressure, for crop reports were less favorable. Damage reports came from a wider territory. Rain is said to be badly needed for the late grain in parts of Illinois, Indiana, Nebraska and Ohio. This, with the spreading operations and a greater inclination to buy in Chicago, gave corn a strong look on the 15th inst. Also, exporters took 850,000 bushels in two days. The visible supply in the United States decreased last week 3,219,000 bushels, against only a third as much in the same week last year. The total is now 10,434,000, against 12,618,000 a year ago. Predictions of continued hot weather caused covering as well as new "long" buying. Corn has in a sense struck out for itself; it has not been tied so closely as usual to wheat.

On the 16th inst. prices advanced on clear hot and undesirable weather over most of the belt, though the rise did not go far. For State reports and private advices failed to show any serious damage. Exporters took only 200,000 bushels. B. W. Snow said that the corn crop experienced very favorable weather conditions during the critical period of July, with some moisture deficiency during the past three weeks, but that dry weather in August is less serious than it would be in July. The Kansas weekly crop report said that corn generally is in good to excellent condition except in the north-central counties, where it has been badly damaged by drouth in many localities, and is deteriorating steadily. A Chicago dispatch said that there was general complaint of lack of moisture, with some damage claimed in parts of Kansas and Nebraska. Plowing has been stopped in parts of Oklahoma on account of the hard condition of the ground. Also, the Cincinnati Price Current said that reports indicate soil condition in considerable portions of Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, North Dakota and Oklahoma are too dry. With the Government normal at 100, the percentage comparison of the growth condition of corn for each of the States averaged as follows: Ohio, 88; Indiana, 90; Illinois, 93; Missouri, 91; Iowa, 93; Minnesota, 88; North Dakota, 90; South Dakota, 91; Nebraska, 93; Kansas, 87. The Missouri crop bulletin said that corn continues to make satisfactory progress, though the late planted needs rain. Also, there were reports of damage, especially from parts of Kansas and Nebraska, partly offset by rain in Illinois.

On the 17th inst. prices advanced 2c. or more on dry weather and reports of damage, though some reports scout the idea, adding that the crop is rapidly ripening.

To-day prices declined 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ c., but are slightly higher for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 yellow cts.	77 $\frac{3}{4}$	77 $\frac{3}{4}$	78	79 $\frac{1}{4}$	79 $\frac{1}{2}$	79

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
September delivery in elevator cts.	58 $\frac{1}{2}$	57 $\frac{3}{4}$	58 $\frac{1}{2}$	59 $\frac{1}{2}$	62	59 $\frac{1}{2}$
December delivery in elevator	52 $\frac{1}{2}$	53	53 $\frac{1}{2}$	54 $\frac{1}{2}$	55 $\frac{1}{2}$	53 $\frac{1}{2}$
May delivery in elevator	55 $\frac{1}{2}$	55 $\frac{3}{4}$	56 $\frac{3}{4}$	57 $\frac{1}{2}$	59 $\frac{1}{2}$	57

Oats are in abundant supply and lower. It strikes a small market, too. The export demand is small. The domestic demand is moderate. American supplies in such circumstances are burdensome. Prices have fallen to a new "low" for this season. The American visible supply, to be sure, actually decreased last week 451,000 bushels, explain it how you will, in very marked contrast with an increase in the same week of last year of no less than 5,942,000 bushels. The total, too, is 36,587,000 bushels, against 47,641,000 a year ago. But the point is that though 11,000,000 bushels less than then it is more than ample. And in the background looms a big crop. The price recoils from it.

On Wednesday prices declined, owing to larger receipts at primary points, and it is believed would be still larger of new oats with a better supply of cars. The other day 150,000 bushels sold for export. The demand was light for home or foreign consumption.

On the 17th inst. prices advanced with other grain on covering. But consumptive and export demand was small, and supplies present and prospective are considered bountiful.

To-day prices were slightly lower and are $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ c. off for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 white cts.	45	45	45	45	45	44 $\frac{1}{2}$

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
September delivery in elevator cts.	30 $\frac{3}{4}$	30 $\frac{3}{4}$	30 $\frac{3}{4}$	30 $\frac{3}{4}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	30 $\frac{3}{4}$
December delivery in elevator	35	32 $\frac{3}{4}$	33 $\frac{1}{4}$	33 $\frac{1}{4}$	34	33 $\frac{1}{4}$
May delivery in elevator	36 $\frac{1}{2}$	36 $\frac{1}{2}$	37	37	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	36 $\frac{1}{2}$

Rye declined in company with other grain and also from a pressure of hedge selling. Also, as may be inferred, there was no great demand; quite the contrary. In such a narrow market hedge selling had all the more effect. Meanwhile the visible supply in the United States is, of course, increasing. Last week it increased 665,000 bushels, against 671,000 in the same week last year. The total is now 2,429,000 bushels, against 2,850,000 a year ago.

On the 16th inst. a new low level was reached for the season. Larger hedge sales caused it. Receipts are increasing. That is the telling factor in the background. Besides, export demand is slack.

To-day prices declined $\frac{5}{8}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ c. and are 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. lower than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
September delivery in elevator cts.	72	70 $\frac{3}{4}$	70 $\frac{3}{4}$	69 $\frac{3}{4}$	70 $\frac{3}{4}$	69 $\frac{3}{4}$
December delivery in elevator	72 $\frac{1}{2}$	70 $\frac{3}{4}$	70 $\frac{3}{4}$	70 $\frac{3}{4}$	71 $\frac{3}{4}$	70 $\frac{3}{4}$

The following are closing quotations:

GRAIN.

Wheat—		
No. 2 red	\$1 18 $\frac{3}{4}$	
No. 2 hard winter	1 21 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Corn—		
No. 2 yellow	79	
Rye—No. 2	85 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Oats—		
No. 2 white	44 $\frac{3}{4}$	
No. 3 white	43	
Barley—		
Feeding	Nominal	
Malting	70@74	

FLOUR.

Spring patents	\$6 75@7 25	Barley goods—Portage barley:	
Winter straights, soft	4 90@ 5 25	No. 1	\$5 25
Hard winter straights	5 75@ 6 15	Nos. 2, 3 and 4 pearl	5 25
First spring clears	5 50@ 6 25	Nos. 2-0 and 3-0	5 25@5 50
Rye flour	4 50@ 5 25	Nos. 4-0 and 5-0	6 00
Corn goods, 100 lbs.		Oats goods—Carload	
Yellow meal	1 75@ 1 85	spot delivery	5 20@ 5 40
Corn flour	1 75@ 1 85		

The statements of the movement of breadstuffs to market indicated below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	bbls. 196lbs.	bush. 60 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.	bush. 32 lbs.	bush. 48 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.
Chicago	226,000	4,345,000	1,895,000	2,136,000	315,000	315,000
Minneapolis	—	1,782,000	126,000	758,000	199,000	458,000
Duluth	—	345,000	140,000	33,000	84,000	1,290,000
Milwaukee	71,000	187,000	198,000	294,000	173,000	51,000
Toledo	—	250,000	55,000	126,000	—	—
Detroit	—	51,000	25,000	64,000	—	12,000
Indianapolis	—	193,000	194,000	452,000	—	—
St. Louis	113,000	1,985,000	458,000	766,000	18,000	10,000
Peoria	—	408,000	276,000	426,000	—	15,000
Kansas City	48,000	3,218,000	271,000	102,000	—	—
Omaha	—	1,423,000	638,000	340,000	—	—
St. Joseph	—	739,000	154,000	24,000	—	—
Total wk. '22	458,000	14,906,000	4,428,000	5,521,000	789,000	2,149,000
Same wk. '21	470,000	14,952,000	5,142,000	8,261,000	505,000	535,000
Same wk. '20	277,000	9,108,000	1,769,000	4,051,000	355,000	464,000
Since Aug. 1—						
1922	888,000	31,094,000	9,150,000	9,846,000	1,297,000	3,535,000
1921	957,000	31,821,000	8,720,000	21,357,000	931,000	1,331,000
1920	540,000	19,679,000	4,336,000	7,990,000	771,000	943,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday Aug. 12 1922, follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	180,000	1,773,000	988,000	430,000	182,000	127,000
Philadelphia	58,000	1,183,000	220,000	105,000	—	50,000
Baltimore	37,000	1,511,000	324,000	20,000	—	209,000
N'port News	1,000	—	—	—	—	—
New Orleans	118,000	1,816,000	204,000	12,000	—	—
Galveston	—	1,015,000	—	—	—	—
Montreal	120,000	3,526,000	1,583,000	369,000	299,000	19,000
Boston	21,000	49,000	6,000	33,000	—	—
Total wk. '22	515,000	10,873,000	3,325,000	969,000	481,000	405,000
Since Jan. 1 '22	14,513,000	135,416,000	105,415,000	43,538,000	10,613,000	19,355,000
Same wk. '21	588,000	9,365,000	2,040,000	1,522,000	507,000	543,000
Since Jan. 1 '21	15,279,000	142,868,000	56,759,000	33,153,000	10,731,000	14,671,000

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Aug. 12 1922, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	Peas.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	687,246	412,444	73,114	295,235	28,573	71,589	—
Boston	144,000	24,000	—	90,000	—	—	—
Philadelphia	697,000	549,000	14,000	—	—	—	—
Baltimore	759,000	154,000	—	—	—	—	—
Newport News	—	—	1,000	—	—	—	—
New Orleans	634,000	160,000	64,000	4,000	—	—	—
Galveston	480,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Montreal	2,222,000	1,864,000	72,000	504,000	—	256,000	—
Port Arthur, Tex.	284,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total week 1922	5,907,246	3,172,444	224,114	803,235	285,573	327,589	—
Same week 1921	8,884,437	1,547,297	216,641	1,154,336	451,837	247,268	—

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1922 is as below:

Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—	Flour.		Wheat.		Corn.	
	Week Aug. 12	Since July 1.	Week Aug. 12	Since July 1.	Week Aug. 12	Since July 1.
United Kingdom	99,398	465,898	2,342,370	11,293,682	1,194,375	5,492,660
Continent	104,155	434,719	3,564,876	33,596,926	1,963,069	10,281,314
So. & Cent. Amer.	5,000	18,000	—	—	—	13,000
West Indies	9,000	30,000	—	—	3,000	15,000
Other countries	5,561	40,549	—	—	7,000	—
Total 1922	224,114	1,039,166	5,907,240	34,900,608	3,172,444	15,942,974
Total 1921	216,641	1,632,425	8,884,437	42,442,516	1,547,297	14,454,810

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange for the week ending Friday, Aug. 11, and since July 1 1922 and 1921, are shown in the following:

Exports	Wheat.		Corn.	
	Week Aug. 11.	Since July 1.	Week Aug. 11.	Since July 1.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
North Amer.	7,323,000	41,781,000	56,138,000	2,382,000
Russ. & Dan.	8,000	696,000	488,000	17,285,000
Argentina	2,500,000	18,896,000	7,063,000	1,500,000
Australia	412,000	4,188,000	8,360,000	11,588,000
India	—	—	704,000	—
Oth. countr's	—	—	—	288,000
Total	10,252,000	65,361,000	72,773,000	4,758,000
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
	15,064,000	3,225,000	30,001,000	2,210,000

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Aug. 12, was as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.					
	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.	Oats, bush.	Rye, bush.	Barley, bush.
United States—					
New York.....	855,000	412,000	1,426,000	12,000	158,000
Boston.....	1,000	1,000	277,000	1,000	---
Philadelphia.....	1,459,000	225,000	56,000	11,000	3,000
Baltimore.....	2,946,000	416,000	65,000	300,000	---
Newport News.....	---	---	4,000	---	---
New Orleans.....	2,788,000	250,000	75,000	51,000	1,000
Galveston.....	1,587,000	---	---	20,000	---
Buffalo.....	1,416,000	1,245,000	3,063,000	138,000	206,000
Sioux City.....	108,000	158,000	313,000	8,000	1,000
Toledo.....	622,000	48,000	307,000	10,000	2,000
Detroit.....	21,000	23,000	61,000	12,000	---
Chicago.....	2,628,000	2,407,000	10,639,000	67,000	47,000
" afloat.....	265,000	220,000	---	98,000	---
Milwaukee.....	127,000	221,000	495,000	11,000	122,000
Duluth.....	270,000	406,000	844,000	1,202,000	103,000
St. Joseph, Mo.....	770,000	245,000	37,000	2,000	5,000
Minneapolis.....	1,079,000	160,000	14,927,000	39,000	167,000
St. Louis.....	1,284,000	72,000	191,000	9,000	---
Kansas.....	3,317,000	2,258,000	975,000	189,000	---
Peoria.....	226,000	11,000	462,000	5,000	---
Indianapolis.....	448,000	59,000	81,000	35,000	---
Omaha.....	863,000	339,000	1,977,000	14,000	6,000
On Lakes.....	3,633,000	873,000	215,000	293,000	---
On Canal and River.....	424,000	357,000	97,000	---	---
Total Aug. 12 1922.....	26,596,000	10,434,000	36,587,000	2,527,000	849,000
Total Aug. 5 1922.....	22,433,000	13,653,000	37,038,000	1,754,000	725,000
Total Aug. 13 1921.....	39,477,000	12,618,000	47,641,000	2,850,000	2,061,000
<i>Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 54,000 bushels; Boston, 131,000; total, 185,000 bushels, against 44,000 in 1921; barley, New York, 6,000 bushels; Buffalo, 67,000; total, 73,000 bushels, against 10,000 bushels in 1921; and wheat, New York, 285,000; Baltimore, 10,000; Buffalo, 1,374,000; Philadelphia, 266,000; Boston, 46,000; on Lakes, 108,000; total, 2,089,000 bushels in 1922.</i>					
Canadian—					
Montreal.....	1,442,000	1,872,000	1,332,000	233,000	118,000
Pt. William & Ft. Arthur.....	7,085,000	---	1,932,000	---	391,000
Other Canadian.....	809,000	---	575,000	---	85,000
Total Aug. 12 1922.....	9,336,000	1,872,000	3,889,000	233,000	594,000
Total Aug. 5 1922.....	11,611,000	1,518,000	3,333,000	256,000	743,000
Total Aug. 13 1921.....	6,059,000	2,135,000	9,675,000	300,000	1,697,000
Summary—					
American.....	26,596,000	10,434,000	36,587,000	2,527,000	849,000
Canadian.....	9,336,000	1,872,000	3,889,000	233,000	594,000
Total Aug. 12 1922.....	35,932,000	12,306,000	40,476,000	2,760,000	1,443,000
Total Aug. 5 1922.....	33,594,000	15,171,000	40,371,000	2,020,000	1,468,000
Total Aug. 13 1921.....	45,536,000	14,753,000	57,316,000	3,150,000	3,758,000

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 15.—Weather conditions in their relation to the crops are summarized as follows by the Department of Agriculture in its weekly weather bulletin issued on Aug. 16:

COTTON.—The week was generally cool in the central and eastern portions of the cotton belt, especially in the northeastern part, but temperatures reached near normal in extreme western districts. Much cloudy weather prevailed in the Eastern cotton growing States, with excessive rainfall in some localities, but precipitation was mostly moderate in the central portions of the belt while drought continued in most of the western sections. Showers, mostly light, were received at about one-half of the reporting stations in Texas and only light scattered rains occurred in Oklahoma. Cotton made generally poor progress in Oklahoma and was shedding badly in the central and western portions on account of the continued drought. Progress ranged from poor to very good in Texas dependent on the local rainfall and the general condition of the crop ranged from poor to very good, but was mostly fair; insects were less active and had done little damage, but there was some complaint of shedding and premature opening. The progress of cotton was mostly fair in Arkansas, although less satisfactory in localities, while there was too much rain in Louisiana. The crop made good progress in Mississippi and Alabama, where it was rather too cool and there was considerable complaint of shedding. Condition was reported as very good in Tennessee, although there was some deterioration on account of rust, shedding and weevil. Rainfall was mostly moderate in Georgia, except heavy to excessive near the coast, but the damp cloudy weather was unfavorable and generally deterioration of the crop was reported. Bolls were rotting and shedding, where saturated with damp weather and were being rapidly penetrated by weevil, with serious damage. Excessive rains occurred in many localities in the Carolinas, although plant growth was very good in South Carolina, and fruiting was reported as very satisfactory, but there was a marked increase in weevil damage in the central eastern and southern portions, where the weather was favorable for their activity. There was too much rain in Eastern North Carolina, where the crop made poor progress, but fairly good advances were reported from the western portions; the plants were fruiting poorly in many localities of the East, while weevil were increasing in the South.

CORN.—Rather cool weather prevailed in the principal corn growing States and very little rain fell. It was somewhat too cool for the best development of this crop, but from the Lake region eastward moisture was deficient in some interior localities, particularly in parts of the Ohio valley, but on the whole, the crop continued to make satisfactory progress. Conditions were favorable in Kansas except where too dry in some north central counties, and corn grew well in Nebraska, except for some deterioration in the southern portion, where moisture was lacking. Progress and condition of the crop were reported as fair to good in Iowa, although warmer weather would have been beneficial and there was much hail damage in rather large areas. Early corn was reported as in fine condition in Missouri, and as practically made, but the late crop needed rain in the eastern portions of the State. Progress was generally excellent in northern Illinois, but it was too dry in many central and southern localities and the crop was burning badly in northwest Indiana where rain was generally needed.

WHEAT.—Very favorable weather prevailed for farm work in the principal winter wheat belt, and threshing made excellent progress. This work was well advanced in Kansas and nearly complete in the Ohio and lower Missouri valleys. It was also favorable for harvesting late spring wheat and for threshing in the northern portions of the country, except for delay by rain in parts of the far Northwest. Considerable rust was reported in eastern North Dakota, but it developed too late to materially harm winter wheat and early sown spring wheat. Small grains were yielding as a rule below expectations in the Lake regions.

OATS.—The oats harvest made good progress in the New England States. This crop was yielding well in Pennsylvania, but rather poorly in most of the Ohio valley section.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

New York, Friday Night, Aug. 18 1922.

Despite the fact that there has been no great amount of activity in markets for dry goods during the past week, the extensive building operations throughout the country are being reflected more or less in some divisions of the trade. Demand for many lines of floor covering has shown improvement, while in most jobbing houses the carpet and rug departments are displaying more activity than others. The upholstery departments are also benefiting, and the consump-

tion of goods used for bedding has likewise been stimulated. Other branches of the trade, however, remain comparatively quiet. This inactivity is not wholly attributed to the question of price, as there has been a lack of bidding and interest shown when small lots of staple goods have been offered at slight concessions. In view of the strikes, and labor difficulties in general, buyers as a rule do not look upon the immediate situation as a safe one for trading, and therefore do not care to operate beyond current needs. Many complaints are heard of delayed mails as a result of the rail strike, while consignments of goods in various directions are not arriving on time. All of these adverse factors are tending to make buyers cautious about entering into extended commitments until the situation clears up. Eastern and Southern mills are talking of fuel scarcity, and some of the houses who do business in Western goods are also receiving letters telling of possible delays due to curtailed operations as a result of coal shortage. The tariff uncertainties, German situation, and collapse of the mark are additional factors which are having an adverse effect upon business. Trade with India and China is less active, and South American countries are moving more cautiously. Consequently, until there is a definite change for the better in some one direction at least, a renewal of general activity is not likely to develop.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS: Markets for domestic cotton goods were quiet during the early part of the week, but during the latter part a more active demand developed, due to the sharp advance in the prices of the raw material. In the print cloth and gray goods division, trading was comparatively active, some fair-sized transactions being reported in various quarters. The improvement in print cloths, however, was more noticeable than in other descriptions, although sheetings were purchased on a more liberal scale than had been the case a few days back. A firmer undertone also developed, and prices of various constructions of print cloths were closely held and some lines were no longer available at figures which prevailed during the early part of the week. There was also increased interest displayed in heavy crepes and goods of ratine suggestions for the coming spring. The buyers who came to New York in response to the Merchandise Fair as well as other buyers, spread about the market and made purchases in a small way. The increased interest shown, however, led many jobbers to express the opinion that spot business will expand within the near future, as all buyers admit that their stocks are low and that they will be obliged to replenish if there are any indications of consuming demand improving after Labor Day. More inquiry was reported for ginghams for future delivery, and the wash goods men were desirous of securing definite information as to the probable prices to be asked for dress ginghams for the new spring season. In the fine goods department of the market, the chief business has been confined to fancies and specialties, plain goods ruling quiet. Cotton duck at the recent advances has been moving slowly, but no great amount of activity in this line is expected until buyers become convinced that it will be impossible for mills to go on operating at a loss. Print cloths, 28-inch, 64 x 64's construction, are quoted at 6 3/4c, and the 27-inch, 64 x 60's, at 6 3/4c. Gray goods in the 39-inch, 68 x 72's, are quoted at 9 3/4c, and the 39-inch, 80 x 80's, at 12c.

WOOLEN GOODS: The markets for woolens and worsteds have been more active during the past week, this being true in regard to both women's wear and men's wear fabrics. Last week there was a general disposition to await the opening of additional lines for the coming spring season. All lines for the new season are now open, with the exception of a certain few that will no doubt be offered within the near future. A very favorable response from buyers thus far has been reported, and independent producers as well as the leading interest has booked a satisfactory business. A number of offerings by the American Woolen Co. have been sold up and withdrawn from the market, which has eliminated that source of supply, and buyers who failed to provide for their requirements are obliged to seek supplies elsewhere. The trade in woolens and worsteds for next spring has developed more rapidly and satisfactorily than had been expected a few weeks ago, the demand being stimulated by the addition of attractive styles and favorable prices.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS: A fair turn-over was reported in market for linens, the bulk of the business being confined to nearby deliveries. Retailers and jobbers are both buying damasks, household linens and novelties alike, and while they are taking goods in such quantities as sellers would like, they are said to be keeping their stocks fairly well complete. Prices have been well maintained, particularly those for handkerchiefs. In fact, values for the latter are beginning to show an advancing tendency due to an advance in Ireland and strength for foreign exchange. Cable advices continue to report improved conditions abroad. Burlaps have been generally quiet during the week, with prices irregular and tone easier. The uncertainty in regard to prices is no doubt responsible for the holding off policy of buyers. The latter can hardly be expected to enter the market when prices are jumping around with no signs of stability. According to reports, the Calcutta market has also ruled inactive with little business transacted. Spot lights are quoted at 5.85c, and heavies at 8.90c.

State and City Department

NEWS ITEMS.

Colorado Municipal Irrigation Districts.—*Districts Bring Suits to Collect Judgments.*—Suits have been filed in the United States District Court in New York by the East Denver and Nile Irrigation districts against Henry L. Doherty & Co. and the estate of Frank Frueauff, late Vice-President of the Cities Service Co., to collect judgments in favor of the districts amounting to \$2,596,085, according to the Denver "Post." The "Post" says:

The suits were filed by the law firm of Melville & Melville of Denver and the New York firm of Rounds, Schurman & Dwight, of which Charles Evans Hughes formerly was a member.

The judgments on which the suits are based were obtained in the district courts of Denver and Fort Morgan early in 1918, upon complaints by the irrigation districts that Henry L. Doherty & Co. had failed to carry out the terms of agreements whereby the company undertook to turn over to the districts completed irrigation systems. It was charged that in neither case did the firm of Henry L. Doherty & Co. carry out its agreement.

Attempts to collect on the judgments in the State of Colorado revealed that neither Henry L. Doherty or Frank Frueauff had any property in Colorado on which a levy could be made. Records of the County Recorder showed that Frueauff had transferred residence property owned by him on Capitol Hill to his wife, a short time after the judgments against him were affirmed by the Colorado Supreme Court.

The Nile and East Denver irrigation districts litigation has been in the courts for nearly four years. The original hearing on the East Denver company's suit was had before Judge Charles O. Butler in the District Court of Denver early in 1918. At that trial the company charged that Henry L. Doherty & Co. agreed to build a completed irrigation system. The stockholders of the irrigation district testified that Henry L. Doherty & Co. got control of the Board of Directors of the irrigation district, modified the contracts, and got the district to turn over more than \$1,000,000 worth of bonds in advance of the completion of the contract. The district claimed that thereafter the bonds were turned over to the Cities Service Co., of which Doherty and Frueauff held control.

The district failed to get the completed irrigation system and suit was begun to force the company to return the bonds to the district or pay the worth of the bonds in money. Judge Butler held that the modifications to the contracts were illegal and that the bonds should be turned back to the irrigation company. The case went to the Supreme Court, where the judgment of the lower court was affirmed in April 1922. The execution of the judgment was ordered by Judge Julian H. Moore last April.

The Nile Irrigation District took a similar course. The original suit was tried before Judge Haslett P. Burke, then District Judge in Fort Morgan. The testimony at this trial was to the effect that Henry L. Doherty & Co. not only failed to deliver a completed irrigation system, but could not even deliver water. The Court found in favor of the irrigation district and the case also went to the Supreme Court and was affirmed.

The East Denver district judgment amounted to \$1,221,118 77, and the Nile judgment to \$1,374,966 49.

Suits were filed and summonses were ready in New York to serve on Frank Frueauff, when he died. His death, before service of summons, made it necessary for the irrigation district's attorney, I. B. Melville, to withdraw the complaint against Frank Frueauff and substitute one against his estate. Service against both defendants and against Charles T. Brown, who was a member of the Doherty partnership at the time of the Nile litigation, was obtained Thursday.

In V. 114, p. 2743, we referred to suits brought against these two districts by the Gas Securities Co. to force payment of judgments involving bonds issued by the districts.

Georgia (State of).—*Road Bond Bill Loses in Senate.*—The Savannah "News" of Aug. 15 reported that a road bond bill providing for submission to the voters of a proposal for a \$9,000,000 road bond issue failed to pass in the Senate on Aug. 14. The vote was 30 "for" to 16 "against," 34 votes being necessary for passage.

Itasca County Common School District No. 1, Minn.—*Bonds Declared Legal.*—In the case of Reid vs. Itasca County Common School District No. 1, in which the plaintiff contended that the district, in issuing bonds, should have followed the statute governing bond issues by independent school districts having four or more organized villages because of the statutory provision that "the school board in a common district containing, ten or more townships, shall have and exercise all powers, and be subject to the same laws and regulations as school boards in independent districts," whereas the issue was made under the statute governing common school districts, the court decided, according to an account given in the "Savings Bank Journal," that it was not the intention of the legislature "to make the two classes of districts alike."

Montana (State of).—*Constitutional Amendments to be Submitted to Vote.*—Propositions to amend Article XVI of the Constitution by the addition of Sec. 7 so as to give the Legislature power to provide by general or special law any plan of municipal government for cities, towns and counties, and to amend Sec. 15 of Article XII of the Constitution by creating county boards of equalization and a State board of equalization, and defining and prescribing their powers and duties, are to be submitted to the voters at the general election in November.

New York (State of).—*Special Session Set for Aug. 28.*—Governor Miller has set Aug. 28 as the date for the convening of the Legislature in special session to meet the situation created by the coal and rail strikes. A special dispatch to the New York "Herald" from Albany, dated Aug. 17, says in part:

Governor Miller will call the Legislature in extra session to act on the coal shortage emergency Monday, Aug. 28. He definitely announced that date to-day, when he returned to Albany to confer with some of his advisers on the situation. He has determined on an extra session, even though the coal and railroad strikes are settled in the next few days.

He believes that the loss of five months production of coal presents an emergency that will require greater power in "the administration of the distribution and price of anthracite coal this winter."

The Governor said he will present a definite program to the Legislature, including a bill carrying out his recommendations, which is now in course of preparation. It is expected that provision will be made for price regulation and that drastic penalties will be provided for profiteering.

North Carolina (State of).—*Recent Private Sales of County Road and Bridge Bonds May Be Illegal.*—Chapter 48, 1921 Public Laws, Special Session, requiring that county

road and bridge bonds be advertised for public sale, has recently come to light, according to the Norfolk "Virginian" of Aug. 15, and has raised doubt as to whether or not private sales of such bonds made since Dec. 19 1921, are valid. We quote the "Virginian" in part:

This new consternation comes from a very brief, but pointed, law enacted at the December special session and undiscovered until very recently. It is found in Chapter 48 of the 1921 Public Laws, Special Session, requiring sales of county road and bridge bonds to be advertised. The entire body of the law is as follows:

"That Section 3 of Chapter 103, Public Laws, 1919, be and the same is hereby amended by changing the period at the end of said section to a comma, and adding the following: 'and provided further, that none of said bonds shall be disposed of until after the expiration of a period for the receipt of bids therefor and advertisement naming said date and reasonably describing said bonds, which advertisement shall be deemed sufficiently promulgated if published once at least ten days before said date in a newspaper published in the county, and a newspaper published in the State and in general circulation throughout the State.'"

The news has been in rumor for a couple of weeks and "broke" by way of a concerted movement to have enacted at the next session a real bond sale advertising law, one not allowing any exceptions by any special or other Act. This was done in 1917 by the law, now Section 4392 of the Consolidated Statutes, fathered by Senator Lindsay Warren, of Beaufort County supported by Mr. Crenshaw, and fought by a combination of bond buyers and special attorneys. The law was passed after open allegations of scandal and "secret" bond sales. It worked well a year or so ago, bond men say, but little special acts, one after another, got exemptions from it, and finally, in Chapter 103 of the 1919 Laws, known as the "State Road and Bridge Act," Consolidated Statutes 3767, it was provided that the county road and bridge bonds could be sold at "either public or private sale." The Warren advertising law provided that sales should be advertised whether "public or private," but a decision of the Supreme Court afforded basis for bond lawyers to construe the Act so as to exempt road and bridge bonds from advertisement. And these sales have gone ahead anywhere, any time, and often the horse was gone before anybody knew a word of an unlocked stable.

They were going along smoothly until somebody, evidently not a bond lawyer, put through Chapter 48 at the Special Session of 1921, which requires advertising. The law has been in print only five or six weeks, but it has been in full force and effect since December last. It is not necessary to say that any road and bridge bonds which have been sold since that date must conform to the law. Whether the bond baristers, so clever in detecting mistakes and so careful to protect the buyers, have been caught napping, or simply have been napping and now are caught, nobody seems to know.

Bond Election for Consolidated School District Legal Where Petition Was Signed Before Consolidation Was Consummated.

The "Savings Bank Journal," in giving an account of the case of Wilson vs. Buncombe County, in which it was claimed that the fact that a petition for a bond election was signed before the consolidation of the district had been completed, made the election illegal, reported that the court conceded that the petition must conform to the statutory requirements, but overruled the objection because at the time the signatures were obtained the boundaries of the proposed consolidated district were fully known.

Oklahoma (State of).—*Increase in School Levy Defeated.* Returns from 64 of the 77 counties in the State show that the proposed constitutional amendment which would have increased the levy that may be made for school district purposes from 5 to 15 mills, was defeated at the election held Aug. 1 (V. 115, p. 207), according to the Oklahoma City "Oklahoman." The vote was 160,578 "against" and 112,599 "for," and it is not expected, says the "Oklahoman," that the returns from the outstanding counties will make any material change in the result.

Washington (State of).—*Court Holds All Lands in Irrigation Districts Liable for Assessment.*—Irrigation district bonds are direct obligations of the district and all lands in the district, whether held by the county, district or individuals, are liable for assessment of taxes to pay interest and principal on the district's debts. This, according to the "Pacific Banker," of Portland, is the decision of the State Supreme Court in concurring in the holding of a lower court, in a suit brought by bondholders against Columbia Irrigation District, Stevens County, to collect interest arrears. It is noted that 68% of the land in this district is held by the district and county for delinquent taxes.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS this week have been as follows:

ADAMS COUNTY (P. O. Decatur), Ind.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Hugh D. Hite, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 22 for \$5,200 4½% Atch. Hebbot Masonic Road, Jefferson Township, bonds. Denom. \$250. Date Aug. 15 1922. Int. May 15 and Nov. 15. Due \$260 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932 inclusive. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

AIKEN COUNTY (P. O. Aiken), So. Caro.—*BOND OFFERING.*—C. J. Hill, Chairman County Board of Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 26 for \$150,000 6% coupon bonds. Date April 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. Due April 1 1932. Cert. check for \$500 required.

AKRON, Summit County, Ohio.—*OFFICIAL COUNT SHOWS BOND ISSUE FAILED TO CARRY.*—In V. 115, p. 782, we reported, on the advice of a local newspaper, that the \$3,000,000 sewer bond issue which was submitted to the voters on Aug. 5—V. 115, p. 267—had carried. The Cleveland "Plain Dealer" of Aug. 16 reports that the official vote shows a failure of the bond issue by 39 votes. The "Plain Dealer" has the following 10 say concerning the matter:

"Akron's \$3,000,000 sewer bond issue, voted on at the primaries a week ago to-day, will be submitted again to the voters of Akron at the November election.

"The official count of ballots on the sewer bond issue, completed to-day by the Summit County Board of Elections, shows that the issue lacks 39 of the necessary number of votes to have a two-thirds majority as required by State laws.

"The official count shows 14,015 votes for the bond issue and 7,027 votes against it. By ruling of the Board, the necessary two-thirds majority would be double the negative vote, which would be 14,054 votes. This is 39 votes more than the issue received.

"The first official count to-day showed the 'yes' vote shy by only 20 votes of the necessary majority. City officials were jubilant when the Board of Elections in a recount discovered 21 more ballots for the bond issue. But the complete recount blasted all hopes and increased the deficiency of the vote to 39."

ALBEMARLE, Stanley County, No. Caro.—*BOND SALE.*—On Aug 9 the two issues of coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds, aggregating \$150,000, offered on that date—V. 115, p. 564—were sold as follows:

\$100,000 water bonds to Otis & Co. of Cincinnati at 101.08 and interest for 5 1/2% a basis of about 5.67%. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1925 to 1943 incl.; \$3,000, 1944 to 1957 incl., and \$4,000, 1958 to 1962 incl. (average life about 24 years.)
 50,000 sidewalk bonds to C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago for \$51,275.50 (102.55) and interest for 6% a basis of about 5.73%. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1925 to 1935 incl., and \$4,000, 1936 to 1942 incl. (average life about 13 years.)
 Date July 1 1922. The following are the bids received:

For the Two Issues Combined.
 For 6% Bonds.
 Well, Roth & Co., Cin. \$155,255.00 Provident Sav. Bk. & Tr.
 N. S. Hill & Co., Cin. 153,860.00 Co., Cincinnati 153,610.00
 Campbell & Kinsey, Tol. 153,730.00 Cabarrus Sav. Bk., Alb. 153,015.00
 For 5 1/2% Bonds.
 Caldwell & Co., Nashv. \$150,867.00 Ryan, Bowman & Co., Tol. \$150,525.00
 For \$100,000 Issue.
 Otis & Co., Cincinnati \$101,080.00 for 5 1/2% bonds.
 C. W. McNear & Co., Chicago, \$103,275 for 6% bonds.
 For \$50,000 Issue.
 C. W. McNear & Co., Chicago, \$51,275.50 for 6% bonds.
 Otis & Co., Cincinnati, \$50,840 for 6% bonds.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY (P. O. Annapolis, Md.)—BOND OFFERING.—S. O. Tligman, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners, will receive proposals until 12 m. Sept. 5 for the purchase at not less than par and int. of \$400,000 4 1/2% coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date July 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due \$16,000 yearly on July from 1924 to 1948, incl. Bonds are said to be exempt from all State county, municipal and county school purposes. Cert. check on a responsible banking institution for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, required.

ANSON, Jones County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—An issue of \$15,000 paving bonds has been authorized by the voters.

ARCADIA, Hancock County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Floyd Moore, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Sept. 11 for \$11,000 6% street imp. bonds. Denom. 10 for \$1,000 each and 10 for \$100 each. Int. semi-ann. Issued under authority of the laws of Ohio and ordinances passed July 3 and Aug. 7 1922. Cert. check for 1% of the amount bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, is required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

ASHEVILLE, Buncombe County, No. Caro.—BOND ELECTION.—On Aug. 22 a special election will be held to vote on the following bond issues:
 \$550,000 park and playground bonds.
 250,000 bonds for the purchase of lands for a community and recreation centre.
 200,000 bonds for the purchase of lands for highways within city and for any necessary retaining walls therefor.

ASHLAND, Boyd County, Ky.—BOND SALE.—According to newspaper reports, \$250,000 4 3/4% school bonds have been sold at par and int.

ATCHAFALAYA BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT, La.—BOND OFFERING.—Additional information is at hand relative to the offering on Aug. 22 of \$250,000 5% bonds—V. 115, p. 564. Proposals for these bonds will be received until 11 a. m. on that date by Thos. G. Erwin, Secretary Board of Commissioners (P. O. Port Allen). Denom. \$1,000. Int. semi-ann. Due \$25,000 yearly on Sept. 15 from 1932 to 1941 incl. Bids must be accompanied by a certified check of 5% on some bank domiciled in the State of Louisiana. These bonds are part of a \$1,000,000 bond issue.

ATLANTA, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—J. R. Seawright, Chairman of Finance Committee, offered \$80,000 5% 2-9-year serial coupon (with privilege of registration) street improvement bonds on Aug. 18. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable at the City Treasurer's or at the city's fiscal agency in New York City.

AVOCA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Avoca), Steuben County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING POSTPONED.—The offering of the \$35,000 coupon or registered school bonds which are to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 5% scheduled for Aug. 12—V. 115, p. 671—was postponed to to-day (Aug. 19).

BAD AXE, Huron County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 5% general imp. bonds offered on Aug. 11—V. 115, p. 783—on Aug. 15 were awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. for \$31,382, equal to 104,606, a basis of about 4.71%. Denom. \$500. Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. annually Feb. 1. Due Aug. 1 1952.

BANNER VIEW INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller on Aug. 7 registered \$24,000 6% serial bonds.

BARBERTON, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,270 6% (city's portion) Park Ave. improvement bonds, which were offered for sale on Aug. 7—V. 115, p. 783—were sold, together with \$5,200 6% street improvement bonds, to W. L. Clayton & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$9,231 (101.37) and interest. The \$1,270 Park Ave. improvement bonds are dated Aug. 1 1922 and mature \$570 on Oct. 1 1925 and \$700 on Oct. 1 1924. The interest on all the above bonds is payable F. & A.

BATAVIA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Batavia), Genesee County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Albert J. Scribner, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive bids until 8 p. m. Aug. 21 for \$450,000 4 1/2% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Bank of Batavia. Due \$15,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1952 incl. Certified check for \$22,500, required. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon of New York.

BAY COUNTY (P. O. Bay City), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—The Board of County Road Commissioners will receive bids until 12:30 p. m. Aug. 19 for \$60,150 5 1/4% Assessment District Road No. 8 bonds issued under Act 59, Public Acts of 1915, as amended. Denom. \$1,000. Purchaser, Date July 1 1922. Int. M. & N. Due serially for 10 years beginning May 15 1923. The official notice says: "The Board of County Road Commissioners will pledge the faith and credit for the payment of these bonds for the County of Bay, the Township or Townships and the Assessment District in which the road is located." It also states that "The Bay County Road Commissioners will furnish the purchaser of bonds a guaranteed transcript of the proceedings of the road as prepared by the R. W. Roberts Co., Engineers, Saginaw, Mich."
 A 5% bond issue of \$60,300 for Assessment District Road No. 8 was scheduled to be sold on July 22—V. 115, p. 332.

BEAR LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Paris), Ida.—BIDS.—The following also submitted bids on Aug. 8 for the \$55,000 6% road and bridge bonds, awarded on that day to the Palmer Bond & Mfg. Co. of Salt Lake City, as 5 1/4 at 101.07 (V. 115, p. 785): Sidlo, Simons, Fels & Co., Keeler Bros. & Co., Geo. W. Vallery & Co., Spokane & Eastern Trust Co., Halloran-Judge Trust Co., James N. Wright & Co. and Antonides & Co.

BENSON, Swift County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—A recent offering of \$33,000 drainage bonds resulted in an award to Minneapolis Trust Co. of Minneapolis.

BERNARDS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bernardsville), Somerset County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The issue of 5% coupon school bonds offered on Aug. 15—V. 115, p. 671—was awarded to H. L. Allen & Co. of New York, who bid \$48,050 and int. for \$47,000 bonds, which is equal to 102.234, a basis of about 4.89%. Date Sept. 1 1922. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1924 to 1927, incl.; \$4,000, 1928 to 1935, incl., and \$3,000, 1936. Other bidders were:

Name.	Am't Bid.	No. Bonds.
B. J. Van Ingen & Co., N. Y.	\$48,638.40	48 bonds.
Boland & Prehm	48,323.50	48 bonds.
N. J. Fidelity & Plate Glass Ins. Co.	48,498.00	48 bonds.
Security Trust Co.	48,320.00	48 bonds.
Bernardsville National Bank	48,878.40	48 bonds.
Clark Williams & Co., N. Y.	48,032.46	47 bonds.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 12 m. Aug. 29 by L. E. Gray, City Clerk, for \$150,000 5 1/2% public imp. bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in gold at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. Due Sept. 1 1932, not exceeding one-fifth in amount of bonds being redeemable by the city on Sept. 1 1924 and similar number of bonds each year thereafter by paying the holder or holders one-half the annual interest on the bonds redeemed. A cert. check for 1% of bid, payable to the City of Birmingham, required. The Commission will furnish to the purchaser the opinion of

John C. Thomson, N. Y. City, approving the legality and validity of bonds, and a cert. copy of all proceedings will be furnished showing authority to issue the bonds. Bonds will be delivered to the successful bidder or bidders on Sept. 1 1922 unless a later date should be mutually agreed upon. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Official announcement states that the bonds and the interest thereon are exempt from State, county and municipal taxation and after maturity are receivable in payment of all taxes and dues of the city of Birmingham.

BOTETOURT COUNTY (P. O. Fincastle, Va.)—WARRANT SALE.—On July 24 the Bank of Fincastle, purchased \$30,000 5% road warrants. Date July 1 1922. Int. annually (July) Due \$2,500 yearly.

BOULDER, Boulder County, Colo.—BOND ELECTION.—An issue of \$100,000 reservoir bonds at not to exceed 4 3/4% int. will be voted upon Aug. 22. Dated Oct. 1 1922. Due Oct. 1 1937 (optional Oct. 1 1932).
SUIT—Newspapers state that injunction proceedings have been instituted to prevent the issuance of bonds by Paving District No. 20.

BOWIE COUNTY (P. O. Boston), Texas.—BOND SALE.—Our western representative informs us by telegraph that the \$65,000 5 1/2% road and bridge bonds, offered on Aug. 13—V. 115, p. 672—were sold to the Liberty Central Trust Co. of St. Louis at 103.84.

BRADDOCK TOWNSHIP (P. O. Wilkensburg), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. Sept. 7 by Clyde DeNoon, Secretary of Board of Commissioners, at Hannantown School House, Brinton Road, for \$18,000 5% water supply bonds, free of State tax. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1922. Due \$1,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1931 to 1948, incl. Cert. check for \$500 required.

BRADDOCK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$44,000 4 3/4% coupon school bonds offered on July 5 (V. 115, p. 102) have been sold to J. H. Holmes & Co. of Pittsburgh. Date June 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.), payable at the First National Bank of Braddock. Due as follows: \$6,000, June 1 1932; \$7,000, June 1 1937; \$8,000, June 1 1942; \$9,000, June 1 1947, and \$14,000, Dec. 1 1941.

BRADNER, Wood County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—A recent issue of the Toledo "Blade" states that a bond issue of \$12,000 for the improvement and enlargement of the municipal water works carried by a small majority.

BRECKENRIDGE, Summit County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$17,000 6% 10-15-year (opt.) water bonds has been sold to the International Trust Co. of Denver. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable in New York.

BROCKTON, Plymouth County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 14 the following four issues of coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds, offered on that date—V. 115, p. 783—were awarded to R. M. Grant & Co. of Boston at 100.053 and interest for 4% a basis of about 3.99%:
 \$15,000 Green Street Extension Loan, 1922. Date July 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1923 to 1927 inclusive, and \$1,000, 1928 to 1932 inclusive.
 4,500 Ward 1 Playground Loan, 1922. Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. F. & A. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1923 to 1926 inclusive, and \$500, 1927.

6,500 Prospect Hill School Loan, 1922. Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. F. & A. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1923 to 1925 inclusive, and \$500, 1926 to 1932 inclusive.
 25,000 Brockton Surface Drainage Loan Act of 1921. Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. F. & A. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1923 to 1927 inclusive, and \$2,000, 1928 to 1932 inclusive.

Other bidders were:

Name—	Interest Rate.	Rate Bid.
Brockton National Bank, Brockton	4 1/2%	\$40,000 100.07
Stacy & Braun, Boston	4 1/2%	11,000
Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston	4 1/2%	100.611
B. J. Van Ingen & Co., Boston	4 1/2%	100.523
Arthur Perry & Co., Boston	4 1/2%	100.516
R. L. Day & Co., Boston	4 1/2%	100.294
Watkins & Co., Boston	4 1/2%	100.29
Blodgett & Co., Boston	4 1/2%	100.23
Merrill, Oldham & Co., Boston	4 1/2%	100.21
Harris, Forbes & Co., Boston	4 1/2%	100.089
	4 1/2%	100.03

BROOKHAVEN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20 (P. O. Medford), Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 15 \$32,500 5% school house bonds were awarded to Sherwood & Merrifield of N. Y. at 100.23, a basis of about 4.98%. Date Aug. 15 1922. Int. J. & J. Due \$1,000 yearly from 1923 to 1953 incl. and \$1,500, 1954.

BROOKLINE, Norfolk County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERED.—On Aug. 18 a temporary loan of \$300,000, dated Aug. 22 and maturing Nov. 30 1922, was offered for sale by the Town Treasurer.

BROWN COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 40, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Aug. 9 the State Comptroller registered \$4,200 5% 5-20-year (opt.) bonds.

BRUNSWICK, Glynn County, Ga.—BOND ELECTION.—The Savannah "News" on Aug. 9 said:
 "The City Commissioners at their meeting on Aug. 8 issued a call for a bond election in the sum of \$175,000 for the building of a road to St. Simon Island, the election to be held on Sept. 13.
 "This action was taken by the Commissioners following the passage in the Legislature of the necessary legislation giving the city of Brunswick the right to participate in the building of the road.
 "The highway will cost \$350,000, to be divided equally between the city and the county. The county bond election was held several months ago and carried almost unanimously and there is practically no opposition in the city. It is now planned to begin the work immediately after the city election on Sept. 13 as the county's pro rata of the cost is now available."

BUENA VISTA, Marion County, Ga.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—BONDS RE-OFFERED.—The \$20,000 5% water and light bonds offered on Aug. 7—V. 115, p. 564—were not sold. These bonds were re-offered at 2 p. m. on Aug. 14.

BUTLER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Butler), Morris County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—William Inglis, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive bids until 8 p. m. Aug. 31 for the purchase of an issue of 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal and interest, or principal only) school bonds not to exceed \$98,000, no greater amount to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$98,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.), payable at the First National Bank of Butler. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$4,000 1923 and 1924, and \$5,000 1925 to 1942, inclusive. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Custodian of School Moneys, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

CALEDONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Caledonia), No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Aug. 26 for \$15,000 20-year school bonds at a rate not to exceed 7% by the Board of Directors. All bids to be sent to the office of the County Superintendent of Schools at Hillsboro, N. D. A certified check for \$100 required with each bid. E. A. Butterfield, Clerk.

CARLTON, Carlton County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—James McFarland, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 7:30 p. m. Aug. 28 for the purchase of \$15,000 5 1/2% water works bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1922. Int. M. & S. Each bidder shall name in his bid the fiscal institution at which payment of principal and interest shall be made. Cert. check for 5% of the amount of bid, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

CARROLL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Charles Mix County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. Sept. 1 for the purchase of \$10,000 school bonds at not to exceed 6% interest by A. S. Johnson, Treasurer (P. O. Platte). Denom. \$500. Int. semi-annually. Certified check for \$500 required.

CAROL TOWNSHIP, Ottawa County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—We are unofficially informed that the \$30,700 5 1/2% 5-2-5 year (aver.) coupon Section D. I. C. H. No. 438 bonds, which were offered for sale on Aug. 12—V. 115, p. 565—have been sold to the Oak Harbor State Bank, Oak Harbor, at a premium of \$30 (100.097), a basis of about 5.48%. Date Sept. 1 1922. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,700 in 1923, and \$3,000 from 1924 to 1932 inclusive.

CATHAY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—During July the State of North Dakota purchased \$10,000 4% funding bonds at par. Date July 1 1922. Due July 1 1942. Bonds are not subject to call, but may be redeemed 2 years from date of issue.

CAYEY, Porto Rico.—BOND OFFERING.—Cesar M. Ortiz, Commissioner of Public Service, Police and Prisons, will receive sealed bids until 9 a. m. Sept. 15 for \$280,000 coupon improvement bonds at not to exceed 6% interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in Washington, D. C., New York, or Porto Rico, at option of purchaser. Due on July 1 from 1927 to 1950 incl. Certified check for 2% of the amount bid for required.

CEDAR COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 54 (P. O. Laurel), Neb.—BOND SALE.—The Peters Trust Co. of Omaha was the successful bidder for the \$52,000 5% school building bonds, offered on Aug. 15—V. 115, p. 672—for \$52,522.50, equal to 101,004. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Date Aug. 15 1922. Int. F. & A. Due serially. Other bidders were:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder Name and Amount. Includes Lincoln Trust Co., White-Phillips Co., Omaha Trust Co., U. S. Trust Co., and others.

CEDAREGGE, Delta County, Colo.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The \$40,000 5 1/4% tax-free water refunding bonds, awarded to the International Trust Co. of Denver—V. 114, p. 2506—are described as follows: Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at Kountze Bros., N. Y. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$1,500 1933 to 1952, inclusive, and \$2,000 1953 to 1957, inclusive.

Financial Statement table for Cedaregge bonds showing assessed valuation, total debt, and population.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Linn County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Aug. 31 for \$100,000 4 1/4% coupon water works bonds by L. J. Stortz, City Clerk. Date June 15 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (June 15 and Dec. 15) payable at the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., N. Y. Due \$5,000 yearly on June 15 from 1923 to 1942 incl. A certified check for \$3,000, payable to the City of Cedar Rapids, required. Bonds have been approved by Wood & Oakley of Chicago, whose opinion will be furnished by the city. After the sealed bids have been opened the City Council will call for open bids as required by Chapter 170 of the Acts of the Laws of the 39th General Assembly. Bonds are to be delivered and paid for at the office of the City Treasurer. The official states:

The Water Works has been owned by the City since 1903. There is no controversy or litigation pending or threatened affecting the corporate existence or boundaries of the municipality, or the title of its present officials to their respective offices, or the validity of these bonds. The principal and interest of all bonds previously issued have been promptly paid at maturity. Bonds are exempt from State, county or municipal taxation.

Financial Statement table for Cedar Rapids showing estimated actual value of all taxable property and assessed value of all property for taxation.

Present population estimated at 50,000; official 1920 National census, 45,566. Predominant nativity—American born. Municipality was incorporated in 1850. Commission government since 1908.

CENTRAL UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Fresno County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 13 Cyrus Peirce & Co., and the Bank of Italy, were awarded \$150,000 5% bonds for \$156,308, equal to 104.20. Due serially.

CHATHAM, Pittsylvania County, Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Aug. 31 by W. M. Tredway, Jr., Town Clerk, for \$12,000 6% 15-30 year (opt.) coupon street repair bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Deposit of 5% of par value required at sale, balance on delivery of bonds.

CHESTER, Delaware County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$225,000 4 1/4% coupon bonds offered on Aug. 17—V. 115, p. 565—were awarded to the Cambridge Trust Co. of Chester, for \$233,077.50, equal to 103.59, a basis of about 4.21%. Date Sept. 1 1922. Due \$45,000 on Sept. 1 in 1928, 1934, 1940, 1946 and 1952.

CHESTER TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wilmington, R. D.), Clinton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Mrs. C. E. Haydock, Clerk, Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Sept. 7 for \$20,000 5 1/4% school bldg. bonds, authorized by Section 7625 et seq. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 15 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.), payable at the First National Bank, Wilmington. Due \$1,000 yearly on Sept. 15 from 1923 to 1942, incl. Cert. check for \$1,000 payable to the Board of Education, is required.

CLARENDON, Donley County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Aug. 11 \$75,000 6% serial water works bonds were registered with the State Comptroller.

CLARKSTOWN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. West Nyack), Rockland County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 5% school bonds offered on Aug. 16—V. 115, p. 672—were sold to the village of Nyack. Date July 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1924 to 1928, incl., and not less than \$1,000 annually thereafter, amount at option of the Board of Education.

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Chas. C. Frazine, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 21 for \$38,500 5 1/4% coupon special assessment Cleveland Heights paying bonds, 6th issue for 1922' bonds. Denom. 1 for \$500 and 38 for \$1,000 each. Date Aug. 15 1922. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,500 in 1923, \$4,000 in 1924, 1926, 1927, 1929 and 1930, and \$5,000 in 1925, 1928 and 1931. Issued under the laws of Ohio and Ordinance No. 2513, passed July 3 1922. Certified check for 3% of the amount bid for, payable to the above official is required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

COFFEE COUNTY (P. O. Manchester), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 11 this county sold \$300,000 road bonds (part of a total issue of \$600,000) to the American National Securities Co. of Nashville. With reference to the sale of these bonds the Birmingham "Age-Herald" on Aug. 12 said: "The first issue of \$300,000 Coffee County road bonds was sold on Aug. 11 to the American National Securities Co. of Nashville. "The terms of the sale provide for the payment of par and accrued interest at the time of delivery of the bonds, and a premium of \$8,550. The money is to be deposited with the purchasers until it is checked out by the Coffee County Road Commission for the legitimate expenses of road building, and will draw interest at 4% on the average daily balance. "The entire issue of \$600,000 was not placed on the market, the Commission deciding to sell only such bonds as are needed in the construction of the roads. The remainder of the issue will probably be disposed of within the next eighteen months. "The Commissioners meet on Aug. 11 and it is expected that the final preliminaries to building the new roads in Coffee County will be completed. A contract will be made with an engineer, who will have charge of the surveys and construction of the roads. "The new system will comprise four roads, radiating from Manchester to the county lines."

COLLINGSWOOD BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Collingswood), Camden County, N. J.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$385,000 4 1/4% registered school bonds offered on Aug. 10—V. 115, p. 566—has not been sold.

COLUMBIA, Boone County, Mo.—BOND ELECTION.—An election is being held Sept. 7 to vote on the proposition to issue \$100,000 bonds for the purchase of the gas works.

COLUMBIANA VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Columbiana), Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo have purchased \$125,000 5% school building bonds, authorized by Section 7625, General Code, by vote of the electors Nov. 5 1921, and by a resolution passed by the Board of Education April 25 1922. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1922. Int. payable (A. & O.) at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$6,000 in 1927, 1932, 1937, 1942 and 1946, and \$5,000 in all other years from 1923 to 1945, incl.

COLUMBUS, Platte County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that \$30,000 water works bonds have been sold to the United States Trust Co. of Omaha, for \$30,020 (100.06) and int. It is also stated that \$5,000 main sewer bonds are to be sold to State of Nebraska at par. These 2 issues of bonds were voted on July 11—V. 115, p. 458.

COLOUHOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota during last month acquired \$10,000 4% building bonds at par. Date July 1 1920. Due July 1 1940. Bonds are not subject to call but may be redeemed 2 years from date of issue.

CORINTH, Alcorn County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Until Sept. 4 M. T. Sharp, City Clerk, will receive bids for \$100,000 municipal light and power and \$70,000 water works and sewer extension bonds. Certified check for 2% of total amount required.

CRAWFORD TOWN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Pine Bush), Orange County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 16 the \$45,000 5% coupon school bldg. bonds offered on that date—V. 115, p. 784—were awarded to Sherwood & Merrifield of New York, at 102.84, a basis of about 4.70%. Date July 1 1922. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1924 to 1938, incl., and \$3,000, 1939, to 1943, incl.

COMMERCE, Hunt County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—The citizens on Aug. 8 voted in favor of the issuance of \$120,000 school-building and \$20,000 street-paving bonds.

DALLAS, Dallas County, Tex.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The three issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$800,000, reported sold to Geo. L. Simpson & Co. of Dallas and Eldredge & Co. of New York at 105.57, a basis of about 4.57%, in last week's issue on page 784, are described as follows: Coupon bonds in the denom. of \$1,000 with the privilege of registration as to principal only. Tax free. Dated May and July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in gold coin at the Chase National Bank, New York. Due as follows:

Table showing bond maturity schedule for Dallas bonds from 1923 to 1935 with columns for date and amount.

The following is a complete list of bids received:

Table listing bids received for Dallas bonds, including bidder names like George L. Simpson & Co., Geo. L. Simpson & Co., J. L. Bowman, etc., and their respective bid amounts.

* Alternate bid, provided that issue of \$140,000 school bonds be changed to mature May 1 instead of July 1.

DALLAS, Dallas County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Aug. 7 \$560,000 school, \$100,000 sanitary sewer and \$140,000 school impt. 5% bonds were registered with the State Comptroller.

DEARBORN COUNTY (P. O. Lawrenceburg), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Gilbert B. Nowlin, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Sept. 1 for the following 5% bonds: \$19,200 William Whiteford et al. Sparta Twp. highway bonds. Denom. \$320. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$640 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1937 incl. 10,200 James J. Tavelin et al. Sparta Twp. highway bonds. Denom. \$340. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$340 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1937 incl. 16,400 Edward Greenham Co. Infirmary Road bonds. Denom. \$410. Int. J. & D. Due \$4,100 each six months from June 1 1923 to Dec. 1 1924 incl. Date Aug. 7 1922.

DEL NORTE IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Del Norte), Rio Grande County, Colo.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—In answer to our request for the result of the offering on Aug. 3 of the \$350,000 6 1/4% bonds—V. 115, p. 299—Wm. N. Evans, President, Board of Directors, says: "We did not sell the bonds on date as advertised but were just fulfilling the law. We had 18 companies that were interested and asked to be allowed to make inspection so they could make an honest and substantial bid."

DELTA, Delta County, Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—On Aug. 8 the \$115,000 5% refunding bonds were unanimously voted. These bonds have already been sold to the International Trust Co. of Denver, subject to being sanctioned by the voters at said election. The notice of the election was given in V. 115, p. 334. Other information concerning the election and sale may be found in V. 114, p. 2624.

DESEMONA, Eastland County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$20,000 6% 10-20-year (opt.) water works bonds was registered on Aug. 8 with the State Comptroller.

DOBBS FERRY, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 5% registered bonds offered on Aug. 15—V. 115, p. 673—were awarded to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. of New York at 101.35 and interest, a basis of about 4.72%: \$9,500 fire equipment bonds. Date May 1 1922. Due on May 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1923 to 1926, and \$1,500, 1927. 10,000 fire house improvement bonds. Date Aug. 1 1922. Due \$1,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1923 to 1935 incl.

DORADO (Municipality of), Porto Rico.—BOND SALE.—The \$84,000 coupon impt. bonds, offered on July 31—V. 115, p. 105—were sold on Aug. 4 to Jno. Nuven & Co. of Chicago, at 104.75 for 6%. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1922. Int. (J. & D.) Due July 1 1942.

DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 84, Wash.—BOND SALE—On July 29 the State of Washington, was the successful bidder for an issue of \$1,500,000 funding bonds offered on that date, at par for 5 1/2% Denom. \$150. Due \$150 yearly from 1923 to 1932, incl., optional at any int. paying date after 1 year. There were no other bidders.

DOUGLAS AND SARPY COUNTIES DISTRICT NO. FRACTIONAL 3, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The Peters Trust Co. of Omaha, has purchased \$5,000 5 1/2% tax-free school building bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. (F. & A.), payable at the County Treasurers office. Due \$500 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1923 to 1932, incl.

Assessed value as returned by assessors, 1921.....\$259,365
Total bonded debt, this issue.....5,000
Present population, estimated, 250.

DULUTH, Minn.—CERTIFICATES SOLD.—The \$150,000 5% certificates of indebtedness, for which bids were to have been opened Aug. 21 (V. 115, p. 459) have been sold to local banks.

EAGLE LAKE, Colorado County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Aug. 10 \$15,000 5% street improvement bonds were registered with the State Comptroller.

EAST AURORA, Erie County, N. Y.—NO AWARD AS YET.—No award has yet been made of the \$77,000 sewer bonds which were offered on Aug. 15—V. 115, p. 673. Seasongood & Mayer of New York, were the highest bidders.

EAST CLEVELAND, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,000 5% 4 1/2% (aver.) coupon (city's portion) street impt. bonds which were offered for sale on Aug. 12—V. 115, p. 673—were sold to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati, at a premium of \$6 (100.05) and int., a basis of about 4.99%. Date April 1 1922. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1923; \$2,000 in 1924; \$1,000 in 1925; \$2,000 in 1926; \$1,000 in 1927; \$2,000 in 1928, and \$1,000 in 1929, 1930 and 1931.

EGG HARBOR CITY, Atlantic County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 15 the issue of 5% school bonds offered on that date—V. 115, p. 785—was awarded to the Bankers Trust Co. of Atlantic City, which bid \$94,144.35 for \$91,500 bonds, which is equal to 102.89, a basis of about 4.75%. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1924 to 1945 incl.; \$4,000, 1946 to 1951 incl., and \$1,500, 1952. Other bidders were:

Table with columns: Name, Amount Bid For, Price Bid. Includes Egg Harbor Commercial Bank, Equitable Trust Co., M. M. Freeman & Co., Boardwalk National City.

ELDER CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sacramento County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 6% school bonds offered on July 31—V. 115, p. 674—were awarded to Freeman, Smith & Camp Co. of San Francisco at 107.561 and int., a basis of about 5%. Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. F. & A. Due \$1,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1923 to 1942 incl. Other bidders were:

Table with columns: Name, Premium. Includes The Capital National Bank, Bank of Italy, San Francisco.

ELKHART COUNTY (P. O. Goshen), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Fred A. Reed, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 31 for the following 8 issues of 4 1/2% highway improvement bonds:

- List of bond issues for Elkhart County: \$20,000 John R. Brown et al., Clinton Township bonds; \$68,000 F. W. Adams et al., Concord Township bonds; \$500 each and 40 for \$200 each; 58,000 C. C. Dalley et al., Washington Township bonds; 30,000 Rufus M. Brown et al., Elkhart Township bonds; 74,000 James Downey et al., Cleveland Township bonds; 10,000 Warren Smith et al., Middlebury and Clinton Townships bonds; 24,000 E. E. Fisher et al., Union Township bonds; 116,000 George Darr et al., Benton Township bonds.

ELK RAPIDS, Antrim County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—According to a local newspaper, a bond issue of \$9,000 for park purposes will be voted on at the primary election on Sept. 12.

ELLERBE HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ellerbe), Richmond County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 3 p. m. Aug. 29 by J. H. McRae, Secretary Board of Trustees, for \$15,000 6% road school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable in New York. Due \$500 yearly on July 1 from 1923 to 1952, incl. Cert. check (or cash) on an incorporated bank or trust company for \$300, payable to the County Treasurer, required. These bonds are to be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the town officials signing same and seal impressed thereon. The approving opinions of Chester B. Masslich of New York City, and J. L. Morehead of Durham, N. C., will be furnished the purchaser. Bonds will be delivered on or about Sept. 5 in New York City, delivery elsewhere at purchaser's expense, including New York exchange. Proposals must be on forms to be furnished by the above official, or said Trust Company.

EL MONDENO SCHOOL DISTRICT, Orange County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The William R. Staats Co. of Los Angeles, has purchased \$55,000 5% school bonds, maturing from 1924 to 1943, incl., it is stated.

ENGLEVALE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14, Ransom County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased \$10,000 4% building bonds during July at par. Date July 1 1920. Due July 1 1940. Bonds are not subject to call but may be redeemed 2 years from date of issue.

EUGENE, Lane County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 7 the Lumbermen's Trust Co. of Portland was awarded \$29,853.20 5 1/4% Bancroft impt. bonds at 100.06. Denom. \$500. Date Aug. 15 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due in or after one year.

EVANSVILLE SCHOOL CITY (P. O. Evansville), Vanderburgh County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—It is stated that the \$360,000 4 1/2% 11 1/2-year (average) coupon school bonds which were offered for sale on Aug. 15 (V. 115, p. 459), were sold to the National City Bank, of Evansville, for \$382,864 (100.79), a basis of about 4.31%. Date Aug. 15 1922. Due \$20,000 yearly on July 15 from 1925 to 1942, inclusive.

EVERETT, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On Aug. 17 a temporary loan of \$200,000 issued in anticipation of revenue, dated Aug. 18 1922 and maturing \$100,000 May 22 1923 and \$100,000 June 20 1923, was awarded to the Everett Trust Co. of Everett, on a 3.45% discount basis.

FANNIN COUNTY (P. O. Bonham), Tex.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The \$300,000 Road District bonds, reported sold at par and interest in V. 115, p. 596, answer to the following description: Interest rate 5 1/2%. Tax-free coupon bonds in the denomination of \$1,000. Date May 8 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (May 8 & Nov. 8), payable at the office of the State Treasurer or at the National Park Bank, N. Y., at option of holder. Due \$10,000 yearly on May 8 from 1923 to 1952 inclusive.

Table with columns: Item, Amount. Includes Real valuation, Assessed valuation, 1921, Total bonded debt, Less sinking fund, Net bonded debt, Population, 1920.

FAYETTE COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. La Grange), Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—The proposition to issue \$50,000 road bonds submitted to the people on Aug. 1 (V. 115, p. 566) was favorably passed upon.

FAIRMEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Madera County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$160,000 6% school-building bonds, maturing serially from 1923 to 1938, inclusive, has been sold to Freeman, Smith & Camp Co., of San Francisco, for \$161,086, equal to 100.678.

FERGUS FALLS, Otter Tail County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 7 Ballard & Co. and the Merchants' Trust & Savings Bank were

bawarded the \$30,000 water works bonds, offered on that date—V. 115, p. 566—for \$30,185 (100.61) and int. for 4 1/2%, a basis of about 4.68%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1922. Due on Aug. 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1927; \$8,000, 1932; \$8,000, 1937, and \$6,000, 1942. (Average life about 12 years.)

FLINT, Genesee County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Aug. 21 to vote on the question of issuing \$165,000 fire station bonds, \$667,000 paying bonds and \$722,000 sewer bonds.

FLOWING WELLS IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Tucson), Pima County, Ariz.—BONDS VOTED.—Reports say that at a recent election the \$167,000 bonds—V. 115, p. 210—were carried.

FLOYDADA, Floyd County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita has purchased \$12,500 water works system extension bonds, it is stated.

FLOYD COUNTY (P. O. Charles City), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 8 Bonbright & Co., Inc., of Chicago, were the successful bidders for the \$30,000 5% road bonds, offered on that date—V. 115, p. 674—for \$30,015 (100.05) and int., a basis of about 4.99%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. annually (May 1). Due May 1 1928.

BOND SALE.—The following 6% drainage bonds offered at the same time were sold to Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Devanport, at 5 1/4% at par and int. plus a small premium:

Table with columns: Drainage District No., Denom., Price. Includes \$44,600 Drainage District No. 20, 25,000 Drainage District No. 26, 1,100 Drainage District No. 27, 17,000 Drainage District No. 25.

FLOYD COUNTY (P. O. New Albany), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Chas. A. McCulloch, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 29 for \$24,700 4 1/2% coupon Emmett Utz et al., Georgetown Township, highway bonds. Denom. \$617.50. Date May 15 1922. Int. M. & N. 15. Principal and interest payable at the County Treasurer's office. A similar amount of bonds bearing the same description was reported as having been sold on July 5 (V. 115, p. 210) to Thos. D. Shewlin & Co., of Indianapolis.

BOND OFFERING.—The above official will receive bids until 10 a. m. Sept. 11 for \$35,040 5% D. W. McKown, William Rufing, David A. Payton et al., macadam road, Greenville Township, bonds. Denom. \$576. Date Sept. 11 1922. Int. M. & N. 15. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. A like amount of bonds was reported as having been sold to Gevin L. Payne & Co., of Indianapolis (V. 115, p. 674).

FLOYD COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Aug. 7 the State Comptroller registered the following 5% 10-40-year (opt.) bond issues: \$4,500 School District No. 4 bonds; \$8,000 School District No. 2 bonds.

FORT BEND COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Richmond), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Sept. 14 by C. D. Myers, County Judge, for \$500,000 5 1/2% bonds, Series No. 2. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the Seaboard National Bank, N. Y. Due yearly on March 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1923 to 1925 incl.; \$8,000, 1926 and 1927; \$10,000, 1928 to 1932 incl.; \$12,000, 1933 and 1934; \$13,000, 1935 and 1936; \$14,000, 1937 and 1938; \$16,000, 1939 and 1940; \$17,000, 1941; \$18,000, 1942 to 2000, 1943 and 1944; \$22,000, 1945; \$23,000, 1946; \$25,000, 1947; \$28,000, 1948; \$50,000, 1949; \$32,000, 1950; \$33,000, 1951, and \$35,000, 1952. A deposit of \$5,000 required. These bonds were voted on May 20 1922 by 311 to 25. Official announcement states that no previous issues of bonds have ever been contested and that the principal and interest of all bonds previously issued have always been promptly paid at maturity, and that there is no controversy or litigation pending or threatened affecting the corporate existence or the boundaries of this district. Title of its present officials to their respective offices or the validity of these bonds, bonds will be ready for delivery at time of sale. Total bonded debt (incl. present issue), \$608,000; cash value of sinking fund on hand, \$43,000; assessed value (real estate, personal and other taxable property) 1921, \$4,278,380; actual value, \$12,535,080; present population (est.), 6,500; predominant nativity white.

FRAMINGHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—It is reported that the Town Treasurer will receive bids until 1 p. m. Aug. 22 for the purchase at discount of a temporary loan of \$90,000, maturing March 1 1923.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—The County Commissioners will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Sept. 1 for \$59,000 5% C. P. No. 24, Section "B" road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Feb. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1925 to 1927, incl., and \$7,000 from 1928 to 1932, incl. Issued under Sections 1178 to 1231-4, incl. Certified check on a solvent national bank or trust company, payable to above officials, or cash, in an amount equal to 1% of the bonds bid for, is required.

BOND SALE.—The \$271,000 5% 6-year (aver.) Alkire Road impt. bonds which were offered for sale on Aug. 16—V. 115, p. 674—were sold to E. H. Rollins & Sons of Chicago at a premium of \$3,035.20 (101.108) and interest, a basis of about 4.79%. Date Aug. 1 1922. Due yearly on Feb. 1 as follows: \$34,000 from 1925 to 1931, incl., and \$33,000 in 1932. The following bids, all including accrued interest, were also received:

Table with columns: Name, Premium. Includes Richards, Parish & Lamson, Cleveland; Estabrook & Co. and Otis & Co., Cleveland; Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati; Stacy & Braun and Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Cincinnati; Harris, Forbes & Co. and the National City Co., and Hayden; Miller & Co., Cleveland; The Title Guarantee & Trust Co., Cincinnati; Sidney Spitzer & Co., Toledo; N. S. Hill & Co., Cincinnati; The Citizens Savings & Trust Bank, Columbus; W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo; Halsey, Stuart & Co. and W. R. Compton Co., Chicago.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, Howard County, Mo.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 11 a. m. Aug. 31 by H. M. Chancellor, County Treasurer (P. O. Fayette), for \$25,000 5% road and bridge bonds, voted on July 22 by 462 to 17. Denom. to suit purchaser, Date Sept. 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. (M. & S.), payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly from 1924 to 1942, incl. Cert. check for \$1,000, payable to Howard County, required. Official announcement says: "No levy voted, necessary levies made each year by County Court to pay interest and create a sinking fund for this issue." Total bonded debt (including this issue), \$25,000; assessed value, real and personal property in township for 1920 assessment, \$3,431,970; population 1920 (Census), 2,088.

FREDERICKTOWN, Knox County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Harry L. Ralston, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 21 for \$40,900 5 1/2% property owners' share, Main St. improvement bonds. Denom. \$1 for \$500 each and 2 for \$200 each. Date July 15 1922. Int. A. & O. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,500 from 1923 to 1929, inclusive, and \$4,700 in 1930 and 1931. Issued under Section 3014, General Code. Certified check for 10% of the amount bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, is required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

FREESTONE COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller registered \$4,800 5% 10-40-year (opt.) bonds on Aug. 7.

FULTON SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT (P. O. Fulton), Callaway County, Mo.—BONDS REGISTERED AND BOND SALE.—An issue of \$50,000 special road bonds has been registered and is reported sold to a Kansas City house. These bonds were voted on May 18 (V. 114, p. 2507).

FURNACE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16 (P. O. Arapahoe), Neb.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Aug. 8—V. 115, p. 459—the \$60,000 school bonds were voted by 309 to 118. Denom. to suit purchaser. Int. rate will probably be 5% or 5 1/2%. Date Sept. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due Sept. 1 1922, optional after 10 years. Date of sale not yet determined. Bonded debt (including this issue) \$60,000. Assessed value 1922, \$2,200,000. C. M. Evans is Secretary, Board of Education.

GALVESTON, Galveston County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the \$1,000,000 school bonds were voted, it is reported.

GENEVA, Ontario County, N. Y.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held Aug. 8, it is stated, the taxpayers voted in favor of a proposi-

like to issue \$25,000 bonds for the purchase of lands fronting on Seneca Lake to be used as a park and bathing beach.

GIBBS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Adair County, Mo.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held on July 27—V. 115, p. 460—the \$15,000 school building bonds were defeated.

GIBSON COUNTY (P. O. Princeton), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—S. Witherspoon, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a.m. Aug. 25 for the following 4½% coupon road bonds: \$16,000 Floyd Wood et al road, Columbia Twp., bonds, Denom. \$400. 27,000 P. H. Lamb et al road bonds, Denom. 20 for \$1,000 each and 20 for \$350 each. 20,300 John Boal et al road, Center Twp., bonds, Denom. 20 for \$500 each and 20 for \$516 each. 21,000 Joseph Elliott et al road bonds, Denom. 20 for \$500 each and 20 for \$550 each.

Date Aug. 15 1922. Int. M. & N. 15. Due each six months beginning May 15 1923.

GIBSONVILLE, Guilford County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 8:30 p. m. Aug. 28 by N. J. Jennings, Town Clerk, for the purchase of \$80,000 gold coupon water and sewer bonds (a consolidation of \$50,000 water works construction and \$30,000 sewerage construction bonds) at not to exceed 6% interest. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable in New York in gold. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1924 to 1928 incl., and \$1,500, 1929 to 1934 incl.; \$2,000, 1935 to 1947 incl., and \$2,500, 1948 to 1963 incl. Cert. check (or cash) on an incorporated bank or trust for \$1,600 payable to the above official, required. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mfg. & Trust Co., N. Y. City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. The approving opinion of Chester B. Masslich, N. Y. City, and the legal papers will be furnished the purchaser. Delivery at place of purchaser's choice on or about Sept. 15 1922. Proposals must be made on blank forms furnished by the above official or said trust company. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

Statistical Statement. Assessed valuation, 1921. \$1,975,000 00 Actual valuation, estimated. 3,000,000 00 Total debt, including bonds now offered. 110,000 00 Water debt included in above. 350,000 00 Amount of special assessments to be presently levied as estimated by the Town Engineer, which when collected can be applied only to the payment of outstanding bonds included in above debt. 12,000 00 62,000 00 Net debt. \$48,000 00 Population, 1920 Census. 1,380

GILA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20 (P. O. Miami), Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—We are advised by a special telegram from our Western representative that \$285,000 school bonds will be offered on Oct. 2. Notice that the above bonds had been voted was reported in V. 115, p. 566, but was given under the caption of "Gila County School District."

GLENDIVE, Dawson County, Mont.—BOND SALE.—We are advised by a special telegram from our Western correspondent that the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, was the successful bidder for the \$60,000 water works bonds offered on Aug. 16—V. 115, p. 335—at 101.33 for 6s. Date July 1 1922. Due \$6,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1933 to 1942, inclusive, each bond to be redeemable at the option of the city one year prior to its maturity.

GRAND ISLAND, Hall County, Neb.—BOND OFFERING.—The City Council offered \$15,000 intersection paving bonds bearing interest at not exceeding 5%, payable semi-annually, also approximately \$30,000 bonds of Paving District No. 37, bearing interest at not to exceed 6% per annum, at 8 p. m. Aug. 16. H. E. Clifford, City Clerk.

GRANT PASS, Josephine County, Ore.—PRICE PAID.—The price paid for the \$51,187.03 6s bonds by the Ralph Schmelco Co. of Portland—V. 115, p. 567—was \$52,201.53, equal to 101.98, a basis of about 5.83%. The bonds were purchased on July 11 and are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due July 1 1942.

GRANVILLE, Licking County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—D. E. Jones, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 29 for the following 5½% bonds: \$14,500 special assessment Granger St. improvement bonds, Denom. 1 for \$1,000 and 9 for \$1,500 each. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1923 and \$1,500 from 1924 to 1932, incl. Issued under Section 3914, Gen. Code.

7,500 (village share) Granger St. Imp't. bonds, Denom. 1 for \$500 each and 7 for \$1,000 each. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$500 in 1924 and \$1,000 from 1925 to 1931, incl. Issued under Section 3939, Gen. Code.

Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. A. & O. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, is required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Bloomfield), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The 2 issues of 5% 5½-year (aver.) coupon road bonds aggregating \$17,500 which were offered for sale on Aug. 16—V. 115, p. 785—were sold to the J. F. Wild & Co. State Bank of Indianapolis as follows: \$12,000 Kenneth Ogle et al. Stafford Twp. bonds, at a premium of \$75 (100.625) and int., a basis of about 4.87%. Denom. \$600. Date June 15 1922.

5,500 Everett Workman et al., Richland Twp. bonds, at a premium of \$34 (100.618) and int., a basis of about 4½%. Denom. \$275. Date July 15 1922.

Interest semi-annual (M. & N. 15). Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932 inclusive.

GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—According to a recent issue of the Michigan "Investor," the \$60,000 school bonds which were offered for sale on Aug. 3—V. 115, p. 674—were sold to Matthew Finn of Detroit, at a premium of \$6,642 (111.07), a basis of about 4.34%. Date Aug. 15 1922. Due Aug. 15 1952.

GREEN SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Pinellas County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 8 the \$5,000 6% school bldg. bonds offered on that date—V. 115, p. 674—were sold to the Hanchett Bond Co., Inc., of Chicago for \$8,010 (100.12) and int., a basis of about 5.99%. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due July 1 1952.

GREENWOOD, Greenwood County, So. Caro.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—The Mayor and Town Council will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Aug. 21 for all or any part of approximately \$75,000 6% 9-installment street-paving certificates. Date Aug. 15 1922. Int. semi-ann., payable in New York. Certified check on a national bank or a banker or trust company in South Carolina for \$4,000, payable to Robt. J. Cartledge Jr., Town Clerk and Treasurer, required. Certificates will be ready for delivery at once.

GROOM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Groom), Carson County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$25,000 5% 40-year bonds was registered on Aug. 7 with the State Comptroller.

GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Grove), Delaware County, Okla.—BONDS VOTED.—It is stated that a \$32,000 school-building bond issue was recently voted.

HALE CENTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hale Center), Hale County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Aug. 7 \$5,000 6% serial bonds were registered with the State Comptroller.

HALL COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Aug. 7 \$12,000 6% 20-40-year (opt.) bonds were registered with the State Comptroller.

HAMLET, Richmond County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 8 p. m. Aug. 29 by E. H. Mahone, Town Clerk, for \$200,000 gold coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only) street-imp't. bonds at not to exceed 6% interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable in New York. Due \$10,000 yearly on July 1 from 1924 to 1943, incl. Certified check (or cash) on an incorporated bank or trust company for \$4,000. These bonds are to be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mfg. & Trust Co., N. Y. City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the town officials signing same and the seal impressed thereon. The approving opinions of

Chester B. Masslich of N. Y. City and J. L. Morehead of Durham, N. C., will be furnished the purchaser. Delivery on or about Sept. 20 1922 in N. Y. City; delivery elsewhere at purchaser's expense, including N. Y. exchange. All bids must be on forms to be furnished by the above official or said trust company.

Financial Statement. Total debt outstanding including this issue. \$442,000 00 Amount of assessments to be presently levied on account of street improvements. 171,000 00 (All street improvement bonds are direct and general obligations of town, and an unlimited tax for the payment of principal and interest has been authorized by law and ordinance. Special assessments when collected will be applied to reduction in tax levy.) Net debt. 271,000 00 Assessed valuation, 1921. 4,157,252 87 Actual valuation. 5,250,000 00 Population, 1920 (Census), 3,808; estimated population, 1922, including suburbs, 5,500. No school district indebtedness.

HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Garner), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—Faine, Webber & Co., and Wm. L. Ross & Co., Inc., both of Chicago, and the First National Co. of Mason City, have purchased and are now offering to investors, at prices to yield 4.55%, \$500,000 5% tax-free road bonds, Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and annual int. payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due on May 1 as follows: \$75,000, 1926 to 1931, incl., and \$50,000, 1932. The bonds maturing from 1928 to 1932, incl., are optional on and after 5 years from their date.

Financial Statement. Actual assessed value of taxable property. \$31,496,440 Taxable value. 87,874,110 Monies and credits. 2,495,055 10,369,165 Total bond debt (incl. this issue). 500,000 Population (Census 1920) 14,723.

HANDLEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Handley), Tarrant County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller on Aug. 12 registered \$40,000 6% serial bonds.

HARDEMAN COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$6,000 6% 5-20 year (opt.) bonds was registered on Aug. 7 with the State Comptroller.

HARRISON COUNTY (P. O. Corydon), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Wm. Taylor, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Sept. 11 for \$11,000 5% James Bird, Blue River and Spencer Townships, highway bonds, Denom. \$275. Date Sept. 11 1922. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$275 each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1943, incl.

HARTFORD (Town), Warren County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On July 29 an issue of \$10,000 6% bridge bonds was awarded to the Sandy Hill National Bank of Hudson Falls, at 106.015, a basis of about 4.91%. Date Aug. 1 1922. Due \$1,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1924 to 1933, incl.

HAVRE, Hill County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING CONSIDERED.—It is reported that \$120,000 5½% funding bonds may be offered for sale.

HENDERSON COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Athens), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—County Judge J. A. Johnson is receiving bids until 1 p. m. Aug. 28 for \$18,000 5½% bonds. Prin. and int. payable annually. Cert. check for 5% required.

HILL COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 4, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller registered \$50,000 5% 15-40 year bonds on Aug. 10.

HILLSDALE COUNTY (P. O. Hillsdale), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—The Board of County Road Commissioners will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Aug. 25 for approximately \$46,000 Assessment District Road No. 2 bonds issued under Act 59, Public Acts of 1915, as amended. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$10,000 in 1924 and 1925; \$11,000 in 1926, and \$15,000 in 1927. Bidders are requested to name int. rate (not exceeding 6%). Cert. check for 2% of the amount of the bonds, payable to L. A. Ratney, Chairman of the above Board, is required. All proceedings relative to the sale of the bonds have been approved by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Perry of Detroit.

HOLBROOKE IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Croway), Otero County, Colo.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The voters at the election held Aug. 8 (V. 115, p. 567) defeated the proposition for the issuance of \$521,000 refunding bonds.

HOLYOKE, Hampden County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 17 \$24,000 4½% coupon school bonds were awarded to R. M. Grant & Co. of Boston, at 101.407, a basis of about 3.99%. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable in gold coin at the Merchants National Bank of Boston. Due \$2,000 yearly on July 1 from 1923 to 1934, inclusive. Other bidders, all of Boston, were: Estabrook & Co. 101.390 E. H. Rollins & Sons 101.098 R. L. Day & Co. 101.390 Merrill, Oldham & Co. 101.089 Watkins & Co. 101.383 Arthur Perry & Co. 101.085 Harris, Forbes & Co. 101.290 Curtis & Sanger 100.90 B. J. Van Ingen & Co. 101.287 Chas. & Co. 100.828 F. S. Mosley & Co. 101.175 Eldredge & Co. 100.150 Stacy & Braun. 101.141

HOLYOKE, Philips County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$8,000 5½% serial refunding bonds has been sold to Bosworth Chaunte & Co. of Denver, at a cover of par. Bonded Debt. \$145,000. Assessed value \$1,323,360.

HOUSTON COUNTY LEVEE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Aug. 7 the State Comptroller registered \$150,000 6% serial bonds.

HOUSTON, Houston County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller on Aug. 7 registered \$100,000 4½% serial fire and police station bonds.

HUDSON, Columbia County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$125,000 4½% coupon or registered public school bonds offered on Aug. 15—V. 115, p. 785—were awarded to Beansgood & Mayer of New York, for \$127,562.50 (102.05) and int., a basis of about 4.25%. Date Sept. 1 1922. Due \$25,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1930 to 1934, incl. Other bidders, all of New York, were:

Name	Price	Name	Price
J. G. White & Co.	125.397 61	Sherwood & Merrifield	126.462 50
Harris, Forbes & Co.	125.787 50	Purdy, Renick, Rider, Inc	126.388 75
Farson, Son & Co.	125.767 50	Gao. B. Gibbons & Co.	126.912 50
Rutter & Co.	125.771 00	Jelke, Hood & Co.	127.207 00
S. W. Whitis & Co.	126.625 00		

HUDSON, Lincoln County, So. Dak.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election the voters by a majority of 74 authorized the issuance of bonds in the sum of \$16,000 with which to make needed improvements to the school facilities of Hudson, it is stated.

HULL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hull), Liberty County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—Stern Bros. & Co. of Kansas City, have purchased, according to a special telegraphic dispatch to us from our Western representative, \$100,000 6% school bonds at 105.05. These bonds were recently voted—V. 115, p. 2852.

HUNTINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Huntington), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 5% 5½-year (aver.) highway improvement bonds, aggregating \$20,140, which were offered for sale on Aug. 9—V. 115, p. 675—were sold to the Bankers Investment Co. of Indianapolis, at a premium of \$137 (100.68), a basis of about 4.86%: \$10,800 L. J. Rhany et al. Dallas Township bonds, Denom. \$540. \$9,340 Julius Rndig et al. Dallas and Polk Townships bonds, Denom. \$467.

Date May 15 1922. Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932 inclusive.

HURLEY, Iron County, Wis.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—A bond issue of \$55,000 to raise money to purchase the water works equipment in Hurley was authorized in a resolution passed by the City Council.

IMPERIAL COUNTY (P. O. El Centro), Calif.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 7 the \$300,000 5½% 20 1-3 year (aver.) gold coupon court house bonds, offered on that date—V. 115, p. 336—were sold to the Security Commercial & Savings Bank of El Centro at 101 and interest, a basis of about 5.42%. Date June 12 1922. Due \$7,500 yearly on June 12 from 1923 to 1962 inclusive.

JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Brownstown), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—C. C. Finch, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 1 p. m. Aug. 23 for \$17,500 4 1/2% A. M. Singer, Driftwood Township, highway bonds. Denom. \$875. Date Aug. 15 1922. Int. (M. & N-16). Due \$875 each 6 months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, incl.

JACKSON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Shelby County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—John M. Fields, Trustee of Jackson Township and ex-officio Trustee of Jackson School Township, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Sept. 7 for \$73,225 5% school bonds. Denom. 58 for \$1,000 each and 29 for \$25 each. Date Sept. 1 1922. Price and semi-ann. int. (J-1). Payable at the First National Bank of Shelbyville. Cert. check for \$1,000, payable to the above official, is required.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Fostoria), Seneca County, Ohio.—BONDS OFFERED.—Alonzo Emmerine Jr., Township Clerk, offered for sale on Aug. 17 the following 6% coupon tax-anticipation road bonds issued under Section 3208-45, General Code: \$6,000 Grove Road No. 33, Section "B" bonds. Denom. 4 for \$1,000 each and 4 for \$500 each. Due yrly. on Mar. 1 as follows: \$500, from 1924 to 1927, and \$1,000 from 1928 to 1931. 7,000 Saum Road No. 51, Section "A" bonds. Denom. 2 for \$500 each and 6 for \$1,000 each. Due yrly. on Mar. 1 as follows: \$500 in 1924 and 1925 and \$1,000 from 1926 to 1931 incl. 4,000 Vrooman Road No. 64, Section "B" bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 on Mar. 1 from 1924 to 1931 incl. 8,000 Grove Road No. 53, Section "A" bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 yrly. on Sept. 1 from 1923 to 1930 incl. 5,000 North Buckley Road No. 29 bonds. Denom. 6 for \$500 each and 2 for \$1,000 each. 4,500 Stoner Road No. 41, Section "B" bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 yrly. on Sept. 1 from 1923 to 1931 incl. Date May 1 1922. Int. M. & S. Prin. and Int. payable at the Commercial Bank & Savings Co., Fostoria.

JASPER, Dubois County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—It is stated that the \$3,500 5% 1-10-year serial park bonds, which were offered for sale on Aug. 7—V. 115, p. 567—were sold to Henry Ryan of Jasper, at a premium of \$41.60 (101.188), a basis of about 4 3/4%. Date Aug. 1 1922. Due \$350 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1923 to 1932, incl.

JEANETTE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Jeanette), Westmoreland County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On June 26 Redmond & Co. of Pittsburgh, purchased \$135,000 4 1/2% coupon school bid. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1922. Int. (J. & D.). Due part on June 1 in each of the years 1931, 1936, 1941, 1946 and 1951. A premium of \$2,950, equal to 102.185, was paid.

JENNINGS COUNTY (P. O. Vernon), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$8,300 5% 5 1/2-year (aver.) Otto White et al., Center Township highway bonds, which were offered for sale on Aug. 14—V. 115, p. 786—were sold to the First National Bank and the North Vernon National Bank, both of North Vernon, Ind., for \$8,352 (100.64) and int., a basis of about 4.87%. Date Aug. 15 1922. Due \$415 each 6 months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, incl.

JEROME, Jerome County, Idaho.—BOND SALE.—The \$36,000 coupon funding bonds, offered on Aug. 15—V. 115, p. 675—were sold on that day. We are informed by wire from our western correspondents, to Blyth, Witter & Co. at 100.015 for 5 3/8%, a basis of about 5.74%. Date July 1 1922. Due on July 1 as follows: \$3,500, 1933 to 1941 inclusive, and \$4,500, 1942.

JOHNSON CITY, Broome County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$44,000 4 1/2% coupon public improvement bonds has been sold to Barr Bros. & Co. of New York. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at Johnson City in New York exchange. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1923 to 1926 inclusive; \$5,000, 1927, and \$3,000, 1928 to 1932 inclusive.

KADOKA, Jackson County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 water works bonds offered on Aug. 5—V. 115, p. 675—were sold on that date to the Drake-Ballard Co. of Minneapolis, as 6 1/2% s. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due July 1 1942.

KALIDA RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Kalida), Putnam County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—A. A. Skinner, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Sept. 2 for \$10,000 6% refunding bonds authorized by Sections 5656 and 5657, Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 1 1922. Int. M. & S. Due \$500 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1923 to 1942, incl. Cert. check for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the Treasurer of the Board of Education, is required. Purchaser must pay accrued int.

KELLEYS ISLAND VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Kelleys Island), Erie County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—The Board of Education will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Aug. 24 for \$5,275 5 1/2% school impt. bonds issued under Sections 7626 and 2295-10, Gen. Code. Denom. 2 for \$1,100 each, 1 for \$1,075 and 2 for \$1,000 each. Date June 15 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J-D-15), payable at the Third National Exchange Bank, Sandusky. Due yearly on June 15 as follows: \$1,100 in 1924 and 1925; \$1,075 in 1926, and \$1,000 in 1927 and 1928. Cert. check on a bank in Sandusky, for 5% of the amount of the bid, payable to the Clerk Board of Education, is required.

KENYON, Goodhue County, Minn.—BOND ELECTION.—On Aug. 29 \$15,000 water works impt. bonds will be voted upon, it is stated.

KING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 66, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,000 coupon bonds, offered on Aug. 5—V. 115, p. 568—were sold on that date at par for 5 1/2%. Due \$500 yearly from 1924 to 1929 inclusive; optional after 1 year. Interest annually (Sept.).

KOOCHICHIING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of International Falls, has purchased \$60,000 5% 5-20-year school-building bonds for \$60,100 (100.16) and interest, a basis of about 5.98%. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Interest J. & J.

LADYSMITH, Rusk County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—Street improvement bonds to the amount of \$35,000 have been sold to the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis for \$36,980, equal to 105.65.

LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Spencer, R. F. D. No. 4), Owen County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,500 5% 3 1/4-year (aver.) coupon school construction bonds which were offered for sale on Aug. 12—V. 115, p. 675—were awarded to the Patrickburg Bank of Patrickburg, at a premium of \$19.92 (100.569), and interest, a basis of about 4.81%. Date July 1 1922. Due \$350 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1927, inclusive.

LAKEMORE, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Emery C. Starke, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Sept. 1 for \$9,000 5% real estate fund bonds. Denom. \$600. Date July 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due in 8 years after date. Authorized by Section 3339, Gen. Code, and Ordinance No. 18, passed June 14 1922. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

LAKEPORT, Lake County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals for the purchase of \$65,000 5% coupon bonds will be received until 8 p. m. Aug. 31 by Fred L. Coles, City Clerk. Denom. \$300 and \$500. Int. J. & J. Due yearly on Jan. 2 as follows: \$1,800, 1926 to 1960, incl., and \$2,000, 1961. Cert. check for 10% of amount of bid, required.

LANCASTER, Dallas County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Aug. 7 the State Comptroller registered \$15,000 6% serial water works and sewer bonds.

LA PORTE COUNTY (P. O. La Porte), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The 2 issues of 5% 5 1/2-year (aver.) highway impt. bonds aggregating \$9,400, which were offered for sale on Aug. 15—V. 115, p. 675—were awarded to A. P. Andrew & Son of La Porte, as follows: \$4,800 Chas. Core et al., gravel road Noble Township bonds at a premium of \$25 (100.52), a basis of about 4.89%. Denom. \$240. 4,600 August W. Nelson et al., gravel road Noble Township bonds at a premium of \$25 (100.54), a basis of about 4.89%. Denom. \$230. Date Aug. 15 1922. Due 1 bond of each issue each 6 months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, incl.

LARKSPUR SCHOOL DISTRICT, Marin County, Calif.—PRICE PAID—OTHER INFORMATION.—The price at which Wm. Cavalier & Co. of San Francisco acquired the \$25,000 5% school bonds—V. 115, p. 568—was \$25,654.80, equal to 102.61, a basis of about 4.71%. The bonds were purchased on July 17 and are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1923 to 1947 inclusive.

LAS VEGAS, San Miguel County, N. Mex.—PRICE PAID.—The price paid by Boettcher, Porter & Co. of Denver, for the \$50,000 6% 20-30-year (opt.) sewer bonds—V. 115, p. 461—was par and int. Int. J. & J.

LEWIS COUNTY (P. O. Nezperce), Idaho.—BOND SALE.—Reports say that the Spokane & Eastern Trust Co. and Ferris & Hardgrove, both of Spokane, have purchased \$50,000 highway bonds at 100.098 and int.

LEWIS SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Lewis R. R. No. 2), Clay County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,500 5% coupon school building bonds which were offered for sale on Aug. 2—V. 115, p. 336—were sold to the Brazil Trust Co. at par and accrued interest. Date July 1 1922. Due \$500 yearly on July 1 from 1923 to 1931 inclusive.

LEWISTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Lewiston), Niagara County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On June 20 an issue of \$17,000 5 1/2% school-building bonds was awarded to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., of New York, at 101.19, a basis of about 4.92%. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1923 to 1939, inclusive.

LITTLE ROCK AND HOT SPRINGS HIGHWAY DISTRICT (P. O. Little Rock), Pulaski, Saline and Garland Counties, Ark.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 10 the \$400,000 5 1/2% serial highway bonds offered on that date—V. 115, p. 568—were awarded to the Citizens' National Bank of Hot Springs at 100.15.

LOGAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Logan), Hocking County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$130,000 5% 1-20 year serial bonds which were offered for sale on Aug. 11—V. 115, p. 568—were sold to L. R. Ballinger & Co. of Cincinnati for \$130,826.50 (100.63) and interest, a basis of about 4.92%. Date Aug. 1 1922. Due \$6,500 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1923 to 1942 incl. The following bids, all including accrued interest, were also received:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder Name and Amount. Includes Campbell & Kinsey, Richards, Parish & Lamson, Sidney Salinger & Co., Keane, Higbie & Co.

LOGAN, Logan County, W. Va.—BOND OFFERING.—J. A. Hogg, Mayor, will receive bids until Aug. 31 for \$30,000 6% street improvement bonds, it is stated. Denom. \$100 or multiples thereof.

LOST LAKE DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Marks), Quitman County, Miss.—CORRECTION.—The price paid by the Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. of Memphis, for the \$50,000 6% drainage bonds on Aug. 7 was 101 (not 100.002, as stated in V. 115, p. 786). The bonds are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1922. Int. A. & O. Date of maturity "20 years."

MCCOMB CENTRALIZED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. McComb), Hancock County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$325,000 5 1/2% 12 1/2-year (aver.) school building bonds, which were offered for sale on Aug. 12—V. 115, p. 568—were sold to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit, for \$334,002 (102.769) and interest, a basis of about 5.20%. Date July 15 1922. Due yearly on Sept. 15 as follows: \$13,000 in each of the odd years and \$14,000 in each of the even years from 1923 to 1946, inclusive, except that in 1945 \$14,000 will become due. The following bids were also received:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder Name and Premium. Includes R. L. Ballinger & Co., Ryan, Bowman & Co., Milliken & York Co., Prudden & Co., Richards, Parish & Lamson, W. L. Slayton & Co.

MCCREARY COUNTY (P. O. Whitley City), Ky.—BOND ELECTION.—Newspaper reports say that an order has been made by the Fiscal Court of McCreary County, calling an election to be held on Sept. 9 to vote on the question of issuing \$200,000 bonds to build and maintain county roads and bridges.

MAHONING COUNTY (P. O. Youngstown), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—The County Commissioners will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 21 for \$77,000 5 1/2% Youngstown-East Liverpool Road 1, C. H. No. 502, Section "C" bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due serially on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1932 incl. Issued under Section 1223, General Code. Certified check for \$1,000, payable to the County Treasurer, is required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

MANAWA, Waupaca County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,000 street improvement bonds, mentioned in V. 114, p. 650, have been sold to local investors.

MANSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Wright County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—The Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City has purchased the \$11,000 school building bonds, which were recently voted—V. 115, p. 461.

MAQUOKETA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Maquoketa), Jackson County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 8 the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport, was awarded \$200,000 4 1/4% school bonds at 101.85. Other bidders were: Geo. M. Bechtel & Co., Davenport, \$203,680; Ringheim, Wheelock & Co., 203,532; Ballard, Masset & Beh., Inc., Des Moines, 203,305; Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, 202,150; Gates, White & Co., St. Paul, 202,100.

MARICOPA IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Maricopa), Pinal County, Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—On Sept. 2 sealed bids will be received for the purchase of \$1,375,000 irrigation bonds. Interest not to exceed 7%, payable January and July and with principal at any place in the United States that may be designated by the purchaser. Denom. of \$100 or in multiples thereof at pleasure of purchaser. Dated Sept. 4 1922. Due serially in 11 to 30 years. Cert. check of 5% of bid required of bidders. Bids are requested on the following propositions: (a) Entire issue to be taken upon delivery and payment; (b) entire issue immediate delivery of one-fourth, one-fourth in four months, one-fourth in eight months, one-fourth in one year. Each installment delivered to consist of as many as possible of equal amounts of longer time and shorter time bonds as the Board of Directors may be able to select. Notice that this district would vote upon the above bonds was given in V. 115, p. 675. D. H. Smith, Secretary.

MARION, Marion County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—A local newspaper states that a bond issue of \$550,000 for a trunk line sewer was voted.

MARTIN COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 68 (P. O. Sherburne), Minn.—BOND SALE.—Gates, White & Co. of St. Paul, were the successful bidders on Aug. 8 for \$35,000 funding bonds for \$36,125, equal to 103.21, for 5 1/4%. Denom. \$1,000. Int. J. & J.

MARTINS FERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Martins Ferry), Belmont County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 5% 12-2 1/2-year (aver.) school bonds, which were offered for sale on Aug. 10—V. 115, p. 337—were sold to the Union Savings & Trust Co. of Warren, at a premium of \$2,100 (100.84), and interest, a basis of about 4.90%. Due \$11,000 yearly on March 1 from 1924 to 1945, inclusive, and \$8,000 on March 1 1946.

MARYLAND (State of)—CORRECTION.—The price paid by the Safe Deposit & Trust Co. of Baltimore, in securing the \$900,000 4 1/2% certificates of indebtedness was 102.10, not 101.10 as a typographical error made us say in V. 115, p. 786.

MEADE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28 (P. O. Opal), So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received at once by F. W. Grocott, Treasurer, for \$4,500 6% refunding bonds. Denom. \$22 for \$200 and 1 for \$100.

MEADOW DRAINAGE DISTRICT, Klamath County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING POSTPONED.—In V. 115, p. 569 we reported that bids would be received until 9 a. m. Aug. 15 for the purchase of all of a \$525,000 bond issue (for only \$350,000 of same) at not exceeding 6% interest. We are now unofficially informed that bids were received up until 9 a. m. Aug. 18, the offering having been postponed.

MEDINA, Medina County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—W. P. Ainsworth, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Sept. 2 for the following 6% street improvement bonds: \$10,878.00 special assessment West Liberty Street bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$587. Due \$1,087.80 yearly on April 1 from 1923 to 1932 inclusive. 6,840.40 special assessment East Liberty Street bonds. Denom. \$684.04. Due \$684.04 yearly on April 1 from 1923 to 1932 inclusive. 3,841.60 (villa portion) East Liberty and West Liberty Streets bonds. Denom. 7 for \$500 and 1 for \$341.60. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$500 from 1924 to 1930 incl., and \$341.60 in 1931.

Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. A. & O. Certified check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, is required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

MEDINA COUNTY (P. O. Medina), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$13,600 5 1/2% 5-2-3-year (aver.) Wooster-Elyria Road, County Road No. 11 bonds, which were offered for sale on Aug. 11—V. 115, p. 787—were sold to W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo for \$13,840 72 (101.77) and interest, a basis of about 5.15%. Date July 1 1922. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,600, 1923; \$1,000, 1924 to 1927, incl., and \$2,000, 1928 to 1931 incl. The following bids were also received:

Table with 2 columns: Amt. of Bid, Amt. of Bid. Includes Sidney Spitzer & Co. \$13,814 and Citizens Trust & Savs. Bk \$13,731 75.

BOND OFFERING.—The County Commissioners will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 25 for \$52,600 5 1/2% road bonds. Denom. 1 for \$600 and 52 for \$1,000 each. Date Aug. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A-O) payable at County Treasurer's office. Due yrly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,600 in 1923; \$5,000 in 1924 and \$6,000 from 1925 to 1931 incl. Authorized by Sections 6906 to 6956 incl. Cert. check for 2% of the bid, payable to the County Treasurer, is required. Purchaser to pay accrued int.

MERCER COUNTY (P. O. Celina), Ohio.—BONDS OFFERED.—The County Auditor offered for sale on Aug. 16 the following 5 1/2% coupon road bonds:

- \$57,000 Frahm Road bonds. Due yearly on Sept. 15 as follows: \$6,000 in each of the years 1923, 1924, 1926, 1927, 1929 and 1930, and \$7,000 in each of the years 1925, 1928 and 1931.
13,000 Trader Road bonds. Due yearly on Sept. 15 as follows: \$1,000 in each of the years 1923, 1925, 1927, 1929 and 1930, and \$2,000 in each of the other years from 1924 to 1931 inclusive.
14,000 Willrath Road bonds. Due yearly on Sept. 15 as follows: \$2,000 in each of the odd years and \$1,000 in each of the even years from 1923 to 1931 inclusive.
8,000 Jamleson Road bonds. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000 in 1923, 1925 and 1927, and \$1,000 in 1924 and 1926.
Denom. \$1,000. Date March 15 1922. Int. payable May 15 and Sept. 15 at the County Treasurer's office. Issued under Section 6929, General Code.

MEXIA, Limestone County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Aug. 7 \$10,000 incinerator and disposal plant, \$65,000 sewer system and \$175,000 water-works 6% serial bonds were registered with the State Comptroller.

MILES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Miles), Runnels County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Aug. 7 \$30,000 6% serial bonds were registered with the State Comptroller.

MILFORD VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Milford), Clermont & Hamilton Counties, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—The Clerk of the Board of Education will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 25 for \$14,000 5% debt extension bonds, issued under Section 5656 et seq., General Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1922. Int. payable semi-ann. at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer of the Board of Education. Due \$1,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1923 to 1936 incl. Certified check for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the District Clerk, is required.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,120,000 4 1/2% city bonds offered on Aug. 18 (V. 115, p. 676) were awarded, we are advised by a telegraphic dispatch, to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati, for \$1,145,524 80, equal to 102.271, a basis of about 4.30%. Date Sept. 1 1922. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$37,000, 1923 to 1942, incl., and \$38,000, 1943 to 1952, inclusive.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—BIDS.—The following is a complete list of the bids received on Aug. 9 for the \$108,563 19 special street impt. bonds: Paine, Webber & Co.—\$109,173 19; Minn. Loan & Trust Co.—\$109,063 19; Kalman, Wood & Co.—109,182 19; Northern Securities Co.—108,963 19; Wells-Dickey Co.—109,073 19. All the above bids were for 4 1/2%. All the above bidders offered accrued interest. They are all located at Minneapolis.

* Notice that this bid had been the successful one was given in last week's issue on page 787.

MISSISSIPPI (State of).—ADDITIONAL DATA.—The \$1,500,000 State notes, which were purchased at a private sale as 4 3/8's, by Lamport, Barker & Jennings, Inc., of New York—V. 115, p. 787—are dated Aug. 1 1922 and mature May 1 1924. They were offered the first part of this week and were quickly sold to investors at a price to yield 4.25% to maturity.

MISSOURI (State of).—BOND OFFERING.—L. D. Thompson, State Treasurer (P. O. Jefferson City) will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Sept. 1 for \$5,000,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered road bonds, Series A. These bonds are coupon bonds, in the denomination of \$1,000, registerable as to principal or as to principal and int., and are exchangeable for fully registered bonds, in the denominations of \$5,000, \$10,000, \$50,000 and \$100,000, which fully registered bonds may again be exchanged for coupon bonds in the denomination of \$1,000 on payment of \$1 per thousand. Date Sept. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.), payable at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. Due \$2,000,000 Sept. 1 1923 and \$3,000,000 Sept. 1 1927. Cert. check for 1% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the above official, required. Purchasers will be furnished the legal opinion of Jesse W. Barrett, State Attorney-General, and also the legal opinion of Charles W. Rutherford approving the bonds as valid and binding obligations of the State of Missouri. Official announcement states that the statutes under which these bonds will be sold direct, the Board of Fund Commissioners to receive bids for lots of bonds of \$5,000 or more. No bids at less than 95 and accrued int. will be considered.

MONTEREY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Monterey County, Calif.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The \$100,000 5% school bonds recently awarded to Blyth, Witter & Co. of San Francisco, at 102 6/32—V. 115, p. 787—are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 7 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (Feb. 7 & Aug. 7), payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$5,000 yearly from 1923 to 1942, inclusive.

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation 1922—\$10,909,440. Total bonded debt (this issue only)—100,000. Ratio of net debt to assessed valuation less than 1%. Population, approximately 10,000.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Dayton), Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—A local newspaper states that a road bond issue of \$1,000,000 was recently voted.

MONTICELLO, Sullivan County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following 3 issues of 4 1/2% coupon or registered bonds offered on Aug. 14—V. 115, p. 676—were awarded to J. G. White & Co. of New York, at 100.09, a basis of about 4.49%: \$10,000 water-meter bonds. Due \$500 on Aug. 1 from 1927 to 1946, incl. \$5,000 water-supply maintenance bonds. Due \$500 on Aug. 1 from 1927 to 1937, inclusive. \$5,000 water-supply bonds. Due \$500 on Aug. 1 from 1927 to 1937, incl. Date Aug. 1 1922.

MOREHEAD CITY, Carteret County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—This city is offering for sale \$40,000 6% 30-year bonds on Aug. 28. Interest semi-annually.

MORGAN-CHESHIRE RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Vinton), Gallia County, Ohio.—BONDS OFFERED.—The Clerk of the Board of Education offered for sale on Aug. 17, \$5,000 6% school bldg. bonds authorized by Sections 7625, 7626, 7627 and 7628 of Gen. Code. Denom. \$200. Int. M. & S. Due \$200 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1923 to 1947, incl.

MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Fort Morgan), Colo.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held on Aug. 5—V. 115, p. 462—the \$14,000 5 1/2% school bonds were defeated.

MOUNT VERNON, Knox County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Howard C. Gages, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 25 for \$44,640 5 1/2% (city's share) street impt. bonds. Denom. 10 for \$1,464 each and 30 for \$1,000 each. Date July 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due \$4,464 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1932, incl. Authorized by Section 3939, Gen. Code. Cert. check for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, is required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

MUNDAY, Knox County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller registered \$80,000 6% serial water-works bonds on Aug. 9.

MUSKEGON, Muskegon County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—The City Clerk will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Aug. 28 for \$105,000 4 1/2% coupon special assessment impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date Sept. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.), payable at Chicago, New

York or at the City Treasurer's office. Due \$10,500 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1923 to 1932, incl. Issued under Chapter 9, City Charter, as amended, and the laws of Michigan. Cert. check for 3% of the total amount, is required. City to furnish approving opinion of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Perry of Detroit.

Financial Statement. Bonded debt (not including the above issue)—\$1,752,000. Water debt (incl.)—580,000. Sinking fund, general—140,000. Sinking fund, water—50,000. Assessed valuation, real estate—40,450,730. Assessed valuation, personal—11,296,465. Population (1920 census)—36,570.

NAUVOO TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 301 (P. O. Nauvoo), Hancock County, Ill.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Aug. 30 for \$20,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 15 1922. Prin. and annual int. (Sept. 15), payable at the School Treasurer's office, Nauvoo. Draft or cert. check for \$500, required. All bids must include accrued int. Purchaser to pay for the printing of the bonds and also any expense incurred for attorney's fees in satisfying about the validity of the bonds. These expenses must not be included in the bid.

NAVAJO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Taylor), Ariz.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received on Aug. 7 for the \$11,750 6% coupon school bonds, offered on that date—V. 115, p. 338—were rejected. We are advised that an election will be called to vote on a larger bond issue.

NEW BRIGHTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. New Brighton), Beaver County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—H. W. Douglass, Secretary Board of Education, is receiving proposals until Aug. 25 for the \$50,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds which were previously offered on Aug. 10. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1922. Int. M. & S. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1946; \$5,000, 1947; \$10,000, 1948; \$5,000, 1949, and \$10,000, 1950 and 1951.

NEWTON COUNTY (P. O. Kentland), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—The County Treasurer will receive bids until Sept. 2 for the following 6% ditch bond: \$18,696 00 Rebecca Spilner ditch, Lincoln Township bonds. \$7,904 J. D. Rich ditch, Lincoln Township bonds. Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. semi-annually.

NOBLE COUNTY (P. O. Caldwell), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—L. E. Murrell, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Aug. 31 for \$50,000 6% coupon road impt. bonds issued under Sections 6906 to 6930, incl. Denom. \$500. Date Aug. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Feb. 1 as follows: \$3,500 from 1924 to 1929, incl., and \$3,000 from 1930 to 1932, incl. Cert. check on a solvent bank in Ohio, for 5% of the value of the bonds bid for, payable to the County Auditor, is required. Purchaser to pay accrued int.

NORTHAMPTON, Hampshire County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERED.—George W. Clark, City Treasurer, on Aug. 18 offered for sale a temporary loan of \$125,000, dated Aug. 19 1922 and maturing Feb. 20 1923, the bidder to name the rate of interest.

NORTH BRANCH, Lapeer County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—It is stated that the \$30,000 5 1/2% water works bonds which were offered for sale on Aug. 2—V. 115, p. 340—were sold to Prudden & Co. of Toledo, at a premium of \$1,087 (103.62). Due in 25 years, optional \$3,000 each year after 10 years, at any interest paying date.

NORTH DAKOTA.—BONDS PURCHASED BY STATE.—During July the State of North Dakota purchased the following 4% school bonds at par:

Table with 4 columns: Amount, Place Issuing Bonds, Purpose, Date. Includes 3,000 German Sch. Dist. No. 6, 3,000 Strasburg Sch. Dist. No. 21, 1,600 Lone Tree Sch. Dist. No. 5, 3,000 Cannon Ball S. D. No. 3.

OAKDALE, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—Redmond & Co. of Pittsburgh, bidding 101 8/25 and int., a basis of about 4.74%, were awarded the \$10,000 5% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal) impt. bonds offered on Aug. 14—V. 115, p. 677. Date Aug. 1 1922. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$500, 1925 and 1926, and \$1,000, 1927 to 1935, incl. Other bidders were: K. O. Bigham, Pittsburgh \$10,125 00 Mellon Nat. Bk., Pitts.—10,015 75 J. H. Holmes & Co., Pitts. 10,038 25 First Nat. Bk., Oakdale.—10,000 00

OAK HARBOR, Ottawa County, Ohio.—BONDS OFFERED.—Rollin F. Grapot, Village Clerk offered for sale on Aug. 16 the following 5 1/2% bonds:

- \$6,000 Oak St. impt. bonds. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$500 from 1923 to 1930, incl., and \$1,000 in 1931 and 1932.
11,500 North Locust St. impt. bonds. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1923 to 1929, incl., and \$1,500 from 1930 to 1932, incl.
10,000 West Main St. bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on April 1 from 1923 to 1932, inclusive.
Denom. \$500. Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. semi-ann.

OAKWOOD, Montgomery County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—F. K. Stoddard, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids at his office, No. 413 Schwid Bldg., Dayton, until 12 m. Sept. 1 for \$32,000 6% Sewer District No. 2 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 15 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due \$5,000 Sept. 15 1923; \$3,000 on Sept. 15 in each of the years 1924 to 1931, incl., and \$3,000 on July 15 1932. Cert. check for 5% of the amount of bonds to be sold, payable to the above official, is required. Purchaser must pay accrued interest.

OGEWA, Becker County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 8 p. m. Aug. 24 A. A. Campbell, Village Clerk, will receive bids for \$13,000 6% electric light bonds. Date Aug. 1 1922. Denom. \$1,000. Int. semi-ann. Due \$1,000 yearly from 1930 to 1942, inclusive. Certified check for \$1,300 required. Bonds payable at the First National Bank, Minneapolis. These bonds were recently voted by 71 to 8—V. 115, p. 677.

OLATHE, Montrose County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—The \$58,000 5 1/2% 10-30-year serial water refunding bonds offered on Aug. 14—V. 115, p. 570—were awarded to the Bankers' Trust Co. of Denver, at 100.34. Denom. \$1,000. Other bidders, all of Denver, were:

Table with 3 columns: Name, Bid, Int. Rate. Includes James N. Wright & Co. 99.27, Sidlo, Simons, Fels & Co. 99.25, International Trust Co. 99.09, Boettcher, Porter & Co. 100.50.

OLTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Olton), Lamb County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller registered \$15,000 6% 5-20-year bonds on Aug. 9.

OMAHA, Douglas County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 15 the \$800,000 street impt. and \$30,000 fire engine house 4 1/2% bonds offered on that date—V. 115, p. 677—were sold to Eldredge & Co. of N. Y., and the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis, at 101.29, a basis of about 4.40%. Date July 1 1922. Due July 1 1942. The following are the bids received:

Table with 3 columns: Name, Amount, Bid. Includes Eldredge & Co., N. Y.; Wells-Dickey Co., Minneapolis—\$638,127 00; E. H. Rollins & Sons; Merchants' Loan & Trust Co., William R. Compton Co., Chicago—634,000 00; James T. Warbach & Co., Omaha; R. M. Grant & Co., Chicago—634,607 00; U. S. Trust Co., Omaha—634,139 10; Ames, Emerich & Co., Guaranty Co., New York; Omaha Trust Company, Omaha—633,717 00; S. W. Straus & Co., N. Y.—633,370 50; National City Co., N. Y.—633,340 00; Stern Bros. & Co., Kansas City—633,215 00; Paine, Webber & Co., Chicago—632,900 00; Stacy & Braun, Chicago—632,583 00; Merrill, Oldham & Co., Boston—632,215 00; Peters Trust Co., Omaha—632,016 00; Nebraska National Bank—631,099 30.

OREGON (State of).—BOND OFFERING.—We are advised by A. C. Hopkins, Asst. to the Secretary of the World War Veterans State Aid Commission, that bids will be received by that Commission until 11 a. m. Sept. 5 at Room 314, U. S. National Bank Bldg., Salem, for \$5,000,000 gold coupon Oregon Veterans' State Aid bonds, Series No. 2, at not to exceed 6% int. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1922. Int. beginning 1931. Cert. check for 2 1/2% of par value of bonds, required. The above official also advises us that in connection with this issue, the Commission reserves the

right, subject to approval by counsel, to purchase from the successful bidder at the price bid the \$125,000 bonds maturing Oct. 1 1931 and the \$125,000 bonds maturing April 1 1932. Official circular says: "These bonds are authorized under Article XI-c of the Constitution, together with Chapter 201, General Laws of Oregon, 1921, and will be exempted from Federal Income Taxes." Chapter III, Title XXIV, General Laws of Oregon, provides that at the request of the holder of any bonds or bond of the State bearing int. coupons, the State Treasurer shall issue in exchange, a registered bond or bonds, registered both as to principal and int. and payable only to the registered holder. A fee of 50 cents is charged for each bond so exchanged. An approving opinion by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston, Mass., will be furnished by them without charge to the purchaser of this issue. Purchase price to be paid on delivery of bonds at Portland. It is expected that delivery will be made on Oct. 2 1922. Constitutionality of amendment and validity of issue approved by Supreme Court in a decision rendered Dec. 13 1921.—V. 113, p. 2740.

BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. Aug. 29 by Roy A. Klein, Secretary of State Highway Commission (P. O. Room 520, Multnomah County Court House, Portland), for the purchase of \$1,500,000 4 1/2% coupon State highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000 each, except that each 38th bond will be in denom. of \$500. Date Sept. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the State Treasurer or at the office of the fiscal agency of the State of Oregon in New York City. Due \$37,500 Oct. 1 1927, \$37,500 on April 1 and Oct. 1 from 1928 to 1946, incl., and \$37,500 Oct. 1 1947. Certified check for 5% payable to the State Highway Commission, required. The bonds will be printed, executed and ready for delivery about Sept. 10 1922. The bonds are issued under authority of Chapter 383, Laws of Oregon of 1921. Accrued interest from Sept. 1 1922 to date of delivery will be added to the amount of the successful bid. Purchase price to be paid on delivery of bonds at Portland, Ore. The legality of this issue of bonds has been passed upon by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston, and an approving opinion will be furnished the successful bidder.

OTTAWA, Putnam County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—H. J. Aubrey, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Sept. 4 for \$4,000 6% special assessment Section "P." I. C. H. bonds. Denom. \$400. Date Aug. 15 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due \$400 yearly on Aug. 15 from 1923 to 1932, incl. Issued under Sections 1193-2 and 3814, Gen. Code. Certified check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, is required. All bids must include accrued interest.

OTTER TAIL COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 254 (P. O. Fergus Falls), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 5 p. m. Aug. 23 by William Swanson, District Clerk, for \$2,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$200. Date Sept. 1 1922. Interest annually in Sept. Due \$200 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1923 to 1932, incl.

OVERPECK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ridgefield Park), Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 16 the three issues of 5% coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds (V. 115, p. 787) \$253,000 (\$200,000 offered) school bonds, Series A, for \$260,665 90, equal follows: \$12,000, 1924 to 1926, inclusive, \$13,000, 1927 to 1942, inclusive, and \$9,000, 1943. 59,000 (\$60,000 offered) school bonds, Series B, for \$60,810, equal to 103.067, a basis of about 4.72%. Due \$2,000 yearly on July 1 from 1924 to 1952, inclusive, and \$1,000, July 1 1953. 25,000 school bonds, Series C, for \$25,767 50, equal to 103.03, a basis of about 4.70%. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1924 to 1948, inclusive. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.)

OXNARD, Ventura County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—Blyth, Witter & Co., have purchased \$75,000 5% bonds offered on Aug. 1, it is reported. Due yearly from 1923 to 1952, incl.

PERRY COUNTY (P. O. Cannelton), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$36,400 5% 10 1/2-year (aver.) Dan Gayer et al., Anderson Township highway improvement bonds, which were offered for sale on Aug. 14—V. 115, p. 570—were sold to the Meyer-Kiser Bank of Indianapolis, for \$37,611 50 (103.05) and interest, a basis of about 4.63%. Date Aug. 15 1922. Due \$910 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1942, incl. The following bids were also received:

Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. \$571 10
J. F. Wild & Co. State Bank. 484 60
Fletcher-American Co. \$188 00

PICKNEY TOWNSHIP, Union County, So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Reports say that J. Roy Pant, Chairman (P. O. Union) will receive bids until Aug. 31 for \$10,000 6% road bonds.

PITTSFIELD, Berkshire County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—The City Treasurer will receive bids until 11 a. m. Aug. 22, it is stated, for a temporary loan of \$200,000, dated Aug. 22 and maturing Dec. 22 1922.

POLAND VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Poland), Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Trustees of Poland Union Seminary have purchased \$2,800 6% school impt. bonds at par and accrued int. semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Dollar Savings & Trust Co. and Youngstown. The first payment of interest to be made April 1 1923. Issued under Sections 7629 and 7630, Gen. Code. Durfee, Niles & Co. of Toledo offered to take the bonds for \$2,820 on condition that the first payment of interest be made not more than six months from date.

POLK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. East Grand Forks), Minn.—BONDS VOTED.—An issue of \$30,000 bonds, to take care of outstanding indebtedness, has been voted by 40 to 7, it is stated.

PORTLAND, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The Portland "Oregonian" on Aug. 12 reported that \$300,000 4% water bonds were purchased on Aug. 11 by the City Treasurer at par and int. This was the only bid received. The "Oregonian" also says: "Bond dealers have declined to purchase water bonds following an opinion given by Storey, Palmer, Thorndike & Dodge, bond attorneys, to the effect that it was questionable if the water bureau had authority to issue refunding bonds. The city will place the bonds in its sinking fund, while the water bureau will utilize the funds obtained through the sale for betterments and extensions to the system."

PORT OF PORTLAND (P. O. Portland), Multnomah County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—G. H. Hegardt, Secretary of the Commission of Public Docks, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Aug. 24 for \$320,000 4 1/2% municipal grain elevator bonds, Series 4. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.), payable in gold coin at the office of the City Treasurer or at the office of the fiscal agent of the city of Portland in New York City. Due \$10,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1925 to 1944, incl., and \$15,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1945 to 1952, incl. (Average life 17 1/4 years.) Cert. or cashier's check on some responsible bank of Portland, for 5% of the face value of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Chairman of the Commission of Public Docks, required. Unqualified bids only will be received and the successful bidder will be furnished with an original copy of the opinion of Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, Attorneys of Boston, covering the legality of the bonds. Delivery of the bonds will be made Sept. 1 1922, or as soon as practicable thereafter in said City of Portland, in such bank as may be designated by the successful bidder.

PULASKI COUNTY (P. O. Winamac), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,458 12 6% drainage bonds which were offered for sale on Aug. 8—V. 115, p. 670—were sold to A. P. Flynn of Loansport, at par. Date June 1 1922. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$1,058.12 in 1923 and \$1,050 from 1924 to 1931, incl.

QUINCY, Gadsden County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. Aug. 24 by J. P. Smith, City Clerk, for \$40,000 5% serial municipal water and electric light bonds. Denom. \$500. Int. J. & J. Certified or cashier's check for 5% of the amount of bid required.

RANDOLPH COUNTY (P. O. Winchester), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The 6 issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$103,300 which were offered for sale on Aug. 11—V. 115, p. 571—were sold as follows: \$30,000 J. W. Mangas et al., Jackson Township bonds to the J. F. Wild & Co. State Bank of Indianapolis, for \$30,321 75 (100.825), a basis of about 4.90%. Denom. \$75. Due \$975 each 6 months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1942, incl. 11,300 C. D. Arbogast et al., Nettle Township bonds to the Randolph County Bank of Winchester, for \$11,477 84 (101.55), a basis of about 4.67%. Denom. \$565. Due \$565 each 6 months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, incl.

\$8,600 J. T. Burrows et al., Nettle Township bonds to the Randolph County Bank of Winchester, for \$8,693 20 (101.08), a basis of about 4.78%. Denom. \$430. Due \$430 each 6 months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, incl. 18,800 Peter W. Hutchens et al., West River Township bonds to the J. F. Wild & Co. State Bank, for \$18,952 30 (100.81), a basis of about 4.83%. Denom. \$940. Due \$940 each 6 months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, incl. 13,500 F. L. Phillips et al., Wayne and Greensfork Townships bonds to the Randolph County Bank for \$13,648 (101.09), a basis of about 4.77%. Denom. \$675. Due \$675 each 6 months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, incl. 12,100 Ora Conyers et al., West River Township bonds to the Randolph County Bank for \$12,232 (101.09), a basis of about 4.77%. Denom. \$500. Due \$605 each 6 months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, incl.

All the above issues have an average life of 5 1/2 years except the first issue, which has an average life of 10 1/2 years. Int. May 15 and Nov. 15.

RAVENNA, Buffalo County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—A special telegraphic dispatch to us from our Western correspondent says that \$202,000 paving and intersection paving bonds have been sold to the Omaha Trust Co. of Omaha, at 100.87.

REDDING SCHOOL DISTRICT, Shasta County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 9 \$110,000 5 1/2% tax-free bonds were sold to Wm. Cavalier & Co. of Oakland, and the American National Co. of San Francisco, for \$118,642, equal to 107.85. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 5 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on July 1. Notice that this district had voted the above bonds was incorrectly given in V. 114, p. 2855, under the caption of "Reading School District, Calif."

Actual valuation \$5,000,000
Assessed valuation 2,127,930
Total bonded debt (this issue only) 2,127,930
Population 110,000
4,500

RICHMOND COUNTY (P. O. Rockingham), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 9 the \$75,000 coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only) gold road bonds, offered on that date—V. 115, p. 677—were sold to the Hanchett Bond Co., Inc., of Chicago, for \$75,103 58 (100.138) and interest for 5%, a basis of about 4.99%. Date July 1 1922. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1923 to 1937 incl., and \$3,000, 1938 to 1952 inclusive. Other bidders were:

For 5 1/2% Bonds
Caldwell & Co. \$76,500 00
Blancher, Thornburgh & Vandersall 76,125 00
N. S. Hill & Co. 76,065 00
Taylor, Ewart & Co. 75,915 00
Liberty Central Tr. Co. 75,795 00
Mercantile Trust Co. 75,787 50
Federal Securities Corp. \$75,056 55
Seasongood & Mayer 75,516 00
Spitzer, Korick & Co. 75,452 00
Prudden & Co. 75,286 00
Prov. Sav. Bk. & Tr. Co. 75,262 50
Kauffman, Smith, Ernest & Co. 75,127 50
For 5% Bonds
Stacy & Braun \$76,050 00
Tucker, Robison & Co. 76,537 50
Campbell & Kinsey 76,380 00
Sidney Spitzer & Co. 76,185 00

RIPLEY TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Huron County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—The Clerk of the Board of Education will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 26 for \$6,225 5 1/2% improvement bonds. Denom. 9 for \$700 each and 1 for \$625. Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$700 from 1923 to 1931 incl., and \$625 in 1932. Authorized by Section 7630-1, General Code. Certified check for 5% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the above official, is required. Purchaser to pay accrued int.

ROBERT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sacramento County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,000 5 1/2% school bonds offered on July 31—V. 115, p. 677—were awarded to Herbert E. White of Sacramento, for \$9,191 20, equal to 102.24, a basis of about 5%. Date July 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1923 to 1931, incl. Other bidders were: Bank of Italy, San Francisco. Bid. Freeman Smith & Camp Co., San Francisco. 71.01 The Capital National Bank, Sacramento. 96.51 Weeden & Co., San Francisco. 90.00

ROCHESTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Rochester), Haskell County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Aug. 7 an issue of \$18,000 6% serial bonds was registered with the State Comptroller.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—NOTE SALE.—On Aug. 16 the \$600,000 school construction and \$300,000 local impt. notes, payable 8 months from Aug. 21 1922 at the Central Union Trust Co., New York—V. 115, p. 788—were awarded to the Traders National Bank of Rochester on a 3.37% interest basis. Other bidders, all of New York, were:

Salomon Bros. & Hutzler Interest, Premium, 3.44% \$11 00
S. N. Bond & Co. 3.50% 31 00
F. S. Moseley & Co. 3.70%
Goldman, Sachs & Co., \$300,000 3.71%
Robert Winthrop & Co. \$100,000 3.65%
100,000 3.70%
100,000 3.75%

ROCHESTER, Beaver County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—John H. Mellor, Borough Treasurer, will receive bids until Sept. 4 for \$15,000 4 1/2% tax-free coupon fire department bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. payable at the First National Bank, Rochester. Certified check for \$200 required.

ROGERS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Rogers), Bell County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Aug. 7 \$10,000 5 1/2% serial bonds were registered with the State Comptroller.

ROME, Oneida County, N. Y.—BONDS RE-OFFERED.—The \$50,000 4 1/2% special assessment improvement bonds, for which no bids were received on July 5 (V. 115, p. 339), are to be sold at public auction at 10 a. m. Aug. 21 at the office of City Treasurer Lynn G. Harts. In the notice of the re-offering no mention is made of the rate of interest the bonds are to bear.

ROSS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 4 1/2% school bonds offered on June 28 (V. 114, p. 2856) have been sold to J. H. Holmes & Co. of Pittsburgh. Date July 1 1922. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$2,000 1922 to 1934, inclusive, and \$3,000 1935 to 1952, inclusive.

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. St. Charles), St. Charles County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—We learn by wire from our Western representative that \$224,000 school bonds have been sold to St. Louis firms for \$227,920, equal to 101.75. These are the bonds which were recently voted —V. 115, p. 107.

ST. JOSEPH, Buchanan County, Mo.—BOND OFFERING.—W. S. Willard, City Comptroller, will receive bids until 4 p. m. Sept. 1 for \$25,000 5% coupon sewer construction and extension bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the National Bank of Commerce, N. Y. Due \$53,000 yearly on May 1 from 1927 to 1941 incl. Cashier's check for 2% of amount of issue, required. Purchaser to pay attorney fees and accrued interest.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 40 (P. O. Chisholm), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$900,000 5 1/2% negotiable coupon bonds, offered on Aug. 8—V. 115, p. 677—have been sold to the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis for \$901,175, equal to 100.131, a basis of about 5.48%. Date July 15 1922. Due yearly on July 15 as follows: \$20,000, 1923; \$30,000, 1924 to 1926 incl.; \$40,000, 1927 and 1928; \$50,000, 1929 and 1930; \$60,000, 1931; \$70,000, 1932; \$80,000, 1933, and \$100,000, 1934 to 1937 incl. (Average life about 9 1/2-11 1/2 years.)

SUIT TO ENJOIN THE SALE.—Later advices say that injunction proceedings to prevent the consummation of the above sale have been begun. We quote as follow from the St. Paul "Dispatch" of Aug. 10: "Notice of injunction proceedings preventing the school board of this district from consummating the sale of bonds amounting to \$900,000 to the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis, was served on the board of directors Wednesday night by the Oliver Iron Mining Co., the Shenango Furnace Co. and the M. A. Hanna Co., according to announcement by the board."

The sale was authorized Wednesday afternoon and the funds were to be used for the construction of a new junior high school. The action of the companies came as a surprise, because of an agreement reached last week between the mining companies and the village authorities by which injunction proceedings brought to prohibit issuance of \$325,000 worth of bonds to erect a new municipal building were dropped, the village agreeing to limit the expenditure on the building to \$188,000. The agreement, it was said, provided that the mining companies would not interfere with the sale of bonds for the school.

SALEM, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. S. McNutt, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Sept. 12 for \$1,307 debt extension bonds. Denom. 1 for \$1,307 and 40 for \$1,000 each. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$3,307 in 1932, \$3,000 from 1933 to 1944, incl., and \$2,000 in 1945. Issued under Section 3916 Gen. Code and Ordinance No. 220,502, passed May 2 1922. Certified check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the City Treasurer is required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

SAN ANSELMO SCHOOL DISTRICT, Marin County, Calif.—PRICE PAID—OTHER INFORMATION.—The price paid for the \$20,000 5% school bonds by Wm. Cavalier & Co. of San Francisco—V. 115, p. 571—was \$20,423, equal to 102 1/4, a basis of about 4.73%. The bonds were acquired on July 17 and answer to the following description: Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1923 to 1942 inclusive.

SAN BENITO, Cameron County, Texas.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 8 p. m. Sept. 11, Chas. Greenlade, City Clerk, will receive bids for \$50,000 6% 2-30 year serial water, electric and sewer bonds.

SAN PABLO SCHOOL DISTRICT, Contra Costa County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 7 the \$10,000 5% school bonds offered on that date—V. 115, p. 678—were awarded to Freeman, Smith & Camp Co. of San Francisco, at 104 6/7, a basis of about 4.99%. Date Aug. 1 1922. Due \$1,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1923 to 1932, inclusive.

SARPY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 27 (P. O. Papillion), Neb.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 14 the \$30,000 5% school bldg. addition and equipment bonds offered on that date—V. 115, p. 678—were sold to Lincoln Trust Co. of Lincoln for \$30,376, equal to 100.92, a basis of about 4.88%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. F. & A. Due \$2,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1925 to 1939 incl.

SEATTLE, Wash.—BOND SALE.—During July the city issued the following 6% bonds at par:

Dist. No.	Amount	Purpose	Date	Due
3459	\$3,198.42	Walks	July 6 1922	July 6 1934
3479	483.32	Sewers	July 14 1922	July 14 1934
3466	6,845.84	Sewers	July 15 1922	July 15 1934
3440	5,650.82	Grade & Paving	July 17 1922	July 17 1934
3476	1,043.77	Sewers	July 17 1922	July 17 1934
3481	1,103.90	Walks	July 18 1922	July 18 1934
3126	22,129.96	Grading	July 19 1922	July 19 1934
3500	77,676.24	Condemnation	July 29 1922	July 29 1934
3378	6,033.19	Grade & Walks	July 31 1922	July 31 1934

All the above bonds are subject to call on any interest paying date.

SEDGWICK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13, Colo.—ADDITIONAL DATA.—The \$5,000 school building bonds, which have been sold to the U. S. Bond Co. of Denver, subject to being sanctioned by the voters—V. 115, p. 340—are described as follows: Interest rate 6%, Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1922. Int. J. & D. Due June 1 1942, optional June 1 1932.

SHERMAN COUNTY (P. O. Stratford), Tex.—OTHER INFORMATION.—The \$62,500 court house bonds, reported sold in V. 115, p. 571—are described as follows: Interest rate 6%. Denom. \$500. Date July 10 1922. Interest semi-annually.

SHORT CREEK SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—Last month the State of North Dakota was awarded \$10,000 4% building bonds at par. Date Oct. 1 1920. Due Oct. 1 1940. Bonds are not subject to call, but may be redeemed years from date of issue.

SILVERTON, Marion County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—On May 25 the First National Bank of Silverton purchased \$1,242.32 6% improvement bonds at par. Denom. \$500. Interest J. & D.

SOLANO COUNTY RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 2060 (P. O. Fairfield), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—The County Treasurer will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 21 for \$460,000 6% bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due on July 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1926 to 1928 incl.; \$15,000, 1929 and 1930; \$20,000, 1931 and 1932, and \$40,000, 1933 to 1941 incl. No bid less than 90 will be considered.

SOMERVILLE, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary loan of \$100,000, issued in anticipation of revenue, dated Aug. 17 1922 and maturing Jan. 30 1923, has been awarded, it is stated, to Grafton Co. of Boston, on a 3.298% discount basis.

SOUR LAKE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sour Lake), Hardin County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—The proposition to issue \$10,000 5% 10-year school bldg. bonds was favorably voted upon at the Aug. 5 election—V. 115, p. 678.

SOUTHERN PINES, Moore County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of coupon or registered bonds offered unsuccessfully as far as July 1—V. 115, p. 216—have been sold to Prudden & Co. of Toledo at par as follows: \$71,000 public improvement bonds as far as July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1925 to 1929 inclusive; \$4,000, 1930 to 1940 inclusive, and \$5,000, 1941 to 1944 inclusive. 51,000 water bonds as far as July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1925 to 1949 inclusive, and \$2,000, 1950 to 1962 inclusive. Date July 1 1922.

SOUTH RIVER, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The issue of 5% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal and interest or principal only) electric light bonds offered on Aug. 14—V. 115, p. 571—was awarded to Robert S. Ross & Co. of New York, who took \$64,000 bonds. Date Aug. 1 1922. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$4,000 1924 to 1933, inclusive; \$5,000 1934 to 1937, inclusive, and \$4,000 1938.

SPRINGWELLS, Wayne County, Mich.—DESCRIPTION.—The \$300,000 4 1/2% sewer bonds which were sold to the Springwells State Bank at par and accrued interest—V. 115, p. 789—are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. payable semi-ann. Due Aug. 1 1942.

STARK COUNTY (P. O. Canton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—It is stated that bids will be received until Aug. 21 for \$12,000 5 1/2% road improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 30 1922. Due yearly on Aug. 1 from 1924 to 1932, incl. Certified check for \$500 required.

STARKE COUNTY (P. O. Knox), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,100 5% S. C. Reed et al. Center and Washington Townships bonds, which were offered for sale on Aug. 8—V. 115, p. 572—were sold to A. P. Flynn of Logansport at par and accrued interest. Date Aug. 7 1922. Due \$105 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932 inclusive.

BOND OFFERING.—A. W. Carlson, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Aug. 24 for the following 5% highway improvement bonds: \$11,000 E. L. Jones et al. Washington and Oregon Townships bonds. Denom. \$500.

9,400 John O. Anderson et al. California, Center, Oregon and Washington Townships highway bonds. Denom. \$470.

8,200 Rasmus Johansen et al. Washington and Oregon Township highway bonds. Denom. \$410.

Date Aug. 7 1922. Int. May 15 and Nov. 15. Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932 inclusive.

STEELE COUNTY (P. O. Owatonna), Minn.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 8 the \$29,500 5% 6-20-year serial drainage bonds—V. 115, p. 572—were sold to the Northwestern Trust Co. of St. Paul, as follows: \$29,936.50, equal to 101.47. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Date Nov. 1 1922. Interest M. & N.

STEELTON, Dauphin County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 4 1/4% coupon water system improvement bonds offered on Aug. 14—V. 115, p. 678—were awarded to the Steelton National Bank at par and interest. Date Sept. 1 1922. Due \$1,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1923 to 1947 inclusive.

STEBENVILLE, Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 5% 9-year (aver.) sewer bonds which were offered for sale on Aug. 14—V. 115, p. 464—were sold to the Steubenville Bank & Trust Co. of Steubenville, at a premium of \$486 (101.62) and int., a basis of about 4.78%. Date Sept. 1 1922. Due \$2,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1938, incl.

Name	Amount of bid
Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati	\$30,437.50
Poor & Co., Cincinnati	30,401.25
L. A. Ballinger & Co., Cincinnati	30,382.50
Blanchett, Thornburgh & Vandersall, Toledo	30,330.00
N. S. Hill & Co., Cincinnati	30,313.00
Title Guarantee & Trust Co., Cincinnati	30,288.00
Well Roth & Co., Cincinnati	30,270.00
Lewis Rosenthal Co., Cincinnati	30,265.60
Hanchett Bond Co., Inc., Chicago	30,187.75
A. E. Aub & Co., Cincinnati	30,180.00
Breed Elliott & Harrison, Cincinnati	30,160.00
A. T. Bell & Co., Toledo, O.	30,051.00
Prov. S. B. & T. Co., Cincinnati	30,040.00
Sidney Spitzer & Co., Toledo, O.	30,019.00
Richards Parish & Lamson, Cleveland, O.	30,019.00

STEWART, McLeod County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Emil Laistick, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 8:30 p. m. Aug. 21 for the following two issues of 5 1/2% bonds:

\$20,000 bonds. Due on Aug. 1 as follows: \$5,000 in each of the years 1927, 1932, 1937 and 1942. Certified check for \$3,000, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Bonds are to be issued for the purpose of providing funds to defray the cost of erecting a village hall.

15,000 bonds. Due on Aug. 1 as follows: \$5,000 in each of the years 1930, 1935 and 1940. Certified check for \$2,250, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Bonds are to be issued for the purpose of providing funds to defray the cost of enlargement and distribution of water supply in village.

Date Aug. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Wells-Dickey Trust Co., Minneapolis. Legality approved by Lancaster, Simpson, Junell & Dorsey of Minneapolis.

STOCKTON, San Joaquin County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—Reports say that the Anglo London Paris Co., National City Co., Freeman, Smith & Camp Co., and William Cavalier & Co. purchased on Aug. 13 \$600,000 5 1/2% bonds for \$650,556, equal to 108.426. Due serially.

STUART INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cameron County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—On Aug. 22 a proposition to issue \$40,000 school bldg. bonds will be submitted to a vote of the people.

SUMMIT County (P. O. Akron), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$28,000 5% coupon Sewer District No. 4-A bonds which were offered for sale on July 13—V. 114, p. 216—were sold to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati, together with four other issues as follows:

\$28,000 Sewer District No. 4-A bonds at a premium of \$141 (100.503) and interest, a basis of about 4.92%. Date July 1 1922. Due \$2,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1936 inclusive.

108,550 5 1/2% Fairlawn Heights Road, Portage Township, improvement bonds at a premium of \$436 (100.40) and interest, a basis of about 5.11%. Denom. 107 for \$1,000 each and 1 for \$1,550. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$21,000 in 1923 and 1924, \$22,000 in 1925 and 1926, and \$22,550 in 1927. Issued under Section 6929, General Code.

80,300 5% Sections "A" and "B" Krumroy-Myersville Road, C. H. No. 130, Springfield Township bonds at a premium of \$161 (100.20) and interest, a basis of about 4.96%. Denom. 79 for \$1,000 each and 1 for \$1,300. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$9,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1930 and \$8,300 on Oct. 1 1931. Issued under Section 6929, General Code.

74,500 Section "D" Brittain-Massillon Road, C. H. No. 49, Green Township, improvement bonds at a premium of \$150 (100.20).

35,600 Section "B-1" Cuyahoga Falls-Hudson Road, C. H. No. 34, Stow Township, improvement bonds at a premium of \$71.60 (100.20).

The following bids were also received:

Slacy, Braun & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

\$108,550 Fairlawn Heights Road, Portage Township, improvement bonds—A and B—Krumroy-Myersville Road, C. H. No. 130, Springfield Township, improvement bonds—41 00

74,500 Section "D" Brittain-Massillon Road, C. H. No. 49, Green Township, improvement bonds—38 00

35,600 Section "B-1" Cuyahoga Falls-Hudson Road, C. H. No. 34, Stow Township, improvement bonds—18 00

28,000 Sanitary Improvement No. 14, Contract No. 1, Main Sewer District No. 4-A, improvement bonds—39 00

Ohio State Bank & Trust Co., Akron, Ohio.

\$108,550 Fairlawn Heights Road, Portage Township, improvement bonds—\$250 00

W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

\$28,000 Sanitary Improvement No. 14, Contract No. 1, Main Sewer District No. 4-A, improvement bonds—75 60

Hayden, Miller & Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

\$108,550 Fairlawn Heights Road, Portage Township, improvement bonds—\$227 95

80,300 Sections "A" and "B" Krumroy-Myersville Road, C. H. No. 130, Springfield Township, improvement bonds—454 00

74,500 Section "D" Brittain-Massillon Road, C. H. No. 49, Green Township, improvement bonds—454 00

35,600 Section "B-1" Cuyahoga Falls-Hudson Road, C. H. No. 34, Stow Township, improvement bonds—

28,000 Sanitary Improvement No. 14, Contract No. 1, Main Sewer District No. 4-A, improvement bonds—

SUMMIT, Roberts County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Aug. 21 by Ernest Currier, City Auditor, for \$12,000 6% coupon electric light and power plant bonds, authorized by a vote of 135 to 7 on June 27 1922. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the First National Bank, Minneapolis. Due July 1 1942. The city of Summit will furnish the printed bonds and legal opinion.

SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Montgomery County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 4 1/2% coupon bonds offered on Aug. 16—V. 115, p. 678—were awarded to John C. Orr of Harrisburg for \$35,110, equal to 100.314, a basis of about 4.46%. Date Sept. 1 1922. Due yearly as follows: \$2,000, 1924 to 1940 incl., and \$1,000, 1941.

SWAMPSCOTT, Essex County, Mass.—BIDS UNDER ADVERTISEMENT.—The bids received for the four issues of 4 1/4% coupon bonds aggregating \$71,300 offered on Aug. 15—V. 115, p. 789—were taken under advisement, according to reports. The highest bid, it is stated, was that submitted by Estabrook & Co., 101.77.

TACOMA, Wash.—BOND SALE.—During July the city issued \$1,110.80 6% District No. 1267 grading bonds. Date July 28 1922. Due July 28 1929.

TAFT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Taft), San Patricio County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller on Aug. 11 registered \$17,000 5% serial bonds.

TEAGUE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Teague), Freestone County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—Stern Bros. & Co. of Kansas City have been awarded the \$20,000 5 1/2% school bonds authorized by the voters on July 18—V. 115, p. 572. Denom. \$500. Date Aug. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable in New York City. Due \$500 yearly from 1923 to 1962 inclusive.

THORNTON, Boone County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—It is stated that the Town Board has sold \$9,000 5% municipal electric bonds to the Fletcher American Co. of Indianapolis, at a premium of \$206 (102.288).

THORNTON, Cerro Gordo County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—The Mason City "Globe-Gazette" on Aug. 8 said:

"Thornton on Aug. 8 placed its approval on the proposition of issuing bonds of \$11,000 looking to the taking over of the light and power plant

here by the Iowa Falls Electric Co. One hundred and thirteen of the 100 votes cast were favorable to the proposal.

THURSTON COUNTY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 203, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$55,000 gold tax-free coupon new high school building bonds, offered on Aug. 5—V. 115, p. 679—have been sold to the State of Washington at par for 4 3/4%.

TIMBER LAKE, Dewey County, So. Dak.—BONDS VOTED.—The municipal election held on the question of issuing bonds to the amount of \$26,000 for the funding of outstanding warrant indebtedness resulted in a big majority in favor of the issue.

TRAVIS COUNTY (P. O. Austin), Texas.—BOND SALE.—According to newspaper reports, \$30,000 Road District No. 2 and \$75,000 Road District No. 4 bonds have been sold.

TUCSON, Pima County, Ariz.—BIDS.—The following is a complete list of the bids received on Aug. 7 for the 3 issues of bonds, aggregating \$158,000:

Table listing bond bids for Tucson, Ariz. with columns for bidder name and amount. Total amount is \$158,000.

TULSA, Tulsa County, Okla.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The \$900,000 sewer bonds reported sold to Edward Donnall at 101 88 for 5 1/2% in V. 115, p. 789, are described as follows: Tax-free coupon bonds in denom. of \$1,000 each. Date May 1 1922. Int. M. & N. payable at the Mechanics & Metals National Bank, N. Y. Due \$60,000 yrly. on May 1 from 1933 to 1947 inclusive.

TULSA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22 (P. O. Tulsa), Tulsa County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—W. A. Marquis, President of Board of Education, will receive bids until Aug. 29 for \$275,000 serial school bonds of 1922.

UNIONTOWN SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Uniontown), Stark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—The Clerk of the Board of Education will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Sept. 1 for \$70,000 5 1/2% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the District Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1923 and 1924; \$2,000 in 1925, and \$3,000 from 1926 to 1947, incl. Authorized by Sections 5649-1 and 7630-1, Gen. Code. Certified check on a solvent bank for \$500, payable to the Board of Education, is required.

UPPER NYACK, Rockland County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 1 \$50,000 4 1/2% street impt. bonds were awarded to Millett, Roe & Hagen of N. Y., for \$50,170, equal to 100.34, a basis of about 4.46%. Denom. 40 for \$1,000 and 20 for \$500. Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. (F. & A.). Due \$2,500 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1923 to 1942, incl.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY (P. O. Evansville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Walter Smith, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Sept. 2 for the following 4 1/2% highway bonds: \$17,620 Fred Barnicle et al. Center Township, Rucker Road bonds. Denom. \$881. \$11,060 Val Schenck et al. Center Township, Schenck Road bonds. Denom. \$553. Int. M. & N. 15. Due one bonds of each issue each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, incl.

BOND OFFERING.—Willis M. Copeland, County Auditor, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 29 for \$109,000 4 1/2% bridge bonds. Denom. \$475. Prin. and int. payable at the Old State National Bank of Evansville. Due \$1,900 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1923 to 1932, incl. All bids must include accrued interest.

VAN ZANDT COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 5, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Aug. 7 the State Comptroller registered \$12,000 5 1/2% serial bonds.

VICKSBURG, Warren County, Miss.—OFFERING DATE NOT DEFINITELY DECIDED UPON.—In answer to our request for information concerning the offering of the \$665,000 municipal impt. bonds which were voted on July 6 by 1,457 to 300—V. 115, p. 679—S. S. Patterson, City Clerk, under date of Aug. 12 said: "With reference to the bond issue of \$665,000 of the City of Vicksburg, will state for your information, that the disposal of the bonds has not, at this writing, been definitely decided upon. At the last regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, the Mayor was authorized to advertise the bonds for sale at the meeting to be held on Oct. 2 1922."

VIGO COUNTY (P. O. Terre Haute), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Geo. A. Schaaf, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 23 for \$27,300 5% Wm. L. Forbes et al. highway bonds. Denom. \$910. Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$2,730 yearly on May 15 from 1923 to 1932, incl.

BOND SALE.—The \$6,500 5% 5 1/2 year (aver.) Grover G. Elliott et al. Prairie Creek Township highway improvement bonds, which were offered for sale on Aug. 12—V. 115, p. 679—were sold to A. L. Miller at a premium of \$130 (100.20), a basis of about 4.96%. Date Aug. 1 1922. Due \$325 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, incl.

VILLISCA, Montgomery County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—The city of Villisca will place on sale in the city hall, at 8 p. m. Aug. 22, \$12,000 5% coupon water works bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Int. semi-ann. Date Aug. 1 1922. Due Aug. 1 1937. W. J. Oviatt, City Clerk.

VINITA, Craig County, Okla.—BONDS VOTED.—The "Oklahoman" on Aug. 11 in reporting that a \$287,000 water bond issue carried at an election held on Aug. 10 said: "By a ten to one majority, Vinita citizens at an election on Aug. 10 carried a \$287,000 water bond issue. The total official vote was 600 for the bonds and 59 against. Excepting the primary Aug. 1 the heaviest balloting in the history of the city was recorded, according to election officials. The bond issue will provide funds for piping water from Grand River near Ketchum, a distance of 12 miles, and building a pumping station and purification plant. The bond issue is the second to be voted for furnishing Vinita pure water. A \$410,000 issue was voted two years ago but work on the project never began and three weeks ago a permanent injunction was granted against the sale of the bonds."

WALHALLA, Pembina County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 7 the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis, was awarded the \$5,000 funding and \$20,000 water works 6% bonds, offered on that date—V. 115, p. 679—on its bid of par and int. Denom. \$1,000. Int. J. & J. Due yearly on Jan. 1.

WALL, Pennington County, S. D.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held on Tuesday Aug. 22 for the purpose of voting upon the question of issuing bonds in the amount of \$17,000, bearing not to exceed 7% int., payable semi-annually. Bonds are to be issued for the purpose of constructing, purchasing or leasing, maintaining and managing a system of water works for fire protection and domestic. William F. Clark, Clerk of Board of Trustees.

WARD COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller on Aug. 7 registered \$14,000 6% 20-40 year (opt.) bonds.

WASCO COUNTY (P. O. The Dalles), Ore.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 5 the Palmer Bond & Mortgage Co. of Salt Lake City, was the successful bidder for the \$50,000 road bonds, offered on that date—V. 115, p. 340—at

100.462 and int. for 5s. a basis of about 4.94%. Date Aug. 5 1922. Due \$5,000 yearly on Aug. 5 from 1927 to 1936, incl. Other bidders were:

Table listing bond bids for Wasco County, Ore. with columns for bidder name and amount. Total amount is \$50,000.

Bosworth, Chanute & Co., Denver \$51,190 00
Wasco County Bank, The Dalles 50,106 50
Ralph Schneeloch Co., Portland 50,025 00

Cyrus Pelee & Co., Portland \$50,100 41
Carstens & Barles, Inc., Seattle 50,055 00

WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Hagerstown), Md.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 15 \$300,000 4% school bonds were awarded to Baker, Watts & Co. of Baltimore at 97.23. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due serially from 1927 to 1937.

WASHTENAW COUNTY (P. O. Ann Arbor), Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$73,500 Assessment District Road No. 9 bonds, which were offered for sale on Aug. 11—V. 115, p. 679—were sold to the Ann Arbor Savings Bank, which offered a premium of \$191 10 (100.246) and accrued interest for 4 1/2% bonds, and also offered to pay the attorney's fees and the cost of printing the bonds. Due from 1 to 5 years.

Table listing bond bids for Washtenaw County, Mich. with columns for bidder name, premium, and bid on. Total amount is \$73,500.

WATERPORT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15 (P. O. Calton), Orleans County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On June 1 \$40,000 5% school bonds were awarded to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. of N. Y., for \$41,772, equal to 104.43. Int. payable in June of each year. Due in 25 years.

WATERTOWN, Jefferson County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—J. W. Gilchrist, City Treasurer, will receive bids until 12 m. Aug. 28 for the purchase at not less than par and int. of \$35,000 4 1/2% coupon refunding water bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due \$5,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1925 to 1931, incl. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company, for 2% of amount bid, required.

Table showing financial statement for Watertown, N.Y. with columns for assessed valuation, bonded debt, and less water bonds included.

WAVERLY VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Waverly), Pike County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—M. Hutt, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Sept. 8 for \$70,000 5 1/2% school bldg. bonds authorized by Section 7630-1, Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Date Aug. 15 1922. Int. semi-ann. (M. & S. 15). Due yearly on Sept. 15 as follows: \$3,500 from 1923 to 1930 incl., and \$3,000 from 1931 to 1944 incl. Cert. check for \$2,000, payable to the Board of Education, is required. All bids must include accrued interest.

WAYNE SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Noble County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank Bodenhafer, Trustee of Wayne Township, will receive bids at his office, No. 105 East William St., Kendallville, Ind., until 10 a. m. Sept. 1 for \$48,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 1 1922. Int. Jan. 15 and July 15. Due yearly on July 15 as follows: \$3,000 in 1924 and 1925, and \$3,500 from 1926 to 1937 incl. payable at the Noble County Bank, Kendallville. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

WEBSTER PARISH (P. O. Minden), La.—BOND OFFERING.—C. R. Davis, Clerk of Police Jury, will receive bids until Aug. 22 for \$325,000 6% bonds. It is reported. Denom. \$1,000.

WELLS COUNTY (P. O. Bluffton), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—John A. Eversole, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Aug. 29 for \$2,000 4 1/2% John K. Frauliger Rock Creek Township highway bonds. Denom. \$100. Date Aug. 15 1922. Int. May 15 and Nov. 15. Due \$100 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932 inclusive.

WELLESLEY, Norfolk County, Mass.—NOTE SALE.—It is reported that on Aug. 14 \$50,000 notes, dated Aug. 14 and maturing Nov. 20 1922, were awarded to the First National Bank of Boston, on a 3.40% discount basis.

WEST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP, Lancaster County, Pa.—BONDS VOTED.—It is reported that the citizens have voted a bond issue of \$75,000 for a new vocational high school to replace one recently destroyed by fire.

WESTMINSTER, Adams County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—The International Trust Co. of Denver has purchased \$28,000 6% serial water refunding bonds. Due \$1,000 annually from 1928 to 1937 incl., and \$2,000 annually from 1938 to 1946 incl. Dated Sept. 1 1922. Int. M. & S. and payable at Kountze Bros., N. Y. City. The original bonds will be called shortly. Assessed valuation 1921, \$371,930; total bonded debt, inclusive of this issue, \$37,000.

WEST SPRINGFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—Award of the following 5 issues of coupon bonds offered on Aug. 15 (V. 115, p. 789) was made to E. H. Rollins & Sons of Boston, at 100.57, a basis of about 3.90%:

Table listing bond bids for West Springfield, Mass. with columns for amount, interest rate, and due date.

WHITE COUNTY (P. O. Monticello), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$48,500 5% 5 1/2-year (aver.) Michael Renck et al., Union Township highway impt. bonds, which were offered for sale on Aug. 10—V. 115, p. 679—were sold to the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis, at a premium of \$541.40 (101.116) and int., a basis of about 4.77%. Date June 6 1922. Due \$2,900 on May 15 1923 and \$2,400 each 6 months from Nov. 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, incl. The following bids were also received:

Table listing additional bond bids for White County, Ind. with columns for bidder name, premium, and amount.

WHITELY COUNTY (P. O. Columbia City), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Mark W. Rhoads, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 22 for the following 5% bonds:

\$28,000 coupon Goss-Leaman road improvement bonds. Denom. 20 for \$1,000 each and 20 for \$400 each. Due one bond each six months beginning May 15 1923. \$3,300 coupon Wm. J. Salmon et al. Troy Township, highway bonds. Denom. \$440. Due \$440 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932 inclusive. 6,000 A. F. Elliott et al. Troy Township road bonds. Denom. \$300. Due \$300 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932 incl. Date Aug. 15 1922.

WHITNEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Whitney), Dawes County, Neb.—REGISTRATION REFUSED.—It is stated that Geo. W. Marsh, State Auditor, has refused to register \$390,870 6% coupon bonds because of alleged irregularity.

These are the bonds which offered but not sold on April 4—V. 114, p. 1572.

WHITTIER, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 7 the following 3 issues of 5% tax-free bonds offered on that date—V. 115, p. 572—were sold to Blyth, Wither & Co. of San Francisco, for \$236,112 80, equal to 105.17% a basis of about 5.06%.

45,000 sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. One for \$500. Due \$4,000 yearly on June 1 from 1923 to 1959, incl., and \$1,500 June 1 1960.

30,000 water works bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 yearly on June 1 from 1923 to 1952, incl.

Date June 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.), payable at the City Treasurer's office. Other bidders were: Harris, Tr. & Sav. Bk., Chic. \$234,805 (California Co., Los Angeles \$233,252 1st Nat'l. Bank Whittier—234,597 Security Trust & Sav. Bk., Community Bk., Whittier—233,362 Los Angeles—229,075

A bid of \$31,095 was also received from G. Brashears & Co. for the \$30,000 water works bond issue.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation (1921-22)	\$7,043,890
Total debt	\$728,500
Less water debt	469,750
Net debt (including this issue)	268,750
Ratio of net debt to assessed valuation	3.8%
Population (estimated)	10,500

WICHITA FALLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wichita Falls), Wichita County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Aug. 11 \$850,000 5% serial coupon school bonds were registered with the State Comptroller.

WILLARD, Huron County, Ohio.—DATE OF OFFERING.—The time at which sealed bids will be opened for the sale of the 3 issues of 6% special assessment street improvement bonds, aggregating \$35,427 70, the description of which was given in V. 115, p. 790, is 12 m. Aug. 28.

WILSON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Tulare County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$7,500 6% school bonds offered unsuccessfully during July—V. 115, p. 341—have been sold to the First National Bank of Visalia for \$7,875, equal to 105.

WINNSBORO, Franklin Parish, La.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received on Aug. 10 for the \$80,000 5% 30-year serial water works and sewerage bonds, offered on that date—V. 115, p. 341—were rejected.

It is reported that the above bonds will be re-offered on Sept. 7. Bonds are in denomination of \$500.

WRIGHT COUNTY (P. O. Clarion), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$175,000 drainage bonds has been sold.

YALOBUSHA COUNTY (P. O. Coffeetown), Miss.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election \$150,000 Supervisor's Districts Nos. 1, 3 and 5 bonds were voted, it is reported, by a large majority.

YANKTON, Yankton County, So. Dak.—BONDS ILLEGAL.—Newspapers state that Wood & Oakley of Chicago have refused to approve \$70,000 paving bonds. Another election may be called. Evidently these are the bonds reported sold in V. 115, p. 573.

YAVAPAI COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Prescott), Ariz.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,500 6% school bonds, which were not sold when offered on June 19—V. 115, p. 109—have been disposed of locally at par.

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28 (P. O. Acton), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—At 2 p. m. Sept. 1 \$1,200 6% school bonds in denomination of \$200 will be offered for sale.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

AUTHIER SCHOOL COMMISSION (P. O. Authier), Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.—On July 24 a block of \$12,000 6% 20-year installment school debentures was awarded to Le Credit Industriel, Ltd., of Quebec, at 97.05. Denom. \$100. Interest payable F. & A.

BARTON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Hamilton), Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Alfred G. B. Bryant, Township Clerk, will receive tenders until 12 m. Aug. 21 for the purchase of \$120,000 5½% coupon school debentures. Denom. \$100 and upwards. Date July 14 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at the Royal Bank of Hamilton. Due 1952. Bonded debt Aug. 12 1922, \$674,743 70; floating debt (add 1), \$30,000; sinking fund, \$92,761 85; assessed valuation 1922, \$3,016,357; total tax rate (per \$1,000), \$35.40.

CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—DEBENTURES OFFERED.—On Aug. 15 John T. Reid, Town Clerk, offered for sale \$60,000 5½% 35-year debentures, dated Sept. 1 1922.

GALT, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Dr. W. S. McKay, Chairman of Finance Committee, will receive bids until 12 m. Aug. 28 for \$100,000 5½% coupon college addition debentures. Denom. \$1,000. Date

Sept. 1 1922. Prin. and annual int. (Sept. 1) payable in Galt. Due in annual installments on Sept. 1 from 1923 to 1942, incl.

GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—A block of \$35,000 5½% 30-year debentures has been awarded. It is stated, to W. L. McKinnon & Co. of Toronto, at 98.83, a basis of about 5.58%.

HUBBARD, Sask.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—The local government board has given the village permission to issue \$1,000 debentures, it is reported.

KINCARDINE, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—The two issues of 5½% 20-year installment debentures, aggregating \$43,000, offered on Aug. 12—V. 115, p. 790—were awarded to R. C. Matthews & Co. of Toronto, at 97.16.

KITCHENER, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.—On July 29, it is stated, a by-law to issue \$70,000 debentures for new cars and car barns, was passed by the ratepayers.

MARYFIELD, Sask.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—It is reported that the village has been authorized by the local government board to issue \$2,500 debentures.

NEPEAN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Westboro), Ont.—DEBENTURES OFFERED.—John Gamble, Township Clerk, offered for sale on Aug. 17 \$200,000 5½% 30-year installment and \$35,000 5½% 20-year installment debentures. Date Aug. 1 1922.

NORTH BAY, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—The \$47,000 5½% 20-year installment public school debentures offered on Aug. 1—V. 115, p. 679—were awarded to Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto, at 95.48. Date Aug. 1 1922. Interest annually Aug. 1.

SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Sask.—DEBENTURE SALES.—The "Financial Post" of Toronto reports the following list of debentures reported sold from July 15 to July 29: Saginaw, 1915, \$4,000, 7½% 10-year, C. C. Cross & Co., Regina; Lynette, 2920, \$3,800 8% 10-year, Regina Brokerage; Rosetown, 2534, \$24,000 7% 20-year, Geo. Moorhouse, Regina; Hamburg, 2005, \$800 8% 10-year, R. S. Fleury, Irothorn; Stalwart, 459, \$2,500 7½% 10-year, C. C. Cross & Co., Regina; Airedale, 3813, \$1,000 7% 10-year, Mrs. B. Dearing, Senlac; Key West, 2030, \$1,500 8%, C. C. West, Assiniboia.

DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—The following, reports the "Post," is a list of authorizations granted by the local government board during the same period: Jack Pine, \$500; Burstall, \$4,000; Short Creek, \$2,000; Bench View, \$3,600; Argonne, \$1,000; Breezy Brae, \$800; Linlaw Village, \$6,000.

SASKATOON, Sask.—RESULT OF ELECTION.—The election held on Aug. 1 (V. 115, p. 466) resulted in the approval of three by-laws for the issuance of \$78,500 debentures and the defeat of a by-law for \$2,500 debentures. The following is a tabulation showing the vote on each by-law: By-law No. 1385, to raise \$51,500 (15 years, 6%) to provide for extensions to electric light and power plant. For the by-law, 247; against the by-law, 144; majority for the by-law, 103. By-law approved. By-law No. 1386, to raise \$17,000 (15 years, 6%) to provide for extensions to electric light and power plant. For the by-law, 240; against the by-law, 150; majority for the by-law, 90. By-law approved. By-law No. 1387, to raise \$10,000 (15 years, 6%) to provide for extensions and improvements to the street railway. For the by-law, 220; against the by-law, 168; majority for the by-law, 52. By-law approved. By-law No. 1388, to raise \$2,500 (10 years, 6%) to build new timbered bridge over the ravine in City Park. For the by-law, 163; against the by-law, 227; majority against by-law, 64. By-law disapproved. City Clerk M. C. Tomlinson states that the city does not intend to issue any of these debentures this year, as all financial arrangements with regard to capital expenditures for 1922 have already been made.

SCARBOROUGH TOWNSHIP, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—On Aug. 11 the \$175,000 5½% 30-year installment high-school, \$400,000 5½% 30 installment public school, \$60,000 6% 30-installment public school, \$30,000 5½% 30 installment public school and \$6,000 6% 10-installment public school debentures offered on that date—V. 115, p. 790—were awarded to R. A. Daly & Co. of Toronto, at 99.42. Principal and interest payable annually on Dec. 15 at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto.

THREE RIVERS, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—Tenders will be received until 4 p. m. Aug. 21 by Arthur Moberg, City Treasurer, for \$50,000 5½% bonds. Date Nov. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.), payable at the Bank of Hochelaga, in Montreal, Quebec, or Three Rivers, at holder's option. Due Nov. 1 1947. Certified check for 1% of amount of issue required. City will be prepared to deliver bonds about Sept. 1; purchaser must accept and pay for bonds by Oct. 31.

TRAFALGAR TOWNSHIP (P. O. Trafalgar), Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—The \$45,000 5½% 20-year installment school-bond debentures offered on Aug. 9—V. 115, p. 680—were awarded to W. L. McKinnon & Co. of Toronto at 98.44. Principal and interest payable annually in August.

WESTON, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Tenders will be received by J. H. Taylor, Town Clerk, until 5 p. m. Aug. 21 for the purchase of \$25,000 5½% 20-year installment electric light debentures. Taxable assessment, \$2,498,502; tax rate, 46 mills; population, 3,300; debt (exclusive of local improvements), \$357,206 30.

WEST VANCOUVER (P. O. Hollyburn), B. C.—DEBENTURES SOLD LOCALLY.—The \$36,100 5½% 20-year debentures offered unsuccessfully on July 20 (V. 115, p. 680) are now reported as having been sold locally at the offering price of 94.22, to yield 6%.

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